

FRUIT and FARM

Waste of the Apple Crop.

Portland Oregonian: It was a famous Pacific coast manufacturer of mustard condiments who said that it was the mustard the people left on the plate that had made him rich. It appears also that the waste of apples in the United States has a distinct bearing on the market for that fruit and the price paid by the consumer. The forthcoming crop of apples is estimated at 67,670,000 barrels, which is something more than 200,000,000 bushels, or nearly two bushels for every man, woman and child in the country. How many millions of our people never get even an apple can not be estimated, but the number is large. This is due to two factors—waste in the orchard and faulty distribution. Millions of bushels—too many to calculate—rot on the ground in sections where the growers do not believe it profitable to market them. Other large quantities are lost by poor storage; still more by shipping to markets that already have been glutted, though there may be other towns and cities not far away that have insufficient supplies.

One of the important elements in waste is failure to produce fruit of quality worth picking and shipment. The Pacific northwest learned this lesson measurable some years ago, but there are growers even yet who do not realize its importance. This season has been particularly trying because the high price of various insecticides and fungicides has induced parsimony in their application. We can not afford to neglect our fruit trees altogether just because there is a war in Europe. And in some districts pests are getting foothold that will be making trouble long after the war is over. It must be kept in mind that we ourselves are responsible in a high degree for a public taste that demands excellent fruit or will buy none. The cull apple is practically a total waste. Even the space it occupies on the trees is devoted to the production of worse than nothing. But the grower who picks his fruit at all must pick the poor fruit with the good and then reject it in the sorting. It all takes time, and time is money these days. The difference between a clean orchard and a half-kept one is the difference between profit and loss.

As for the problem of feast and famine in communities not far apart with which any student of the situation is familiar, we are accomplishing something, although not enough, in the direction of correcting the evil by organized marketing and good advertising. Doubtless this will work out in good time. But it must not be forgotten that the orchards we now have should either be cared for or uprooted. The present time is appropriate for the autumn cleaning up, for horticultural prophylaxis, for laying the foundation for next year's crop. After the present crop has been harvested and until the unfavorable weather of winter sets in, the motto of every orchardist should be, "Let us spray."

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Ashland High School Notes

(By Leith Abbott.)

According to a letter which Superintendent Briscoe received from "Bob" Spencer, '15, there are about as many Ashland students in the University of California as there are in the Oregon schools. The Ashland students who are enrolled there this year are: Evelyn Merrill, Alene Bomar, Gertrude Meikle, Blanche Sallsbury, Robert Spencer, Harold Merrill, "Red" Richards, Ralph Sallsbury, Victor Mills, Kenneth King. Bob said he didn't like the spirit of the California school as well as he did that of the University of Oregon. There are about 5,000 pupils at California and about half that number at Oregon, but the Oregon school is noted for its lively, ever active school spirit, a thing which is lacking in the enormous California student body. Elbert Farlow and Ralph Harris of last year's seniors are enrolled at O. A. C. this year. Audrey Pedifer is at the University of Oregon and Harold Frohbach will enter the University of Wisconsin at Christmas. It is planned to put in a university preparatory course in the high school in the near future so that Ashland pupils can take one year of university work in the high school. This would call for several more well-paid teachers and would make Ashland high very distinctive. There are rumors to the effect that a university freshman course in electricity will be installed here long in Ashland high.

Coach Klum's bunch of Medford huskies went through Ashland Friday on their way to Klamath Falls. Medford has a husky team and reports show that Klamath Falls has a beefy bunch of gridironers, so that this game will store up a lot of "dope" as to future contests. The Medford boys went in autos over the Green Springs mountain road to Klamath Falls. Coach Huggins of Klamath Falls had one of his legs broken in two places in a scrimmage last week but will probably be in condition to watch Saturday's game. The fact that the Klamath boys treated their friend, the coach, so roughly spells disaster to the Medford hopefuls. The Medford boys and coach were a dubious lot and they were not feeling overconfident of the Klamath game. Ashland high plays Klamath on November 4 at Klamath Falls.

Medford high has an overabundance of school "pep" this year, according to the Medford football players. About 200 rooters accompanied the team to Grants Pass last week for the Medford-Grants Pass game, and in every way the student body is lively and loyal. "Mut" Williamson, a well-known Medford athlete, but who is to be kept off Medford teams this year because of parental objection, was recently elected yell leader, and his marshaling of the rooters' pang has unfitted a husky-throated bunch of yappers. It is also reported that Medford will have some "stunts" to pull off between halves of the Medford-Ashland game which will rival the far-famed stunts which Ashland high has executed for the last few years. The Ashland high school spirit is abominable so far this semester. No yell leader has been elected to replace Leith Abbott, who has held the thankless job for two years. There hasn't been an executive committee meeting yet to settle the student body president difficulty of last year. Not a single class, seniors included, has been organized. No class receptions or parties have taken place, and when the football team has a practice game and invites the students out to witness it there are not half a dozen students from the 238 who will come out and practice the school yells and watch the team practice. Some spirit! for a school of Ashland high's reputation to support. If the football team doesn't have a successful season the fault must be laid to every student in Ashland high school and not on the coach or team. They are doing their part by working, training and practicing for a team which will hold up Ashland high's standing in athletics, but the students are willing to let them do it, for as far as staying a few minutes after school and helping the team out by appearing on the field and voicing their support of the team they "haven't time," and scurry home or to the tennis courts like good students who have spent a whole day in Ashland high school.

