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**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ENJOY
SUNDAY AT ORENCO**

Through the courtesy of Rev. H. F. Gelein, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Orenco, and also Prelate of Beth-El Commandery No. 21, Knights Templar, the fraters of the local commandery and their families enjoyed the day at Orenco Sunday.

A special program had been prepared for the occasion consisting of excellent music, a splendid sermon by the pastor and other appropriate exercises.

There was a good attendance from Beth-El Commandery, the members wearing the handsome uniform of the order.

Following the church exercises a splendid picnic dinner was served in the commodious church basement which will seat one hundred people at one time.

The visitors were the recipients of most generous hospitality and were highly pleased with their visit to Orenco.

For a town of its size Orenco has one of the best equipped and liveliest churches in Oregon, with a pastor consecrated, energetic, able and well qualified as a minister and leader, doing great service for the community.

In this work he is ably supported by the entire populace.
Orenco is a very pretty little place, the main industry of the town being that of the Oregon Nursery Co., which conducts an extensive business, owning one of the largest nurseries in the United States.

**THE OUTLOOK IS FOR
A SHORT APPLE CROP**

Apple orchards in the northwest bear heavier than those in any apple district in the United States, according to information received by the Oregon Growers' Co-operative Association.

Two years ago according to the government's report, Oregon, Washington and California grew one-quarter of the apple crop of the United States while the three states had only one-ninth of the acreage of the country.

And with statistics to show that the apple bearing acreage of the east has been reduced materially the past ten years, indications are that the Pacific coast states will grow possibly half the apple crop this year of the entire country.

Freezing weather last April seriously injured the apple crop east of the Rockies while the Pacific coast, especially Oregon and Washington, have prospects of a bumper crop.

Production of apples in the United States has fallen off heavily during the past ten years. In 1909 it was 145,000,000 bushels while ten years later it had fallen to 136,000,000 bushels.

During the same period the number of apple trees in the country had fallen from 95,000,000 to 86,000,000. These are the government's figures. There has also been a heavy decrease in planting of apples the past ten years.

However, on the Pacific coast since 1910, there has been an increase in the number of bearing trees but some de-

cline in the average number of non-bearing, showing that the planting of apple trees has been slightly curtailed. Pacific states production in bushels of apples for 1909 and 1919 were as follows:

	Yields in Bushels	
	1909	1919
Idaho	550,000	3,654,000
California	4,935,900	7,842,000
Oregon	1,930,000	6,921,000
Washington	2,972,000	21,568,000

In the number of bearing trees in the northwest the official figures comparing 1910 and 1920 are as follows:

	Number of Trees	
	1910	1920
Idaho	1,405,000	2,280,000
California	2,482,000	3,128,000
Oregon	2,029,000	3,315,000
Washington	3,009,000	7,969,000

It will be noted that Oregon is becoming a heavier apple producing state than California, while Washington is the greatest apple state in the country.

With the radical decrease of apple acreage in the United States between 1909 and 1919 the average pounds for each person is growing less and less. Last year the average was 120 pounds for each person while the estimates for this year are 63 pounds.

That is, there will be hardly half the apples in the U. S. this year that there was last year. The U. S. crop estimate is for 42 per cent of a crop. On June 10 of last year there was in sight a total U. S. crop of 240,442,000 bushels. This year it is 107,098,000 bushels.

As for peaches, last year there was 22 pounds for each person while now prospects are for only 16 pounds for each.

There is also a shortage of pears with an estimate of 43 per cent of a crop. Last year there was 8 1/2 pounds of pears for every one person. This year prospects are for only four and a half pounds.

TO THE HOG BREEDERS AND FEEDERS

The days of a pig are numbered—his stay on earth is limited—how limited depends on his start in life and his ability to make a hog of himself. Satisfaction can come to a hog only through a full stomach. Contentment follows close on the heels of satisfaction, and the combination of the two make a quick-end of the unsuspecting pig—he develops a ravishing appetite which must be satisfied. He soon finds he is taking on weight rapidly, and assumes an air of "rave dignity," due no doubt to his increased corporeity. It is now the green curtain and the shivery music for him; he has made a hog of himself and nothing is left but a ride in a side door Pullman, a trip through the Stock Yards, then a quick, sharp pain in the heart, and all is over.

COW TESTING WORK IS GETTING GOOD RESULTS

Three thousand one hundred and forty-four cows were tested during May in the six Oregon cow testing associations. The average yield of milk was 956.6 pounds and of butter fat 39.47 pounds. This is the highest average yet reached in any month since association work started in the state, says E. B. Fitts, of O. A. C. Extension service, who is in charge of the work.

Reports from the testers show that 14 inferior cows were weeded out of the herds during the month and that one pure bred bull was purchased.

