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THE WEATHER

OREGON—Fair tonight and Friday; moderately warm with lower humidity in interior; gentle winds mostly north on the coast.

CHERRY CROP
BETTER THAN
ESTIMATEDWith Orchards Cleaned
Up, Growers Find the
Season a Good OneFAIR PRICE PAID
BY PURCHASERSMost of Crop from Union
County Shipped to Chi-
cago — Some Consign-
ments to Canneries.

A survey made today by The Observer, in which all cherry shipments were checked as accurately as possible, reveals that 34 carloads of the fruit went out from the Grande Ronde valley this year, a far higher tonnage than previous estimates anticipated. Before harvest growers had feared that the current market would run somewhere in the thirties.

Practically all of the black fruit—Hings, Republicans, Lamberts—were expressed to Chicago markets in 10-pound boxes or boxes, attractively packed, which numbered about 119 boxes to the carload. The Royal Anne cherries shipped from the Blue Mountains Fruit Exchange by H. C. Groves went to the lobby canneries in The Dalles by express while the Royal Anne fruit handled by Johnson & Durand was prepared here and freighted out to a California marketing manufacturing company.

33 Cars From Here

From the La Grande exchange houses 23 cars of fruit went out. This figure is an exact one obtained today. A figure of 15, obtained by phone this afternoon from a Chicago grower was an estimate, not made on an actual check.

Twenty-one cars were Royal Anne and 21 were black from the total of 34 cars.

With the tonnage of cherries that went out from the Grande Ronde valley this year far greater than last year, and actually much better than they had at first hoped. While the black fruit crop was nothing, perhaps, to "sing about" in the way of unusually high quality it hit an average mark, growers say. On the other hand the Royal Anne fruit this year is considered to be above the average in quality. What helped black fruit being a summer crop is attributed in general to weather conditions, for which the growers have a more technical diagnosis as to defects caused by rains at critical periods of the fruit's development.

Good Prices

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BEND LUMBER
MAN TO SPEAK
AT LUNCHEON

The use of fibrous, etc., Eastern Oregon pine containers will be the subject of a practical talk by George E. Pearson, of the Shevlin-Hixon Lumber Co., of Bend, at a special luncheon meeting called by the chamber of commerce next Saturday, Aug. 3, at the La Grande hotel at noon. This subject is one of deep concern to this community in view of the great increase in the usage of fibre packages, it is said.

All merchants of La Grande are expected to be present. Charles Malmon, secretary, and a special effort is being made to assure a large attendance.

A campaign is now being carried on in Eastern states by the object of education architects, contractors, etc., to the superior value of wooden window frames as compared with those made of metal and it is making notable progress, it is said.

WAGE INCREASE GRANTED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AP)—Fifty-four hundred civilian employees in navy yards and stations in the United States and Hawaii today were granted an increase in wages commensurate with those received by the civilian employees in the navy department.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a.m.—65 above.

2:00 p.m.—59 above.

Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 77 above, minimum 54 below.

Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER AUG. 2, 1935

Maximum 82 above, minimum 60 above.

Condition: Clear.

Remonstrance Is
Received on One
Sidewalk DistrictImprovement Matters Occu-
py Commissioners —
Perfect Water Report
Received by City.

PERFECT WATER
City Manager Crews announced today that he has received a return from a water test made from the state board showing that La Grande's present supply of water is not only in class A but one test showed a perfect condition. This is the first time in history that a perfect test has been recorded for local water.

Condition of action on sidewalk improvement districts featured last night's regular session of the city commission.

Hearings were held for 155 and 156, the former being priced advertised for bids to be received on Aug. 15. A remonstrance from nearly a third of the property owners in the district was received on No. 156, which includes parts of 31 avenue, 38th, 40th, 42nd, 44th, 46th, 48th, 50th, 52nd, 54th, 56th, 58th, 60th, 62nd, 64th, 66th, 68th, 70th, 72nd, 74th, 76th, 78th, 80th, 82nd, 84th, 86th, 88th, 90th, 92nd, 94th, 96th, 98th, 100th, 102nd, 104th, 106th, 108th, 110th, 112th, 114th, 116th, 118th, 120th, 122nd, 124th, 126th, 128th, 130th, 132nd, 134th, 136th, 138th, 140th, 142nd, 144th, 146th, 148th, 150th, 152nd, 154th, 156th, 158th, 160th, 162nd, 164th, 166th, 168th, 170th, 172nd, 174th, 176th, 178th, 180th, 182nd, 184th, 186th, 188th, 190th, 192nd, 194th, 196th, 198th, 200th, 202nd, 204th, 206th, 208th, 210th, 212th, 214th, 216th, 218th, 220th, 222nd, 224th, 226th, 228th, 230th, 232nd, 234th, 236th, 238th, 240th, 242nd, 244th, 246th, 248th, 250th, 252nd, 254th, 256th, 258th, 260th, 262nd, 264th, 266th, 268th, 270th, 272nd, 274th, 276th, 278th, 280th, 282nd, 284th, 286th, 288th, 290th, 292nd, 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