

FRUITMEN
REPORT ON
MARKETINGBlue Mountain Exchange
Ships 175 Carloads
of Local Apples30 CARS SENT TO
FOREIGN CENTERSMembers of Organization
Now Working to Make
Culls Return Them a
Profit.

One year ago, in June, about twenty-five farmers met and organized what is known as the Blue Mountain Fruit Exchange and shipped to the present time the exchange has shipped out of La Grande, Idaho and Elgin 175 carloads of apples, or 122,300 boxes. With about twenty-five more carloads left for shipment. About thirty of the 175 cars were exported, most of them going to English ports. The apples shipped so far have brought \$125,000 to the growers, according to Henry C. Griesel, sales manager for the exchange.

At a recent meeting of the members of the corporation at Elgin, it was decided to continue the sales organization for another year, the past season, which was more or less of an experiment, proving very satisfactory. Clay M. Fox is president; B. M. Durland, vice president; J. L. Westonslow, secretary; William Miller, treasurer; and Henry C. Griesel, sales manager.

Ships Pears, Spuds
"Although it was a very poor sales year for apples we had a larger tonnage and a greater variety than expected at the start," Mr. Durland, vice president of the concern, said yesterday. "Besides the apple shipments we also sent two carloads of pears out of Elgin, which is unusual for Union county, as not many pears are grown here." The exchange also handled about twenty carloads of potatoes.

An apple box label of a man riding a bucking horse has been adopted.

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OWNERSHIP OF
AUTO DECIDED

J. H. Barnes, constable at Elgin, was rightfully in possession of Ray McCoy's car, which he had attached on a writ of execution issued by the justice court and was holding for disposition, according to the verdict rendered by yesterday's jury in the case of Western Bond and Mortgage company against the constable.

The plaintiffs claimed ownership of the car under a conditional sales contract, and started a replevin suit as soon as Barnes had seized the car.

Evidence showed that prior to the replevin action, the constable had tendered the amount of their claim to the mortgage company.

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Cove Road Graveling Is
Okehed By County CourtLower
Reader
Cost

The steady, constant growth of The Observer's circulation throughout the La Grande territory is especially gratifying to the advertiser because his reader-cost is constantly decreasing.

He buys readers. It is the number of readers and the interest they have in his medium that produces greatest returns. In The Observer both the number and the interest of his readers are growing, not by artificial means, but by steady, established methods. The cost to the advertiser per family is proportionately lower.

Conference
Program Is
Shaping UpGovernor Pierce to Be In-
vited; Prominent Men
Are Scheduled to Ap-
pear.

A program, which will definitely make Union county's third economic agricultural conference larger and more comprehensive than the two previous annual meetings, was outlined at Hot Lake last night when the committee in charge of this feature of the conference had dinner with Dr. W. T. Phipps, general chairman.

The highlight of the conference will be thrown on farm crops, soil problems, and the Grande Ronde valley irrigation and reclamation question, according to the decision at the Hot Lake meeting.

Experts to Speak.
Talks by experts will supplement the group meetings of former years. Rhea Luper, state engineer, and H. H. Kipp, market specialist of the state chamber of commerce, are scheduled to appear. An invitation was sent to Governor Walter M. Pierce last night asking him to return to his home long enough to be the main speaker of the conference meetings on Saturday evening, March 13.

Specialists to Attend.
A larger corps of specialists than have previously been sent out by the Oregon Agricultural college is expected to be here to assist. These experts will have charge of group commodity discussions and talks at general meetings will be delivered by them.

Music and other entertainment will be a new feature at the 1926 conference, which will open early.

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TEST PLOT SITE
LOCATED NORTH
OF SUMMERVILLE

A section of land on the San Joaquin river about a mile north of Summerville was selected as a test plot to be used to demonstrate the results of irrigation by the chamber of commerce agricultural committee with H. G. Avery, county agriculturalist, and W. L. Powers of the O. A. C. soil department. The Oregon Agricultural college is sponsoring the demonstration, and Robert Wilbycombe of the Union experiment station will be in charge.

The purpose of the test is to compare the crops grown on dry land and those grown on irrigated land.

O. F. Miller Fined \$75
In Municipal Court

O. F. Miller, arrested by the police several days ago on a charge of having liquor in his possession, pleaded guilty before Judge C. M. Humphreys last night at 7:30 o'clock. Miller was sentenced to pay a fine of \$75.

YOUNG FINED \$200

Edgar Young was fined \$200 and costs and sentenced to a 30-day term in the county jail Tuesday afternoon when he pleaded guilty before Judge Hugh E. Brady to a charge of illegal possession of a still.

Young was arrested by city and county officers Sunday morning, just as he had loaded a still and other moonshining equipment into his car ready to move to a new location.

