

### 1919 APPLE TONNAGE GREATEST RECORDED

Season Bids Fair to Be Most Profitable One.

### GROWERS ARE WARNED

Tendency to Make Initial Selling Prices Too High Regarded as Great Danger.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—Although indications point to a total tonnage far in excess of the yield of any former year, H. P. Davidson, export agent of a number of northwestern concerns, declares that the marketing season of 1919-20, unless growers begin the deal by demanding excessive prices at harvest time, bids fair to be more profitable than last year.

Mr. Davidson, who, preparatory to leaving for Europe, where he will make a survey of all markets, has just visited all of the northwestern growing sections, says: "The greatest danger the grower faces is his tendency to make his initial selling prices too high. The apples should be sold at figures that will make possible a steady consumption of them. If this condition prevails, the fruit will move off in a steady stream with the likelihood of a rising market. But let the market start bullish and break and it is liable to become disastrous."

"While orders are being received abnormally early and in large numbers, I have learned of the single sale of any consequence, E. Wagner & Sons of Wenatchee have bought a stock of Jonathans, to be picked before the fruit is fully mature, for shipment to Australia. They have contracted to pay \$2 per box, but this should not be taken as any general market standard."

Yakima valley, Mr. Davidson says, is figuring on about 19,000 cars. Wenatchee expects to produce \$600 cars. Frost danger is not yet over in the Spokane district, he says, and final estimates have not been given.

"While in Spokane," said Mr. Davidson, "I talked with A. E. Perham, prominent shipper, who had just returned from a tour of Idaho. He told me that the prune crop would only be about 50 per cent, but that Idaho districts would ship 3000 cars of apples against 200 last year. There is a probability of 3500 boxes of Jonathans in excess of last year in the northwest, and it is indicated that the general excess of all varieties over last year in all districts will be about 1500 carloads. The northwestern districts produced a total tonnage of 15,400 cars last season."

Mr. Davidson says the high prices paid for early fruits is phenomenal. While he was in Wenatchee, he said, growers were contracting their apricots at \$100 per car, buyers to bear the expense of packing.

### TANGLED ROMANCE TOLD

WILL OF TRAVELING SALESMAN REVEALS UNREQUITED LOVE.

School Teacher at Sioux Falls Made Sole Heir Only in Event She Is Engaged to Testator.

PENDLETON, Or., May 31.—Romance is written in and between the lines of a will and codicil executed by Edgar C. Smith, a traveling salesman of Sioux Falls, S. D., received by County Clerk H. C. Brown, on request to enter the will or codicil in probate accompanied the papers. Both documents are conventional in nature of bequest and directions.

Miss Jean Annette Welker, principal of Irving school, Sioux Falls, was apparently at the time the will was executed, the apple of his eye. To her he decreed all his worldly goods should be given. With this known to her, he figured their engagement would be a simple matter.

The school teacher, however, must have been disappointed, for in the codicil, Smith provided that only on condition of their being actually engaged at the time of his death should she be sole heir and executrix. In event they were not engaged, the estate should go to his married sister in Minneapolis.

The savor of romance in the will is heightened by two verses of poetry from Bertin Bralley's "Antemortem" which he asks be used as directions in his cremation. In case there should be an ordinary burial, the document reads, "I wish it done as quietly and cheaply as possible."

### BETTER SCHOOLS IN VIEW

Districts in Lane County Give Evidence of Prosperity.

EUGENE, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—Prosperity seems to have struck a number of school districts of Lane county. New school houses are being planned by some and improvements will be made generally this summer, according to E. J. Moore, county superintendent. A modern building will be erected in Lower Lake creek valley, and a duplicate of the River Road school building, just north of Eugene, said to be the most modern rural school building in the county, will be erected at Saginaw. The Delight valley district, across the river from Saginaw, created recently from the Saginaw district, will also have a fine new building before fall.

### FRUIT PLANT TO ENLARGE

Bardwell Company to Build Addition to Handle Medford Crop.

MEDFORD, Or., May 31.—The Bardwell Fruit company will begin the construction of a large addition to their present well-equipped fruit plant to care for the greatly increased crop of the coming season. The company has just closed a contract for the entire crop of apples on the Sunnybrook orchard owned by L. D. Harris, estimated at 25,000 boxes. The highest prices realized on Anjou and Comice pears for the past two seasons were made by export sales to the Cuban trade through the Bardwell company, and the contract has been renewed for the year.

