

MORE BERRIES; LESS ACREAGE

More berries are being sent out from Hood River this week, the height of the berry season, than were shipped at the same period last year, notwithstanding a 30 per cent decrease in the total acreage.

Between 7000 and 8000 crates were shipped Monday night, and even more Tuesday night.

Early in the season, Manager Shepard of the Fruit Growers' union estimated the crop at 75,000 crates. Many considered this too high an estimate, but indications are this will be slightly exceeded.

Mr. Davidson of the Davidson Fruit Co. says orders for crates are coming in faster than his factory can meet the demand.

Portland box factories are kept busy manufacturing crates for the Hood River berry growers.

Early in the season, when Mr. Davidson solicited orders for crates, the growers underestimated their crop, and failed to make their crate orders large enough.

The early patches along the Columbia and at White Salmon are nearing the end of the season, while in the foothills the berries are just getting plentiful.

As work grows scarcer in the early patches, the pickers move up the valley to the later plantations. Pickers are making good wages this season.

13 Cars of Berries Tuesday Night.

Thirteen full cars of strawberries left Hood River Tuesday night, the largest shipment ever made in the history of the berry business in Hood River.

The days have been very warm this week, with cool evenings. Tuesday night there was a refreshing shower.

CAROLINA BERRY LOSS IS \$600,000

Strawberry growers of North Carolina declare they have lost \$600,000 this year because the railroads failed to furnish sufficient refrigerator cars to transport the fruit to the markets.

The loss of strawberry growers on the undelivered crop grows larger daily. Growers have filed claims amounting to \$250,000, and the Observer of this city places the loss at \$600,000.

Delay in delivering strawberries by the express companies in Kansas City is causing heavy losses to growers in that section.

Some Newberry berries sold at \$2.50 and \$3 a case, but the bulk of choice fruit went at \$1.50 to \$1.75. The first shipment of Missouri strawberries left Sarcoxie on the 3d, the earliest date in the history of the industry.

WHITE SALMON.

The planting mill owned by McCoy & Thomas, is shut down for a few days on account of the berry season.

C. W. Chapman is running the barber shop now. He has his residence converted into a modern first-class shop and is enjoying a splendid patronage.

Mrs. George Matthews and her daughter, Mrs. Mattie Morgan of Gilliam county, are guests at the home of Frank Unshaker.

A social dance was given Saturday evening in the hall. All had a splendid time, and it is the intention to give another party this week Saturday.

Mrs. A. Henderson, made a business trip to The Dalles, on Friday.

Miss Hilda Rankin of Goldenblade, is the guest of her brother, W. W. Rankin. Miss Rankin is teacher in the public schools, and will remain in the valley during her vacation.

The hay bales are now in evidence. The harvest has commenced in earnest on the first crop. Last year J. A. Henderson secured five crops, and the first crop were interbedded by high water.

CRAM TO INCREASE HIS CAPITAL STOCK

As a result of F. A. Cram's recent trip to Eastern Oregon, he has concluded to incorporate his popular business with a large working capital and will carry on a general business making such changes in his present system as seem best.

The new company will do business on a much larger scale than Mr. Cram's capital would permit him. New departments will be added, and such improvements made as the people of Hood River will greatly appreciate.

Mr. Cram means what he says, every word of it. The bargains he offers are unparalleled. Make a visit to his store and see for yourself.

Was Patient Sufferer to the Last. Earl Simonton, who died at his home in Hood River, Wednesday morning, May 24, was born at Richfield, Ohio, October 28, 1873.

He was therefore, 31 years, six months and 26 days old at the time of his death. His illness began with pneumonia and measles. During the last eight months of his illness he was unable to be out of bed.

Mr. Simonton spent his boyhood days in Ohio. From Ohio he moved to Colorado in 1890. He became a member of the Christian church in 1895. He was married to Miss Florence Abbot at Trinidad, Colo., in 1901, and immediately moved to Canyon City.

Mr. Simonton did a great deal of contracting, his father and brother working with him. In Canyon City he superintended the construction of about 80 houses. With 20 men under his direction he had at one time as high as 12 houses under course of construction.

