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HONEY BEE INDUSTRY FLOURISHES IN VALLEY

While much has been said about alfalfa raising and dairying in this district, and allowing that this class of farming has thrived and prospered to such an extent that it has made quite a number of our ranchers practically independent from a monetary standpoint, nevertheless there is another industry of which little has been said that is yearly gaining more and more of a foothold in this fertile valley.

Present indications are that the honey bee product from now on will take its rank with the money-making alfalfa and dairy business carried on extensively here, for within the past two years the industry has been steadily growing, until now it has assumed proportions that tend to make for it a name that will be entered on the scroll of fame in the annals of the famous food productions for which the farms surrounding Hermiston have become noted.

Here is found the ideal climate for an industry of this kind which has lured experienced bee men from all parts of the United States to establish and enter into bee culture on a large scale. In substantiation of this, one need only take a trip over the project and see the vast number of apiaries to become convinced that the dream of the apiarist to find an ideal spot especially adapted to bee culture has been fulfilled. This flourishing colony of bee keepers is being augmented yearly by new arrivals, and this comes through the medium of letters to relatives back east, elsewhere in which is heralded the success in this line attained by them since entering the bee business here.

All local bee men are optimistic for a good crop of honey this fall, and as a result tons upon tons of this delicious product will be shipped from here to supply some of the principal markets of the world. Evidently there will be no lack of good prices for honey this year, and as this is a commodity that cannot be overdone, it is safe to say that many new recruits will be added and many more bee keepers be in evidence in the Hermiston district a year hence.

To prepare for the harvest and come to some understanding on the best way to market the honey and talk over other matters of importance pertaining thereto, the Umatilla Valley Bee Keepers' Association, a local organization, will hold a meeting this evening, August 11, in the Civic Center room in this city, notice of which is given elsewhere in this issue.

FOUR MONTHS' OLD PULLET LAYS EGG

Among the many things for which this valley has become noted is the early maturity of chickens. Hardly does the brood separate from the maternal parent than seemingly the pullets begin laying eggs.

In substantiation of this statement we cite the fact that a pullet of the White Leghorn variety laid an egg Sunday, just exactly four months after its first peep from the shell. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Stone, the owners of this wonderful fowl, vouch for the veracity of this statement, and are very proud of the pullet's achievement.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone are extensive raisers of this class of fowl, having close to 250 at the present time, all of which are pure-bred and of the best laying strain.

HAVE GONE TO ATTEND A FAMILY REUNION

In order to be in attendance at a family reunion of Merchant Kingsley's people, himself and Mrs. Kingsley left Sunday for the old home of the former in Shell Rock, Iowa, where festivities will begin with a grand banquet on assembling of the family from various points.

The visit in the east will cover a period of two weeks, and during that time Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley plan numerous side trips. Returning, a stop of a few days will be made in St. Paul, and possibly Omaha and Salt Lake City will be visited.

During their absence their daughter, Miss Everette, will look after the management of her father's large general store in this city.

HERMISTON HOTEL HAS NEW MANAGER

The Hermiston hotel has undergone a change of management, the transaction taking place the first of the week. Mrs. F. H. Wilson, who has conducted the hostelry for the past couple of years, has been superseded by Mrs. F. L. Durfey, the owner of the building.

On her arrival from Plentywood, Mont., last week, Mrs. Durfey's intention was to only pay a visit and look over the property, but on becoming more acquainted with the lively conditions of this flourishing city, and due to the fact that Mrs. Wilson was desirous of severing connection with hotel work after such a long stretch, the lady decided to take hold of the institution herself.

The new proprietor is an affable lady, and this, combined with the reported able way in which she has started out to manage the place, should spell success for her in her new venture.

JOLLY LITTLE PARTY HAD JOLLY TIME

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Percey were hosts to a party of friends Wednesday evening, with the result that all enjoyed a pleasure trip to Umatilla in their big auto truck. Returning home the party partook of luncheon at the Percey farm residence northwest of this city. Those who participated in the joy ride and feed were Mesdames P. Sisco, H. Chamberlain, C. B. Percey, the Misses Gladys and Althea Smith, Dorris and Leah Percey and Messrs Sisco Chamberlain, C. B. Percey, Raymond Longhorn and Hollis Percey.

