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MINT CROP BRINGS LARGE RETURNS

Jahn Seavey Sells Peppermint Crop For \$6 Per Pound, to Plant Larger Acreage; Local Conditions Suitable for Industry.

One of the newest and most valuable crops being raised in the vicinity of Springfield is that of peppermint which has just been started on a large scale this year. Over 50 acres of this crop was planted last spring by John Seavey on his island ranch and the first crop is being harvested now, bringing \$6 a pound for the crude oil. This is the contract price, the price on the open market being \$17 a pound. Other local growers of the flavoring plant are Frank Brown, Bob Gay and J. L. Oxy of Goshen.

Mr. Seavey has found the growing of peppermint so profitable that he is going to add 50 more acres to the 54 he already has in the crop. He says that after the first year the cost of raising the plant is less than that of potatoes. This year he will harvest 50 pounds to the acre and have 15,000 sacks of the roots to sell. The roots are used to plant new acreage and sell for \$1 a sack.

A new \$2500 still has just been installed on the Seavey ranch to distill the raw oil. The plant is cut with a hoe, allowed to dry like hay in the field for two days, and then hauled to the still. Rain does not hurt the cut peppermint. The peppermint is distilled for an hour in a vat that holds two loads at a time. Forty pounds of oil can be secured from a distillation, worth \$240 this year at the contract price. The other growers of this section have been using Mr. Seavey's still for their crops.

Mr. Seavey believes that the raising of peppermint will become an important crop here. Bottom land is ideal for the crop. One plant lasts for three years and there is no bad insect pest. Dog fennel is the chief enemy of the crop as this makes the oil strong.

Mr. Seavey has contracted this year's crop with one of the biggest peppermint dealers in the United States. He states that one of the gum companies is looking for a location in the Willamette valley for a gum factory and that if enough mint can be raised in this vicinity, Springfield would have a good chance to secure the factory.

IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN BELL THEATER

When the present remodeling at the Bell Theater is completed Springfield will have as attractive and comfortable a theater as any in the county. A new stage, new curtain, new exits, new seats, and a new heating and cooling system are some of the changes being made in the theater.

Manager Jack Larson announced yesterday the purchase of one of the most up to date cooling and heating systems made which will arrive and be installed within three weeks. Two hundred new upholstered seats have been ordered from Portland and will arrive the first of next week. They will be put in the rear of the building and the old ones in the front moved out.

A grand opening will be held when the work on the theater is completely finished at which a special program will be given. This will occur September 20 according to present plans. Other changes which have been made in the arrangements include two new exits in the rear, giving a better fire protection and more air. The stage has been moved back to make room for more seats and the stage has been enlarged four feet.

A new office has been built at the back of the theater and new lattice work on both sides of the stage, making a decided improvement in the appearance of the place. Mr. Larson intends to get a new curtain to replace the old one which is too narrow for the new stage.

To Visit At Oakridge—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lesley of Wilmington, California, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Lesley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Lusby, left for Portland Tuesday for a visit of two days. Returning today they will go to Oakridge to visit at the home of Mrs. Lesley's sisters, Mrs. Vera Isom and Mrs. R. A. Strawn.

Fined Two Dollars—V. Hazel of Portland was fined \$2 in court here yesterday for cutting the corner at Second and Main.

Society

HAZEL PARMETER WEDS SAN FRANCISCO MAN

Miss Hazel B. Parmeter and Mr. Carleton B. Peterson, were quietly married Monday, August 23 at 10 P. M. at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hunter. The Reverend R. L. Dunn of Eugene performed the ring ceremony.

Only the immediate members of the family and a few friends were present. The bride and groom were attended by Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Murphy and marched to their place before an archway of flowers to the music of Lohengrin's Wedding March played by Mrs. R. E. Moshier. Following the ceremony, refreshments were served. The bride wore a dress of white brocade satin and carried a bouquet of white and pink sweet peas, Cecil Burner roses and gypsophylla, and a shower of Maiden Hair fern and Cecil Burner roses.

Mrs. Peterson graduated from the Springfield High School last June. Mr. Peterson is a captain of a Standard Oil tanker sailing out of San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson left for San Francisco Tuesday morning by auto where they will make their home.

PICNIC HELD MONDAY AT SWIMMER'S DELIGHT

Swimmer's delight was selected last Monday night by a number of Springfield people as the site for a delightful evening picnic and supper. The main course of the dinner consisted of vegetable stew, cooked in the open, and supplemented by individual lunches brought by the ladies.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McMurray and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olsen, Dr. and Mrs. Rebhan and daughter, Constance, Dr. and Mrs. Carl Phetteplace, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stewart and family, Mrs. Theron Sauer of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. John Ketels, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Basford, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Crites, Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Dippel and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Neel, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Morgan, and Mr. and Mrs. Coffin of Eugene.

Scouts Meet—Troop 1 of the Boy Scouts had their regular meeting under the direction of Scout leader C. F. Barber Monday night, and, in addition to the regular drill work, staged a game of indoor baseball at the High school yards.

