

FRUIT BEING SHIPPED OUT

MOVEMENT FROM ASHLAND IS ON IN EARNEST.

Larger Cash Returns Are Expected Than in Any Former Season—Peaches for Montreal.

ASHLAND, Or., July 30.—The movement of the fruit crop in Ashland began last week, and has already assumed considerable proportions. It will be handled largely through the Ashland Fruit Association, an organization composed of the leading growers. It is designed to ship to a number of the Eastern cities as far as New York. Some of the peach growers are shipping to Montreal, which has proved a popular and profitable market for Ashland fruit. The berry crop is probably the largest ever known, and the association insists on 40 cents per crate, as the minimum price.

The Alexander peach, the earliest and the inferior variety, is now in the market. The Hale will come in this week. The Early Crawford will ripen about the middle of August. Of the early and late Crawford, the Wheatland Cling and the Albar, there is about a bushel of a crop this season. Of the Muir and Salway, late peaches, and excellent varieties, there is a full crop. E. D. Briggs, a prominent grower, says there will be about 25,000 boxes of peaches shipped from Ashland this season.

The apple product is estimated at about three-quarters of a bushel. There is a better showing down the valley, where the apple trees appear to be uniformly well laden with fruit. The pear crop is fine everywhere. Generally speaking, it is estimated that the total amount of money received for the fruit crop in Jackson County will be in excess of that of any former season.

Dayton Crop Notes.
DAYTON, July 30.—The continued hot weather has done much to exterminate hoplice, being about as effective as spraying. The present prospect for a good crop is favorable and the quality will be first class.

Grain harvest hereabouts is under good headway and a very fair yield is reported.

Marion County Crops.

SALEM, July 30.—Wheat has begun to be cut in the Waldo Hills east of here, and the crop is reported to be the best ever known in that section. The wheat heads are all well filled, and there is every indication of a large yield. The hay crop has been very heavy, and was all saved.

Water for Institutions.

Test Well Will Be Sunk Inside the State Penitentiary.

SALEM, July 30.—The Board of Capitol Building Commissioners has decided to sink a test well inside the State Penitentiary, and near the big pumping station, to ascertain at what depth and in what formation a sufficient supply of water can be secured for the use of the state institutions. A suit is now pending in the circuit court, brought by the Salem Flouring Mills Company, to restrain the state from using the water of Mill Creek, pumped, it is alleged, from under the bed of the stream inside the prison yard. And it is to avoid embarrassment to the state, the board should sink the well at the present location is taken by the board. The board, at its session yesterday, met with ex-Representative G. W. H. Cullison, of Marion County, who has made a thorough examination of the ground and who advised the sinking of a test well. It is this venture proves that a sufficient supply of water can be secured, the board expects to be able to make a contract with some company to put in a plant and supply the state institutions.

Synopsis of New Study Course.

Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman is now busy preparing a synopsis of the new state course of study. It is his intention to have it done in ample time so that principals and teachers may have it by the opening of their Fall term of school.

Will Improve Statehouse.

The Board of State Building Commissioners today awarded the contract for lavatory improvements at the Statehouse to Knox & Murry, plumbers, of this city, for \$4294.35, which is \$294.35 over the appropriation for this work. As the improvements are to be made of marble and slate, and all the bids were away over that sum, this was the lowest and best bid, and the board decided to pay the deficit out of the incidental fund.

Supreme Court Orders.

The Supreme Court today made two orders and heard the argument in two cases as follows:

In the case of J. E. Cullison, respondent, vs. F. O. Downing et al., appellants, it was ordered upon stipulation that appellants have until September 5, 1901, to serve and file their brief herein.

Jesse Houck et al., appellants, vs. the City of Ashland, respondent; the transcript in this and five other cases involving the same question having been filed on the 29th, it is ordered on motion of appellant that briefs in five of these cases be dispensed with and that they have until August 30, 1901, to serve and file their brief in one case, and that the same be considered as appellants' brief in all of said cases.

Issue Carson, appellant, vs. E. H. Laurer et al., respondents, argued and submitted.

S. B. Catterlin, appellant, vs. A. Bush, respondent; argued and submitted.

State Suit in Circuit Court.

One suit, entitled Winfield Leaver vs. Ellen S. Roby et al., was filed in department No. 2 of the Circuit Court of Marion County for the purpose of quieting title to about 624 acres of land in this county.

Received at the Asylum.

Daniel Whitestone, aged 34 years, was today received at the asylum from Jackson County.

CLIMBED THE THREE SISTERS.

Earliest Ascent Yet Made, and Deep Snow Was Encountered.

EUGENE, July 30.—A party consisting of Frank Wetherill, A. B. Burton, Ray and Paul Willoughby, Morris Schwarzschild, Dr. L. D. Smith and F. E. Taylor has just returned from a trip to the summit of the Three Sisters. They reached the top last Friday, having started up the mountain the day before. When they registered their names they found they had made the ascent earlier in the season than any whose names were on the record. The snow is deeper than usual at this time of year, it being impossible to ascend by the usual route, and a new route had to be found on the sunny side of the mountain.

Rich Ledge of Ore Discovered.

