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APPLE CROP IS BIGGER THAN EVER

Is Predicted the Price This Fall Will Range Around \$1.25 Per Box.

SHORTAGE IN OTHER SECTIONS

Many Growers Are Now Contracting Their Crop But Price Not Fixed

With excellent prospects for the largest apple crop this section of the country has ever known, and with equally as good prospects for a price ranging around \$1.25 per box this fall, the fruit growers of the Lower Snake and Payette River Valleys are feeling jubilant. Government statistics place the apple crop of the United States at about sixty per cent short for this year, which insures top notch prices, but such a shortage percentage does not apply to this section for here the shortage is only about 25 per cent.

While this section can expect only about 75 per cent of a full crop, yet there will be more apples raised than ever before. The many new orchards coming into bearing this season, and the added bearing surface of the old trees, will swell the total production far above any figure of past years.

All over this section there is a number of growers who are now contracting their crop. But so far as can be learned, none are now contracting to sell for a fixed price. In other words, many are now agreeing to sell to certain commission houses, and are receiving advances on the season's crop, but the actual selling price will not be fixed until the fruit is ready for market, when the market price at that time will be taken.

Two weeks ago several attempts were made to contract apples for a fixed price, and it is said 75 cents per box was offered, but no apples were sold at that figure.

A year ago this time there was no activity among commission houses in attempts to make early contracts. It was evident at that time that an over-production would prevail in the United States and that the price would be off. But this year's activity among buyers only substantiates government estimates as to a crop shortage, and is a splendid indication of good prices this fall.

NEW BRAND LAW NOW IN EFFECT

County Clerk Houston Tells How Law May Be Complied With

Instructions which must be followed in order to comply with the new brand law which has just gone into effect have been secured by the Argus from County Clerk J. P. Houston. Following is what Mr. Houston has to say on the subject:

"In order to protect the brand you have recorded in Malheur county, you must follow the instructions below: Request the county clerk to send you a certificate of your brand or brands you may have on record. The clerk will send you a certificate properly filled out and also a pad upon which you must make an impression of your brand by slightly burning the same. Send your certificate together with the pad and \$1.00 to H. W. Lytle, state veterinarian.

"If you want a brand which is not recorded, you must make up a list of brands which you want, send them to W. H. Lytle and he will let you know

Rob Hardware Store
The store of the Ontario Hardware Co. was robbed last Wednesday evening. The culprit entered through the back door by breaking the glass in the door and pushing the bolt back. \$13 in cash was taken out of the cash register but the merchandise was not disturbed. No trace of the robber has been found.

FIRST LEAGUE BALL IN ONTARIO SUNDAY

Boise Will Cross Bats With Local Boys in Opening Game Of Season

Ontario will see her first league base ball Sunday on the local diamond when the Boise and Ontario teams will cross bats. This is in reality the opening game of the Idaho-Oregon league, as bad weather caused a postponement of the game in Boise last Sunday. However, this game will be the second on the schedule, and the original schedule will be adhered to. The game which should have been played last Sunday will be played off some time in the future. Caldwell will play at Nampa, Sunday.

The Ontario team has been brought out wonderfully in the past two weeks. Two pitchers have been secured, which were badly needed, and which have strengthened the team considerably. Oscar Lengreen, the seventeen year old boy who pitched the first part of the game against Caldwell two weeks ago, has turned out to be a real find, and there is every indication that he will make a valuable man to the team. Admission Sunday will be 35 cents.

HIGH CLASS FILMS COMING TO ONTARIO

Have you seen "Julius Caesar," that wonderful production that has cost George Kleine a million dollars to stage and contains 20,000 people in many scenes? If not you will have the opportunity in the near future, according to an announcement made this week by S. D. Dorman, of the Dreamland theatre.

Arrangements have been made by Mr. Dorman to put on a number of these high class productions in the next few months, including "The Woman Who Dared," "Officer 666," "Lion of Venice," "Naked Truth," and "Du Barry," and many others. How a brave young woman matches her wits against those of the diplomats of a hostile nation, wins and saves her husband from a traitor's death, is the basic story of George Kleine's sensational story five-part feature film, "The Woman Who Dared." This is not a war picture, but it vividly depicts diplomatic intrigue of the sort that led to the cataclysmic struggle in Europe.

"The Lion of Venice" contains scenes of beautiful Venice. Scenes of life in the quaint Italian city in the fifteenth century and scenes of fiery love and fierce vendettas woven into a charming six-reel film. The "Naked Truth" is a five part dramatic subject based on the famous novel of that name by the celebrated French author Henry Bataille. It presents a delightful story of life in the Latin quarter of Paris, leading the spectator among the time-honored haunts of the artists' and students' colony, the salons of the richest and most fashionable Parisian families and the myriad show places of the gayest city in the world. It gives intimate glimpses of the romantic life so characteristic of modern Paris, the carefree existence which has become synonymous with the Latin quarter.

