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MRS. PHOEBE HEARST PLEASED WITH LAKE

KLAMATH FALLS, Aug. 12.—"I enjoyed every minute of the trip. Crater Lake is one of the most wonderful sights I have ever seen," said Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, last night on her return from the lake. "I am very glad to know that Congress has recently passed an appropriation looking to the construction of better roads into the Crater Lake National park. This wonderful thing should be made accessible to all the people.

"The roads are very good considering the fact that little money has been expended on them, and the accommodations are good when one considers that supplies have to be brought in from a long distance. The time will come when all Americans will make pilgrimages to this wonderful place for vacations and recreation. When Klamath is better known among the people, there will be thousands of tourists here."

Mrs. Hearst and her party of fourteen house guests, arrived in this city last night from a trip to Harrison Lodge and Crater Lake. The party will leave here tomorrow morning for McCloud, from where a special train will take them to Mrs. Hearst's summer home on the McCloud river.

The members of the party are: Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst, Mrs. Phoebe C. Rockwell, Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Clark, Edward H. Clark, Jr., Miss Helen Clark, Miss Ethel Whitman, Mrs. Adele Brooks, Randolph Apperson, San Francisco; Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Flint, New Haven, Conn.; Mrs. Clara R. Anthony, Boston; Miss Jennie Glover, St. Louis and Arthur Goldsborough, Washington, D. C.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO WEED SUNDAY

On Sunday, August 18, a special train will leave Medford with the Medford baseball team, their backers and rooters for Weed where the deciding game of ball will be played. This train will also take any that wish to go to Coe's, stopping there fifteen minutes to enable all to sample the mineral water. The train will continue on to Weed where the baseball game will be played. Those not caring for baseball will remain on the train going to Sisson where an hour will be spent for lunch, visiting the fish hatchery and the source of the Sacramento river, then to Shasta Springs, Shasta Retreat, Upper Soda Springs and Dunsmuir. The excursionists may leave the train where they wish. Those alighting at Shasta Springs will have three hours there. On return special will leave Dunsmuir at 5 p. m., Weed 7 p. m., and will reach Medford shortly after midnight.

A. S. Rosenbaum has spent four seasons in the Shasta resort regions representing the Southern Pacific will accompany those making the Shasta resort trip, showing points of special interest.

BIG CORN CROP LESSEN MEAT PRICES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Hope for meat eaters through the tumbling of prices "when the frost is on the pumpkin," was the optimistic statement handed out here today by "Tama Jim" Wilson, secretary of agriculture. Here is the way "Tama Jim" has it figured out: "Corn crops control meat prices. This year's corn crop is the third largest in the history of the country. This means that beef next winter is going to be the cheapest in years." Secretary Wilson does not believe that meat will ever be as cheap as it was ten years ago because the grazing lands have been divided up but he says the price of steaks and chops is due for a big tumble this winter when meat is most needed.

A TRIUMPH FOR CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

ADVOCATES of capital punishment ought to feel highly elated over the spectacle at Ossining, N. Y., where seven met death, one after the other, in the electric chair.

Five of those officially murdered died protesting their innocence. The last words of two of the victims were, "I never had no chance." And probably they didn't, raised in the slums, inheriting criminal instincts, deficient in training, stunted intellectually—products of the civilization of a great city.

One of the victims, a mere boy, collapsed as he was bound to the electric chair. With a voice trembling with terror, he cried: "Jesus Christ, I hope ——" but the lightning shock ended his cry as his soul passed to the hereafter.

But a century or two ago, England was filled with gallows. Human life was held of so much less worth that the theft of any little article was expiated by a swing into eternity. Yet despite the penalty, thefts multiplied.

Statistics show that despite the awful penalty inflicted, homicide is rapidly increasing in the United States. Fear of death evidently does not deter the crime. As long as we breed criminals, so long as economic conditions foster the creation of them, the nauseating odor of burned flesh or the revolting spectacle of the gallows, is no deterrent.

Capital punishment should go along with the other inherited barbarities. It has been long tried and found wanting. It does not accomplish its end—that of deterring others from crime, and there are other penalties that are far worse, but far more humane, that could and should be inflicted.

Barbarous lynching and burning at the stake has not suppressed the negro brutes' outrages in the south, but "sterilization" as practised in Florida, has practically eliminated them. The same punishment will prove just as effective, not only as a dreaded preventative for homicide, but as a correction of habitual criminality.

