

ABOUT OREGON AND HER MANY RICH PRODUCTS

Some Clippings Taken at Random From Willamette Valley Exchanges.

A raft of 222 spruce logs, which scaled \$95,000 feet, was recently placed in the water at the Morrell camp on Gray's river.—Astoria Budget.

Early potatoes grown here have been in the local market for some time. Potato growers are expecting fair prices for them. There are no better tasting potatoes on earth than those grown in Yamhill.—Telephone Register.

The discovery of a 26-inch vein of coal of extra quality on the Callahan property in Flournoy valley is but further proof of the existence of that valuable article of commerce in this county east of the coast range rather than the discovery of a fact.—Umpqua Valley News.

The valuable dairying adjunct alfalfa is proving its worth this year. Flint Martin's field, which was apparently slow in getting deep rooted, has come to the front with a bumper yield of fine hay. The problem of alfalfa's success here has been solved.—Telephone Register.

A Wolf has a cecery tree in his orchard which is a sight to behold. The branches are bending almost to the ground under the load of beautiful cherries of different varieties. It is a very old tree and years ago different kinds of limbs were grafted into the trunk.—Silvertonian Appeal.

Merchant Buxton had on exhibition at his store on Wednesday a head of lettuce raised by Capt. Welander that measured 18 inches across the top. This plant was close leaved and solid. And further more it was not selected for exhibition. The Captain sent it to one of his neighbors for use and not for show.—Newport Signal.

Those who refrained from digging up their prune trees when prunes were low are realizing upon their wisdom now. It is said that Wm. Fryer of Yamhill has contracted his present prune crop at a price from which he will probably make \$35 per ton. He will have about 50 tons of dried fruit.—Telephone Register.

J. J. Crouser has just presented to this office a remarkable sprig of black republican cherries, the tip end of a single branch containing forty samples of the luscious fruit. For any man to go back east and tell the truth about this bunch of cherries or about the trees in Mr. Crouser's yard or the trees in other yards and orchards at this time, would be to provoke naught but smiles of incredulity. The cherries taken from the single sprig referred to above filled a pint cup, a fact incomprehensible to the average easterner. That many trees and whole orchards bear as generously in huge proportion is not within the grasp of one who has not seen.—Gazette Times.

J. W. Mitchell, of Crabtree, who won fame in Albany a couple years ago, was in town today. He is a diversified farmer for certain and is demonstrating how a man can make it by hustling. Last year he cleaned up \$2500 to \$3000 on potatoes, having eighteen acres in spuds. This year he has planted thirty-five acres. Besides he has five acres of cabbages, three of onions, forty or fifty in hay, some in rutabagas and in fact there is hardly any thing Mitchell doesn't raise and raise well with a big family to back him. And that is what is going to count in this valley.—Albany Democrat.

What is probably the heaviest stand of merchantable timber in the world, or, at least, the heaviest that appears from any cruises available, is embraced in a portion of the right-of-way of the P. R. & N., the "Lytle road," to Tillamook. The tract is 47 acres in area, is located in town ship 2 north, range 6 west, Willamette meridian, Tillamook county, about 60 miles northeast of Salem, and on these 47 acres there are 10,403,980 feet of standing timber, mostly fir. This is less than one-third of a quarter section, and equals 221,300 feet to the acre, or 35,417,600 feet to the quarter section.

The largest assembly of strawberry pickers ever to get together in Linn county were at the John Q. Swink plantation, four miles north of Lebanon, on last Thursday, when between 300 and 400 people were in his patch at one time or on one day. Mr. Swink has the largest plantation of berries in Linn county, there being about sixteen acres in one strawberry field of fine two-year-old plants, and this and next year they will be at their best. The yield of berries this year has been below the average crop, and the demand for berries has been very large far beyond the supply.—Lebanon Criticism.

S. L. Bonnett, an orchardist near Medford Oregon, a few days ago received a draft from London, England, covering the sale price of the last carload of apples to that market. When the returns were all in, Mr. Bonnett began figuring on the total returns for last season's apple crop, and he found that from less

than one and a half acres of orchard he had received \$2100, in fact, only 120 trees on this tract were Newtons and comprised the entire shipment to London.

Last season the price was considerably "off color," but with all that the net returns were pretty good. Had the price of two years ago been realized last season, the total figure would have been between \$3500 and \$4000.—The Pacific Home-Steak.