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Out Of It



This is Sir Henry Wickham, who first transplanted rubber trees from Brazil to England and thus founded the British rubber monopoly, which has brought millions to British rubber men. But he himself isn't profiting by it. All he got out of the deal was his title, conferred four years ago.

ADOPTING NEW
STORE SYSTEM

A department hardware store is an innovation to be instituted in La Grande shortly by the Oregon Hardware and Implement company. Warren Gilbert, whose membership in the firm dates from this week, will be in charge of the retail store, which will be arranged in departments to display sporting goods, automobile accessories, radios, electrical supplies, art and gift stocks, household notions, housecleaning apparatus and hardware.

The implement department will be operated by H. K. O'Brien, formerly sole proprietor of the store, and will continue to be housed in the large yellow warehouse near the depot.

The store is being remodeled and rearranged this month to accommodate the new plan of operation. Charles Watkins, formerly of the Doll and Art shop, across the tracks, will be in charge of the art and gift shop at the center of the left end of the building. Picture framing and small cabinet making will be his specialty.

The construction department will be housed in the basement. Cedar chests, book racks, doll furniture and frames for piano work will be made there.

Other departments probably will not be ready before the first of March, Mr. Gilbert said this morning.

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M. L. A. Will Present
Comedy Drama Tonight

For the purpose of raising funds for a new chapel, which the second ward of the latter day Saints church intends to build during the coming year, members of the M. L. A. of that ward will give a three-act comedy drama, "Pierrot-Huileur," this evening in the high school auditorium. The cast, which is made up of nine people, has been working on the play for three months. Last week they performed before a large audience at Imbler and previous to that time the play was given at Union.

The stage setting is in a modern bungalow in the suburbs of New York and the time is the present. Clayton Goodell takes the leading part and is assisted by Mrs. Pauline Ahnsworth, Tave Hendrickson, Mrs. Hilda Williams, Miss Freda Danstrom, Mrs. Ada Smith, Miss Wilma Thompson, Lavon Morris and Joseph L. Wood.

Between acts Mr. Hendrickson will sing a solo and Nephthi Combs will give a whistling selection. The curtain will go up at 8:15 o'clock.

Mr. G. Hog Sees Shadow;
La Grande Unconcerned

Union county's out of luck! Tradition and superstition told Mr. G. Hog back that statement. Yesterday, the fatal February 2, when the groundhog makes his annual debut to hunt for sunshine, found him successful in his quest, although he had to wait around a little and stall for time before he found his shadow.

Thereupon, he rushed madly back into his hole, slammed the door shut, and curled up for another six weeks' sleep.

It is said that when his actions are of that nature, a month and a half of winter weather looms. But La Grande and Union county people say: "Let it loom—how can it be so bad when we haven't had any winter, anyhow?"

MILK MOVE
IN SCHOOLS
ENDORSEDSuccess of Project, Start-
ed Two Months Ago,
Up to ParentsP-T. ASSOCIATION
CONSIDERING PLANExpressions of Approval
Given by Many Promi-
nent in Child Welfare
Work.

A plan for the serving of a quantity of milk daily to the pupils in the first four grades of the Central school is being considered by the members of the Central Parent-Teacher association.

The movement began about two months ago, and has the endorsement of the county health nurse, the school authorities and other persons interested in the child welfare of the district. Action pending now on the response of the parents, to whom the idea is being explained in a letter from the parent-teacher association this week.

As it now exists, the plan is to serve a half pint of pasteurized milk every day after recess to each pupil in the first four grades, the expense to be met by the parents, who will be charged at the rate of 10 cents a week for each child. Mrs. William Miller is chairman of the committee in charge.

Approving Expressions.
Approval of movement is expressed by Mrs. George E. Lyman, president of the City Council of P-T. A.

"I commend the action of the health committee of the Central Parent-Teacher association in undertaking to place milk in the school."

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Cock Fight Case Ends
With Fines of \$25 Each

WOODBURN, Ore. (By The Associated Press)—Alleged ring leaders in a Sunday cock fight near St. Paul, Ore., held under \$25 bail each, were sentenced to pay fines of \$25 and costs of \$5, just equaling the bail money.

The men were Ed Dermuth, Glenn Herman, Paul Hornum, G. D. Hartman and Ralph Stone, of Portland; J. Berry, of Oregon City and Ben Smith of Champeon.

Chinese Boy to Learn
The English Language

Wong Sun, a little Chinese boy who cannot speak a word of English, started teaching at the Riveria school today this morning. The little boy recently came to the United States from China. He is twelve years old. "He seems very much interested in learning," Mrs. Nellie G. Nell, principal of the school, said this morning.

This makes the second Chinese boy to enter the Riveria school before being able to speak the English language. The other boy is in the fifth grade now.

Kayos Four



John Weller, marshal of Beaverton, O., is 60 but he's still tough. He proved it when four men tried to drive away from a filling station without paying. Using only his fists, he knocked out all of them.

