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Local and Personal

Miss Eva Norcross visited friends in Medford Sunday.

Miss Eather Merritt visited friends in Medford Saturday.

WANTED—A cook at Hotel Pleasants. Wages \$30 per month.

Mrs. Van Hardenburg is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Clift, of this city.

Mrs. Mary Middlebush, of Trail, was in after supplies on Wednesday.

S. S. Aiken, one of Prospect's prominent business men, spent Thursday in our city.

F. H. Webb has moved his business into his new building which has just been completed.

Mrs. A. L. Harvey, a well known pioneer resident of Gold Hill, visited friends here Tuesday.

F. R. Moore and family, who have been spending the Summer at Bly, returned home last Saturday.

The ladies of the Christian Church will give a dinner and bazaar at the Christian Church on Thanksgiving day. Your patronage is solicited.

Watches and all kinds of jewelry at the Central Point Pharmacy. New stock just received. Call and see them. 11-1f

W. E. Price, the horseshoer, is having his shop improved with a few coats of paint at the hands of Artist Hay and his force. Price is doing this just to show that in Central Point prosperity will not even let the blacksmiths alone, regardless of Price.

Several of our young people went to Medford last Friday evening to take in the show, among whom were Miss Fay Pleasants, Miss Maud Gray, Mr. Miller, Miss Marguerite Holmes, Mr. Hanna, Miss Anna Pankey, Mr. Shipley Ross and Mr. Glenn Pleasants.

A complete line of watches has just been received at the Central Point Pharmacy. Call and examine this stock before placing your order. 11-1f

D. W. Stone and wife, of Sacramento, are here visiting his parents and other relatives. Mr. Stone is a railroad man, being a brakeman on the passenger run between Sacramento and Dunsmuir. He is an enthusiastic fisherman and while here he did not fail to take advantage of the excellent fishing in Rogue River.

Select a present for your wife or sweetheart from the jewelry stock at the Central Point Pharmacy. New and up-to-date. 11-1f

W. C. Leever brought in some splendid specimens of Spitzenberg and Newtown apples from his young orchard in the foothills Saturday that are hard to beat. The former weigh 15 ounces and the latter 16 ounces each. They are from six-year-old trees. Mr. Leever's orchard is said to be one of the best and most thrifty of its age in the valley.

Wanted—A good girl for general housework. Enquire of Mrs. W. H. Norcross at Norcross orchard, one mile east from Central Point. 19-1f

I. J. Estes, who is well known as a melon grower, left a wonderfully large cluster of grapes in the HERALD exhibit window the other evening, but through an unfortunate accident they dropped to the floor and were badly demoralized.

The Medford laundry wagon will call for work in Central Point each Monday afternoon and Friday morning. Expert ironers from City Hall French laundry, San Francisco, employed. First class work guaranteed. 7-1f

J. W. Ingram, who has been at Soda Springs for several weeks, has returned home very much improved in health. Mr. Ingram has been for years a sufferer from asthma, and he found the vapor baths at the Springs the most efficacious treatment he has yet tried for that ailment. The vapor baths are strongly impregnated with carbonic acid gas, which, Mr. Ingram thinks, is an excellent treatment for pulmonary and bronchial troubles.

FOR SALE—A six-room dwelling in Central Point, in good repair. Barn, good water, some fruit. A bargain. Inquire at this office. 1f

At the Snowy Butte Orchard.

The Snowy Butte Orchard, which adjoins the Central Point townsite on the south, is an industry of which every resident of this section of the valley should be proud. That portion which is now in bearing, containing 100 acres, is about 17 years old and is this year producing its banner crop. It was planted by Olwell & Son at a time when fruit growing, as a commercial proposition, was a decided experiment and it must have required some nerve as well as faith and foresight for men to take chances on a full quarter section of apple trees.

