

MILLIONS FOR FRUIT FROM COAST STATES

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FARMERS OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON PROSPER

On Basis of Present Prices 14,000 Cars Shipped East Will Be \$28,000,000.

Continued from Friday, August 1.

High prices for deciduous fruits in Eastern markets and a bumper yield in the Northwest have combined to make prospects exceedingly bright for farmers in Oregon and Washington. Shipments from California have brought from \$1500 to 2000 per car, with an estimated yield of 14,000 cars to be shipped from the state. On the basis of present prices the revenue from these 14,000 cars will be \$28,000,000. Taking this as an index, Oregon and Washington crops should yield a sum which will go a long way to keep the wheels of prosperity turning.

The Southern Pacific company reports the movement over its lines eastward of 129 cars during three days of this month and states that shipments are now going forward at the rate of from 40 to 60 cars daily. The season is two weeks earlier this year than last, and the yield is heavier. Plums are most important in quantity, but will soon be replaced at the head of the list by pears. Next in order comes peaches, together with the last of cherries and apricots. Shipping began a month ago and will continue until November, the maximum being reached when the grape crop is at its height in October.

C. J. Jones, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific company, states that the price level on deciduous fruits in the East is quite high this year because the shortage in Eastern fields promises to continue so. He says that the record sale for cherries was that of 20 cars which grossed over \$69,000. One car, alone, sold for over \$4,000.

Railroad companies are calling upon shippers to co-operate that there may be a full supply of cars. If cars are loaded and unloaded promptly, there will be plenty to go around, but only prompt release of cars once loaded will allow the crop to move easily and rapidly. An especial appeal is made at this time to prevent congestion and it is believed that users of railroad equipment will respond.

Reagan Now Owner of Albany Herald

According to an announcement contained in the last issue of the Albany Herald, E. M. Reagan is now the sole owner of that publication, the interest of Mrs. Page having been acquired by him. Mr. Reagan first purchased a half interest from C. Clinton Page. The paper was later conducted by him and Mrs. Page as stockholders of the corporation.

THERE ARE NEARLY 200,000 SCHOOL CHILDREN IN STATE

School Census Has Just Been Completed with Exception of One County.

The school census just completed, all except Curry county, give the state, in round numbers, 200,000 school children. Without Curry county the number is 196,709, and Curry has about 1200. The census by counties follows:

Baker, 5701; Benton, 3785; Clackamas, 11,313; Clatsop, 4687; Columbia, 3556; Coos, 6247; Crook, 3360; Douglas, 6497; Gilliam, 1089; Grant, 1833; Harney, 1211; Hood River, 2042; Jackson, 7381; Josephine, 2963; Klamath, 2600; Lake, 1412; Lane, 11,842; Lincoln, 1985; Linn, 8335; Malheur, 2737; Marion, 13,446; Morrow, 1422; Multnomah, 47,937; Polk, 4803; Sherman, 1029; Tillamook, 2010; Umatilla, 7061; Union, 5443; Wallowa, 2938; Wasco, 4015; Washington, 8098; Wheeler, 862; Yamhill, 6763.

"SEE OREGON FIRST" CLUB VISITING AT MEDFORD

The "See Oregon First" club of Salem, Oregon, organized to tour by automobile the Oregon country, are Medford visitors, having arrived from Central Oregon via Crater Lake. They left Salem July 15. In the party are:

Mr. and Mrs. John Craig, Bernice Craig, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Fry, and family, Jennie, Daniel, Orris, Priscilla, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hartley and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Brown and son, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stinsieff and son, Claude, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dowling and daughter, Hazel.

GAS FRANCHISE RECENTLY GRANTED IS NOW VOID

Portland and Michigan Capitalist Failed to File Bonds in Time Specified.

Apparently Albany is not to have a gas plant in some time, after several months of anxious waiting, when it was learned yesterday that the gas franchise recently granted the Portland and Michigan capitalists, had become void, because of the failure of the grantees to file bonds within the time specified.

The franchise was granted by the city council June 6 to G. L. Rauch, a Portland attorney and several associates who were purported to represent considerable capital. By its provisions they were to file with the city recorder on or before July 16. Notwithstanding the fact that the franchise had been accepted it became null in violation of this term.

HAS WALKED 19000 MILES THROUGH SOUTH AMERICA

Edward Geist of Germany Is Now Touring Oregon Enroute to New York.

Arriving here this morning Edward Geist of Munich, Germany, has traveled 19,000 miles afoot from Buenos Aires, Argentina to Albany. He is enroute to New York. Geist is accompanied by a young Guatemalan boy by the name of Don, Gose Dionisio Yax of Totonicapan.

Geist started from Buenos Aires July 26, 1908, crossing the enormous Los Andes mountains into Chili, going over Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, San Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico into the United States over the City of Laredo, then to the states of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, and is travelling now in Oregon.

