

CROPS LOOK GOOD

Fruit Makes Fine Showing on Irrigation Project.

HERMISTON ROSES BLOOM

Fields of Strawberries Dispell All Question of Adaptability of Ematilla Section for Raising of Products of That Kind.

HERMISTON, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—Where fruits ripen first is a slogan which has been generally adopted on the Ematilla irrigation project. It is one, too, that is being lived up to. Hermiston can boast of roses in bloom on April 25, something that will better even the "Rose City" or equal. On April 25, people in this vicinity also began using gooseberries of this year's growth. Better yet are the prospects for the strawberry crop. While, for the most part, the crops will be light this year as a majority of the plants were only set out last fall, what berries are on the vines are beginning to turn and in a few days picking will be in full swing. There are several fields of berries which have been set two years and are in excellent shape, dispelling all question as to the adaptability of this section for the raising of small fruits.

Other Fruits Doing Well.

Other fruits are doing as well as the strawberries. Peach and cherry trees are to be seen in plenty, loaded with well-developed fruit. Some apples, quinces and other fruits are well set and everything points to this being the most prosperous year in the history of the project.

Just at this time, farmers and all others finding it necessary to employ labor are experiencing much difficulty in securing men and teams. Common laborers are paid \$2 per day, and men with teams command \$5 per day. Not only is the shortage felt in this immediate vicinity, but over the entire west end of the country. One firm has a standing order with Pendleton employment agencies to send it all the men that show up from 50 to 75 men could find work in this vicinity today.

Many People Locate.

The past two months have seen the arrival of many new people. All of them, of course, have not located, but a good percentage have, and will be here with their families just as soon as they can get matters straightened out at their old homes in the East.

This influx is rapidly settling up the country and as the new houses and other buildings spring up, it gives the impression of the future ahead of the project. A large part of this new influx is cut up in 20-acre tracts, so that in a few years' time it will be almost one continuous city.

Reservoir is Interesting.

The big reservoir from which water is taken for the Government irrigation project is an interesting sight these days. This reservoir covers 1,500 acres. At the present time it is at its highest point, as from now on the demand for water will reduce the amount behind the big dam until the irrigation season is over this fall, when the filling process will commence for next year's use. Up near the dam the water measures a depth of 36 feet. Looking out over this vast expanse of water, one can see that it is all artificial. It does, however, convince the prospective purchaser or homesteader of the stability of the project. Last year, only a little more than 10 feet were registered on the gauge. This season with 58 feet and the water still coming in as fast as it is going out, there is no question as to there being enough for all, especially as there was no shortage last year.

HORSE'S STRUGGLES FATAL

Animal Ruptures Blood Vessel and Dies While Being Shod.

SPRINGFIELD, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—A big draft horse, belonging to a team of four, valued at \$1000, owned by Constantine, was shod by a stranger yesterday while being shod.

The animal was acting wildly in the blacksmith shop when the smith attempted to shoe him and he was placed in the customary rack where he was shod. Suddenly he stopped and dropped his head to one side. He had ruptured a blood vessel and died instantly.

Park is Offered Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—This city will soon have her first park if the request of the Commercial Club is respected by the City Council. A local real estate firm has offered to donate six acres on the condition that the city will within the next two years spend a thousand dollars in boulevards and other improvements. The location of the park is ideal, for it is on the hill directly across the river, not six blocks from Main street.

Forty-Year-Old House Moved.

SPRINGFIELD, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—The paragon of the Methodist Church, built in 1868, was removed today to make room for a new structure. The timbers in the old house, over 40 years old, were in perfect condition, and the house was placed on rollers and moved without braces. Even the ground sills were sound. The timbers in the house were all very heavy and the ground pieces were heavy by hand.

Bridge Work Begins Monday.

SPRINGFIELD, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—Timbers were being delivered on the river for the bridge over the Portland, Eugene & Eastern bridge here, on which work will begin Monday. The foot bridge will be first built to aid the construction work, as a convenience for the passengers from the end of the carline.

