

LA GRANDE EVENING OBSERVER.

WEATHER FORECAST
Fair for Tomorrow and cooler tonight.

THE TRAINS
No 2 East bound 9:10 p m on time
No 5 West " 8:35 p m on time

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GRANDE RONDE'S EXCELLENT FRUIT

A Former Citizen of This Valley Tells His Impressions of Our Wonderful Fruit Industry.

La Grande, Oregon, July 2, 1904. To the Editor Observer:—

After an absence of several years from Grande Ronde Valley, during which time I have visited and become familiar with several famous fruit raising sections of Oregon and Washington, the fact that this valley is away ahead of all of them in apple growing has been strongly impressed on me during a recent visit to my former home on the Sand Ridge, where I lived for fifteen years.

In 1885 I planted an orchard on the place now owned by L. L. McKinnon, which consisted of quite a variety of trees, which was added to from time to time.

This orchard did remarkably well, although it had no extra care, as wheat raising was the principal business with me then.

The trees bore heavily nearly every year, large fine fruit, entirely free from scale and codlin moth, the great pests of nearly every other fruit section of the Pacific northwest.

Seven years ago I planted another orchard near the same place, and I am told that it has been bearing for three years, and that last year it was so loaded with fruit that many of the branches were broken off, because the fruit was not thinned as it should have been.

The best varieties of apples grow and mature to perfection in this favored place.

C. C. Frazier has a young orchard on his Sand Ridge farm that contains quite a number of the famous Newtown Pippin trees, the fruit of which matures large fine and entirely free from scale and codlin moth.

This freedom from insect pests makes a vast difference in the labor and cost of apple raising, as the troublesome and expensive spraying takes much labor and money, which in many cases takes away all profits in the business.

Then the fruit is never entirely clean

year. If there should be a few days between watering and weeding the fruit grower must put in the time spraying to keep the scale and moth in check but many have to hire extra help and carry on both operations at once.

How different the apple grower on the Sand Ridge! No irrigation, no expensive spraying, no scale, no worms in the fruit, only a thorough cultivation four or five times during the growing season, and the crop will be made with probably less than one fourth the expense, of irrigated land and the product will be nearly all marketable at the best prices while the others will be culled down to some times twenty five per cent of the crop.

If these facts were widely known, if the advantages of that portion of Grande Ronde Valley for apple raising were exploited and advertised as some of the irrigated sections are, it would be only a few years till it would be a vast apple orchard.

Land of the best can be brought there now at very reasonable prices in large or small tracts.

This land in a few years can be made to produce as much fruit as the very high priced lands of the irrigated sections, and will have the advantage of cheap cultivation and clean marketable apples.

The would be apple raiser can find no other locality in the west where all conditions are so favorable as in the Grande Ronde Sand Ridge.

Yours truly,
J. L. Roe

Another Barn

The Hon. J. W. McAllister is now erecting a new barn on his farm near this city which will be a credit to him as well as to the county. The structure will be 40x60 on the ground floor and with 16 foot walls. The ground floor will accommodate 25 head of milk cows and 6 head of work horses, a granary, a separate room, and harness room. The upper floor will be sufficient to hold 75 tons of hay. This will be one of the largest barns in the county.

Marshall L. Rayburn received a letter today from Wm. Canavan, asking him to ascertain the necessary expense to have the remains of his father, Wm. Canavan who suicided in this city on the 17th of May sent to Pittsburg Pa. The information will be forwarded this evening. Marshall Rayburn is to be commended for the zeal he has used in finding the address and informing the distant relatives of the demise of the deceased.

COCHRAN DEPUTY.

Dist. Attorney Lomax Moves to Baker—No Wallowa Appointment Yet Made.

Lomax Lomax, the new District Prosecuting Attorney for the Eighth District is in Baker city and has taken charge of the duties of his office. Mr. Lomax has rented a home in Baker City and will move his family at once. He appointed Attorney C. E. Cochran, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney of Union County. He has not named his deputy for Wallowa yet.

Omitted

It was omitted in yesterday's Observer to mention the name of the prize-winner for the Novelty Float in the Fourth of July parade. This omission was due to the fact that the Committee had failed to report on this at time of going to press. The winners of the prize was Henry Hoffmeyer Jr.

Tom Wanted

Springfield Ill., July 6—Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, for president and Thomas H. Tibbles of Nebraska for vice-president were nominated by the populist convention today.

