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Items of Interest From the Rogue River Valley

TABLE ROCK HEARS COUNTY TO LIMIT PROHIBITION COST

TABLE ROCK, Dec. 7.—Many taxpayers are wondering if the county court have any limit other than the sky to the expenses of the prohibition enforcement officer. It is said that one member of the court several months ago stated that they were going to limit this expense to \$500 a month.

Many comments are heard regarding the removal of the special prohibition prosecutor from the county crib by Governor Pierce, many thinking that this was doing little enough since it was he who willed this extra expense onto the taxpayers.

Mr. Nicewood returned Saturday from northern California points where he delivered a load of apples.

Col. R. C. Washburn and wife of Portland stopped off for a day's visit with friends here last week on their way to Los Angeles to spend the winter. The Washburns were former owners of the Table Rock orchard and are still very much interested in the Rogue River valley.

Phinas Mayfield, Chas. Hocker-smith and Wm. Pomeroy, prominent stockmen of the Meadows district were business visitors in this section last Sunday.

Will Lydiard and mother and sister of Medford were Thanksgiving dinner guests at the Dunlap home.

E. E. Fraley is keeping this section pretty well supplied with fresh pork and mutton.

W. E. Morris and family left last Thursday for southern California for a visit of a month's duration with relatives.

L. C. Schaffer and H. E. Webber returned recently from a trip to Klamath Falls where they disposed of a truck load of apples.

Several farmers from the Agate district have been buying seed grain from their farmers recently.

The cold snap of the last few nights has checked the growth of pasture and if it continues stock men will have to begin feeding hay to keep their stock in proper condition.

Many fat cattle that have been held here on alfalfa pasture waiting for a market are being moved to feeding quarters where they will be fed until a market develops.

John Dodge finished drilling the well at the school house last week and moved his outfit to Medford to work on a well there.

The school board have had a pump

POULTRY EXHIBIT AT ASHLAND FAIR A RECORD BREAKER

ASHLAND, Dec. 7.—The Winter Fair is now running full blast and the attendance is over normal. Although the weather has been very bad, which has hindered many from coming, who would otherwise be able to attend, the attendance has been very good. It is hoped, however, that the weather will clear for the last two days of the fair. The exhibits are above normal, the poultry one being one of the finest and largest which has been given in Oregon. There is a great number of entries for this department and chickens of every variety, size and color are to be found. The Anconas have an exceptionally fine showing and there are many Barred Rocks and Bantams. The rabbit department is very fine as is also the turkey, geese and duck departments. Some very clever arrangements and booths have been carried out by the Boys' and Girls' clubs, the Homemaking club and the different sewing, poultry raising clubs all have their exhibits, which are indeed remarkable and would cause envy to many grown people. A very fine automobile display is noticeable when you first enter. Here a large number of different kinds of auto is seen.

The art department is probably the best one outside of the poultry department. This feature is on the stage of the Chautauqua building where the different art displays are away from the dust and dirt made by some of the other displays. Beautiful luncheon sets, paintings, sheets and pillow cases, towels and almost everything that can be imagined in that line may be seen. The handwork on every piece is excellent, many of them being so beautiful that it is difficult to award a prize on any one thing. The feature of the twenty-five cent gifts has proved to be very successful, as many displays of simple, yet effective Christmas gifts can be gotten from this exhibit. Very pretty shoe-trees, painted candles, place cards and small pieces of handwork are to be found among these many artistic things. The Pratt art exhibit which has been sent from this school to Ashland for display, in the winter fair is one of the most colorful and artistic exhibits which has ever been here. This includes all kinds of water colors, pastels and pen and ink sketches. The schools have taken an active part in making this fair a success, extensive exhibits from the sewing classes and other classes being displayed. The sewing classes especially have a very extensive display, which shows much preparation and skill in the making of it. The different dresses exhibited by these classes are very beautiful and it is exceedingly hard to choose from them one dress which should receive the first prize. As a whole the Winter Fair is wonderfully successful this year and despite the rainy weather, everything is considered excellent, including the attendance.

Elwood Hedburg, Agnes Hedburg and Mrs. J. W. McCoy left Friday for Corvallis where they will spend the week-end. Mrs. McCoy will visit her daughter, Margaret, who is attending O. A. C. this year.

The P. E. O. held a very successful charity bazaar Thursday, in spite of the severe rain and wind storm here on that day. This was held at J. P. Dodge and Son's Furniture store and many beautiful handmade things adorned the display windows at that place. Fancy work of all kinds was sold and other artistic little presents were disposed of. Everything from fancy aprons, lovely luncheon cloths and painted candles were displayed, making a very pretty showing. This bazaar was given for the purpose of making money for Christmas baskets and presents to many who would otherwise not receive any.

The annual Elks show will be given the 17th and 18th of December this year. Mr. and Mrs. Naughton, who directed "Purple Finches," the Elks show that was given last year, will direct the entertainment. The cast is being selected at the present time and both the name and the cast will be announced later.

