

Notice of Annual Fair.

The management of the First Eastern Oregon District Agricultural society, wishes to announce that the county fair will be held this year at La Grande, beginning October 4th, and lasting one week.

The new catalogue will be out now in a short time, the cause of the delay so far has been due to the effort to get the Willowa county people to join us and combine the two fairs.

The new catalogue will be practically the same as the old one, but with this exception, many of the premiums have been raised and new features added, and also a large special list of premiums will be offered by the business men of La Grande.

Get your exhibits ready for the largest fair that Union county has ever had.

F. M. HUFFMAN, Sec.
First E. O. Dist. Agri. Society, La Grande.

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SECOND ISSUE OF UNION PROGRESS IS DISTRIBUTED

The second issue of the Union Progress, was published at Union this morning, and aside from its editorial matter, dealing with the issues at Union, it contains breezy news items. Some of the items, are reproduced herewith;

(From Union Progress.)

Onions will be a good crop and the acreage is large.

The cherry crop has been harvested and the prices were very satisfactory.

We understand that the Union flour mill will start up for its years run about the 15th.

The prune crop is not quite up to the yield of last season, but the quality will be much better as the size is larger.

George Hammon who leased the D. M. Risley raspberry tract has shipped hundreds of crates to outside parties at a profit.

Mr. K. J. Martin has about an acre of very early potatoes that will be a bumper crop. They are worth seeing, go and take a look at them.

Mr. Reddy, of Flora, Willowa county, has bought the west half of the Chas. Holmes ten acre tract in Meadow Lawn, and will build a residence in time so his son can be on hand for the opening of the public schools.

K. J. Martin has gone to Salt Lake City to attend the G. A. R.

It is reported that the Hudson farm owned by the late L. B. Rinehart, has been sold, recently to some parties in Portland.

There are over 400 acres of potatoes in the vicinity of Union this season that promise to be a bumper crop and the quality will be first class.

Pete Will started his steam thrasher at the Keckridge place Thursday. Mr. Keckridge's wheat went a little better than thirty bushels to the acre.

Mrs. Smith, the professional nurse from Hot Lake, who has been taking care of Marion Phy, returned to Hot Lake on Tuesday, as little Marion is convalescing.

The oldest girl of Mrs. Shanks has been quite sick, but is now convalescing.

Upper Catherine creek is becoming famous for late strawberries. Jerry Thompson has demonstrated that he can grow larger and as fine flavor, and the yield is as great as in the valley.

Ross Badger of Meadow Lawn went to North Powder Friday with a load of produce and met with good success, disposing of the same at a fair profit. He will have a load of Eagle valley peaches to distribute among the peach eaters this week Friday.

There will be several car loads of late cabbage to be shipped and the buyers are already on the ground trying to contract for the same at a fair figure.

Union is bereft of its teacher this week as the county teachers examination is in progress in La Grande.

MEADOW LAWN, is the name the Schoonover and Swackhammer tract has been christened since its subdivision into five and ten acre tracts. This is the finest berry ground in the valley as it is just sandy enough, and there is water in abundance to grow early and first class fruit.

Richins and Sirlines threshing machine takes the lead for the season. They threshed for Fred Ratz the latter part of last week and in one hour and fifty minutes they threshed 261 sacks of oats that averaged 96 pounds to the sack. Other machines in the valley will have to whip up some to beat this record.

Messrs. Clark, Sam and John Ungery of Kansas, visited their Uncle J. B. Wolfe over Sunday. The gentlemen were at the recent land drawings as well as at the Seattle fair. Two of the brothers having been students at the Kansas Agriculture school they were much interested in the fine experiment station at Union. They think the Grande Ronde a fine valley.

Humorist Near Death.

REDONDO, Calif., Aug. 12.—Reports from the bedside of Dr. Robert J. Burdette, the preacher-humorist, say there is little change of condition. He is suffering with sciatic nervous trouble.

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ASTERS NOW ON DISPLAY

Nineteen nine asters are on exhibit in the Observer office today due to the kindness of Mrs. E. Walsinger of Ninth street, who is one of the adepts of La Grande at raising the city's emblematical flower. The specimens are well filled and extremely pretty.

Mrs. Walsinger came to La Grande in 1862, and any movement for the betterment of its ulterior aspect has always been fostered by her, and raising asters is one of the steps taken by her to carry out the purpose of the Neighborhood club and other civic bodies for the beautification of La Grande.

She is also corresponding with friends and searching for a spinning wheel which was brought here from the east early in the county's settlement. If she finds it she will make it a permanent display in the curio gallery for the fair.

Read the Observer.

A NEW SHOP OPENED

A Dutcher has opened the City Blacksmith Shops and Carriage Works opposite Geddes Bros., grocery store, where he is prepared to do all kinds of Blacksmithing and Wagon Work. Well equipped to handle everything. A share of your patronage solicited. All work executed with neatness and dispatch and you will find my charges reasonable.