The Tillamook association leads all others in the state for the month with an average yield of 1141 pounds of milk and 47.84 pounds of butter fat from the 1073 cows tested. The Smith-Umpqua association won second place with an average of 41.08 pounds of butter fat.

The highest yield made by an individual cow was 100.53 pounds of butter fat made by "Nina," a Jersey owned by Carl Posetti, of Tillamook and the highest average yield from an entire herd was 66.51 pounds of butter fat from the 11 Jersey cows owned by Paul Fitzpatrick, also of Tillamook.

GIFT FOR P. U. LIBRARY

H. S. Tuttle, of the department of Education in P. U., has been supplying the plight of Pilgrim church, Portland, for several weeks.

At the close of last Sunday's service the treasurer handed Mr. Tuttle a check for \$75 to be used for books on religious and moral education for P. U. library. The gift was entirely unexpected, being a spontaneous expression of faith and interest in the college and its service in training young men and women for christian leadership.

OREGON NOTES
News in Brief, Gathered From Various Parts of the State

The Astoria water works during May did a business of \$8725.86 and collected \$8625.11.

The J. W. Demaris sawmill, 13 miles north of Prineville, was burned to the ground.

The annual convention of the North Pacific Millers' association was held in Portland.

The Salem postoffice has 47 employees and the payroll is approximately \$80,000 a year.

A total of 646 students have been registered for the summer term of the University of Oregon.

Ninety-six Sunday schools in Marion county will participate in a parade and picnic to be held in Salem July 23.

Increased activity in prunes buying is noted in Polk county, with many sales reported recently at 5 1/2 cents a pound. The new \$300,000 bridge across Youngs bay at Astoria will be completed and opened for traffic in about two weeks.

Gene LaFollette, 11 years old, was drowned in the Willamette river at Salem, while attempting to rescue his brother Paul, aged 9.

The Lebanon and Newberg canneries, formerly owned by the A. Rupert company, will begin operations within the next two weeks.

The McKenzie highway to Dead Horse hill, six or eight miles from the summit of the Cascades, is open and in fair shape for travel.

The Transfer & Livery company, recently awarded the contract, has begun the grading of 24 blocks of business streets in Hood River.

A \$25,000 breach of promise suit has been filed by Mrs. Lucille Christensen against J. B. Knight, a prominent business man of Pendleton.

Investigations have been ordered by the postoffice department with a view of appointing postmasters at Buell, Hoskins and Marquam.

Cherries in Polk county are dropping from the trees in showers, and prospects are that the crop will be less than 50 per cent of normal.

Estimates at Salem place the cherry crop for this season at about 3,000,000 pounds, for which the growers will receive 3 1/2 to 4 cents a pound.

Walnut growers of western Oregon this season expect the largest crop in many years, according to Earl Percy, president of the Oregon State Horticultural society.

Speculation as to prices to be paid to raspberry growers this year places the average between 8 and 10 cents a pound as against 24 to 26 cents a pound last year.

Business of the Hood River creamery has increased nearly 100 per cent in the last year. Figures for May, 1920, were 10,823 pounds of butterfat and for May of this year 29,004.

The selling prices for the first grade of spring packed Columbia river canned Chinook salmon have been placed at \$2.25 per dozen for one pound flats and \$2.10 for half pound flats.

Forty carloads of cherries will be shipped from The Dalles in the next three or four weeks, constituting the greatest movement of small fruits from that vicinity ever recorded.

A movement to obtain a paved highway in Clatsop county leading to the beach at Warrenton will be inaugurated at a community basket picnic to be held on Warrenton beach Sunday, July 3.

J. B. Hansen and R. S. Payne, members of an Ohio company during the Civil war, met at the G. A. R. reunion in Pendleton for the first time since they were mustered out together 55 years ago.

During the recent election salary increases voted by the late legislature were before the people for consideration in six counties and in every instance they were defeated by decisive majorities.

An effort will be made by the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association to raise \$3,000,000 during the next several weeks for the purpose of financing the marketing of the 1921 wheat crop.

Small refining plants will be placed in operation shortly at the holdings of the Oregon Nitrate company at Sheep mountain and Sinking lake, 90 miles from Bend, announced J. H. Morton, manager.

The Oregon public service commission has no authority to relieve the Beuson logging railroad at Clatskanie of its obligation as a common carrier, according to a legal opinion given by the attorney-general.

First returns from the New York auction market on Wasco county cherries sent there for sale have been received. Half a carload of Bings was sold at \$5.12 1/2 for a 20-pound box. Half a carload of Royal Anne cherries returned \$3.15 a box. These prices were considered among the best ever paid in the east for northwestern cherries.

A resolution asking the state highway commission to establish as a policy the preferential employment of American citizens will be introduced at the state convention of the American Legion in Eugene.

Senator McNary was authorized by the senate committee on irrigation to report favorably on his bill appropriating \$250,000,000 for western irrigation and establishing a comprehensive 20-year program of reclamation.