Mr. O. S. Gilbert and wife from Hill, California were in Ashland visiting on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vining returned Wednesday evening from Portland where they have been for the past month. They will stay at the home of O. Winter during their stay here, which will be for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Bill Allen has returned to his job in the postoffice after a short vacation. Mr. J. Q. Adams has been taking his place.

Mrs. Van Sant and Mrs. Pat Dunn left Thursday for Sacramento and other points in California, including Los Angeles. They will stay for the Christmas holidays.

Stade F. Sonder will leave for St. Louis the latter part of the month, where he will attend watchmaking school. He will also take up other jewelry work there.

The postoffice advises people to send their Christmas parcels and packages earlier than usual this year, not only to avoid the usual Christmas rush, but because there will be no carrier service or mail delivery during Christmas afternoon in any part of the United States.

PROFESSOR REIMER ANNOUNCES NEW WHEAT THAT WILL YIELD 69 BUSHELS TO THE ACRE

By F. C. Reimer, Experiment Station, Talent, Oregon.

Ever since the experiment stations were established there has been a thorough search for new and better varieties of wheat. Varieties have been obtained from dealers in practically every country. The State Experiment Station at Corvallis and the big Grain Experiment Station at Moro, Oregon, have been leaders in this work. In addition to this, explorers and investigators have been sent to every wheat growing country in search of superior varieties and strains. As a result, hundreds of new varieties have been introduced. Naturally, most of these have proved of no special value. However, a few have proved of very great value. Some of the more recent introductions appear to be of special value to the Pacific coast.

Federation Wheat

One of the most promising of these new introductions is a variety known as Federation. This was introduced from Australia thirteen years ago. This variety has been brought to the front by the Moro Experiment Station, where it has proved the best among the hundreds of varieties tested.

The Southern Oregon Experiment Station obtained some of this wheat last year from the Moro station. This was planted by Mr. Earl Beeson on the Patterson ranch near the Experiment Station. It was grown on good Bear creek bottom land and yielded 69 bushels per acre. This is a beardless, white, spring wheat with very stiff straw of medium length. One of its valuable characteristics is its comparative freedom from lodging, even on fertile soils. It also holds its grain well, hence there is no loss from shattering before and during harvest.

This wheat appears to be peculiarly adapted to the climatic conditions of the Pacific coast. This is due in a large measure to its low water requirement during the growing season. In this respect it has proved even superior to Early Harvest—another Australian variety which is now widely grown in many places on the Pacific coast, and in many localities is giving excellent results. While the Federation wheat has been developed and is usually grown as a spring wheat it has given equally good results in parts of eastern Oregon when grown as a winter wheat. It is probable that it will give equally good results when grown as a winter wheat in southern Oregon.

There are three strains of Federation wheats, known as Federation, White Federation, and Hard Federation. All of them are white in color, and have good milling and baking qualities. The Hard Federation, as its name indicates, is a hard wheat with somewhat better milling qualities than the other two strains. The differences in the yields of these two strains have not been very great at the Moro, Oregon, Experiment Station. However, the Federation is somewhat better adapted to heavy soils than the other two strains.

The Federation is outyielding all other varieties of spring wheats in eastern Oregon, and appears to be the best variety that has ever been brought to southern Oregon.

The writer strongly suggests that every wheat grower in southern Oregon plant at least an acre of this variety this year for comparison with the best variety that has been grown heretofore. It should be tested in comparison especially with the Jenkins Club, which has been one of the very best varieties grown heretofore in southern Oregon.

POPULAR SCHOOL TEACHER ROGUE RIVER MARRIED

ROGUE RIVER, Ore., Dec. 6.—Miss Delcie Burkhardt, who is teaching school near Eugene returned to her home here on Thanksgiving day, and surprised her relatives and many friends by announcing that she had been married on Armistice day to Clyde Galbreath who has been a resident of Rogue River for a number of years. A miscellaneous shower was given Mrs. Galbreath last Saturday evening and the large crowd present wished the young couple a long life of happiness and prosperity. They left on Sunday evening's train for the north.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burkhardt are the proud parents of a fine baby girl born last Saturday, December 1st.

By faithful work on the part of some of the citizens and a number of the students of the high school, the ceiling of the Community hall is completed from top to bottom. It is a scene of real activity now as a number of athletic classes are held there every week.

The town basketball team played the Yreka American Legion team at Yreka last Friday evening, the Yreka team winning by a score of 23 to 33.

The Sampo Fidelis Sunday school class, composed of high school young men and women, gave a social at the Community hall under the chaperonage of their teacher, Mrs. Langworthy and a jolly time was spent by all present.

Mr. Haynes, who with his family, came from Yakima about two months ago, has bought the old Starr property near Ward's Creek bridge.

We regret to report that Mrs. Isabella Shawk is still quite ill, but a slight improvement has been noticed within the last few days and we are all hoping that her complete recovery will be speedy.