He was not only an excellent carpenter, but an architect of no mean ability, as a number of tasteful, well arranged houses in Hood River and vicinity give evidence. He drew some of his best plans when near the end of his earthly career.

The deceased leaves a devoted wife, a father, a sister and two brothers to mourn his departure. His mother and his wife's mother both passed away about one year ago. An infant child was laid away in April, 1903, and a second man has gone to his eternal reward.

Death of James Graham. James Graham, an old and highly respected resident of Hood River, died at his home in Hood River, Saturday morning, at the ripe age of 81 years, 2 months and 16 days.

Deceased was born in the Isle of Guernsey, March 11, 1824. When 23 years of age he crossed the Atlantic for the United States, and became a resident of Racine, Wis., where he was married to Margaret Tustevin. Later he resided in Chicago.

In 1884, with his family, he came to Oregon, and for a number of years lived in the upper Hood River valley. About nine years ago he sold his farm there and moved to Hood River, where his latter days were spent in peace and quiet.

Mr. Graham was a most loyal and highly respected citizen, a kind and considerate neighbor, an affectionate husband and dutiful father. Although his death was expected in the deep but mellow twilight of his yet his loving and benign presence will be greatly missed. Of him it may be said, Truly, a good and noble man has gone to his well-earned reward.

Funeral services were conducted at the family residence Monday morning by Rev. J. L. Herdner, assisted by Rev. W. C. Gilmore. Burial was made at Idlewild cemetery.

He is survived by a wife and five children. They are A. J. Graham, G. W. Graham and Mrs. G. E. Williams, of Hood River; Mrs. W. B. Furb, of Chicago, and Mrs. C. A. Bartch, of Calgary, Canada. The children were all present except Mrs. Bartch.

Death of J. M. Perkins. J. M. Perkins, the old soldier who was sent to the soldiers' home at Roseburg last winter, died there Sunday, May 23. Funeral services were conducted at the M. E. church in this city Tuesday, with appropriate military services at the grave in Idlewild cemetery.

James Monroe Perkins was born at Salisbury, N. C., August 22, 1832. He was married to Miss Dannie Sorrel about one year before the breaking out of the civil war, when he enlisted in the 53d Kentucky, serving through out the rebellion.

Comrade Perkins is survived by a wife, eight children and 29 grandchildren. The children are Mary Elsie Loser of Salt Lake, Phoebe Ann Bepp and Nettie May Hucker of Hood River. Two sons reside in Idaho, two in Wyoming and one in Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins were both members of the Methodist church, having united with this denomination at Salt Lake 12 years ago.

CASCADE LOCKS. We are having very pleasant weather. Hood River strawberries are coming in slowly. N. D. Sanford went to Hood River, Monday to secure a supply for the local market.

A. Conner went to White Salmon Monday to look after his berry crop there. Dr. Shrouder is repairing his drug store.

H. L. Osborn, our hotel man, is doing a good business, and feels satisfied that he is located in a good town. School closed here last week, and Mr. Isenberg and Miss Cramer left the following day for Hood River. Mr. Isenberg is in the employ of the Fruit Growers' Union there.

IN MEMORY OF SOLDIER DEAD

play soldiers on the field of life. It is easy to be brave at a distance from the smell of powder, but hard to be brave at the call of right. All to soon will come the final taps—lights are out, and the flag is lowered.

"We live today not by the survival of the fittest, but by their sacrifice. The country was purchased in their blood. And so we lay laurel wreaths on the graves of our honored dead."

"On a battle field in the South, a young soldier lay dying. His comrades slowly and sadly laid him down, thinking that he no more would wake. Straightening himself out, he said: 'Listen comrades, don't you hear it? Hear the call of the roll of high? Then with joyful cry he answered: 'Jesus, captain, here am I.'"

"Always faithful" is a motto written on a tombstone in the sunny South, erected over the grave of a hero. It describes all true soldiers, whether in times of war or peace.

Rev. Mr. Chambers, relieved in brief the gist of his remarks and closed with that line from Kipling's recollections: "Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet; let us not forget; let us not forget."

