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POUJADE MODEL HATCHERY

Warden Finley Planning to Enlarge and Improve State Plant.

Eugene—To make the state fish hatchery on the McKenzie river at Poujade, the principal trout hatchery of the state, is the plan of State Game Warden Finley and Master Fish Warden R. E. Clanton, who visited the hatchery a few days ago and spent several days in Eugene in conference over the details of work at the hatchery. M. J. Ryckman, in charge of the hatchery, has his plans well along and is now engaged in taking trout spawn for hatching.

Poujade hatchery is to be a model plant, situated in a beautiful spot on the picturesque McKenzie. Workmen have completed 500 feet of the 4,000 feet of flume required to bring water from Granite Creek to the hatchery. In front of the hatchery building and superintendent's house will be an exhibition pool, placed near the road so that travelers may see the different sorts of fish. Back of the hatchery building, which will be 120 or 130 feet long, there will be a larger number of ponds for stock trout to be kept from year to year for spawning. On a slightly higher bench will be nursery pools for young fish, from which the supply will be drawn for stocking the streams of Western Oregon.

INTEREST IN FAIR GREAT.

Over 300 Entries Now Made by Linn County Children for Contests.

Albany—Unusual interest is being manifested by school children of Albany and Linn county in the industrial school fair to be held in Albany next August. Over 300 have already entered for various exhibits of fruit, vegetables, grains and grasses and many will enter more than one exhibit.

Each child must cultivate the ground, do the planting and grow all the products entered in competition for the prizes offered by the merchants of Albany, Lebanon, Brownsville, Seio and other cities of the county. In addition to the exhibits of garden, field and orchard products, there will also be an exhibit of paintings and drawings, the work of the school children of Albany and Linn county, and handsome prizes and trophies have also been offered for this line of work.

APPLE CARNIVAL MAY 2-5.

Impetus to Be Given Hood River Highway Movement.

Hood River—A feature of the Hood River Apple Blossom Carnival, dates of which have been set for May 2 to 5, will be the smoker given to the Portland Commercial club here on Saturday night, May 4. Secretary Scott received a communication from Attorney E. E. Coovert, of Portland, saying that he and S. Benson, donor of the \$10,000 for doing the Shell Rock mountain work on the Portland-Hood River highway, would be present. Governor West will also be a guest of the city on that night.

Chief business of the club smoker will be boosting the Columbia River road. The event will thus be of great interest to citizens of Hood River and Multnomah counties. Those who have visited the route this spring are working toward securing its early completion.

Florence Prepares for Carnival.

Florence—Arrangements are going on for holding the fifth annual Rhododendron Carnival here May 22 and 23. It is planned to make it a two days' celebration, one day of which will be largely taken up by a school fair in which all the schools of Western Lane county will have a part. Eugene and Florence business men have offered prizes as an incentive to the children, and enthusiastic plans are being made under the guidance of Miss Goldie Van Bibber, school supervisor.

State Fire Risks Shown.

Salem—In a statement just completed by State Insurance Commissioner Ferguson it is shown that fire risks, less cancellation, amounting to \$180,262,168, were written in Oregon in 1911. Premiums received, less cancellation, during that year amounted to \$3,020,917 on fire risks. Reinsurance premiums amounted to \$665,503; net premiums, \$2,254,394; losses incurred, \$1,435,719; losses paid, \$1,374,354, and losses paid less reinsurance, \$1,078,914.

Oregon Deposits Large.

Washington, D. C.—On January 31, 1912, there were 58 postal savings depositories in operation in Oregon with deposits amounting to more than \$560,000, deposited by 5,300 depositors, an average of \$106 per depositor. The average amount to the credit of each depositor is higher in Oregon than is the average for the United States.

Gresham Plans Cannery.

Gresham—Local capital is being interested in locating a cannery here this season. Capital stock is fixed at \$3,000. Of this sum about \$1,000 has been subscribed, and there is little doubt of the enterprise being incorporated in a few weeks. The cannery will be ready for operation by the time fruit is ripe next fall.