Geist upon his arrival in New York intends to write a book of his experiences.

During his travels Geist has been seized with fever nine times, experienced many troubles from wild beasts, snakes, alligators, rapid streams without bridges, bad wind storms, regiments and revolutions in South and Central America, and Mexico.

He has 12 books containing over 22,000 congratulations and autographs written in 24 different languages by many prominent persons.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Weatherford are spending a few days outing at Newport.

Mrs. F. E. Van Tassel and daughter Miss Harriett, are guests at the farm of J. W. Dickover near Lacoma.

J. K. Haight and daughter Miss Zona left this morning for Newport where they will spend the next three weeks.

Mrs. H. K. Luggar, of Vancouver, formerly of this city, is at Newport, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. H. J. Kavanagh of this city who has been reforming at the beach for the past week.

Miss Viola Hughes is the guest of friends at Jefferson until over Sunday.

Dr. E. B. Osborne, of Corvallis, this morning returned to his home.

Mrs. E. Hadley, of Tangent, visited with friends here yesterday afternoon.

Everett Cummings has returned from a trip through Washington and Idaho.

Mrs. A. L. Munkers underwent a successful operation yesterday at St. Mary's hospital. This afternoon she was reported as reasonably comfortable.

W. H. Stover, the popular barber, is confined to his home with a severe attack of rheumatism.

J. T. Plant of this city, will erect two bungalows on property which he recently bought at Newport.

The deer season opened today and scores of hunters are expected to be ready for the tall uncut. Many are already in the field.

Mrs. E. E. Davis, who has been visiting with friends at Roseburg and other Southern Oregon points has returned home.

S. V. Hall of Detroit transacted business here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Crabtree of Eugene were visitors in the city yesterday.

Ray Houston left yesterday for Cascadia for a brief outing for a few days.

Miss Mildred McKnight is at Newport the guest of friends.

Thomas Froman went to Newport yesterday for a brief outing.

Robert Burnett and sister Miss Kieth left yesterday for an outing at Newport.

Mrs. C. I. Driver and daughter Miss Catherine are at Newport for a few days outing.

Edgar Hart returned last night from Corvallis where he has been employed with a railroad surveying crew for the past seven months. He has given up his job.

Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor will leave sometime within the next two weeks for Denver, Colo.

SPECTACULAR FIRE DESTROYS SHACK

Frame Dwelling on East Fifth Street Was Totally Destroyed Last Night.

ORIGIN OF THE BLAZE IS UNASCERTAINED

Firemen Made Record Run and Saved Adjacent House from Danger.

Fire which was discovered last night at 10:30 o'clock demolished a 4-room one story frame dwelling on East Fifth street between Madison Hill streets. There is no insurance. An adjacent house was damaged to the extent of \$50 due to the severe heat, destroying the paint and window panes.

Origin of the fire is unascertained. The house was vacant. A thorough investigation by the firemen failed to locate any cause of the fire. No evidence of the work of an incendiary was found and the firemen and residents of the neighborhood are at a loss to account for the blaze. It is believed that it may have originated in a pile of trash which was heaped in a room, probably from spontaneous combustion. Some entertain the belief that hoboes may have been occupying the place as a dwelling place over night and one accidentally dropped a lighted match.

According to a statement made by a resident of the neighborhood the fire was burning for some little time before the alarm was turned in.

When the blaze arose to threatening proportions and endangered the adjacent house, the alarm was sent in.

When the fire department arrived the flames had enveloped the entire structure, after eating through the dry timbers of the roof. Within four minutes of the alarm the fire department had a stream playing on the blaze and within 20 minutes the fire was extinguished. The house is practically a total loss, but not much value is placed upon it, as it was built on the order of a shack.

The fire was a spectacular one and scores were attracted to the scene.

JUDGE GALLOWAY TAKES 2 CASES UNDER ADVISEMENT

Decided Case of McGilvery Against Watson in Favor of Defendants.

Circuit Judge Galloway completed the adjourned term of court which he held here for two days, yesterday afternoon with the completion of the injunction suit of D. B. Smith et al against E. R. Allen et al. Judge Galloway took the case under advisement.

The case tried previously was also taken under advisement. It concerned accounting in connection with the raising of a farm, run by the late C. E. Barrows and C. E. Barrows were the plaintiffs and C. E. Barrows was the defendant.

Yesterday afternoon Judge Galloway decided the case of A. W. McGilvery against M. E. Watson et al in favor of the defendants. This case had been pending the action of the court for some time.

It involved a suit for the recovery of money. McGilvery as contractor alleged in his complaint that he performed work on an addition to the Magnolia laundry building owned by the defendants for which he was not paid. On the other hand the defendants maintained that the work was not done according to contract and that a portion of it was unauthorized by them.