Mrs. Leslie Carter, who plays the lead in George Kleine's beautiful six-part film, "Du Barry," from the famous play, wears a number of expensive gowns that are sure to attract comment by the feminine portion of

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The New Jitney Bus



Complete Time Table Ontario to New Plymouth

| WEST BOUND | | | | EAST BOUND | | | |
|------------|---------|--------|----------------------|-------------|--------|---------|--|
| 8:00 p | 12:10 p | 8:00 a | Ar. ONTARIO | Lv. 10:05 a | 4:30 p | 11:00 p | |
| 7:40 p | 11:50 a | 7:35 a | FRUITLAND | 10:25 a | 4:50 p | 11:20 p | |
| 7:20 p | 11:30 a | 7:20 a | MANAMAN'S Cor. | 10:45 a | 5:10 p | 11:40 p | |
| 7:00 p | 11:10 a | 7:00 a | Lv. New Plymouth Ar. | 11:05 a | 5:30 p | 12:00 a | |

Ontario to Nyssa

| NORTH BOUND | | | | SOUTH BOUND | | | |
|-------------|---------|-------------|------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| 4:00 p | 10:00 a | Ar. ONTARIO | Lv. 8:00 a | 1:30 p | | | |
| 3:40 p | 9:40 a | CARIO | 8:20 a | 1:50 p | | | |
| 3:20 p | 9:20 a | ARCADIA | 8:40 a | 2:10 p | | | |
| 3:00 p | 9:00 a | Lv. NYSSA | Ar. 9:00 a | 2:30 p | | | |

WHAT IT COSTS TO RIDE ON THE JITNEY.

To any point within the city limits of Ontario.....5 cents
For a distance not greater than 3 miles10 cents
For a distance not greater than 5 miles15 cents
For a distance not greater than 7 miles20 cents
For a distance not greater than 9 miles25 cents
For a distance not greater than 11 miles30 cents
To New Plymouth or Nyssa 35 cents, or return to Ontario 35 cents.

RAMBLES OF A VISITOR THROUGH THE MODERN GARDEN OF EDEN

Being One of a Series of Articles Telling of a Visit to Each of The Many Farms and Places of Interest in This Section.

Not over two hundred miles from Ontario there is a vast section of country, all under a high state of cultivation, in which it is claimed that a thousand acres to the ranch is necessary before the rancher has enough land upon which to make a living. And you can't buy any of that land for less than \$100 per acre. It is land devoted to crops which are as safe from failure as an investment in government bonds. And there is a steady market for the land. But think of the total investment.

In the Lower Snake and Payette river valleys, it is claimed that in the irrigated section the average size of a farm is about forty acres. And the farmer thereof not only makes a living, but nearly every year he puts away in the bank a neat little roll for a rainy day. Now considering the fact that \$750 is the average price per acre for highly improved fruit land in this section, our farmer has only an investment of say \$37,000. He is indeed much better off than his neighbor two hundred miles away who must invest \$100,000 before he can get enough land upon which to make a living.

Throughout this section you can find many farmers who are making money, year in and year out, from tracts of ten or twenty acres. There are many instances of profits ranging from \$500 to \$1000 per acre in one year, and before this series of articles is ended, I will tell just how they did it.

P. A. Creger's Place.

Coming to this country with his family seven years ago, P. A. Creger located on a forty acre tract on Fruitland Avenue, in the Fruitland section. There is twenty-five acres of the place devoted to fruit, and Mr. Creger is one of the many fruit men of this section that looks for a good crop with good prices. He has made a deep study of the fruit business. He has

figured out that it costs 45 cents to grow a box of apples and place it on the cars ready to ship. He has also figured out that it pays a fruit grower to belong to a good association, and is himself affiliated with the Idaho-Oregon Fruit Growers Association. Of course in a year like the present one, when apple prices are bound to be good, the need for protection of an association is not felt so keenly. But in off years, then the association is in a position to save the fruit growers hundreds of dollars. And the welfare of the association should be looked after in fair weather, as well as foul.

Twenty-five acres of Mr. Creger's forty are devoted to apple trees. The varieties are Jonathan, Winesap, Rome Beauty, and Grimes Golden. The trees are planted thirty feet apart, and four hundred of them were in bearing last year. He has five hundred trees that that will bear for the first time this season. On nearly every farm you will find new trees coming into bearing this season. It has been estimated that there is ten thousand acres in the Fruitland district alone, upon which there is orchard that will bear for the first time this season. Certainly the crop will be a big one.

On the Creger place are berries and small fruit of many varieties, but only in quantities sufficient for home use. Mr. Creger is specializing in apples, but still he is staying close enough to the diversified farming scheme to be on the safe side. He is growing alfalfa between the trees in the orchard, has four acres of blue grass pasture and will plant ten acres of corn.

He farms his place with three horses and keeps six cows. Mrs. Creger is a first-class butter maker, and the product is marketed in Ontario. There are also forty-five head of hogs on this place that will be marketed this fall. Thoroughbred brown leghorn chickens and thoroughbred Toulouse geese are also raised on the place.