GREAT RECORD OF BANKING EXPANSION

One of the best indexes of the growth and expansion of the Capital City is shown in the remarkable expansion of the banking business, and especially in the case of the United States National Bank, of Salem, which has built up a phenomenal business in a short time. When organized a few years ago as a state bank with \$50,000 paid up capital stock, it employed two hands, and now with \$100,000 capital stock paid up and \$10,000 surplus and undivided profits it has six people at work behind the counters. Its deposits the first year ran up to \$42,000, and today it has over \$500,000. It has kept popular employees from the start in the persons of Ed. Hazard, cashier, and David Eyre, assistant cashier. They are liked by everybody who does any business with them, and the bank deserves success, and gets it along lines of actual service to the people it transacts business with.

Everybody in Oregon would like to see Crater Lake made easily approachable, but we must remember that our forefathers gave us a constitution guaranteed to prevent anyone getting anything they desired or needed, even punishment for the powerful.

THE GOLD CREEK AND OTHER MINES ON THE SANTIAM

Rich Ore Bodies That Only Await Completion of Road to Get in the Producing Class.

In noting the conditions around Salem that will add to her growth and prosperity much will be found that does not appear at first glance. Besides her great agricultural wealth she will undoubtedly receive much from the depths of the earth as well as from the surface. The development of the mines on the Little North Fork of the Santiam will give a new impetus to her business industries. This is not speculative, not said with any "ifs" about it, for mines are there, not prospects, but developed mines, rich in copper and carrying good gold values. Thousands of dollars have been spent in opening up the vast ledges of the district. Thousands of feet of tunnel have been run, and rich bodies of ore are exposed. The ores are of the old original sulphide character, though there is some pseudo morphic ores, and the veins are strong and well defined. The geological formation is ideal—porphyry and phonolite, indicating the permanency of the ore chutes.

These mines are not a recent thing, but have been in process of development for years. The work was done under great difficulties, but Otto Hansen, the Freeholder, and others showed their faith by their persistency and their putting their money into the work year after year. A sawmill was taken to open a trail that would make a tenderfoot's feet stutter to walk in, and a big dynamo was taken over this same trail with a "go-devil," several mules, infinite patience, and no doubt some profanity, but with the men named behind it, it got there.

Now the worst is over, the ore bodies are opened up and proved, a fine mountain road has been built most of the way and will be finished this fall. Marion county, after the county judge and commissioners had examined the mines, donated \$5,000 to build the bridge on this road, and the companies—the Gold Creek, Freehold and Electric—sold stock to complete it, and also to put their mines in working shape.

The Wilson & Gad den Smelting company, after a critical examination of the mines and a thorough working test of the ores, contracted to erect a 100-ton smelter this year to handle the initial output of the mines. There is ore enough in sight now to keep a smelter of much larger capacity running steadily and as the levels are opened up there is no reason why a thousand tons of ore a day, or for that matter several thousand tons should not be handled daily.

The district is quite extensive and some fine properties are being developed for a distance of six miles up the Santiam, above the group on Gold creek.

Another year will see these mines pouring a steady stream of money into the pocket of the many Salem stockholders and the district gives promise of being the biggest, as it certainly is the best, in the state.

It might be added that there is a vast amount of the very best timber in the district, and this in connection with the mines assures the early building of a railroad from Salem. It is quite probable that the Salem, Falls City & We tern will be extended to the mines in the very near future, as Salem is the natural supply town for the whole Gold Creek district.

ALL EYES ARE BEING TURNED TOWARD OREGON

Letters of Inquiry Pour in to Commercial Club From Every State in the Union.

The Portland Telegram of July 5 says: "Interest in Oregon is not abating in the east and elsewhere, but, on the contrary, seems to increase with the advent of the vacation season. Yesterday's mail delivery at the Commercial Club included letters of inquiry from every state in the Union, as well as from Canada, Mexico and Honolulu, and it has taken the better portion of the day for the clerical force in the office to answer them specifically. The inquiries are mostly from people of means, who desire to invest in the northwest, and make their future home here, if the con-

ditions warrant. There are farmers, tired of the uncertainty of climate where they are, who have heard in a general way of the never-failing crops of Oregon, and there are business men who are thinking of changing to a country where the future holds out something more than a mere living.

"A living I can make anywhere," is the burden of sentiment of these latter, but I desire to save up a little something to guard against the helplessness of old age."

"Each letter is answered in detail, so that the inquirer can have a good idea of what to expect when he or she gets here. In cases where laboring people or clerks desire to come, with the hope of stepping into profitable employment, the answer is given that the labor market here is a good deal as it is elsewhere, and that the party coming out without means must take whatever he can get in the shape of work, until the newcomer's proficiency has been manifested.

