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Forgery is one of the easiest crimes to be successfully carried out at the initial period, also one of the easiest crimes detected when once suspicion is aroused. The young man in Baker City, after being caught, which was only the work of a few hours, found himself headed for the penitentiary. Another thing, as a rule this crime is committed by men of more than ordinary intelligence, and in view of so few that escape detection and imprisonment, it has always puzzled the courts why it is so common.

The fact that the Union Stockyards are reported to be contracting one year in advance for stock, is sufficient to lead growers to believe that the present profitable prices will continue in the future.

The young man who forged a deed to the property of the Oxbow power site will have two years in which to think out whether or not these get-rich-quick schemes pay or not.

BAKER SPARRING MATCH

In a boxing contest for points that went 12 out of the 15 rounds scheduled, Billy Ross got a decision over Kid Harris last evening before some 250 people in the Armory skating rink, says the Thursday Baker Democrat. The exhibition was the main event of the evening and was preceded by two clever mix-ups between Kid Lewis and Oscar Hardimon, and Frank Pierce and Frank Gun. In all the program made up absolutely the best athletic entertainment of the sort ever given in Baker City.

For 10 rounds in the main event Ross and Harris were pretty evenly matched, although at the first of the game the negro boy had somewhat the best of it, showing fast, cleverness both in boxing and footwork, but after the fifth round Ross pulled himself together and made good on his reputation as a stayer, coming back stronger from round to round until in the eighth, ninth and tenth rounds neither fighter had much on the other.

When time was called for the 11th round Ross undertook to mix matters and drove the other man into the ropes, where they clinched. Referee Birsch had scarcely separated the men when Ross put the colored boy to the floor with a right swing on the jaw. Harris was up at the count of five, and again the fighters mixed with a swift exchange of body blows in which Ross drove the other into the ropes on the other side of the ring where they clinched and had barely separated when time was called.

The Centralia boy then followed up his distinct advantage in the 11th round by rushing his opponent in the opening of the 12th. Harris led for Ross' body but failed and the Washington fighter then landed a stiff left swing on the point of the jaw. Harris went to the floor, tried to regain his feet, but failed, and was counted out. In the seventh round the colored lad struck Ross, while the latter was on his knees, but although many of the onlookers protested, it was not determined a foul.

Big Cattle Shipment.

One of the largest shipments of stock cattle to go from Powder river valley, went out from La Grande this morning to North Yakima.

There were 31 carloads, about 920 head, and were purchased by F. A.

Phillips for J. J. Wiley. The cattle were purchased from E. P. J. P. and G. H. Perkins and William Warren, all Powder river valley growers.

CUT DEEP FOR BLIGHT

INDICATIONS AT THIS TIME IS ENORMOUS FRUIT CROP.

Fruit Inspector Still in Darkness as to Exact Duties and Limitations—Union Preliminary Inspection Indicates Remarkable Crops There.

Early indications among orchards of Union and Cove are that the crop of 1909 will be something grand. County Fruit Inspector Garrit Oldenberg was in that vicinity yesterday and this afternoon went out to Fruitdale and May Park to give preliminary inspection to that section. It is too early to make definite prognostication, but the buds that have made their appearance are hardy and there is no apparent reason why the crop should not be remarkably large.

More new orchards are to be seen in Grande Ronde valley this year than any previous year. Especially toward the north end of the valley is this true.

No Instructions Yet. Neither Mr. Oldenberg nor Commissioner Judd Good of Cove, have received copies of the new statute passed at the late session of the legislature governing action and duties of the inspectors and until such are received, the inspector and others interested officially, can do but little. In another week or two more definite estimation of the coming fruit crop can be made.

The report comes from the Milton and Freewater country that some of the very early fruit has been killed by frosts; that the cherry crop has been much damaged. Conditions are ideal for a magnificent crop of all fruits in this valley, and practically all danger of frost is past. C. D. Huffman says that Grande Ronde fruit growers will have the biggest crop of cherries and other small fruits in their history.

Pear blight gained a foothold here last year, and if proper precautions are not taken the disease will destroy a great many pear trees in the next two years. The only preventive is to cut the diseased limb off below the affected part, and burn it. Care should be taken to get at least several inches below the diseased part, and if the limbs are not burned, the work might as well not be done. Well informed and progressive orchardists say that they cannot understand why any one should hesitate to cut freely to prevent this pear blight, for the affected limbs are dead, and of no value whatever; moreover, if the parts are not cut away, the whole tree will cease to bear. Not only will the individual trees cease to be of value, but the disease spreads. Now, in the early spring, before the leaves offer so great a surface for the lodgement of the disease germs or parasites, is the very best time to do the work.

TROUPE TO JOSEPH. Popular Musicians in La Grande This Morning En Route to Joseph.

The Palmatier sisters, who are to give a concert in the Baptist church Monday evening, together with their brother, D. O. Palmatier, their manager, passed through La Grande this morning en route to Joseph, where they will give their entertainment to-night. Friday night they will be in Wallowa and Saturday night in Elgin. They will return from Elgin on Monday's train.

The Palmatiers are from Troy, N. Y., and have been out on the present tour since October.

David Eccles in Baker City.

David Eccles, owner of the Sumpter Valley railroad and a large stockholder in the Oregon Lumber company, arrived in Baker this morning from his home in Ogden, Utah.

As usual, Mr. Eccles has little to say for publication, but it is stated on good authority that his visit means plans to begin the work of extension of the Sumpter Valley railroad. Mr. Eccles has stated in the past that he hoped at some time to buy the narrow gauge line into Grant county and possibly on over into Harney county. Last fall he spent some time in that section of the country and visited Burns, the county seat of Harney. His conclusions, it is understood, were that

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A well founded rumor claims that construction on the Sumpter Valley extension to Prairie City, the contract being awarded to the Utah Construction company.—Baker City Herald.

Dr. C. H. Law and Mrs. Law stopped in the city a few hours this afternoon on their way home from the day school convention at Isleton.

Mrs. L. Smith, the wife of Mr. Smith, is preparing for a special occasion on Saturday.

Sealed bids were received by the board of directors of the Joseph Warehouse Co., of Joseph, Oregon, up to Saturday, March 20th, 1909, at 10 a. m., for the construction of a warehouse at the City of Joseph. Said warehouse to be completed on or before Tuesday, May 25, 1909. Bidders to furnish a good and sufficient bond approved by the board of directors of the Joseph Warehouse Co. The right to reject any and all bids reserved. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of Caviness & Wurzwiler, Joseph, Oregon.

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