

FRUIT CAN BE GROWN HERE

Such is the Belief of J. E. Bodge--Smudging will Solve the Problem--Used Successfully in Rogue River Valley

"Klamath county may not be a fruit section, but I will have to be proven," said J. E. Bodge, who has returned from Grants Pass, Mr. Bodge left here a few months ago on account of Mrs. Bodge's health, but finding that climatic conditions had no effect, he has returned to Klamath Falls to make his home. Mrs. Bodge is visiting with relatives in Grants Pass, where she will remain for several months. In discussing climatic conditions here and in the Rogue River valley he expressed himself as above. Continuing, he said: "I may be mistaken in my belief that this country is suitable for the raising of fruit. No one can tell whether it is or not until a trial is made. During my sojourn in the Rogue River valley I have made a study of conditions prevailing there, and it is the result of these investigations that causes me to believe that fruit raising can be carried on here with as much success as it is over there. Everyone will admit that if fruit can be grown here that it will surpass anything produced anywhere on the coast. The only obstacle in the way is the frost. It was on this subject that I talked with Professor O'Gara, specialist sent to the Rogue River valley by the government, and a man who has done more for the success of fruit raising in that section than the people who have preceded him. The fruit growers have listened to him, and the result is that fruit has been doubled in value there during the past two years. Mr. O'Gara stated that late frost was no longer a hindrance to the successful growing of fruit. Fighting frosts has been reduced to a science, and every fruit grower that has reached any degree of prominence has carried on a fight against frost some time or other. It has been clearly demonstrated that smudging will prevent damage from frosts, and that the temperature of the orchard can easily be raised six or eight degrees with a smudge. When I left Grants Pass this week I was smudging to save the fruit, and the work was meeting with success. Throughout all of the orchards in that valley may be seen clouds of sawdust and wood ready for use in case there is a prospect of frost. Pan smudging is claimed to be much more successful, but it is not so found necessary in the Rogue River valley.

Mr. H. Heileman of the Reclamation Service was seen and when asked his views on the question expressed the opinion that it might be possible to raise fruit here on a large scale. "In order to reach an intelligent conclusion on that point I would have to ascertain the temperatures for March, April and May in such sections as the Rogue River, Willamette and Hood River valleys and other sections where fruit raising is made a specialty. Then compare it with what we have in this county. Take, for example, this year. The lowest temperatures were as follows: March, 18; April, 21; May, 24; June, 35. The fruit here was practically unharmed, while in some other sections it was severely damaged. This year will see a big fruit crop in Klamath, and yet I believe there are many years when more favorable conditions have prevailed. "Throughout the irrigated sections I believe there are many areas more or less extensive where fruit raising can be successfully carried on, especially where smudging is used. This is a process that has been successfully proven to be a foe to frost and, where the fall in the temperature is not too great, it will prevent damage every time."

WORD "GRAFTER" NOT A SLANDEROUS TERM.

CHICAGO, July 9.—The word "grafter" is not necessarily slanderous, Judge Foster held yesterday in the municipal court. By the opinion, William H. Haskell, former superintendent of construction of the board of education, lost his suit for damages for \$1,000 against Dwight H. Perkins. The court directed the jury to return a verdict in favor of the defendant.

"Grafter," the court said, "does not necessarily imply dishonesty. If a man tipped the waiter, the latter might be called a 'grafter.' So far as I can see, the plaintiff has suffered no damages."

ODD FELLOWS, ATTENTION.

There will be installation of officers for ensuing term of Klamath Lodge No. 137, I. O. O. F., this evening at their hall. All members are requested to be present. A cordial invitation extended to visiting brothers.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

Entire change of pictures to-night. New illustrated songs, etc. Admission ten cents.

NAFTZGER'S SUCCESSOR IN THE CITY.

Comes for the Purpose of Getting in Touch With Affairs.

On July 20th, at a meeting of the directors of the Hot Springs and the Klamath Development companies, to be held in San Francisco, Mr. B. O. Johnson will be elected president of these corporations, to succeed Mr. A. H. Naftzger. Mr. Johnson arrived here last evening, and is busy getting in touch with the affairs of the companies of which he is to be the head.

Mr. Naftzger's successor is not an entire stranger in this section. For years he has been identified with the affairs of the McCloud River railroad and lumber interests, and is a man of exceptional ability. He is progressive and energetic, and will undoubtedly carry to a successful conclusion the policies inaugurated by Mr. Naftzger. He stated that he did not at this time wish to outline any course that would be followed by him or his associates, but that he and they had sufficient faith in the future of Klamath Falls and Klamath county to warrant the statement that they believed it would see greater development than any other city between San Francisco and Portland, and that the Hot Springs and Klamath Development companies would not be found lagging in the rear.

Mr. Naftzger will bid adieu to his host of friends on Monday, the 19th. He goes to attend the meeting of the directors at which Mr. Johnson will be elected his successor. It is not likely that he will again return to this city prior to his leaving for Europe, although he may possibly return for a day on business in which he and his son, Roy, are interested.

