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APPLEBURG TRACTS

Within One Mile of Pilot Rock, Without a Superior in the State as an Apple Producing Section.

The greatest event in the history of Pilot Rock will come next Monday, November 15, when John P. McMannus will run a special train from Pendleton in order that people of Umatilla county may be given equal opportunity to purchase at the opening sale choice tracts of the now famous Appleburg fruit lands.

The opening prices on the first 24 tracts are \$125 to \$250 per acre. The Appleburg tracts are within one mile of Pilot Rock. With the purchase price of each tract, is secured a perpetual water right.

That the Pilot Rock fruit section is very productive is well established in the minds of all who attended the district fair at Pendleton. One of the most creditable booths at the fair was the one from Pilot Rock presided over by Mr. McMannus, the "dad of Appleburg." In the mammoth display was to be seen the biggest red apples at the fair; gigantic squashes, pumpkins and watermelons; choice collections of small fruits; vegetables of all varieties grown and matured to perfection; grains and grasses in profusion and last but not least the big exhibit included the prize winning collection of some 70 products raised and exhibited by one individual.

Thus stand the productive qualities of the Pilot Rock country as a whole. The Appleburg tracts are said to be the cream of the fruit producing section and the opportune time to make personal investigation will be next Monday when you can take the morning train to Pendleton run out to the Rock on the special and return to Pendleton in time to catch the evening train for home.

The Press man met McMannus at Pendleton Tuesday and was cordially invited to come to Appleburg on the big day. The dad of the burg also dropped the information that Wood was sure to be there for he had mailed the ex-Franklin county rancher and honorary member of Weston's one-man Pan Tau society a \$5 check for expense of the trip. However "Mac" opined that the Colonel's presence would in no way interfere with Pilot Rock visitors for he would see to it that a special cage was provided.

Will Help Oregon.

J. A. Wilson and S. G. Campbell, two of the most prominent apple men of Hood River have left for Chicago to take charge of the Hood River car of apples that will be on display at the United States Land and Irrigation congress that will convene there, beginning November 20 and continue to December 4. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Campbell will remain with the display and "boost" for the country where the apples grew. The Hood River Commercial club defrays the expenses of the gentlemen, while the Apple Growers' union furnishes the car of apples. The entire state of Oregon will profit greatly by this display of Hood River fruit, that will be the choicest car ever shipped from this section. At the conclusion of the congress the car will be forwarded at once to New York, where Steinbart & Kelly, the owners of the car, will place the same on exhibit.

Walla Walla 9, Pendleton 0.

The football game between the second team of Whitman college and Pendleton academy was pulled off Saturday afternoon, before a small crowd at Pendleton and resulted in a score of 9 to 0 in favor of the Garden city team. The boys were about even in weight but the Walla Walla team showed better training throughout the game and seemed to have the most of the luck in their favor. The scores were made by a drop kick in the first half and a touchdown and a goal kick in the last half, making the score.

THE DOG POISONER AGAIN

Standing Reward of \$175 for His Arrest and Conviction.

The dog poisoner has again got in his nefarious work, and as usual the canine to get the dose was one of the well thought of, inoffensive kind. Little "Murph" cashed in at the Pioneer Drug store Monday where he was carried from Bowling's blacksmith shop. The poison had done its work however and emetics had no effect.

Then Attorney Watts came in for the loss of two, one a Fox Terrier, the pet of the household, and the other a valuable ranch dog. Timely treatment saved Dr. Sharpe's dog, but George Kidder's dog was found too late to be saved.

Poisoned meat was scattered promiscuously along Main street in the vicinity of the Post Office. Strychnine was the poison used and it was carefully placed in the meat and sewed up with thread.

A standing reward of \$175 cash has been posted for the arrest and conviction of the dog poisoner. Should he be captured he will be given the full penalty provided by law.

STATE'S SHARE IS \$7,263.95

Attorney General Effects Final Settlement With Portland Railway.

The final settlement with the Portland Railway, Light and Power company in the matter of the Oregon City locks has been effected by the attorney general. Because of the operation of the statute of limitation the state had been unable to collect its share of the profits accruing prior to May 21, 1897. The state's share of the profits, based upon 10 per cent of the net earnings from May, 1897, to December 15, 1908, was determined to be \$7,263.95.

In addition to this sum, which is to be paid to the state at once, an agreement was entered into yesterday between Attorney General Crawford and President Josephlyn that on December 15 each year the Portland street railway corporation, which now controls the locks, should submit an itemized statement for receipts and expenses for each year to the state treasurer accompanied by the payment of 10 per cent of the net earnings as determined by the accounting.

