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## OREGON FRUITS.

### Armour & Co. Propose to Deal in Apples.

### To Use Refrigerator Cars

### To Handle the Product of Our Orchards as Back Freight.

Recognizing an opportunity of branching out in a new business field, Armour & Co., of Chicago, intend to inaugurate a new system by which it can place its immense rolling stock in use in a way that will prove of advantage to Oregon fruit growers as well as to its own corporation, says the Evening Telegram.

In a letter to George H. Lamberson, secretary of the state board of horticulture, the firm of Armour & Co. states its intention, and requests that, if possible, a list of names of the most prominent fruitgrowers, especially those who raise apples, be furnished the company, so that it may enter into negotiations with them with a view of making arrangements for the purchase of crops. The large concern has 10,000 refrigerator cars traversing the year round, and believes apples could be handled to advantage as return freight going East. The company has about 200 branch houses in different states, and by reason of this fact has distributing facilities that are second to none in the country.

Any one acquainted with the magnitude of Armour & Co. believes the scheme a good one, and one that will furnish an excellent safeguard against possible dangers of over production in years of unusually heavy crops. As indications point to at present, Mr. Lamberson, who has a list of almost all fruitgrowers of any consequence throughout the state, will prepare a list and forward it to the packing company at an early date.

A San Francisco is desirous of learning the names of prune growers and packers, and this firm will probably will open up another market for the unexcelled Oregon products.

"The scheme is a capital one, I believe" said Mr. Lamberson, "and I am sure it will prove profitable to the packing company as well as to our fruit growers. In view of the splendid facilities with which this concern is equipped the fruit can be handled with the least possible expense, and by reason of its many branches throughout the union it will know at a moment's notice exactly where to dispose of its stock to the best advantage. It is surprising to me that such a scheme has not been launched before. The quality of the Oregon fruit has been already established, and with the equipment of the firm which proposes to enter the field, our advantages for disposing of any amount of fruit is readily seen by any one. The carrying out of this venture would mean a great deal to the fruit growers, and would cause a complete revolution in the production of apples, and as a consequence add largely to the general business transacted here."

## No More Letters.

A San Francisco dispatch says: The postoffice department has put a stop to the use of the mails by Lewton Balliet, of many investment concerns, and who has gained notoriety by his advertisements, in which he calls himself the "Young Napoleon of Finance."

Postal Inspector Mayer, from Chicago, recently investigated Balliet's White Swan mine, near Baker City, Or., and pronounced the property worthless. Balliet has offices in this city, and his mail is very heavy. It is now piling up at the local postoffice, under an order from Washington that no more letters be delivered to him as he is alleged to be using the mails to defraud. Balliet has been indicted at Des Moines for misuse of mails and his trial will take place soon.

## Turkestan Alfalfa.

The Turkestan alfalfa seed, sent to Morris Bros. by Congressman Tongue, and experimented with for the first time in Lake county, has turned out to be the best dry land fodder ever tried in this section. It has surpassed all other seeds by far, and promises to be the popular seed for fodder on the dry lands of Lake county. On the Morris ranch can be seen the remarkable growth of the Turkestan alfalfa, and the farmers and stockmen who have noticed it are well pleased with the experiment. Doubtless many acres of this seed will be planted in Lake county next year. Truly the West Side lands are productive and are bearing out the Examiner's opinion that that section is one of the best in Lake county.—Lakeview Examiner.

## Not A Candidate.

The following statement has been given out at the White House: "I regret that the suggestion of a third term has been made. I doubt whether I am called upon to give it notice. But there are now questions of the gravest importance before the Administration and the country, and their just consideration should not be prejudiced in the public mind by even the suspicion of the thought of a third term. In view, therefore of the reiteration of the suggestion of it I will say now, once for all, expressing a long-settled conviction, that I not only will not be a candidate for a third term, but would not accept a nomination for it if it were tendered me."

"My only ambition is to serve through my second term to the acceptance of my countrymen, whose generous confidence I so deeply appreciate, and then, with them to do my duty in the ranks of private citizenship."

"WILLIAM MCKINLEY"  
"Executive Mansion, Washington, June 10, 1901."

Great preparations are being made for our Fourth of July celebration and the details of the big event are beginning to assume definite form. Hon. J. N. Williamson was invited by the committee to deliver the address, and he has kindly consented to do so. Mr. Williamson is of the best known men in the state, and he will be welcomed here by a large crowd.—Antelope Herald.

## QUEER WEATHER.

### Crook County Visited by a Snow Storm.

### Unprecedented Weather

### The Hills Were White But Frost Did Not Follow the Storm.

Last Wednesday this county was treated to a slight covering of the beautiful snow and to say it was a surprise would be to state the case mildly. The oldest inhabitant cannot remember the time when such a thing happened before. At the Circle ranch on Lytle creek five inches fell and considerable damage was done to the trees.

On the summit of the range between here and Willow creek the snow was about twelve inches in depth and was a serious thing for the newly sheared sheep, but no losses have been reported.

In forty-eight hours after it fell there was no trace of snow on the ground and the water had all soaked into the earth to furnish nourishment to the grass and growing crops. A great good will result from the storm as it was much better than a rain which would largely have run off into the streams and done no good whereas the snow all went into the ground.

Grave fears were entertained that the storm would be followed by heavy frost, but warm weather has prevailed since, and no frost has fallen, in fact the weather has been much warmer since the storm than before.

Crops of all kinds are an assured fact this year and will be better than for several years past. To the stranger it seems peculiar to see the green fields of rye on the ridges where it would seem too dry for anything to live, but the fact remains that these same ridges produce fine crops of hay.

## Post Items.

From our regular correspondent:

Doug. Smead has gone to Shaniko with a load of wool for L. D. Gillenwater.

