

SHIPMENTS OF FREIGHT HEAVY

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special to the Observer). The month of August, now nearly ended, observed a local newspaper, pronounced to make a record in freight shipments over the O-W. railroad in and out of Enterprise. To date 142 cars of freight have been sent out this month and there are two more freight cars today and Saturday, which are likely to furnish 20 to 25 cars more. Last February, outgoing freight shipments amounted to 23, which record will be exceeded in August with a comfortable margin.

During the last 12 months, the railroad has moved 2471 cars of freight in and out of this small town. All these cars would form a train 15 miles long, or from Enterprise to Walla Walla.

There were 1562 cars shipped out and 589 cars shipped in. The largest item on the outgoing freight was lumber, with 1000 cars. Last February, outgoing freight shipments amounted to 23, which record will be exceeded in August with a comfortable margin.

Incoming freight consisted of 300 solid carloads and 260 less than carloads. The former included gas and oil, coal, lumber, automobiles, stock and other items. The latter covers the merchandise which arrives on every train for merchants and individuals in cars which are unloaded through the freight house.

The lightest month in the last twelve was September, when outgoing shipments fell to 197 cars, but October showed a jump to 150 cars, and the variation was not great after all in the whole year.

Shipments of unbroken carloads during the last 12 months made the following showing:

Month	Received	Shipped
August	38	112
September	35	197
October	26	150
November	36	153
December	19	141
January	24	139
February	20	132
March	27	147
April	27	135
May	12	109
June	21	113
July	23	117
Total	369	1562

Broken carloads 289

Freight business is now heavy on the railroad, and stockmen have forced car shortages. Particularly sheep men are concerned, for this is the time for the heavy movement of lambs to the east, and it is hard to get cars back to the west fast enough to prevent delay. Shippers have had warning of the possible shortage, but thus far the railroad has been able to furnish the cars as needed.

Sets Fruit Workers' Wage.

OKANOGAN, Wash. — Wages to be paid during apple harvest have been announced by Manager A. M. Nyberg of the Okanogan Growers' union. Packing will be half a cent a box less than last year. Other labor will be approximately the same.

Scissors and floor help will be paid 45 cents an hour. Packers will be paid 5 cents a box. There will likely be the going rates in the valley.

The unit has accepted many orders for extra fancy Jonathan apples, large sizes, at \$1.75 to \$2 a box and Delicious at \$2 to \$2.25 a box. The orders are for delivery during the season.

Cousins



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CALIFORNIA FRUIT SMALL

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — Sam Birch, northwest representative for T. C. Thompson, apple exporter, visited headquarters in London, where he just returned from a tour of the Northwest apple sections. Birch is enthusiastic over the possibilities for the fruit of this season for Hood River Northwest growers.

"The unprecedented drought that has struck California," said Mr. Birch, "has led to an apple small this season. It cut their tonnage down seriously. One can ride on the high ridges of down there and pick out the orchards of the region where the underlying moisture has been soaked out and note that the trees are as brown as though smogged. Other trees, where underground water was available, have fared better. But the Northwest tonnage of California, ordinarily to be taken into consideration by local growers, will this year be greatly reduced."

Pigeons Steer Straight Course Through Heavy Swiss Fog

BERNE, Switzerland (AP). — An interesting test of the reliability of pigeons as messengers was recently made by the Swiss general staff. Twenty doves were taken to the "Jurafrank" and released. The day was cloudless in the upper regions of the Alps, but all the cities and valleys were screened from view by a thick layer of fog.

Seventeen doves started in a straight line for Bern. Two alighted in the wrong direction, and a third became lost for a while in the valley. But the entire 20 finally reached their destination. The birds were only ten minutes behind the leaders in getting home.

Rodent Pest Controlled

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP). — Arizona farmers and stockmen increased their profits by \$225,376 during the past year as a result of rodent control carried on under the bureau of biological survey and the agricultural extension division of the University of Arizona, according to an estimate issued here.

Pesticide dogs were exterminated from several counties. Helianthus was also carried on against gophers, jack rabbits and cotton-tails. Poison was found the most effective method.

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Judges Couldn't Decide

They held a contest in Kansas City, Mo., the other day to determine which were prettier—girls with long hair or girls with bobbed tresses. But when it narrowed down to these two, Nettie Gray (left) and Margaret Jordan, the judges couldn't decide which was the comelier.

West Africa Gives Up Yams

WASHINGTON (AP). — Natives of British and French West Africa are rapidly adopting yam bread made of wheat flour as a regular item of diet, and agricultural department officials foresee an increased trade in flour with that territory.

The growing demand for wheat

flour is the result of laborers being recruited from the interior for service in the export towns where, according to American Consul W. J. Verby, at Dakar, Senegal, it is quite common for these laborers to make a loaf of bread and a tin of water. Baker's bread is replacing millet mush and rice in Senegal and Gambia, Consul Verby reports, cassava and manioc

smoking and rice in French Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia, and maize and yams in the Ivory Coast, Gold Coast, Dahomey, and

Nigeria.

Fifty years ago imports of wheat flour into that part of Africa were almost negligible, the small quantities received being used by a few traders and government officials.

French Deputies May Face Curtailment of Privileges

PARIS (AP). — A member of the French Chamber of Deputies may change his vote on a given question any time during the fol-

lowing six months. This is called "rectification." Most of the changes are due to the custom of voting by proxy. Only when a roll call is ordered must the members vote in person.

Abuses have arisen. Often a deputy, finding himself subsequently on the wrong side of a political issue, will send in a rectification on the vote cast by a friend, thus setting himself right. Hence it is now proposed to cut the period during which changes may be made from six months to three days.

German Prisoner Flees to West, Keeps Promise to Return to Cell

BERLIN (AP). — Fritz Linker, serving a sentence for theft, escaped recently and wrote a letter to

and insisted, Linker informed the authorities that he would keep his word and go back to prison, and she would be awaiting him again when the time was up.

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