M. M. Male Back From Trip—Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Male and their daughter, Grace, returned Tuesday from a two week's trip through California. They visited San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego and went over the border into Mexico. They report that no hot weather was experienced except on their return last Monday through the Sacramento valley.

Rector's Wife Facing Murder Charge



Mrs. Frances Hall, wealthy widow of New Brunswick, N. J., has been arrested and is now out on bail awaiting trial charged with the murder of her husband and his choir singer, Mrs. Mills—a murder mystery now four years old.

RECENT BRIDE GIVEN DINNER AND SHOWER

A lovely shower was given Saturday evening in honor of Mrs. D. M. Cornelius of Eugene, a recent bride, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Will Clark. Among the lovely and useful gifts given the bride of two weeks by her friends were two beautiful oil paintings, "The Lone Wolf" and a scene of Crater Lake.

Preceding the shower, a birthday dinner was served for Mrs. Cornelius at her mother's home. Relatives alone were present. Following the shower refreshments were served.

The house was decorated with cut flowers. Mrs. Clark received, with Mrs. Riley Snodgrass, Mrs. Bernice Bowerman, and Maxine Snodgrass serving.

Rudolph Wenger Here—Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Wenger stopped Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Rowe on their way to Long Beach and Los Angeles from their home at Oswego. Mr. Wenger is well known to old residents of Springfield and is a nephew of Mrs. Rowe.

Tire Explodes—W. R. Manning had his eyes filled with sand and gravel and his face cut Tuesday when a tire on his machine exploded knocking him over and scattering gravel in his face. The accident occurred on the Isaac Cline place while the machine was being jacked up.

Back To California—Mr. and Mrs. Dave Weaver and son, Roy, left Saturday for their home in Oakland, California after three weeks stay at Al Weaver's home.

Doctor Mortensen Better—Doctor Mortensen who has been convalescing from an operation in Portland is much better, according to the latest reports. Mrs. Mortensen went to Portland Sunday for a visit with him.

4L EVENT AT WENDLING PROMISES TO BE GOOD

All who attend the Labor Day celebration at Wendling are promised a "grand and glorious" time by local members of the 4L, who are pushing the event and some of them make no effort to hide their belief that the lumber employees will stage a celebration to rival the Trail to Rail celebration in Eugene.

D. W. McKinnon is authority for the statement that the Labor Day entertainment will even be better than the Eugene affair. "We are going to eclipse the Trail to Rail celebration," he said. "Instead of putting cattle out there for you to look at, we are going to kill them and eat them."

When quizzed further he admitted that the 4L had three beef ready for the barbecue lunch and that they were not logging oxen either. These beefs will be barbecued and served free to all who attend. In fact, everything will be free at Wendling, from the baseball game to the dances. The only things that will not be free are the concessions at which ice cream and other things common at a celebration are sold. The boxing, speaking, the two shows, and the athletic events will all be free.

A record breaking crowd is expected at Wendling on the day of the celebration as the affair there is the only Labor Day celebration in Lane county. This is the third year in which Wendling has held the celebration.

Tibbetts Fined For Drunkenness

H. W. Tibbetts, proprietor of the Elite Cafe, was fined \$25 Friday morning on the charge of drunkenness. He was arrested Thursday afternoon on the city streets by Jess Smitson who took him to the city jail and kept him there until he was able to appear in court the following morning.

Mr. Tibbetts was the first one to be locked in the new jail which was finished this week.

CREAMERY INSTALLS NEW STORAGE TRACK

In order to handle its increasing business in dressed meats, the Springfield Creamery has had to install a new beef conveyor in its storage room. The new conveyor is a single track supported by wooden posts and runs from the street into the back storage room. It has a capacity of four tons of dressed meats.

A new Fairbanks scale has been installed with the track to weigh the chickens, pork, veal, and lamb the creamery handles. The creamery ships the produce twice a week to the Portland market.

Next year they expect to have a regular cold storage plant in operation with a capacity much greater than at present and several tracks to handle the produce.

LUSBY FAMILY HOLDS REUNION

A reunion of the entire Lusby family, with the exception of one daughter, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Lusby on Mill street Sunday. Members of the family came from as far as Los Angeles and Portland to attend the gathering, which was the first at which all members have been present for seven years.

One daughter, Mrs. William Grimes of Eugene was unable to be present as she and her husband started on their vacation Saturday. She visited at the home of her parents Friday however.

Those present at the family meeting were: Mrs. Mable Lusby and daughter, Alice of Eugene, Lyle Grimes of Eugene, Mrs. L. A. Smith of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Johns and daughters, Beth and Clara and son, Lawrence of Springfield, Mrs. Vera Isom and sons, Prudence and Vyron of Oakridge, Miss Maxine Lusby of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lesley of Wilmington, California, George Lusby of Moomouth, Mrs. R. A. Strawn and son, Donald Raymond of Oakridge, and Thomas Lusby of Oakridge, and Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Lusby.

EXPLOSION IN PIPE INJURES WORKMAN

Charley Forge, a workman of the Eugene pipe line was painfully injured Tuesday morning in an explosion within the pipe line. He was a mile down the pipe line with a five gallon can of paint when the paint caught fire from a carbonite open light causing an explosion.

