

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE ROGUE RIVER VALLEY

PLANT ASPARAGUS IN NORTH TALENT FOR LOCAL MARKET

EDEN PRECINCT, Feb. 21.—Mr. Larson of North Talent has something over an acre in asparagus, will begin cutting from the field this spring. The plants are three years old and will yield an abundance of succulent tips this season. This ought to be a winner of a crop. There is not another as fine a field in the Rogue River valley as this field is. There ought to be a demand for this healthful food, when it can be secured fresh. The shipped in product is not always in the best of condition, but this can be cut fresh every morning and delivered to the local markets. There could have been a goodly amount of the tips cut last season, but Mr. Larson thought best to give the strength to the roots, that the tips might be of better quality this season.

Mrs. L. A. Reames of Phoenix returned from a several month's visit in California with her daughter, Mrs. Critenington, nee, Elsie Reames. Mrs. Walter Allen went over to Ruch to visit her mother, the last of last week. She expects to remain several weeks.

Mrs. Hayman went over to Applegate the first of this week to visit her grandmother and other relatives and friends.

Miss Bertha Hayman returned last Monday from Mountcrest hotel where she has been for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. A. S. Furry came home Wednesday from her son's home where she has been for the past ten days, helping care for his home while his wife was at the Purer Home in Medford.

J. O. Gore of South Medford was a business caller at the Carey plant farm on Wednesday. Mr. Gore intends to plant an acre or more to vegetables this season and was inquiring as to the best varieties of some of them.

F. Starling who has lately purchased a small place on the Highway, south of Talent, and will engage in diversified farming, was a business caller in Medford Wednesday.

Mrs. Stanwood of East Medford was in Medford on Wednesday doing some shopping. Mrs. Stanwood says she often enjoys the walk from Voorhis into town, notwithstanding she is no longer young.

A. S. and F. E. Furry of Phoenix were among the many farmers of this precinct who are in attendance at the farmers and stockmen's meeting in Medford this week.

Mr. Vance and his assistant were out taking stock of the company's holdings in this locality Monday. The company is required to take an invoice of all their equipment before the hearing on rates is called.

The many friends of Audrey Furry were pleased to read of his great success as one of the male quartet in the operetta in the Hellig theatre in Portland recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry returned to the home of Mrs. Henry's father, Mr. Larson of North Talent one day last week. They will remain with Mr. Larson this summer and will garden his place and some land adjoining it. Basketball has been the order in Phoenix for several nights lately. Last Friday Butte Falls played Phoenix, the local boys losing to the visiting team 17 to 19. The girls won over the visitors, 21 to 24.

Saturday the Butte Falls team played Talent and won both games.

Rev. M. C. Reed, former pastor of the Methodist church at Talent, made the little city a short visit a short time ago, and finding them in not the best of shape financially, agreed to return next Tuesday, February 26, and give one of his famous Chautauqua lectures for the benefit of the church. The price will be only 25c and if you went to a Chautauqua to hear him, it would be at least double the amount. Come out and hear him and help a good cause.

Guests who called on Mrs. M. Rose during the past week were Mrs. Sullia Dean, Mrs. Yokem, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cate, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Franklin and Mrs. C. Carey. Mrs. Rose also received a visit from a cousin whom she had not seen since they two were little children. Mr. Michael Bridgeman of Idaho, who was on his way to California.

Miss Jewett, sister of Mrs. J. A. Daron of Phoenix, returned to her home in Denver, Colorado some few days ago. Mrs. Daron accompanied her as far as Portland, where they visited Mrs. Daron's two brothers who reside in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Daron are well known in Medford, being former residents there. Mr. Daron has been driver for the Medford Domestic Laundry for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Fish of North Talent were over to Watt Beebe's last Sunday. Mr. Beebe is one of the many poultry fanciers of the valley, and has about fifteen hundred eggs set. Mr. Beebe has a very fine strain of White Leghorns, which he has been breeding up on his own selections for several years. His pullets were laying the largest eggs I have seen in any flock when I visited his yards last fall.

Denn Salfmarsh has gone to Butte Falls to work in a saw mill.

Jim Reynolds is on a business trip to Kirk, Klamath county.

Chas. Dunford and Harold Crump were callers in Medford and vicinity Thursday.

Cy Combest and Mark Forrest are busy getting ready to put a saw mill on Little Applegate above Buncom. We are sure glad to know we are to have lumber in this section.

Miss Burr, county supervisor, was a visitor at our school, Friday.

Tom Colbert has returned home, after spending the winter on Butte Creek. There is quite an excitement over the discovery of a platinum mine on the head waters of the Applegate below Wagner Gap.

Corra Crump spent several days in Medford last week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ewing.

