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## HERMISTON TO BE PRODUCER OF MUCH FRUIT

Within the next year or two this project, which has prospered so well under the able guidance of government reclamation service, combined with a class of thrifty farmers and orchardists that have devoted their energy to bringing to a high state of cultivation their respective ranches, will be in a position to compete in the fruit industry on the markets of the world.

Notwithstanding that peach orchards in this vicinity have not yet come into full bearing, this year will see a production of approximately one hundred and fifty tons of the luscious fruit, all of which has already been contracted for at a fairly good price by outside buyers.

On one ten acre orchard which is owned and operated by F. A. Phelps, and which is situated within the southeastern portion of the city limits, there will be at least half of the whole product of the valley, it being estimated that seventy-five tons of Elbertas will be plucked from the trees on that tract. Sale of the fruit was consummated some time since to the Wittenberg-King Evaporating Co. of The Dalles at a stipulated price of \$25 per ton. This orchard has had the best of care and is somewhat older than the others, which are just coming into bearing. Next week shipments of peaches will begin in earnest, a carload of lug-boxes having been unloaded at U. S. & C. Co. warehouse for distribution among local peach growers.

Apple orchards are coming into bearing also, and it is roughly estimated that this year there will be at least twelve cars shipped out of Hermiston. This is only a small percentage of the cars of this fruit that will go out of here next and following years, for there are many apple orchards in the project that have only attained fourth and fifth year growth.

## A MONSTER TOMATO AND BIG CUCUMBER

In The Herald show window the first of the week was displayed two vegetables from the farms of local ranchers that attracted much attention from local people and visitors to the city.

One was a tomato that was grown on the ranch in the Columbia district owned and operated by Thomas Haddox. It was one of the many like it taken from the vine in the large garden patch which the gentleman has in cultivation this year. The tomato weighed twenty-four ounces, and to say that Mr. Haddox was very proud of his achievement is putting it mildly.

The other, a cucumber tipping the scales at three pounds, came from the same district, being grown on the ranch of C. L. Upham. This gentleman is equally proud of having produced such a prize-winning vegetable on his farm, and besides having fine cucumbers in his garden he has water melon, cantaloupe, etc., growing in abundance.

The display of these monster vegetables is only another criterion of what can be produced on the project in the vegetable line, and will go far toward proving the fertility of the soil in this famous valley.

## USEFUL PUBLICATIONS HAD FOR THE ASKING

The Union Pacific system has just taken from the press two very useful and highly valuable publications, one the "Columbia River Gorge," giving a topographical map of and describing how to make a series of short jaunts into that wonderfully interesting region. Since the completion of the highway a large number of delightful foot and pony trails have been constructed into the nearby mountain fastnesses that may be easily "negotiated" on foot in a day, using Portland as the starting point and taking a convenient morning train to the nearest station. Many Columbia gorge scenes beautify its pages.

The other is a convenient indexed pocket map of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, printed in colors and giving the latest map data of those states. This publication is for free distribution on application to Wm. Mc Murray, general passenger agent, Portland, Oregon.

## PICNICKED AT BENSEL RANCH WEDNESDAY

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church had an enjoyable time at a picnic held by that society Wednesday on the spacious lawn at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bensei a short distance north of this city. It was an all day affair, and at noon luncheon was served cafeteria style, after which a short program was rendered, consisting of speaking by Mrs. Bensei, a song by Mr. Bensei, a recitation by Mrs. Davis, music by Mrs. Chezik and a recitation by Mrs. Young. Those present were Mesdames Bensei, Davis, Young, Chezik, Gaither, Phelps, Hilsley, Hood, Jones, Chapman, Skinner, Zeller, Penny, Ellison, Bodkin, Bruce, West, O'Connell, Longhorn, Shotwell, Miss Edith Prann, Miss Rymerson, Messrs. Bensei, Zeller, and twenty children.

## AGED LADY MAKES A LONG JOURNEY

Mrs. M. A. Reeder of Jacksonville, Florida, is a guest in this city at the home of her son, L. Reeder. The lady, who is seventy-three years of age, stood the long trip nicely, resting up on the way west with a sister residing in Kansas City, where she visited four days.

