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GEO. F. RICHARDSON WRITES OF THE VALLEY AND FRUITS.

The President of the Commercial Club Tells Why the Kennewick Valley Suits Him.

The success of irrigation in the Kennewick valley is fully established. Three years of trial have proven the marvelous productiveness of the soil when supplied with sufficient moisture. The abundance of water for a bountiful supply was demonstrated in the summer of 1905, when all streams ran the minimum of water in the history of civilization in the state. Climate, soil, water and transportation are among the great advantages of this Garden of Eden, in the rough. With water judiciously distributed upon this soil of volcanic formation, its productiveness is beyond the power of description. It must be seen to be understood. Trees sending forth growth of twelve feet in one season; grape vines forty feet; alfalfa producing ten tons of hay per acre, is a glimpse of what you may expect to see here. "A desert made to bloom as the rose," a flag station grown to a metropolitan center of 1500 happy, contented people, and all in three short years—the result of irrigation.

You may travel from ocean to ocean—from north to south—and you will not find another place combining so many of the comforts and so few of the discomforts of life as in this divinely favored Kennewick valley. Here vegetation attains its highest perfection, and fruits common to this latitude are produced. Here nature will provide you with the necessities of life and many of the luxuries. And why?

Snow and rain, with all their attendant inconveniences, are almost unknown here. It is a land of continual sunshine. Stock is wintered without any kind of shelter. Large flocks of sheep are brought here to winter on account of the mildness of the climate. Hardy vegetables, such as onions, turnips, cabbage, etc., grow and are gathered during all the winter months. The summer days are warm, but the heat is not oppressive. The nights are always cool. The atmosphere, set in motion and tempered by the great Columbia river, as it winds its way from the mountains of perpetual snow to the ocean, is refreshing and assures a restful night's repose.

Three years of competitive trial have established beyond argument that the Kennewick valley is from eight days to three weeks earlier on the market with its products than any section of Washington, Oregon or Idaho, assuring a market, all its own, and securing the fancy prices which every buyer knows exists for the "first in the market." This valley is justly styled: "The Land of the First Ripe Strawberries."

The Columbia Commission Co. offered a prize of \$25 for the first crate of ripe berries produced in the state by a single grower. The prize was captured by a Mr. Schlim, living six miles below Kennewick. Kennewick berries were on the market eight days before any other point began to ship. The first ripe berries were discovered April 28. The first boxes arrived in town April 30 and sold at \$1 a box, and the first crate was shipped May 2. The market started at \$8 a crate, and May 19, when the crop was practically all in, they were in great demand at \$3 per crate. The yield is from eighty to one hundred and fifty crates per acre. It can easily be seen the enormous profit there is in a strawberry

bed, and yet, strawberries are but a fore runner of what is to come. Peaches, cherries, grapes, etc., thrive equally well and will, in a few years, when in full bearing, largely supplant the strawberry beds, as the profits are still greater. All these mature and come upon the market first, enjoying the same advantages as to price that the strawberries do.

Peaches are at home here. Last season, many trees but three years old, produced two boxes of twenty pounds to the tree, which sold readily at \$1.25 a box.

Cherries produce wonderfully and are destined to be a profitable crop.

Hundreds of acres are being planted to grapes. Principally the high grade European varieties, which mature here equal to those of California—bear prolifically and find a ready market at fancy prices. A small vineyard of Black Hamburg produced last year at the rate of \$800 per acre.

Fruits of all kinds thrive, and owing to the time of the season at which they mature, sell at enormous prices in the northern markets and at Pacific Coast points.

Vegetables and melons grow to perfection. Green onions, spinach and radishes are put on the market by March 1. Lettuce, grown in the open air, soon follows and comes in competition with the hothouse product. Peas find their way to market by May 10, and sell readily at 12 cents a pound. June 20 new potatoes are ready for the table and command about 6 cents a pound, and soon down the list. Alfalfa—cut four times in a season—frequently yields more than ten tons per acre.

To tell the whole truth about Kennewick valley would read like a fairy tale and beggar belief. Let the unbelieving "Come to Kennewick and see. The products are here to tell their own story and the market reports are an open history."

As it is favored by nature, so it is favored with transportation facilities. From here radiate railroads in every direction. The main line of the Northern Pacific assures excellent service both east and west. The north bank line [now building] will reach Portland by Christmas. The North Coast is now an assured fact and will soon be built; and the Columbia river, with its line of steamboats, supplies a large territory. With our present transportation facilities a population of nearly 350,000 can be reached in from five to twelve hours. A market which can never be over-supplied at the time our products are ready for use.

Money making is not the only consideration in selecting a place for a home. By settling in an irrigated district you can enjoy the comforts of both farm and city life. With a family on every five or ten acres you are assured of good schools for your children, good society, and you can worship with the denomination of your choice. You can enjoy the modern conveniences of the telephone, electric lights and a free rural mail delivery to bring to your door the daily news, and withal a home that will produce you a comfortable living and swell your bank account from year to year. All in a climate so healthy that much will be saved in doctor bills and an immense relief from apprehension.

GEO. F. RICHARDSON.

GRAPE ROOTS ALL O. K.

Many grape growers have reported finding a fungus growth on the roots near the surface of the ground and some fears were aroused that it marked the appearance of some pest, but happily such is not the case.

Mr. Vanholderbeck, until last year state fruit inspector, in company with O. L. Hanson this morning examined quite a number of the growths and gave in out as his positive opinion that the growths in question were not in the least injurious to the vines. This will be gratifying news to the owners of the fine young vineyards in the valley.