TOM MOONEY IS WINNER IN STOCK JUDGING, R. RIVER

ROGUE RIVER, Feb. 20.—Last Saturday, February 16th, was a day full of events for all persons in Rogue River and the surrounding community. The stock and poultry show, together with the domestic science display was the attraction. At 10 o'clock in the morning about thirty head of stock was brought in by the farmers and was on display in the old Neathamer building. The poultry, consisting of about twenty-five coops, was on display at the community hall. As stated before, no awards of prizes would be made, but prizes would be given the students of the public schools for the best ability in judging stock. At 1 o'clock in the afternoon Mr. Howell, county agent for Josephine county, had the stock divided into two classes consisting, first, four dairy cows; second, four yearling heifers. The students were divided into three divisions consisting of the high school, first division; seventh and eighth grades, second division; fifth and sixth grades, third division, and in addition thereto there was a free-for-all contest in the judging. Each student was given a card and number, and to eliminate all guess work, they were required to give their reasons for placing the animals. Mr. Howell placed the animals and the one who came nearest his judgment received the prize. In the free-for-all, the contestant could receive a possible three hundred points. Tom Mooney took first place in this contest, scoring 273 points and was awarded a prize of \$15; Keith Striker scored 267 points and received a prize of \$11. This money is to be paid to them upon condition that they attend the summer school session at Corvallis in June for a period of two weeks, and this money is sufficient to pay all their expenses while there. In the high school division the contestants ranked in the following order: First, Ted Striker, \$2; second, Lloyd Beers, \$1.25; third, Richard Scott, 75c; fourth, Dwight Horton, 50c. Seventh and eighth grades: First grade, Chester Diess, \$2; second, Lester Pickett, \$1.25; third, Lloyd Milton, 75c; fourth, Jack Dressell, 50c. Fifth and sixth grades: First, John Pickett, \$2; second, Burwell O'Kelly, \$1.25; third, Norman Brashear, 75c. The students manifested much interest in this work and surprising ability was shown by most of them, special mention being made of Keith Striker, a boy eleven years old, who won second in the free-for-all.

The poultry exhibit was a revelation to all who witnessed this display, it being manifested that the farmers in this section are not satisfied with raising anything but the best. Thos. Galigher had charge of this exhibit. The crowd then met at the community hall and listened to some very interesting and instructive talks by Mr. Cate, county agent for Jackson county; Mr. Howell, county agent for Josephine county; Mr. Moss, club leader for Jackson county; Mr. Love, Mr. Frohbach and Mr. Foster also entertained with good talks. The people then visited the high school and viewed the display of sewing by the pupils of the domestic science department. All were unanimous in voicing their opinion in favor of the fine work done by the pupils of this department and their teacher, Miss Irene Anderson, is entitled to great credit for the success she has attained with the students along this line. There were no prizes offered for best work in sewing, but prizes were given for the best ability in judging this work. Miss Carroll, home economics teacher of Medford high school, graded the work of the students, and the students then were permitted to grade themselves, the ones coming nearest to Miss Carroll's judgment receiving the prizes. They were divided into two divisions, the advanced or first division and the first year or second division. The winners were as follows: Advances, first, Miss Margaret Gray \$3; second, Ruth Pickett, \$2; third, Florence White \$1. First year, Bernice Clugston \$3; second, Mary Laws \$2; third, Violet Cochran \$1.

In the evening Mr. Bell of Gold Hill gave a nice talk on "Community Spirit" and encouraged the boys and girls along the line of raising stock by making the statement that his bank would finance any boy or girl who wanted to take up the raising of stock. "We are always glad to have Mr. Bell with us as he brings us out in many ways. He was followed by Mr. Simmons, secretary of the Grants Pass chamber of commerce, and while he is a new man in this community, he left the impression of a fellow that one would like to become better acquainted with. After Mr. Simmons, Mr. Ted Cramer gave an individual talk which was enjoyed by all; the young folks all knowing Ted, want him to come again. After these talks the audience was very enjoyably entertained with a reading by Mrs. W. H. Sparks entitled "The Farmer's Life." This was a humorous selection and very appropriate for the occasion. Mr. Howell then awarded the prizes won during the day. The ladies had all brought their boxes daintily and artistically decorated and they were arranged in a tasteful manner upon the stage. Mr. Culy of the Medford Poultry association, Mr. Brommer of the Jackson County Farm Bureau, and Mr. Knight, representative of the Crown Flour Mills at Medford, acted as judges in determining the prize boxes.

At this point in the program we were entertained by the Nelson orchestra of Grants Pass. They volunteered their services and the music they rendered was as high-class as anything we have heard for some time. Bobby Nelson, the violinist, rendered a solo by request, and it was so well received that it was hard for the young man to get away.

Then followed the sale of boxes. Edwin C. Browne, ex-superintendent of the Rogue River schools, now at Yreka, was generous enough to come here at his own expense and act as auctioneer, and the fine results of the sale were largely due to his efforts, which netted \$93. The prize box was furnished by Mrs. Wm. Lee Gray and sold for \$12.50.