### ASHLAND GRADUATES 51

Rev. C. A. Edwards to Deliver Baccalaureate Address June 1.

ASHLAND, Or., May 31.—A class of 51 will graduate from Ashland high school this year. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered at the Methodist church Sunday evening, June 1, by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Edwards. On Thursday evening, June 5, the 27th an-

nual commencement exercises will be held in the Chautauqua auditorium, at which time President Ackerman, of the Oregon normal school, will give the address. The members of the class follow: William Allen, Edmund Barret, Arvin Burnett, Elva Burris, Bert Bryant, Mildred Carlton, Wilma Chastin, Ray Clark, Charles Cooley, Edwin Frazer, Aubrey Furry, Anna French, George Gray, Dorothy Harris, Onca Hanson, Reids Harrell, Zeldis Heer, Luella Herrick, Malcolm Humphreys, Gladys Inlow, Jessie Inlow, Gladys Jarvis, Dorothy Jones, Jack Jones, Marion Kincaid, Avela Kerr, Leona Lennex, Doris Loomis, Pauline McClintock, Lottie Morland, Chester MacCracken, Cecile Moore, Mable Moore, Walter Miksch, Nellie Perry, Lily Poley, James Porter, Olive Sober, Bertha Smith, George Stannard, Charles Snyder, Harold Stone, Harry Silver, Slade Souger, Claire Tucker, Laura Wenner, Gertrude Wertz, Pearl Withrow, Margaret Van Dyke, Clyde Young, Eth Herring.

### LINN PIONEERS TO PICNIC

PORTLAND MEN TO SPEAK AT BROWNSVILLE.

Veterans of World War Will Be Guests at Barbecue on Banks of Calapooia River.

BROWNSVILLE, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—Plans are being made for the three days' union of pioneers at Browns-ville on June 18, 19 and 20. Speakers are to be Edgar E. Piper, editor of The Oregonian; Malor Mark Weatherford of Albany, Fred Lockley of the Oregon Journal, Rev. J. E. Snyder of Corvallis and Harry Tompkins of Astoria, who was a chaplain at Camp Lewis since the camp was first organized. The old campground at Brownsville is historic, as the Oregon trail wound through it. The Calapooia river winds along the edge of the grove not a stone's throw from the speakers' stand, and near the river are the old camp and burial grounds of the Calapooias, a vanished tribe. All soldiers, sailors, and marines have been invited to attend the celebration on June 20. The pioneers are planning a special demonstration for the boys. An old-time barbecue will be held and it is desired that the veterans of earlier wars revel over the roast beef in company with the heroes of today. Athletic events will be staged, including baseball games each day of the picnic.

### EARLY CULTIVATION URGED

Results in Orchard Near Roseburg Cited to Show Gain.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—Following a number of experiments in caring for orchards, covering a period of two years, early plowing and frequent cultivation in the prune orchards of the Umpqua valley is being advocated by County Horticulturist Earl Pearcy. An old prune orchard of 40 acres at Days Creek, which has the largest crop of prunes to be found in Douglas County this year, is an evidence that this theory is correct, says the fruit inspector. Prunes in the orchard mentioned are hanging in the trees in great numbers, and other trees are rather shy of fruit this season. The reason attributed is that this old orchard was plowed early in the spring and the ground worked down quickly, with the result that chemical activity in the soil began and the young fruit was nourished with an abundance of sap.

### ELKS PREPARE FOR DRIVE

Lodgemen Rally to Support of Salvation Army Campaign.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—Although the campaign is three weeks away, Chairman J. H. Fredrick, of a local committee of Elks, in charge of securing Hood River county's quota of \$2200 in the Salvation Army Home Service campaign, says that his organization will proceed immediately to raise the allotment. "It is just a question of assembling the fund with us," says Mr. Fredrick. "We are going to do it by voluntary contributions. Our committee is preparing a circular letter to be sent to all local citizens, who will be asked to return their subscriptions at once. We feel sure that they will do it. Hood River county believes in the Salvation Army."

