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## REIMER ADVISES ON SELECTION OF APPLE EXHIBITS

PROF. F. C. REIMER, OF THE TALENT EXPERIMENT STATION, WARNS AGAINST DEFECTS AND PEST MARKS IN PLACING APPLE EXHIBITS.

MEDFORD, Or., Oct. 25.—There are but a very few days left before the opening of the Rogue River Valley Apple exposition and, from the number of growers who have called for the single-layer boxes, the indications are that a very comprehensive exhibit will be made.

The exhibition will be held at the exhibit room of the Medford chamber of commerce, but the committee in charge has endeavored to make it plain that this is a Rogue River valley display and not confined to the area immediately surrounding the city of Medford.

Cash and merchandise premiums aggregating \$300 in value are being offered for three classes of entries, being that of a plate of five apples, one box and three boxes of two or three varieties.

All box entries are of the single-layer kind and these are being provided the growers at the office of the chamber of commerce.

Entries must be made next Thursday. The judging will be done on Friday and the exposition will be open to the general public on Saturday.

The following article, prepared for The Tidings by Professor Reimer, will be helpful to apple growers in selecting exhibits for the coming apple show at Medford.

By PROF. F. C. REIMER, Experiment Station

The writer was one of the judges at the recent pear show, and wishes to emphasize the fact that much of the fruit shown there had been selected with great care and by people who really knew what constitutes high-class fruit. Considering that this was the first pear show ever held in the valley, it is really remarkable that such a large percentage of the fruit had been so carefully selected. However, some of the fruit shown demonstrated clearly that the exhibitor either was in a great hurry or had shipped all of his good fruit before he made his selections. A few of the plates could hardly have been classed above culls. Since the writer has judged at numerous fruit shows and at five state fairs, he may be pardoned for making the following suggestions on the selection of fruit for the coming Rogue River Valley Apple exposition:

**Type**  
The fruit should be typical of well-grown fruit of the variety in shape, size and color. A Newtown, a Spitzenburg, a Jonathan and a Delicious each have a characteristic form; hence in selecting get specimens as near the characteristic type of the variety as possible. The size of the fruit should be typical of well-grown fruit of the variety, not too large nor too small. Some people have the impression that very large fruit is most likely to win first prize. The latest fruit seldom wins because it is not typical. A Newtown the size of a cocoon is interesting, but it is a monstrosity, not a first-class fruit. Newtowns and Spitzenburgs which will pack from 100 to 150 per box are more representative of that variety than larger or smaller fruits. The specimens should be well colored for the variety. A typical Newtown is greenish or greenish yellow. At least 75 per cent of a Spitzenburg, a Jonathan or a Delicious should be covered with red with the remainder of the fruit an attractive yellow.

**Uniformity**  
Most exhibitors fail because the five specimens on the plate or those in the box lack uniformity. The individual specimens may be perfect, but there is too much variation between them. They may vary in size, form or color. A company of soldiers in uniform looks better than in civilian clothes; and a company uniform in size better than a lot of giants and dwarfs mixed. In some orchards most of the Newtowns are roundish in form, and the orchard-

## POSTMASTERS OF COUNTRY PREPARE FOR RAILROAD STRIKE

With the nation-wide strike of railroad employes scheduled to take effect October 30, threatening to embarrass the United States mail service, preparations are being made by postmasters of Jackson county to maintain the same standard of mail delivery service to all southern Oregon cities.

W. A. Dalzell, Klamath Falls postmaster and a member of the box factory city's delegation to the southern Oregon chambers of commerce conference here yesterday, conferred with E. J. Kaiser, local postmaster, as to the possibilities of maintaining a mail service over the Ashland-Klamath Falls route in case the railroad strike should result in a fight to a finish. Ashland is the most feasible route for such service in case the Weed-Klamath Falls railroad is unable to operate. The strike is expected to be very serious over that route, as the Shasta division is one of the strongest organized labor divisions in the United States, all the various brotherhoods having maintained well-established organizations ever since the division was created several years ago.

The present temporary star route service between Ashland and Klamath Falls was established three years ago and covers daily newspapers and letters only from trains 53, 14 and 12. All other mail goes in by way of Weed. It is carried from April to November 1 by Charles B. Howard's auto stage line. Klamath Falls is a very important office in itself and in addition is the gateway for all the mail service throughout Klamath county and part of southern Lake county. Should the postoffice department, in case of this emergency, adopt this plan of getting the mail to Klamath Falls, it would require a large amount of trucking for the parcel post, magazines and catalogues.

