

RICH LOWER VALLEY OF THE APPLAGATE.

There is a section of our county lying almost at the very door of the county seat which is very little known to the average resident of this commercial center, and that is the lower Applegate valley. A little stretch of country four miles and a half long and a varying width from one-half mile to a mile and a half. It can be approached either by the Wilderville route and the ford there, or by the bridge which crosses the river on the Crescent City line. The important features of the country consist of rich fruit and agricultural lands which have grown orchards of great value.

Dr. Withycombe of the Agricultural College visited there a year, or thereabout, ago, and after a careful examination said that there was more ideal fruit land on the south side of the river—land that would produce fruit—than could be found in the whole Hood River country. The doctor of course referred not only to the soil but to the climate of the little valley mentioned.

The section contains the Robinson orchards, several in number, the Penn-Oregon orchards, the Hill, the Close, Jones, Morrison, Doener, Ruttenutter, Woeffe and the McKinstry. Some of these orchards are quite small indeed, being productive farms only, but others are large and will produce a heavy crop this season. The two brothers, R. M. Robinson and J. H. Robinson, will ship about 8,000 boxes of apples this season, and they are of the very finest quality. The Robinsons it will be remembered, are old-timers, and went into the fruit business years ago. J. H. Robinson the past week purchased an auto truck by which he intends to broaden the market for his fruit. He will carry peaches and apples to Crescent City and many other localities, where good prices and an active demand exists.

In the very near future the Robinsons, together with E. T. McKinstry, will go extensively into the dairy business, putting in a creamery and a sufficient number of cows to make the business remunerative. The land in that section produces the very finest of alfalfa as well as other forage crops. Within the next few months a large number of dairy cattle will be added to the farms mentioned, and by next year the creamery business will be in full swing in that part of the Applegate valley. The Courier is glad to note the fact that the county seat has within nine miles of it a country that is rich beyond measure in general agriculture, fruit growing and dairying. Irrigation is the very foundation of the prosperity of that section, and it has been developed to an extent that justifies the assertion that there is no country anywhere that gives better returns for the money and labor invested than does the lower Applegate valley.

One of the most common ailments that hard working people are afflicted with is lame back. Apply Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day and massage the parts thoroughly at each application, and you will get quick relief. For sale by all dealers.

MACHINERY FOR THE STANDARD REDUCTION CO.

S. Mendell, president of the Standard Reduction Co., left last night for Cleveland, Ohio, and other points on business. The company heads some time ago leased the old ranning factory building and they are now unloading a car of milling machinery specially designed for the handling of gravel concentrates by their own process. This machinery will be in place and in operation within six weeks.

The members of this company have been in Grants Pass some months looking up business matters connected with the enterprise and are well satisfied with their business prospects. It is their intention to not only handle concentrates from their own properties, but to do custom work as well.

NEW SHIPPING RECORD.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 12.—Breaking all records for C. P. R. coastwise steamers and wrestling the blue ribbon from the Princess Victoria, which has worn it along her sides ever since 1903, the C. P. R. steamer Princess Charlotte, made the phenomenal run of four hours and twenty-four minutes between Victoria and Tacoma on Saturday, when she was called into service to carry a big excursion to the Tiger City. She beat the Princess Victoria's time by 12 minutes, despite the fact that she had 1,478 passengers aboard.

WINS HONORS IN MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

The Oregonian of Friday contained a news article which was of especial interest inasmuch as it refers to a Grants Pass boy, Edward McLean, son of Rev. Robert McLean, at present spending his vacation here.

Mr. McLean on his return from Columbia University stopped at Portland and took the state medical examination along with 113 others. The announcement has just been made that of that number 56 were licensed to practice medicine in Oregon. The Oregonian says "First honors went to Edward H. McLean, of Columbia University, New York, 1912. His performance is the more meritorious when it is considered he is only 25 years of age." Mr. McLean secured 88.27 out of a possible 100.

TWELVE MEN WORK AT OREGON STRONG LEDGE.

Superintendent Tubbs of the Oregon Strong Ledge Mining company, near Murphy, was in the city yesterday, and speaks of very satisfactory work at the company's property. Their new amalgamator man, Gallord Hilleberth, who arrived last week from Boulder, Colo., is securing good returns from the ore milled. Mr. Hilleberth has been with the Monell Concentrator Co. for 18 years past, and is thoroughly competent. There are 12 men now working at the mine.

A vast amount of ill health is due to impaired digestion. When the stomach fails to perform its functions properly the whole system becomes deranged. A few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets is all you need. They will strengthen your digestion, invigorate your liver, and regulate your bowels, entirely doing away with that miserable feeling due to faulty digestion. Try it. Many others have been permanently cured—why not you? For sale by all dealers.

SAFE BLOWERS DEPART WITHOUT THE CASH.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Aug. 12.—After shattering the safe in the Royal theater with a charge of nitro-glycerine, the strength of which was evidently underestimated, the safe blowers who did the trick were so frightened by the heavy explosion that they failed to take the money which lay in plain sight in the shattered safe.

