

## SIUSLAW POTATOES WON FIRST PRIZE

Wm. H. Kibbler Jr. of Point Terrace, a boy 15 years old planted a small plot of ground 15 feet wide by 150 feet long to American Wonder potatoes last spring in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Agricultural Department. He was required to keep a strict account of the time employed, cost of preparing ground, seed and of all expense of raising the crop. He was also required to keep a strict account of the sales of his crop and what disposition he made of it. The figures that Wm. gives to the Department are these: total cost of crop including preparation, fertilizer and seed, \$4.90. Cash by sale of potatoes \$2.50, total profit \$14.07. There is left from the crop the small potatoes that do not enter into these figures.

He took first prize at the Lane County fair and third prize at the State fair. The size of potatoes required at the State fair was larger than at the county fair is why he took third place.

He will enter his potatoes at the Oregon Land Products show at Portland October 25, and will also enter corn at the same and it is safe to say that he will be heard from at this show.

Forest supervisor H. B. Rankin passed through here Friday to resume work on the trail from the Umpqua to Coos rivers.

The household goods of Walter Brund were shipped to him at the Life Saving station on the Umpqua last week.

## INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION

Farmers of Oregon are coming to realize that insurance for their workmen against accident is desirable, therefore the State Industrial Accident Commission has established a rate for different lines of farming operations under authority of Section 31 of the Amended Act passed by the last Legislature and which became effective July 1st. The great interest manifested by farmers is shown by the fact that up to date about 200 farmers have availed themselves of the benefits of this Act, although the Commission has up to this time been so busy putting into operation the new amendments to the law that no effort has been made to notify farmers of their privilege to take advantage of the Act. This information is becoming widely disseminated and has caused a number of unfortunate instances in the Commission office during the past few weeks. In a number of cases men have been injured on the farm and the employer has then made application to come under the Act and sent in remittances to cover his premiums with the hope that by so doing the injured man would be cared for by the State. This, of course, is important as will be realized by all readers. It is similar to insuring a building after the same has been burned down and then expect to collect insurance on the building. Similarly a great many applications have come in from farm hands who have been injured, for benefits under the Act. They thinking that as long as they

have not rejected the Act they are entitled to its benefits. However, no protection can be extended to workmen unless accepted by application of the employer.

The rate fixed for farming operations is general farming including all operations incident thereto, 2 per cent of the payroll. Threshing, clover hulling, hay and straw baling, 4 per cent; prune drying, 1 per cent; wood cutting, 3 per cent; land clearing without blasting 3 1/2 per cent; with blasting 5 per cent; road work 3 per cent.

In addition to the above the employer is required to collect from the workmen and remit with his own contribution one cent a day from each workman. In computing the amount due the Commission add \$15.00 per month for board when the men are boarded. For instance, a farm hand is paid \$40.00 per month and board and works 26 days, his wages would be \$55.00 per month. The premium would be 2 per cent of \$55.00 or \$1.10 plus 26 cents to be contributed by the workmen making a total amount to be remitted to the Commission of \$1.36 for the month. This is due and payable on or before the 15th of the month following that in which the work is performed.

Those farmers desiring to secure the protection of this Act may do so by making application to the Commission for application blanks and a copy of the law.

The protection afforded to both employer and workman is absolute. In case the workman is injured in the course of his employment, the Commission will pay all expenses for Doctor's bills, hospital bills, medicine, etc., not exceeding \$250.00 and in addition compensate the workman for time lost by paying him a portion of his wages, not less than \$30.00 per month. Under no circumstance can he sue the

employer for damages on account of injuries sustained as the money paid by the Commission is full compensation under the law for the injury. This insures the employer absolute protection from damage suits and possibly from court costs and insures the workmen of the payment of his expenses and money on which to live while injured. Workingmen's compensation is one of the greatest steps in legislation. It is not only protection to the individuals, but it is a protection to society against injured workmen who might become public charges and who often do. It is a protection to the families of injured workmen against suffering and poverty and it is a protection to the public in the way of taxes, because one of the greatest costs of our system of government is court costs and one of the greatest forms of court costs is personal injury cases. Under Oregon's present liability laws it has become comparatively easy for injured workmen to secure damages against employers by bringing suit.

Lastly, state compensation is insurance conducted by the State without profit and the State appropriates sufficient sums of money to more than pay all the expenses of operation, so that every dollar collected from employers and workmen alike is paid back directly to injured workmen in first aid and for time lost. Numbers of farmers and a great many manufacturers in times past have afforded themselves liability insurance from insurance companies and in such cases the amount received by the workmen is questionable as more than half of it is used by the company in expenses and profit and a considerable portion of that remaining is dissipated by the injured workman in lawyer's fees and court costs in suing for his rights.