BLUE BOOK HAS MUCH VALUABLE INFORMATION

The Herald has received from the office of Ben W. Olcott, secretary of state, a copy of the Oregon Blue Book for 1917-18. The compilation of this book must have been a huge undertaking, and is certainly a credit to the state secretary.

As a handy state manual of information it can't be beat, its pages being replete with just such statistical and historical facts as every business man, farmer and school child should become conversant with.

In point of value as a state reference book it supersedes all former publications, having the added features of the Declaration of Independence, the United States constitution, the acts of congress relating to the admission of Oregon as a state, and a synopsis of the federal naturalization laws.

Every official activity in the state is covered, a list of all postoffices and newspapers in Oregon given, together with a chronological statement of the United States senators and representatives in congress and state senators and representatives.

Every citizen, be he business man or rancher, can have one of these books merely for the asking by addressing a letter to Secretary Olcott, who will promptly supply without any charge whatsoever this valuable publication.

APPLE TREE LEAF ROLLER MAKES ITS APPEARANCE

Two apples were placed in The Herald window this week by R. W. Allen of the Umatilla Experiment Station, that illustrates the manner in which this insect injures apples. Every apple grower should see these fruits so that he can determine if the pest has gained entrance to his orchard. This should be determined in order that preparations can be made for the necessary winter spray to control this insect.

Two frost injured apples are placed beside the leaf roller injured ones to show the difference in the injury caused by these two agents in order that frost injury will not be taken for the work of the leaf roller.

TAKES PERSHING'S PLACE ON BORDER



Photo by American Press Association.

Brigadier General James Parker, cavalry commander, has been appointed to succeed General Pershing in command of the department of the south.

30 Half Tone Features—1917

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. O. G. Sapper left Sunday for Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where she will visit friends for a short time.

Mrs. Pierson has as her guest her brother, E. J. Johnson.

Mrs. H. M. Sommerer spent Wednesday with her mother.

County Surveyor Bradley was a business visitor in this section last Thursday.

Messrs. Swayze, McNaught, Walber and Watson were visitors in this section last Thursday.

L. D. Lay and Phillip motored to Pendleton last Thursday.

T. H. Haddox made a business trip to Echo last Saturday.

Mr. Stillings now has his new barn painted and work has begun on the silo.

Mr. and Mrs. Leathers returned Monday from Hiway where they enjoyed a ten days' outing.

Mr. and Mrs. Felthouse and family left Friday for Hiway where they expect to enjoy a few weeks' vacation.

L. D. Lay was the unfortunate victim of an accident Saturday when his horse stumbled and fell. He was pretty badly bruised. Now we all appreciate Mr. Lay's economy but advise him to discard Old Dobbin and stick to the wheel.

Edith Kelly arrived home Monday from The Dalles. She expects to be here about a week. The Kelly family will move to town next week and occupy the Waterman house, near the Phelps orchard.

The ladies of the Neighborhood club and Red Cross met Wednesday with Mrs. Phipps and a good attendance was reported.

There were 63 attending Sunday school last Sunday. Sunday school will be held at 2:30 and services at 3:30 tomorrow. Mr. Graham has returned from his vacation and will occupy the pulpit.

Many messages of sympathy are flooding their way to Mr. Donaldson who fell from his hay stack Friday evening on a pitchfork, two prongs entering his right thigh and two his hip. Medical attention was received that night and reports are that he is getting along nicely.

E. E. Graham and family spent Thursday visiting friends on the Meadows.

Frank Waugaman left Friday from Cold Springs station for Fraser, Idaho, to visit relatives. He expects to be gone about two weeks.

Harry Marchie, one of our new residents, has his cement cellar about completed. He expects to start working on his bungalow very soon.