Mr. F. H. Hopkins, the present proprietor, purchased the orchard about two years ago and since that time the property has been improved to a wonderful extent. Some mistakes were made in the selection of varieties when the orchard was planted, but since Mr. Hopkins became the owner all the unprofitable varieties have been eliminated by being cut back and the stubs top grafted to standard varieties. Besides this, every vacant space where a tree was missing has been reset, as well as 100 acres to new orchard adjoining the old on the west. But by far the most important improvement of all is that of securing water for irrigation. At a heavy expense during the past Summer Mr. Hopkins acquired a water right from the Fish Lake Ditch company and while delays incident to securing right of way and constructing several miles of ditch to his property hindered him in securing the water quite soon enough for the very best results this season, the size, coloring and quality of the fruit at this time clearly demonstrates the fact that water is required to obtain the best results in growing high grade fruit in this valley. Mr. Hopkins is so well pleased with his investment and with the climatic and commercial advantages of this valley that he is erecting an elegant home here and making other extensive improvements with a view to making the Snowy Butte orchard the permanent abiding place of himself and family. He is about completing one of the best, if not the best residence, in Jackson County, besides a modern horse barn 60x100 feet. The improvements being made on the place this year will cost something like \$10,000.

A representative of the HERALD called at the Snowy Butte orchard the other day to take a look at the harvesting of the pear crop. Mr. Hopkins has 15 acres of Winter Nellis pears in his orchard and from this small plot of ground he will harvest from 10 to 12 car loads of choicest fruit, which will net him f. o. b. here \$2 per box, or at the rate of \$500 a car. Think of it. From \$10,000 to \$12,000 from 15 acres of ground. Is it any wonder the HERALD and all the other boosters of this wonderful valley get enthusiastic once in a while? These same pear trees have not been bearing well for a few years past, but last Winter they were heavily pruned, and at the time they most needed moisture the water was turned on them and the result shows for itself. A drive through the orchard in company with Superintendent Tom Pankey was a revelation. The pear trees can best be described in the words of the boy telling of the cats in his back yard—it is just one solid pear. In the apple orchard may be seen miles of trees loaded to the limit with magnificent fruit.

About 40 people are now at work harvesting the pears. Men gather the fruit in the orchard, from where it is hauled to the packing house, where expert graders sort out the seconds, or inferior grades, and young ladies are employed to pack them in boxes for the market. Every pear is wrapped in paper and packed snugly in its place, the boxes being rounded up in generous measure so that when the lid is pressed down and securely nailed not a pear can move or become bruised in the long ride across the continent, and some across the Atlantic, to a market. After the pears are harvested and shipped, the apples will be gathered and stored in the big packing houses until the crop is all in, when the grading and packing will be done without regard to the weather. It is expected the apple crop will yield from 15 to 20 cars of select fruit.

One of the prettiest and richest sights in all of this Rouge River Valley land of horticultural wonders just now is the apple crop in the fine orchard of W. H. Norcross, one-half mile east from town. Every tree is literally loaded to the limit with fruit, and in size and coloring the quality cannot be surpassed in any country on earth. The bearing trees in Mr. Norcross' orchard comprise Ben Davis, Newtown and Spitzenberg, three of the best moneymakers grown anywhere. While the Ben Davis do not command so high a price in the markets as the Newtowns and Spitzenbergs they make up for that shortcoming in the prodigious crops, which the orchardist can count on every season with almost absolute certainty. This season the Ben Davis in the Norcross orchard are yielding better than twenty boxes to the tree, and while not many of this variety have been gathered so far, the owner feels safe in counting on at least 3000 boxes of first-class fruit from his 200 trees. The Newtowns and Spitzenbergs are making about twelve boxes or better to the tree, which is considered a very heavy crop for these top-notch varieties.

Mr. Norcross expects to ship at least 5000 boxes of strictly first grade apples this season, while his seconds, which are really as fine fruit as any except in size and coloring, will bring him a considerable sum on the side. The Newtowns are shipped direct to London and Liverpool, England, where they command the highest prices of any apples on the market.