"But where the party is armed with a little capital, coupled with a desire to work, the way is pointed out by following which he can hardly go astray. He is given to understand that there is plenty of chance for profitable investment on a large or small scale, with the chances all in favor of the investor."

THE FAMOUS OLD OREGON NURSERY FIRST AND BEST

The Oregon Nursery company is one of most widely and best known companies in the northwest. It has been in business in Salem for so long that it is an old-timer indeed, who can remember when it began furnishing the northwest with fruit and ornamental trees and shrubbery. Its business has grown steadily and of recent years the demand has been so great that in spite of the largely increased acreage yearly, orders have to be turned down. Its products are sold all over the northwest, and in California its shipments being made generally in carload lots. While the nurseries here at Salem cover hundreds of acres, the company found it necessary to still enlarge, and so has hundreds of acres in nursery stock at Renco, a little town in Washington county that has practically been built by this company. Its main office have been located in Renco and are the finest in the

country. The plant is the best equipped of any on the Pacific coast, and the reputation for furnishing hardy stock and true to name is in a class by itself. Its officers—M. McDonald, president, and A. McGee, secretary—are wide awake business men, and J. A. McGee, who is in charge of the Portland office, is one of the liveliest, jolliest, hustling salesmen on the coast.

HAS A VERY HIGH OPINION OF OREGON

Dr. Harry Pratt Judson, president of the University of Chicago, and also president of the Northern Baptist Convention, which has just closed in Portland, in speaking of the north west last Friday, said:

"In my opinion this northwest coast is the very heart of the 20th century. Its possibilities are boundless. I was out here once before and have had ample opportunity to study facts and conditions, and I am within the pale of truth when I say that if you are an enthusiast on the northwest, write as strongly as you desire and it will not be an exaggeration of my belief in the future of the Oregon country. In fact, you may credit the utterance to me if you wish."

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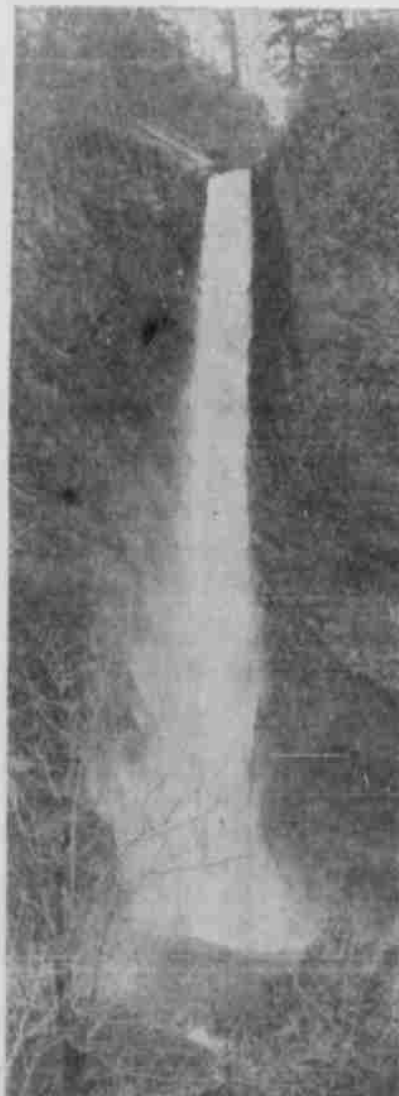
reached via Medford, Oregon, on the Southern Pacific, from thence by stage or auto over the famous Rogue River road, presents attractions to be found no where else in the world. See Crater Lake this summer.

The Upper Columbia River

a way of palisades and waterfalls, affords a trip by O. R. & N. train with observation car, without equal. Cloud Cap Inn, a Mt. Hood resort, is reached from Hood River by auto or stage.



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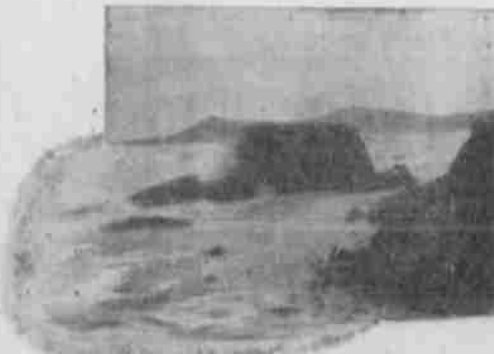


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