

HARVESTING OF PRUNES NEARS END

School Children Assist Growers in Caring for Fruit at Union

SATISFACTORY YIELD REPORTED

Seventeen Carloads of Prunes to Be Shipped from Association Markets Alone This Year.

UNION, Ore. (Special).—Although the prune harvest has been in progress for more than a week, work has been somewhat delayed by the recent rains, and it was finally decided to close the schools in order to speed up picking and packing.

The high school and upper grades were dismissed last Thursday afternoon and were opened again today.

Packing is under way in several places. The fruit association is handling its fruit at the plant in West Union. Little is packing at the old Smith hall; a Cove buyer is making use of the implement building of the hardware company, and there are several growers who have their packing sheds at the orchard.

Prunes Large. Some of the fruit is being face-packed, some of it jumbo-packed and some suitcased for shipment.

The prunes this year are larger in size than usual and most of the orchards report a yield of satisfactory proportions.

Part of the shipments were sold by the growers before picking and some will be disposed of later.

From the association sheds alone, it is estimated that approximately 17 carloads of prunes will be shipped to outside markets and the output from the other sheds is running heavy also.

MORE CHILDREN JOIN SCHOOLS

An increase of 53 pupils from Monday to Monday is noted in the grade school enrollment report given out today by J. E. Longfellow, superintendent.

The enrollment by schools at the close of the first week is as follows: Central, 529; Greenwood, 487; Rivera, 257; Willow, 99. Grade school pupils total 1,377.

The rooms from fourth grade up are congested, but the first three grades show no tendency to be crowded. In anticipation of this condition, the limitation was eased this year, so that all children who pass their sixth birthday before the first of November might be enrolled. Just why the number of beginners is unusually small, school authorities say they cannot explain.

Nearly Half of Members Of Class Attend College

The graduating class of 1924 has a record of which the La Grande high school may well be proud. Of the 57 members of the class, 45 per cent of them are at present in schools or have completed courses of higher learning.

B.A. Powell May Receive M.E. Church

Local Church People Are Awaiting Action of Idaho Conference with Much Interest.

Local church people are turning their attention this week to the Idaho conference of the Methodist church, which opened its annual session at Cascade, Ida., today, awaiting decisions in two instances, both significant because of their relation to the movement said to be dissolving barriers that prevent a union of Protestant denominations.

One of these concerns the merger of the Presbyterian and the Methodist church at Baker, Ore., which have agreed upon articles for a trial union to cover two years, and await only the approval of the M. E. conference and the Grande Ronde Presbytery before they complete the consolidation.

No opposition is looked for, since the higher bodies are accustomed to leaving such matters in local hands. The Presbytery, according to Rev. W. C. Ross, who is clerk of that body, will convene in Baker the third Tuesday of next month. At that time, it will be necessary to elect a new moderator to succeed Rev. A. R. Hodge, who resigned his charge at Union to curate at Boston university for special religious work.

The second matter attracting local interest to the Idaho conference is the proposed reception of Rev. Bert A. Powell, until a short time ago pastor of M. E. church south of La Grande. It is expected that he will be received today, and his appointment be made to some charge of the Idaho conference at the close of the week.

Railway History Given To Library by Keeney

Simon Thompson's "Short History of American Railways" was added to the library of La Grande high school today, the gift of J. W. Keeney, local freight agent, representing the Union Pacific railroad.

The work is in two volumes, copiously illustrated, and covering the history of American railroads and transportation for the last ten decades.

DeMolay Chapter Will Meet Thursday Night

A meeting of the La Grande chapter of DeMolay has been called for Thursday evening at the Masonic hall, when the boys will make plans for the year's work.

This is the first meeting of the organization this fall, and an interesting session is anticipated.

Dick Bunnel to Face Circuit Court Judge

Dick Bunnel, brought to La Grande from 10 miles south of Telocast yesterday afternoon by Sheriff Breshers on a charge of wanton injury to personal property, has been released on his word of honor to appear before circuit court next month.

Congressman Sinnott In La Grande Today

Congressman N. J. Sinnott, whose Oregon home is at the Dalles, is in town today. He is staying at Hotel Foley.

In addition to this the class has six stenographers, Ella Amos, Ruth Burns, Alice Horiman, Maurine Moore, Fern Weiss and Mildred Snider, and one librarian, Ruth Seider.