HURRICANE
KILLS ONE,
HURTS MANYThree Hundred People
Left Homeless in Flor-
ida Following StormPROPERTY DAMAGE
ABOUT \$750,000.00Physicians Rushing to
Green Acres to Attend
Injured; Relief Work
Is Under Way.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (By The Associated Press)—One child was killed and 300 persons made homeless by a hurricane, which swept Green Acres, two miles west of Lakewood today. Scores of persons were injured.

The storm caused property damage estimated at three quarters of a million dollars.

Physicians have been sent to attend the injured and the city is organizing for relief work.

Two were injured and seven families made homeless by a storm which destroyed several homes.

FOG CAUSES WRECK
GALVESTON, Ill. (By The Associated Press)—A dense fog which prevented the engineer from seeing the black signal, which was set against him, caused the derailment today of the westbound train on the Burlington railroad. Engineer Frank Gallagher killed.

RESOLUTION ASKS
FOR ABOLITION
OF TARIFF BODY

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press)—Abolition of the tariff commission and a congressional inquiry into its record up to the present were urged in resolutions passed unanimously today by the directors of the national board of farm organizations.

"Unwarranted delay" in disposing of tariff questions affecting farmers in charged in the resolutions which also declared the commission had taken secret testimony in at least one case after interested parties had been informed that the hearings were concluded.

Germany Applies for
Entrance Into League

BERLIN (By The Associated Press)—The foreign relations committee of the reichstag today approved Germany's unconditional entry into the league of nations by a vote of 18 to 5. Formal application for admission is being forwarded to Geneva tonight.

Charleston Marathon
Sends 3 to Hospital

NEW YORK (By The Associated Press)—Three victims of a Charleston "marathon" needed medical attention after they had dropped from exhaustion in the midst of a long distance contest early today at a local dancing academy.

Falling Log Fatal to
Frank Combs, of Baker

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—Caught by a falling log which rolled from the log car on which he was working, Frank Combs, 25, was instantly killed at 2 o'clock near here, Tuesday afternoon.

Combs was fastening the chains used to bind the load to the car when for some unaccountable reason, a log broke loose and rolled directly on him. He was a log loader at the Bates camp of the Oregon Lumber company and had been in the employ of the concern for many years. He is survived by a wife and two children. The body will be brought to Baker for burial.

WHEAT AT PORTLAND.

PORTLAND, Ore.—Most of the wheat dealers here are bullish and look for a pronounced bulge in the market before long, some of them even predicting a \$2 price before the season is over. The demand from the east for northwest grain, they hold, bears out the bulk of a prospective shortage in that section. The only large surplus, they say, is to be found in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Exporters are also showing more interest in the market and are taking what they can get around \$1.45.

Sons of Black Panther



The black panther gets temperamental at an early age. These two kittens are firm and gentle, recently-born black panthers at the Milwaukee zoo.

WOOLEN KING
ENDS HIS LIFE

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (By The Associated Press)—William Madison Wood, 68, former president of the American Woollen company, died yesterday from the effects of a self-inflicted bullet. Melancholia over the death of his son several years ago is ascribed as the cause.

The romance of the poor boy who rose to wealth and commanding position was strikingly exemplified in the life of Wood. The son of a humble immigrant parents, he became president of the woollen company, a dominating figure in the woollen and worsted manufacturing industry of the country. It was through his aptitude and ambition shown as a boy in a mill office and as a youth in various departments of mill work that he won the opportunity to serve as superintendent of a large mill, and eventually to head the largest woollen manufacturing corporation in the world.

Wood built in Lawrence, where the company had 15,000 workers, the Wood Worsted mill, the largest of its kind in the world. Later he built in the neighboring town of Andover a settlement of model homes for mill workers, known as Shawheen Village. Here he gave evidence of the corporation the opportunity to purchase their own homes on a system of monthly payments and provided a bowling green, soccer grounds, and other opportunities for recreation.

While emphasizing at all times his desire for friendly relations with the corporation's employees, he could not prevent the Lawrence workers from joining with those of other mills in their city in the great strike of 1912 which resulted in much violence and bloodshed.

As an aftermath of the strike Wood was indicted for conspiracy to "plant" sticks of dynamite which had been found in the homes of several mill workers, with the intention of impugning criminal charges to these operatives. A Lawrence undertaker who had been convicted of actually placing the dynamite in the homes had told the authorities that Wood and others had paid him a few hundred dollars to do it. A mill builder named by the undertaker as one of the conspirators committed suicide after being summoned to testify before the grand jury. The trial resulted in Wood's acquittal.

His name appeared again in criminal proceedings in 1920 when he and the American Woollen company were indicted by the federal grand jury in New York for violating the Lever act by profiteering in the sale of woollen cloth. Charles E. Hughes, retained as counsel, offered a demurrer on the ground that a piece of woollen cloth was not an article of wearing apparel, and Judge Julian Mack sustained the demurrer and quashed the indictment.

