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AMONG THE EXCHANGES OF THE INLAND EMPIRE

Big Yields of Potatoes for Idaho.

A. G. Roberts, a live, bustling business man of Blackfoot, is in the city on business, says the Boise Capital News. Mr. Roberts is an enthusiast over the raising of potatoes in the upper Snake river valley and has the figures to show that their production pays better than raising sugar beets, besides providing labor for white workmen instead of Japanese as the sugar industry does.

He states that even at 30 cents a hundred potatoes can be made a more profitable crop than sugar beets and with far less labor. Blackfoot for several years has had the contract for supplying the Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific systems with potatoes, furnishing between 40 and 60 car loads annually.

Hundreds of carloads are shipped from Blackfoot, Idaho, Falls and points on the Yellowstone park branch each year, finding market in Salt Lake, Denver, Omaha, Kansas, City and other eastern and southern points, many carloads being shipped to Texas cities.

He expects potatoes to bring a big price this year in Idaho as the Greeley Colo., crop has been practically ruined and Idaho will be called upon to supply the great market that the Greeley section has been supplying for many years.

Bib Shipment of Fruit Boxes.

The box factory department of the Grand Ronde Lumber company at Perry is shipping on an average a carload of fruit boxes per day for the fruit growers' association of Grand Junction, Colorado, says the La Grande Star. The company was awarded early last spring the contract for delivering 75 carloads of these boxes to the Colorado fruit growers. The box factory has been busy with this order for the past five weeks. Peach and pear boxes are now being sent out and after this part of the contract is filled the factory will begin on apple boxes.

A couple of months will be required to complete the order. This order for fruit boxes for Colorado was secured by the Grande Ronde Lumber company in competition with the coast mills.

In addition to the box shipments the Perry company is now shipping to the eastern markets on an average of 40,000 feet of lumber per day.

A Mysterious Death.

At Wapato yesterday the body of a young man, whose age is reckoned at about 21 or 22 by Coroner Frank, was found by Section Foreman Peter Benson on the railroad platform by the car barn, about 300 feet from the de-

pot, says the Yakima Republic. News of the discovery was telephoned here yesterday and in the afternoon Coroner Frank drove down to Wapato and investigated. The young man doubtless died some time during the preceding night, but the cause of his death is uncertain.

Nothing which could assist in discovering the identity of the dead man was found upon him. In his hip pocket was a five-chambered 32 caliber revolver and in his coat pocket a small flask containing a little liquid. This is not any alcoholic beverage and the doctor is analyzing the contents of the flask with a view to determining whether the man took poison. The absence of any apparent cause of death leads to the suspicion that it is a case of suicide.

Hung Sheriff in Effigy.

A certain element in this county who have no love or liking for a sheriff who does his duty, went so far in their anti-election work as to burn in effigy the popular sheriff of Crook county on the morning of election. And that cheap demonstration of spite, opposition and littleness in making more votes for sheriff Elkins. He carried Prineville by a majority of 71 over his closest competitor, and carried the county with 628 votes over Gogleton, the heaviest vote ever given a candidate in Crook county. When is it time to "lie down and be good."—Bend Bulletin.

Cherries Ripen Fast.

Cherries of the Kentish variety are coming into market in large lots just now, says the Lewiston Teller. While at the Weber fruit packing plant this morning the cherries were being packed for shipment. "There is going to be an immense crop of cherries this season," said R. H. Weber this morning, "the biggest Wasco county has ever had." When calling at The Dalles cannery it was found that all is in readiness there for the work to begin next week when Royal Anns will begin to come into market. It is believed by all fruit merchants that there will be floods of cherries in market in 10 or 14 days.

Declare County "Dry."

At a session of the county court held yesterday, an order was made declaring the result of the recent election and prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors throughout Gilliam county, after midnight June 30, 1908, says the Condon Globe.

According to the provisions of the local option law, the county court is compelled to declare the result of the election 11 days after the general election, or as near thereafter as practicable.