While hauling hay last Sunday Geo. Briggs fell from the wagon on his head which rendered him unconscious for a time. Now George is a real accommodating fellow and in spite of his black eye can be seen at the depot filling Mr. Johnson's vacancy for a few days.

Marian and Dorothy Briggs and Ruth Akers were among those that formed a camping party along the Umatilla this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hitt were dinner guests at the Brunson home Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Sapper were visitors in this section Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Akers and family spent Sunday in Hermiston guests of Mrs. P. B. Sisco.

Several in this section are enjoying ripe watermelons.

Mrs. Donaldson spent last Friday with Mrs. Sellers.

Mrs. Simmons, Gertrude, Jennie, Mr. Brownell and Mr. Sanders formed a picnic party and motored to Heppner last Sunday.

T. H. Haddox was appointed temporary road supervisor during the absence of T. E. Brassfield. Mr. Haddox appointed different committees for each section and the work that has been accomplished this week will be appreciated by many.

Walter Davis was called to Pendleton Wednesday for medical examination for the first draft.

Howard Reid is having the ten acre tract of his nephew leveled and seeded to alfalfa. The land lies near the Spencer ranch.

Frank Knapton spent several days last week in Portland.

Wilbur Birch spent several days in Portland last week and while there purchased an Overland touring car.

DRAFTED MEN CALLED FOR EXAMINATION

Physical examination of a portion of the 86 Umatilla men drawn on the first draft began in Pendleton on Wednesday of this week. On that day Walter Davis and Leroy Sullivan of this city were called and examined, and the following day Richard Thom went through an inspection. Last night the exams closed, and not until Monday will a report be given out as to how the men passed. Those who applied for exemptions will have no definite knowledge as to how their cases will be handled for at least two weeks, so it is said.

Out of the first 45 drafted men examined by the physician in charge only eight were found physically unfit, the balance being considered excellent specimens for the army.

SAILOR BOY HOME FOR SHORT VISIT

Walter Beasley, one of Uncle Sam's marines stationed at Bremerton navy yard, came home yesterday for a couple of days' visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Beasley.

Thos. J. Means, Umatilla county pioneer, passed away last Tuesday at Pendleton.

BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR LAUNDRY ESTABLISHMENT

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS SOON TO BE BUILT

Part at least of a needed improvement which must sooner or later become universal is about to take place in Hermiston. This will include the placing of concrete walks in front of three business houses on the south side of Main street to take the place of the board walks now in use at those places.

The members of the Hermiston Produce and Supply Co., Henry Hitt of Hitt's Confectionery, and Charles Hahn, shoe dealer, are the ones that will set the pace which others must follow in making sidewalk improvements in this city.

With the laying of these concrete walks that portion of Main street will be materially improved in appearance, and will be a source of delight to the pedestrian to travel over something solid instead of the old worn out wooden boards.

GIRLS OF CANNING CLUB CAMPED OUT THIS WEEK

The Canning club, consisting of the Lucky 13, spent the greater part of this week camping on the Doltittle island, otherwise known as the Benedict island. The sports indulged in were boating, swimming and a marshmallow toast. A number of townspeople paid the girls a visit. They were Mrs. Eriksen and Norma, Mrs. Arnsperger, Henry Gunn jr., Mr. and Mrs. Casserly, Mrs. Benedict, Mrs. Vanness and Mrs. Chezik. The girls received a few freckles and sunburns but it is needless to say they had a splendid time.

The girls consisted of Misses Emily Shotwell, Mildred Percey, Viola Crandall, Marie Casserly, Ruth Akers, Bertha McKeen, Dorothy Ross, Marlon Briggs, Jane Gunn, Dorothy Briggs, Eleanor Casserly and guest, Claribel Kay from the east, and they were chaperoned by Mrs. Paul Jones.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE, SAYS SUPT. GUNN

H. M. Gunn, superintendent of the local schools, being a firm believer in advertising, inserted an advertisement in this paper last week to the effect that he had apples and peaches for sale at two cents a pound in the Eriksen orchard, of which he has charge. As a result of this little notice the apples are all gone already, and the peaches are being steadily sold, although there are lots of them left, the orchard being a big one.

