

BERRY GROWING OPPORTUNITIES IN EDEN V. DISTRICT

By Mary O. Carey.
Eden Precinct, June 17.—(Special.) There are many persons who have already purchased small tracts in our valley, and there are hundreds more who are here, or coming with a few to purchasing places. Now the question arises, what to raise on these small places to make them pay? No one would think of grain as a crop, and not all can garden. There is a crop which can be grown on thin land and made to pay. This is berries.

The raspberry, for instance, is one of the best to grow. There are a number of small tracts of this fruit in bearing in Phoenix and the surrounding country west of Phoenix. This land has never been considered real garden land. At least not like the Bear creek bottom. But it is ideal for berries of all kinds. The water has made it possible to grow them on any of the so-called light soils. I visited several of the patches in Phoenix and on one plot, some a two-year vine gave me a surprise. They were literally loaded with the largest berries I have ever seen. The two-year vines are a wonder. Now I know from actual experience that berries can be made to pay \$800 per acre. C. Carey has a certificate for the gold medal, won at the Portland fair in the year 1909, when he grew berries, all kinds of them except strawberries, which do not do well on bottom or loam soil, it being too cold.

Another thing in favor of the berries is that as soon as the fruit thins out in over the women and girls can help to harvest the berries. One feature alone will make this crop a success, and that is to raise in sufficient quantity to be able to ship if the local markets should not absorb the entire crop; a thing not likely. Again the berry growing does not hinder the grower from keeping his chickens and cows, in fact the chickens are a necessity in the berry fields until the fruit is set, then after the harvest they can be turned in again. I will not attempt to give figures on the land per acre, for the three paying commodities are properly cared for.

Phoenix held their regular school meeting Monday afternoon; the most harmonious meeting of the kind ever held in this district. The entire number of patrons of the school seemed agreed upon the new director to be elected, Judge Barnes of Phoenix being the favorite. The clerk of the district was requested to cast the unanimous ballot, as there was no one else nominated, although several other candidates had been talked of before the meeting was called. The present board read a most satisfactory report of the year's financial dealings. It was also found that the Phoenix school was second in the county in percentage.

A report was read from the county school superintendent giving the percentages of failures, conditioned pupils and passed pupils in the eighth grades of the county as a result of the state eighth grade examinations held last month.

In the six high school centers having four or more grade teachers, which includes the schools at Rogue River, Gold Hill, Central Point, Jacksonville, Talent and Phoenix the average percent passed was 42.5 percent; average condition, 26.4 per cent; average failed 31 per cent.

From the above county results our county superintendent says "we are led to believe that the examinations were more difficult for our pupils than usual."

It was also gratifying to note from the clerk's report that \$915 had been paid on the debt outstanding against our district, leaving to date a balance of \$3900 school bonds and \$3400 gymnasium warrants outstanding.

S. S. Stevens retires from the school board, after filling the office of school director almost continuously for eighteen years. A vote of thanks is due him for his faithful service. He has given, ungrudgingly of his time and efforts during a period when too many of us were so engrossed in our own affairs we had little thought for our public school system.

Our schools are to be a success and a credit to our community some of us must assume the responsibility, which often entails a vast amount of work and frequently much worry.

During the past year our school board has held twenty-three meetings, which means the members have given twenty-three evenings of their time, besides making numerous visitations to the schools while in session.

Mr. Stevens has served faithfully and to the best of his ability, and we, as a community, are not ungrateful even if suitable resolutions were not adopted at our annual meeting.

Announcement has been made by Mr. Williams of Williams Implement company of this city that this firm has been selected as agent for the complete line of well-known Fairbanks-Morse products. Engines and pumps of every description have been stocked here, making one of the most comprehensive stocks in this part of Oregon. In addition to the Fairbanks-Morse line of gasoline engines, Williams Implement company have a supply of electric motors in stock.

Everything in the line of farm machinery is the specialty of this firm and the stock at the main office on Bartlett street and at Williams' warehouse represent everything from centrifugal pumps to windmills.

Father and Son's Banquet, Masonic Hall, 6:30, Thursday, June 18.