After the indictment several thousand employees of the company marched four miles from Lawrence to Wood's home in Andover and gave a demonstration of their confidence in him. On the night that word was received of Judge Mack's action the company's employees held held public celebrations in several mill villages and gave Wood a big reception in Shawheen Village.

Gasoline Price Jumps
One Cent in Indiana

CHICAGO (By The Associated Press)—Directors of the Standard Oil company of Indiana today voted a cent a gallon increase on the price of gasoline, effective tomorrow.

The advance is credited to the recent increase in crude oil prices.

WIND STORM
HITS STATE
WITH FURYWestern Part of Oregon
Suffers from a Heavy
Blow Last EveningFIRES NUMEROUS
ALONG THE COASTEleven Alarms Turned in
at Roseburg Within 35
Minutes; Ecals on Way
to Port.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By The Associated Press)—Chin prevailed today over Western Oregon where a storm yesterday did considerable damage.

Two automobiles were overturned by wind near Eugene, eleven fire alarms were turned in within 35 minutes and trees and roofs were damaged in Roseburg. Albany reported numerous fires.

Corvallis, Eugene and Albany were thrown into darkness when the power was interrupted by the storm.

Windows were blown in at Grants Pass and wire communication into Klamath Falls was interrupted for a time.

The storm, which struck the Pacific coast from seaward yesterday, wrecked pilot and lightships from their moorings off San Francisco, and held up all trans-Pacific movements, passed to the northward today.

SAN FRANCISCO (By The Associated Press)—The Standard Oil tanker Captain A. F. Lucas today wiredless to company headquarters here that she had put two lines aboard the distressed schooner Ecals at 8:15 o'clock this morning and was towing her back to San Francisco. "All's well," the message said.

The message said nothing about those aboard the Ecals, and it is presumed they decided to remain on the schooner. The sea still is running strong and it is believed the Lucas will not reach port with the schooner before tomorrow.

ALBANY, Ore. (By The Associated Press)—The worst storm in many years hit Albany at 7:15 o'clock last night, tearing off automobile tops, blowing down signs.

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REBELLION IN
LISBON NIPPED

LISBON (By The Associated Press)—An attempted revolution has been suppressed.

The movement began early yesterday when radical elements after distributing a revolutionary manifesto, attacked the barracks of the republican guard.

The troops subdued them and arrested the leaders.

Another force took up a position on the bank of the Tagus river with six guns. Threatened with bombardment, this group surrendered.

\$32,695,978 Received By
State From U.S. Since '21

During the past six years—1921 to 1926—Oregon has received \$32,695,978 from the United States government in appropriations for federal aid highways, forest roads and trails, rivers and harbors, reclamation, Indian affairs, and Crater Lake national park, a statement received from Senator R. N. Stanford, of Oregon, disclosed.

Of the total amount of \$32,695,978 appropriated for reclamation purposes, only \$4,596,599 has been expended.

Besides reclamation, the total is distributed as follows: federal aid highways, \$6,336,294; forest roads and trails, \$6,791,087; rivers and harbors, \$7,236,000; Indian affairs, \$2,148,647; and Crater Lake, \$292,954.

"I think a comparison will show that this grand total of more than \$32,000,000 exceeds the aggregate appropriations from the time Oregon was admitted to the union as a state to 1921," Mr. Stanford declares.

Appropriations during the past six years are divided as follows:

1921 Federal aid highways, \$1,182,945; forest roads and trails, \$1,520,430; reclamation, \$1,901,000; Indian affairs, \$1,182,945; Crater Lake, \$1,182,945.

1922 Federal aid highways, \$1,179,668; forest roads and trails, \$1,348,579; rivers and harbors, \$1,439,600; reclamation, \$1,350,000; Indian affairs, \$525,763; Crater Lake, \$166,700.

1923 Federal aid highways, \$1,176,530; forest roads and trails, \$1,348,579; rivers and harbors, \$1,439,600; reclamation, \$1,350,000; Indian affairs, \$525,763; Crater Lake, \$166,700.

1924 Federal aid highways, \$1,176,530; forest roads and trails, \$1,348,579; rivers and harbors, \$1,439,600; reclamation, \$1,350,000; Indian affairs, \$525,763; Crater Lake, \$166,700.

1925 Federal aid highways, \$1,176,530; forest roads and trails, \$1,348,579; rivers and harbors, \$1,439,600; reclamation, \$1,350,000; Indian affairs, \$525,763; Crater Lake, \$166,700.

1926 Federal aid highways, \$1,176,530; forest roads and trails, \$1,348,579; rivers and harbors, \$1,439,600; reclamation, \$1,350,000; Indian affairs, \$525,763; Crater Lake, \$166,700.