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SOUTH MOSIER VALLEY OFFERS BIG OPPORTUNITIES

A trip into the "interior" of the Mosier valley, if the expression may be used, reveals a large area, or rather a number of large stretches of timber country, of rich soil, good timber and grand views of mountain and canyon. Aside from the old state stage road passing from Hood River through Mosier to The Dalles, all other roads radiate from the railway station to the higher levels to the south. From a common starting point they wend their way up along either side of Mosier and Rock creeks, or up each one of the four ridges or backbones of the mountain range that slopes with a gradual ascent towards Mt. Hood.

Some time in the ages long ago this was the bottom of a large lake, as is evidenced by well defied high-water marks, washed gravel, etc. Probably old Mt. Hood had something to do with changing the topography of the country and caused eruptions which freed the imprisoned waters and in their mad rush to the sea cut out the several deep canyons whose creek bottoms are hundreds of feet below the summits of the ridges on either side.

Chamberlin's Saw Mill

The same deposits of volcanic ash either in the form of a mixture of whitish clay soil or reddish shot land, that is characteristic of Hood River, is found in the Mosier valley. It is covered by the same kind of trees and vegetation. The orchards that have been planted in the clearings here and there in the midst of the virgin forests, show as good a growth, apparently, as in Hood River valley, where equal care has been taken, and where crops are grown without the aid of the irrigation ditch.

Yet, outside of the few highly developed farms just east and southeast of the station, but little is known of the Mosier valley. It is a country now occupied largely by the sturdy pioneer, who is slowly extending his small clearing, while spending most of his time in working for others to get money to improve his ranch. Exceptions are noted, however, probably the most notable, however, being the ranches of George Ireland and V. C. Young. Continuous work for fourteen years has reaped its reward. These homesteads of 160 acres each adjoin each other on what is known as the "Ireland Ridge," and are located about six or seven miles from the village. The elevation is about 1,800 feet above sea level, and on a clear day four or five snow-capped peaks are visible from the ranches.

Mr. Ireland has nearly 50 acres cleared of the heavy pine and fir timber and in cultivation. His orchard consists of 500 trees, mostly apples, with many in bearing. As is the case with orchards in the foothills of our own valley, the apples raised on the place keep in an ordinary cellar until long after those raised on the lowlands were gone. Mr. Ireland still has a few Yellow Newtowns to eat that were picked off his trees nearly a year ago. The soil on the place seems particularly adapted to pears. They grow to a large size and of excellent flavor. The orchard was sprayed for the first time this year, a few worms having made their appearance last year, but none have been seen this year after the precaution taken.

As an indication of the heavy timber that covered this land, one tree that was cut this spring furnished 20 cords of wood in half its length, the other half still remaining uncut to bear witness to the statement.

One of the valuable perquisites of the land is a fine spring located in such a manner that it furnishes a never-failing supply of water, summer and winter, for stock on the Ireland and Young ranches. As it is close to the canyon, it could also be made a valuable water power for a mill site.

A couple of miles towards town from the Ireland and Young ranches along the same ridge, is the ranch of Hage Brothers. It is worth more than passing mention, as good improvements are being made. This is the first year the brothers have spent on the place, but found they could not follow railroading and depend on others to take care of their ranch. They have spent the summer in clearing more land and taking care of the orchard, of which they have over three acres, mostly in winter varieties of apples. They are hard workers and both bachelors, but from the neatness of the house, they appear to get along very nicely without a housekeeper.

There are several other nice ranches on the ridge, and as the traveler comes to their clearings as the road winds through the timber, it is a welcome sight.

The roads leading south up along the creeks and on top of the ridges are opened up from seven to ten and fifteen miles south of the station. Of the two townships in the Mosier district there are probably 25,000 acres of good tillable land susceptible of raising the finest of fruit. Along these several roads are homesteads, some of them abandoned as a residence by the owner, and many with small clearings and a disposition on the part of the owners to make improvements as fast as possible.

Mosier Creek Falls

Taken as a whole, however, Mosier is an undeveloped country. It is a country as yet practically in a primitive state with a few exceptions, yet with unquestionably a bright future it certainly invites the young man with limited means to make a start in life, with the sure promise of a valuable property at the end of a period of years. The quality of the soil is demonstrated by bearing orchards here and there, and the new comer need make no experiments as to the kind of fruit best adapted to this particular locality. He can find all kinds in the clearings of his neighbors, in bearing.

Land values range from seven dollars an acre up, depending upon location and adaptability for cultivation. On the ridges inside the ten-mile limit, good unimproved land can be had for $15 to $20 an acre, with a little less desirable land for $1,200 to $2,000 a quarter section. Partly improved ranches can be had up to $100 an acre, depending on improvements and other conditions. Other property is also being cleared up, set to apples and placed on the market at $150 an acre.

