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150 CARS PRUNES SHIPPED IN WEEK

Market Is Better With Demand in Excess of Supply Is Report.

About 150 cars of prunes were shipped from the Milton-Freewater and State Line districts during the past week, according to Wayne Chastain, field representative of the Blue Mountain Prune Growers association. Friday 54 cars were moved and later between 50 and 60 more rolled out.

The market is quite active. Mr. Chastain says, many F. O. B. sales being made, with the supply unable to meet the demand. This is said to be a good sign and growers are not picking rapidly but are holding back the fruit not fully ripened. All the prunes going out are of the fine quality.

Auction markets are being supplied a few cars but are not getting all they are asking for, Mr. Chastain stated. The association, he says, is getting five cents more per suitcase than the non-cooperatives, and 10 cents more on a bushel basket. This better price is due to the close cooperation of the shippers and a better knowledge of conditions of the market, plus the association pledge to put only first class, well packed fruit on the market.

Shull Is Held for Killing Linsner

Ralph Shull is charged with the murder of Bob Linsner in an information filed in the justice court today by C. C. Proebstel, district attorney. Linsner died Saturday night from knife wounds alleged by officers to have been inflicted by Shull on the evening of Aug. 10.

Shull was arrested on Aug. 11 on an information charging him with assault with intent to kill and he was subsequently released on \$2500 bail bond. Following Linsner's death Saturday Shull was arrested on the murder charge and is being held without bail. The case was investigated by Charles Hoskins, chief deputy sheriff.

Opening Meeting

The Athena Study Club will hold their first meeting for the fall on September 7, the first Friday in the month, at the home of Mrs. R. A. Thompson. The subject chosen for the year's study will be: Oregon, its history, geography and traditions, with outline by E. H. Whitney of Portland. Election of officers for the coming year will be held, and plans made for guest day, which will be on the next meeting following. All members are urged to be present.

A Good Bean Crop

Leader: Joe Payant's bean crop on 145 acres south of the Wild Horse is reported to be looking well, and a good yield is expected if favorable growing conditions permit. Harvest will begin about the middle of September. The legumes are Red Mexicans with the exception of two acres of Michigan white beans recommended by the Washington-Idaho Seed company, which Joe is trying out.

Birthday Picnic Dinner

Sunday evening a birthday picnic dinner and swim was enjoyed by a party of young people at Thorn Hollow, Dr. Cowan being the honoree. They were Misses Hilda Dickenson, Pearl Ramsey, Vennie Marquis, Lois McIntyre, and Billy Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lieualen, Mose and Lee Bannister, Dr. Geyer, Donald Johnson and Dr. Cowan.

Harwoods Leave Athena

Mr. and Mrs. Justin Harwood left Saturday afternoon, their destination being the city of their former home, Huron, South Dakota. Spending Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hirsch in Freewater they left by way of Spokane, and will visit Yellowstone National Park en route taking nine days for the trip.

Luncheon in Park

Mrs. Omar Stephens, Mrs. M. L. Watts, Mrs. M. M. Johns, Mrs. H. H. Hill, Mrs. B. B. Richards, Mrs. F. B. Boyd and Mrs. H. I. Watts joined a group of Pendleton matrons yesterday and enjoyed a picnic luncheon in the Walla Walla park. Those from Pendleton were: Mrs. A. A. Kimball, Mrs. Ralph Hassell and Mrs. Charles Cole.

Goes to Waitsburg

Miss Hilda Dickenson, manager of the local telephone office, visited at the Jack Cockburn home in Milton. Mr. and Mrs. Cockburn (Ada DeFreece) have bought, or leased land near Waitsburg and will move to the farm September 1st.

Educational Chats

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The influence of the schools in building moral standards and quickening moral perception in certain lines of thought and conduct gives promise of tremendous good when directed to the positive morality required by the civic duty of today. But so far most teachings have been negative and personal, ignoring the positive and social.



Few graduates of our public schools would not blush with shame if detected in an act of dishonesty or personal immorality, but these same people would idly boast of an ignorance regarding the current issues of the ballot box and the capacity of the candidates of public office for whom they are asked to vote. Thousands of citizens will deplore the inefficiency and waste of government, while only tens will study out the responsible parties and apply the doctrine of strict accountability.