Prior to May, 1897, the state can collect nothing for the use of the nearly \$100,000 of the state's money loaned to the railway company, which originally built the locks with the understanding that the state was to reap the benefit of the 10 per cent dividend of each year's earnings. At first the locks did not earn anything and soon the payments were allowed to lapse completely, until the corporation finally claimed the state had no interest at all.

The suit was originally started at the request of ex-Governor George E. Chamberlain, when he was in office.

Milton Farmer Injured.

When Ben Osborne, a well known farmer of Milton tried to jump from a wagon his team was running away with, he became tangled up in the trake and was thrown heavily to the ground. No bones were broken but Osborne's spine was seriously injured. He was removed to his home, a short distance from the scene of the accident. Osborne lives up the Walla Walla river about four miles and had just started to Milton with four horses hitched to the wagon when the horses became frightened at something and bolted. Osborne is in a serious condition.

Range Question Settled.

Baker county sheepmen are pleased with the settlement of the range question with the officials of the reserve, who were there for the meeting of the sheepmen on November 2. A cut of 8000 head had been ordered in districts No 1. and 2. which include Baker county, but at the last meeting the cut was reduced to 1700 and the growers may be allowed their usual number of sheep.

Mine Pays 371 per cent.

On \$30,000.00 capital stock the Bunker Hill & Sullivan mine has paid \$11,151,000 in dividends, a return of 371 per cent. Only one mine in Idaho has ever done better and that was the De Lamar, which, on a capitalization of \$400,000, returned \$2,814,580 in dividends.

New Precincts Formed.

As the result of the action of the county court held last Wednesday evening, Umatilla county now has two new precincts to be known respectively as the Stanfield and Hermiston precincts. The new precincts were cut off of the Echo precinct.

Plan Strawberry Farm.

What it is said will be the largest strawberry farm in the world will be set next year at Twin Falls, Idaho. Frank Beatty of Three Rivers, Mich., has purchased \$55,000 worth of land for this purpose.

MAKE INSANITY PLEA

La Grande Cashier Abandons Attempt to Rely Upon Mercy of Court and Friendship of U. S. Attorney.

With a plea of insanity J. W. Scriber, wroker of the Farmers and Traders National bank of La Grande, expects to escape paying the penalty prescribed for bank looters by the laws of the United States. Until today it had been understood by United States Attorney McCourt that the former cashier would plead guilty and throw himself upon the leniency of the court as well as make an effort to gain the sympathy of his old friend and neighbor the attorney for the United States. If Scriber had any attention of abiding by the plea of guilty he has abandoned it. If he expected to disarm prosecution by misleading them into not being ready to present evidence to jury, in a convincing form, he has overshot his mark. Mr. McCourt acknowledged an acquaintance of many years with the La Grande exponent of "high finance" but will force the defendant to face the jury November 18th or forfeit his \$40,000 bond upon which he is at liberty. The district attorney came to his present office from the home town of the defendant but does not propose to pay any attention to the ties of friendship which preceded his oath to office. "It is one of the duties which come to public officers, unpleasant but necessary," says McCourt. The district attorney expects to show that the whole scheme of forgeries and entries on the books of the bank were so cunningly executed as to preclude the defense of insanity. There are four cases against Scriber, aggregating forty counts.

Zeuske Case Re-opened.

The famous Zeuske case was re-opened Saturday when a cross-bill in equity was filed in the circuit court by Attorneys Fee and Slater for Mrs. Emma Zeuske against August Zeuske, says the East Oregonian. It will be remembered that the Zeuske farm north of Pendleton, is the bone of contention in this case. It was occupied by Edward Zeuske, his wife and young son, prior to his death in June, 1903. Soon after that time August Zeuske, brought suit against Mrs. Emma Zeuske, widow of his son, demanding possession of the farm. The widow fought the case, alleging that her deceased husband had purchased the place from her father-in-law and paid for it. The widow won in the circuit court but the supreme court revised the decision and denied the petition for a new trial. The filing of the cross-bill reopens the case and it will now probably be fought out all over again.

Macadamize Roads in Union.

Union county will macadamize two miles of the worst road in the county as an experiment. Booth lane is a road that must be used by every one who may have occasion to travel from the northern part of the county to Island City or La Grande. A great amount of money and labor has been expended on this piece of road. Grades have been constructed and ditches plowed, but it is all the same in the bad seasons. A considerable portion of the expense of this improvement is to be contributed by residents of the valley who have occasion to travel this lane, it being among the most constantly used highways in the county.

Near Beer at Eugene.