SALOONS WILL FIGHT IN GRANT

PROHIBITION VOTE WILL BE TRIED IN COURT.

If the Result of the June Election Is Set Aside Another Local Option Vote Will Be Taken in November—Irregularities in Ordering the Vote Are the Grounds for the Trial.

The saloon men of Grant county have undertaken to make a test of the prohibition law as adopted by the people of that county on June first, says a Grant county item.

They have engaged a couple of able attorneys, Messrs. Errett Hicks and V. G. Conard, and the preliminary brush was pulled off Monday. Neither the contestants nor their attorneys have outlined the proceeding, nor the grounds upon which the measure will be contested, but rumors have it that the petition was faulty, in that one thing was petitioned for, while another was voted on and that the measures are not identical.

The petition and notices called for a vote on local option, while the ballots named prohibition as the issue.

Whether the use of these terms are interchangeable within the meaning of the law may be for the courts to decide.

It is also understood that if the plea falls before judicial rulings that there are other and stronger grounds upon which to contest the order for closing. It is perfectly natural for the liquor men to exhaust their right and this they will undoubtedly do.

On the other hand it is rumored that a victory before the court on technicalities would be but short lived as there is another election in November and the technical errors which would invalidate an election would permit a vote to be taken at any time, and the presidential election would seem to offer to the drys a chance to bring the matter up without the prejudice that comes from special elections.

At any rate it would seem that the battle is on, and will not end until one side or the other goes down in hopeless defeat.

EARTHQUAKE IN BAKER.

Cornucopia Mine Country Most Heavily Shaken.

At 9:50 o'clock last night the whole country in the Cornucopia mountains 70 miles northeast of Baker, felt a heavy shock, similar to that which follows an earthquake. Windows rattled, dishes shifted and changed their positions on cupboard shelves, foundations shook and houses swayed, and to and fro, says the Baker City Herald.

Miners who were working on the night shift in the Cornucopia mines came to the surface as quickly as possible and refused to reenter the mine during the night. They plainly felt the shock though some were working a long distance below the surface.

At Halfway citizens noticed the vibrations and the supposition was that a powder magazine belonging to some of the mines had been exploded. Richland people also experienced the same sensation. In the vicinity of Halfway it is claimed that the sky assumed a lighted appearance with a purple tinge. Reports from Cornucopia do not state that this condition was observed there.

From Wallawa county this afternoon it is learned that many people were awakened by the shock last night and the same is true from Iron Dyke and the country surrounding the Oregon-Idaho line. It is stated that this afternoon smoke can be seen clinging around the mountains in Wallawa county, and at Halfway this morning smoke was plainly discernible hanging over the valley.

All Magazines Intact.

Efforts have been made to reach many of the mines in the county to the northwest where it is known explosives in any quantity were stored today, and each has reported that its magazine is intact, and that no explosion of powder or dynamite of any size has been set off that is known. At this time the whole matter is more or less of a mystery with the only possible conclusion that there has been an eruption or a sliding of some section of the mountain country.

Will Coach Whitman Team.

J. Merrill Blanchard, former quarterback on the Bowdoin college, Maine, football team and more recently coach of the Washington university (St. Louis) team, has been selected to coach the football eleven at Whitman college as well as to assume general charge of athletics at the Walla Walla college in the capacity of director. Mr. Blanchard takes the position left vacant by Coach Baird, who has severed his connection with the Missionary college. The new coach comes to Whitman with an excellent record and the management is expecting good results from his coaching next year.

Washington Mayors to Meet.

Mayor Miller will shortly invite the mayors of the various cities of Washington to hold a conference in Seattle during the first week of October to take up questions of interest to municipalities and to devise plans to procure needed laws at the next session of the legislature, states a Seattle report. In a letter to Mayor Miller Corporation Counsel Scott Calhoun suggested that the proposed convention be held early so that after action has been taken by the various municipal representatives, time will be had to draft the bills to be presented to the legislature.

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