The cry for reform is always in the air, but when a concrete measure is suggested that casts a burden upon a group or class, they are too frequently unwilling to bear the burden. Thousands of these same persons would rally to the defense of their ideals of national honor, were it assailed by a foreign foe. But industry and disease may claim its daily toll of hundreds, through the inefficiency of democracy, and public sits idly by. They have no conception of a nation's honor that calls for patriotic service in the cause of justice, righteousness and decency at home.

But the American people have not lost their ideals. They have not lost their capacity to respond to the call of human need. The instinct of sympathy and love of justice still smolder in every true American. The function of modern education is to show that with the change from a pioneer nation to an industrial state have come new problems and new demands upon the spiritual and moral forces of the nation. When these needs are brought home to the American youth; when he is taught to read in complex problems of the day a challenge to his manhood; when he is brought to realize that the most treacherous foes that assail his nation are the forces of greed, injustice and selfish indifference; when he is brought face to face with the gigantic problems of modern life with their challenge to his courage, his scholarship and his patriotism, the American youth will not be found wanting.

This, then is the task that awaits the teacher as he stands before his group of young Americans. They must be brought face to face with the realities of life. They must be brought to a deeper appreciation of the duties of democracy. They must learn that the price of liberty and justice and progress is eternal vigilance. The development of this vision and spirit of democracy is not the work of the moment to be done in time of pressing need. It is the slow and patient method of building into youthful thought the social viewpoint, and of guiding the dynamic instincts of the child into the channels of socialized activity.

Reward Fund Still Held in California

There is no immediate prospect of the Hickman reward being settled, although the case has now been pending some eight months, according to word received by Tom Gurdane and Buck Lieualen, Hickman's captors, from their attorneys in Los Angeles.

The Pendleton men are not in favor of arbitration as suggested by the reward committee who insisted that reward claimants sign waivers agreeing to accept whatever allotment might be made. Both believe that the case should be carried to court to decide who are entitled to share in the reward. Affidavits setting up the case of the local men were filed with the reward committee a few days after the capture.

Coach Miller Returns

Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Miller and boys returned Monday from Endicott, Washington, where "Pike" has been putting himself in form, in the harvest field, for coaching the Athena High school athletes in football. Mr. Miller will be behind the counter at Eager's Grocery during the vacation of the proprietors.

Here From Ontario

Mr. and Mrs. Ovie Castleman and daughter Barbara came over from Ontario, Oregon, Monday, and after a visit at the Kershaw home, went to Yakima where Mr. Castleman's relatives reside. They will return this way and Mrs. Barbara Willaby will accompany them home for the winter.

Mary Jane Marsh Gives Reminiscences of Pioneer Days

A Weston bigger than Pendleton; early wheat raising when the growing of that grain was in the experimental stage; the first railroad from Walla Walla to Wallula (known as the "scrap iron road"); vote-buying by the simple method of paying one dollar a vote—these are some of the high lights in the pioneer reminiscences of Mrs. Mary Jane Marsh, aged 82, who gives her experiences for publication in the pioneer column of last Fridays East Oregonian.

"Weston was quite a busy town for it was the regular stopping place for freighters and packers between Umatilla and Walla Walla and was also on the direct stage and freight route over the mountains. The old Thomas & Ruckles road, built by the government for a mail route and which was the original mail route over the Blue mountains, ran through Weston. It went from The Dalles to Boise. The next station on that road, I think, was Bingham Springs, called at that time simply Warm Springs. The road was a good one for the times and ran entirely on the north bank of the Umatilla river. The original log house built for a stage station still stands as a part of the resort now.

"John B. Purdy, the father-in-law of my sister, the late Mrs. S. P. Purdy, was, I think, the first to run the springs as a resort and it was then called Purdy Springs."