ASHLAND CHURCHES MAY ESTABLISH RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

ASHLAND, June 16.—Ashland will have weekday schools of religion if the plans are carried out that were started at last night's meeting at which representatives from ten of the churches in Ashland met at the Congregational church and organized the Ashland Weekly Religious School Board. The officers chosen were: President, Rev. W. J. Oldfield; vice president, Dr. G. W. Gregg; secretary, W. M. Wright. Each of the churches were represented by its pastor and one lay member. The Congregational, Christian, Baptist, Baptist, Inc., Catholic, Christian Science, Free Methodist, Methodist Episcopal, Nazarene, and Presbyterian made up the group whose delegates were present at this meeting. The board organized will act in an official way between the religious interests of the community and the board of education, which will be petitioned to permit the establishment of week-day religious schools. A request was made through Father A. J. Carmody that his church be permitted to establish a week-day school for its children.

These schools are financed by the churches concerned, but the pupil may be dismissed for one hour a week on school time with the parents' consent. It is hoped to establish two schools, one near Hawthorne and one near Junior High, for three or four grades.

The statement is made that Ashland creek is carrying more than twice as much water as last year at this date. About half the water flowing through the power house is utilized in operating the plant to capacity; this, with the Emigrant Creek dam supplying 200,000,000 gallons during the year for irrigation purposes means that Ashland will have a plentiful water supply for the coming season.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wagner with a nephew, Donald Storch, returned from a few weeks' trip to Los Angeles, where Mr. Wagner attended the Shriner's convention and where they visited with relatives and friends. Mrs. Case will remain in Los Angeles for a time. She enjoyed the motor trip and was not unduly tired when they arrived.

The following program, largely musical will be presented at the tea, given by the C. E. society of the Presbyterian church tonight. Marcus Woods will appear in clarinet solo and Chester Woods in violin solo, accompanied by Miss Marion Leach. Miss Florence Allen, but lately returned from Visalia, Calif., will sing, with Miss Evangeline Pojey at the piano. Mrs. Bertha Lund will read as will Miss Evelyn Taylor. The Misses Madge and Marie Mitchell will appear in piano duet; Herbert Carey will sing "The Elfman," accompanied by Doris Hitchcock and the Misses Marion Leach and Lorraine Brookmiller each will give a piano solo making a program of unusual merit. Tea will be served from a beautifully arranged tea table at which the Misses Helen Detrick and Edith Plummer will pour. Dorothy Perkins roses will be used in the decorations, which are planned very artistically. Guests bring their ages in coins to be used for the convention fund.

Mrs. Lyle Fountain Rodehammell and little daughter Ann of Oakland, California arrived yesterday for an extended visit at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Ann H. Russell and other relatives in Ashland.

L. E. Boak, head consul of the Woodmen of the World, will visit Ashland tomorrow. He is the guest of the Chamber of Commerce, speaking at the forum luncheon at Hotel Ashland. Mr. Boak is accompanied by Mrs. Boak. They are entertained by Phoenix tonight and on Thursday by Grants Pass. Mr. Boak is looking over this territory to select a place to select a place to hold the 1928 head camp session of the Woodmen of the World.

Malcolm Parker and his sister, Miss May Parker of San Diego, who are enjoying a motor trip, will be in Ashland tomorrow. They have been taking innumerable trips while the guests of the Aaron Andrews family. They will visit the D. W. Wheeler family and Mrs. Mary L. Mathews of Medford for a time, arriving Tuesday. They hope to get to Crater and Diamond lakes trips while here. Mr. and Mrs. Parker are cousins of the Andrews family.

At the last meeting of the Missionary society of the Christian church Mrs. Fannie Cooper was elected president; Mrs. Flora Putnam vice president; Mrs. R. L. Burdick, Jr., secretary and Mrs. Delpha Bryant, treasurer.

Mrs. A. Richey and children of Auburn, Wash., will spend the summer in Ashland and Medford, the guest of relatives. Mrs. Richey is the sister of Mrs. Frank Shafer of Ashland.

Mrs. Bertha Denton and little sons left for Berkeley, where the summer will be spent. Mrs. Denton is school nurse for Ashland and Medford and she will attend the summer course at the university.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Yeo, Miss Bernice Yeo, Everett Yeo and Miss Caroline Tilton returned from Eugene Monday evening. Miss Yeo received the Bachelor of Music degree at graduation. She will attend summer school in Los Angeles, preparatory to taking up her work in the Santa Ana schools in September.