Mr. Forge was severely burned on his face and neck before he could escape from the fire. He had to crawl on his hands and knees nearly a mile through the pipe in the dark and smoke before he could secure assistance.

SERVICES FOR MRS. STARKS HELD TODAY

Mrs. Philanda Jane Starks was buried today at Laurel Hill cemetery at 2:30 P. M. from the Walker Undertaking Parlor. The Reverend David Husband of Eugene conducted the services.

Mrs. Starks died at her home at 636 D street Tuesday morning, aged 80 years. She lived her last 20 years in Springfield. She is survived by four sons, George Starks of Portland, William and Charles Starks of Springfield and Edward Starks of Read, City, Michigan. Mrs. Evaland Christy of Isaac Coleman of Ludington, Michigan, Mrs. H. L. Stevens of Flint, Michigan, Mrs. Evaland Christy of Tacoma, Washington, and Mrs. Arthur Clark of Springfield. Twenty-one grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren also survive her.

Corvallis Man Hurt On Motorcycle

J. L. Fox of Corvallis suffered a badly crushed ankle and other injuries Tuesday afternoon when the motorcycle on which he was riding turned over with him and threw him in front of it. The accident occurred as he was crossing a bridge. A loose board bumped his machine and caused the front fender to drop sending the machine into a flip-flop and throwing the rider into the air.

Leaves For Los Angeles—Milton Kinsey and family left Tuesday morning for their home in Los Angeles after a visit of two weeks in Springfield. Mr. Kinsey is a refiner for one of the oil companies near Los Angeles.

Have Quartet

H. C. Jackson of Wallowa was in town Wednesday on a short business trip. Mr. Jackson says a quartet has been organized at Wallowa which is known as the McKenale Quartet. It is composed of H. C. Jackson, Frank Page, Will Prasse and O. L. Clement.

FREIGHT SERVICE ON NEW LINE SEPT. 1ST

Rates to Klamath Falls Reduced 63 Cents by Cutoff; Passenger Schedules Expected to be Published within the next Few Days.

The Southern Pacific company will start hauling freight on a large scale over the new Cascade line about September 1, according to an announcement made this week at the local depot. With the opening of the new line, Springfield will be on the main north and south line and will have an advantageous position in the shipping of products either to the south or the east. The new scale of tariffs, necessitated by the change in routing, has been published and will go into effect with the new service. The new tariff gives an indication of the decrease in distance between here and Klamath Falls and the impulse the new rates will give to the local industries. The former rate on first class freight was \$1.63 a hundred while the new rate is \$1.00½. The date for the passenger service over the line will be announced soon, railroad officials said.

With the inauguration of the freight service September 1, the work in the local yards will be nearly completed. A small amount of blasting still remains to be done around the yards, the depot has yet to be raised to bring it up to the new level of the tracks in the yards and the driveway along the housetrack graded, before the work is completed.

By that time nearly all the work on the main line track will also have been finished. There will still be ballasting to be done in places and other small jobs along the line, but the heavy work will have been all completed. It is expected that the work on the bridge over the Willamette will be in its final stages then also as the heaviest part of the work on the bridge is now finished.

SAFETY PICTURE SHOWN AT 4L MEETING MONDAY

George M. Aitken of Portland was present at the meeting of the 4L Monday night at the Woodman of the World hall and gave a lecture illustrated by moving pictures.

Mr. Aitken is a safety engineer sent out by the National Safety Council. The moving picture was entitled "A Hangman's Sight And Foresight" and told the story of safety first. For diversion an educational picture "An Alligator Hunt" was shown.

New Driveway At Booth-Kelly Yards

A new driveway for lumber trucks is being built under the direction of George Vallier at the Booth-Kelly mill to take care of the increasing traffic through the yards. The road is located to the north of the new retail lumber shed being built there and extends from the street in front of the power plant to the paved street at the railroad crossing. From the railroad crossing to Fifth street the present plank road is being torn out and a new macadam street will be built. The increasing traffic has made a plank road too difficult and costly to keep up. The new street in front of the lumber yard will be sixteen feet wide. The roof and siding of the new lumber shed are being put on and will be completed in a short time. The shed is designed to hold and display lumber for the retail market and make it more handy for loading. J. C. Parker has charge of the crew building the shed.

Chamber of Commerce To Hear Reports Tomorrow

The Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular meeting tomorrow night with some important committee reports to be heard. E. E. Morrison, chairman of the bridge committee, who has been working on the matter of getting the new highway bridge across the Willamette will tell of the present status of the bridge developments. He has been getting in touch with the state highway commission and probably will have something definite to report at the meeting.

To School in California—Miss Iowa Carlton, daughter of R. W. Carlton, left Friday for the California State College at Fresno where she will go to school for the coming year. Miss Carlton will make her home with the Reverend and Mrs. Vernon Brown of Fresno, who is director of religious education of the Presbyterian church there.



THE ANNUAL SIGHT SEEING TRIP

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