

Table Rockets

Intended for last issue. A force of apple pickers are at work in the Washburn orchard.

Mr. Kerby, who is teaching the Willow Springs school, was visiting here Sunday.

Miss Hazel Byrum entertained her young friends at a birthday party Monday evening.

The Adams sorghum factory is turning out a fine article of syrup. We know, for we have tried it.

The school house grounds and other improvements will soon be enclosed by a substantial fence, for which we will be duly thankful.

J. G. Morrison has already delivered some of his strawberry plants. They cannot be excelled, and prove that our punice soil just suits the strawberry.

As the rural free delivery will soon go into effect, its patrons should lose no time in providing the mail boxes required. Information as to price and where they can be purchased can be obtained of Postmaster Moore at Central Point.

Relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pendleton presented them with a collection of China table ware on the 21st anniversary of their marriage October 1st. Mr. Lee Watkins, of Agate, made the presentation speech in his usual happy style.

The business men of Central Point should take steps to provide more hitching racks for the accommodation of people trading there. The town has outgrown its present scanty number, and if it wants the farmers to stay by it, there should be something to the contrary.

Ashland Commercial College Notes

Students are arriving from points more distant than formerly, which is a matter of great congratulation.

Miss Carrie Caskie, of Beswick, Cal., has entered for the course in shorthand, and others are soon to arrive from California.

Mrs. Betta Shields and her brother Jonas Oleson, of Central Point, are taking the complete course.

Miss Evelyn Woodson, who recently returned from Portland for the purpose of securing the course here, has entered for the complete course.

Misses Mabel Galley, Ruth Van Dyke and Jessie Hopkins, of Ashland, have come in and have made an excellent start.

Miss Bessie Herbert, a recent graduate, has accepted a responsible position as stenographer and bookkeeper for the Corvallis Milling Co.

Beagle Briets

Intended for last issue. Monroe Gordon made a trip to Sams Valley Saturday.

Miss Grace Jones is making Ashland friends a few days' visit.

Thomas Jones took a load of nice chickens to Medford Tuesday.

E. D. Willhite and son Thomas made a business trip to Medford Saturday.

Miles and Walter Richardson took a load of pears to Medford one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Houston and family, of Jacksonville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stacy.

Mr. Howard and Oscar Rodgers and Alma Houston have returned from their hunting trip. They report poor luck.

Misses Joey Richardson, Alberta Stacy and Milly Gordon have commenced packing apples for Mr. Washburn.

Mrs. Flora Carter, who has been spending the Summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rodgers, has returned to her home in St. Johns, Ore.

H. H. Mitchell, ex-postmaster of Asbestos, has returned from Lookout, Cal., and has located in Sams Valley.

Last Sunday quite a crowd gathered at the home of Prof. and Mrs. N. L. Narrengan for the purpose of celebrating Mrs. Narrengan's 53rd birthday anniversary.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Narrengan, of Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Willhite, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Gordon, Mrs. William Jones, Mrs. Walter Chapman, Mrs. Geo. Stacy, Mrs. A. D. Houston, of Jacksonville; Misses Grace Jones, Lou Brown, Alberta Stacy, Milly and Bessy Gordon, Flora and Odessa Stacy, Oily and Mattie Gordon, Mary and Belle Jones, Fern and Esther Houston, Lilly, Viola, Myrtle and Ella Chapman, Earl Case, Arthur Jones, Walter Richardson, Masters Eugene Narrengan, Claude Chapman, George Stacy and Samuel Gordon. All enjoyed themselves greatly.

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JAPANESE PERENNIALS.

slimness is usually produced from seeds, but as the best varieties cannot be relied upon to reproduce themselves true from seed they should be grafted or budded. Several varieties of the Japanese perennials are each so much larger and better than our native sorts that there is little inducement to unimprovement. The picture shows a bunch of Japanese perennials only partly grown. They are not quite as hardy as native perennials. They can be successfully grafted on native stocks if the graft is inserted upon the collar of the root three to four inches below the surface of the soil.

The Place For the Lilies.

In selecting a location for lilies a well drained situation should be chosen, so that water will not collect around the bulbs. The soil should be enriched with old, thoroughly rotted manure, and if, say, one-third of leaf mold can be mixed with the soil so much the better.

Roman Hyacinths.

The Roman hyacinth can be most successfully grown in the window garden and is more desirable than the large bordered varieties because of its coming into bloom much earlier. For this purpose a four inch pot can be used to advantage.

Spraying With Crude Petroleum.

Use a fine nozzle and exercise great care to avoid overspraying. It requires a careful workman to spray peach trees with crude petroleum, as too much of the material, especially on the bodies of the trees, is likely to do harm.

HORTICULTURAL BREVITIES

I have been planting red raspberries, blackberries and currants in October and November for the last twenty-five years and have always had uniformly good results from this fall planting. says a New York fruit grower.

The American sycamore is one of our finest street trees in some situations. Wraugh says it does not succeed north of Massachusetts and central New York.

Grass grows well during October, and the mowing should not be neglected.

As the end of the season approaches it is natural to become unimpartial of the weeds, but if left alone they will soon disfigure the grass plots, walks, drives and flower borders.

In the south sand on the Pacific coast hardy and half hardy annual flowers may be sowed in the fall.

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PRUNING THE ROSE.

November and March the Pruning Time For Hardy Roses.

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The best time to prune hardy roses is in November, when they are in a dormant condition, or just before the sap flows in March. Never prune roses after the sap has begun to flow if you do not wish the bushes to bleed to death. If it should be necessary one should cover the wound with wax, and it will heal over in about a week. The instruments required in pruning are a sharp pruning knife with a hooked blade, a pair of pruning shears, a pair of gloves, to protect the hands from thorns, and a rubber knee pad, to protect the knees from the damp ground.

With the knife we do the main cutting, and with the shears we remove the small weak shoots, dead wood or anything that is difficult to get at with a knife. In using the shears it is well to remember that one must cut in the same direction until the shoot is removed. Never twist or jerk. This will prevent any damage to the bush. Late in autumn is the best time for thinning out, and March for general pruning.—Floral Life.

PERSIMMONS.

The Japanese Much Larger and Better Than Our Native Sorts.

By selecting the best native persimmons and propagating from these a rapid improvement in this common southern fruit may be made. The Japanese have done much in growing persimmons and the Japanese persimmon is considered as the best native pomological product, says American Agriculturist. Native persimmons range in size from one-half to two inches in diameter. The fruit is very bitter when green, but this quality disappears when it becomes fully ripe. The per-



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