

# JUNE VOLT BOOSTS STRAWBERRY CARNIVAL AT ROSEBURG

The Strawberry Carnival which takes place each year at Roseburg, Oregon, is a real event and is attended by many visitors from all parts of Southern Oregon. This year's celebration was a record-breaker, thanks to the combined efforts of the Umpqua Chiefs, Roseburg's unique booster club and proved such a success that the VOLT saw fit to give it prominent mention in the June issue which is just off the press. The article is illustrated by numerous photographs of the parades, stunts and prize-winning strawberries and is most interesting from beginning to end as evidenced by the opening paragraphs which are quoted as follows:

"We may say of angling as Dr. Boteler said of strawberries, 'Doubtless God could have made a better berry, but doubtless God never did'; and so, if I might be the judge, God never did make a more calm, innocent recreation than angling."—Izaak Walton.

Thus, as quoted above, the quaint, lovable author of "The Complete Angler," while sounding the praises of his favorite sport, paid his respects to the strawberry, nearly two and a half centuries ago. And now, in this epoch, Roseburg, Oregon, expresses its appreciation of the strawberry by holding a three-day cele-

bration once a year—for more than twenty years Roseburg's annual Strawberry Carnival has been the springtime Mardi Gras of southern Oregon. It takes place late in May or in early June—depending on the time when the abundant strawberry crop of the Umpqua Valley reaches its peak.

The 1926 celebration was held last month, sponsored by the Umpqua Chiefs, the booster tribe which has served so ably in this connection since its organization some three years ago. And this carnival was a huge success—from any angle you choose to consider it, it was an advance over any that have been held in the past. Each year has brought greater crowds from longer distances to enjoy Roseburg's unique festival and this year was no exception. Though the accompanying snapshot photographs, showing but one phase of an extensive and varied program, most inadequately reflect the activities, they will give some idea of what took place to those not fortunate enough to have been in attendance.

Another item which illustrates the rapid growth of the communities within the reach of Copco power lines tells about the new \$175,000.00 Arcade Apartment building recently completed in the city of Klamath Falls.

## "OREGON HISTORY ESSAY" PRIZE WON BY JACKSONVILLE GIRL

We are pleased to publish the "Oregon History Essay" by Miss Mariam Watson, of Jacksonville, Oregon, which won third place in the 5th and 6th grade group.

The prizes were awarded in groups of three as follows: 5th and 6th graders competed for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, 7th and 8th graders competed for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places as a group, and the 7th and 8th graders of Ashland Medford competed for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places as a group.

The following is the essay by Miss Watson:

**Early History of Jacksonville**  
In the spring of 1851 gold was first discovered. In 1853 Jacksonville was in good headway. It had nine stores, three blacksmith shops, and saloons galore. This discovery led to an election.

In 1860 the election was made. J. D. Haines, L. Sachs were acting as clerks. A. H. Miller, James Glenn, and John L. Drum as judges. The result was that Jacksonville was founded by 107 for and 27 against.

After the town was incorporated they had an election for officers. It was held December 11, 1860. Joseph Burbee received 188 for town trustee, S. W. Bank 104 for marshal, Henry Kippel 110 for recorder, and C. C. Beckman 91 for street commissioner. James Cluggage who had taken up mining claims desired to secure his title.

There were several thousand mining claims filed in the district. The question that was before them was how they were going to secure their claims. In September 1853 Matthew P. Deady the United States district judge was sent to Jacksonville and held the first real court.

In the year of 1855 T. Vault with two partners started a newspaper. It was called the "Table Rock Sentinel." T. Vault soon bought out his partners and managed the business alone. He was very successful. He died in 1868 with the smallpox.

Jacksonville got its name from General Andrew Jackson.

—Jacksonville Post

### STATE MARKET NEWS (C. E. Spence, State Market Agent)

#### Flirting With Market Prices

These are the days of various and conflicting crop estimate reports, sent out to flirt with market prices, and we read of bumper crops or failures, depending on the source of the reports. But do we ever read of estimates of production of manufactured products, of shoes, clothing or any standard necessity articles? The heads of industrial concerns run their own business and the government doesn't send out any bulletins concerning their output. If they over produce the information is not given to the world, and if a surplus has to be sold cheaply abroad the foreign prices does not fix the home price. But with cotton, wheat and other agricultural staples, the price at home is determined by a few big men in London—what they will pay there will be the market price here. Farmers are asking what the manufacturers get, and it would seem that congress should give them the same protection. Any industry that has to sell its products at the prices of lower-standard Europe and yet has to produce them under the high American standard, that industry is certain to fail after a matter of time.

#### Where Co-Operation Benefits

Recently the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers sold 100,000 pounds of valley wool at eight cents more per pound than prevailing country prices. This association did not sell to the middle buyers and brokers, but direct to the mills. Then, too, the cooperative grades the wool and has on hand the quantity and quality the mills want. The cooperative was

interest between the producer and the manufacturer, other needless handlers, with their profits and expenses, were eliminated. In such management lies the success of co-operative organizations. Organizing to market the product through the same old army of middle men but adds another middle interest. Organizing for direct marketing is real cooperation.