A little over a year ago Mrs. Reeder lost her husband, whose death occurred at the advanced age of seventy-six, and since then she has been settling up the Florida estate and putting it in shape so that she could make this visit. If climatic conditions suit Mrs. Reeder will probably spend most of a year here with her son and family, visiting occasionally with a daughter, Mrs. S. C. Clair, in Montana.

## IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

Little Jack McFall of Kamela is here visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. E. McCoy.

Mrs. Henry Walters and family left Saturday for Pendleton to join her husband where they expect to make their future home.

Mrs. Fred Reiks was at Boardman Saturday visiting friends.

Mr. George Patterson and Mr. Ross Laudenslaughter were Hermiston visitors Saturday.

Miss Shurte, county school superintendent, and Miss Cowgill, were in town Saturday night demonstrating for the canning club.

Rev. B. F. Harper of Milton was in town Sunday.

Paul Stockard made a business trip to Boardman Monday.

Miss Fern Corey is in Hermiston this week visiting her brother, Mr. Oscar Corey.

Mrs. Mark Davis and daughter Mae made a shopping trip to Pendleton Monday.

Mr. Chas. White and family left on the boat Tuesday morning for White Salmon, where they will spend a three weeks' vacation.

Mrs. J. E. Berry of Lexington is in town this week visiting her mother, Mrs. J. E. McCoy.

Mrs. Jack Smith is in Hermiston this week.

Mr. J. E. McCoy made a business trip to The Dalles Tuesday.

The stakes are set for the new depot and the material is expected in daily.

Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Susbauer and Mr. Grim are shipping a carload of watermelons this week.

W. J. Crandall, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Crandall, arrived Tuesday morning from Los Angeles where he has been attending the Los Angeles college of osteopathic physicians and surgeons. Prior to going south Billy was with the reclamation service for a number of years. During June and July he was with the accounting department of the Salt Lake R. R. Co., working out of Los Angeles through Eastern California and Nevada. He is now on his vacation and will stay north until the opening of school this fall.

## MICHAELIS KNOWN AS A BUREAUCRAT



Dr. Georg Michaelis, who succeeded Von Bethmann-Hollweg as German chancellor, has always been classed as a typical Prussian bureaucrat, although he is the first man of bourgeois descent to reach the chancellorship.

## COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Mathews, Milton and Mrs. Hornby left today for their home in Spokane, after spending several weeks on their ranch in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Kellar arrived here Wednesday from Jonesborough, Ark., for an extended visit with their brother, C. A. Kellar.

Mrs. Dawson and baby from Irrigon were guests at the Sommerer ranch for a few days this week.

Mrs. O. G. Sapper returned Tuesday from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where she visited friends the past 10 days.

Prof. Von Holderbake from Spokane, scientific adviser for the Bohn, Brunson, Beddow and Heil orchard companies visited the orchards Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Shipley from Banks, Oregon, are here looking after their ranch interest. Mr. Shipley is one of our new settlers having traded ranches with Dwight Sellers.

Frank Waugaman returned last Saturday from Idaho where he visited relatives the past week.

Messrs. Sellers and Ott, two of our most progressive ranchers in this section, now have their silos about completed, the Sellers' having a capacity of 40 tons, and Ott's 65 tons.

The road work that was unfinished last week will be completed if possible this coming week. T. H. Haddox has engaged several crews that will begin work Monday.

T. H. Haddox and son Gerald were Echo visitors last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beddow were hosts of a delightful dinner party last Sunday given in honor of Mr. Frank and George Beddow's birthdays. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gentry and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Beddow and son and Mr. and Mrs. Vinson.

The Columbia Classmates held another one of their "delightful parties" last Friday night, Mr. Atebury being the host of honor.

Mrs. L. H. Pearson was on the sick list last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leathers joined the Felthouse family at Hidaway springs last Saturday to drink in the cool mountain breeze.

Mr. and Mrs. George Luke, of Erie, Pa., are the proud possessors of a fine baby boy, which was born August 7. Mr. and Mrs. Luke were former residents of our project, he being manager of the Erie-Oregon Fruit Co.

T. H. Haddox had the misfortune to lose a fine heifer this week.

The Warner's and McKoen's left this week for an outing at Hidaway.

Phillip Lay spent several days this week in Pendleton having his car overhauled.

