

PAY TO EXPERIMENT

Asparagus Growers of Klamath Offered Cannery if They Make a Reasonable Showing of Success of Crop

Ashland, Ore., Dec. 15, 1908.

Editor Klamath Falls Herald: Dear Sir:—As many of our Klamath friends know the new policy of the Ashland Preserving Company is to grow largely its own supplies, and to become exempt from the many uncertainties and annoyances of the past eight years.

We never had any difficulty in securing abundance of orders until the Ashland brand canned goods were known a little, the real trouble has always been to secure the supplies to fill our orders, and yet Ashland still remains the best town in Rogue River Valley to secure the best varieties of fruits and vegetables, with all other conditions most favorable. To get regular supplies in every desirable line we have recently purchased a fine ranch near Ashland which will be built up exclusively to supply the cannery, our main production from which will be tomatoes, asparagus, pumpkins, Bartlett pears, cherries, of the Royal Ann, Bing and Lambert varieties. Thompson seedless grapes (by odds the best canning variety) and Concord grapes, the latter to supply the local demand for unfermented grape juice like the Welch brand, enough of each of this always to well supply the cannery. Our intention also is to install the first year in the tomato patches the Fresno system of frost protection which seems to be an assured success and practical wherever tried in Colorado, Utah and California. In addition to this main supply ranch, we are planting this winter at Ashland enough Lawton blackberries and Hood River strawberries to fully supply the cannery with these two choice varieties. Further, we have in mind for straight canner supply a 40-acre peach orchard in a practically frostless location, and where the past supply has been largely obtained to make the great reputation the Ashland canned peach now enjoys, and this feature we believe will be realized soon, and perhaps with the same moderate supply of apricots, which would make a splendid fall line, entirely under our own control.

After the above explanation as to developments of our own home supply, we would now like to be the means of throwing some enthusiasm into our neighbors who inhabit the Klamath Basin, particularly the following, regarding asparagus. This we regard as a wide-open chance to develop perhaps the greatest resource you have, and where your lateness of spring and frequent frosts will have less bearing than on any high grade product you might be able to raise in that section, barring celery perhaps, which requires a great deal more work and expense to raise than

does asparagus, and is only a one-year crop, while asparagus will bear for thirty years from the original planting, also being equally a fresh shipper as a canning product, while celery has only one market, and that mostly of a time of year when you should have a deep and ground frozen soil.

Three weeks little question about our rich black peat lands being adapted to asparagus. The only question is, can you produce a good sized tender stalk, principally of the bleached or white variety, which is obtained by ridging the soil over the crowns and cutting several inches below the ground. Also, light spring frosts would have no effect on the stalks, as I do not think it is a vital point with you if asparagus would be late, say in June, for the time since that asparagus would be all off the market, other vegetables would still be in tight supply, and a very rare demand for a good fresh asparagus would probably exist as late as August 1st. For canning, the late season would make no difference and it is one product worth almost as much to a cannery as for fresh shipment and as I view the current asparagus situation it will never be over produced.

The reasons for this are plain to any observer. The East never has produced enough asparagus for fresh supply, and it is not within the range of possibilities that any part of the East will ever become a factor in asparagus canning. The Northwest, including the Willamette Valley, may in time produce a little surplus for canning, but not enough to in any degree affect the markets.

The islands and delta region of the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers, about Stockton, Cal., could possibly, under right conditions, produce enough asparagus to supply the United States markets, but their conditions are now the most hazardous, the production of asparagus dwindled down to a small percentage of what it was prior to the great floods of 1905 and 1907, and much of that fine land now goes into two year crops like beans, corn, etc., which can be planted after the flood waters recede. To reclaim the district with any degree of safety it is estimated would require a government expenditure ten times as great as will be spent in the entire Klamath Reclamation Project, and for a long time this district, the only great asparagus district, will be almost out of competition.

Further, when this great district was practically ruined after gaining a decided success, and after pioneering the asparagus canning business

BANK WILL GIVE PRIZES FOR THE BEST ARTICLE.