Our Correspondents

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS.

(By A. C. Howlett.)

Last Wednesday after I finished writing for the Mail Tribune I took a stroll around town and while on my rounds dropped into Heath & Diamonds store and among the first things I noticed was that Mrs. L. A. Damon, wife of the brakeman on the P. & E., had accepted a position in the store as saleslady and also that Mr. Damon, one of the proprietors had been out on Rogue River fishing and brought back eight fine fish, three of them being steelheads, weighing from three to nine pounds each. Also learned that arrangement had been made for Rev. L. L. Simmons our Baptist minister to surrender the pulpit next Sunday morning the 11th, to our Episcopal minister who will conduct services at 11:00 o'clock a. m. I also noticed that there was quite a number of persons were in among them was Old Uncle Dave Smith and his son Aaron, Mrs. Clay, wife of one of the engineers on the P. & E., Mr. White, foreman on the Cooley orchard just above town. Miss Marguerite Florey and Miss Hazel Brown daughter of one of our merchants of the firm of George Brown & Sons, Mr. Strong and wife, foreman on the old Morgan place, Mr. Hitchcock owner of the old Harry Carlton place, Mr. and Mrs. Suddarth, James Watkins, beside a number of others that I passed on the street. I noticed as I was passing along by the Park that there were a number of ladies assembled there and afterwards learned that it was the Ladies' Aid society, and Mrs. H. and our daughter, Mrs. C. E. Hoyt, joined them, Mrs. Hoyt said that they were sewing as though the future destiny of the town depended on their efforts.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Gregory, August 8th, a daughter.

Married at the residence of John N. Hayes, by Rev. A. C. Howlett, August 8th, Mr. Hugh Hayes and Miss Jessie Bailey. After the marriage was performed and the congratulations were extended ice cream and cake was served and an hour or so was spent socially. In the run of conversation the subject of raising apples on the "Desert" soil was brought up and one of the family went out and brought in an apple that was raised on desert ground that measured 10 1/2 inches in circumference, also brought in a peach that would come up to the standard in size and quality.

This, Friday morning I took a trip up to Ed Wolford's garden, well talk about a truck patch he has corn that will measure some seven or eight feet in height, the plant, the leaves as large as half the page of the Mail Tribune, but his tomatoes they are simply immense he has something like an acre and a half and has them so arranged with sticks so as to keep the vines up off the ground so that the tomatoes are exposed to the sun and air, and talk about bearing the vines are simply loaded and he has had ripe tomatoes now for the last two weeks.

We have had another transaction in real estate E. L. Walstorff having traded his place in the lower end of town to Rev. L. L. Simmons for property in the state of Washington, consideration \$1,631.75, there is 2 1/2 acres in the tract

CENTRAL POINT ITEMS.

Mr. Rowley left for Eugene, Saturday morning on a business trip.

Mrs. Ella Roper of Grants Pass relatives here.

C. B. Gay of Medford and Walter Donahue of Ashland were Saturday visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Isaacs Sr. left Saturday morning for Coe's for an outing of several weeks.

Captain S. M. Nealon of Table Rock was transacting business here Saturday.

S. S. Aiken of Prospect spent a few hours here Saturday.

Prof. and Mrs. A. J. Hanby and party returned from Crater Lake Saturday evening.

Mrs. George McConnell of California is visiting her friend, Mrs. J. W. Merritt in this city.

Constable Lee T. Ingram has returned from a several weeks visit to Hornbrook, California.

A. C. Walker left for Eugene Sunday morning on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Pattison, Mrs. Geo. E. Fox, Mrs. Ella Arnold, Mrs. Austin and daughter, Mrs. F. J. Taylor, and son Raymond, Mrs. Spink, Mrs. J. W. Myers, Mrs. J. J. Kellerman, Miss Maybelle Peart, Misses Johnson, Harry Trevillo, McDonald, Stewart, J. S. Barnett, Geo and Dill Pankey, E. Webb, Gus Morriss were among the Central Pointers at Medford Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Merritt and Mrs. McConnell spent Saturday in Gold Hill.

Miss Flora Thompson and Miss Murphy of Jacksonville spent Sunday with friends here.

W. T. Wright and family left Sunday morning for Fort Klamath by wagon.

Many of our people attended the ball game at Medford Sunday.