COAL BARGE SINKS.

A coal barge struck a rock in the Columbia near Hover Saturday morning and sank before the leaks could be stopped. The barge was loaded with about 90 tons of coal and was being towed down the river by the steamer Norma to the railroad camps. The towing cable was slipping and the Norma pulled in toward the shore to get a firmer hold but the barge struck a concealed rock, a hole was jammed in her and after a part of the coal had been gotten off the barge went down. The Norma returned yesterday from her down-river trip and work was begun raising the barge and the prospects last night were that it would soon be afloat again.

SCHOOL BOARD BUYS HEATING PLANT.

The school board, Saturday evening signed up a contract with J. M. Abbot & Co for a furnace and ventilating apparatus for the new school house. The plant is the Sturdivant make and the air is changed in the rooms from 4 to 6 times every hour. This is accomplished by a house blower operated by an electric motor. The furnaces are two in number and together weigh about 14 tons. A temperature of 70 to 75 degrees in the coldest weather is guaranteed. The temperature of each room can be regulated independent of the other rooms. The plant is to be installed by November 13th and costs \$2670.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD ORGANIZE.

The Woodmen of the World, under the direction of organizer F. R. Pettis, organized last Friday night with 53 members. Following are the officers: H. M. Ashbaugh, council commander; Dr. J. B. Schlund, clerk; R. B. Walker, advisory lieutenant; Wm. Dirksen, banker; M. A. Cooper, escort; Geo. Scott, watchman; J. E. Plummer, sentry; Dr. F. M. Crosby, physician. The lodge starts out in fine style on account of its large membership, many of whom have been associated with the order in other places.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETS.

The executive committee of the Republican County organization was in session here Monday afternoon. Chairman Thos. H. Cavanaugh, of Prosser, H. S. Hughes, of Hover, Fay F. Dean, of Kennewick, members of the executive committee were present and also H. A. Hover, John Randall, W. S. Jenkins, R. B. Walker, J. W. Hewetson, W. C. Travis and Don Cresswell of the candidates were present. Arrangements to provide the sinews of war were consummated. The speaking campaign is outlined in another column. The candidates agreed among themselves to make a thorough canvass of the county in the interest of the ticket.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up at my place on Sec. 12-7-28 10 miles southwest of Kennewick, one black mare about 5 years old, branded on left shoulder, has sucking colt branded on hip. Owner can possession by paying water bill and for this notice.

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FIRE AT LIND.

Tuesday the general merchandise store of S. Kasper in Lind was totally destroyed by fire. The I. O. O. F. lodge room was on the second floor and the furniture and paraphanalia of the order were also consumed.

REGISTRATION CLOSED.

Registration closed Tuesday night with a total of 381 names of which 154 were outside the corporation and 177 inside the corporation limits. Two years ago the precinct included the territory now comprising Finley, Expansion and Hover precincts the total vote was 158. The registration for the city election last December was 89. In eleven months the voting population in the town has doubled. It is to be hoped that a large vote will be polled. If we cast 300 votes we are entitled to two precincts which will increase our representation in the county conventions.

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

The Commercial Club met Thursday evening of last week in the Amon Hall in adjourned session, the meeting on the regular night Tuesday was adjourned on account of the reception for the teachers. It was decided to hold the annual election of officers the Tuesday evening following the general election on which comes on the regular night. Mr. Des Granges was present and reported that the exhibit the Club had made at the Spokane Fair had been unusually successful as a means of advertising Kennewick and the valley.

The completion of work on the new road the Club built to the boat landing at a cost of about \$400, was reported on by Marshal Glover. By the way Mr. Glover informs us that this is the best piece of road in Benton county.

The Club has leased the Amon Hall for a year and the same will be fitted up and will afford an excellent meeting place for the Club.

Quinsy, Swellings and Sprains Cured.

In November, 1901, I caught cold and had the quinsy. My throat was swollen so I could hardly breathe. I applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it gave me relief in a short time. In two days I was all right," says Mrs. L. Cousins, Otterburn, Mich. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is a liniment and especially valuable for sprains and swellings. For sale by Columbia Pharmacy.

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DRIGGERS OFF THE TICKET.

Mr. C. H. Driggers, the nominee of the republican county convention for prosecuting attorney, has withdrawn from the ticket. Mr. Driggers on Sunday informed the representative of this paper that he had sent the written declaration to the county auditor. The law requires that any candidate desiring to withdraw his name must notify the county auditor at least twenty days before the election. Mr. Driggers has given the required legal notice and his name will not appear on the ballot. Mr. Driggers has not been in good health for some time and for that reason has definitely decided that he does not wish to make the race. He has withdrawn in plenty time to allow another candidate to be put in his place if it is desired to do so. If his present plans are carried out he will probably be outside the county when the time for taking up the duties of office.

CAMPAIGN SPEAKING TO BEGIN.

At the meeting of the Republican Central Committee Monday, T. H. Cavanaugh, the chairman, announced that he had arranged for several speakers. All three of the congressmen will speak in Benton county before election day. Congressman W. L. Jones will speak in Kennewick, Congressman F. W. Cushman in Prosser and Congressman W. E. Humphrey in Kiona. Senator Sam H. Piles will probably deliver one address in the county during the campaign. H. A. Hover, the republican candidate for representative will begin his speaking campaign which includes one or more speeches in each precinct next Friday evening when he will address a meeting at Carley in the Glade precinct.

FOUND—A sum of money on Second street. Owner can have same by applying to Mrs. H. B. Haney, five miles east of town, proving claim and paying for this notice.