On Friday, June 19, Miss Bernice Haight and Miss Lollita Pierson will present their pupils in a joint recital at the home of Miss Haight at 2:30 o'clock.

Husband Accuses U. S. Movie Star



Carlyle Blackwell, U. S. movie star who has been appearing in British productions for some time, is blamed for the marital troubles of Alfred Haxton, London business man in obtaining a divorce. Haxton said his wife and Blackwell occupied the same rooms for some time.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT I. O. O. F. HALL TOMORROW NIGHT

The Medford lodge of Odd Fellows and all the branches of the order will hold annual memorial services at the I. O. O. F. hall tomorrow evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. The canton members will attend in uniform. The ritualistic form for these ceremonies is always impressive and interesting. Added features which will make the program unusually attractive will be singing by the Odd Fellows quartet and an address by Rev. J. B. Coan.

The local lodge last night enjoyed a visitation from several members of the order now attending the national guard encampment, among them being Past Grand Master Aschm of Tillamook who gave a short but interesting talk on matters pertaining to Odd Fellowship. An invitation has been issued to all Odd Fellow members of the national guard to be present at the memorial services.

Camp Jackson Must Have 15 Head Riding Horses

They are short 12 or 15 head of saddle horses for officers at Camp Jackson and it is very necessary to have them at once. They will be given the best of care by experienced horsemen, will be well fed, and their use liberally paid for.

Medford and this valley cannot afford to fall down on so small a thing as furnishing a few horses.

Don't let George do it, but if you have a horse either take him out to camp, or phone No. 4, which is camp headquarters, or to Capt. Ralph Cowgill, 1089.

A Noble Outcast At Armory Friday

L. C. Larter presents "A Noble Outcast" in the Armory at Medford, June 19 and 20. This play has, ever since its first production proven a most successful drama. It enjoyed a long run in England and has delighted audiences in New York, Chicago and the principal cities of this country.

The author now for the first time allows "A Noble Outcast" to be printed from the original manuscript. The play is founded on an older piece, "Joerisse the Juggler," which has been practically obsolete for many years. In the whole range of the drama there is no character to be found with such power to compel alternate laughter and tears as is shown by Jerry the Tramp. The dramatic interest is intense, the appeal to the sympathy of the human heart powerful, and the comedy is as refined," says Mr. Larter.

There will be no charge to those attending and it is the hope of the organization that a representative attendance of Medford people will be on hand to give the visiting soldier boys real evidence of Medford hospitality.

CRATER-KIWANIS DANCE FOR O. N. G. AT NAT. TONIGHT

The dance to be given tonight by the Crater and Kiwanis clubs in honor of the Oregon National Guardsmen will be held at the Oriental ballroom at the Natatorium starting promptly at 8 p. m., as the guardsmen must return to the camp by 11:30.

Wives of the Craters and Kiwanians will act as patronesses and members of the two organizations will serve as floor committeemen, and assist in the entertainment.

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THE "SHOW OFF" SPLENDID COMEDY

The author of "The Show Off" belongs to the less cynical type of the American playwright, who believes that the average theater goer will patronize able dramas.

Experienced as a successful dramatist for vaudeville audiences, Mr. Kelly might well have been apprehensive that his work might not be understood by those who attend legitimate theaters. It is therefore not to be wondered at that, while preserving his general integrity as a competent artist, he has inflated the principal character of "The Show Off" so even a first nighter may enjoy it.

Aubrey Piper, the clean smart-Aleck in "The Show Off" is a caricature, if not a burlesque of a familiar type. Whereas all the other people in the play are scrupulous representations of life, Aubrey is an amusing and a venal artificiality. His shallow laughter is a note too loud, his unnecessary toupee too obvious, his general behavior too pronounced to belong to what Mr. Kelly calls "A transcript of life." He is an overblown harlequin in an everyday tragedy. Yet without his excesses "The Show Off" would not be the "hit" that it is.

At Craterian theater tomorrow (Thursday) evening.

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