If the railroad strike actually takes place and no mail trains should be able to operate, it is believed that the postoffice department would undoubtedly inaugurate an inter-city delivery service by motor cars and trucks throughout the state to handle local mail. The Pacific highway would be a great aid in operating such a service.

The Southern Pacific has 4,600 employes in Oregon, practically all of whom are members of the four great railroad brotherhoods.

Local fruit shippers have received notice that the Santa Fe railroad will not guarantee shipments to the east after October 20. This will not interfere with local shipments seriously, however.

## TALENT WOMAN DIES SUDDENLY OP APOPLEXY ATTACK

TALENT, Or., Oct. 21.—Miss Tencello Wells, sister of the late W. N. Wells, former superintendent of the county poor farm, died this morning at 1 o'clock, due to a sudden stroke of apoplexy. Miss Wells fell to the floor in a swoon immediately after she arose from her bed to accompany Mrs. W. M. Wells to the bedside of a sick inmate of the county farm. Miss Wells complained of pains in her head just before losing consciousness. According to statements made this morning, Miss Wells was known to have been ill previous to her sudden death. The body was taken to the Weeks-Conger undertaking parlors at Medford, from where the body will be shipped to Centerville, Iowa, the former home of Miss Wells, who had been living in Talent since February of this year.

## HARVEST DANCE AT THE ARMORY

Harking back to the days of corn-husking bees and the "days of real sport," merry dancers gathered at the Armory yesterday evening, draped in bucolic trappings that matched smile-wreathed faces made up for the occasion, and held revelry until 1 o'clock in the morning. The occasion was the annual harvest dance given by the First company, coast artillery.

It is estimated that 115 couples, dressed in bungalow aprons, overalls and other apparel symbolic of harvest time, participated in the dance.

## ASHLAND BUSINESS MEN OFFER PRIZES FOR WINTER FAIR

Shorthorn—Bull, 3 years and over, first premium, \$10; second premium, \$5; third, ribbon. Bull, 2 years and over, first, \$10; second, \$5; third, ribbon. Bull, 1 year and over, first, \$10; second, \$5; third, ribbon. Cow, 4 years and over, first, \$10; second, \$5; third, ribbon. Three years and under, first, \$10; second, \$5; third, ribbon. Heifer, 2 years and under, first, \$10; second, \$5; third, ribbon. Calf, 6 months and under, first, \$10; second, \$5; third, ribbon.

Herd—Cow, bull, heifer, calf, first, \$15; second, \$10; third, \$5.

Hereford—Same as above.

Aberdeen—Same as above.

Red Polled—Same as above.

**Dairy Breeds**  
Holstein—Bull, 3 years and over, first, \$10; second, \$5; third, ribbon. Two years and over, first, \$10; second, \$5; third, ribbon. One year and over, first, \$10; second, \$5; third, ribbon. Cow, 4 years and over, first, \$10; second, \$5; third, ribbon. Three years and under, first, \$10; second, \$5; third, ribbon. Heifer, 2 years and under, first, \$10; second, \$5; third, ribbon. Calf, 6 months and under, first, \$10; second, \$5; third, ribbon.

Jerseys—Same as above.  
Guernseys—Same as above.  
Ayrshires—Same as above.  
Milking Shorthorns—Same as above.

**Livestock Specials**  
For the best beef animal (any breed), first, \$15; second, \$10; third, \$5.

For the heaviest milk cow (any breed), first, \$15; second, \$10; third, \$5.

**Sheep Division**  
Cotswold—Ram, 2 years and over, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, \$2. Ram, 1 year and over, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, \$2. Ram lamb, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, \$2. Ewe, 2 years and over, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, \$2. Ewe, 1 year and over, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, \$2. Ewe lamb, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, \$2.

Shropshires—Same as above.  
Rambouillets—Same as above.  
Any other breed—Same as above.

Angora buck, 2 years and over, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, \$2. Buck, 1 year and under, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, \$2. Buck under 1 year, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon. Doe, 2 year and over, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon. One year and over, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon. Young, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon.

Milk goats—Toggenburg buck, 2 years and over, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon. Buck 1 year and over, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon. Buck 1 year and under, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon. Under 1 year, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon. Doe, 2 years and over, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon. Doe, 1 year and over, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon. Young, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon.

Any other breed—Same as above.

**Swine Division**  
Poland China—Boar, 2 years and over, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon. Boar 1 year (under 18 months), first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon. Boar 6 months (under 12 months), first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon. Sow, 2 years and over, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon. Sow 1 year (under 18 months), first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon. Sow 6 months (under 12 months), first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon. Under 6 months, first, \$5; second, \$2.50; third, ribbon.

