

FRUIT CAN BE GROWN HERE.

It is the belief of J. E. Bodge—smudging will solve the problem.

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 during that climatic conditions had effect, he has returned to Klamath Falls to make his home. Mrs. Bodge is visiting with relatives in the East, 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 here, 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 late frost. It was on this subject that I talked with Professor O'Garra, a 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 all the people who have preceded him. The fruit growers have listened to him, and the result is that fruit lands have doubled in value there during the past two years. Mr. O'Garra stated that late frost was no bar to the successful growing of fruit. Fighting frosts has been reduced to a science, and every fruit section 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 an orchard can easily be raised six to eight degrees with a smudge. When I left Grants Pass this week they were smudging to save the fruit, and the work was meeting with success. Throughout all of the orchards in that valley may be seen piles 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 found necessary in the Rogue River valley.

W. H. Hellemann 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."

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 southwest 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.

MILLIONS FOR POWER PLANT IN CALIFORNIA.

NEVADA CITY, Cal., July 13.—Curtis, engineer for the Southern Pacific company, to-day made application to Supervisor Bigelow of the national forest for a permit to construct a mammoth power plant on the North Yuba river in Sierra county. Curtis stated that the company would expend \$4,000,000 in the construction of the plant, and that orders for electrical appliances amounting to \$13,000,000 had already been placed with eastern firms.

The new plant, he stated, would be completed before the Auburn-Truckee cutoff was finished and the whole system would be electrified.

A FEW BARGAINS.

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The Southern Pacific has now on sale round trip tickets to Seattle, good for sixty days, with privilege of stopover at any point en route, for \$28.75. The final limit on these tickets expires October 31st.

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 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.

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. Haskel, 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."

C. Vere Hodge, representing the Peck-Judah company of San Francisco, is in the city for the purpose of interesting the Chamber of Commerce in the work being done by his company. This company maintains offices in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle. In Los Angeles they have a lecture room where stereopticon lectures are given. It is his wish to have the Chamber appropriate \$50 a month to secure the services of the company in advertising this county. This advertising will include one lecture a day on Klamath county, with stereopticon views. In addition, the advertising matter of the county will be placed in the cabinets that are kept in the principal hotels along the Pacific Coast.

A fine Ashland home to trade for Klamath county farm under ditch. Inquire at H. Bolvin's plumbing establishment, Main st., Klamath Falls, Oregon. 6-24, 7-5.

TO REDRAFT THE CLAUSE FOR CORPORATION TAX.

Taft Does Not Propose to Have Any Flaw in the Measure.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—President Taft and the lawyers of his Cabinet have undertaken to save the tariff conferees from bagging over the corporation tax amendment. It is conceded that the measure as passed by the Senate must be redrafted in order to remove constitutional objections and to meet the views of the administration. The President told the leaders of the Senate and House that as the administration will be charged with the responsibility of collecting the tax and defending the act if assailed by the courts, the administration should be permitted to perfect the measure.

If the corporation tax is changed the alterations will probably be confined to the rate of the tax imposed on net earnings, which may be cut in half. The President was impressed by the arguments of the States that they should not be disturbed in their use of the inheritance tax as a means of raising revenues, although his belief in the principle has not abated. It is stated, however, that he does not think that federal and State governments should both resort to this method of raising revenue.

Later it was given out that the new draft of the corporation tax amendment will provide a tax of one cent instead of two per cent on the net earnings of corporations. This was decided to-day at an informal conference at the White House. Attorney-General Wickersham will prepare the amendment accordingly.

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.

A tribe of Brazilian Indians, living on the island of Pacoval at the mouth of the Amazon river, clothe themselves in nothing more nor less than a piece of pottery. The "tanga," as this piece of earthenware clothing, or more properly apron, is called in Portuguese, is simply a curved piece of earthenware, triangular in contour, the convex surface of which is elaborately ornamented. It is surmised that the first tangas were simply pieces of broken earthenware.

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NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Klamath.

In the matter of the Estate of Thomas Hodge, deceased.

Under an order granted by the County Court of the County of Klamath, State of Oregon, dated the 26th day of June, 1909, I, the undersigned administrator, will sell at private sale the following described property, to-wit: An undivided one-half interest in Lots 1 and 2 of Block 34 Original Town of Klamath Falls, Oregon; and an undivided one-half interest in Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in Block 78 of Klamath Addition to said Town, now City of Klamath Falls, and an undivided one-half interest in the certain parcel of land in said City described as follows: Beginning at the most northerly corner of said Lot 1 in said Block 78, thence northerly 38 degrees 56 minutes east 60 feet, thence southerly 51 degrees 4 minutes east 100 feet, thence southerly 38 degrees 56 minutes west 60 feet, thence northerly 51 degrees 4 minutes west 100 feet to the place of beginning; all being situated in Klamath County, State of Oregon.

The sale will be made on or after the 7th day of August, 1909, and bids will be received at the office of Thomas Drake, corner of Fourth and Main streets, City of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

The terms of the sale: For cash, gold coin of the United States.

Dated this 26th day of June, 1909. JOHN FREDERICK WILSON, Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Hodge, deceased. 7-1, 8-1

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has disposed of his interests in the Klamath Falls Creamery to C. Ashley. All accounts will be collected and debts paid by Ashley and Holcomb, his successors. C. F. GOODRICH.

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