The apple crop sold quickly, and Mr. Gunn was compelled to turn down an order for thirty boxes of the fruit which he received a few days ago. The peaches also find ready sale at the above price, and the product of the orchard, which is situated in the southern part of town, will net Mr. Gunn and the owners a neat sum of money this year.

THE MOVIE HAVING FINE ATTRACTIONS

Tonight at The Movie will be screened "The Pillory," which is considered a strong sentimental play, and Wednesday evening of next week Marie Doro will appear in a picturization of Sardou's great international drama, "Diplomacy."

AURORA BOREALIS MAGNIFICENT HERE

Quite a number of Hermiston residents witnessed a grand display of northern lights in the sky Wednesday evening. The Aurora on that particular evening seems to have displayed its magnificence practically all over the northern part of the United States.

Contractor Levi Reeder has been busy this week setting the large Howe scales in place at the yards of the Inland Empire Lumber Co.

It looks as though one of the most essential business enterprises needed for a long time in this city is now on the eve of being established—and that is an up-to-date laundry. The promoters of the enterprise evidently figure that the time is ripe for the installation of an institution of this nature in this city, for they realize that Hermiston has grown to a size where such a business, if properly equipped and managed, can be made a big paying concern.

Possibly another thing that has hastened the decision to put in a laundry is the unsatisfactory method now in vogue of having to send clothes to Pendleton to be washed and ironed, sometimes entailing loss of garments and consuming too much time between the sending and return of the laundry.

Never since the day about four years ago when a lone Chinaman had the temerity to stealthily enter this city, pitch his tent and engage in the operation for a short time of the Wu Wong washee house has there been a laundry in Hermiston, but if plans don't miscarry we will soon see one here in modern operation—and it won't be managed by a Chinaman, either.

It is planned by the promoters to begin with the installation of four individual tubs to be operated by motor driven machinery, and later a mangle will be added. The prices now paid by residents for having laundry done away from home will be cut substantially it is thought when operations are commenced by the new washee factory, and if such be the case it will be a delightful relief to the average housewife to have her weekly washing done at a nominal cost.

MINNEHAHA SCHOOL UNDERGOING REPAIRS

W. G. Rodda, clerk of school district No. 115, was in Hermiston Tuesday on business. Besides being school clerk Mr. Rodda is one of the progressive ranchers of suburban Minnehaha. In an interview with a Herald reporter he stated that the directors of the above school district are having the school house prepared for the opening of school by ceiling and otherwise fixing up the interior. Besides this, the balance of school grounds are being leveled, flumed and seeded to alfalfa.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jackson, well known Minnehaha ranchers, motored to Pendleton the first of the week.

Mrs. W. H. Hesser and son have returned from a trip to the coast, during which time the lady attended the recent N. E. A. convention in Portland. Mrs. Hesser, who taught the District No. 115 school last term, has been re-engaged.

Mrs. W. H. Starr, who has been quite ill the past two weeks, is recovering.

TWO NEW YOUNG LADIES IN PROJECT

Two baby girls made their appearance in the project this week, one at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lacey on Monday and the other at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Bisbee on Thursday.

CODLIN MOTH SERIOUSLY ATTACKING APPLES

It has recently been observed by Superintendent Allen of the local experiment station that the codlin moth is working quite extensively and as a result many apples are being rendered unsalable. This attack of the moth indicates that the fruit has not been kept covered with the arsenate of lead spray; whether the interval between sprays has been too long, or if the work was incompletely done it is difficult to determine.

To prevent further injury by the moth another spray should be applied immediately, and possibly still another later in the season. It is necessary to keep the fruit covered with a coating of the spray at all times to prevent its being entered by the worms.

Madame Bellschamper is enjoying a visit from her daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Stippich, of Minneapolis, the lady having arrived from the Minnesota town yesterday morning.