Duroc Jerseys—Same as above.  
Chester Whites—Same as above.  
Berkshires—Same as above.  
Hampshires—Same as above.

**GOLD HILL, Or., Oct. 21.—**Members of the Jackson County Scenic Preservation society held their regular monthly meeting here this morning and attended a dinner given by the Gold Hill Daughters of Rebekah this noon at the Odd Fellows' hall. Immediately following the dinner, members of the association returned to Phoenix, where they will attend the dedication exercises of a highway marker honoring the pioneer builders of the first road to southern Oregon and erected by the Medford and Ashland chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Phoenix, near the old Culver home.

## C. of C. Reports Winter Fair To Help Industries

Last winter, through the efforts of the chamber of commerce, the Ashland Winter fair was guaranteed and successfully conducted. The purpose of this exhibition is three-fold: 1. To stimulate and encourage such industries, agricultural and horticultural, as are particularly adapted to southern Oregon; 2. to create an opportunity for our merchants and manufacturing industries to exhibit and present their special features; 3. to advertise southern Oregon's winter attractions.

This year the idea has gradually developed of adding to the fair a livestock department. This is really a big undertaking and only the fact of Ashland having a building which could be utilized for this purpose makes it possible to institute such a plan. Some objection has developed to using the Chautauqua building for this purpose, but the guaranty on the part of the fair committee to leave the building in an absolutely clean and sanitary condition should overcome any objection.

The fact that some of those who are advocating this proposition are the staunchest supporters of chautauqua, but believe the great building should be used whenever possible for the benefit of the public, are willing to guarantee as to the care of the building, should allay all fear as to any damage to the building.

Why not every one unite to make the Ashland Winter fair a great institution to bring all our neighboring cities of southern Oregon and northern California to Ashland and to advertise to the outside world that Ashland is the gateway to one of the most wonderful sections of our country—southern Oregon? CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

## B. P. O. E. Buys Elk For City; Arrives Today

Ashland has an added attraction to tourists, small boys and Sunday picnickers. A 4-year-old bull elk, purchased by the Elks' lodge of this city, is the latest acquisition of the park commission in its efforts to continue the "back to nature" appearance of Lithia park. The elk arrived this morning by motor truck from Eugene, where it was one of the Hendricks park herd, and now is one of the elk trio in the park.

Park Commissioner Smith issued a warning this morning to parents, stating that all children should be kept away from the elk pen.

The animal was purchased by the local Elks' lodge after the city council had refused to make the purchase on recommendation of the park commission.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH BIBLE CLASS GIVES WEDNESDAY PARTY

The class party of the adult classes of the Christian Bible school was held Wednesday night at the Christian church parlors. The meeting was well attended. The rooms were attractively decorated with autumn leaves and vines and flowers tastefully arranged. An original game, planned by the superintendent, Frank Patterson, was amusing. Each couple was given a subject upon which they were to compose a poem in a certain number of minutes. The poems were read aloud and a vote taken as to which were considered best. Dr. Buchanan conducted the stunt games. The doctor formerly taught school and it seems he hasn't forgotten some of his schoolroom methods. Refreshments were served by the ladies in charge. Those present, besides the children, were: John Wolters, W. J. Albert, S. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Davis, V. V. Hawley, Ed. Hunt, Astro Swingle, J. M. Beaver, Nedames Atterbury, Owen, Galbraith, Reed, Myers, Hall, Bryant, J. Putman, W. A. Cooper, D. Hale, M. Cole, F. D. Swingle, J. W. Headley, L. Bonshin, J. Champie, L. Driver, L. Hedrick, C. Morrison, F. Crowson, and Misses M. Benedict and Vert Champie and the superintendent, F. Patterson.

## BLACKMAILER'S THREATS FAIL TO MATERIALIZE

Following the unavailing efforts of local police authorities and the sheriff's office for the past several weeks to apprehend the perpetrator of an attempted blackmail of Dr. Francis G. Swedenburg, 990 Boulevard, prominent Ashland doctor now touring the southern states, for \$1,000, the physician's home is now guarded by armed men, according to statements by the police department.

Police state that prior to the departure of Dr. and Mrs. Swedenburg the early part of this month, the doctor received two notes, printed in crude long-hand fashion, signed "L. W. W." and demanding \$1,000. Each note contained a threat to blow the Swedenburg home "to hell" if the demand was not complied with and the money dropped from a moving car at the north end of the Mountain View cemetery at 10 o'clock the night of October 10.