While many of the citizens of the community assisted in this stock and poultry show, the success of the same was largely due to the tireless work and efforts of Messrs. A. R. Brashear and E. R. Carter, and it has proven beyond doubt that such events are beneficial and helpful and that this exhibit is a forerunner of a larger and better show next year. The management of the stock and poultry show wish to thank Messrs. Earhart, Sams and Whipple, members of the school board, for their generous attitude in providing the necessary money for prizes.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Civic Improvement club will take the form of a special entertainment next Friday evening given to the members and their husbands at the home of Mrs. A. B. Brashear. The hostesses are, Mesdames Brashear, James Martin and Clark.

From authoritative information, we are confident that before long the Ancient River Mining and Milling company will resume operations. Mr. Ross Dull, manager of the plant, has been working along different lines and he thinks substantial backing will be forthcoming very soon.

Three teams from this school, consisting of the first team, grade team, and girls' team, played basket ball at Central Point last Friday. Our high school first team won by a score of 14 to 5, while the girls team and grade team were defeated 19 to 23 and 9 to 13 respectively. On Wednesday night here with three similar teams and our players at that time expect revenge.

The Ladies' Circle of the Hope Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. Langworthy last Friday afternoon, and after a profitable business session, an enjoyable social hour was spent.

Ernest Jacobson of this city is enjoying a visit with his mother from Alaska whom he has not seen for several years.

Prof. Langworthy received a telegram from Arcade, Calif., that the Rogue River high school basketball team has been selected as the contestant representing southern Oregon at a tournament of eight teams to be held at that place soon. Our team won the cup last year, and if they are successful this year, they will be entitled to retain the trophy. We do not consider our team quite as strong as it was last year, but the boys are developing into two strong guards, equal, we think, to those of last year. Lloyd Beers is coming along fine as center, but as this is his first year, he cannot be expected to line up with players of more extended experience.

W. L. Crissey of Gladolias Farm, Boring, Oregon, was a recent caller at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones of Rogue River. Mr. Crissey was an old neighbor of the Jones family near Bull Run, Oregon.

Monday of last week, the new flag floated from the new flag pole; the school lined up at the beginning of the morning session on the grounds near the flag pole and sang America while the flag boys hoisted Old Glory to the breeze and after singing repeated the pledge and saluted the flag.

State Superintendent Carter visited the school last Thursday. Mr. Churchill checked the library and science apparatus, after which he made a very interesting talk to the high school.

Mrs. McKee and Miss Beebe visited the Ashland schools last Friday. Teachers of the grades are requested by the county school superintendent to visit some other school once each year.

Earl Woolridge, one of the high school boys, was out all week nursing a case of measles.

John Rice, who had a severe case of cold, is back in school working hard; this is John's last year in high school.

Violet Loesch has also been on the sick list for a few days. Violet is a junior this year.

Earl is from Missouri Flat, John is from Ruch, and Violet is from Provolt.

A program is being prepared for Washington's birthday. The program will be rendered at eleven o'clock in the morning.

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Misses Eva and Minnie Poley, Isabelle Silver, Esther Counter and Raymond Carson left early Thursday morning for Corvallis where they will attend the conference which is being held there Friday and Saturday. Five students from each high school will attend this conference, which will show what is being done by the different departments in this college.

John Galley will represent the high school in the public speaking contest there, altho he did not go up in the car with the rest of the delegates. He made the trip by train after the debate held at Grants Pass that evening.

George A. Briscoe also left on the same train for Corvallis. They will all return sometime Sunday afternoon. Reports on the conference will be given Monday in the high school assembly.

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Introductory, Fred C. Homes.
Greetings from the Medford chamber of commerce, Pres. B. E. Harder; Grants Pass chamber of commerce, Pres. O. S. Blanchard; Yreka chamber of commerce, Pres. O. G. Steel.
"The Traveler—Now and Then," Arthur Foster, Portland.
"My Country and My State," Irving E. Vining.
Piano solo, Imogene Wallace.
"Four Years of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce," J. H. Fugler.
"The Women—Yesterday and Today," Mrs. W. G. Crandall.
"The Spirit of '76 Up to Date," the Lithians, V. D. Miller.
"The Press—1776-1924," L. B. Tuttle.
"The Kivanians and the Flag," H. G. Enders, Jr.
Vocal selection, Mrs. L. N. Woodside.
The D. A. R., "Daughters of the American Revolution," Mrs. Gordon McCracken.
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"The Patriot Today," Judge C. M. Thomas.

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GOLD HILL WILL HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION MAR. 4

GOLD HILL, Feb. 22.—(Special.) The city council have called a special election to be held March 4, 1924 for the purpose of amending the city charter to embrace in the city limits the premises recently purchased with the local power plant. The tract is contiguous with the city on the north and consists of 120 acres with a river frontage from the Pacific highway bridge across Rogue river to above the diverting works on the west side of the river, a distance of three-fourths of a mile. The tract is being surveyed and platted and will be known as "Water Park Addition" to Gold Hill. The tract on the flat with a river frontage extending from the bridge to the old flouring mill site will be platted for factory sites, while the balance above the power site will be utilized for city park purposes and reserved. The tract takes in the old High Line Ditch tract which is adapted to and graded for a highway which makes it a slightly boulevard several hundred feet above the city and well watered with flowing springs of sparkling cold water.

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