

PIONEER LADY TO VISIT PARK

"Aunt" Mary Martin, Now of Highland, California, Plans Summer Visit to East Oregon.

THE PARK, Ore. (Special) — "Aunt" Mary Martin, who resided here twenty-two years ago, sent a letter to Mrs. Maud Vanorder recently. Mrs. Martin is now located in Highland, California. The Martin family located here in the Park about 48 years ago. They were one of the first families settling here. The home ranch which is now owned by Leon Brown of Baker, and leased by Joseph Lay, still goes under the name of the Crops in Fair shape. The crops here, while some

"Old Martin Place." In her letter she states that she gets the "Observer" of La Grande, reading The Park news with great interest and delight. She has many friends throughout the eastern Oregon country, who will be greatly pleased to know that she is healthy and active for a woman of her age. She intends to take an auto trip this summer coming on a visit to the Park. She owns an apartment house at Highland and is doing a good business. But she ever remembers her old Oregon home and friends.

Fred Perkins, who left this country some time ago going to Portland has returned and is again working with the R. E. Miller in the "Big Laz Cattle" Wednesday. Mr. Perkins is taking care of his mother who is 78 years of age, and resides in Eagle Valley. He states that his mother is quite active and healthy at her age, being able to take care of her household duties alone when he is absent.

Al Emmons is still holding the fort as camp tender for the Miller sheep outfit. Roy Angelo who quit herding sheep to start a lunch counter in Union, was reported to have taken in about \$400 during the stock show. We all certainly wish Roy prosperity in his new venture.

Guy McNair recently found the telephone wire submerged in the water where the line crosses the creek. This had caused much trouble, and perhaps much "cussing" unheard will be eliminated now that he has hauled the wire out of the short circuit.

The forest service as a crew of men working on the Buck Ridge driveway. They are camped on Buck creek at the foot of China Cap mountain.

Art Moody drove a bunch of cattle to the forest reserve. The cattle belong to the Stewart outfit of Lower Powder, Baker county.

G. P. Hall and one of his men were riding the range looking up cattle in the interest of the Union Cattle association.

Claude Wood, of Union was hauling wood for some time past from the lower regions on Little Catherine.

At Stonedahl had teams hauling wood from the land joining the old Hall place on Catherine creek.

Dave Stoddard of La Grande has cruised timber on Catherine creek, making several trips from La Grande to Medical Springs.

John B. Hunt was in La Grande on business last week.

Miss Uralia E. Hunter is in La Grande. She is employed by Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Stiles, of the Stiles & Co., coal and wood firm. Miss Hunter expects to visit her parents up the creek next Sunday.

Snow 7 Inches Deep
The heavy snowfall of the last week has broken many limbs of the cottonwoods, which line the banks of the creek. It looks much as if a cyclone had struck the canyon. There was seven inches of snow that fell on the ground at the forks. The snow disappeared the same day.

The first run of salmon came up as far as the Godday ranch last week. The first salmon up this way which has been caught and landed on the first of June by Little Jack Hunter, who saved it after about an hour of hard fighting. He had a snail hook size 25, using a spinner. The salmon measured 32 inches. And the curious thing about the incident is that he caught it about four miles up the South Fork above the Billy James cabin. Never before has salmon been seen up that far and at such an early date in the season.

There are many sheep now on the range around the Park and vicinity. Oscar Jacobson of North Powder is reported to own some 24,000. S. E. Miller has five bands. And there are several other smaller owners, who range their sheep around this part of the country. This makes quite an active going of camp tenders with pack trains of horses and mules in the various trails of the mountains.

Many Campers
Campers are plentiful this year. Along the banks of Catherine creek there seems to be as many and perhaps more camps than during previous years. However, the weather has been ideal for the outdoor sports all spring.

Indians were camped down on the lower flats of Catherine creek last Sunday. Lines of salmon were observed drying in the sun. Indians are great salmon hunters. The deer are taking to the high mountains where the cattle and sheep are not seen. A bunch of them was seen crossing at the Middle Fork going north.

By all signs there will be an abundance of pheasants this year. Many large coveys have been noticed this spring. The little ones are just beginning to fly now.

Jack Hunter has found five sheep which were killed by coyotes. He also saw a large timber wolf on the rim rocks north of Thompson's place.

Hobby Hunter, age nine, and a large brown bear as he was coming down from the trail bar. It was coming down the mountain at a point called the "Bear Lag" and came quite close to the boy. Bobby came running home and exclaimed to his mother: "Gee, I wish I had a gun!" He stated that the bear turned back going up the hill where he had come from.