The notes were not taken seriously by the Swedenburgs and were turned over to the police for investigation. Continued efforts to locate the note writer after the first threat was made were without results. Dr. and Mrs. Swedenburg, thinking the whole matter the work of a practical joker and refusing to consider the threats seriously, left Ashland for a six weeks' tour of eastern and southern states, leaving their two daughters, Genevieve and Eleanor, at the home. Besides the two girls, Miss Louise Lennart is living in the Swedenburg home.

In the morning or afternoon of October 10, police state that a third note was slipped under the door of the threatened home. This letter emphasized the fact that the time limit for giving the money had expired and reiterated the threat if the previous notes. That evening the police "planted" a bulky envelope dropped from a moving auto of the same make driven by Dr. Swedenburg. The envelope was marked \$1,000 and placed according to the instructions of the would-be blackmailer. With a cordon of special policemen detailed to the scene of action near the Mountain View cemetery, developments were awaited, but failed to materialize. The only suspicious sign of any kind was the sudden departure of a Ford roadster that had been parked near the cemetery.

A few days after the failure of the attempted ruse a telephone call was received at the Swedenburg residence inquiring particulars relative to the conduct of the home during the absence of the doctor. The unknown man, thought at first by the police to be a railroad employe, demanded that he be told "who paid the bill."

## LOCAL DRUGGIST TOPS BAD LUCK WITH CAR LOSS

The present age and era of man, the superstitious admit, is modern, but nevertheless one in which broken mirrors, leaning step ladders and black cats run riot in the dreams of the unlucky. Admitting as a premise that fate is capable of dorging a man with bad luck, the curious are wondering how many broken mirrors mark the trail of F. H. Short, proprietor of the East Side pharmacy, whose Ford car, in his possession six hours, was stolen from in front of his place of business last night at 8 o'clock, making a total loss of \$2,850 by robbery in four months.

The car, purchased at noon yesterday from W. E. Snyder, had been parked in front of the drug store all afternoon without showing any ambition to leave its new owner. Shortly before 8 o'clock Mr. Short made a complete survey of the car. When the pharmacist locked up his place of business the machine was gone. Circumstances surrounding the robbery are similar to the theft of Mr. Short's large Studebaker car about two months ago. Both machines were stolen at 8 o'clock in the evening. The car was valued at \$350. Because of his short time of ownership, Mr. Short was at first unable to give an accurate description of the machine, police state. The car had been purchased by Mr. Snyder from a rancher living ten miles east of the city and a hurried trip to the former owner was necessary before the license number of the car could be obtained.

Besides the Ford and Studebaker cars, valued at \$2,000, Mr. Short is the loser of \$500 worth of rugs stolen from a warehouse since moving to Ashland from Tacoma, Wash., in June, when he purchased the East Side pharmacy from J. J. McNaught.

## SPEED COPS MAKE MANY ARRESTS OF ASHLAND DRIVERS

Pedestrians are daily and nightly risking their lives on the state highway and county roads, asserts J. J. McMahon, state traffic inspector and former Jackson county deputy sheriff, who has been operating in Ashland during the past two days.

"The natural habit of keeping to the right," says McMahon, "when walking on the road is all wrong. Pedestrians should face the traffic by walking on the left side of any vehicle-traveled thoroughfare and avoid being struck by oncoming autos from the rear. Hikers can see approaching vehicles, but are running a great risk when they trust to the vision of auto drivers approaching them from behind. This is especially true at night, when the lights of a car light up the highway for only a short distance where the road has many turns."

Inspector McMahon states that proper attention is not given by Ashland auto drivers to the speed limit laws. Drivers, he said, are lax in observing the twelve-mile limit past schools, a law which, he says, calls for strict enforcement. The state law fixes the speed limit in all Oregon cities at twelve miles an hour and a thirty-mile limit on the state highway.

"Lights must be dimmed at night," states McMahon, "when passing other machines at night. The state laws do not recognize patented dimmers of any sort."

The following offenders were arrested by McMahon for violation of the state traffic laws:

Harold Porter, non-operator's license, fined \$8.50; George Klingie, of Medford, arrested for speeding, fined \$18.50; June Leavell, of Medford, exceeding speed limit passing school, fined \$8.50; A. C. Whitte, using license taken from motor truck, fined \$30; F. O. Hazer, without operator's license, fined \$8.50; M. H. Palmer, operating a truck for the Ashland Lumber company, fined \$15; G. E. Gunter, no tail light, fined \$10; Paul Held, no tail light, fined \$10; L. B. McWilliams, using an auto trailer without a tail light, fined \$15.

## EX-MARINES WILL MEET IN MEDFORD ON ARMISTICE DAY

A meeting has been arranged for all the ex-marines of Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Siskiyou counties. This meeting is for the purpose of making possible ex-marines to see their old comrades and "buddies" and also for the privilege of enjoying the celebration to be held in Medford on Armistice day, November 11.