### Pendleton Offers \$350 in Prizes.

PENDLETON, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—Three hundred and fifty dollars or more in prizes will be offered for Pendleton's fourth annual Rose show. The exhibition will take place June 4 in Eagle-Woodman hall, under the direction this year of the Civic club. The city of Pendleton offers the grand prize of \$25 for the best general collection.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and beautiful floral offerings during the illness and death of our beloved husband and son, Arvid Leto. MRS. ARVID LEROY AND MOTHER, MRS. VICTORIA NILVEN.—Adv.



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### WHITMAN MASQUE FEATURE

HISTORY OF FOUNDER OF COLLEGE WILL BE REVIEWED.

Play Written by Students, Alumni and President Penrose, Whose 25-Year Presidency Is Honored.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., May 31.—(Special.)—One of the leading features of the Penrose quarter-century celebration here during commencement week, June 5 to 10, inclusive, will be the presentation of a masque by the students of the college. This will take place on Monday afternoon, June 9, in the natural amphitheater in front of Billings hall. This masque has been written by former and present students of the college and by Dr. Penrose. The parts have been assigned as follows: Spirit of History, Hilda Dirks; Spirit of Whitman, Frances Penrose; Indian, Glen Bean; Dr. Whitman, —; President Tyler, Gustavus Clerin; Webster, Orville Douglas; Mrs. Whitman, Anna Compton; The Mountains, Howard Reed; The Water, Mildred Smith; The Fields, Gladys Metcalf. In the choruses are: Soprano, Merle Best; Jean Lambert, Mrs. Barnett, Zola Keen, Lillian Lange, Thelma Munsell, Katherine Sicksels, Wilena Long; alto, Verdie Morgan, Gwyneth Lewis; Margaret Waddell, Margaret Schiffrer; tenor, Lyle Kelling, Marshall Tuttle; basses, Howard Reed, Joseph Gaiser, Almos Reynolds. The masque will be given in the out-of-door amphitheater of the college, and the combination of colorful costumes, sweet music and natural scenery will make a beautiful production.

### PENDLETON TEACHERS SIGN

Only Eight Vacancies Remain to Be Filled for Fall Term.

PENDLETON, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—The five principals, two supervisors and 24 teachers in the Pendleton schools have signed contracts to teach again next year, leaving only eight vacancies to be filled before the new term opens. In the high school the teachers who will serve next year are H. E. Inlow, principal; Mrs. Charles E. Bonney, F. E. Broer, Miss Alberta Childs, A. C. Crowe, Miss Camilla Dolson, Miss Effie Duff and J. L. Whitman. Mrs. S. H. Forshaw, supervisor of music, and Miss Florence Lausted, art supervisor, have signed contracts. The following teachers have signed: Miss Elva Boone, Miss Grace Frost, Miss Irene Hawks, Mrs.

Paralee Halley, Mrs. Maye R. Hagar, Miss Lura M. Hendricks, Mrs. L. Idleman, Mrs. Ida Hunton Keane, Miss Neva Lane, Miss Laude Maxwell, Mrs. Gertrude Nash, Mrs. Gwendolyn Nelson, Mrs. Sarah E. Rasmussen, Miss Arlie Rouanzoin, Miss Della Pugh, Miss Flora Shaw, A. C. Thompson, Miss Leota Wagner, Miss Lillian Wattenburger and Miss Sadie R. Young. Miss Anna Caldwell of Roseburg, Miss Nellie Darr of Adams and Miss Edythe Daubner of Dallas, are three new teachers.

### SCHOOL TERM NEAR CLOSE

Centralia Commencement Exercises Commence Tonight.


CENTRALIA, May 31.—(Special.)—The baccalaureate services of the 1919 class of the Centralia high school Sunday evening will mark the opening of the last week of the school year in this city. Rev. G. W. Frame, pastor of the M. E. church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. The commencement exercises of the class will be held June 5, Milton Simpson, of Whitman college, delivering the address. The senior class this year numbers 47. Mildred Sears is valedictorian and Florence Maxam salutatorian. The eighth grade commencement exercises will be held June 5. The 1919 session of the Centralia summer normal school opens June 2.

### Cornelius Teachers Retained.

CORNELIUS, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—Cornelius will retain its present teachers for another year. The board met recently and re-elected Miss Anne Morrissey for grades one and two; Miss

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