

# BERRIES ARE NEARLY GONE

### Many Pickers Still at The Park, However, But Little Fruit Is Left.

**THE PARK (Special).**—Huckleberrying is about done for. There has been an abundant crop of this most delicious wild fruit this year, and never has there been so many huckleberry pickers before. The woods were literally filled with men, women and children. This place seems to excel all other places for the huckleberry bushes. This is due to the fact that it is in a sort of basin, surrounded by the foothills of the Granite range. Another factor is that it is in a location which slopes to the north and northeast. Practically no huckleberries are found on any south slopes. Up to late last week, there were still hundreds of cars and vehicles of all kinds, with people endeavoring to get some of the late bearing fruit. But, very few are gathered, for the season is over.

While the talk of a closed season on deer, on account of a dry season, may have some support elsewhere, it is obviously rejected here. The deer are in excellent condition. And there are more deer in evidence this year than many years before. Although the closing of the season is a good thing, inasmuch as it will perhaps prolong the lives of many deer.

The high peaks and the springs of the foothills are found to be occupied by countless pheasants and grouse this year. During huckleberry picking time there

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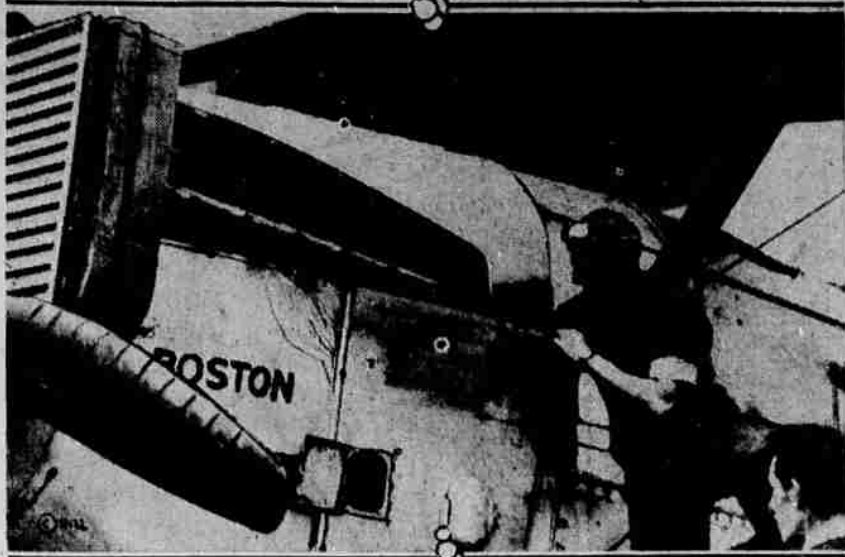
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## Last Picture of Wrecked World Flyer



Here is the last picture taken of the Boston, the ill-fated world flight plane, which was wrecked on the flight from Kirkwall to Iceland. A broken propeller resulted in the ship being forced down into the sea. Lieutenant Wade was picked up by a patrol ship. Sergeant A. M. Ogden is shown working on the plane at Frough, near Hull, England.

has been practically no shooting heard around this part of the country. This is a very laudable report for the citizenry. It shows that more respect for the laws are in evidence in the forest. For at this time of the season the birds flock around the berry patches, and are a very tempting target. But Americans are good sports and they showed it this year around here.

It has been reported by the master fishermen of this creek that Catherine creek was way ahead of any other creek in Eastern Oregon this summer. William Volzwinkler, Oswald Volzwinkler of Island City; Lon Mitchell, Cedric Gale of Union; Clarence Vanorder, Jack Hunter, Jr., of The Park, are among the best fishermen on this creek. All of them catch their limits any day of the week, in either the South or North Fork.

Prospecting has been an activity this summer unparalleled in former years, barring the early days. Three or four prospectors have returned with very fine specimens of gold bearing quartz from the adjacent mountains.

One old man who stayed overnight at Joseph Lay's ranch, showed rich samples of floats. He claims to have found the so much talked of "lost mine." There are two or three stories of "lost mines" around this part of the country. Whatever truth there may be in them, it is a sure fact that a lead of valuable ore crosses the country somewhere here.

Sheepmen have been busier in this part of the country than for many years past. Upwards of

25,000 sheep are grazing right around this locality, the range starting from the Minam river on the forest reserve, extending down to lease land around the summit towards Tilocast. Ed Miller of Union, is the largest owner of sheep here. He has five bands now. Oscar Jacobson, of North Powder, comes second with three large bands. Then there are: Oliver, Steiger, Holmer, Hutchinson, Ord, Lay, Alexis Payette, Johnson, Dean, and other small owners. The second shipment of lambs is actually in process now. Most are shipped east.

**Crops Below Normal.**  
The crops here this year are not just normal, but while the grain is not very thick, there will be plenty for all. No real failures of crops have been known around here.

