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"The easiest thing I know of," says a philosopher, "is to begin to save up some money next month."

CHERRYVILLE

Now comes vacation days!

All aboard for the mountains and hills.

Miss Edna Ayars, of La Grand, Ore., is visiting at the Bungalow.

John Steenks, whose family live on the Dr. Botkin Ranch, was fortunate in the land drawing of the Colville Indian lands in Washington, drawing No. 277. It is said up to 300 the land is easily worth \$1000 each. It is not known at this writing just what Mr. Steenks will do with his ranch as he is at work for O. W. R. & N., but it is presumed he will improve it.

Mr. Lenhart, living southwest of town, has a cherry tree that is now full of ripe fruit and commands a good price. A firm in Portland buys the fruit from this tree and has for several years, as on account of its lateness the price is high. All of these higher lands will in time be developed to late fruits as they are above the frost line and late blossoming makes them sure croppers almost every year.

Mr. Smith and family, of Bridal Veil, were out Saturday and Sunday visiting at the hotel and taking in the dance Saturday night.

Mickelson & Nelson's saw mill will be moved over this side of the Sandy river, up near the Brightwood school house, in the near future. It is estimated they have enough timber on their new location to keep them running four years. They will float their ties down the river and through the flume to Bull Run.

GEORGE

The George Social and Commercial Club held their regular meeting Saturday night. After a short business meeting, dancing was enjoyed until midnight. There were 58 persons present and Mrs. Peter Rath and Miss Flora Johnson served refreshments.

The Sandy school picnic on Sunday was a most enjoyable affair with quite a crowd in attendance. A pie eating contest took place in the forenoon with Edna Johnson as winner. In the afternoon there were 15 races of races, egg races, potato races, foot races etc., with a first and second prize for each

race.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Miller and daughter, Gladys, of Portland, were guests at the home of his brother, A. H. Miller, several days last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Scott and daughters, Elinor and Marjorie, were week end guests at the Stephens home.

Hans Paulsen is visiting at the home of his son, Julius Paulsen.

Irene Paulsen returned Sunday from a two weeks visit with relatives and friends in Portland.

The sewing club gave Mrs. Klinker a pleasant surprise on Thursday afternoon. The event was in honor of Mrs. Klinker's birthday.

Will Widmer and Matt Macho, of Sandy Ridge, visited at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Leo Rath, Sunday.

Mrs. George Eilers and son, Harold, are spending a few weeks at the home of her mother, Mrs. R. Scheel.

COLOMBO VILLA

Mr. Edward Sitz, of Sandy Ridge, is doing some carpenter work for Joe Haslwander.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Kaiser attended the picnic given by the Mt. Hood Creamery Saturday.

Miss Carolyn Guldensopf was visiting with Margaret Haselwander, Sunday.

Miss Dora Trubel and a friend from Portland were picking blackberries last Monday.

John Bosholt, from the upper end of the Villa was seen at the lower end Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Pezzolo and Mrs. M. Boitano and daughter were visiting at E. Boitano's, of Stranburg, Sunday.

Max Wuniche is busy cutting his vetch crop.

J. Miller is visiting in Portland for a few days.

COTTRELL

Mr. and Mrs. Max Anderson were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Anderson of Ullis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bacon and Mrs. Hiatt spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hagan of Bull Run.

Those attending the field meet at Gresham Saturday, were, Mr. and Mrs. Wagner and daughter Mabel, Eva Beers, Mrs. Shrines and son Lloyd and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. VanFleet.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Proctor have gone to San Diego, California to attend the fair and visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Straus.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hunter and Mr. and Mrs. Max Anderson autoed to Laurelhurst Saturday evening to attend the band concert.

The Cottrell ladies club will meet with Mrs. Schneider Wednesday afternoon, August 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marriott and grand-daughter, Bernice Allen, of Red Oak, Iowa, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. VanFleet and Mrs. L. VanFleet.

Maude Manary spent the past week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Manary.

Frank Beers and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. Manary, Freddie Wagner and sister, Mabel, attended the play given at Boring by the Rebekah lodge on Saturday evening. Mrs. Manary assisted in the play.

The Pleasant Home M. E. Aid Society met with Mrs. I. N. L. Shriner, Wednesday afternoon.

FIRWOOD.

Mr. Timms, of Portland, spent Sunday with his wife at A. Malar's.

William Fisher and Mr. Vandemoortel were Portland visitors Monday.

George Foster visited with his folks at Lents last week.

Wilar Bosholt is putting up an Indiana silo.

The guest at Wendland's Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Gerkie, of Sandy Ridge, Mr. and Mrs. Waite and Jennie DeShazer, of Sandy.

Mr. and Mrs. Tumms were fishing Sunday.

Mrs. A. Malar and Mr. Malar, Sr., autoed to Portland last week.

William Ott has returned home from Albany.

Joe Wilcoxon and family are visiting at Powell Valley.

John Kiesecker spent Sunday with home folks.

Mark Senske spent Sunday with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Burmeister are back on their ranch again.

