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## DRIED LOGANBERRIES

New Method of Preserving This Fruit May Become Important Industry in Oregon.

It appears to be quite probable that a new marketable form for the loganberry, which is being cultivated extensively by fruit growers throughout the Willamette Valley, will come into general use in the near future, namely the dried loganberry.

Extensive experiments have been carried on by several of the fruit growers near Salem, and the results obtained have been very satisfactory. The berries dry out about 75 per cent, but retain their form and color almost perfectly and can be packed almost perfectly in an excellent advantage, and shipped to an excellent advantage. Similar experiments were tried with raspberries, the dried product bringing from 22 to 23 cents in the eastern markets.

The present price of loganberries in Portland markets ranges from 60 to 65 cents a crate. W. A. Jones, of Salem, who has been one of the foremost of the fruit raisers in that vicinity in the recent past, says that the dried with the Statesman, and the results obtained have been very satisfactory. The loganberries can be prepared for the market at a total expense of only 34 cents a crate. The cost of drying will amount to seven and one-half cents a crate and the picking and handling to 21 cents. Mr. Jones thinks that 15 cents a pound is a conservative estimate of the price they will receive for the dried fruit in the local market. Loganberries have never been con-

sidered a practical product for canning purposes owing their extreme acidity, which made it necessary to seal them in glass jars, a slower and more expensive method than the ordinary use of tin cans.

The newly discovered method of preserving the fruit will, if it proves to be entirely practicable, open a much larger market than before, and raise the culture of the loganberry to a position among the most important of the horticultural industries in Oregon.

## New Fire Ward Schedules.

Guy Brothers & Dalton have had several schedules of the new fire alarm system made for distribution among their customers. The cards contain a diagram of the different wards and a full explanation of the workings of the new system, and will be found to be of great benefit to those residing within the limits of the city. The cards are arranged so that they may be hung beside the telephone in a convenient place for hasty reference in case it becomes necessary to turn in an alarm to the central office.

## Pensions For Polk County People.

Congressman W. C. Hawley, of the First District of Oregon, has been advised by the Commissioner of Pensions, that monthly pensions or increase of pensions have been granted to the following residents of Polk County: Mrs. N. O. Clodfelter, Independence, \$12; William P. Harned, Independence, \$15; Franklin D. Snyder, Buena Vista, \$12; John E. Smith, Dallas, \$24.

## YOUNG GIRL IS DROWNED

Step-Daughter of H. R. Patterson Meets Death in Columbia River.

Fourteen-year-old Mildred Long, 145 East Ash street, lost her life by drowning in a slough connecting with the Columbia River at Washougal, Wash., Saturday night, while her cousin, Cora Hosford, also 14 years old, proved herself a heroine by rescuing her father, Captain Fern Hosford, and her uncle, Henry R. Patterson, from drowning.

Having aided her uncle to reach the shore, she went back to the rescue of the others. Her father was sinking when she reached his side but she held him up until she reached shallow water, and her uncle aided in removing him to the bank. Then the girl swam back into the river to aid her cousin. She succeeded in bringing the body of Mildred Long to shore, but not in time to save her life.

Physicians from Washougal were summoned by the crowd that gathered on the banks of the slough, and made desperate but vain efforts to revive Mildred Long.

After vainly attempting to resuscitate her for more than half an hour the physicians abandoned their efforts. The remains were brought to Portland, Sunday and the funeral will probably be held today. As a result of the death of the child, the mother, Mrs. H. R. Patterson, is prostrated and physicians express serious doubts of her recovery. She cannot weep, it is said, and her deep and silent grief may have serious effects upon her heart.

Twice, almost within a year, have the waters of the Columbia exacted cruel toll of the woman. And with the death Saturday evening she is childless, having paid the tribute of two children to the great river.

June 13, last year, her 16-year-old son, Harold Long, was drowned in the Columbia while returning to Portland from Washougal. He was making the trip in a canoe, when it overturned and he was lost. His fate was not known at the time of his disappearance and two weeks elapsed before the river gave up its dead. He and the little girl who was drowned were the mother's only children.

Mr. Patterson, step-father of the girl who was drowned, is chief weigher in the Government Custom-House in Portland. On July 4 he and his wife and stepdaughter went to Washougal to spend his vacation.—Oregonian.