\$50.00 in prizes will be given away free by the First National Bank, of Klamath Falls, Oregon, for the best article written on the following subject: "Why Klamath County Should Help Build the Crocker Lake Wagon Road."

This contest is open to any resident of the county free. Your article must be limited to not over 500 words, it must be written on one side only of the paper. It must be signed by the writer, with P. O. address. It must be mailed to us not later than January 15, 1909. Mark your envelope with word "Good Roads Prize Contest." The articles will be judged by an impartial committee and the winning ones published in local papers.

- First prize \$25.00
 - Second Prize \$10.00
 - Third prize \$5.00
- Yours for GOOD ROADS,
The First National Bank,
Klamath Falls, Ore.

BISHOP PADDOCK WILL HOLD EPISCOPAL SERVICES.

Rev. Robert E. Paddock, Episcopal Bishop of Eastern Oregon, will hold services in Klamath Falls as follows: Friday evening and Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m., in Chamber of Commerce rooms, Postoffice building, and Sunday morning at the Houston Opera House at 10 o'clock. All are invited to attend and Bishop Paddock will be glad to meet all the members of the church.

It is an extent that made several brands well known in Europe as in the United States, and the Stockton and Hamilton Island asparagus the most popular dried product which ever went out of California, natural conditions forced almost an abandonment of this great industry with a demand for a round million cases a year already created in about ten years' try-out. The California pack of 1905, food year, was almost nothing, in 1906 very little, in 1907 again ruined by floods, and I believe the 1908 pack amounts to less than 100,000 cases.

In 1901 or 1902 Richard Hickmott, the founder of this business, and always the leader, shipped a train load of 21 cars of canned asparagus to the East decked with advertising banners. In the winter of 1905 Mr. Hickmott was rated a millionaire, whose only a few years before he was a poor man—all from asparagus. The 1905 and 1907 floods nearly ruined him, and he is now operating a small general cannery at Black Diamond, Cal., though he has a host of friends who hope he may again rise to his former position.

These being the facts, with the markets wide open, I can see a great chance, and it is by no means impossible, that the Klamath marshes can be made the real supply of the future. I shall take pleasure in assisting all intending growers of asparagus all I possibly can, and hope a few at least will test the possibilities the coming spring. I will also hold myself in readiness to install a canning plant at Klamath Falls as soon as even a moderate supply could be depended on, and to thoroughly handle the manufacturing end after any reasonable showing was made. I raised 8000 plants from seed two years ago and understand seedling culture well, and on orders could supply all that would be needed for the spring of 1910.

Ashland Preserving Co. will plant up to twelve acres this winter and next, but this is merely incidental to our general canning business, and Rogue River Valley acreage in asparagus will never be of any consequence.

The writer is also in close touch with Mr. George A. Dorris, of Eugene, the largest and most successful asparagus grower in Oregon, who will be glad to render any service he can at the suggestion of the writer for we feel we are all working to a common end and have no fear of over-production or severe competition in this line.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES H. PIERCE,
Manager Ashland Preserving Co.

The Monarch Mercantile Co. will carry a complete line of vegetables from the California markets. Fresh shipments daily.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE WILL BE HELD AT KENO.

A local teachers' institute will be held at Keno, Friday evening and Saturday, January 8 and 9. Please attend if possible. If you can attend kindly inform me or Miss Pitney, Keno, as soon as possible, as she desires to know for whom to arrange accommodations. Be at Keno by 5:30 Friday as something good is in store for that time. The following is the program:

- Friday Evening.
- Song—The Flag of Truth
 - Keno School
 - Reading..... Prof. C. A. Howard
 - Address..... Prof. R. H. Dunbar
 - Song..... Prof. J. T. Butcher
 - Wand Drill..... Keno School
- Saturday.
- Primary Reading..... Miss Jensen
 - Intermediate Reading, Miss Davidson
 - Advanced Reading..... Miss Bell
 - The Teacher and the Community..... Miss Pitney
 - Arithmetic..... Miss Anna Applegate
 - The Teacher and the Parent..... Prof. W. E. Faught

A boat will leave Klamath Falls at 2:30 Friday afternoon.