Cast Flowers on the Water. School children, members of Canby post, G. A. R. and women of the Relief corps gathered at the Grand Army hall at 10:30 Tuesday morning, and marched to the county bridge over Hood River, where flowers were cast upon the water in memory of the soldier dead.

On arriving at the bridge, the gathering sang "Nearer My God to Thee," after which Mrs. A. S. Blowers, commander of the relief corps, took charge of the ritual work for the occasion. This was followed by a prayer by Mrs. Hansberry, chaplain of the corps.

The first stanza of America was sung by the assembly, and prayer was offered by Rev. W. C. Gilmore of the Congregational church. Commander Phelps of the Grand Army post delivered a short address and cast a wreath of flowers upon the water. The school children then cast bouquets of choice roses and flowers on the waters of Hood River, repeating in concert the following lines: "O, heroes of the ocean deep, With hearts so brave and true: With flags and flowers and memories, We will remember you."

The last verse of America was sung, and a benediction rendered by Rev. Mr. Gilmore. A return march was made to the Grand Army hall, when lunch was eaten, and the exercises of Memorial day continued at Idlewild cemetery.

Decorate Graves of Blue and Grey. The funeral of the old soldier, James M. Perkins, was held on Memorial day at the M. E. church. Rev. W. C. Evans preaching a very appropriate and touching sermon. The pall bearers were all old soldiers, members of Canby Post, G. A. R. At the grave in Idlewild cemetery Canby post conducted the services.

The members of the post and Relief corps gathered at the grave of their late comrade, Daniel Clough, where the regular memorial services of the day were conducted, and there the graves of every old soldier, including two confederates, were decorated with flowers by the post and corps.

The attendance at the cemetery was the smallest ever witnessed in Idlewild cemetery on memorial day.

CRAPPER.

Rev. W. L. Dillinger of Centerville, Wash., accompanied by his wife and son, visited old friends in this neighborhood a few days last week. He was pastor of the Methodist church here last year and was heartily welcomed by his former parishioners. He preached at the Crapper on Monday evening.

Professor Arneson is building a new packing house. Elders Smith and Jackson of the M. E. church were visitors in this neighborhood on Monday of this week.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Vannaudale that was reported on the sick list last week is improving. Miss Goldie Jones of Hood River attended the Sunday school here last Sunday.

The little white tents of the strawberry pickers are in evidence again.

Norman Williams Must Hang. The Oregon supreme court has denied Norman Williams a rearing because that body, and unless the governor exercises his pardoning power the convicted murderer of the Nesbitt women in the upper Hood River valley is a doomed man.

When the news was received by Williams it is said he straightened up for a moment, folded his arms, as is his wont, and was silent for a time, but no visible change was noticed. When he spoke it was not ready to make a statement, he answered: "Not yet, I may say something later. I do not want to talk to any one now."

He spoke in a kindly way, and then in a few moments walked to his cell. It now remains for Judge Bradshaw to re-sentence him, which it is likely will be done when the court convenes in adjourned session. Thirty days from that time Williams must hang in the yard at the county court house.

Beyond question, Williams has anticipated for several days what the decision of the Supreme court would be, for he has been arranging to make disposition of his real property and personal effects. Monday he requested County Clerk Bolton to prepare a deed to three lots he owns in Bellingham, Wash., leaving the name of the grantee blank. This Williams informed the County Clerk he would fill in and sign before the day of execution, provided the Supreme Court did not interfere.

So far, Williams is maintaining the coolness with which he had demeaned himself ever since his conviction, and is perfectly resigned to his fate, though to those with whom he will converse he insists that he is innocent. Lately he has been conversing with Father Desmarais, Catholic priest, to whom no doubt he has made a confession, if so, he will not likely tell anyone else of the crime for which he must now hang. He will probably go to the gallows with the story of the murder of Alma Nesbitt and her mother a secret known only to him and his confessor.

Captures Chicken in the Flume. A fat young chicken came sailing down the big irrigating flume at S. D. Garner's place one day this week. The fowl was captured by Mrs. Metel Remice, one of the berry pickers of Mr. Garner, and will be taken to the lady's home in Portland as a souvenir of her outing in the berry patches of Hood River.

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