Henry Patterson is well known in Polk county, having been a resident of Independence at one time. His son, Harry and daughter, Frances, who are spending the summer with relatives in Independence, went to Portland yesterday to attend the funeral of their step-sister.

## Examinations Will Be Easier.

Those who are contemplating taking the teachers' examination in August will be pleased to hear that State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman has announced that, contrary to the usual custom, no questions in that examination will be taken from the course of study. The reason for this change is because the supply of copies of the course of study has been exhausted and it would be impossible for some of those who are to take the examination to secure copies for preparatory study. The new edition of the course of study will be ready for distribution by August 15, and at the February examinations and all following them, the practice of taking questions from the course of study will be resumed.

## Pleasant Picnic at Teal's Creek.

A party from Dallas drove to Teal's creek above Falls City, Sunday, and spent the entire day in the woods in typical jolly picnic style. A delicious luncheon prepared especially for the occasion, was served at mid-day, and after a whole afternoon of solid enjoyment, the party drove back to Dallas late in the evening. In the crowd were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Eakin and son, Jack, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Woods and son, Laird, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. B. Casey and daughter, Helen, Miss Emma Dempsey, Miss Dessa Ridgeway and Mr. John Allgood. They were joined in the afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. George T. Gertinger, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. McGregor and Miss Lucile Hazard.

Bert Dennis returned from Portland, Friday, where he had taken the "big green car" which has been on the run from Dallas to Salem, for repairs. Mr. Dennis has severed his connection with the company who have been operating the automobile, and will devote his entire time to his confectionery store in Falls City.

Mrs. Ella J. Metzger, of Dallas, visited her parents last Tuesday and attended the installation of officers of the Odd Fellows and Bebeke's in the evening.—McMinnville Telephone Register.

Miss Maggie Evans, from Dallas, is a guest of Miss Florence Cauthorn and will remain a few days.—Gervais Star.

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## BACK TO OLD OREGON

Edward Biddle Returns From a Three Months' Trip in the Eastern States.

Edward Biddle returned to Dallas last week from a three months' trip through the eastern states, during which he visited his boyhood home in Rochester, New York, after an absence of 40 years. His entire journey going and returning amounted to over 7000 miles, and his story of his hurried trip from Oregon to the Atlantic coast and back is highly interesting.

Leaving Portland, April 14, he first went to Virginia City, Nevada, where he stayed at the home of his brother, Louis. Here he visited the world-famous Comstock mine, descending to a depth of 3800 feet in one of the shafts. Mr. Biddle was formerly employed in this mine for nearly 13 years before coming to Oregon, and his brother is still in the employment of that company.

From Virginia City, Mr. Biddle went to San Francisco, where he witnessed the arrival of the Atlantic fleet and the festivities held in that city on that occasion. From San Francisco he journeyed to Los Angeles, to El Paso, Texas; took a short trip across the Mexican line and returned to San Antonio. While in San Antonio he visited the old Alamo, and stood beside the window where Davy Crockett made his last fight in the Mexican war.

Leaving Texas he traveled rapidly through New Orleans, Memphis and up the Mississippi Valley to Chicago, where he reversed his Virginia City experience by ascending to the top of the 21 story Masonic Temple.

His trip to Rochester from Chicago carried him by Niagara Falls, and through Buffalo. He spent six weeks in Rochester before starting for Oregon, visiting at the homes of his brothers, Michael and Joseph and his sister, Mrs. Blanchard. Forty years absence had wrought many changes, and Mr. Biddle says that he found himself in a changed city, hardly one of the familiar landmarks of former years remaining.

His return to Oregon was made more rapidly than the eastern trip and his route lay through Toronto, Detroit, Chicago and St. Paul, cutting through the Dakotas, skirting Montana, and thence running through Alberta and across the Canadian mountains to Vancouver, B. C., from which city he took a direct route for Dallas, arriving home Thursday, July 9.

Mr. Biddle says that although he found business conditions in the East somewhat more depressed from the effects of the 1907 panic than on the Pacific Coast, everything was rapidly returning to its normal, prosperous condition, and the activity in all of the leading industries was much more evident at the time he started for Oregon than they had been upon his first arrival in the East.