E. H. Morehouse and party of Ashland motored here and spent a short time Sunday.

Miss Georgia Cline and friend of Cottage Grove are visiting here.

PHOENIX

Ben Schurman made a trip to Crater Lake this week, returning Friday.

Mrs. Schueck of St. Louis, is visiting her son, Walter P. Schueck.

morning for their annual outing at the Lake of the Woods.
 Dr. Malngren is enjoying a visit from his mother and brother from California.

COMMUNICATIONS

Corvallis, Ore., 8-10-12.

To the Editor:

I have your editorial of August 7th, entitled "Who's Looney Now?" I see that you again have made the mistake which was made in 1909, of stating that I irrigated the block of pears which was injured. I wish to reiterate that I had absolutely nothing to do with the irrigation of the block which you refer to in a former editorial. The block which was injured was a large block of old trees, down near the packing house of the Bear Creek Orchard. The block which you are now quoting, of eight year old trees was up near the buildings and is on entirely different soil, of different variety, etc. You will see that you have confused the two blocks of pears.

You will find for example, in your editorial in 1909:

"An example of some of their work is shown in one of the prize orchards near Medford, whose owner was persuaded to turn over a block of his greatest producers for experimental purposes, etc."

You were referring at that time to the large block down near the packing house which had been in bearing for years and which I understand, probably produced as much fruit as you state. However you will notice that you copied from Bulletin 113:

"The practice of irrigating young pear trees on either the red or gray sticky soils is questionable. In some experiments carried on with eight year old Bartlett at the Bear Creek Orchard the results showed no advantage gained in either the amount or size, etc."

You will note that this referred to young trees eight years old whereas the block you were referring to was one which already had produced over \$1,000 worth of fruit per acre.

The next time I am at Medford, if you care to, I can arrange to drive you to the Bear Creek orchard and show you the two blocks in question so you need not confuse them in the future.

Yours very truly,
 C. I. LEWIS.

That Irrigation Experiment

To the Editor:

In the Tribune of date August 7th, under the heading of "Who is looney now?" the editor has thrown another of his periodical spasms wherein he takes in a great deal of territory. This time he encompasses the Bear Creek orchards, Prof. C. I. Lewis, and the writer, all because he simply got his wires crossed.

Justice to Prof. Lewis, to Bear Creek orchards, and honor to myself makes it imperative upon me to answer this editorial.

He says, "In the summer of 1909 some experiments were made in irrigation on the Bear Creek orchards under the direction of Prof. C. I. Lewis which consisted in pouring cold well-water on Bartlett pear trees which chilled the trees, brought up the lime subsoil, killed the crop, and made the trees sick."

To which Prof. Lewis published a denial in the Tribune of May 26th, 1910 and at which time the writer fully exonerated Prof. Lewis.

As Prof. Lewis has now published a bulletin wherein he makes reference to experimental work done by them on Bear Creek orchards during that year, the editor attempts to make out a bad case by placing us both in the "Ananias club" and winds up by asking, "Who is looney now?" and we answer, Put it.

He seems to overlook the fact that Bear Creek orchards consists of over two hundred acres and that to admit of having experimented on Bear Creek orchards does not make them responsible for all that might have been done there by way of experiment.

The facts are that they did experiment upon a goodly number of young eight-year-old trees as stated in bulletin No. 113, as referred to by the editor and with results as given in the bulletin. This was on gray, sticky soil on the hill near the bungalow and no place else did they carry on any experiments. But the tract to which the editor refers was in black, sticky soil in the bottom on trees over twenty years old which he says "had produced over \$1000.00 per acre" and I will say that it did better than that that year.

However, that experiment I did myself with unsatisfactory results, Prof. Lewis being in no way responsible for it, neither have I at any time or to any one laid the responsibility at his door.

The effect was to check the growth of the pears which were about two-thirds or three-fourths grown, but it did not kill the fruit as stated and the statement of Prof O'Gara recently published that "they now have the finest crop of pears ever grown" and will produce "ten boxes to the tree" does not bear out the assertion that "there will probably not be any fruit on these trees for several years," as stated by the editor.

In his chronic desire to besmirch somebody he has scattered his mud too much and an apology is now due to Bear Creek orchards, Prof. C. I. Lewis and to the writer.
 C. E. WHISTLER.
 Medford, August 12.

WHERE TO GO TONIGHT

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 RENOLDS AND PHILLIPS
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