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EARLY FRUIT DAMAGED

Some damage has been done to all early fruits in this section by the cold nights of the latter part of last and fore part of this week, and by some it is predicted that the early crop of fruit will fail entirely on account of the cold spell. The days have been warm, but the temperature dropped in the evening, with heavy frost on one or two mornings of the past week. There was a quarter of an inch or more of ice in Madras on Monday morning.

While reports received so far are very discouraging, it is believed by the more optimistic that the damage will not prove as great as has been reported. There has been some damage to the early varieties of fruit, which were beginning to bloom, but it is too early yet to say just how great the damage was.

There has still been no official notice concerning the awarding of the contract for the Westside mail service, and it is believed by those who are interested in the establishment of that service, that no contract has been awarded, as some information would have been received by this time had the service been established. Under the advertisement for contracts the new service was to go into effect on May 10, if established, but it was understood that the service would not be established unless the bid offered for the mail contract was entirely satisfactory. The fact that no official notice concerning the matter has been received is regarded as an indication that no contract for the service has yet been awarded.

The Tourist's and Home seekers' number of the Oregonian which was issued last Monday, is the best exploitation number ever issued in the Northwest. It presents in an attractive form, the very information that the thousands of homeseekers flocking to this state will desire, and the special edition will be especially valuable to the new-comer, in acquainting him with the resources and attractions of his new home. The special edition will also prove a valuable advertising medium in the East and Middle West, where thousands of copies have been distributed.

Binger Hermann does not deny having destroyed the letter copy-books just prior to his retirement from the General Land Office, but he does deny their public character or that he was guilty of any wrong intent. Under the instructions from the trial judge, the jury took that view of it, and Binger is a free man. It would be interesting to hear the verdict of the public on the transaction, unhampered by any instructions from the court.

It is reported that Binger Hermann shook the hand of each man on the jury which acquitted him. Had this hand shaking occurred before the trial, the charge of "undue influence" could not have been avoided, as it is well known

that our Binger's hand shake is simply irresistible.

The best crops they have had for 25 years is what the Agency Plains farmers are counting on, according to J. G. Fisch, who is in the city on business. Mr. Fisch says it's all due to the moisture, which has been abundant.—Chronicle.

A pretty double wedding took place in the parlors of the Hotel Prineville yesterday morning, when Miss Gussie Banta became the bride of F. J. Corwin and Miss Lizzie Corwin the bride of Fred H. Green. Rev. Bass tied the double knot and the two happy pairs of mates left immediately afterward for their homes at Madras.—Prineville Review.

The outlook for a heavy strawberry crop has never been more flattering than at the present time. The acreage has had no perceptible increase, but the conditions of the weather have been conducive to a heavy yield. The plants are in prime condition and with a few weeks of favorable weather the grower may reasonably expect an abundant harvest.—Hood River Glacier.

T. M. Baldwin, cashier of the First National Bank of Prineville, is making arrangements to build a fine new home at the county seat. The new residence will be modern in every respect and will be one of the finest, if not the finest, homes in the county. Mr. Baldwin's new home will be an ornament to the town of Prineville, where a number of new business and residence houses have gone up in the past year or so.

A band of traveling gypsies were in town last Monday evening, camping on the banks of Willow Creek. They were here last Fall on their way northward, and are now returning to California from North Yakima, Washington, where they spent the winter. There were eight or ten, men, women and children, in the party, and they were traveling in three covered wagons. While here the gypsies gathered in a few coins telling fortunes and doing similar stunts.

The Bulletin has made it a point to make numerous inquiries regarding the condition of fall sown grain. Every report so far obtained states that fall sown crops never looked better and that they are in excellent condition. In fact, there is promise of a bumper yield from this grain. Many of the farmers hereabout firmly believe that all grain, the nature of which permits it, should be sowed in the fall, thus securing the benefit of the fall and winter moisture. Each year's experience seems to prove them correct in their theory.—Bend Bulletin.

The Baldwin Sheep & Land Company has ordered a virus from the Pasteur Vaccine Co. and will try the experiment of inoculating the rats which infest their ranch at Haycreek. The virus is strongly recommended by the company supplying it, as producing a deadly contagious disease among the rats, without danger of contagion to the other animals about the ranch. The company is not troubled so much with sage rats at their ranch this year as in former years. They have had plenty of water for irrigating and when the water is turned on and the sage rats are driven from their burrows, the fox-terrier dogs make short work of them.

A. Eagles brought in a specimen of oats from his homestead east of town, last Monday, and challenges any of his neighbors to beat it. The oats was planted in the Fall, and the specimen brought in was about 18 inches high. Mr. Eagles says that he has 40 acres of the same kind.

Work is still progressing on the well which is being drilled at the W. F. Magill ranch. The drill has reached a depth of about 200 feet, and it is expected to put it down about 350 feet under the present contract. If no water is reached by that time, new arrangements will be made, as Mr. Magill and his neighbors are determined to solve the water problem on the Plains.

Over near Dufur there is much excitement over the discovery of oil, and it is said that the indications are so good and the odor of petroleum is so strong as to raise suspicions that the springs have been "salted". A number of companies are being organized there to prospect for oil.

Regarding the proposal to try inoculation with a deadly virus, as a means of ridding this section of the county of the sage rat pest, the Bend Bulletin says: "H. H. Davies, who is spending several months in Bend, saw this plan of spreading disease among ground squirrels tried several years ago in Lincoln county, Washington, and he said it practically rid that section of the pests."

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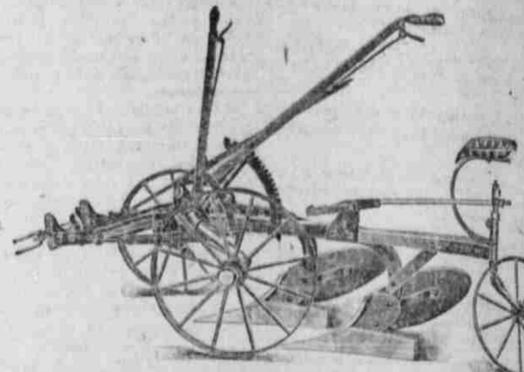
The big Belgian, property of the Haystack Livestock Breeders Association, will be kept at the Leach place, three miles west of Lamonta, during season commencing April 7th. This horse has proven a sure foal-getter and his colts are giving good satisfaction.

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