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## PEACH SHIPMENTS WILL COMMENCE NEXT WEEK

At a meeting of the fruit growers association Saturday evening final arrangements were completed for the handling of the big 1915 Elberta peach crop. Next week and the first shipments will be under way.

The association plans on securing an outside man who thoroughly understands packing to be here and supervise that part of the work. This is the first year the Hermiston country has had fruit to ship in any great quantities and the growers want to establish themselves right from the start as putting out nothing but first grade. As practically no one understands scientific packing this was looked upon as the only business proposition. Another year and an outside man will not be needed.

A man from the fruit distributors, with which the local organization is affiliated, will also be here to give instructions in picking. When shipments go in car lots to the far eastern states, picking at just the right time means everything and in this as in the

packing the Hermiston growers want to learn all possible. In this way a reputation for our fruit will be established, which will be of great benefit in future years.

While there is nothing compulsory in connection therewith, the association voted that so far as possible all packing will be done at one central point. Those growers who live several miles away will likely pack in the orchard. All within close distances will haul the fruit to the Umatilla Storage & Commission Co. warehouse where the packing and shipping will be done. Even with an expert supervising it was thought a more uniform pack could thus be secured. It will also save hauling boxes and papers to the orchard and then back. Work is now under way assembling the boxes and several thousand are now ready.

Crawford peaches are now ripe and local shipments are being made daily. These are also being handled almost entirely through the commission company, as it has everything in shape for the work.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB HAS GOOD MEETING

While the attendance was not large, owing to the season of the year, the Commercial club meeting Monday was a good one and considerable work was accomplished. A good proportion of the members present was from the country, showing the interest the farmers are taking in the work of the club.

There was a general discussion of road matters and several places where the gravel roads were needed repair. The attention of the road supervisor will be called to these and it is believed no trouble will be had in keeping the surface smooth.

The question of prevailing on the county court to locate a rock crusher, screens and steam roller in the west end was discussed. As soon as the work starts on the main road from Umatilla towards Pendleton this will be necessary, but members thought if an outfit could be placed in the west end before that time much good work would be done on other roads. Especially is this true in the Hermiston country where the farmers and business men have given considerable aid to road work and intend to do more.

The matter of a farmers institute for this fall was taken up and while nothing definite was done all believed a start should be made in the near future. The dates when lecturers can be had from O. A. C. will be secured as early as possible that farmers and others interested may arrange their work to attend.

The dairy show committee had nothing to report more than that work of a general nature was being attended to. By the latter part of the month a definite date will have been fixed and plans for the 1915 show well under way.

## NEW BULLETIN ON BREEDING CHICKENS

A new bulletin, "Breeding of Chickens," has been added to the reading course numbers as issued by the poultry department of O. A. C., written by Professor James Dryden, head of the department. In this number of the series the methods by which the Oregon Agricultural college poultry department has been able to obtain such satisfactory results in developing egg-laying qualities of chickens is explained as fully as is consistent with the character of the publication. The information is conveyed in a pleasing readable style, well adapted to general reading work and at the same time entirely plain in directions for those who desire to make a practical application of its principles. The following paragraph will give an indication of the character of the contents and the style in which the bulletin is written:

"This reading course will have to do with fowls. If you choose to call them chickens, no harm will be done. Fowls are chickens if you don't spit it with a 'u.' One hen doesn't amount to a great deal, but all the hens in the United States produce so many eggs and so much poultry each year that the money value of the wheat crop last

year was less than the value of the products of the hens. These products—eggs and poultry—were estimated by government officials as worth over \$600,000,000 in 1908. Think of that! Then think of this: the poultry products of Oregon last year were worth enough to pay all the appropriations made by the last legislature for two years. And yet large quantities of eggs and poultry are imported into the state. Double the quantity could be produced in this state without overstocking the markets."

## PLAN COW TESTING

A good many dairymen of Oregon who are operating in parts of the state not yet developed in this industry are planning to carry on cow testing individually with the aid of the public schools. This is in line with the policy advocated by Professor E. B. Flitts, extension dairymen of the agricultural college, who has just returned from a successful tour through dairy districts of this kind.

"My suggestion to these dairymen," says Professor Flitts, "was that they should join cow-testing associations as soon as the number of cows sufficient for organization are secured in their locality, but in the meantime not to wait for organizing before beginning the work of testing. The men were shown how they could get a pair of scales and suitable record blanks and weigh the milk of each cow at each milking and record the result. In this way a comparatively exact record of production will be made."

"As to testing for percentage of butter fat, it is suggested that a Babcock tester be secured by the local school and that testing be done by students under the direction of the teachers or other qualified persons. In this way the butter fat content of the milk can be secured at a small cost and when this is compared with production records, each dairymen will know just what his cows are doing. They were also advised in this connection that unless the cow gives at least 200 pounds of butterfat per year she should be eliminated from the herd and her place filled by a more profitable animal."