But Purdy was antedated by Tip Parrant, who ran the place as a resort in 1870, fifty years ago, when the Indian outbreak took place, and the 4th of July revels were disturbed by a courier, warning all to depart for their homes, which they did, the Summerville people taking the Thomas & Ruckles road across the mountains, and the Weston contingent coming by Thorn Hollow and across the reservation by Eagle Hollow. Mrs. Marsh interestingly continues:

"The freight wagons were of the high wheeled or schooner variety, made thus in order to have high clearance to go over the rocks and ruts of the road. The chuck holes were simply terrible. At that time there was no La Grande and Ore-dell, a little this side of the present La Grande, was the station. This old road ran just about where the automobile road to Bingham now runs. It was afterward washed out by high water and the stages then went by the Cayuse road. When we went to the Springs for summer outings we had to ford the river thirteen times and some of the crossings were very rough, passing over immense boulders in midstream."

Fire in Dental Office

A fire that started Thursday afternoon at Dr. Geyer's office caused considerable excitement while it lasted. The fire seemed to have started from an electric plate. In a few minutes the hose was connected to a hydrant and water was poured onto the flames which were between the walls of the building. There was a considerable amount of damage done by the water to one room. Five members of the fire department stayed until the hose was put back on the cart.

Farewell Reception

As a farewell reception to Mrs. J. C. Harwood Thursday afternoon of last week, the members of the Methodist Aid society met in the church reception rooms in her honor. A splendid bouquet of dahlias from Mrs. E. A. Bennett was presented Mrs. Harwood, and games, cake and ice cream were enjoyed. Twenty-five ladies were present to show their appreciation of her fellowship in the society and to bid her good by.

Leave for Home

Mrs. Frank Williams, her mother, Mrs. J. C. Riley and brother, James Woodruff have returned from a visit to her sister at Kettle Falls, Washington. Mrs. Riley and son left the first of the week for their home in San Francisco, after spending the summer with relatives here.

Attend School Here

H. Jackson Perry and family and Mrs. Clara Hope left Tuesday for Unity, Baker county. They went to bring Mrs. Hope's children, a boy and girl, who will attend the Athena school. Miss Isla visited here at the Perry home during the summer. They returned yesterday.

Tonsils Removed

Bryan, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kibbey was taken to Walla Walla Monday for the removal of tonsils and adenoids. The brave little fellow is recuperating nicely. Dr. Gowan of that place was the attending physician.

Moved to Weston

Oliver Dickenson and family have moved to Weston from Freewater, and are occupying a house on Washington street. Mr. Dickenson has employment at Freewater, but was unable to secure a house there, and will travel back and forth.

Action Against the Vert Memorial Opens at Pendleton

Watts & Prestbye are attorneys for Carl A. Johnson, Marion Jack and Henry J. Taylor of Pendleton, who have filed a suit against the city of Pendleton declaring the city charter amendment accepting the Vert Memorial Community building and museum unconstitutional in a suit filed in the circuit court, wherein they seek to restrain city officials from enforcing the amendment and enjoin the city from carrying out any of the provisions of the amendment.

The complaint alleges that the officers of the city on April 19, 1928, wrongfully and unlawfully passed or enacted an ordinance accepting the proposal for the erection of a community building submitted by John Vert to the city council on March 1.

The plaintiffs state that the city officials are attempting to carry out the terms of the amendment to the charter and unless they are restrained from doing so they will proceed to the "irreparable damage and injury of these plaintiffs, and all taxpayers and inhabitants similarly situated by unlawfully increasing their taxes, burdening them financially for the unlawful and unconstitutional purposes mentioned in the amendment."

To Fight Morning Glory

The Weston Leader reports that Mr. and Mrs. Jesse F. Killgore and Mr. and Mrs. John Killgore of Cornelius, Oregon, and J. R. Killgore of Hollywood, California, are here for quite an extended stay in the community which was their former home. The special mission of the men of the party is warfare against six or seven acres of wild morning glory on the Killgore holdings north of town, farmed by J. N. York. They are using the K. M. G. treatment, which they ordered before learning of the new sodium chlorate treatment recommended by the Kansas State college. Heretofore they had been using salt and carbon bi-sulphide, with a good percentage of kill but at an almost prohibitive cost. They intend to keep on relentlessly with the campaign until no vestige of bindweed remains on the Killgore land.

Is Counselor

Miss Esther Cornelison, daughter of Rev. J. M. Cornelison, formerly of Pendleton, is for the summer months nature counselor for a group of Campfire Girls who have a camp in the Catskill Mountains. She will return to Srelphi College in Brooklyn, New York, this fall and will resume her duties as biology teacher. Miss Mary Jane Cornelison, following the completion of her work at Columbia University, secured a position in the research department of the American Telephone and Telegraph company in New York and will continue in that position. Purdy Cornelison is in Walla Walla for the summer and will resume his studies at Whitman College this fall.