BUMPER CROPS PROMISED.

Crook County Farmers Report Unusually Fine Conditions.

Redmond—Never in the history of Redmond and Western Crook county has there been such a promise for bumper crops as this year. The ground is in excellent condition on account of continued snow and rain that had occurred during the latter part of the winter and early spring, and, according to some old timers, this section of the state could get through the growing season this year without any irrigation from canals and laterals. The moisture has penetrated to a great depth.

The dry section north of here is especially fortunate this year in getting plenty of moisture into the ground, and the promise for large yields of wheat and oats in that territory is flattering.

Ranchers in the Redmond, Powell Butte, Pleasant Ridge and Crooked River districts are all feeling hopeful and predict large crops.

Irrigation this year, when necessary, will be on a greater scale than formerly, as there is every indication now that the irrigation company will push improvements rapidly so that water users may have all the water they are entitled to, and not be shut off in the dry months, as has been the case in former years.

With the promise of bounteous crops, the establishment of a creamery here, increase in the dairying industry, opening up of new land under the North Canal, and the furnishing of sufficient water, the prospect for a prosperous year are excellent.

NEW TOWN HAS FUTURE.

Prediction Made That Ruby Will Become Important Station.

Gresham—A large platform and commodious warehouse have been built at Ruby, the station at the crossing of the Mount Hood road and Troutdale branch of the O. W. P. line. It was used for the first time on Monday morning, when the milk train from Estacada switched in from Linneman Junction and relieved the Mount Hood train of its cargo of milk for the Portland market.

The milk train then returned to Linneman Junction and awaited the Troutdale car with its load of milk and the whole cargo went to the city in one consignment.

Making Ruby an important station on the system was not predicted when the Portland Railway, Light & Power company took over the Mount Hood road. An agent will be kept there and a new business center is likely to spring up as a rival for some of the older places to compete with.

HIGHER AUTO TAX URGED.

Pomona Grange Would Charge \$1 a Horsepower for Cars.

Eagle Creek—At a meeting of Pomona Grange, of Clackamas county, at which 250 members were present, action was taken in the form of a resolution urging the passage of a law at the next session of the state legislature changing the method of registering automobiles in Oregon.

The present plan of registering is from \$3 to \$10 a year, but the Grange asks that a new plan be adopted charging \$1 a horsepower, thus making auto licenses run from \$20 to \$50 a car. The farmers ask that the money derived from this plan go to building and improving state roads. The Grange also endorsed the high school fund law and the plans for school fairs for the benefit of the children.

Fine Apple Tract Sold.

Hood River—J. C. Skinner, recently returned from an Eastern trip for the Davidson Fruit company, has purchased from W. H. Johnson a 20-acre tract in the Odell district. The consideration has not been made public, but the place was purchased last fall from Cutler Bros. by Mr. Johnson for \$32,000. The orchard is considered one of the best in the valley. The tract has on it one of the largest settings of Ortleys in the Hood River district. Seven acres of the trees are 15 years old and the balance five years.

Starts Good Roads Petition.

Portland—Oregon's campaign for better roads was launched here when C. T. Prall, president of the Oregon Association for Highway Improvement, started circulating the initiative petitions for the six good roads bills drafted by Governor West's harmony committee. Each bill must have 10,000 signatures before it can be put on the ballot, so Mr. Prall's forces will have to get a total of 60,000 names on the petitions.

Keeping Tab on Hens.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore.—The first edition of the O. A. C. Experiment Station bulletin No. 19, on the trap nest, being exhausted, a new edition has just been issued, and will be sent on request to those interested in knowing which of their hens are paying their way with eggs. It gives full directions for the construction of the trap nest.

Rain Pleases Farmers.

Moro—A good, hard, driving rain, uniform over Sherman county, has been a great benefit to spring grain. Ninety per cent of the farmers have finished seeding and now are harrowing their fall grain, where there is too heavy a stand.

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June, 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29	August, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 12, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, 31
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