Fire followed the explosion, which took place at 2:46 o'clock this morning. The explosion warned the down town district. There was only \$70 in the safe, as most of the funds had been banked Saturday.

PRESIDENT COMMUNES SENTENCE OF DEATH.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—President Taft announced this afternoon that he would commute to life imprisonment the death sentence imposed on Mattie Lonax, a negro convicted of the murder here of her husband. She was the first woman to be held in the District of Columbia under the death sentence since the case of Mrs. Surrat, who was involved in the conspiracy against Abraham Lincoln.

"TONSORIAL ARTISTE" NO LONGER A BARBER.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—"A parlor for external refreshments where massaging is practiced," is the lettering for the shop windows as adopted here today by the national convention of barbers. The delegates agreed that the term "barber shop" is undignified and not in keeping with the high plane of intelligence and expert service required of a "tonsoorial artiste."

\$100,000 FOR CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK.

The following is a copy of the Crater Lake Item inserted at the request of Senator Bourne as an amendment to the house sundry civil bill, after that bill passed the house:

"Crater Lake National Park, Oregon: For the construction of a wagon road and necessary bridges through Crater Lake National Park, Oregon, together with a system of tanks and water supply pipes to provide for sprinkling, in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report of the war department published as house document 328, 62nd congress, 2d session, to be expended under the direction of the secretary of war, \$100,000."

The bill passed by the senate contained this item.

PROGRESSIVE MEETING AT GRANTS PASS SATURDAY.

A call is being circulated and generously signed for a meeting of all voters who are in sympathy with the progressive movement, to be held at the court house in Grants Pass, at 2 o'clock, on Saturday, August 17th.

The call comes in response to the request of the state organization of the national progressive party, and its prime purpose is for the selection of a county committeeman, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

The committeeman selected will represent the county at Portland on the 27th, when the state progressive committee will be selected to direct the campaign in the state. Each county will have one vote on the state committee.

J. H. ROBINSON HAS RECEIVED AUTO TRUCK.

A new Reo auto truck is now employed by J. H. Robinson, who has a fruit farm on the Applegate, nine miles from Grants Pass, in making deliveries of his produce. The machine was purchased by him through the agency of M. Dunn, and was driven down from Portland, reaching this city Thursday evening, after a record run from the north.

Messrs. Dunn and Carl Allen came through with the machine, leaving Portland Wednesday morning and arriving at Grants Pass Thursday evening, time not often equalled on the run. The gentlemen add another testimonial to the excellence of the Josephine county roads.

JILTED GIRL IS SUICIDE.

SEDRÖ WOOLEY, Wash., Aug. 13.—Miss Beattie Vreeland, the daughter of a prominent rancher of this vicinity, living near Lyman, learned that her fiancé, whom she was to wed Saturday, had left the country, went out to Lake Umbagog last night and drowned herself.

NO LOAFERS WANTED ON CHICAGO JURY.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—Angered because a constable submitted for jurors three men she had found loafing in a livery stable and three from a poolroom, "Judge" Catherine Waugh McCulloch, of Evanston, the only woman justice of the peace in the county, yelled "I want highbrow jurors, not bums."

Turning to the constable, she said: "Get Professors James A. James, U. S. Grant, Walter Dill Scott and John A. Scott, of Northwestern University, and men of that calibre, and bring them here at once."

Constable Jones returned with the explanation that "all the noodle experts were out of town, and that the court would have to be satisfied with "red necks."

The case on trial was that of an expressman who wanted \$9 for moving some household goods.

RAILROADS CHAFE AT COMMISSION REGULATIONS.

SEATTLE, Aug. 13.—Local railroads are preparing to put up a vigorous fight against the rules proposed by the state public service commission, requiring them to provide cars and move freight for shippers with dispatch. The hearing will be held on September 16. The rules require railroads to furnish cars within ten days after application, to accept freight immediately and move same at least 50 miles per day, and notify the consignee within 24 hours after arrival.

STILL TALK OF CAMPAIGN EXPENSES.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Testifying before the senate campaign contribution committee here today, Congressman Lloyd of Missouri, former chairman and treasurer of the democratic congressional committee, told of the fund raised for the congressional election in Missouri in 1908. He declared that a fund of \$27,645 was raised, and that all this money was spent in the various contests of 1911.

PORTLAND, Aug. 13.—"Only fools and mules work" was the life motto of C. P. Bench, according to the testimony in the divorce court of Mrs. Bench. She got the divorce.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—Dennis McPadden, deputy sheriff, driver of the prison van, is not exempt from the law. Dennis was "pinched" with a van load of prisoners for violating the traffic ordinance and hauled to jail.

EASTERN FAIR WANTS FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The Southern Pacific company has requested the Commercial club to get together a few samples of the products of the Rogue river valley for exhibition at the fairs in Iowa and Minnesota. The samples would have to reach the company at Portland by next Tuesday, so the necessity for haste is apparent. All samples will be transported by the railroad free of charge.