J. G. SWAN,
County School Supt.

CIRCUIT COURT NEWS.

The Grand Jury this morning returned an indictment against Tom Moore, a half-breed Indian, and charged him with stealing timber. Tommy Moore has sold and delivered wood and poles around town for several years.

The jury was secured this morning and taking of evidence begun in the case of Withrow, Melhase Company vs. A. M. Taylor, the contractor, and R. S. Moore and H. J. Winters, sureties on his bond. Mr. Taylor built a two-story wooden building for the Withrow, Melhase Co., on the corner of Fourth and Klamath streets, and the company now claims that they were compelled to pay over a thousand dollars in excess of the contract price. This was for work and material which would have been a lien on the building.

J. D. WHITMAN.

J. D. Whitman died at 7 o'clock last evening at his home near Olene from apoplexy at the age of 84 years. The body will be taken to Jacksonville for burial.

\$75,000 LAND DEAL

D. B. Campbell and E. R. Reames Purchase the Miller Tract and the Townsite of Midland on the New Railroad

Yesterday afternoon there was consummated in this city one of the largest real estate deals, considering the money involved, which has ever occurred in this section. This was the sale of the big Miller tract, including some 3300 acres of land under the government ditch, and the entire townsite of Midland, which is to be the main shipping point on the California Northwestern Railroad in Klamath County. While the purchase price has not been made public, it is known to have been in the neighborhood of between \$75,000 and \$80,000.

This tract, including the townsite, was purchased by D. B. Campbell and E. R. Reames. Mr. Campbell is a capitalist who has been interested in some of the most important developments in the county for the past four years. He was one of the former stockholders and the General Manager of the Midland Townsite Company, and the townsite was platted and laid out under his direction. Mr. Reames is one of the oldest business men and probably the wealthiest man in this section, being a retired merchant and at the present time interested in the banking business and a large land owner with many other interests in this section, in the future of which he has absolute confidence.

The sale of property in Midland has never been pushed to any extent, but these lots will be put on the market in the near future as the railroad will reach this point not later than June. The town has great prospects as a shipping point, not only for cattle and stock but for all farm products. Factories and other enterprises are scheduled at this point. Engineer Zumwalt has completed a survey of the big ranch and this tract has been cut up into 40-acre farms and will be sold. It is stated that within another year as many as eighty families will have homes on this immense stretch of agricultural land, which will be furnished water by the government ditch.

A. H. Naftzger, one of the heaviest

stockholders in the Midland Company gives as his reason for selling is in order to have more time to give to his Klamath Falls business. It is his intention to dispose of his interest in the other townsites held by the Company and also the outside land held by the Klamath Development Company.

FORT KLAMATH NOTES.

General News and Personals From the Wood River Valley.

Louis Martin came up from the Falls last week on business and remained until Monday, taking in the dance Saturday night.

Jno. Cole is trapping on 7-Mile. He says he is having fine luck.

Joe Vose is driving stage again.

J. C. Rutenic, the Klamath Falls attorney, was up on business last week.

Roy R. Wise left for Portland last week, where he will visit for about a month.

T. J. Jackson and C. Stiffer are going to put up a shingle mill about a mile above the Fort. They expect to have the mill in operation by spring.

Mr. Bonham, Mr. Edison's right hand man, was here on business for a few days last week.

The Brown brothers, of Crystal, are bailing hay for Mr. Ryan.

Clark Drake came down from his trapping camp Saturday, to attend the "Hard Times" dance.

Parties desiring dancing pumps, should see Bert Grey, in his headquarters at the Dixon ranch.

Local Camp 5485 initiated M. F. Loosley into the mysteries of the order Saturday.

W. D. Kingdon left for Portland Thursday, and will spend the winter there. He will be missed at the hotel.

L. Hessig went to the Falls Monday on business.

A choice line of cigars and tobacco at the Monarch Mercantile Co. 30

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