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IMBLER SEES BUMPER CROPS

IMBLER, May 14.—The recent showers throughout this section have insured a good crop for the season. Farmers are working overtime to complete their spring sowing. The fall sown grain has an exceptionally good stand and from all indications a bumper crop is assured. The new highway system is expected to facilitate the marketing of the new crop. Work on the Imbler-Elgin highway is being rushed as fast as the weather permits. The new ditch built by farmers for this section has resulted in the reclaiming of many acres of bottom land and further straightening of the channel of the Grand Ronde River is anticipated. Farmers are looking about to secure available help for the rush season. The scarcity of household help and employment is already noticeable.

An increased force of men has been put to work on road construction between Imbler and Elgin and work on the Rhinehart viaduct near the end. Rock crushers are being moved to that vicinity to augment the work and insure progress on the new highway. Tourist travel is approaching a mark unthought of here before, and indications point to still greater influx of visitors.

No Idle Men.—Contrary to all expectations, there are no idle men in this vicinity and the demand for farm help for both men and women is better than that of recent years. The situation is expected to become acute as soon as the harvest season opens. A similar situation exists over other parts of the Oregon country, according to reports received at the employment offices.

Teacher's salaries have been materially increased here and public opinion is in favor of maintaining a high standard in the public schools. The following grades are to receive increases for the new school year: third and fourth grade room, fifth and sixth grade instructors and principal.

Mr. and Mrs. Hersey returned home from Gooding, Idaho, last Sunday. They have been attending the Gooding college for the two weeks preceding their return.

The eighth grade spent May 10 and 11 in taking the regular state examinations. The Oregon Dairy and Food inspectors were in town Thursday on

official business. All public places were carefully inspected.

Fred Fox and wife from Union were in Imbler Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Stringham, Mrs. Lyle Kiddle and her sister, motored to Walla Walla Wednesday. They report having had a very enjoyable trip.

Representatives of the Salvation Army were in town Tuesday taking up voluntary contributions. The Junior-Senior banquet will be given in the K. P. hall Friday evening, May 11.

Mrs. L. A. Stringham and daughters Della and Bernice were La Grande visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. Hester Higgins, grand chief of the Pythian sisters of the state of Oregon, visited the Imbler temple May 6th.

Mr. Dodson of Dayton, Wash., who was elected principal for next year, has resigned his position, so Imbler is again without a principal.

The baseball game between the high school girls of Imbler and Enterprise which was played at Enterprise, last Saturday resulted in a score of 21-9 in favor of Enterprise, but the Imbler girls won from North Powder here Wednesday. The score was 64 to 13.

Mrs. J. P. Larsen has gone to Sun City, Idaho, to visit her son, Murray, before he leaves for California, where he will make his future home.

BABY NAMES FOR WOMEN. Muncie Star: The one woman member of the next congress comes from California and her name is Mae Nolan. Make a note of it—“Mae.” No one can object to Mae as a pet diminutive, a nickname or baby name as many women of mature years are fond of carrying with them into public life. It is merely an eccentric spelling of the familiar and commonplace name, May. But it sounds like an affection; it is an affection, and causes people who recognize it as such to gain an impression that the possessor lacks sound judgment on other matters. They may do her injustice. To spell her name Mae may be her only weakness, but the other idea goes out.

Women have been in public life in one way or another since the beginning of the world. They have been in the past on retaining the childish modification of their baptismal or “given” names that have been in use in the home circle and should never get out of it. They write themselves down as “Joanie” or “Mamie,” or “Mollie” or “Betty” or “Belle” or “Fannie”—the list is long—and do not realize or do not care that Jane, Mary, Elizabeth, Sara, Frances are more suitable and in better taste. These same women would be highly displeased if their husbands were to sign themselves, respectively, “Johnny,” “Jimmy,” “Bobby,” “Alf,” and the like. Intimate friends may call the husbands by such names without offense, but let the men so addressed use them as signatures and here would be merry domestic war.

GOLD SURPLUS. SYDNEY, N. S. W., May 12.—Gold coinage is likely to be in circulation again in Australia within months, according to financial experts, when exchange will reach parity again. The embargo on the export of gold still remains in force, and it is not allowed that Australia could not allow free shipment of her gold if Great Britain did not do the same.

It is believed here that the agreement for funding the British debt to the United States will hasten the resumption of gold payments in the United Kingdom, as it is understood that as soon as the example is set in England, it will be followed immediately in Australia.

Gold production has declined heavily in Australia, but the gold reserve against paper circulation stands among the highest in the world. The latest note issue returns show that the value of notes in circulation is \$2,651,000 pounds, with 24,426,000 in gold, or 46.4 per cent, and against it

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



GRADUATION IS LOOMING NEAR

COVE, May 14.—The fast approaching end to the school year occupies the center of the stage just now. The eighth grade class has been studying for the past two days with that bug-bear, the eighth grade exams. The sixth and seventh grades also take some final exams at this time. Three pupils from Shanghai came in this morning to take the eighth finals at the Cove school.