Among the places being improved in the South Mosier country are the farms of J. H. Heilbronner & Co. and C. D. MacGowan. The former are improving a fine quarter section on the ridge east of Mosier creek less than five miles from town. This place was purchased of John Evans who with Frank Macey is in charge of the work of clearing and setting to apples. It is understood that this property will be cut up into small tracts and placed on the market.

C. D. MacGowan has added much to the appearance of his ranch within 20 minutes' drive from the station, by the addition of a fine 5-room cottage. He has 12 acres cleared, of which seven acres are set out to apples, including 5 acres in bearing. Mr. McGowan contemplates digging an artesian well on the place, which would double its value.

W. A. Stark has 40 acres less than a mile from town which is being partly irrigated from a large spring which is capable of a flow of about 15 miner's inches of water. About half of this amount has been turned on the land and Mr. Stark is growing a larger amount of garden truck, which he finds quite profitable. He is considerably interested in ground cherries, as he this year picked five crates from volunteer plants scattered through his garden, which netted him $8.40. Mr. Stark says they are prolific bearers, require but little attention, and find ready sale on the Portland market.

Among the industries of Mosier may be mentioned the box factory of Green & Denny, which is turning out about 300 apple boxes per day. Since the fire of a year ago the place has been rigged up temporarily, the water power being incomplete.

Up Rock creek about five miles George Chamberlain is sawing 12,000 to 15,000 feet of lumber a day. He has sale for all of it in Mosier and the valley, furnishing box lumber for the factory and lumber for buildings. His mill is located in the midst of fine timber.

L. L. Van Nortwick's place marks another exception among the undeveloped ranches on Rock creek. He is using goats with unqualified success in clearing land, and now has about 10 head making their living off the brush land on his place, and at the same time clearing the land of all vegetation smaller than trees. The goats more than pay for their keep, giving the cleared land to their owner as a handsome profit with a supply in sight for several years to come.

With the exception of a few instances to note improvements in the south end of the Mosier valley, it is not the intention of this article to describe individual places. The trip through this section of Mosier was made by the writer with a view of ascertaining what lay outside of the few highly-developed ranches near town, and which have been described from time to time through the columns of the Glacier. It was at once apparent that there exists several thousand acres of choice fruit land in an undeveloped country. While in a section of the Cascade mountains that stretches away broken, wild and picturesque to the eye, yet the ridges and canyons are reached by well made roads and comparatively easy grades from the railway stations. Available land is to be had near the town and at low prices. Separated by but one ridge from Hood River valley, there is a marked similarity in soil and climate, but the usual small decrease in rainfall and corresponding increase in sunshine as the distance increases from the Pacific ocean.

Boy Aged 11 Attempts Suicide.

Tired of life at a very early age the Dalles Chronicle says that one of the youngest would-be suicides recorded is an 11-year-old Dalles boy named Theodore Bredahl, son of John Bredahl, who resides between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets on Taylor.

The father and mother of the lad have been separated for some time, the father caring for the boy, who, it is claimed, grew despondent and yesterday decided to kill himself. Securing a quantity of strychnine last evening he poured water on it and without waiting for the substance to dissolve, drank the liquid.

Child-like he immediatel ran to his father and hotld him that he wanted to die and had drank the poison. It was evidently not strong enough to produce the desired effect; but a physician was summoned and administered the necessary antidote and the boy lives to tell the tale

Strange that so young a child has found life such a burden that he would be freed from it.

Spencer Again In Commission.

The steamer Charles R. Spencer, which has been laid up several days for repairs, again started to make its regular trips Monday, leaving Portland in the morning at 7 o'clock and returning to that city that evening. Tuesday she commenced her schedule leaving Portland at 1 o'clock a. m. and will make round trips daily except Sunday.

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Notice is hereby given that at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hood River Irrigation District, held at their office in said District on Monday, the 28th day of August, 1906, it was estimated and determined by the Board of Directors of the said Irrigation District that it is necessary to raise $10,000.00 for the purpose of completing the necessary irrigating canals and works, and acquiring the necessary property and rights therefor, and otherwise carrying out the provisions of the act under which said District was organized.

Said Board of Directors at the same time and place also called a Special Election to be held at the same time and place hereinafter mentioned, at which shall be submitted to the electors of said Irrigation District the question whether or not the bonds of said District in the amount above mentioned shall be issued, and the Board directed that notice thereof be given in the manner provided by law, said notice to be signed by the Secretary of the Board of Directors.

It was also estimated and determined that it is necessary to raise Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000) by special assessment for the purpose of paying the interest on bonds and other necessary expenses connected with the assessment and collection of the same.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the foregoing authority, notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held at the Barrett School House in the Hood River Irrigation District in Wasco County, Oregon, on Saturday, the 15th day of September, 1906, at which shall be submitted to the electors of said Irrigation District the question whether or not the bonds of said District shall be issued in the sum of $10,000 for the purpose above mentioned and the special assessment shall be made for the sum of $3,000 as above stated.