Milkhouse Burns; Barn Is Saved.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—James Strain's milkhouse was destroyed by fire yesterday. Neighbors saved the cream separator, cooler, milk cans and bottles. The loss to the building was \$700. A large barn filled with hay 20 feet away was saved by the fire company.

Grand Trunk Short of Men.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 25.—E. J. Chamberlain, general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, who is here inspecting the company's holdings, said yesterday that the work of con-

GUARD AIRS WOES

More Officers Carry Their Troubles to Hay.

LAMPING MAY FEEL AX

Governor Is Expected to Act This Week in Case of Adjutant-General, Who is Object of Factional Troubles in Militia.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 25.—(Special.)—Another bunch of National Guard officers gathered here today to tell their troubles to Governor Lamping, and as usual the Governor refused to discuss the matter, although it is understood he will act early next week on whether or not Adjutant-General Lamping shall be removed, or whether other officers shall be asked to resign. There seems to be no doubt that Lamping has failed to make good as Adjutant-General. His quarrel with the United States Army Inspector, Colonel John Kenzie, his rights to another Army officer who visited the guard officially, his removal of the popular Captain Thompson from the position of Assistant Adjutant-General, and his published interview wherein he made serious misstatements of facts regarding Colonel Kenzie's daughter, stenographer at headquarters, all added to Lamping's unpopularity.

Kenzie reported to the War Department in effect that Lamping was incompetent. Lamping retorted that if the guard was not in good condition, it was Inspector Kenzie's fault, and the fact he had no power to give orders to the guard. Lamping also charged that Miss Kenzie has been the stenographer at headquarters during all the time Hamilton's speculations were taking place. It is not the fact.

During the week a large delegation of officers came here and held a late night session with the Governor. Next day Lamping was here. The Oregon case, Captain Thompson and other officials, said to be opponents of Lamping, were here for another conference. Lamping's friends charge that Kenzie is stirring up the trouble and that he desires to make the guard a political machine. Case denies this and says he was here to prove to the Governor the ability of these charges and to urge that in selection of an Adjutant-General the Governor submit names of three or four candidates to a vote of the officers of the guard and select the one who gets the most votes.

"That should kill any suggestion that the appointment is dictated by politics," says Colonel Case. Case also said that Governor Hay announced he would act on the matter next week.

EARLY OPENING LIKELY

Yakima Expects Reserve Lands to Be Put on Market This Fall.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., April 25.—(Special.)—The visit of Judge James W. Witten, superintendent of Indian lands of the Department of the Interior, to North Yakima Thursday, gives rise to the conviction that the Yakima Indian reservation will be opened next fall. Judge Witten would give out nothing definite with regard to the opening, but he expressed himself forcibly as favoring an opening in the fall rather than at any other time of the year.

He is reported to have said that if the reapportionment of the Yakima reservation is completed before December 1, the reservation would be opened this year. It is believed here that the reapportionment will be completed in July or August. Judge Witten made careful investigation into police protection and whether gambling is allowed in the city. He said that one of the most important considerations was the protection of the rangers who will come here from various parts of the country.

DIKE MAY BE CONSTRUCTED

Land Near Wallcut River to Be Reclaimed.

LONG BEACH, Wash., April 25.—(Special.)—Extensive diking and draining improvements are being made on the Wallcut River, whereby several thousand acres of land, which is now comparatively useless, will be made very valuable for many kinds of farming and gardening. The persons who own the land propose, when the dikes and drains are completed, to sell the tract in small lots.

At the last meeting of the Worth Beach Club, those interested in the improvements on the Wallcut River requested the club to help them induce the County Commissioners to establish a county road on the top of the main dike. The county road now is on the bank of the Columbia River. The fierce storms of winter have often washed the road away. The club, Wilbur McKean, son of Joe McKean, of Long Beach, who is dairying on Shoalwater Bay, shot at five geese with a rifle, at a distance of 200 yards, and killed three of them at one shot.

