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FRUIT INDUSTRY.

Oregonians have long clung to the notion that fruit does not well west of the Cascades. Climatic conditions, they argue, make it unprofitable to plant orchards, and so, as a people, they are content to go east of the mountains for their pears, apples and peaches.

Scattered around Cascade Locks there are numerous old fruit trees. These trees have probably never been sprayed, and yet they are bearing down with fruit.

Cherries, certain varieties of apples, prunes and plums bear in abundance.

Strawberries probably do as well in the Columbia Gorge as anywhere in the world. The strawberry requires and demands plenty of moisture and its requirements are met in this district.

Mrs. E. Finlay, manager of the Craigmot hotel, will pick splendid crops of English walnuts and almonds from trees growing on the property which she has under control.

Many other instances could be cited as proof that highly profitable crops of fruit can be grown throughout the Bonneville Dam area. The district has never been developed because no local market existed. With a market at hand and the people of this section profitably employed there appears to be no reason, except lack of interest, for the fruit crops to be longer neglected.

With proper organization, the berry industry could be developed to a point during the next three years where it would sustain a considerable population.

It is a commonly recognized fact that the only payroll in this territory at the present time will cease to exist with completion of the dam in 1937.

These three years must be profitably employed in developing new industries if real estate values are to be sustained and men are to find other gainful employment after the dam has become a reality.

We believe a pulp and paper industry will grow up in Cascade Locks. And we believe the town can attract other industries if it will study conditions and set out to sell its advantages.

But no country that is wholly dependent upon industry can maintain a balanced economic life. Agriculture is essential to this district. Agricultural lands are limited and should be used to advantage.

Almonds, walnuts and strawberries yield larger returns from a small acreage than a majority of other crops grown in Oregon. If idle land could be utilized and put to work now while the owners have employment and are not de-

pendent upon the harvest from their berry fields and orchards, the time would come when the crops would pay large dividends.

Much information on air currents, frost belts and soils could be gathered by the Chamber of Commerce. This information is of vital importance, and could be supplemented and built up by the state agricultural college.

FIRE PROTECTION.

The days continue to flit past without any outward effort being made in the direction of setting up fire protection for Cascade Locks.

Insurance rates continue high, and under no circumstances, can compensate for losses which would result if another disastrous fire were to sweep the town.

Two weeks ago we called attention to the necessity for a hose cart, adequate hose, mains, a fire bell, a volunteer fire department and a physical connection between the government's water main and the 4-inch line which is being installed by A. W. Meyer.

As yet no one has come forward with a suggestion as to means of meeting the expense of acquiring fire protection. We are of the opinion that enough people believe the subject sufficiently serious to warrant calling of a public meeting, where the matter can be threshed out in public and a program adopted.

ON SECOND THOUGHT

From all appearances, speed limits in Cascade Locks have been reduced. They are going through now at only 55 miles per hour.

And now President Roosevelt is calling for all the silver in the country. We don't know who has it, but we might hazard a guess it isn't in the hands of the waitresses of the Dam area.

A big religious meeting was just held in Portland. All citizens of the metropolis had a chance to be good for nothing.

And soon the football season will be with us, accompanied by the usual broken noses, black eyes, etc. But we still have Saturday night.

Quite a number of new residences are being built in the new Hyde Park section of Cascade Locks. We hope nothing like the "Cotter's Saturday Night" will develop from it.

Mill to Open August 20

The Dalles—The Western Pine Lumber Company, which has purchased the building formerly occupied by the Libby, McNeill & Libby cannery here, will start operations August 20. It is announced by C. W. Daugh, president. Only box shooks will be manufactured at first, Daugh said. Employment will be provided for approximately 150 persons when the mill reaches capacity, Daugh said.

Mill Nearing Completion

Baker—Work on the new 100-ton flotation mill of the Balm Creek Gold Mining company near Keating is progressing rapidly, John Arthur, manager, reported. The modern milling plant is designed to treat from 100 to 150 tons of ore a day. All the grading has been completed and a large part of the frame work of the building is now finished. A new gold district in the county will be opened up on its completion.

THE FLY.

A patient man am I,
But, "Dang" that pesky Fly!
He made me glower,
He hovered there
Around my hair,
Like a bee upon a flower,
Listless waving of my hand
The brute refused to heed,
I soon perceived that I would need
To give my swipes a bit more speed;
One can't allow a Fly to feed
On one's ears by the hour,
Muttering, I closed my book,
Which firmly in my hand I took,
And rising from my chair to look
For him until I got him,
I searched the room, both low and high,
To find that bitin' fightin' Fly,
Resolved that he should quickly die,
Providing I could swat him.

The window wears an empty sash;
The chandelier is down, to smash,
My book, now literary hash—
The damage is as naugh
The wife, she moaned, "Oh! can it be,
The man has lost his sanity?
Please stop that ruse profandy!"
But vengefully I sought
She held her ears and hollered, "Quit!"
"Wait, oh! wait, I'll get the flit—"
But he who has by Fly been bit,
Mauled and tromped upon and hit;—
In truth, I barely heard her,
I muttered, "Woman stand aside,
This house with Fly I'll not divide,
Until this Fly or I have died;
No more upon my nose he'll slide—
My soul is bent on murder."

There was a Fly here in the room,
But now gone to his doom,
He chewed my ears and kicked my head,
When full of life, but now he's dead!
—Noble F. Hyde.

THE DAM BUILDERS



LIEUT. J. S. GORLINSKI,
Lieut. J. S. Gorlinski, U.S.A.,

resident engineer at the dam, was born in San Diego, Calif., and educated in the San Francisco public schools; attended the University of California; graduated from West Point in autumn of 1918; spent several months browsing about Europe in 1919. On his returned to the United States served with different regiments of the regular army until 1921, when he was appointed assistant professor of military science at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville; transferred and assigned to duty in Honolulu in 1925; transferred to Fort Dupont, Delaware, in 1928; assigned to duty in Portland in September, 1932. For a year had charge of river and harbor improvements from Portland to the sea. Appointed executive officer Bonneville dam with offices in Pittock block in August, 1933. Transferred to Bonneville with title executive officer August 1, 1934.



G. E. GOODWIN.

G. E. Goodwin, senior engineer at the dam, was born in New Hampshire; attended public schools in New England states; graduated from University of Maine, where he received his degree in civil engineering. Came west as a young man to run surveys on railroads. Returned east to complete his education. Has spent greater portion of his life in the west, and has made his home in Oregon since 1910, when he located in Portland. Has served as a civil engineer in various capacities; is a former chief engineer of the national park bureau; has served in an engineering capacity with the reclamation service; has engaged in engineering on highway and railroad construction work; was general superintendent in charge of construction of Celilo canal at The Dalles; purchased ranch home in Hood River valley six years ago; was engaged in private practice when called into government service after work was started on Bonneville dam.

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