The many friends of J. C. Barham will regret to hear that he is in a very critical condition.

Our Query Column will begin with the next issue of The Herald.

## BOARDMAN NEWS

Rev. Faucet and Rev. Blackman were over night visitors in town last Friday.

E. W. Mack came down from Hermiston Sunday and spent the day with his son's family.

Quite a crowd of ladies gathered at the postoffice Saturday to witness the canning demonstration by Miss Cowgill of the O. A. C. Our county superintendent accompanied her.

Earl Keys and family of Bingen, Wash., drove over in his car to visit the Rand family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKeys of Starbuck, Wash., stopped on their return trip from Portland to spend a few days with Mrs. S. C. Mack.

The government surveyors are camped here and they report the big camp will soon be moved down here.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Klitz drove over to Hermiston Friday, returning in the evening.

Jenkins and Packard received their car of household furniture and are busy hauling it out to their homesteads.

Emmet Calahan returned from Portland Wednesday to look after his farm.

Mrs. Paul Jones of Irrigon, came down to visit Mrs. Stanyan Thursday.

Miss Gladys Payne visited this week in Payette, Idaho, with her grandmother and cousin.

W. A. Price is at Sunset, Wash., working in the harvest fields.

Mrs. Aggie Thornton and son Willis have moved to the state of Washington to make their future home.

Mrs. C. Wickersham of Portland was a recent visitor to her father, C. H. Dillabough.

## ROADS FROM HERE TO BOARDMAN FAIRLY GOOD

Robert Crooks and O. M. Warner were up from Boardman the latter part of last week, being accompanied on the auto trip by Mrs. Warner and Mrs. E. E. Klitz.

On arrival here the gentlemen were interviewed on the condition of the roads between here and Boardman by a Herald reporter, and they said that the reported bad condition of the highway between the two places was mostly bancombe, as they had no trouble on the trip, having to change gears from high to low only in a few places.

They suggest that the people of Hermiston and all other contiguous towns do all they can to route travel over the Columbia highway. Tourists will have no trouble hereafter in the few bad spots along the river near Boardman and Irrigon, for the commercial clubs of the two towns are taking up the matter of improving the roads in their respective neighborhoods. In addition to this sign boards will be placed along the highway so that autoists and others can easily keep on the right road.

## BIG LAND SALE CONSUMMATED HERE THIS WEEK

### HERMISTON'S SUMMER RESORT ACTIVITIES

North Beach, Seaside or other places like them have nothing much on Hermiston's popular summer resort, for on a Sunday just as much comparative pleasure is found sporting in the waters of the big government reservoir and strolling along its beach as is indulged in by those seeking the salt water resorts.

Last Sunday, and every Sunday, for that matter, during the summer season myriads of pleasure seekers wend their way to the oasis from which is distributed life giving waters to all the vast vegetation under cultivation in this valley, there to enjoy the bath in its placid waters and partake of luncheon on green verdure under the shady bower of poplar and locust trees fringing the lake.

The first day of the week therefore found the usual quota of town and country people at the local beach, among them being noted a large auto party composed of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. Baughard, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hollard, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Percey, the Misses Louise Baughard, Dorothy Holland, Althea Smith, L. A. Dorris and Mildred Percey, and Stephen Smith, Raymond Longhorn, Norman Dunning and Craig and Hollis Percey.

### PREPARE AND SEED YOUR NEW LAND NOW

This is the best time of the year to prepare new land in this country, and is an excellent time to sow alfalfa. As there is usually much less wind during the fall than in the spring of the year much better success results from tearing up and grading land now than in the spring.

Alfalfa sown between August 15 and September 15 usually comes well and reaches maturity with much less irrigation than when sown in the spring on account of the growth it gets from the fall and spring rains. Fall sown alfalfa usually cuts considerable hay the next summer, while spring crops frequently make but one light crop. Alfalfa sown after the fifteenth of September is liable to injury from frost, however a number of good crops have been secured by very late seeding. It is well to chance some late seeding as there is a chance to get a stand, and if it is lost no harm is done to the land and it can be sown early the next spring.

