

POTATOE GROWERS TO MAKE SHIPMENTS

The local Potatoe Growers' association are preparing to make shipments about the latter part of the month. The members announce that they are ready at any time to start digging. The number of acres from which shipments will be made amount to 15 acres.

Some shipments have already been made by truck but the bulk of the crop will go through the Three River Growers association with which there has been shipping agreement. Sacks to handle the crop have been ordered from Kennewick.

Harry Straw will be appointed inspector at the loading point and J. W. McMullen will have charge of the loading. The association are planning on shipping two cars.

OIL COMPANY HOLD MEETING

The Northeastern Oil Exploration Company held their annual meeting in this city last Monday.

According to E. P. Dodd, president of the company, drilling will be resumed in September.

A business meeting of the members of the Baptist church will be held next Sunday following the Sunday school. Election of officers will take place at this time. All members are requested to be present as matters of importance will be discussed.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Claude Upham and family left Sunday for Wallowa and other points on a weeks fishing trip. During his absence we are getting the paper out "sticking" the type by hand.

Mrs. Lee Mead and children, and Mrs. Ray Brown and two daughters, Catherine and Mabel were Hermiston visitors Saturday. The two girls spent the week end visiting at the Crowder home.

Mrs. F. D. Callahan left the latter part of last week for a business trip to Portland and Seattle.

Mrs. Bert Mullens and children returned Friday morning from Lewiston, Idaho, where they had been on an extended visit.

Chester Pelmulder returned home Sunday from Seattle. Chester states that things are quite in Seattle at present. He went there with the intention of securing a position as wireless operator aboard some ship but found that openings along this line scarce.

O. E. Ryder, proprietor of the Second Hand store in this city, has purchased from Jens Skovbo a seventy-five foot frontage on Main street next to Mrs. Emma Mumua's residence. A fifteen acre tract located on the east end of the project was also included in the deal. J. M. Biggs local real estate man handled the transaction.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rogers who have been visiting in Walla Walla, passed through Hermiston Tuesday enroute home to Glendale, California. Mrs. Rogers is Mrs. Jay Pelmulder's mother.

Mrs. E. G. Frank and daughters, of Ione, returned home Monday morning. She has been visiting at the D. A. Gibbs home.

S. R. Seigel and family left Monday morning for Minnesota where they expect to make their future home.

Harry Straw and family, C. W. Kellogg and wife, left the first part of the week for Yachats on the coast, for a few weeks outing.

Orin Felthouse, Jack Waller and families, returned home Sunday from a vacation spent at the seashore.

According to the men the

honey crop on the project will be below normal this year. Some estimate that most colonies will run about fifty pounds which is about half of an average yield. Recently Mr. Skovbo extracted one ton from 150 stands of bees.

In a letter to "Herb" Shesley Harry McMillin states he is at Oakridge, Oregon, working for the Southern Pacific. He says that he will be back in Hermiston for pheasant season.

The Umatilla garage, at Umatilla, is putting in a new service station and ladies rest room. "Herb" Shesley, the local painter is doing the painting.

Mrs. Laura Waller left Wednesday for Rochester, New York where she expects to remain for some time. She has rented her house on Gladys Avenue.

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

The small sawmill of Schulz brothers at Hall creek, 20 miles southeast of Eugene, was destroyed by fire.

There has been a total of 306 forest fires reported at the offices of F. A. Elliott, state forester, thus far this season.

Hop picking in the yards about Harrisburg is slated to begin about August 1, about three weeks earlier than usual.

The drill attendance of the 13 national guard companies of Portland was increased by the addition of 69 men during June.

Albert Brownell of Portland, was elected president of the Pacific Coast Nurserymen's association in session at Yakima, Washington.

Holstein-Friesian breeders from all sections of Oregon and Polk counties held their annual picnic at the Meadowlark dairy near Salem, Thursday.

Senator McNary, following one of the most strenuous sessions of congress in recent years, has returned to his home in Salem in quest of rest and relaxation.

Roy O. Hadley, prominent resident of Oregon City, fell from a moving train near Banning, Cal., and was instantly killed when the train passed over his body.

State Treasurer Myers on August 1 will turn over approximately \$350,000 to various school districts of the state as interest on the state irrevocable school fund.

Of the 15,000,000 pounds of the 1923 Oregon prune crop pooled for marketing by the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association, less than 4,000,000 pounds remains unsold.

The Hood River Apple Growers' association, according to an announcement of General Manager Steele, has contracted the season's Bartlett pear tonnage of its members to canners.

The heaviest fine ever levied at Bend for a traffic law violation was assessed in justice court there when Van Wilson was sentenced to pay \$150 and \$62 costs on a charge of imprudent driving.