On May 11 the senior class presented a program, the concluding program for the year. At the close of the program Cove played ball with Imbler.

The senior class day program will be presented at the Assembly room on Thursday afternoon, May 17. The baccalaureate sermon will be held on Sunday evening at the M. E. church. Rev. Ira Aldrich of La Grande will address the class. “Commencement,” the greatest and last day of all will be on Friday, May 18. A class of 16 will graduate from the Cove high on that date. The class address will be given by Judge Alderson of Baker.

The senior class spent a very enjoyable day in the La Grande park on Wednesday, accompanied by Miss Saunders, assistant principal. A picnic dinner was eaten on the pond and in park grounds. For a day they laid aside their newly assumed dignity and acted the freshmen in their play. On their return to school on Friday they met with a surprise. The “live wire” juniors had exchanged seats with them and occupied the senior row. The seniors not content with that arrangement moved over and took possession of the freshmen section, where they will remain.

On Friday evening the senior class and high school held a picnic on the hillside north of Cove. A good time was had by all. On Monday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Ben DeBorde were surprised by the arrival of a party of their friends, numbering about forty, the occasion being Mrs. DeBorde's birthday anniversary. The guests made themselves very much at home and after an evening spent in merry-making, delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. Orin Robinson entertained the Dorcas society on Thursday afternoon at her home on the hillside. Thursday being the anniversary of Mrs. Robinson's mother, Mrs. J. W. Hoatson's birthday, the ladies of the society came in with gifts to celebrate this pleasant event. A delicious dinner consisting of hot rolls, chicken, ice cream and cake were served. The afternoon was spent in sewing for their bazaar to be given soon.

The Community chorus will present a musical program on Saturday evening. One half the proceeds will be given to the library fund. Merrill Conley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conley, was taken to Hot Lake sanatorium on Wednesday afternoon. An operation for appendicitis was found to be necessary. He is now resting nicely and his condition is considered favorable. Grant and Vina Conley, students of Whitman, came home as soon as they learned of their brother's illness.

On Friday afternoon at the domestic science room in the high school an exhibition of the work done by the domestic art class this year was held.

On Sunday evening, Mrs. J. W. Hoatson entertained her two sisters and their families. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dehl, La Grande, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry and baby, of Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allen were victims of a runaway accident one day last week. The wagon was overturned, throwing them both out. Mr. Allen was badly cut about the face and Mrs. Allen sustained quite severe injuries and though both are painfully injured, they are not thought to be serious.

The swimming pool at Borkgrens has been opened and enlarged. It is also cemented and made most inviting. It is now open to the public and as the warm days appear, it is found to be the most popular place in Cove.

WRANGEL'S FLEET NO BE SOLD

MARSEILLE, May 14.—A melancholic reminder of the numerous campaigns against the Soviet forces of Russia has drifted into Marseille in the form of the auxiliary fleet of General Wrangel, whose military offensive against Red armies collapsed in the Crimea.

RETAIL LUMBER DEMAND IS LOW

The comparative slowness of retail demand for lumber has had no general weakening effect on the market, due primarily to the heavily overbooked condition of the mills and their very low and broken stocks, says the American Lumberman, Chicago. Building is going ahead actively in most cities and industrial communities, and retail lumber dealers report excellent sales and good immediate prospects. However, their stocks have been considerably added to lately by deliveries on orders placed early this year, and for the present they are buying only such items as are imperatively needed. Distributors report a flood of inquiries for retail stocks of all kinds, showing that, while dealers buy cautiously just now, they are greatly interested in the market. Some factories also show a disposition to hold off until they have definite need for stocks. There is thus created a somewhat spotted condition in the industrial trade, but as a whole it is sizable, while country trade is not only promising but in some sections is actually opening up very satisfactorily. Demand for lumber therefore aggregates into a good volume, in many cases exceeding the ability of manufacturers to meet it. Though buyers report it easier to place orders now than several weeks ago, this is still difficult, especially if they are for badly mixed cars or for any considerable quantities. Mills reject orders freely unless they fit stocks accumulated here and there, and are on hand or cutting schedules, and show no eagerness for new business without harm to the market. The

supply of transit cars is not above normal, and they are strong. Production holds up to the level of the last few weeks, weather being favorable in the South, and the I. W. W. strike in the West not having had important results. Shipments from the larger producing territories have shown some improvement, and the outlook is in no respect disheartening.

Considerable progress has been made lately in thinning down old order files, but the lumber industry is still booked ahead for four or five weeks on the average and many mills have orders on hand covering output for two or three months. The market is therefore very firm on all the principal softwoods and hardwoods. A surplus of some items has been accumulated here and there, and is on hand or cutting schedules, and offered at slight concessions but show no eagerness for new business without harm to the market. The

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