Ralph Harper, the little son of Rev. B. F. Harper, is visiting with friends on Newsom creek.

Under the supervision of Judge Wills some much needed repairs have been made upon the Crooked river bridge.

Winter prevailed here for awhile Wednesday. The ground was white with snow until 10 a. m. when a gentle rain began to fall which continued most of the day. The benefit to the hay crop in this vicinity is very considerable.

J. W. Wimer returned Friday from the Bend where he has been holding down a job for some time.

Sam Gray, our enterprising road supervisor, has a gang of men on the road near Sim Smead's ranch this week.

Tom Long and Billy Smead left Tuesday for California with a bunch of horses.

Miss Myrtle Swearingen, of your city, is visiting on Newsom creek, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Roscoe Knox.

John Pickett started for Shaniko Friday with a load of wool for D. Koopman. This is John's second

trip this season.

On account of measles the school closed down a week before the end of the term and the closing exercises had to be omitted. Harry Gillenwater won the first prize, being present every day except three of the last week, and having average of 94½ in scholarship and 90 in deportment. David Pickett won second honors. There was no pupil in the school but deserved special mention for good work and good conduct during the term.

Our school board is composed of progressive men who give special attention to the interests of the pupils as is evident from the fact that in one year the school house was furnished with new patent desks of the most approved design, new blackboards and a library of twenty four volumes. A tax was levied for the purpose of building a new school house. George Wiley donated a lot and work is to be begun as soon as the material for the building can be placed on the lot. Can any other district in the county beat that? **SUNNY SOUTH.**

## Mells Writes From Buffalo.

F. R. Mells sends this from Buffalo to the Baker City Democrat: "Idaho came too late to secure space on the inside and will make a showing near one of the arched entrances. Washington has a booth next to mine, but none of its shipments have arrived so far."

"California, represented by the Southern Pacific and located on the other side of us, makes a very indifferent showing. Nevada forms a very pretty background for Oregon, fills up about 75 feet of wall cases that cost \$40 a front foot, every piece of their ore is numbered and this holds good for almost all the specimens in the building, excepting Oregon. So far no one has attempted to imitate my opinion Oregon will have the most practical and utilitarian exhibit in the building. I have about 2500 specimens, big and small—and everything is marked in plain letters. The Oregon color effect is dark oak for the fixtures and light green and gold for background and pictures."

"Last Saturday I stayed in my booth until 8 p. m. (we generally quit at 6) and when I entered the grounds I saw for the first time all the buildings illuminated, and it is impossible to describe the effect. Clearly outlined against the sky was every building in the exposition with electric tower as a center piece. You can form some idea of the splendor and brilliancy from fact that Chicago used 20,000 lights, Omaha 30,000 and Buffalo 300,000. The electrical display alone on the buildings and in the water is worth more than the admission fee. Nothing like it has ever been attempted on this globe."

W. P. Watson, discovered apricot and orange scale on a hazel bush close to his house, where orange peel had been thrown by the children. He brought a sample of the scale in a jar to the Glacier office. This shows that great care should be taken to destroy orange peel or the peel and refuse of all California fruit. A specimen of the scale was sent to the state entomologist, Prof. A. B. Cordley, Corvallis, with inquiries regarding the liability of this scale becoming a dangerous addition to our fruit pests.—Head River Glacier.

## GENERAL NEWS.

### Items of Interest Gathered Here and There.

### Some Stolen, Others Not

### Cullings From Our Exchanges.

### News Notes of the Week.

### Timely Topics.

Mrs. C. B. Storp, of Oregon City, drew the Examiner's capital prize of \$10,000.

W. H. Shutt, formerly of Walla Walla, has been admitted to the Oregon bar. He is a graduate of the law class, 1901, of the University of Oregon, and has worked his way through the common schools and Whitman college.

S. A. Heilner, of Baker City, one of the largest woolbuyers in Eastern Oregon, is of the opinion that the price of wool will not advance this season, but on the contrary, he expects the ruling price for Eastern Oregon wool to decline to about 7 cents per pound and remain there for some time.

The Brownsville woolen mill is having financial troubles. The principal stockholder, Hugh Fields is absent, and it is impossible to tell whether or not matters will be adjusted upon his arrival in the county. The mill has been running behind for a number of years, and has had a hard time.—Albany Herald.

A. H. Carson, commissioner for the third district, comprising the counties of Douglass, Jackson, Klamath, Josephine, Coos, Curry and Lake, reports the condition of the fruit crop to be as follows the percentage being based on a full crop: Apples, 80 per cent; peaches, 65; pears 70; prunes, 100; apricots, 75; cherries 65; grapes, 90; strawberries, 80.

Jim Wright, the well-known sheep buyer, is in the city awaiting the arrival of 4500 head of mutton sheep from Antelope, which he recently bought in partnership with John Little. Saturday he purchased 2000 head from Condon. All were consigned to British Columbia, where Mr. Wright finds a market for about 60,000 head of Oregon sheep a year. The prices were \$2 to \$2.25 for yearlings and \$2.75 for 2-year-olds.—Dad's Chronicle.

The slaughtering of horses and the salting of their flesh for export will be resumed at the Linnton abattoir in a day or two, says the Oregonian of the 12th. S. Kinsman, the proprietor, has purchased 25,000 horses on the ranges of Eastern Oregon and has been waiting for the river to fall so as to leave his corrals dry. The water has now gone down sufficiently and the first installment of horses will arrive today or tomorrow and slaughtering will be commenced at once. The horses are in prime condition, and as they have never been worked they will make unusually fine "beef" for export, and the consumers will form a high opinion of the quality of Oregon horses, as an article of diet. The abattoir will be run continuously till the whole 25,000 are worked up.