The successful and screwing horns of a cougar have been heard during the spring up at the forks of the creek. It seems as if there was not many cougars but the tracks seen are very large.

backwards, are in excellent condition. The last rains have started the late grain shooting upward. All evidences are that we will not suffer from a shortage here. The dairy cows are doing better than usual at this time of the year.

Bert Van has been very busy summer following. He has a large acreage to work over this summer.

George Loomis was on the jury last week in La Grande.

Joe Lay expects to summer follow a large tract of his ranch. Clarence Vanorder is papering his residence this week.

28 YEARS AGO

La Grande Gazette, June 12, 1896.—Some few days ago the boarding house at Perry was broken into and robbed and until Saturday the party doing the act could not be heard of. Saturday Marshal Ardrey received word from Walla Walla that a man answering the description of a suspicious character that had hung around Perry for several days had been arrested in that city. Mr. Ardrey went to that city and took the man in charge and brought him to La Grande and from this point to Union where he was brought up before Judge Lowell, found guilty, and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. He was on his way to Salem 48 hours after he had been captured.

J. M. Church is in Portland on a business trip.

D. Sommer and son were up from Elgin Saturday on business. Mrs. Frank Pike returned from a short visit to Pendleton Sunday.

Reverend Father Moore returned from a visit to Pendleton Tuesday.

There were three accidents at the Grande Ronde Lumber mill during the past week.

C. E. Cochran, Al Gardner and Mike Woodard were over from Union Wednesday evening.

G. P. Conley, a former resident of La Grande now residing at Joseph was shaking hands with his numerous friends in this city the first of the week.

Eddie, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Casey of Hilgari, died last Friday from stomach trouble. The funeral occurred in that city Saturday afternoon.

The Grande Ronde Telephone Co. have perfected arrangements whereby Summerville has been placed upon the main line of the telephone route. This will do away with the switch at Imbler.

Sheriff Phyl passed through the city Saturday evening having in charge C. N. Wylie and a boy by the name of Wright. He was taking Wylie to the penitentiary and Wright to the reform school.

The board of directors of the Union district has made the following selection of teachers for the ensuing school year: E. B. Conklin, principal; Nellie Ringhart, Pearl Cornell, Susie Deal, Hannah Reeves and Lucy Stalkor, assistants.

The county court at the term held last week reduced the salary of county school superintendent to \$200 a year. Their reason for doing this, we understand, was on account of the demand in the popular platform for such a reduction. Considering the fees attached to the office, it is still one of the best in the country.

In England a successful man stands for office; over here he counts his calories.

Swedish Utilities Show Good Returns

STOCKHOLM, (AP)—The four public utilities owned and operated by the Swedish government, together with the productive public domain, earned a surplus of \$24,542,000 last year, representing a return of 4.54 per cent on the total investment, which is \$540,000,000, according to an official announcement of state accounts.

The utilities referred to are the post office, the telegraphs, the railways, and the water power stations. Each of these, like the crown lands, is administered by a government board, and is operated as a business concern. The aggregate income in 1923 was about \$193,550,000, while the expenditure was about \$24,940,000. The best return was made by the post office, which earned 47 per cent on the investment, while the crown lands earned only 2.2 per cent. The telegraphs earned 9.4 per cent, the railways 5.4 per cent, and the water works 3.1 on the respective investments.

Simultaneously with the publication of these reports it was announced that the Swedish national debt is now calculated to be about \$419,600,000, while the total government assets are valued at about \$501,200,000.

CHERRY CROP IS HEAVY

EUGENE, Ore. — The Royal Anne and Bing cherry crop in Lane county is heavy this year and the cherries are ripening rapidly, according to J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, which handles the bulk of the crop in this part of the valley. He said that these varieties will begin to arrive at the cannery next week.

Some of the trees are so heavily loaded with cherries said Mr. Holt that the fruit is smaller than usual

but as a rule the quality is up to standard.

Mr. Holt said that if the growers here would wait some time after the cherries become red before picking them he believed they would be as red as those grown in the east. He advised the growers to wait about ten days after the cherries have become red.

Rodeo Field Judges Chosen

PENDLETON, Ore. — George Shane, a prominent cattle man of Arlington, and George Van Osten of Bickleton, Wash., will be two of the field judges of the rodeo at Hermiston July 3 and 4, according to Ben Jory, who is promoting the celebration. In addition to riding, steer roping and other sports of the range, attractions that have been secured for the two days include a good fight card, an airplane stunt and carnival attractions.

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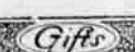
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