#### Quality-Standardization

The consuming public today demands quality and standardization, and farmers and farm organizations must come to it. It is one of the most important things for them to learn. It is one thing to turn out a pound or a box or a can of a good product, but it is another thing to turn out a thousand pounds or a thousand boxes or a thousand cans of uniformly good products. The graded, standardized product finds far readier buyers while the "field run" stuff goes begging for buyers. It is a fact hard for many to realize that the best may be taken from a quantity and more money received for it than if the whole yield had been offered, while the poorer and smaller stuff may be sold in a lesser grade or held on the farm for feed.

#### Holding for Cost Returns

The farmers of Nebraska are holding 100,000,000 bushels of corn for a higher price than 60 cents. They claim that this price is below the cost of production and they will use it for fuel before they will sell at the present market price.

#### Pennsylvania Farmers Active

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture states that there are over 41,000 active members of co-operative associations in that state—

one-fifth of the total number of farmers. The many organizations are weeding out those who are not loyal to the organizations, those who are inactive, and those whose products cannot be handled economically.

## HOW

### DAME NATURE ARRANGED FOR FREAK PRODUCTION.

A "very rare but not unknown occurrence," as he calls it, is described by H. B. Tukey in the Rural New Yorker. Just such a freak, we are told, was described by a French horticulturist many years ago. A little apple is grafted securely to a larger one—Rhode Island Greening is the variety. We read:

"Of course nature performs all kinds of peculiar things. Most folks are familiar with the misplaced calyx lobes that are sometimes found half-way around the apple, double apples with a common stem, and one apple growing out from another. Such monstrosities go back to the flower itself, and are merely developments of abnormal flower arrangements. There may be a double ovary, a double flower, a branching flower, and so on, and when these strange forms develop into fruit they give rise to the freak fruits that have been mentioned. But this is even more rare than any of these. It is a natural graft of two fruits early in their development. The smaller apple either dropped off or was forced off by the more rapid growth of the other and was nourished by it sufficiently to keep it alive, but not enough to permit full development to a second large apple.

"Very likely the large apple was the central flower of the cluster, because the stem of the central flower is shorter than the stems of the other four flowers surrounding it. Furthermore, the central flower blooms first and has a better chance to set and mature fruit than have the other four, and the fruit from the central flower is usually blockier. And so somehow the central flower fruit which got off to a head start was forced against one of the outer flower fruits in such a way as to break the skin and give the two an opportunity to unite. Perhaps the fork in a branch did it, or some local irritation was responsible. — Scientific American.

### How Muscles Should Be Used in Lifting

Few people know how to lift a heavy object properly. The few who do rarely use their knowledge. Lifting should be done in such a way as to use the muscles of the thighs, not the back or abdominal muscles. Only by using the leg muscles, can one avoid putting too great a strain on the back and abdomen, even when these muscles are well developed.

In lifting, bend the knees, not the back, until the object to be lifted is on a level with the hands. Then straighten the knees, raising the body and the heavy object at the same time. — Hygeia Magazine.

### How Fruit Men Fight Pests

Orchard owners of the Niagara district of Ontario are considering equipping their orchards with electric lamps similar to those which have been found successful in New Jersey and elsewhere in combating the Oriental peach moth and other insect pests. These lights are hung fairly near the ground and beneath each is a large pan of kerosene oil or other liquid. When, after dark, the electric lamp bulbs are lighted the moths fly for the light, become dazzled by it and fall into the liquid beneath. This kills them.

### How "Broom Corn" Started

Benjamin Franklin is the father of the broom industry in America. A lady came to Philadelphia from Europe and brought a whisk broom. Franklin happened to see it one day and noticed the unusual stiffness of the fibers. Attached to one straw he saw a seed pod, which he requested of the lady. Franklin is said to have planted the seed and thus he grew the first broom corn in the United States.

### How Schools Teach Thrift

To encourage thrift many savings banks in Czechoslovakia give to each new pupil in the elementary schools a passbook with a beginning credit of one krone, says School Life. The schools of the country celebrate thrift day and impress upon the children that saving insures happiness and that industry and thrift mean prosperity for the individual and for the nation.

### How Oranges Are Colored

The deep yellow color of oranges is usually developed after the fruit has been picked by placing them in a sweating room, heated by kerosene lamps, where the warmth and gases bring out the right shade.

### How Sound Travels

In undisturbed air, at a temperature of 32 degrees Fahrenheit, the velocity of sound is approximately 1,080 feet per second. The velocity increases about 1 foot a second for each degree as the temperature rises.

### How Birds Classify

A recent census of birds in the United States shows that the robin is the commonest variety, and next the English sparrow. Catbirds, brown thrashers, wrens, kingbirds and bluebirds come next in order.

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