Judge Coke of Marshfield, sitting in the circuit court in place of Judge Harris, has decided that near beer may be sold in Eugene. The decision was the outcome of a case taken to the circuit court from the recorder's court on a writ of review. W. E. Boddy was arrested some time ago charged with selling near beer in violation of the city ordinance. He pleaded guilty and was fined by the recorder, and Judge Coke holds that the city charter does not provide for an ordinance against selling of non-intoxicating drinks, holding that near beer is nonintoxicating.

Horses Perish in Flames.

In a fire which destroyed the stables at the Walla Walla fair grounds Tuesday night, a number of valuable horses perished in the flames. Numbered among the lost animals is Ollie M., the well known race mare, owned by James Irwin. Her valuable colt also perished. The loss falls heavily upon the horse owners. This is the second time within a year that the fairground stables have burned.

Peterson Buys a Farm.

East Oregonian: Attorney Will M. Peterson has purchased 40 acres of bottom land, one mile above Cayuse station on the reservation. He paid \$1550 for the tract and expects to clear it, set out fruit trees and raise garden vegetables.

Beet Weighs 30 Pounds.

Ole Casperson has brought to Eugene a beet grown in his garden that weighs 30 pounds. The vegetable weighs just 30 pounds.

ORGANIZE TO SECURE PENSION

National Indian War Veterans. Headquarters at Denver.

The National Indian War Veterans, an organization formed in Denver, Colo., has for its object, to obtain pensions for all those who, while serving the Government, contributed their share to open for peaceful settlement this great Western country.

The men as a rule are old and feeble by reason of endured hardships and privations, unable to perform manual labor and on account of age barred from obtaining suitable employment.

A Government which through its liberality to its veterans of other wars, to its educational institutions and its farmers, ranks as the very first in the civilized world, should surely not hesitate to give to this limited number of surviving Indian War veterans, enough to allow them at least a living for their few remaining days.

These men spent some of the best years of their lives in their country's service opening up this great western empire, fighting under such noted leaders as Custer, Merrit, Crook, Miles Forayth, McKenzie and others, and should in their last days receive government recognition.

We request all those eligible to membership in this organization to at once send in their application to the National secretary and Treasurer, C. R. Hauser, 1643 Market street, Denver Colorado, when they will receive further information. Exchanges please copy.

Farmers May Win.

That the petition bearing the signature of farmers and manufacturers of the Touchet valley, sent to Gifford Pinobot several weeks ago asking that sheep be excluded on north watershed of the Wenaha forest reserve, will be acted upon favorably by the forestry department is assured by a communication received from acting supervisor Thomas MacKenzie of Portland. The land asked to be vacated embraces several hundred acres of rich pasture land. Action was taken by property owners and manufacturers to conserve the water of the Touchet river, the volume of which has decreased every year since grazing became an important industry.

N. C. Busy in Oregon.

E. S. Clark, consulting engineer for the North Coast railroad, and party have been in Milton for a week arranging for pack trains with crews of men and supplies. The impression prevails that the North Coast will reach the Grande Ronde valley by pass or tunnel at the headwaters of the Walla Walla river about 20 miles from Milton. The party will spend the winter in Milton in an endeavor to secure a good tunnel route at a grade of not more than 1 per cent. Whether the road will go from Milton by way of the Walla Walla river is the problem which ranches in the foothills are discussing.

Cobb's Tribute to Wagner.

"Hans Wagner is the greatest ball player that ever stepped on a baseball field. He is a wonder." These are the words of Ty Cobb, the most-talked-of man in the American league. "I think nobody could be better than he is. All this talk of comparing me with him is embarrassing because he is an old hand at the game while I am only a youngster. I do not invite comparison, for I know that Wagner's feats could not be excelled by any other player in the world. He is a wonderful man on the bases in addition to being a king with the bat and in fielding."

Pastry Sale.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church will hold a pastry sale on November 24, in the Barrett building, formerly occupied by T. M. Taggart. Cakes, pies, bread, obloken, doughnuts, confectionery, and in fact anything you will want for Thanksgiving. The ladies of Athena are requested not to bake very extensively until they visit this sale.

M'Kinley is Free.

Horace G. McKinley who pleaded guilty on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands two years ago finished his sentence Saturday. McKinley was implicated with S. A. D. Pater in the famous 11-7 cases, and sentenced to two years and a fine of \$700. McKinley took a paupers oath and was released.

Buy Blacksmith Shop.

Chas. Coomans has purchased Mr. Luna's interest in the blacksmith shop at the corner of Second and Main streets. Mr. Coomans has been a partner of Mr. Luna for some time, and since coming to Athena has made many friends among the patrons of the shop.

After 28 Years.

Louis LaBrasche was in town Monday and took out a load of building material. Interrogation elicited the information, that after being without a woodshed for 28 years, Mr. LaBrasche had found out that he needed one—hence the load of lumber.