

FRUIT and FARM

Farmers See

Alfalfa Plots

Twenty-five farmers interested in alfalfa growing left Medford in cars at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon to attend the alfalfa demonstration held on the Mike Hanley and Bernst ranches near Central Point.

On the two ranches some twenty plots have been treated with different varieties of fertilizer, all of the plots showing good results with the exception of those treated with nitrate of soda and pure phosphorus. Many farmers have been paying high prices for these fertilizers and have been at a loss to understand the lack of results. In all cases, however, where any fertilizer containing any form of sulphur was applied the results were most satisfactory. Where check plots were not worth cutting those a few feet away treated with sulphur showed a fine second crop.

According to Pathologist Cate, the pyrites that will be available in immense quantities at the opening of the Blue Ledge district will furnish an ideal sulphur fertilizer. This product can be ground here, if railroad transportation is available, and sold at from \$8 to \$10 a ton. The pyrites in its present form contains about 30 per cent sulphur and can be easily concentrated to a content of 50 per cent.

Raw lump pyrites was applied last spring to several plots and showed a noticeable improvement in the crop. However, if the pyrites is ground as fine as sulphur and applied at 100 pounds to the acre, remarkable results may be expected, lasting over two or three years. At present gypsum and pure sulphur are the most practical forms to use. The war, however, has boosted the price of sulphur to about \$50 a ton.

As soon as cuttings are finished and all available data has been gathered a bulletin will be published giving to growers the exact findings as to fertilization of alfalfa.

SISKIYOU HEADLIGHTS.

Mrs. Hartley has been in Ashland for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Dollarhide motored to Ashland on Wednesday.

N. A. Richards was one of the guests last Saturday and Sunday on Superintendent Metcalf's car for an observation trip to Red Bluff and return. Nine other section foremen were of the party.

Siskiyou school closed on the 30th for a week so all may have full chance to attend the round-up celebration in Ashland.

Mrs. Yaster's two granddaughters who have been visiting her from Klamath Falls returned home on Tuesday.

T. F. Jayne of Grants Pass came up Friday to spend several days in the city.

NORTH TALENT-PHOENIX ITEMS

D. Tedwards of Medford was up to his fine garden anch in North Talent Sunday.

Mrs. Earl Erlace of North Talent spent Sunday visiting friends in Fern valley.

Misses Belle and Anna French of North Talent were shopping in Medford Friday afternoon.

Miss Orpha Stephens is visiting at the home of her brother, S. S. Stephens, in North Talent.

Mrs. S. S. Stephens and Mrs. J. D. Henry of North Talent visited Mrs. Stephens' sister, Mrs. William Cottrell, at Beagle last week.

The Misses Leta and Orpha Stephens took dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Henry last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Francis of North Talent were trading in Medford Monday.

Mrs. William H. Grant of Phoenix was a Medford business visitor Saturday.

Walter Myers of Phoenix left last Thursday for Kansas City for medical treatment and to visit with relatives.

Furry brothers of Phoenix drove their fine herd of beef cattle out to the Dead Indian range last Monday.

Mrs. C. Carey has just found the whereabouts of an uncle she has not seen since she was a little girl.

There has been several land buyers in Talent and vicinity the past week. The big irrigation ditch in these parts looks good to North Dakota farmers. Small tracts that have water being most coveted.

The land between Talent and Phoenix has proved to be the best sugar beet land in the valley. Several plots of the heavy soil have been planted this spring and are making fine growth without water.

Militia Trains

Stop Hour Here

All of the trains carrying the Oregon militia en route for the border stop over an hour in Ashland, and the lengthy stop enables the troops to get needed exercise. The trains are emptied while in Ashland and most of the boys visit the downtown section. The lithia water fountains at the station are well patronized also. The militiamen all seem to be in the best of spirits and are much envied by the members of the local coast artillery, many of whom have acquaintances formed at encampments among the southbound troops. Many of the soldier boys have relatives in Ashland, and scenes of parting are not infrequent. Lieutenant-Colonel John L. May, in command of the second battalion of the Third Oregon Infantry, is a former Ashlander and commanded a company from here in the war with Spain. A number of old comrades of bygone campaigns greeted him here.

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Track Star Will Coach H. S. Teams

A successor to Prof. Hutchison, who piloted the Ashland high athletic forces through the last season's schedules and presided over the manual training and mechanical drawing departments, has been secured in the person of Heinrich Heidenreich of Eugene. The new coach comes very highly recommended, was a track and basketball star and all-around athlete. The Eugene Register of a

recent date records the employment of the new man as follows:

"Heinrich Heidenreich, University graduate, track star and member of the glee club, and who is attending summer school this summer, has been elected to the position of manual training instructor and athletic coach at the Ashland high school for next year.

Mr. Heidenreich was prominent in University circles while here and last year attended O. A. C. where he took a course in the instruction of manual training. He was slated for a position with the Medford high

school but was offered a better proposition at Ashland and has accepted.

The directors of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company have voted to give \$100,000 to the National Association for the Study of the Prevention of Tuberculosis. The money will be used in experimental work, to cover a period of three years, looking to the control and ultimate elimination of tuberculosis.

Prof. MacMurray returned the last of the week from Roseburg where he has been visiting for several days.