A. W. Norblad, Astoria attorney and ex-member of the state senate, was appointed by Governor Pierce as special prosecutor for Clatsop county. He will have charge of all prohibition and narcotic drug cases.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Items Clipped From Hermiston July 26, 1919

F. D. Stanley has purchased and now is occupying the Reed home on the west side in which R. C. Todd and family have resided for a long time. It was an even swap, though, for Mr. and Mrs. Todd moved into the house vacated by the Stanleys.

H. L. Payne had the bad luck of having to undergo an operation of an infected toe on Monday last.

N. Madden, well known south of town rancher and family, are now enjoying all the pleasures that go with the ownership of a new 490 Chevrolet touring car. W. O. Whitsett, east of town rancher, is taking his family for joy rides in a Ford touring car, and C. W. Tilcen and family are motoring in a Scripps-Booth touring car. The above cars were purchased this week by the respective owners from Lays' Garage.

SINKING OF CITY WELL PROGRESSING

Drilling of the city well, on Hermiston Butte, by A. A. Durand, of Walla Walla, is progressing satisfactorily. The well has been drilled to a depth of over a hundred feet. At present they are drilling through a structure basalt rock. So far water has not been found but according to reports, those in charge of operations, believe it will be encountered in the structure that they are now passing through.

There has been a good deal of speculation as to whether chlorination of city water plants are healthful. City officials are frequently besieged with all kinds of complaints. People imagine that all their ills are due to the chlorine in the water. The conditions most frequently complained of are a disagreeable taste and odor, certain skin eruptions, cramps and intestinal disorders. That these are purely imaginary is proved by the fact, that complaints continue to come in long after chlorination has been discontinued.

The Oregon State Board of Health has the following to say in regards to the over chlorination of water: "Disagreeable tastes and odors are generally due to the presence of organic matter rather than to chlorine in the water. As a matter of fact, however, water supplies are seldom over-chlorinated."

U. OF O. HAS THIRD LARGEST BOOK COLLECTION IN STATE

The third largest collection of books in the state is now to be found in the University of Oregon library at Eugene. During 1923 8,700 volumes were added to the library, making a total of 130,470. This number is exceeded by the Portland public library and the state library at Salem.

In 1903 there were 12,000 books in the library. By 1906 this number had grown to 14,000 and the growth since then has been more than 800 per cent.

The total number of books issued to readers during 1923 was 311,774. Of these 57,892 were issued for home use from the circulation and reference desks. The number issued from the reserve desk, chiefly used by students in the university, was 248,903. This represents an increase of 20.8 per cent in the total number of books issued, and an increase of 30 per cent in the number of reserve books issued.

The number of periodicals contributed last year was 1,353, which has been increased this year to 1,750. These publications include: Monthly 457; weekly, 199; quarterly 193; bi-monthly, 36; daily, 3; irregular publications, such as government and foreign documents, 464; newspapers, 90.

VICTIM OF ACCIDENT RECOVERING

Mr. Van Schoiack, who was badly hurt at the Hermiston stone crusher, is slowly recovering at the hospital at Pendleton. It is reported that he will be in the hospital at least three months. Mrs. Van Schoiack has moved to Pendleton—Umatilla Spokesman.

SUES TO FORCLOSE MORTGAGE

A suit in circuit court has been filed by Frank Woughter against S. E. Walker and others and as plaintiff seeks a judgment for \$600 on notes claimed to have been given by the defendant. Foreclosure of a mortgage is also asked. W. J. Warner represents the plaintiff.

COURTESY IN THE FOREST

According to figures of the U. S. Forest Service, nearly ten million people visited the National Forests of the United States last year, of which 1,576,000 were to the forests of Oregon and Washington. The report shows that over eight million of those people came in automobiles.

The Forest Service has been actively engaged in building roads and trails, opening up the forested regions for use and for pleasure. More and more people are using these routes of travel. Practically every traveler brings fire in some form—campfires, matches, tobacco, cigarettes.

The number of careful campers increases every year. More and more people are learning the awful possibilities of fire in the woods. They are learning the rules of the game and are playing square. But each year there are enough people who do not know—or who do not think—to bring the number of man-caused fires up to seventy per cent or more.

Every citizen should learn care with fire before he goes into the woods, even though it means changing the habits of a lifetime. Every forest visitor should appreciate the privilege extended to him and treat his hostess, Dame Nature, with due consideration and refrain from burning the roof over her head.

If each forest visitor were to release carelessly only one spark of fire—that would mean a ten million spark power menace. Rather should these forest visitors enlist as a loyal force of ten million American citizens, using their privileges, but not abusing them, and make a united effort to prevent forest fires.