Good Showing

County treasurer J. W. Frawley, upon balancing his books June 30th ascertains that during the last year from July 1st 1903 to June 30th 1904 warrants to the amount of \$108,132.74 have been paid. In a few days the Observer will ascertain the total amount of warrants issued during the same period. We believe without having the figures before us that our debt has been considerably decreased the past year, possibly \$35,000 or more.



SENATOR DUBORS

Of Idaho who states the Democrats will nominate Parker for president.

OFF FOR THE ENCAMPMENT

The Armory Hall is a scene of activity this afternoon, and all of the members of company L., 3rd Regiment, O. N. G., are making preparations for their departure this evening on No. 5 for American Lake, Washington where they will participate in the maneuvers to be held at that place by the United States regulars, and the militia from Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. The floor of the armory was covered, at the time this reporter was there, with paraphernalia belonging to the soldiers, which they were packing and strapping up in their rolls. The commissioned officers of the company are Capt. H. E. Coolidge, First Lieutenant Anna B. Rogers, and Second Lieutenant Chas. Bar-mess. Mr. Bar-mess however, will not go on to the encampment. The First Sergeant is Joe. H. Weaver. During the afternoon and before the company leaves tonight an election for non-commissioned officers will be held, and there will probably be several changes made. At the time of going to press the election has not been held, but the results will be printed in to-morrow's Observer.

The work of removing the trees and boughs which were used to decorate and shade the arbor for the Fourth of July celebration, was begun today, and as soon as these are removed, the timber work and the seats will be torn down and carted away, leaving a blank where once was abower of beauty.

The painting cars of the O. R. & N. Railway Co., are located in this city, and the painters are busily engaged in covering the new freight depot with coats of paint. The work is progressing rapidly, and in a short time we will scarcely recognize what was once the old freight department.

Mrs. Duggs, wife of the mgr. of the popular dry goods firm of Wallace Idaho and John Rinequist a business man of Wallace and P. F. Smith also a business man and ex Mayor of that place, who are warm friends of H. B. Hallett were inmates of the Hot Lake the past month, have been visiting in Grande and are well pleased with the outlook here. They praise the Hot Lake as a great health resort and think they will fully recover from their trouble. Mr. Hallett has met several of his Wallace friends and acquaintances this spring who came down to the Lake and they speak highly of him as a business man and think he will no doubt do well in his new business as an upholsterer, as he was very proficient in that line while in the furniture and undertaking business at Wallace Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carlson, of Kamela, will leave in a few days for a summer vacation in San Francisco and other California points.

COSTLY BLAZE

One of the Largest Elevators in the World is Destroyed by Fire—Loss \$1,000,000

Boston, July 6—The immense grain elevator of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company, one of the largest in the world, together with three of the company's freight houses on Mystic wharf, Charlestown, were burned tonight, entailing a loss of \$1,000,000. The fire started during a heavy thunderstorm when a bolt of lightning struck one of the freight houses.

Mrs. Harry Myers and children are in High Valley this week visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Pillsman.

Mrs. Francis Williams of Haines who has been in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Anderson, returned home this morning.

Parties having bills against the Fourth of July committee will please present them at the office of Wm. Miller & Bro. by tomorrow evening.

The democratic national convention now in St. Louis has adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow when they will proceed to nominate their presidential ticket. Reports up to a late hour this afternoon indicate Parker for head of the ticket.

Chris Carlson, of Kamela, has 1200 cords of wood ready for shipment to Walla Walla, having sold it to dealers in that city some time ago.

We are Going to Celebrate
Watch this Space
After The
FOURTH
The Chicago Store

TO-DAY
We Inaugurate Our Annual
JULY CLEARANCE SALE

This Sale will be the greatest Saving Event of the Season and every item offered will prove of immense interest to the Economical Buyer. Summer goods of all kinds and description will be closed out regardless of former pricings, and in a great many instances with absolute disregard for cost of goods. Watch this space carefully during JULY. It will show you how to save vacation money.

Going Away for a Vacation?
We received a line of trunks, suit cases, and traveling bags just a few days ago and can supply you with just what you want at SAVING PRICES.

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

No One Buys Drugs For Fun

No one sells them for amusement. It's a serious, important business on both sides. A drug store should have two missions: One, to furnish drugs that can be relied on, the other to furnish them for what they are worth. Drug stores exist for the public good. Knowledge, experience and progressive methods should mark their management. We endeavor to keep step with the progress of the age, to meet every requirement of the community, to conduct a store that shall stand for all that a drug store should.

We wish to serve those who want accurate service, high grade drugs, and uniformly fair and courteous treatment.

NEWLIN DRUG CO.