Two miners who have been prospecting in the mountains about the headwaters of Fall Creek were in Eugene yesterday after supplies, and returned today to their claims, where they had some excellent specimens of quartz, showing plenty of free gold, and claim to have discovered a big ledge of fine ore. They express confidence in opening up rich mines in this region, which is on a direct line between Blue River and Bohemia, and is thought to be on the same general vein. It is in this district that A. D. Hyland has had a force of men working for two years. Last Spring he cut a trail 20 miles through rough mountains in order to get to his supplies. He is now working on a good ledge and has organized a company with plenty of capital to put in a mill and work the mine.

Creditors' Meeting.

A meeting of the creditors of T. A. Gilbert was held yesterday and S. H. Friend was selected as receiver of the stock of shoes of the bankrupt. The petition

in bankruptcy is being contested by some of the creditors and it is not yet decided what the result will be. The remaining goods will be sold and the proceeds returned to the court to be applied on the debts.

CAN COUNTY TAKE FEES?

Test Case at Astoria May Be Appealed to Supreme Court.

ASTORIA, July 30.—Sam Howard, the Portland barber, who was granted a divorce at the June term of the Circuit Court in this city, today filed a suit against Clatsop County to recover \$10 fees paid in his divorce case. The complaint alleged that June 25, 1901, the plaintiff attempted to file in the Circuit Court a suit for divorce against Kate M. Howard. He presented the complaint to the clerk, with \$5 for filing and \$10 for stenographer's fees, but the clerk refused to accept the same unless the additional sum of \$10 was paid as a District Attorney's fee. The plaintiff paid the fee and later presented a claim for \$10 to the County Commissioners, but it was disallowed. He now asks for judgment against the county in that amount, with costs.

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QUINALT RESERVATION.

To Be Surveyed and Opened for Entry.

Quinalt Reservation, which is soon to be surveyed and then thrown open for settlement, is in the western part of Chehalis County, Wash.

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FOREST RESERVE LOCATED

LANDS AT THE HEAD OF ELK CREEK SET ASIDE.

Purpose is to Protect the Source of Supply of Baker City's Water System.

BAKER CITY, July 30.—A telephone message received in this city from Hon. E. W. Bartlett, Register of the United States land office at La Grande, today, announced that Commissioner Hermann, of the General Land Office at Washington, had directed that the land at the head of Elk Creek, which Baker City has asked to be made a forest reservation, had been withdrawn from entry. This is taken to mean that the land which was recently inspected by Major Ormsby has, on his recommendation, been set apart as a forest reserve to protect the watershed from which Baker City will draw her water supply. This, in view of the announcement made in the dispatches that no more forest reserves would be created until the land laws were amended by Congress, is considered quite a triumph for Baker City.

City Will Buy Placer Claims.

A deal is about to be concluded whereby Baker City will purchase for \$15,000 two placer claims on Pine and Elk creeks, together with water rights belonging to them. The city is not going into the gold mining business, but is anxious to secure the water rights belonging to these claims, as it was brought for Baker City an unlimited water supply and will eliminate the placer claim difficulty, which has been in the way of securing an abundance of pure water.

THE HERMANN FAMILY.

They Are Comparatively Numerous and Always Provided For.

MYRTLE POINT, Or., July 30.—While Mr. Hermann, Commissioner of the land office, the proposed Southern Oregon Reserve was recommended by a man who is Hermannized in more ways than one. That man is Edward Bender, special agent of the land office, who has his home at Myrtle Point. People here are generally opposed to the proposed reserve, and are greatly surprised that Hermann did not recede in a recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior against it. He is thoroughly familiar with the district. Hermann lived in this section for a number of years, and is a visitor for brief seasons almost every year.

As heretofore remarked, the people can hardly understand why he did not put his disapproval upon the proposed reserve. As to Bender, he is a brother-in-law of Hermann. For a number of years he was a Democratic leader of Coos County, and a prosperous merchant of that section. When the hard times came on he failed. With McKinley's election and the subsequent appointment of Hermann as Commissioner of the General Land Office, of Coos County, he was again successful. His name was soon placed on the blue book as a special agent. Some of Hermann's friends, life-long Republicans, entered a protest against Bender's leaving Republican soil. They were answered that Mr. Bender was a gold Democrat. Bender held his job, though there are many Republicans here who think some of the present postmaster, Myrtle Point, is a Democrat.

Just before Mr. Bender became special agent he served as postmaster of Myrtle Point. In fact, he did this more than once. Mr. Hermann controls, or at least is so credited, the giving out of the post-office here. When a Democratic Administration was in power, a Republican Administration, a Republican man was in, generally some one of the same name as the Commissioner. The present postmaster, Myrtle Point, is August Bender, a son of the special agent. He succeeded Frank Hermann, a brother of Commissioner Hermann. His term of office was for a year. A portion of his term and gave up the office. Many Republicans rushed to the front as candidates, but very shortly comes the new postmaster, Myrtle Point, August Bender. He is a young man, probably 24 years of age. He has never mixed in politics. He is a competent official, but such appointments don't count for much when it comes to keeping a political party intact.