BUILDING PERMITS IN COAST CITIES

A total of \$34,650,334 in building permits in 79 cities of the Pacific coast for June indicates a continuance of the conservative policy on the part of builders which has marked the records of the past three months. Students of business economics, comparing this situation with the extensive building activities of last year, consider it indicating a very healthful condition destined to prevent a threatened overbuilding and to maintain a stable balance in improved property.

BEN JORY LEAVES WITH RODEO

Ben Jory, of this city, and a company of bronco busters and rodeo performers left Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock with three carloads of livestock for Gresham where they will perform next week at the Multnomah county fair. The riders who accompanied the outfit included Ed Coffield, Pat Owens, Chuck Neal, Dick Lockett, George Fletcher, Floyd Williams, Slim Keefer, Alice Wilson, Marie Hall, Jack Coffield, and Slim Holdman. One carload each of saddle horses, wild horses and bucking horses were included in the shipment. Mr. and Mrs. Jory have recently returned from Penticton, B. C. where they visited Ben's parents.

Tuesday a Haynes car belonging to Lawrence Barr burned up at noon in the Columbia district. A defective wiring system was the cause of the fire.

Julius Haase, who has been employed as a mechanic by Pearson's garage, left the latter part of last week for Canada where he will take in the harvest fields. Virgil Smith, of Condon has taken Haase's place at the garage.

Last Sunday E. P. Dodd and family left for an outing at Bingham Springs. Before reaching their destination they had a breakdown with their car. Mr. Dodd sent the family on to the springs by another car, while he journeyed back to Hermiston by means of foot, truck and train to get parts for his car and to attend a meeting of The Northeastern Oregon Oil Exploration company held in this city Monday.

Tom Jensen is now driving a second hand Ford car, which he purchased recently. Tom says she runs fine when she is working good.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloom, of Pendleton, were business visitors in this city Wednesday. Mr. Bloom is salesman for the Nash car.

Carl Voyer returned Sunday from Bingham Springs where he had spent the week end. His family remained at the springs.

An innovation in star selection has been established by Hal Roach, who uses a wild stallion in a story woven about a band of wild horses and a fight for equine supremacy of the plains in "The King of Wild Horses" the Pathepicture that will be at the Playhouse, next Saturday and Sunday, July 26 and 27. It is claimed to be the most sensational film ever made, and the horse the most dangerous in captivity. Edna Murphy and Leon Bary play the leading roles.

Hermiston, Or., is represented by W. L. Blessing and family, consisting of his wife and three children, Russell, aged 12, Wesley, 11, and Gordon, 8. Also with them is Mrs. Blessing's mother, A. Linde. This party is out on a two or three weeks' trip, and then the boss of the party will get back to his Hermiston hardware store.—Oregonian.

STATE MARKET AGENT DEPARTMENT

Tons of Bing and other varieties of cherries have dried down on the trees in the Willamette valley because the growers found it unprofitable to pick them, while the retail price in the cities was eight and ten cents per pound.

Bing cherries in the Salem district netted the growers two to two and one-half cents per pound, while in Chicago, Milwaukee and other mid-west cities these same cherries retailed at from 40 to 50 cents per pound. A Willamette grower expressed a shipment to Milwaukee and the express charges were \$4.95 cents per hundred, or practically 5 cents per pound. There you have the system. Ten times the cost of production between the producer and middle-west consumer, and the middle interests who take this great profit toll never invested a cent in the industry.

Like many other farm products, cherries come all at once; the producers dump because they have to and the market is glutted. This frames a situation whereby the middle interests make big profits while growers get hardly enough to warrant damage to the trees by picking. If there was a thoroughly organized and tight cooperative shipping association, the growers could take the pace of the fruit dealers and speculators and make the profits that are now made off from them. They could have arranged for market, long before the crop was picked; could have distributed them to the various parts of the country where most demanded, in orderly distribution; prevented the excessive supply in home markets and received fair profit prices.

The cherry situation but illustrates the farm situation generally. The farmers produce that other may make profits from their products. On an average two dollar are added to every dollar the farmer gets when the products are finally retailed. There is ample room in this price spread for living profits to growers and lower prices to consumers. With both classes organized, this change can be made.

An international co-operative institute is under way by all of the farm organizations and co-operative organizations, and the plans are to hold it about a year hence. A call has been issued by the permanent committee for a general meeting to be held in Cleveland August 11-16 this year, for preliminary work of canvassing the entire co-operative field, its successes, and problems, and working out a comprehensive program. More and more farm leaders realize that they must be their own saviors; that they must organize and conduct their business as the other big industries of the nation do if agriculture is to survive.

Last year the U. S. imported \$429,265,000 from Canada and that country reciprocated by buying back \$586,532,900 from us, each country believing it was getting more for its money by the transaction.