The state motor vehicle department has authorized an order for several thousand temporary automobile license cards which will be placed in the hands

of sheriffs throughout the state for issuance to applicants pending the receipt of permanent license plates.

The general fund of the state is now exhausted, according to O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, and until replenished, it will be necessary to indorse all warrants of this classification "not paid for want of funds." These warrants will draw interest at the rate of 6 per cent.

Between 10 and 25 per cent of the cherry crop of Douglas county will never be picked, according to estimates of leading growers, who are quite concerned over the outlook for this season. The price offered, growers complained, is not sufficient to pay the cost of picking and handling.

There were two fatalities in Oregon industrial accidents during the week ending June 23, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Lorenzo Cotta, laborer, Yankton, and Jack Johnson, logger, Marshfield. A total of 190 accidents were reported.

Hunt Brothers' cannery of Salem has announced that 3 cents a pound hereafter would be the prevailing price for loganberries. Inasmuch as pickers receive 1 1/2 cents for harvesting the crop, many of the growers have signified their intention of allowing their berries to remain on the vines.

Indian leaders from all sections of the United States and its possessions will hold a conference in Salem January 22, 1922, according to announcement. Dr. E. E. Higley, superintendent of Indian activities of the board of home missions and church extension of the Methodist Episcopal church, will preside at the sessions.

The berry situation in Marion county took an optimistic turn when the Salem and Woodburn banks agreed to advance approximately \$75,000 with which to finance harvesting the loganberry and cherry crops which have come on simultaneously. The bankers, after offering the \$75,000, urged the business men of the city to put up \$25,000. This the business men agreed to do.

Financial conditions in Oregon, as reflected by the banks, indicate that the business activities of this state have not been as hard hit by the natural depression following the war as have those of many other western districts, according to S. G. Sargeant, now connected with the federal bank as state superintendent of banks in San Francisco. Mr. Sargeant formerly reserve system, with headquarters in Oregon.

E. W. McComas will receive a clear title to his homestead of 205 acres near Pendleton, filed on by his predecessor in 1873, under a bill put through the house by Representative Sinnott. The title to the land, which was a swamp land selection, was questioned some years ago and the courts held against McComas. The secretary of the Interior approved the Sinnott bill recently recommended that Mr. McComas be permitted to purchase the land for \$1.25 an acre.

Fifty-two of the largest firms in Oregon operating under the workman's compensation law and employing 14,500 workmen have advised the state industrial accident commission that they have accepted the provisions of the amendment to the present law relating to organization and educational work in accident prevention. Although the amendment does not become effective until July 1, reports have been received by the commission indicating that the organization of safety committees already is in progress.

Information as to the population of the United States, by color and race, is contained in a bulletin from the census bureau of the department of commerce, given out recently. Of particular interest is the statement as to Oregon. The figures are for 1910 and 1920. Following are the figures: Total population, 1920, 788,389; 1910, 672,765; white, 1920, 769,146; 1910, 655,090; negroes, 1029, 2144; 1910, 1492; Indian, 1920, 4590; 1910, 5090; Chinese, 1920, 3090; 1910, 7363; Japanese, 1920, 4151; 1910, 2413; all others, 1920, 298; 1910, 312.

Of the 25 fruit districts in the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association the Salem district leads in prunes with 3500 acres, according to a report prepared by the organization. The Amity district leads in walnuts with 296 acres. Medford is first in apple acreage with a total of 2053 acres. Medford also leads in the production of pears, having 3710 acres of this product. The Dalles district signed up 345 acres of cherries, while Amity had 281 acres. Salem is the principal berry district in the association, with 667 acres.

TIGARD

The annual school meeting was held at the school house Monday, June 20th, at 8 P. M. It was the largest school meeting held and proved that the population is increasing fast in the district. Mr. Walter West was elected director for three years, and Mr. Arthur Vincent was re-elected as clerk. Mr. Krohner, a Portland architect, gave a very instructive talk on school building construction, and presented a sketch of a building that he recommended for this district. The board was asked to call a board meeting in the near future and it is most likely that a new school house will be erected next summer.

Mr. Hulman has sold his home and is going to build another, further up the highway.

Several new, modern residences are under construction, and others are improving their properties. A number of young people from this district graduated from Portland High Schools in June, and one of them, Edna E. Sandblom, was awarded a Scholarship from the Lincoln High School. She is the second Tigard girl that won such distinction.

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After ordering the Declaration to be circulated throughout the colonies the congress considered the matter of hiring a vessel—for privateering purposes possibly—and a committee was appointed to attend to the business.

Then came a letter from Gen. Washington, a measure to consider the safety of Philadelphia, some more instructions regarding flints, the election of Indian commissioners for the "middle department"—New York and Pennsylvania principally—and Dr. Franklin and other delegates were instructed to inform successful candidates of their election.

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