Secretary Quinlan asks that samples of wheat, oats and grasses be put up in four-inch sheaves. Put card on fruits, vegetables, etc., showing by whom they were grown, and deliver to the Commercial club rooms not later than Monday noon. It is not necessary to send large quantities, and quality is the essential feature.

Secretary Quinlan says that he is meeting with much success in gathering a display of samples of Rogue River valley products to send to the fair in Iowa and Minnesota. The grains have largely been cut, but some good samples were obtainable from the stacks and barns. The necessity for haste is impressed upon the people, as all samples must be in the hands of the Commercial club by Monday noon.

In selecting samples for this exhibit, it is well to bear in mind the request of the Oregon Development league for fruits, grains, etc., to constitute part of the display at the big land shows, the dry farming congress in Alberta and at various localities east of the mountains, and select duplicate samples at the same time.

Railroad exhibit cars will be provided by the transportation company, and this fair on wheels will attract great attention wherever shown.

For the arrangement of samples for the various shows, Secretary Chapman, of the Portland Commercial club, gives the following directions:

"Gather the grain in sheaves, cutting with a sickle before your general harvest. Also grasses, clovers, alfalfa. Try and get perfect straw, uniform lengths—get good, perfect heads, uniform size. Sheaves should be four inches through. We should have from five to ten sheaves of each variety from you. Each sheaf will be used at a different place, and must be new for each place. Wrap each sheaf separately and do not tie tight and mar the straw. There's no use taking trouble to get good samples, just to spoil them by neglect of some little detail.

"Put tag on each sheaf, showing name of grower and locality in which grown. We want you, your locality and the grower to get the prizes and awards. We will see that worthy samples are entered in competition all over the country, and the cups, ribbons, medals, prizes and awards that are won by your growers will all be exhibited here in Portland and sent to you. There are all manner of prizes offered and we want you to win some of them and secure the benefit of the publicity.

"Get individual samples of good stock grown from one seed. Also vegetables. Get good specimens, wash them clean, put them in a dark, cool place (not a cellar, though) a cool, airy place, where no light shines in to discolor—and let them dry. Properly dried, the common vegetables will be in first class condition for all the big shows. Show what your section can grow in a diversified way. Your people may not know in your own town, and will be amazed to see what you gather."

WILL SURVEY COAL FIELDS OF ALASKA.

SEATTLE, Aug. 13.—Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, director of the Federal Bureau of Mines, will leave here in a few days to make a survey of the Bering river coal fields. He will be at the head of an expedition of 40. The survey is to be made under the charge of the navy department and the general land office, to ascertain the availability of the coal for the United States war vessels.

The expedition is now all ready and awaiting the \$59,000 appropriation for this purpose by congress.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 13.—C. E. Henshale, bookkeeper, told Judge Monroe that he studied metaphysics and physiology for three months preparing himself for the ordeal of a divorce suit against his wife. He alleged cruelty, but the decree was denied.

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FOREST FIRES WELL CONTROLLED THIS SEASON.
PORTLAND, Aug. 13.—July passed practically without forest fire loss, August begun with unusually favorable conditions, and better equipment than ever before by all protective agencies except the federal forest service, which is hampered by congressional delay in acting upon its appropriation, is the summary of a statement issued today by the Western Forestry & Conservation association upon advice received from all protective headquarters in the Pacific Northwest. Due partly to the weather, but also to the perfection of preventive measures which, like the block signal system on railroads, safeguard without being spectacular, the situation is novel in that the middle of the usual four months' fire season has arrived and there is not a single fire of importance to report.

Although small fires are becoming numerous, green timber is not dry enough to carry them unless strong wind prevails and the patrol forces are handling them promptly. The season has been favorable for disposing of dangerous slashings and never before has there been such system and success in extinguishing smoldering logs and snags left after burning to become a menace later. On the other hand, the growth of grass and underbrush has been so heavy as to threaten peculiar danger from now on. Marked improvement in care with fire is reported, although there is considerable complaint against careless leaving of debris by county road builders and against the operations of small and irresponsible loggers.

Washington reports no July fires of consequence, but the laws are being enforced rigidly to prevent danger later. Several attempts to burn without permit or operate unguarded engines have been followed by prompt arrest and conviction. The Washington Forest & Fire association has 90 patrolmen out and is devoting special attention to finding and extinguishing any fire left after spring slash burning. The state forester has 27 regular wardens on duty and is increasing this force gradually, besides having a special force of 35 secured by government aid under the Weeks' law.

Oregon had but one fire worthy of mention in July and this was speedily extinguished, without loss, by the Columbia county patrol association. About 350 wardens are on duty in the state outside the national forests, employed by state, counties and private owners.

Although the usual fire season is half over, congress has made no appropriation for the federal forest service. The national forests are being guarded on a deficiency fund, which it is said would be wholly inadequate in an ordinary season, but so far there has been little loss.

It is emphasized by all authorities that, while the immunity enjoyed so far shortens the dangerous season and has permitted careful preparation, a few hot drying days may bring the maximum hazard at any time now. All persons are urged not to attempt slash burning and to exercise great care with sparks, matches and camp fires.

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