After he had described his trip in all its interesting details, speaking in glowing terms of the marvelous growth and activity of the great East, and telling of the wonderful scenic beauty of the Canadian mountains, Mr. Biddle was asked where he had found the climate that had appealed to him as the pleasantest for a home place. Looking humorously at his questioner he answered shortly and forcibly, "In Oregon."

## "Passion Play" at Colosseum.

Mrs. L. B. Sorrels, of Portland, has installed a moving picture machine in the Colosseum rink, and the first show will be given to night. The subject of the entertainment will be "The Passion Play," and it will take fully an hour to project the entire beautiful drama upon the canvas. It is the intention of the proprietor to retain her exhibition in this city for an indefinite time, provided the patronage of the citizens of Dallas warrants such action. H. M. Connville, of Portland, has charge of the mechanical work in putting on the entertainment. To witness the real Passion Play with all of its stately beauty and wonderful historical accuracy, is a pleasure that few may enjoy, and many will be eager to grasp the opportunity of seeing the next best thing—a correct pictorial representation of the drama itself given in moving pictures.

## New Music Greatly Appreciated.

The new music introduced at the band concert in the park Sunday afternoon was received with applause from all who were present. In the whole program there was but one piece that the band had ever rendered in public before, and the bandmen played the new pieces in a manner that reflected undeniably credit upon themselves and their leader. One of the most enjoyable numbers of the afternoon's entertainment was a beautiful intermezzo, "Sonoma," which is an exceedingly difficult piece, and was rendered almost perfectly. The band is practicing on several other pieces similar to this one, and expect to have them ready for next Sunday's concert.

Miss Carrie Crook and her brother Eben, of Dallas, visited over last Sunday with Miss Eva Trent.—McMinnville Telephone Register.

## POPULAR COUPLE WEDDED

Arthur A. Phelps and Miss Hazel Hollister Married in Dallas, Saturday.

Miss Hazel E. Hollister was married to Mr. Arthur A. Phelps at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hollister, Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the Rev. D. J. Becker performing the ceremony.

The house was beautifully decorated with red rambler roses in the dining room, pink sweet peas in the sitting room and a profusion of white lilies and dainty asparagus fern in the parlor, culminating in an arch.

Miss Zeta Hollister, of Portland, a cousin of the bride, sang "Love Me Truly," and Miss Lyle Phelps, a sister of the groom, played "Lohegrin's Wedding March" as the bridal party entered and took its station under the arch while the minister read the wedding ceremony. The bride was becomingly dressed in a princess gown of white batiste trimmed with lace, and carried a bouquet of white lilies.

After the close of the ceremony an elaborate wedding banquet was served and immediately afterward Mr. and Mrs. Phelps left by way of Salem for a week's visit at Newport.

The young couple will stay at the home of the bride's parents after their return to Dallas, until next Fall, when they will begin housekeeping.

Mr. Phelps came to this city about two years ago from Los Angeles and is employed by the Dallas and Falls City Railway Company as a brakeman. His bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hollister and has many friends in Dallas. She is a talented musician and has been a member of the Dallas orchestra for several years.

About 30 guests were present at the ceremony among whom were W. R. Hollister, the bride's grandfather, George Hollister and family, B. W. Hollister and family and W. F. Brown and family, all from Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps received a large number of valuable presents from their many friends.

## Kicked by a Horse.

Robert Lowe was seriously hurt Sunday afternoon by a blow from the hoof of one of his horses. The horse was rolling in the field and in some way one of its feet became tangled in the wire fence, holding it on its back so that it could not get up. Mr. Lowe hurried out to release it, but the horse, kicking wildly in its efforts to free itself, struck him on the right side of his face as he approached, knocking him senseless. The side of his face was severely gashed and a false plate in his mouth was shattered, tearing and cutting the inside of his mouth and cheek severely. He was unconscious for more than an hour from the effect of the blow. His injuries were cared for at once, however, and he is recovering nicely.

## Open Season For Deer.

The open season for killing buck deer will begin tomorrow (Wednesday, July 15), and will extend to November 1, except in Coos and Curry counties, where the season closes on October 15. The open season for does begins September 1, and closes November 1. The bag limit for the season is five deer to each person.

Frank Kerslake returned yesterday from a few days' business visit in Portland.

## MID-SUMMER SPECIAL SALE

Commencing Thursday, July 9th, on our entire stock of Ladies' and Men's Oxfords—Tan, Patent or Vici.

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