The class of 1925 is close to 24 in attendance at school this year, with 45 per cent of its 76 members enrolled in higher institutions. Five entered the University of Oregon this fall. They are: Bernard Hummel, Fred Bauman, Herman Kramer, Clifford Seitz and Helen W. Lank. Three are going to O. A. C. Edith Jensen, Leon Berry and Margaret Kirby; five to Whitman college; Benjamin Durland and Elliott Leighton.

ELGIN SEES BEST FAIR THIS YEAR

Quality of Displays on Hand Brings Happiness to Directors

FRIDAY WILL BE LA GRANDE DAY

Big Crowd Is Expected From County Seat; Entertainment Committees Are Ready.

ELGIN, Ore. (Special to The Observer).—Elgin is taking on the aspect of a county fair town this morning with scores of exhibitors unloading and preparing their exhibits for the remainder of the week.

Orderly progress is noted and by this afternoon everything is sure to be ready for the crowds that are expected to begin arriving in earnest on Thursday, the actual opening day of the Union county fair. Today, the first day of the annual event and the day of the fair, has been designated preparation day and judging and entertainment features will not get under way to any extent until tomorrow.

Friday La Grande Day. Tomorrow will be Wallowa county day and Friday has been set aside as La Grande day—when an influx of county-sectored or no small proportion is being prepared for, Saturday will wind up the annual event and the attendance is expected to be general from both Union and Wallowa counties.

The arrival of exhibits this morning is causing happy smiles to decorate the features of members of the executive committee of the fair. They declare that the displays are more representative.

WORK STARTS ON NEW PLANT

Construction work started this week on the first unit of a new building for the purpose of increasing the South Baker steam plant of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, at South Baker. The estimated cost of the work is \$11,000.

William Kelley, La Grande contractor, was the successful bidder and his crew of men is now at work wrecking the old building which has housed the big turbine which was installed in 1921.

A large crane will also be installed at the same time, the purpose of which is to lift machinery from its base in case of necessity for repairs. Plans for the complete building were prepared by Chas. E. Miller, La Grande architect, and the building.

Local Contractor to Build Baker School

H. P. Nelson, La Grande contractor, entered the successful bid at Baker for the building of the Churchill school. The contract calls for completion of the building by January 1 which will allow slightly more than 59 days for the work.

Seven bids were received—two from Baker, two from La Grande, two from Portland and one from Idaho—but Mr. Nelson's offer of \$21,395 was \$1,323 less than the next lowest bid.

Mr. Hunter of Baker, was given the contract for plumbing and plumbing and heating of the school. Charles Miller, La Grande architect, drew the plans.

Summer School Near Perry Is Successful

A successful session of out school terms where the winter snows are no longer for people to reach the building part of the time has been worked out in the district north of Perry, where summer school has been conducted with a normal school graduate as teacher. The plan benefited both the school and the teacher, for she leaves soon to the post-graduate work in the state university.

DRIGIBLE COMMANDER PROTESTED

Zachary Lansdowne Advised Against Shenandoah Trip

NAVY OFFICERS DISAPPROVED PLAN

Decedent Stood in Favor of Postponing Airship Journey Until a Later Date.

LAKEHURST (By the Associated Press).—The Shenandoah was ordered on its fatal flight to the west Sept. 20 despite recommendations of Lieutenant Commander Zachary Lansdowne that the trip be deferred until the second week of September. It is shown by official documents captured before the naval court of inquiry into the Shenandoah disaster.

After the navy department disapproved his plan for starting at a later period Commander Lansdowne made no further protest. Captain Steacie declared.

The correspondence showed the navy department was very anxious that the Shenandoah visit western state fairs during the first two weeks of September.

Commander Lansdowne replied there would not be time to complete preparations at Scott field, Ill., for the reception of the ship and suggested that the voyage be deferred until the second week.

The navy department disapproved this plan. Exed the inquiry and Commander Lansdowne undertook to carry out the schedule.

Captain Paul Foley, judge advocate, developed that Commander Lansdowne's reason for recommending postponement of the flight was because of facilities for handling the ship at stopping places, rather than weather conditions.

TAMPA, Fla. (By the Associated Press).—Tearing into what is believed to be the heart of a gigantic dope ring involving virtually all of the southern states, federal narcotic agents yesterday seized a store of narcotics valued in excess of \$1,000,000. The officers arrested 18 persons, including the alleged ring leader and most of the peddling force of the ring.