THIRD CREW SENT IN ON DISCHUTES RAILROAD.

A complete surveying outfit of about fifty men, engineers, surveyors, chainmen, rodmen, transitmen, stake and axmen, and the usual number of "jerries," was dispatched by the O. R. & N. for Shauko Thursday. This is the crew that is heading into Central Oregon to run the surveys of the upper reaches of the Oregon trunk line from about Madras, from which point they will probably work both ways. It is reported that Madras will be made the temporary camp headquarters for the outfit. There seems to be little cause to doubt that the contractors who control the Oregon Trunk, with its advantageous surveys, will have the first call on building the Deschutes River road for the Harriman people, and that they will be given the fat job in return for the surrender of their locations up the Deschutes Canyon, some of which the Harriman people are extremely anxious to secure because of their great feasibility, easier grades and curvature, and closer accessibility to some highly productive country in the interior. This party now gives the Harriman interests about 200 men in the field, most of them engaged in cross-section work, besides a similar number of construction hands who are doing preliminary work on the lower forty miles of the road.

GOOD CROPS FOR TULE LAKE VALLEY.

The rains of last Sunday night and Monday have insured to the farmers of Merrill and Tule Lake valleys an abundant crop of all kinds—wheat, oats, barley, rye, alfalfa, timothy, hay, potatoes and everything in the vegetable line. This is conceded to be the garden spot of the Klamath Basin, where everything that can be raised in this climate can be produced in greater perfection and abundance than in any other part of the county, and this season the indications are that a larger yield than ever before will be gathered by our farmers and gardeners. The Merrill section never fails to produce a larger crop than is grown anywhere else in the county, for here we have not only the greatest body and the richest agricultural lands, but also the water in abundance to irrigate with.

Then, too, the farmers have become more proficient than in portions of the basin where agriculture is not so paying, because it is more uncertain.—Merrill Record.

BIG SCANDAL HID IN THE ARCHIVES.

Bonaparte Left Skeleton That May Rise to Haunt Roosevelt Administration.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Hidden away in the archives of the Department of Justice, doubly secure under official seal, are documents which, if ever brought to light, will open up a scandal in government circles quite as sensational as any exposure made by the sleuths and law officers of the Roosevelt administration. This scandal, however, instead of implicating the men pursued by the last administration, would involve the pursuers of criminals—the very men chosen and entrusted with the work of running down and prosecuting grafters and other violators of the law.

No man, unless it be ex-Attorney-General Bonaparte, can say how many officials are implicated in this smothered scandal, for none but he is familiar with all the records, and it was he who personally sealed and stowed away the incriminating documents. There is a law prohibiting the destruction of government records; not so long ago Blinger Hermann was tried for the destruction of alleged official letterpress copybooks which he kept in the General Land Office. In face of the law, and with the memory—it might be said the case fresh in his mind, Mr. Bonaparte did not dare dispose of the dangerous papers in his possession at the time he retired from the office of Attorney-General.

So it was that the records in question were done up in bundles, each carefully wrapped and sealed, and on each wrapper were written the words, "Special—private," "Confidential," or "Not to be opened." These explosive packages, on March 4, were entrusted to the new Attorney-General, Mr. Wickersham. He is now their guardian, and except in one instance he has not disregarded the warning of his predecessor. The contents of the one package that was pried into convinced Mr. Wickersham that it would be well for the reputation of his, and perhaps other departments of the government, if

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WOOD RIVER ENGINEER TO ARRIVE TONIGHT.

Chamber of Commerce Will Arrange For His Entertainment.

At a special meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce held last evening final arrangements were made for the entertainment of Engineer Schubert, who has been detailed by the government to make an investigation of Wood river and who is expected to arrive this evening. If he is desirous of going up to-morrow, he will be taken on the Winema to Odessa, and from there he will be taken to the scene of his operations on Bishop's launch. He will be accompanied by a delegation of the leading business men of the city, who will endeavor to make his stay here a pleasant one.

It is recognized that the opening of Wood river is of the greatest importance to this city, and if the government can be induced to appropriate sufficient funds to open this stream to navigation the Chamber of Commerce will have accomplished one act that will merit the lasting gratitude of the people of this county.

KANSAS AND MISSOURI ARE UNDER WATER.

The Grasshopper State Suffers Its Regular Annual Inundation.

KANSAS CITY, July 9.—Close to two thousand are temporarily homeless, with a property loss estimated at \$1,500,000, six persons drowned, two injured, railroad traffic demoralized and thousands of acres of farm lands inundated, are the summarized flood conditions in Missouri and Kansas this afternoon.

Conditions improve. KANSAS CITY, July 9.—Flood conditions in Missouri and Kansas to-day are vastly improved, except at Kansas City, where the Missouri and Kansas rivers converge. Most of the streams in this part of the south-west are receding and it is believed that the worst stage has passed. But little rain has fallen since last night, and no additional lives have been lost so far as known.

Railroad conditions are also somewhat improved, but passengers are still greatly inconvenienced.