The preparation of land should be continued after it is too late to sow alfalfa, and not terminate until the ground freezes. As fast as it is properly graded, and it cannot be in too good condition rye should be sown to protect it from the wind. On all such prepared land early spring seeding should be done. March sown alfalfa on flat prepared land having a suitable covering of rye usually make a good stand.

The border system of preparing land for irrigation is far superior to any other for the light soils of this country. By this arrangement the land is more cheaply prepared than for flat checks and it can be irrigated with much less water, and in a shorter space of time than by any other of the several methods. Large ditches and turnout boxes should be constructed so as to handle a large head of water thus economizing in its use and in the time required to apply it.

All persons who expect to sow alfalfa this fall or next spring should talk with Mr. Paul S. Jones, or take the matter up with the Experiment Station. Much progress has been made in methods of handling the soils of this region during the past few years and these agencies are maintained for your assistance in handling the frequently unsuccessful operation of preparing and sowing new land.

Merchant Thomas Campbell is having the cherry trees in his fine orchard on his ranch one-half mile south of town pollenized this week by budding thereon a variety of pollenizing cherry. Mr. Campbell has Bings, Lamberts and Royal Anns on his tract, and hopes through the pollenization process to bring them to the highest and most efficient point of production. Several other orchardmen are going to follow Mr. Campbell's example, among them being E. P. Dodd.

Monday witnessed the closing of a land deal in this project that has had no parallel for a long time. While there has been much land sold off and on of late, no transfer of so large an acreage as this one has been recorded.

The consummation of this transaction gives title to Thad Robinson, cashier of the Bank of Tillamook, and a number of dairymen from that district to 160 acres one-half miles northwest of the O. W. depo, the owner of which was Mrs. Mary E. Skinner. As part payment Mrs. Skinner took an apartment house in Portland, the balance being paid in cash. Epton and McClellan, real estate men of Portland, handled the deal for Mr. Robinson and his associates.

The new owner will have the entire tract put in alfalfa at once, having put W. H. Skinner in charge of the development work. In compliance with orders, that gentleman began operations Thursday with a crew of men. Eighty acres will be sown to alfalfa this fall, and the balance leveled and sown to rye and then sown to alfalfa early next spring. The system of irrigation to be used is being planned by Paul Jones, the government expert.

## FROM ONE PACKAGE OF TOMATO SEED

In our display window this week was exhibited a plate of tomatoes plucked from the vines in the garden of Mrs. L. Reeder in this city. Not overly large, but symmetrical as to shape and beautiful in color were these vegetables, that were taken from a patch of ground surrounding the home of the lady literally covered with a luxuriant growth.

The achievement of Mrs. Reeder in growing tomatoes in the home garden lot will be a criterion for other housewives to follow, especially when they learn that from the ten cents worth of seed bought she has received about \$6 through the sale of tomato plants, besides having a big crop of the vegetable left, sufficient in fact for canning for family use besides quite a marketable supply—which will add a few more dollars to her pin-money purse.

## SCHOOL DAYS ARE AGAIN DRAWING NEAR

"The Old Swimmin' Hole" will soon be abandoned by the kiddies and the "arduous" task of poring over studies will be taken up by them early next month. The closing of the vacation period will be mourned by boy and girl students for a time, but this will soon wear off when they become rightly settled in the learning harness again.

In Hermiston school opens on the third of next month, but that date falling on Labor Day nothing of an educational matter will be taken up, except the outlining of the course of study for the ensuing term among the teachers and the alignment of the classes in the different departments.

This is in accordance with a statement from County Superintendent I. E. Young, who gave out that no change in the opening school dates of the county would take place this year on account of the war and the harvest situations, and therefore the dates range from September 3 to 10, according to the section of the county.

Umatilla county schools have received \$13,356.66 from the state treasurer. This is the county apportionment from the state irriducible school fund, and is based on the number of children of school age in the county, which figures on a basis of \$1.86 per pupil. Accordingly this district's apportionment would be approximately \$1042.

With the beginning of next month a law will become effective which is considered to be a good one, for the reason that it will to a great extent eliminate the possibility of disease being spread from germs in milk sold to consumers.

After September 1 it will be unlawful for anyone to sell milk from cows that have not passed the tuberculin test, unless such milk shall have been pasteurized. This law was passed by the last legislature, and becomes effective on the above date.