County Court Member Chosen. MAHESFIELD, Ore.—James C. Jenkins, a Bear creek rancher from the vicinity of Bandon, was named by Judge R. H. Mast and County Commissioner Mat Kincaid, as the third member of the county court, filling the vacancy occasioned by the appointment of W. W. Gage as sheriff, replacing Ed Ellington, killed in an auto accident. Mr. Jenkins has never held public office before.

Corn Sets for Snow in Movies. WILKESBARRE, Pa. (AP).—There are few commodities that some time or other do not find their way into motion pictures. Another of the many uses to which corn is put is artificial snow (taken for winter film scenes, which are manufactured in a mill here. The owners of the mill have received orders for large quantities of the white corn flakes, the making of which has become an important part of their business.

1061 Rural Boxholders

In Union and Wallowa counties there are 1061 families receiving their mail by rural carrier—though there are many rural families who receive their mail direct at various post offices.

To reach these 1061 homes by direct-mail methods an advertiser must spend not less than \$12.50 for POSTAGE ALONE. The same amount spent for advertising in The Observer will buy nearly a half page of space on a daily contract basis—and will reach nearly THREE TIMES AS MANY HOMES. That progressive business men appreciate this unusually low reader-cost is shown in The Observer regularly.

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But It Hasn't Been Fixed Yet



Harry Groves Killed Near Meacham Today

Word was received here at presstime that Harry Groves, about 45 years of age, of La Grande, was killed this afternoon near Meacham, Ore. Groves was a freight conductor and left La Grande this morning at 6:30 on the west-bound freight train. Groves lived at 103 Hemlock street. No details of how he was killed are obtainable as yet.

ALGIERS SHOWS NO PROGRESS

COVE (Special to The Observer).—Rev. Fred L. Post, who last year resigned his pastorate at Cove M. E. church, where he had been for two years, to join the travel party of Rev. J. A. Wicker, Richmond, on a tour of the Holy Lands, Egypt and European countries, is at Cove this week visiting old friends and gathering his belongings preparatory to assuming his new charge at Garfield, Wash.

Mr. Post reached Quebec about the middle of May, and has since been traveling and visiting with his children in the northwest. He is at present a guest at the A. A. Antics home, at Cove.

Although he visited many lands and saw many sights that were strange and wonderful, no where was he more impressed with prevailing conditions than in Algiers. His former Cove pastor told an Observer reporter yesterday.

"Algiers has not advanced in any direction within the last 400 years," he declared. "Civilization there remains just the same aspect it must have in the days of Columbus. Only five per cent of the people can read and write. They have no idea of all of sanitation and hygiene. Dirty streets, 10 to 12 feet wide, run with sewerage from the buildings, some of them 50 feet high, on each side. Everyone is diseased, everyone is poor. All this, of course, is in the native section. The modern French city is like another Paris."

From the Holy Lands, the trip passed through Turkey, the Rumanian countries, and the powers of the native Europe.

Debt Mission Arrives For Negotiations

Caillaux Says He Comes to "Bring About a Settlement of All France's Debts."

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—Expressing confidence that the French war debt to the United States would be settled "upon a basis of peace and righteousness," Joseph CAILLAUX, French finance minister, arrived on the steamer Paris today as head of the French government mission to open negotiations with the American debt commission in Washington tomorrow.

In a prepared statement he said "I come accompanied by eminent members of all political parties in the French parliament to bring about a settlement of all of our debts. There is no instance in history in which France failed to do so."

DISCARDED CABLE CARS MAKE COMPLETE HOME

SEATTLE (AP).—Two discarded cars are the home of the A. E. Brewster in this city. The cable car dwelling is entered from its original side-front door, which opens into the living room, made of the combined front platform, which are larger than those of a regular street car. Cable cars used on Seattle's hills have three compartments each, front, middle and rear, with a door on either side and windows lining both sides.

In the Brewer home, the bedroom occupies the middle compartment and the bath the rear in one car, each with the original sliding doors. In the other car the dining room has the middle compartment and the kitchen the rear.

CAPITOL BBS. MAN SAYS

SALEM, Ore.—A man giving his name as Rudolph Paschowsky and his address as St. Johns, walked into the secretary of state's office and announced he had purchased the state capitol building. He demanded that he be allowed to investigate the books and records of the state department.

The man later confided to C. H. Laughridge, deputy secretary of state, that none of the capitol employees would be discharged. He said, however, he had under consideration the removal of Governor Force and the appointment of a new executive. Police officers were summoned and Mr. Paschowsky was committed to the state hospital for medical treatment.