There has been several small fires here, but all are extinguished now. The good services of Fire Warden Guy McNaig have been of great value during this extra dry season. Guy has worked hard day and night. On several occasions being called out of bed after a hard day's battle with the destructive demon of the forest, sometimes after 11 or 12 o'clock. He would jump in the saddle and go as far as 10 and 12 miles to some small fires left by a few careless campers. In this way it is sure that he has saved many a general conflagration.

There has been very few violators of the forest laws, with very few fires, taking into consideration the multitude of people that have frequented the forest here this summer. With an enormous exodus of tourists from California and other states, one cannot complain much of the few lawless and careless campers. Then each and every citizen around here has left his belted work on the farm to run to a fire, some of them at a great distance. Clarence Vanorder and Frank Wigglesworth have battle with the destructive flame quite a number of days. Jack Hunter, Jr. put out three or four fires along the creek left by careless campers.

One up above the Middle Fork, near the Big Meadows, took him a whole day to control. This fire was started by a bunch of youngsters who were careless with firecrackers.

The dry season, the busy time of making hay, now the harvesting of the crops, the looking after stock, both in pasture and on the range, tending to the dairy at home—all this and many other work on the farm, which Walt Mason is not ashamed of calling "chore"—with all that Park people always find time to visit one another and have social interviews.

Among the many visitors to the Park this summer is Katie Reuter of Union. She came on a visit to the big cabin on the creek, and with Miss Ida Hunter, went to visit "Aunt Maud." At that place there was a reunion of old and

young people from Keating, Baker and Big Creek.

Jim Rose from La Grande, went up the Minam to his prospect. Mr. Rose found gold quartz there this spring.

There is a commotion over at Big Creek over the manufacture and sale of moonshine.

Bert Van, is preparing for the threshing season by rehauling his machines. He may take in the 'Cove's' harvest this season.

The Hunter folks at the Parks have picked 130 gallons of huckleberries this season. Mrs. Hunter has put up her usual amount of huckleberries for the year's supply. She has dried 10 gallons for pies around Christmas. The rest she has sold as high as \$2.00 per gallon.

Billy Volzwinkler, from Island City, was fishing in the South Fork last Sunday. He caught the limit in one hour and a quarter.

Monroe Lester, shop man from La Grande, was up with his kids camping at the Old Thompsons place Friday.

Oscar Jacobson, was up to his sheep camp, above Buck Creek Thursday, presumably to look over the shipment of lambs.

Ross Jones, manager for the Jacobson outfit, was up with his car to the foot of the mountain trail Thursday.

Mrs. Lydia Vandevanter bought ten gallons of huckleberries from Mrs. Ida Hunter last week.

Joe Lay and his boys are busy making a drift fence for the Forest Service. They have also attended at their harvest last week.

George Melrow, is harvesting grain on the Boy's place.

It's a hard world, and if the average man had absolute freedom his conscience would hold him in check.

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California Woman Hurt.  
EUGENE, Ore.—Mrs. M. J. Jerome was severely injured when an automobile containing two or three men and bearing a California license plate ran into the automobile in which she and her husband and others were driving along the Pacific highway near here. The occupants of the Jerome car stated that the other car drove on without stopping to observe the results of the accident, although they evidently knew that the Jerome car was overturned.

Mrs. Jerome was taken to the Eugene hospital with a severe wound on her head, and was in a dazed condition. It is believed that her injuries are not serious.

**Salem Fugitive Caught.**  
SALLEM, Ore.—Fred Howard, who with Davis Penwell, escaped from an Oregon state penitentiary truck here two weeks ago, was apprehended at Seattle according to a telegram received in Salem today. Howard will be returned to the prison to serve out his unexpired term. Penwell has not yet been captured.

Howard was received at the institution on August 8, 1922, to serve a three-year term for burglary.

The Jenkins had a 12-foot hay strip clear around the field and the Federation field had a strip of hay 20 feet in width around it. The Jenkins field thus had a slight advantage in the amount of ground on which wheat was threshed and yet yielded 1702 sacks, or computing the sacks to contain an average of about two and one-half bushels, the Jenkins yield was approximately 3744, or an average, counting the field at 80 acres of wheat, of slightly less than 47 bushels.

The Federation 80 yielded 1776 sacks, which, computed by the same rule, should weigh out about 3997 bushels, or an average of slightly less than 50 bushels. The Federation will weigh out heavier than the Jenkins, Mr. Curt said.

**Wheat Yield Test is Made.**  
PENDLETON, Ore.—A victory for Federation wheat, introduced in Oregon by the Moro station, over Jenkins club was scored in a yield test that Frank Curt made this year. The experiment was made by Mr. Curt, he admitted, to determine to his own satisfaction on his own soil the merits of the Australian variety.

Two 80-acre fields, divided by a road, were seeded, one to Jenkins, the other to Federation. One field was mowed one day and the other the next day. Federation was drilled in with the drill set in the 8th notch and the seventh notch was used for Jenkins.

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