Deschutes Fishing

Billy Pinkerton and F. B. Boyd returned from a week-end fishing trip to the Deschutes river. At Bend they were joined by Harry Keller, former Athena resident, and Charles Taylor of Bend, both of whom are expert anglers. They showed the Athena men how it is done on the Deschutes. A number of big rainbow trout were taken from the Deschutes by the party. Harry and his friend may come to Athena for a day's shooting during the pheasant season.

Frank Troeh Third

Marion Hansell and other Athena trap shooters have been interested in the result of the grand American tournament shoot this week at Vandalia, Illinois, in which Frank Troeh of Portland, participated for the championship of North America. Troeh broke 100 straight in the first half of the 200 match, but went 96 in the second 100. Mark Arie of Illinois scored 198, winning the match, with Woodward of Texas taking second place with a score of 197.

Will Board Teachers

Mrs. M. Gray has leased the Fred Gross property, corner of 5th and High streets and will occupy it so soon as it is vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dickenson, about September first. Mrs. Gray will be prepared to board and room the lady teachers of the High and Public schools. Mrs. Gray is the mother of Mrs. Laurence Pinkerton and formerly lived in Milton. She already has many friends in Athena who will welcome her.

Grass Fire Danger

Mayor Stephens calls attention to the danger incurred from grass fires within the city limits at this time. Unless extreme diligence is exercised when burning grass and rubbish, menace to adjacent property occurs. The mayor informs the Press that next year the grass and weed problem will be controlled in Athena by ordinance.

Scholarship Award Won By University Singer



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene—Esther Sager, lyric soprano of Freewater, Ore., has been awarded a scholarship by Theodore Schroeder, nationally known vocal pedagogues and artist coach, who is guest instructor of the University of Oregon school of music this summer.

The scholarship was awarded to Miss Sager on her worth and future possibilities, declares Mr. Schroeder. The young singer's voice, musical intuition and personality amply warranted such a mark of merit, it is stated. With careful, correct, and conscientious training Mr. Schroeder predicts an artist career for his newly-adopted protegee.

Actress Is Queen of the Round-Up

Pendleton.—Visitors at the Pendleton Round-Up this year, September 19, 20, 21 and 22, will have the opportunity to meet a motion picture actress in person, for Mary Duncan, renowned on both stage and screen, has been chosen queen of this year's Round-Up.

Miss Duncan, a vivacious, auburn-haired beauty, comes to Pendleton to play a leading role in "Our Daily Bread," a Fox Film Corporation motion picture which F. W. Murnau will direct. The picture will have for its locale the wheatfields and hills of Umatilla county.

A native of Virginia, Miss Duncan attended Cornell University and left college to go on the stage. She made a phenomenal success in the role of "Poppy" in the "Shanghai Gesture." Largely on the merits of this performance she was signed by the Fox people for outstanding dramatic roles. She appeared in Murnau's "Four Devils" and Frank Borzage's "The River," and each time scored as an outstanding motion picture actress, her talent for the screen equalling that for the stage.

Queen Mary will ride in all Round-Up parades and hold sway over the western kingdom with its cowboys and cowgirls. The honor of ruling the Round-Up is a signal one and last year went to Mabel Strickland, world's champion cowgirl. The Round-Up dynasty is made up of a long list of attractive girls who have been accorded this honor.

Robert Sinclair Dies

Robert (Bob) Sinclair, formerly of Pendleton, died recently in Omaha, Nebraska, according to word received at Pendleton. Mr. Sinclair was deputy sheriff under the late W. R. Taylor when the latter served an appointive term, and was also on the police force. Mr. Sinclair was an active member of the Ku Klux Klan here and was secretary of that organization.—East Oregonian.

School Graduate Here

Miss Sarah Belle Jantzen, a graduate of Athena High School, visited at the B. B. Richards home the fore part of this week. Miss Jantzen is in training at the Deaconess hospital at Spokane. She is spending her vacation here and at Walla Walla visiting friends and relatives. She left for Walla Walla Tuesday, and will leave for Spokane Saturday.