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C. W. Horton left last Thursday evening for Portland to investigate the condition of his son Eugene, who had met with a serious accident a few days previous. We are glad to report that his condition is improving.

Albert Van Goethen is home from Brookings for a few days visiting his parents.

Last Monday night the high school commenced their practice of basketball in preparation for schedule games and will practice three times a week, Monday and Thursday nights and Wednesday afternoons.

The police judge was called upon to fine three young men from Grants Pass for being drunk and disorderly at the mask ball held in the Odd Fellows hall last Friday night. The town is glad to have the young people from other towns patronize the local entertainments but they must conduct themselves in a gentlemanly manner, and the management of the Odd Fellows insists upon good order being maintained at all of their entertainments.

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WILLOW SPRINGS RANCHERS BUILD A SCHOOL ADDITION

WILLOW SPRINGS, Dec. 7.—Messrs. Elden, Thompson, Straube, Reames and Parker, during the Thanksgiving vacation, added sixteen feet to the horse shed at the school house in order to accommodate the children's riding horses. They also installed new steps and platform in front of the school building.

Mrs. Helen Brophy of Klamath was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Parker, over the Thanksgiving holidays, returning to her home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Birkholz entertained at dinner on Thanksgiving day Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Parker and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elden had besides their own family and their house guests, Mrs. Elden Sr., and Miss Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. DuBuque as dinner guests on Thanksgiving day.

Last Saturday evening Miss Rose Jones entertained at 55 in honor of her friend, Mrs. Helen Brophy, who was visiting her parents here.

The entertainment committee for the Christmas program to be given at the Willow Springs school house on the evening of Dec. 22, met at the home of Miss Leah Parker, Monday evening.

Mrs. H. H. Clarke gave a delightful afternoon tea on Wednesday to the ladies of the neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nichols had as guests at dinner Thanksgiving day their daughter's family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harnish and baby, their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nichols and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Nichols Sr. have lately moved from this vicinity to Talent, to be near their daughter, Mrs. Grover Cook.

Mrs. Clara Gleason and daughters Marjorie and Hazel of Cottage Grove were Thanksgiving week guests at the M. F. Young home. Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Young and their guests spent the day with friends in Ashland.

Mrs. Gleason and her daughters left for home Sunday morning.

They have remodeled the residence on the Canal Co. ranch in the Agate district and the Raymond Moran family are moving there this week from the Oakleigh Farm.

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ROCK POINT PEBBLES

A very enjoyable affair occurred at the Del Rio Ranch house on Thanksgiving day, when Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robbins entertained at a family dinner. Covers were laid for sixteen. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Schmitt of Grants Pass, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hirscoe and family of Talent and Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Robbins and daughter, June, of Rock Point.

Harris C. Porter, who has been spending his Thanksgiving vacation at the farm of his parents, left Sunday evening for Corvallis, where he is a student at O. A. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wells of Klamath Falls arrived on Friday for a short visit at Rozalla ranch.

Miss Aetha Gray came down from Moonville, where she is teaching school, and spent Thanksgiving with the home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cook were dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merri-man in Gold Hill on Thanksgiving day.

J. L. Kershaw visited his mother near Wellen on Tuesday of last week. The Jacobs family marketed a nice lot of turkeys last week. Mrs. Jacobs believes there is money in turkeys and plans to go into the business quite extensively next season.

Mrs. Ralph Haymond of Jacksonville is visiting at the home of Mrs. Rose Raymond.

Mr. Ray Ganfield made a business trip to Grants Pass on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Strahan spent Thanksgiving day at the Rogers home in Rogue River.

Mr. Frank Norton was a dinner guest at the Porter home on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. Elmer Ivy, who is a student at the Gold Hill high school has returned from spending a few days with relatives at Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cook expect to leave in the near future for an extended visit in Chicago and other eastern points.

Miss Hazel Duncan returned to Rozalla ranch Sunday, after spending her Thanksgiving holidays with friends in Ashland.

Miss Martha Porter was a week-end visitor in Medford where she was the guest of her cousin, Miss Edith Campbell.

Mr. Alton Morris of Gold Hill called on friends in this vicinity Thursday evening.

Fred Kelson of the Sleepy Hollow ranch has a fine flock of fat turkeys, which he has decided to hold for the holiday trade and better prices.

Mr. William Pohl is reported to have been seen shopping in Gold Hill one day last week.

The Gray family joined the merry-makers at the Riverside Community club house Thanksgiving day. They report a very enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hammer, accompanied by their daughters, Ruby

and Amy, and their son, Dale, were among the pleasure seekers at the masquerade ball at Rogue River Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kershaw were among Medford shoppers Saturday. They also called on Mrs. Kershaw's mother, Mrs. Phoebe, who lives north of Medford on the Crater Lake highway.

Mrs. Margaret Hodges was a guest at the Homer home on Foothills last Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Ganfield accompanied the Gold Hill ladies who attended the Rebecca convention in Grants Pass last Friday.

G. W. Jacobs came out from Gold Hill Sunday afternoon to look things over at the ranch.

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