The harvesting of a big crop of apples in a commercial orchard is an interesting process. The orchardists of this valley are getting their business thoroughly systematized and the work is handled with the same precision and attention to details as is that of any other industrial or commercial business. The pickers are divided into two squads—ground men and ladder men. The former pick all the fruit that can be conveniently reached from the ground and are followed by the ladder men, who finish the tree. This method is followed to avoid the danger of knocking off fruit from the lower limbs with the ladders. Every apple that falls to the ground is a "second" and is not put in the box with the first-class fruit. Great care is therefore exercised to avoid this, as a picker can easily lose for his employer more than the price of his day's wages by dropping less than 100 apples. For this reason fast picking is not demanded nor encouraged, at least to that extent as would breed carelessness. Apples which represent 2 1/2 to 3 cents each net to the grower are worth handling with care, and that is about what the Rogue River Valley product stands for.

Mr. Norcross will put out 20 acres of Comice pears this Fall, and when they come into bearing he will have a fruit farm that will be worth talking about.

J. W. Abbott, a resident of Eagle Point, was accidentally killed while engaged in logging on Wagner Creek last week. While loading a heavy log a dead tree, to which a chain had been attached to facilitate the loading, broke off and falling across Mr. Abbott, killed him instantly. He leaves a widow and seven children.

Send the HERALD to your friends.

The Norcross Orchard

Another delegation of Condon people arrived in the valley a few days ago to locate in this favored region. They are L. A. Chamberlain and family and Messrs. Lewis and Lee Shellman. There being a scarcity of houses for rent in Central Point, Mr. Chamberlain secured a place in Medford, where he will spend the Winter and will probably invest in a good farm in this section of the valley between now and Spring. Lew Shellman, who is an expert mason and plasterer, secured employment on the new school building here and commenced work Monday morning, and his brother is working his teams at Medford.

The people coming to this valley from Gilliam County are just the class of whom we need plenty—good citizens with means to go ahead with. Jackson County is fortunate that when they prepared to leave the great wheat belt they turned their faces in this direction.

One of the most important timber land deals which has been consummated in this county for some time was closed last Friday at Medford, when W. I. Vawter and his associates transferred to the Iowa Lumber & Box Co. 5800 acres of choice timber land in the sugar pine belt east of this city, the consideration being \$164,400. The same parties also transferred to the Butte Falls Lumber Co. a tract of timber land in the same section of country, the price being \$38,000. Such deals at this time are encouraging, indicating as they do that activity in the latent rich timber resources of this region may soon be expected to materialize.

Although, as yet, nothing definite can be learned as to the intentions of the new owners of the Medford-Crater Lake railroad as regards the completion of that line, the logical conclusion to be drawn from this activity in the timber land market is that there is likely to be "something doing" somewhere before many moons pass. It may mean that there will yet be a race into the timber belt between the M. & C. L. and the projected line from Central Point. But no matter which gets there first, it will benefit both towns to get the timber to market.

Mrs. Charles Jefferys and Mrs. Fred Wiley, of this city, spent Thursday afternoon at the grape vineyards, bringing home some of Southern Oregon's finest grapes and a pleasant smile, it being Mrs. J.'s birthday.

Stanley Aitkin, a pioneer resident of Prospect and for many years postmaster, merchant and hotelman at that place, came down from there last week and left Friday for a year's visit at his old home in New York state. His children, two sons and a daughter, will remain in this city during his absence to continue their studies in our excellent public schools.

FINE PIANO FOR SALE.

A fine, new Richmond piano may be bought at a rare bargain. Instrument can be seen at the home of Prof. A. J. Hanby, in whose care it has been left. 22d25 MRS. J. H. PLEASANTS.

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Condonites Arrive

The object of all development leagues is to induce immigration of good citizens from the eastern states to the Rogue River Valley. The Rogue River Land Co. has been a pioneer in this development business, having made the first move in the valley to induce desirable immigrants to remove here and to partake of our advantages and climate. In the last two years we have located a large number of the best citizens to be found in the valley. Central Point has attracted many of them.

The Rogue River Land company guarantees fair treatment to its customers. We will in a short time again send a man east to extol the merits of this section. Give us a credit mark and boost our way. It is high time for all sections of this valley to pull together and quit "knocking."

Important Timber Deal

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