Niece Is Married

Mrs. Retta Potts has received announcement of the marriage of her niece, Miss Lora Catherine Potts, to Kenneth Alden Sprague, which occurred in Seattle on August 16. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Scott of Enterprise, Walla walla county.

Went to Portland

Mrs. Victoria Gholson left yesterday for a short visit in Portland, accompanying her daughter and children who are here from Wichita Falls, Texas. They will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Gholson and will motor to the ocean side before returning.

On Vacation Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanders, and Mr. and Mrs. Zeph E. Lockwood left Sunday for an extensive vacation trip through the Willamette valley and along the sea coast. They go by McKenzie Pass, and may return via Seattle and Snoqualmie.

HOOVER SPEAKS IN HOME TOWN

Candidate Lays Plans for Rural Relief Before Farmers.

An agricultural conference, in which Frank O. Lowden of Illinois and other farm leaders, will be asked to participate in the search for a common ground upon which to act for farm relief was proposed in his old home town, West Branch, Iowa, Wednesday night, by Herbert Hoover in his homecoming address after he had lingered for a while with the kindly people among whom he was born.

"In formulating recommendations for legislation to carry out the proposals of the party," the republican presidential candidate said, "I trust that we may have the full assistance of the leaders of agriculture thought. I am not insensible to the value of study which sincere farm leaders have given to this question of farm legislation. They have all contributed to the realization that the problem must be solved. They will be invited into conference. Outstanding farmers such as Governor Lowden will be asked to join in the search for common ground upon which we can act."

The calling of such a conference naturally is predicated upon Hoover's election, but the nominee did not indicate whether it would be his purpose to call it before or after his inauguration. His democratic opponent has announced that if he should be elected he would invite the farm leaders in immediately after November 6.

To Sow Less Fall Wheat

A Washington dispatch says that farmers are intending to sow this fall an acreage of winter wheat 2.1 per cent less and an acreage of rye 8.6 per cent greater than last year, the department of agriculture announced today after compiling farmers' intentions as expressed August 1. Intentions as to winter wheat, if carried out, would mean a total area of 46,523,000 acres compared with 46,535,000 acres planted last year. During the past four years the wheat acreage has been on an average, about 6 per cent less than expressed intentions. Rye acreage actually sown also usually has been less than reported intentions.

New Camp Fire Group Organized

A new Camp Fire group was organized last Thursday afternoon under the direction of Miss Myrtle Potts as guardian and Miss Dorothy Lee as assistant guardian. Officers were elected and a list of names for the group was submitted and after discussion the Indian name Tawanka was chosen. Plans for the future work of the organization were presented and discussed.

A Grass Fire

A grass fire in the alley between the Watts and Jesse Gordon homes Tuesday noon seemed for a time to be beyond control. The fire company was called out and soon subdued the flames, and when well under control, the dead grass about the Gordon and Kemp houses was carefully burned, reducing the fire menace in that vicinity to a minimum.

Birthday Anniversaries

In honor of the birthday anniversary of four of her guests, Mrs. Fred Pinkerton was hostess Sunday at a sumptuous dinner. The honorees were: Fred Pinkerton, her daughter, Mrs. Paul Lieualen, Miss Hilda Dickenson and Miss Hortense Baker. Other guests were: Misses Mildred Bateman and Lois McIntyre; Paul Lieualen, Lee Bannister, Mose Bannister and Norman McIntyre.

In Honor of Guest

Mrs. Jennie Fletcher was the honored guest at a picnic Sunday at Thorn Hollow. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Thereson and daughter of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Read, Mr. and Mrs. W. McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. Veltan Read. Mrs. Fletcher who has been visiting at the home of her brother W. McPherson left Monday for Enterprise where she will teach school this year.

Home From Mid-West

Mrs. L. Sherman and Miss Maude Sherman arrived home Friday from an extended trip to the middle western states, by automobile. Miss Sherman will again teach in the Estacada schools. They spent the summer at Fountain, Minn., and visited Yellowstone Park en route home.

Flint Johns finished up his threshing operations Saturday after a six weeks run. With his family he will take a couple of weeks vacation, presumably at Bingham.