Teachers' Institute called several of the pupils of the teachers' training class to Grants Pass for the week-end. By attending the meetings they get a good idea of teachers' work and are better prepared to accept teaching positions. Johnny Anderson of last year's teachers' training class left Thursday for The Dalles, Ore., to accept a position as teacher of a country school near that

city. Practically all of last year's graduates from this course are now fulfilled pedagogues at nearby schools.

Mr. Hallowell (in business English): "Mr. Eubanks, tell me the principal parts of a sentence."

Mr. Eubanks: "I—er! What?—er, oh! bread and water, I believe."

Mr. Hallowell: "Fine! Now, Mr. Abbott, tell me of the length of sentences. What is the largest sentence you ever heard?"

Mr. Abbott: "Why, the longest sentence I ever heard just had two words in it—'For life.'"

Principal Moore organized the school firemen system last Tuesday. About twenty of the largest boys were selected and stationed over the building. There are two boys at every hose in the building, two boys at every door, and boys stationed on the stairs and other places where a jam might take place in case of a fire. The fire alarm of the high school consists of a number of short rings on the class bells and the two big gongs on the outside of the building. These are rung first so that the boys can take their places and then the real alarm calls the students out. The entire building was emptied in forty seconds at the first practice. This will be lowered by half, however, with constant practice.

Emil Nelson, a well-known student of the present senior class when it was in the eighth grade, is visiting old friends in the city now. He is an old-time Ashland boy and was here when the "good old days" existed when the East and West schools used to do battle every Saturday on the old football field near the depot. He finished up his high school education in the Brownsville, Ore., high school, at which place he was well known in athletics.

The school attendance has suffered from the absence of a good many male students who have left school to work in the orchards surrounding Ashland and farther down the valley.

There are a good many students in the high school who might believe the teachers' statement that a day in school is worth \$5 (or some other mythical amount), but just the same \$2 in silver has a great deal more attraction, or, in other words, the bird in the hand is worth two in a glass house, or something like that.

Mrs. Kilgore and family of Bonanza will on November 1 occupy the premises at 113 Bush street, property owned by J. L. Youngker of Long Beach, Cal.

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Heard and Overheard

(By Lynn D. Mowat)

The boys called us down the other day because we put in a social item about a party, "among the most beautiful girls present was Councilman R. P. Cornelius."

But we still hold that Councilman Cornelius was and always is, when he can be, among them.

The problem that's quite got my number

Is how that when some people slumber.

They can peacefully nap

While their wide open trap

Makes a noise like a saw cutting lumber.

This column will buy a cigar for the first person, relatives barred, who tells us what the O. N. in V. O. N. Smith's name stands for.

There is a young fellow named Coley, a freshman at the University of Oregon, whose statement that he is living on \$5 a month is creating quite a furor. The question is How long will he live on?

How They Do It.

"Well," said the farwest mayor to the English tourist, "I dunno how you manage these affairs over there, but out here, when some of our boys got tied up in that thar bankrupt telephone company I was tellin' yer about, they became mighty crusty!"

"Oh!"

"Yes; they didn't like the way the receiver was handlin' the business nohow."

"Indeed!" commented the earnest listener; "then, may I ask what they did?"

"Sartinly; I was goin' ter tell yer. They just hung up the receiver."

Dallas News.

Verne Blue was the first to inform us the identity of the author of "The Purple Cow." Verne says it was Gelett Burgess. He also adds that Burgess wrote something better on "Feet." The verse runs as follows:

My feet, they haul me 'round the house,

They hoist me up the stairs,

I only have to steer them an'

They ride me everywhere.

After hearing both sides of the political questions of the day, we have come to the conclusion that the difference between a "perjurer" and a "convert" lies only in the point of view.

Fellow told us the other day he had "took up some land" down near Eagle Point. We thought maybe the O. and C. land grant had been thrown open, but come to find out, he had been digging ditch for the canal company.

You can overdo anything. We know a business man in this town that spends so much time working out efficiency methods that he hasn't got time to do his work.

The tourists had stopped their car at the turn of the high drive high above Ashland and were rapturously taking in one of the beautiful sunsets which transform the rolling hills of old Grizzly into a shifting panorama of indescribable color. The girl of the party stood up in the car, the warm evening breeze whipping her hair back from her face. "Isn't it perfectly gorgeous!" she rapturously exclaimed. "Not so bad for a little place like Ashland," admitted the man from Los Angeles.

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