The polls at said election will be opened at the hour of 8 o'clock A. M., and will be closed at the hour of 7 o'clock P. M., and said election will be held and the result thereof determined and declared in all respects as nearly as practicable in conformity with the requirements of the law concerning the election of officers of said District.

Notice is further given that J. J. Jordan, Jno. A. Wilson and J. Wickham were regularly appointed Judges of said election and S. H. Arneson and G. T. Sargent Clerk thereof.

By order of the Board of Directors of the Hood River Irrigation District.

J. H. SHOEMAKER
Secretary of the Board.

Dated at Hood River, Oregon, this 29th day of August, 1906. s2-5t3

FRUIT FAIR TO BE BEST EVER

SO SAYS ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT

At Meeting Held to Elect Officers and Arrange for Exhibit—Commercial Club Will Assist the Fair.

The annual meeting of the Hood River Fruit Fair association was held Saturday afternoon and it is said that more interest was shown in the coming fair than has been known in some years. President Smith in calling the meeting to order announced that two years ago the meeting consisted of one man beside himself, but nevertheless the fair had been given most successfully and augured that with the interest indicated this year by the big meeting the fair will be bigger and better than ever.

The first business of the meeting, President Smith stated, was to elect officers of the association for the ensuing year, and it was decided to elect by acclamation. Mr. Smith was immediately nominated for president but stated that he would much prefer that some younger man be prevailed on to take the office. The meeting would not however, hear to this and his name being proposed by N. C. Evans and seconded by E. H. Shepard, Secretary Gessling put the motion and Mr. Smith was carried into office on a wave of popular approval.

The name of G. J. Gessling who has been secretary for two years was then proposed for that office, but Mr. Gessling postively declined saying that he was too busy to attend to it. Joseph A. Wilson's name was also proposed for this office but he declined and A. I. Mason nominated Prof. C. D. Thompson, whose nomination was seconded and he was elected. Leslie Butler was elected treasurer and the nomination for vice-president was then declared in order. J. H. Shoemaker was nominated but Mr. Shoemaker could not be prevailed on to take it and Jos. A. Wilson was elected to the position. G. R. Castner, who has been a very efficient superintendent of the fair in former years, was again asked to take that office and he was unanimously elected. On motion of G. J. Gessling the officers elected were appointed an executive committee with power to act for the fair association on any matters that might come before them. And a motion was also made and carried giving the chairman authority to appoint vice-presidents in the various districts of the valley and Mosier.

President Simth announced that the Hood River Commercial club had passed a resolution at its meeting Friday evening to the effect that it would provide the sinews of war for expenses and called attention to the fact that the State irrigation association would meet here on the first two days of the fair. Arrangements he said must be made for entertaining the irrigationists and although 40 rooms had already been reserved in one of the hotels and it was expected that the others would take guests also it would be necessary to provide further accommodations and some of the guests would have to be taken by private families. The meeting empowered him as chairman to apoint a committee to look after the matter.

Committees were also appointed on finances, entertainment, reception, awards, premiums, transportation, nomenclature and for several other puroses which would cover the sucessful administration of the fair's business

A. I. Mason made a suggestion that the fair association furnish score cards for exhibitors in order that they might know exactly what they were exhibiting for. He said it would be well for them to know how many points, size, color, quantity, quality, flavor, etc., would count in order to make an intelligent exhibit and avoid misapprehension. Secretary Gessling said that such a card had been procured for the last exhibit but that it had not been used owing to some mistake. The matter was adjusted by the proposal to use the same method in judging fruit that had obtained at the Lewis & Clark fair.

The matter of allowing the ladies space for an exhibit was then brought up by the chairman who said he had been asked by several members of the fair sex to bring it before the meeting. The meeting approved of the idea immensely and the executive committee will see that space is provided for them.

E. R. Bradley engaged the chairman's attention at this point and said he thought it would be a good thing for the fair association to take some action in regard to securing a permanent building for its exhibits. The proposition met with favor at once and in the general discussion that followed so much interest was manifested in it that a motion was carried authorizing the chairman to appoint a committee on the matter, which he did, consisting of E. R. Bradley, N. C. Evans and J. S. Booth.

President Smith said he would like to urge on the attention of the meeting the necessity of commencing to prepare and select exhibits at once and said he thought some of the earlier fruits should be brought in and placed in cold storage now in order that they might be in perfect condition for the fair. A motion was carried authorizing the executive committee to provide for the cold storage of exhibits and after a few remarks by the chairman, who said that everyone who had anything that would be of interest to the fair ought to place it on exhibition and further stating that he would like to see everyone join in and make the coming fair the best and biggest that had ever been held at Hood River, he adjourned the meeting.

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