## ANNUAL CORN SHOW AGAIN THIS YEAR

The O. W. R. & N. Co. has announced its third annual corn show in Walla Walla late in November or early in December. Rules of the contest and other information will be sent out in plenty of time. The acreage planted to corn in the O. W. R. & N. territory is two or three times what it was last year and plans are for a proportionately bigger and better corn show.

The Hermiston country farmers have contributed their share to the increased acreage and everywhere the crop is looking splendid. A number have already signified their intention of exhibiting and if they do there is no reason why a good share of the premiums should not be brought home as we have the corn.

## GENERAL GREENE HONORED IN BRONZE.



This statue to General Nathaniel Greene of Revolutionary fame was recently unveiled at Guilford Court House Battle Grounds, N. C.

## NORTH-EAST NEWS

Guests at the Beise home are Mr. Beise's sister and his niece of Chicago. They are en route to the exposition and have stopped here for a visit of several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Laughlin, of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. George Briggs spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Goetz.

Mrs. E. A. Hobbs is spending this week in Pendleton.

Walter Davis visited with Dwight and Amos Sellers Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Miss Guitwite are among the few people who are enjoying strawberries now. They have some fine specimens of the everbearing variety on their ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Potter are entertaining Mrs. Potter's mother, two sisters and brother-in-law of Vancouver, Wash., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Palmer visited at the F. E. Ranney home Sunday afternoon.

A. F. Drolshagen was a guest at Beacon Hill ranch Sunday evening.

E. A. Hobbs in a letter to his family tells them that he witnessed the sinking of the Eastland.

The statement made in the North East news two weeks ago concerning Mrs. Hume Park's departure to her former home in Kentucky was an error. Mrs. Park has recently been critically ill but is now convalescing. Mr. and Mrs. Park will go to Kentucky later when the reclamation work closes.

Otto Leising, of Milwaukee, is making an extended visit with his brothers. Mr. Leising is returning from the Panama exposition.

Mrs. W. S. Parks and children, Dorothea and Buster, were in Pendleton Tuesday.

J. T. Embry and Edward Hobbs spent Sunday in Irrigon at the Park home.

## COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Mrs. John Hibler and children are up from Irrigon to spend a couple of weeks on the ranch.

Mrs. Lay, of Tacoma, is visiting at the home of her son, L. D. Lay.

Mr. and Mrs. Hannan and daughter are visiting in San Francisco and other points in California.

Mr. Spencer made a business trip to Pendleton Wednesday.

Mrs. Sellers returned Sunday from a visit with relatives in Portland and Westport. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Lee Irvin and children from Portland, who will visit here for a time.

Mrs. Born, Mrs. Eriksen and Norma spent Thursday at the Phillips' home.

Miss Jeanette McKees, of Boston, left Thursday after visiting relatives here for a few days.

## WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW OF STATE

One hundred men are now at work grading railroad from Grants Pass to Hays Hill.

The \$1,250,000 S. P. bridge across Coos Bay is to be done by Oct. 1st.

Work has begun on the Valley and Siletz railroad from Arifato Independence.

Plans are on foot to establish a paper mill at Albany.

Spinach raising has become a big industry near Gervais this year.

Construction on the first part of \$100,000 improvements at Winloo hot mineral spring 35 miles from Eugene has been started.

Hubbard voted bonds for \$15,000 high school.

It is announced that capital has been secured to finish cement plant at Gold Hill.

Many hop pickers are in demand in Willamette Valley for next month.

The Columbia river salmon run this year is the best on record.

The auto road will soon be completed around Cape Perpetua.

Oregon City has voted \$20,000 bond issue for addition to high school.

England is purchasing all the low grade canned salmon to be found on Pacific coast with which to feed its army.

The first steel for Columbia river interstate bridge has arrived at Vancouver, Wash.

Powers, Coos county, will have an \$18,000 school.

The Oregon Power Co. at Albany has in prospect 150 horsepower of new business. Nels Darling the Chautauqua speaker referred to the progressiveness of the Oregon Power Co. which he said was one of the properties of H. M. Bylesby & Co.

\$350,000 worth of construction added to Eugene past few months.

Public bath house about ready at Grants Pass.

Eugene Brick Co. expects to ship fire clay products to all points in Northwest.

Twohy Bros. have been awarded contract for 30 mile extension of Oregon & Eastern railroad from Riverton to Crane Gap, Harney Co. The new line is being financed by O. W. R. & N.

Albany is agitating for natorium. The Oregon Power Co. has ordered a carload of iron grates and feed holes from Eugene Iron Works.

700 men are rushing work on the Willamette Pacific railroad to Coos Bay.

James J. Hill is being asked by the Portland Chamber of Commerce to Klamath Falls.

J. W. Moffatt has been awarded contract for \$15,000 water works at West Linn.

The Oregon Electric will enlarge its freight sheds at Eugene and build a large warehouse at Harrisburg.