Canada has a population of 9,000,000 and 110,000 traveling salesmen. At an average cost of \$12 per day, wages and expenses for each salesman, it costs the country \$1,000,000 a day to sell its goods. This proportion is said to be far larger in this country. This is one of the big overhead expenses that is passed on to the consumer and taken from the producer. If half of the salesmen of the country were eliminated, very few would ever miss them.

Compound Interest

We often hear that Peter Minuet in 1624 paid the Indians only \$24 for Manhattan Island. We are apt to think of this as a ridiculously small sum for what is today the most valuable piece of land of its size in the world; but we do not stop to think that if this original \$24 had been invested by Peter Minuet at the rate of 7 per cent per annum and compounded every six months to date, it would have earned a sum equivalent to the assessed value of the entire city of New York, so it is said, including its streets, sewers, railways, subways, theaters, hotels, skyscrapers and palatial homes.—Thrifty Magazine.

A total of 239,612 voters has registered for the primary election in Oregon, according to figures on record at the office of the secretary of state. Of this number, 233,023 are republicans and 91,445 democrats. The miscellaneous group embracing a number of minor parties, numbers 10,035.

Wheeler La Follette's Running Mate. Washington, D. C. — Burton K. Wheeler, democratic senator from Montana, formally announced his acceptance of the independent nomination for vice president to run with Senator Robert M. La Follette.

BOY MURDERERS PLEAD GUILTY

Chicago.—Death, life imprisonment or a penitentiary term of not less than fourteen years are faced by Nathan Leopold Jr., and Richard Loeb, millionaires' sons, whose plea of guilty to kidnaping and killing Robert Franks, have swept aside carefully prepared insanity defenses and thrown them on the mercy of Judge John R. Caverly.

Only evidence tending to mitigate their punishment can be submitted at a judicial hearing without a jury. The prosecution, which demands the gallows for the two university graduate students who said they killed for experiment, plans to examine a hundred witnesses. The defense, hoping for a life sentence, expects to submit testimony of alienists regarding the mental responsibility of the youths.

The hearing is purely in the nature of an advisory conference, in which the opposing counsel will present arguments and evidence in support of the respective pleas for punishment.

TO PROBE STOCK SALES

Committee Named by Gov. Pierce to Inquire as to Legitimacy.

Salem, Or.—Investigation of stocks and bonds sales in the state of Oregon with a view of determining whether the transactions are legitimate or are conducted for personal gain and without regard for the rights of unsuspecting purchasers, has been ordered by Governor Pierce here.

The investigation will be conducted by a committee of Portland men including Oswald West, ex-governor; L. A. Liljeqvist, assistant attorney-general, and George Black, member of the state board of accountancy. Governor Pierce has urged that the committee hold a meeting within the next few days and that it act without any unnecessary delay.

Phone Companies Win Rates Battle.

Tacoma, Wash.—The injunction asked by the telephone companies to prevent the state authorities from interfering with the immediate increase of rates in Tacoma, Seattle and Spokane was granted by the three federal court judges who heard the case here. The decision of the court indicates that in the opinion of its members the present rates were unfair to the companies. This was the second court victory for the companies in the fight which has extended more than two years. The telephone companies announced the advanced rates would go into effect August 1.

GERMAN RESOURCES WILL SECURE LOAN

Preservation of Treaty Rights Also Agreed on in Case Germany Defaults.

London.—The committee on sanctions of the inter-allied conference agreed unanimously on two important principles to govern the action of the allies in event of possible default by Germany under the Dawes reparations plan, namely, to insure investors in the loan to Germany of priority on all German resources in event of such default, and to preserve the rights of the countries signatory to the Versailles treaty.

With this agreement, in the opinion of the American, British and French delegates, a long step has been taken toward the success of the conference upon which such high hopes have been raised for the economic restoration of Europe.

At the opening of the conference it was generally recognized that the proposed loan to Germany was the crux of the Dawes plan, and after only four days' deliberations it was possible for the committee to agree that in any contingency, including default and resultant sanctions, the holders of the loan should have priority claim to the assets of Germany. With this is coupled an agreement that the protocol to make the conference action effective shall reserve all the rights enjoyed at present by those countries which signed the treaty of Versailles.

France hails the latter decision as a distinct victory for her, and takes it to mean that she still has the right to separate action should Germany default.

The Americans and British share in the French enthusiasm over the fact that the unanimous agreement has carried the work of the conference so far forward, although they do not share the inference that France is ready to draw from the understanding.

The Christian Science services are held in rooms next to the Auditorium every Sunday at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 10:15. All are cordially invited to attend. Wednesday evening meeting first Wednesday each month.

First Prize or Bust

MEMBER BOYS PIG CLUB