Worst Flood in History.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., July 9.—Springfield and vicinity are suffering from the worst flood in their history, following the overflow of the Jordan river, the result of heavy rainfall to-day, which amounted to over seven inches. Three are reported drowned, and the damage is estimated at \$750,000.

The waters commenced to recede later in the day.

Houses Are Swept Away.

OTTAWA, Kan., July 9.—The Marais des Cygnes river is at flood stage to-day. More than five hundred families are homeless, and many frame buildings have been carried down the stream, but no loss of life is reported. Reports from the upper river to-day say it is falling. Railroad traffic is greatly hampered.

ASK FOR ELECTION TO MAKE SISKIYOU CO. DRY.

Prospects of a Bitter Fight If Request of Citizens Is Granted.

YREKA, July 9.—The board of supervisors of this county, at the meeting last night, postponed action until next Tuesday on the petition signed by hundreds of residents of Siskiyou county asking the board to submit to the people at the next election the proposition of voting "wet" or "dry" Siskiyou.

The meeting was to have been held in the regular meeting place of the supervisors, but when the members of the board arrived there they found that it was not half big enough to accommodate the crowd. The board, therefore, adjourned to the superior court room, but even this was not large enough to hold all the interested people.

The meeting was addressed briefly by President Burke of Oakland, of the State Anti-Saloon League. He asked the board to grant the request of the signers of the petition, and let the matter go before the people to be decided.

Other addresses in favor of the petition were made and then the board announced that the matter

TWO AUTO LINES TO LAKEVIEW

The First Automobile Arrived Last Evening--Daily Service May Be Inaugurated--Running Time 7 Hours

would be taken up at the meeting next Tuesday.

The members of the board are non-committal upon the subject. None of them are allied with the saloon interests, as they are all either merchants or farmers.

It is expected that another large gathering will be present at the meeting of the board on Tuesday, as deep interest is being taken by the people in this matter. The prospects are bright for a bitter campaign if the request is granted, the indications being for a very close vote, with the odds in favor of the county going dry.

LURED BY DEATH MESSAGE; MURDERED.

TACOMA, Wash., July 9.—Deputy Sheriff H. J. Doten left this morning for Wilkeson to investigate the killing of Mrs. Louis Bronzo, the wife of a timberman in the employ of the Wilkeson Coal and Coke company. About midnight last night an unidentified man came to the cottage in which the woman lived with her husband and told her that her brother, who lived at Black Diamond, several miles away, had suddenly died. Together the pair departed for the latter place, and when about half a mile away, the woman was brutally murdered by having her skull crushed with cobblestones. Mrs. Bronzo had \$600 in the house and so far as can be learned, no one knew of this but her husband and her brother. The money is missing.

J. B. Anway and wife of San Francisco went to Fort Klamath yesterday, where they will remain for the summer. Mr. Anway is owner of property adjoining that of John Ellis, and expects to be one of Klamath's summer guests each year.

Miss Ratcliff and Mrs. D. M. Donnelly came up from Merrill yesterday to meet the latter's father, R. T. Tuttle, who, with two daughters, is here to visit for the summer. They left for Merrill this morning.

E. W. Witte of Medford is in the city to get some new inspiration to help him and the other Medford boomers to push along the chief city of Rogue River valley.

Mrs. J. L. Stewart and Miss Ruth Miles of Klamath Falls are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Miles. They are very much pleased with Medford.—Medford Tribune.

Lakeview is going to have a plethora of automobile lines and if the service is not just what the traveler desires it will not be the fault of the enterprising gentlemen who are engaging in the business. Last evening the first automobile arrived here from Lakeview. It was what is known as the Lambert car, the present stage contractors. This car left this morning for the county seat of Lake and will make the round trip every alternate day. Mr. Lambert left with the car and will go to Lakeview for the purpose of arranging the schedule. At Lakeview connection will be made with the Alturas auto, so that it will be possible to travel from this city to Alturas in twelve hours.

The second auto line to enter the field is one headed by W. L. Clapp. He left this morning for Lakeview, and will also cover the route every other day. It is quite possible that an agreement may be reached between him and the Lambert company whereby their cars will not leave on the same day. If this can be done, then it will afford a daily service between this city and Lakeview. The plans of the Lambert company have not been fully matured. It is possible that Mr. Cross of Bly will place a machine on the run between Bly and Lakeview. In that case the Lambert will operate only between this city and Bly. In that case, then, this company would give a daily service.

The Lambert car was driven by Phil Cross. He was accompanied by H. T. McKnight, who is to travel on the train between Weed and this city and make arrangements for the transportation of Lakeview passengers.

It is the intention of the auto people to make the run between the two cities in seven hours.

The Pavilla company had a narrow escape from a serious accident this morning when crossing the irrigation ditch near the Griffith place on the Merrill road. The ditch is a new one, and the driver did not think it was as deep as it turned out to be. The coach plunged down the embankment, crowding the wheels onto the leaders. The latter became frightened and got entangled in a barbed wire fence and were so severely cut that they will be in pasture for several months. The driver was pulled from the seat and had one of his feet injured. The other occupants of the vehicle escaped injury.



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