Shinn To Walla Walla
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shinn will leave Friday for Walla Walla where Mr. Shinn has accepted a position in the County Agricultural service. Mr. Shinn has been in Ontario for about two years and was married a year ago to Miss Staples of this city. They have many warm friends here who regret they are leaving.

COYOTES TO ALL BE DESTROYED

U. S. Government Will Take Up Work In Eastern Oregon Soon

That the United States department of agriculture is planning to begin the destruction of coyotes with an organized force in Eastern Oregon, Northern Nevada and Northern California was the information contained in a letter received by Dr. Calvin S. White, state health officer, from H. W. Henshaw, chief of the biological survey, says the Portland Oregonian. Mr. Henshaw said that the work would be begun as soon after July 1 as it was possible to do so.

"Edward R. Sans, as assistant of this bureau, now at Alturas, Cal., investigated the existence of rabies at a number of points in Eastern Oregon," said Mr. Henshaw, "and his reports describe the situation as warranting vigorous efforts in destroying the coyotes. We are asking him to employ at an early date at various points in Eastern and Southern Oregon the best local hunters available for the remainder of this fiscal year."

The letter was in reply to one sent by Dr. White in which the importance of the government co-operating with the state in eradication of the disease among animals was urged.

TWO NEW MEMBERS ON CITY COUNCIL

S. D. Dorman and S. J. Spencer, new members of the city council, filled their official stations for the first time at the regular meeting of the council Monday night. They were elected by the council to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Postmaster Gregg and L. B. Fry.

Firemen Elect.

A meeting was held by the fire department officers Wednesday night to elect new officers. W. M. Laxon was elected president, vice president, Louis Kroessin; treasurer, John Landingham; secretary, Zam Guerin.

Kills 119 Coyotes

One of the largest raids on the coyotes reported so far this year was made by Nephi Purcell and Clarence Johnson, who came into Payette last Wednesday with 119 coyote hides. These men had been out just 22 days. They claim they did not find a coyote that showed any signs of rabies.

Masons to Meet

Thursday evening, May 6th, there will be a special meet of Acacia Lodge, A. F. and A. M., at which time the second and third degree work will be put on. All members are especially requested to be present and all visiting brothers are cordially invited. Lodge opens promptly at 8 o'clock. Refreshments.

D. C. McDonald, formerly depot agent of this city, passed through Ontario Saturday on his way to his farm close to Napton. Mr. McDonald at present is working on his new pumping system which he expects to be ready for use in a short time.

Mr. Creger has a comfortable home and good, substantial out buildings. His yard is very pretty and there is an abundance of shade about the place. (To be continued.)

HEAVY RAIN IS BOON TO FARMERS

No Damage From Cold Spell to Crops of This Section

RAIN AND WIND SAVES FRUIT

Rain Storm Salvation To Dry Land Crops, It Is Claimed

Malheur and Canyon counties have been treated to a drenching rainstorm within the last week which is said to be worth millions of dollars to this section of the country. Commencing last Thursday with a heavy wind storm in this section, accompanied by a steady drop in temperature, rain gradually turned into snow, and Thursday night there was a heavy snow storm. Snow was probably lighter in and around Ontario than at any other point reported. Friday, Saturday and Sunday remained cold, but wind and rain kept away the dreaded frost, and reports to the Argus office from all surrounding points indicate that no damage was done to fruit, berries or vegetables anywhere in this section. The temperature has gradually been climbing back to normal since Monday morning.

Reports from the mountain country around Baker and La Grande carry news of a heavy snow there the latter part of last week, and in Umatilla county it is said that there is a heavy loss of sheep. First reports from the western part of Malheur county stated that many sheep had been lost, but careful investigation fails to reveal an instance where the loss was severe.

Farmers of dry land all over this section say that the storm was a salvation to them. An exceptionally dry spring followed a shortage in moisture from last winter, left the small streams and rivers almost dry, and crops on dry land were in bad need of rain. During the several days of storm there were many drenching rains, and these rains will give the dry land crops a good boost toward maturity.

In the irrigated section along both sides of the Snake river, the dry spell was felt only slightly, and did not interfere in any manner with crops. It was necessary to irrigate earlier than usual, but with the whole Snake river to draw from, there was no shortage of water.

It is claimed that every crop in this section has been greatly benefitted by the storm.

COMMENCEMENT TO COME ON MAY 20TH

Senior Class of Thirteen Students Will Recieve Diplomas

The graduating class of the Ontario High School, consisting of thirteen members, has fixed Thursday evening, May 20th, for the graduation exercises which will be held in the High School auditorium. The program for commencement week is now practically all arranged.

The following are members of the class: Misses Vera B. Neeb, Lucile Worth, Nellie B. Poole, Alva M. Arnold, Gracie B. Sage, Crystal H. West, and Muriel M. Millikin. The boys are Earl S. Weaver, Crull Orcutt, A. Palmer Trow, Will F. Fitzgerald, Ernest L. Gramso and Earl S. Griffin.