Ministers Asked to Aid Count.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 25.—Ministers of Aberdeen are asked to assist in securing an accurate count of this city by bringing the matter before their parishioners and explaining the advantages to accrue by getting every possible name on the roll. Should the census show that Aberdeen has 20,000 inhabitants it would give it the right to advance to a city of the first class. Mayor E. B. Benn said: "I am in favor of a commission form of government, if the people desire it, and in the event that we can show the population, and that it is necessary to formulate a new charter and adopt it. There has been considerable talk of adopting this form of government, and in case it should be done, all present offices would become vacant."

Mill City Calls New Pastor.

ALBANY, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—Rev. William McLeod, a former prominent student of Albany College, where he won honors as a debater, has accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at Mill City and will return to Oregon in several years spent in California. He has been preaching recently at Richmond, Cal.

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ROAD WORK PUSHED

Pacific & Eastern Will Be in Butte Falls Soon.

TWO REASONS FOR HASTE

New Line Wants to Open Up Fruit and Timber Belt and Get Into Expensive Delays.

MEDFORD, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—The Pacific & Eastern Railroad will be in Butte Falls by June 15, judging from the present rapid rate of construction. For 10 months there has been a campaign on the part of John R. Allen's force, because it is the avowed object of the Pacific & Eastern to get into Butte Falls early in the summer for a two-fold reason.

An early completion of the work is imperative, if the land which has been cleared in the neighborhood of Butte Falls is to be brought in the Cascades. John R. Allen has already called for bids from contractors for the further construction of the line clear over the Cascade into Eastern Oregon, to an eastern connection.

At the present time, the Pacific & Eastern is a far different system than it was when Mr. Allen took hold of it last July. Then the line was merely two streaks of rail, extending only 12 miles out into the country to Eagle Point. A dozen engines drew an ammunition combination car and one or two ramshead freight cars to and from Eagle Point every day. Generally, something happened to delay the train for an hour or two, but this was considered a matter of course.

All is Changed.

Now, however, all this is changed. The length of track to Eagle Point has been laid out with heavy steel, grade crossings have been made and fillings put in. New engines and new rolling-stock have been installed. The road is now within eight miles of Butte Falls, which is 22 miles from Medford.

Mr. Allen has promised the citizens of Jacksonville that he will build through their city to the Blue Ledge mine, near the California line, if they will grant him a franchise through the town and actively support the project. The people of Jacksonville are strongly in favor of this project, and there seems to be no doubt that in the near future such a line will be built. The construction of a line will mean tremendous development of the country along the route and greatly widened influence of the jobbing houses of Medford.

ASHLAND SEEKS PAVING

City Council Inspects Asphalt Used in Southern Cities.

ASHLAND, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—Mayor Snell and a committee of the Ashland City Council are off on a paving inspection trip to Sacramento and Stockton, Cal. The City Council selected asphalt pavement for the improvement of the city streets, and there is Ashland this season, but after inspecting some of the asphalt work at Portland, now being torn up, doubted their choice on that kind of pavement, so they are now making a visit to the southern cities to inspect asphalt work.



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FALL IS DOUBLY FATAL

Workman Stumbles From Scaffold, Hits Tree and Rock.

SILVERTON, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—Henry Kephard was almost instantly killed last evening by falling from a scaffold. He was working on a barn belonging to S. E. Matheny, when the scaffold broke, letting him fall 20 feet. As he pitched backward, his head struck against a tree and it is believed that this alone would have finished his career. As he reached the ground, his head struck a rock, causing a fracture of the skull, and he never recovered consciousness. He was removed to his home immediately and died within an hour.

He leaves a widow and eight children. The funeral will be held in the Christian Church Sunday afternoon.

Wheat Prospects Good.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 25.—Wheat crop prospects in this state were never so bright as at present, according to statements made yesterday by grain men and bankers. The wheat acreage will show a small increase over last year by the time seeding is completed. Wheat conditions throughout the winter not only favored the winter wheat but provided plenty of moisture, insuring a good start for the spring-sown crop. The increase in the wheat acreage is expected to be largely along the line of Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railroad. The amount of land sown to wheat for the first time this year along the new transcontinental railroad is

expected more than to offset the loss that may be met along the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, where a large amount of summer following is being done, following last year's big wheat crop.

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