

SOME SAY HURT TO MILTON FRUIT WILL COST HALF MILLION

Peach Crop Conceded to be Short or Trees May be Dead; Opinion as to Fate of Prunes, Cherries at Wide Variance.

MILTON, Jan. 3.—One half million dollars will not cover the loss to fruit growers of this valley through damage to trees and the 1920 fruit crop according to many old time growers, while others claim that the damage if any will not approximate any such figures.

Principal damage seems to have been done to the peach, prune and cherry trees and the opinion is pretty general that the peach crop will be extremely light if the trees themselves

are not killed. As to prunes and cherries there seems to be a wide divergence of opinion.

Declare Trees Dead

An examination of many of the older trees led one well known grower to assert that practically all these trees have been killed approximately a foot above the ground and he predicts that there will be no prune crop and few trees survive the effects of the severe cold. Other equally good authorities claim that while the wood appears dark under the bark indicating probable damage, the bark itself remains green and healthy and as the sap comes up through the bark and furnishes nutriment for the tree it is believed recovery will be good.

This theory is borne out of the following incident. The Milton Nursery company was preparing to ship a car of prune and pear trees to a long established orchard firm in California when the cold snap broke over the valley. The trees of necessity had to remain in the field all during the cold and after warm weather came the trees were examined and the wood found to be discolored.

GRAND JURY TO MEET AGAIN MONDAY AT 10

The grand jury will be reconvened Monday at 10 o'clock to continue its deliberations, after a recess extending over the holidays. Ten true bills were returned in the session which began December 11 and as a result, five men have already been sent to the penitentiary at Salem, two paroled and three fined.

The case against W. W. Wilder, held on a charge of murder, will be resumed by the grand jury, with the necessary witnesses expected to be present. Several other cases will be heard, including one of passing a bad check and one for larceny from Alexander's store. The same jurors will serve next week as met last month. They are: Royal M. Sawtelle, George W. Bradley, James E. Harvey, Milt Whitmore, Carl A. Gilbert, E. C. Rogers and W. A. Barnes.

PRECIPITATION THIS FALL ABOVE NORMAL; ANNUAL RAINFALL IS SHORT

The total rainfall for the year 1919 was 12.74 inches at Pendleton, being somewhat below the normal which is 14.10 inches. However the precipitation since October 1 has been above the normal.

The following table shows the normal precipitation by month in Pendleton and the comparative data for the years 1918 and 1919:

Month	Normal	1918	1919
January	1.59	1.94	1.93
February	1.47	.68	1.59
March	1.62	1.02	1.61
April	1.91	.30	.97
May	1.46	.34	.50
June	.97	.66	.80
July	.45	.74	.84
August	.43	1.47	.84
September	.89	1.46	.74

Total 14.10 12.31 12.73

The highest temperature recorded here during December was 62 which occurred on December 23. The lowest temperature was 29 below zero on December 15. The greatest range in temperature occurred Dec. 23 when the mercury moved 33 degrees. A snowfall of 16 inches occurred in December and this is included in the precipitation figures for the month. December saw 20 clear days in Pendleton, 19 partly cloudy days and one cloudy day, according to the records of Major Lee Moorhouse. Killing frosts occurred on 29 days of the month.

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NEZ PERCE EVANGELIST HERE TO AID MEETINGS

Rev. James Hayes, pastor of Second Church of Kamiah, Idaho and Rev. James G. Dickson, pastor of the Stites and Ahsahka Churches, arrived on last evening's train from the Nez Perce reservation in Idaho to help in the Evangelistic meetings which are in progress at the Tutuilla Indian Church. Others coming on the same train were Mr. and Mrs. Silas Corbett and son, and Mrs. J. G. Dickson. The meetings will continue during the first ten days of January. Other members of the Nez Perce churches in Idaho are expected to arrive today. Rev. Steven Reuben of the Methodist Church at Lapwai returned home after coming to Tutuilla because the pastor and session of the Tutuilla Church announced to him that they did not approve of his practice and attitude relative to several of the wild and heathenish customs of the Indians. Among them being his participation in the wild feasts for the dead and the Indian doctors antics in healing. These they hold as unbecoming a Christian much less a minister of the gospel.

TWO GIRLS IMPLICATED IN BREAK FROM JAIL

ROSEBURG, Jan. 3.—Developments in the jailbreak affair of Saturday night indicate that two girls, whose names were withheld by the juvenile officer, were implicated. It is alleged the girls passed the hack-saws to a couple of Glendale boys confined in the upper story of the jail. After sawing the bars over the upper window, the boys passed the tools down to the men in the cage on the first floor. Since the jail delivery, it has been learned that the two girls had spent a good deal of time in the vicinity, and their efforts for release, it is believed, were intended only for the youths.

WOMEN SHOULD AID LEAGUE, SUGGESTION

LONDON, Jan. 3.—"The success of the league of nations idea is dependent upon the intelligent cooperation of the women," says Miss A. Helen Ward in an article in The League, a periodical. The writer suggests the organization of a women's bureau of the league of nations, that the women should be appointed for their general fitness for the purposes of the league, rather than merely as experts in what are known as "women's interests."

GAMBLING IS CURSE OF MEXICAN NATION

JUAREZ, Mex., Jan. 3.—Gambling is the national curse of Mexico, according to General Marcelino Murrieta, collector of customs at this port. "If Americans who come over to Juarez get the idea that all Mexico is like this, we have no one to blame but ourselves," said General Murrieta recently. "Today Juarez is scarcely more than a cluster of saloons and gambling houses."

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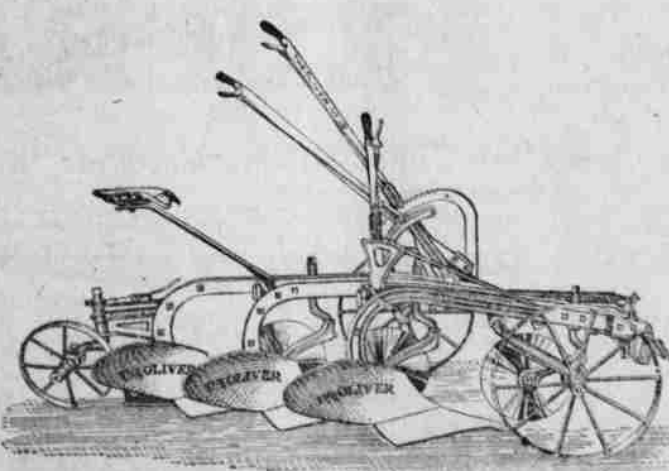
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