## COUNTY COURT APPORTIONS MONEY FOR FAIR PREMIUMS

The county court Thursday set aside funds for district fairs as recommended by the county fair board. The Hermiston Dairy and Hog show was given \$500, the Vincent fair \$500 and the industrial school fairs of the entire county \$500. While out of their jurisdiction, the court asked the members of the fair board to look after the fairs in a general way, to which they agreed. County School Superintendent

Young, by virtue of his office, has charge of the school exhibits. He has divided the county into two divisions and will use \$250 in each. One section will exhibit at the Vincent fair and the other at the Hermiston show. Just where the division will be made has not been announced but will be known soon, together with a full list of premiums. All west end children, however, are certain that their exhibits will be entered at Hermiston.

## FARM METHODS MADE MATTER OF RECORD

Farmers can contribute much to the development of improved agriculture by making records of their most successful farm operations. It is altogether likely that if all farm practices in Oregon were as good as the best that has been developed by some of the general level of agricultural methods, the yield would be increased. By the use of the record system, the farmer can see where he is doing well and where he is doing poorly. The record system is a simple one and can be put in operation by any farmer. It is a matter of record.

horse a rest and change of diet. Collars should be examined frequently to see that they conform to changes in the size of the neck as fat changes to muscles and the harness should be kept perfectly adjusted to the collar. The mane should be kept from under the collar and the shoulders should be washed at meal times, preferably with a little salt in the water. Oats is the standard grain where available, and mixed clover and timothy is one of the best hay. A little hay may be given at noon, all the animals will eat up cleanly over night, had none in the morning. Water should be given three times a day before feeding, and it should be clean enough for the owner to drink.—O. A. C. Bulletin.

## KENNEWICK WANTS HERMISTON EXHIBIT

The dates of the Fifth Annual Columbia River Grape carnival have been fixed for September 13, 14 and 15. Those in charge say the carnival this year will be larger and better in every department than ever before. The management is starting neither time nor trouble to make it a success in every respect. It is of Kennewick origin and that to make it the success it deserves they must have the assistance of their friends. To this end the Kennewick Commercial club has sent, through the Hermiston Commercial club, an urgent invitation for the Hermiston country to take part by sending an exhibit and also want to see as many Hermiston people as possible in attendance. As yet the local club has taken no action, but it would not be at all difficult to secure a splendid exhibit of grapes for the Kennewick carnival and it is likely this will be done. Reports from all growers say grapes never looked better than this year.

## BOAT SERVICE IS GREATLY IMPROVED

There has been a gradual adjustment of rates and service on the Columbia since the opening of the Celilo canal. While all is not yet in as perfect running order as the boat company desires, the improvement has been marked. A greater offering of freight for both up and down trips of the boat is apparent. The better schedule maintained is also resulting in a larger passenger travel.

Up to this week a five day schedule was maintained. This was a good service but a little difficult to keep in touch with. Now, however, this has been further increased and a boat will leave Umatilla on the down river trip each Monday and Thursday at 10:30 a. m. This schedule will permit connection by going to Umatilla on the morning local.

## HORSE AND MULE SHOW AT PENDLETON

The Umatilla county branch of the Oregon State Horsebreeders' association will hold its first annual horse and mule show at Pendleton on October 9. As no fees will be charged for entries of horses or mules and the exhibitors will be allowed free feed for their stock and free admission for themselves and grooms, it is expected that there will be a large number of animals shown. Members of the O. A. C. live stock division will be the judges.

## PROPER CARE OF THE WORK HORSE

Horses at work on the farm should be given the best of care and the work should not be too severe or continued for too long time without giving the

## WATERMAN HURT BY HOTEL AUTO

Wednesday morning early County Commissioner Waterman, who had gone to Pendleton to attend the August meeting of the court, was struck by the Pendleton hotel auto bus and seriously injured. He started to cross the street and was caught with two machines coming toward him from opposite directions. He succeeded in dodging one, but the other struck him. He was knocked to the pavement and the heavy car passed over him.

Mr. Waterman's right leg was broken about four inches above the ankle and the ankle itself dislocated and badly twisted. He was hurried to the hospital where his injuries were attended to and last reports were that he was resting easy. Mr. Waterman was unable to attend to any of the court business and will probably not be recovered sufficiently to come home for at least a week yet.

## MARKET ONLY THE KNOWN GOOD EGGS

To have the eggs fresh market only eggs that are gathered from regular nests. Usable eggs now may not be usable by the time they reach the city market, and all eggs of this sort should be kept at home and used at once. Do not hurt the sale of your good eggs by including the eggs gathered from stolen nests; extra small or extra large eggs. The latter are likely to get broken and soil the good eggs in the case. Gather eggs daily and as soon as possible after they are laid; store in a clean, dry, cool place free from bad odors until ready for market.