Warren Wilkins, George Wilkins, W. L. Wilkins, Sr., and Johnnie Sinclair climbed Mt. Hood last Sunday.

Ruth Hart spent last week with her aunt in Portland.

Charlie Smith, of Portland, is visiting with Claude Smith.

Mrs. Havlina, of Connell, Washington, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Motzel.

Francis MacKerrow spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Dixon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKerrow have moved to Barton.

Clara Webber, of Portland, spent Sunday with the Frey family.

Mr. and Mrs. Koesell and son Raymond and Mena Frey were Portland visitors Tuesday.

Farm and Garden

VALUE OF DANDELION.

It is Rapidly Becoming a Plant of Commercial Importance.

Dandelion, once looked upon as only a weed, is rapidly becoming a plant of commercial importance, for it is valuable in many ways. The Scientific American prints pictures of a dandelion farm near New Haven, Conn., and of the gathering of the crop, detailing at the same time some of the manifold virtues of the plant.

"The use of dandelion leaves as a pot herb or salad in the early spring is well known in this country," it says. "The country people make from them a tonic recommended for purifying the blood. Its use for the table has become so universal that in a number of places large fields are devoted entirely to its culture. The leaves when boiled form an agreeable substitute for the spinach and other greens at a much earlier period of the season than



A DANDELION FIELD.

that in which any other plant is found to ripen in this climate. The flowers are used for making so called dandelion wine."

Many tons of dandelion roots are imported from Germany, Austria and France every year, local growers seemingly not knowing that the roots are worth more than the tops. They are dug up in the late fall or early spring, when they contain the full value of their medicinal qualities. The root is sold by wholesale druggists at from 22 to 28 cents a pound.

PRUNE THE TOMATO VINES.

Fruit Liable to Spot and Decay From Soil Contact.

[Prepared by Wisconsin station.]
How many times does one see heavy tomato plants bent down upon the ground and sprawling "every which way"—the fruit left to come in contact with the soil where it soon spots and decays?

In many of our gardens this state of affairs is the rule rather than the exception. Then in order to ripen the tomatoes before they rot the window sill and wash bench are pressed into service.

Why not get earlier and better tomatoes, ripe and juicy, direct from the vines? It can be done if the vines are pruned and staked.

Let the tops develop and then cut out all extra shoots in the axils of the leaves on the main stem.

When training to one stem pinch off all the side shoots carefully and keep them trimmed back by going over the vines twice a week. With strong cord fasten the tops of the plants securely to a stake four or five feet high. This keeps the vines from sagging and lets the sunlight work its way into the plant, making the fruit ripen much earlier.

HINTS FOR APPLE GROWERS.

It is none too early for the apple growers to prepare for marketing their surplus apples. Too often this is put off until the fruit is ripe and falling from the tree.

The following should be units in the "preparedness program."

Estimate the amount of surplus fruit in your own orchard and in the community.

If the local market is not large enough to take all the fruit try to find other markets.

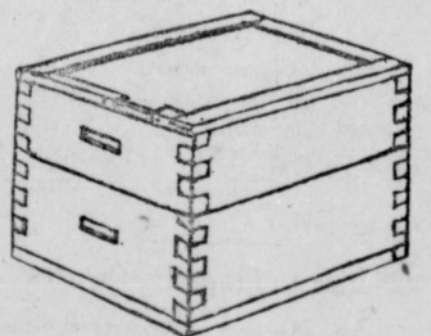
Order barrels, baskets or boxes for the surplus.

Try to form a co-operative fruit selling association similar to live stock shipping associations.

Such varieties of apples as Duchess, Whitney, Strawberry, Transcendent and Okechena should be picked before they become mellow. This means that everything must be ready to get them to market before they spoil.—Minnesota Station.

Improved Beehive.

Beekeepers will be interested in the new patent improved beehive recently patented by a Norfolk (Va.) man. There is a metal strip, with a portion extending inwardly from the inner surface of the hive wall and a portion that extends upwardly and outwardly in



the combination of a hive wall and a frame supporting ledge. The wall has a correspondingly inclined cut or kerf to receive such ledge, and nails are driven into the hive wall at the points where they will pass through these upwardly and outwardly inclined portions. This makes a beehive that is tight enough to keep out wind and moisture and protect the bees inside.

Digs Potatoes With a Gas Engine.

Digging his potatoes with a gas engine is what Isaac Harrison, a successful potato grower of Cream Ridge, N. J., has tried and found successful. He uses horses to pull the digger, but by using the gas engine on the digger is able to harvest his crop with two instead of four horses. Mr. Harrison's yields have been high each year, averaging over 250 bushels per acre. From 1,000 to 1,500 pounds of high grade fertilizer are used per acre. Several other farmers near Cream Ridge are planning to try out the same use of the gas engine to harvest their crop this season.

A Taste For Soap.

Surely one of the queerest of tastes was that of the historian Prescott, of whose life in Rome Mrs. Hugh Fraser tells in "A Diplomatist's Wife in Many Lands." She says that he used to keep a cake of soap on his writing table and nibble at it constantly, "saying, when he was remonstrated with, that people should be clean inside as well as out."