## HOW IS THIS FOR GROWING SMALL FRUIT

We have received from Mrs. Daisy Wilkinson of Indian creek, several branches taken from wild blackberry and cultivated red raspberry vines. These branches were secured on October 18, and are loaded with ripe berries.

That the raspberry and wild blackberry vines bear such delicious fruit at this time of the year is proof that the climate and soil conditions on Indian creek are ideal for a long berry season.

## REVIVAL MEETINGS AT ACME

A series of revival meetings is being held in the church at Acme this week under the guidance of the Billy Sundry of the Siuslaw. Much interest is being manifested and the work will be kept up indefinitely.

There will be a song service beginning at 7:30 and preaching at 8:00.

George M. Hawley, county commissioner, returned last night from a trip to North Fork of the Siuslaw river. He went for the purpose of looking over the proposed road from Portage, on that stream, to Florence. The county has given Supervisor Stafford of that district \$200, with which to assist in building the road and the people along the route have donated a similar sum in cash and work. The country along the route is pretty thickly settled but the only means now of getting to Florence is by boat down the North Fork. Portage is at the head of tide on that stream.

## THREE SCOW LOADS OF ROCK DELIVERED

The contractors commenced delivering rock to the jetty last Monday a continued to send a scow load each day for three days making a total delivery of about 650 tons. One derrick is in position at the quarry, while workmen placing a second.

A remarkable good showing has been made on repairing the receiving wharf and tramway of the north jetty, and this work is far enough advanced to take care of a considerable delivery of stone.

## BASKET SOCIAL AT PORTAGE

There will be a basket social at the Grange Hall at the Portage Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock p. m. A good program has been arranged and the baskets will be sold to purchasers for not to exceed \$1.50. The North Fork people will give you something worth while and if you want your moneys worth don't fail to be there at 8:30 o'clock p. m. on Saturday evening October 30.

Fire last week destroyed the entire business section of Elkton, Douglas County.

The city engineer is making a survey of Second street to find the grade from Washington to Adams streets.

The Register says that Jessie K. Lowe has been appointed administrator of the estate of E. E. Lowe, deceased, and M. B. Hull, F. J. Munroe and L. E. Nichols named as appraisers.

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## A. L. READY WINS CASE

E. A. Adams and his wife worked a great part of last winter for A. L. Ready, a resident of the lower Siuslaw country, for nothing, and when he sued for wages alleged due for the labor of both the jury in the circuit court case tried yesterday awarded him nothing.

Adams alleged that there was due him and his wife the sum of \$182.56 for their work, but Ready claimed that they had agreed to work for their board and lodging until such a time as there was outside work and they could get a good job. —Register.

## SALMON CANNERY RUNNING FULL TIME

The Kyle & Sons salmon cannery is running full time in canning the salmon being caught this season in the Siuslaw river.

Although the run so far has been very light, the company has kept the crew at work, full time. There has been a departure from the regular method of canning this year and so far it has been satisfactory to the company and very much appreciated by the men. Nothing but white labor is being employed in this cannery this year, and is so far as we have been able to learn, the only cannery on the Pacific coast that employs white labor exclusively.

Victor Johnson, son of C. A. Johnson, fell into the river at the Jensen dock last Monday and was nearly drowned.

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A letter from George Melvin Miller to the council in answer to their inquiry relative to the price of the lot north of the Presbyterian church for a site for the proposed well and tower. Mr. Miller states that he will take \$350.00 for half of the lot, provided the city will cancel all the delinquent city taxes and assessments against all of his property in Florence. The council authorized the clerk to offer Mr. Miller \$250.00 for the whole lot without provisos of any kind. The city engineer was authorized to make a survey and ascertain what grade can be obtained on Second street between Washington and Adams.

## CONSERVATION LEAGUE MEETING

The Conservation League will meet Friday of this week. Several subjects of importance will be brought up. All members are urged to be present. An invitation is extended to all the ladies interested in the League to come. The meeting will be at the Commercial Club room from 3 o'clock until 5.

Fred Assenheimer of Gardiner returned Monday from a visit to the San Francisco fair, and a visit to Mexico, and while there tried to capture a fort, but found a row of bayonets with men behind them as he tried to enter the fort. He says he don't like the looks of those Mexican soldiers.

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