This will mean much to all ex-"leathernecks," as there will be representations from the Fifth, Sixth, Eleventh and Thirteenth regiments; also men from Guam, Haiti and many other places where the marine corps had men stationed.

Every ex-marine should consider it his duty to correspond immediately with Dick Mollinet, 624 West Eleventh street, Medford, Or., who is the assembly committee for this branch of the service.

The committee in charge is making every possible effort to get all the ex-marines in this section, and the old marine slogan, "We want you," is appropriate at this time. The committee would also like to have all men wear their uniforms, which is the insignia of the day, and to remember the time and the place.

## A. M. BEAVER TO BUILD NEW STORE BUILDING ON FIRST STREET

Contracts were let this morning by A. M. Beaver, of the Beaver Realty company, for the construction of a \$5,000 concrete one-story business block on First street directly in the rear of the present Beaver block. Work will be started on the building Monday of next week under the direction of A. L. Lamb, who has been awarded the contract.

The property has a frontage of seventy-four feet on First street and has a depth of twenty-five feet. The valuation of the lot, with improvements, is said to be about \$5,000, and is at present occupied by a lunch stand and a shoe-shining parlor, both of which will be removed at once. The building will contain five storerooms, four of which will be 20x24 feet, a fourth room will be 12x16 feet.

## P. O. CALLS BIDS FOR MOVING MAIL BY AUTO TO CALIF.

Postmaster E. J. Kaiser this morning received instructions from the chief clerk, railway mail service in San Francisco, regarding the transportation of the mails by motor vehicle between Ashland and Dunsmuir in case the great railroad strike takes place. Owners of motor vehicles who feel that they are equipped to handle the job are asked to interview the postmaster and submit a statement in writing as to their proposals. The following is the letter from the chief clerk to the postmaster:

"In the event the railroad strike called for October 30, 1921, becomes effective, it will be necessary to provide emergency service for the transportation of the mails, and it is therefore required that you secure tentative proposals on a round-trip basis for service by motor vehicles for the transportation of first-class mails and local daily newspapers from Ashland to Dunsmuir, supplying all stations on the line of the Southern Pacific between Ashland and Dunsmuir, including mails for connection at Montague, Weed, Sisson and points south of Dunsmuir. It is contemplated that the through mails will be carried by steamer service. Kindly make your report to this office as promptly as possible."

## ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED BY "SPOOK" PARTY AT MCGEE HOME

J. H. McGee thought sure the Ku Klux Klan was after him last Friday night when thirty-five of his friends, disguised as "ghosts," visited his home to help him celebrate his 77th birthday anniversary right. After "Mac" had tried to guess who was who, masks were removed and the game of 500 was indulged in until a late hour. A most unusual and interesting feature throughout the evening was the appearance of a spooky "spook" which went from table to table, bidding guests to follow through dark, mysterious passages to a dimly-lit room, where a prepossessing "witch," whose "Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble" chant, as she stirred the "home brew" (cider), was a real thrill.

As the guests left the room they were each presented with a Halloween cap, which was to be worn throughout the remainder of the evening. The scene was a merry one, and every one was unanimous in declaring they had had the time of their lives. Mrs. N. Bates and J. McCoy were prize winners.—A Delighted Guest.

## MACCABEE LADIES WILL ENTERTAIN LEADER OF ORDER

Mrs. Emma B. Wilkinson, supreme sentinel of the Women's Benefit association of the Maccabee lodge, will arrive in Ashland Monday morning from Port Huron, Mich., to spend the day as the guest of the local lodge, Margaret Review No. 22.

Mrs. Wilkinson will be entertained at a luncheon at the Hotel Ashland at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and will afterward be taken for several auto trips about the city and nearby country. The lodge will hold special meetings at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and at 8 o'clock in the evening at the Odd Fellows' hall.

## MEDFORD PLANS ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTRY CLUB

MEDFORD, Or., Oct. 21.—The first step toward the establishment of a golf club in Medford was taken at the public library last night when, on motion of Attorney O. C. Boggs, Mayor Gates, as chairman, appointed the following committees to thoroughly investigate the situation and report at a subsequent meeting:

Finance and Organization—T. E. Daniels, chairman; Col. Gordon Voorhies, George Collins, William G. Tait and Vernon Yawter.

Location and Grounds—H. Chandler Egan, chairman; R. H. McCurdy, Delroy Getchell, Dr. J. J. Emmens and Ralph Cowgill.

These committees will start work at once and it is expected their report will be ready within a week or ten days, perhaps before.

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