REVIEWS AIR MAIL RECORD

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Postmaster General New reviewed achievements of the postal air service before the president's air board today, as demonstrating that commercial aviation is an "entirely feasible thing."

New said one motive for instituting the transcontinental air mail has been to demonstrate to "men of means" that "commercial aviation is a possibility."

Success in attracting capital to the new industry is best shown by the fact that the department recently received 19 bids for eight proposed air mail routes.

Asking regarding unified air service, New said he believed the post office department should control its air service.

New said the air mail is not prepared to carry passengers, but continued "we expect contractors (for air mail routes) to carry express, passengers or anything he pleases as long as he assures the post office department he will carry the mail safely and expeditiously. New is not in favor of government subsidies.

It is expected the board will question Secretary Hoover late today or tomorrow.

WASHINGTON (NEA Special).—Of all the men this country sends on various missions into foreign lands, the careers whom our big agricultural houses dispatch, as field representatives, to tinker with the farm machinery they have sent abroad, average the highest \$15.

Our mechanic, on foreign service, is well paid but not on a scale to put up at the leading hotel—where he might just as well be at home—on reaching his destination. He finds quarters in a native boarding house and associates with the people of the country.

EX-MAYOR OF KELSO IS JAILED

A. Ruric Todd Facing Three Charges of Malicious Persecution

COMPLAINTS MADE AFTER HEARING

Man Todd Accused of Murdering Tom Dovy, Kelso Editor, Is Lodged in Next Cell.

KELSO, Wash. (By the Associated Press).—Facing three charges of malicious persecution, A. Ruric Todd, deposed mayor of Kelso, who last night acted as prosecuting attorney in the hearing of George Norris, whom Todd formerly accused of murder in connection with the death of Thomas Dovy, Kelso editor, today is in jail here.

Todd declared he would be present tonight at the adjourned hearing of Norris. "If they won't hang me or take a shot at me," Todd said.

Three warrants were served on Todd at the conclusion of the Norris hearing at Castle Rock last night. He produced bonds on the two charges and is being held in jail, pending posting of bonds on the third. Norris and Todd are in adjoining cells.

The Norris hearing last night was marked by demonstrations when Attorney Tom Finn, representing Norris, denounced Todd and accused the court of conspiring with Todd.

GORDON CONVICTED. KELSO, Wash. (By the Associated Press).—A. H. Gordon, former superintendent of the Kelso water works system, was convicted today by a Coville county jury on the charge of appropriating funds from the city. Two other charges of a similar nature remain to be tried. Defense attorneys announced they would appeal today's verdict.

U. S. AVIATORS BOTHER KRIM

QUEZZAN, French Morocco (By the Associated Press).—It is reported that Abdel Krim, Rifian chief, has offered rewards totaling \$5,000 for every member of the Sherifian squadron, composed of American volunteer aviators, brought to him dead or alive.

MADRID (By the Associated Press).—It is officially announced that Spanish forces operating in the Alhucemas sector have advanced and occupied Morroville, Malaga and Corrota, Xoven.

Spanish troops advanced two kilometers in today's operations and are now within six kilometers of Adjar, Abdel Krim's capital. A communique says the Spanish forces suffered few casualties, mostly among native troops.

Mechanics Sent Abroad Of The Highest Type

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He sees something of urban life but most of his time is spent in the "backwoods" learning the country's "innermost life and language and thought"—which the average American never does.

A few years of this and that "country boy" would be the land of his sojourn as he knows his own—inside out. Once every winter or two he gets a couple of months in the United States, to keep his up-to-date and in touch with home, but invariably he's shipped away again. A specialist, by this time, in foreign fields, he's too valuable to be spared from them long.

Then maybe he's transferred to another country, which he learns, too, as thoroughly as he did the first one. I've met these mechanics who have lived in most of the Latin American republics, in Germany and Spain, in the Balkan state, in North Africa, in European and Asiatic Russia, who speak half a dozen languages with considerable fluency and who understand world politics and conditions as mightily few so-called authorities do—not from formal study but at first hand.

Of course not every mechanic, any more than every man in any other calling, is made of the raw material to profit by such advantages, but some of them are—men who would fill an ambassador's post with a credit mightily few ambassadors have a right to claim. Ambassadors, however, aren't picked that way.