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ASHLAND BEGINS ANNUAL SHIPMENT OF PEACHES

Telegram: Oregon peaches have been in the market in a very limited way for several days, a few small shipments having come in from the Ashland district. The first important offerings of the season from the southern part of the state are expected the latter part of this week. Alexanders and other early sorts, and after this week there will probably be plenty of homegrown peaches for the local trade. The peach crop of southern Oregon this year promises to be about normal and of good quality.

In the market today there were fair supplies of California peaches, among the offerings being some Elbertas, and the prices quoted ranged from 90 cents to \$1.25 a box. Shipments from The Dalles district are not expected for two weeks.

The cherry market appears to have

gone more or less to the bad, largely on account of the damage done by the rains last week. The Royal Anns suffered most severely, but Bings in many quarters are reported to have been badly cracked. The extent to which the Lamberts suffered has not yet been ascertained, but that they escaped harm is doubtful. Dealers today quoted a range of 3 to 7 cents on all grades and conditions of the fruit, and while stocks on the street were not large, the movement was none too active.

CIRCULATING PETITION TO PARDON ROACH

ASHLAND, Or., July 13.—A petition asking the governor to grant a pardon to Claude Roach, committed to the penitentiary from this county for uttering a forged check to which his mother's name was signed, is in circulation and is being signed by many citizens of Ashland.

GRANTS PASS IRRIGATION DITCH SUPPLYING WATER

GRANTS PASS, Or., July 13.—The irrigation ditch on the north side of the river has been completed as far west as the city limits, and the big pumps are sending daily thousands of gallons through the ditch to the farmers and berry raisers east of the city and up the valley.

This week water was let into the city and its suburbs, and many people who live east of Sixth street are taking advantage of the situation and using the irrigation company's water instead of the local company. One gardener who heretofore has been paying for water at the rate of \$6 to \$10 a month during the irrigating season, secured water yesterday for his acre lot for the rest of the year for \$5, this being the amount fixed for farmers and fruit raisers to pay, and gardeners in the suburbs.

By next season the entire town will be supplied with water at this cheap rate for irrigating purposes, which means a tenfold increase in table products and marketable produce, notwithstanding the amount of forage that will be raised in the territory of the ditches. The ditch on the south side has circled Fruitdale valley and is now built a distance of 12 miles, all of which is open and ready for the delivery of water as the farmers may desire it.

PORTLAND MEN PETITION TO HAVE RUSH BANKRUPT

Portland Telegram: A petition to have C. M. Rush, an Ashland, Or., merchant, declared an involuntary bankrupt, was July 7 filed with the clerk of the federal court by Ira Reader, J. N. Smith and J. A. Leary of that place, who claim that Rush is indebted to them for labor performed, and that he has committed an act of bankruptcy by refusing to pay them. It is also alleged in the petition that he has other debts, the whole aggregating \$2014.

POSTAL DEPARTMENT WILL LOOK INTO MAIL SERVICE

REDDING, Cal., July 13.—Assemblyman A. M. Dean is in receipt of a communication from Congressman W. E. Eaglebright regarding the mail service that Uncle Sam is providing for this section, and about which the assemblyman became very busy when the matter was brought to his attention. The congressman sends a letter under date of July 1 from Second Assistant Postmaster General Joseph Stewart, which reads: "Your letter of June 28 regarding the unsatisfactory mail service on the Shasta route, California, north of Red Bluff, is received. The matter will be investigated and I shall be pleased to inform you of the result."

Whirling through space at the rate of two miles a minute is a sensation which is indulged in on the Pez Streak at the World's Fair in Seattle. A car in a vacuum tube is the medium.

Concealed Weapons.

Once in a college town the rumor that students were carrying concealed weapons reached the ears of the local police. The chief at once issued strict orders that the heinous practice should be stopped. One day a group of them passed a policeman, and one of the students in so doing put his hand to his hip pocket. Then, as if suddenly himself in time, he hastily withdrew it and looked sheepishly at the police.

"What have you in that pocket?" the latter asked sternly.

Instead of answering, the student and all his companions, as if panic stricken, started to run. After a chase all the students were cornered and ordered to deliver up whatever they had in their hip pockets.

Meekly they obeyed. Each one carried a corn-cob. The remarks of the policemen cannot possibly be recorded.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Worked Too Well.

A hotel proprietor, noticing that some of his customers were evidently trying to eat their suppers in the shortest possible time, lest they should miss the boat which was waiting at the wharf, thought it would be funny to frighten them. Accordingly he went into a back room and gave a remarkably perfect imitation of a steamboat's whistle. The joke worked well. The men heard the sound and rushed to the boat. The joker laughed long and loud until suddenly it occurred to him that the men had gone off without paying for their suppers. Then he stopped laughing.—London Town and Country Journal.

It Didn't Fall Out.

"I see your hair is falling out, sir," remarked the hairdresser, who was getting ready to work the hair tonic idea on the customer.

"You don't see anything of the sort," rejoined his victim. "What you see is the sequel to a falling out between Mrs. Codgers and myself."—London Answers.

The Tailor's Patron Saint.

The tailor's saint is St. John the Baptist, but why we do not know, for, as far as sacred writ informs us, "his clothing was of camel's hair and a leather girdle about his loins."—Tailor and Cutter.

Cheering Her Up.

"I hear you are going to marry Charley." "Yes; he asked me last evening." "Let me congratulate you, Charley is all right. He is one of the nicest fellows I was ever engaged to."

The Easier Way.

"I was very angry just now when Bleecker asked me for 15 that I owed him." "But why did you get angry?" "I found it much easier to get angry than to pay."—London Tl-Bits.

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