FORMER CORVALLISITE DROWNS AT SALEM

L. W. Haller, a resident of Corvallis about two years ago, was drowned at Salem Wednesday night at 9 o'clock, his body being found about 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Haller was about 28 years of age, and is survived by a wife and son. He was an electrician and contractor and went to Salem from here, where he was in the city's employ. He was a capable and excellent citizen and friends will regret to learn of his untimely death. Rev. H. H. Hubbell, a friend of the family, will go to Salem to conduct the funeral service tomorrow afternoon.

OPEN SEASON FOR DEER OPENS THIS MORNING

The open season for deer opened today, and many of the local sportsmen are already in the hills to be on the spot when the season opens, to close October 31. The law this year allows but three bucks to a hunter, and no does or deer without horns can be shot.

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COUNTY FAIR AT SCIO IN SEPTEMBER

Event of Interest to Farmers of That Section Reaches Its Seventh Year.

SEPTEMBER TWENTY-FOUR IS THE OPENING DAY

Promises to Be Bigger and Better Than Ever Before; Large Crowds Expected.

Scio, Or., Aug. 1.—The event of greatest interest to this city and the farmers of this county is the Linn County Fair which will be held for the seventh year this fall. September 24 is the day of the opening and the fair will continue for three days. In preparation for the event the grounds are now being cleaned and put into condition and new buildings are in course of construction. Among these is a large structure to be used as a restaurant, and this has been built with a five floor so that it can be used as a dancing pavilion evenings. The building is 70 by 30 feet. A contract has been let for feeding the visitors at 35 cents a meal.

The board of directors of the County Fair has offered liberal premiums for the best individual farm exhibit, running from \$70 down to \$15, and to the highest premium, the Hill railroads have added a silver cup valued at \$20. The Southern Pacific has also offered a silver cup valued at \$20 for the best Jersey cow on the grounds to be given in addition to any premium won by the cow in any contest.

Of more than usual interest are the varied premiums offered to the school children of this county, for exhibits in all lines and over \$600 has been set aside for this purpose. A total of over \$300 is offered exhibitors this season. The grounds are well located, supplied with running water to all parts and electric lighted. Good camping grounds are located on the banks of Thomas Creek for the convenience of campers. The railway service has also been made very convenient. On the Southern Pacific system four passenger trains stop at West Side daily; on the Corvallis & Eastern regular trains leave Albany for Munkers each morning and return each evening, and a motor car leaves Albany each evening, returning each morning. Special rates for visitors to the fair have been granted on all of these lines, and a well equipped auto and hack service will connect with all trains and take visitors to the fair grounds.

The fair is held this season at a time when farmers have completed their harvest, and the exhibits and attendance as a result, it is thought, will be doubled. Arrangements are being completed for taking the exhibits to the State Fair at Salem the following week and space has been secured for this purpose.

Many exhibitors are already applying for space and the outlook is good for the largest and best fair ever held in the county.

DECISION OF CIRCUIT COURT IS REVERSED

Case of Eilers' Music House vs M. Reine Is Settled by Supreme Court.

By a mandate issued to County Clerk Marks for the state supreme court today, the decision of department 1 of the county circuit court is completely reversed in the case of Eilers Music House against M. Reine, which went to the higher court on an appeal from the lower court following the decree of this court in favor of the defendants.

The supreme court finds that there is error as alleged, that the respondent and W. S. Ridder were partners during the time mentioned in the appellants complaint and that costs and disbursements be allowed in the sum of \$119. The case is remanded back to the lower court with instructions to act in accordance with the mandate.

PARCELS POST SYSTEM IS IN STATUS QUO

Washington, Aug. 1.—On assurance by Postmaster General Barton that he would not further change parcel post regulations until present rates can be more thoroughly tested, he postponed today action on Senator Brynto's resolution to amend the Postmaster General's power to change rates and sizes of mailable parcel post rates.

ROSS FINDS IT NECESSARY TO ENLARGE MAIL CAR

By having the body widened, Ind Ross has greatly improved the carrying capacity of his auto mail conveyance. Just says the mail traffic has increased greatly since he put his car on the run between the postoffice and the Southern Pacific depot. Before the body on the car as originally constructed could easily accommodate the loads but nearly every day there is an overflow, sometimes necessitating two trips.

Clover Huller Arrived.

Two Birdsall clover hullers and sieves arrived yesterday at the Southern Pacific freight depot, consigned to E. E. Williams. They are now at the depot awaiting to be unloaded.

CAN'T HEAR POLICE BELL; NEW ONE IS ORDERED

Because the police officers are oftentimes unable to hear the police bell, an order has been placed for a new 10-inch gong which will replace the six inch bell now in use at the Bell Telephone exchange. The new gong is expected to arrive within the next week and will be placed in commission just as soon as possible.

Will Tour California.

An automobile party passing through this morning from Portland enroute to Southern Oregon, was composed of Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, Mrs. S. W. King, Mr. and Mrs. H. Jennings and W. Ulidge, all of Portland. The party breakfasted at the Hammel.

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