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BLOOM AS THE ROSE

Beach Attends Annual Meeting of Editors--Represents The Lake County Examiner

HOOD RIVER AN APPLE PARADISE

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EDITOR EXAMINER:

It is not because I want to, but because I promised to write The Examiner occasionally, when leaving Lakeview, that I now attempt to tell my old readers what is doing in another part of Oregon. It is not only the wonder of Eastern visitors, but of Oregonians themselves that two extreme and entirely different climates should prevail as they do in Oregon. After twenty-three years of continuous residence in Lake and Klamath counties, I find the change in climate so much of a contrast as going from Alaska to Panama. The fact that roses bloom in the open at Portland the year around, is as much of a wonder to Lake county residents as people from Maine, and the time it requires to travel to the Oregon metropolis from either of these places is nearly the same.

As a member of the Oregon Press Association I represented The Examiner at their annual meeting, which was held at Hood River last Friday and Saturday. It was one of the most successful sessions ever held, but this does not interest Examiner readers. However, during this meeting the Hood River valley people were holding their annual Fruit Fair, which may be of interest to Horticulturists of Lake county. No doubt many Examiner readers have read accounts of this fair in the Oregonian, therefore I will only say that it was so successful that the entire exhibit of apples was purchased by the business men of Portland and the Lewis & Clark Fair Commission for \$600, and will be shipped to St. Louis to boom along Oregon's fruit exhibit at the Mississippi Exposition.

Nearly every member at the Oregon Press Association happened to be from "Missouri," and of course had to be "shown" where these fine apples came from. A ride through the beautiful Hood River Valley had previously been arranged in anticipation of their inquisitiveness, and several four-horse wagonets loaded to their capacity, started early Saturday morning on a seventeen-mile drive. The recent rains having cleared the atmosphere Mt. Hood loomed up cold and serene 25 miles away, and as we approached to within 18 miles of his majesty, it stood as a sentinel to guard the interests of Hood River valley and its thriving farmers.

None live here but he who works, as it is by the push and enterprise, and sweat of their brow that the soil is made to produce so richly. They do not live here for their health, yet it is claimed the climate is a happy medium between Eastern and Western Oregon, and is likened to the Garden of Eden. The newspaper men and ladies were royally treated by Oscar Vanderbilt and his estimable wife, at their ideal home known as Beulah Land. Apples, Pears, Peaches and Grapes, with an abundance of cider to wash it all down, tempting the palates of the sight-seers.

Another stop was made at the famous orchard and packing house of Sears & Porter. We saw trees with limbs bent to the ground with apples, which would net the grower an average of \$25 for each tree. Orchardists are so painstaking and particular in the cultivation of their farms, that weeds and pests are an unknown quantity. Last year one old-time farmer offered \$1.00 each for every weed found in his orchard. During the summer, spraying is systematic done every 15 days, and the trees and fruit are made to look nearly white, which is wiped off when packed for shipment.

Orchardists figure that a yield of 300 bushels of apples to the acre is a conservative estimate. There are now 2,800 acres planted to apples, less than one-quarter of this area representing bearing commercial orchards. The Spitzenberg and Yellow Newtown are the principal varieties planted. This year's crop now being gathered is expected to fill 75,000 bushel boxes, or 125 cars. The entire crop being contracted at \$2.10 to \$1.25 per box, according to variety. Hood River Spitzenbergs and Yellow Newtowns bring higher prices than any other apples in the United States.

Not a word has been said about the delicious strawberries, the fruit that first brought Hood River valley into prominence and made Oregon famous. The cultivation of this berry has become a science, and no detail is overlooked to bring out the best quality. The Clark's seedling strawberry, grown here to perfection, is of a rich red color and attains a firmness that permits it being shipped in an express car over 4,000 miles to the Atlantic seaboard. This year's crop of 90,000 crates netted the growers \$140,000. We didn't have the pleasure of sampling any strawberries at this time, but their reputation is so well known that nothing too good can be said of them.

Land in Hood River valley is now selling from \$100 to \$500 per acre, and those owning 100 or more acres are selling down to 10 or 20 acres, claiming that amount sufficient for one man to devote his entire attention to, and bring him in a good income. Every farm house in the valley is a modern cottage, and they are already so numerous that fifty can be counted along the road in the first three miles from the town of Hood River.

A page or two could be written about this enterprising and thrifty community, but enough has been said to give an outline, and may interest some one who is looking for just such a place.

A. Y. BEACH.

Dick Kingsley, a West Side farmer, left a sample of the product of his farm at this office last week that "beets" the beater. Stock beets measuring 26 inches long and 2 1/2 inches around, table beets measuring 2 3/4 inches around, and very large potatoes are on exhibit here. These were all raised without water. Dick says water is good for nothing but to bathe in anyway.

W. R. Heryford and Fent Smith dissolved partnership last week, Mr. Heryford retained control of the Mammoth Feed Stables. We understand that Fent will go to Surprise valley where he will go into some kind of business. Lakeview is losing a good fellow when Fent leaves.

STRAYED REPORTS

Picked up Here and There From The Latest Stock Movements Some Local Some Foreign

MANY SHEEP GO TO THE DESERT

J. W. Tucker returned last week from Klamath county where he went to take back his sheep leased to Perry McDaniel two years ago. Johnny let out 1648 head of sheep two years ago, and received 1045 last week. He says he will run his own sheep a while. He will be on the desert till after January first.

The Klamath Republican says that I. Bird, a Calif., cattle buyer has purchased 1200 of feeders from Klamath cattlemen and will ship to California for feeding.

We understand that Nally Willey has purchased the Cressler & Bonner beef cattle and the Fee cattle. We did not learn the price paid.—Cedarville Record.

Sam Harris arrived here from Marysville yesterday, and will proceed to gather up a band of horses to take to the lower country market.—Cedarville Record.

J. W. Howard has been in the Klamath Marsh country for the past week buying cattle. Chester Avery and Geo. Ranney have sold their beef to Howard, and it is reported that he has purchased several other small bunches in that vicinity.—Silver Lake Oregonian.

We understand that the Dorris Bros. have sold their horses to Green Dorris. They reserve one hundred head of horses for their own use, making the sale amount to three or four hundred head. The boys have been gathering the horses from the range this week.—Modoc Republican.

Mr. Wall of Pine Creek, sold 103 head of cattle this week, at an average price of more than \$25 per head.—Modoc Republican.

Melhase Bros. took 300 head of beef cattle to the railroad Sunday, where they will be shipped to San Francisco to be sold on commission.—Klamath Falls Republican.

Z. G. Harris, W. B. Barnes and F. W. Foster of Silver Lake, were here Sunday with 200 head of cattle. All the steers were sold to J. W. Howard and the remainder of the cattle will be shipped to San Francisco.—Klamath Falls Republican.

A band of 290 horses belonging to Henry Egli, of Lake county passed through the city Sunday morning. They are being taken to Scotts Valley from which place they will be shipped to market.

Wm. Stanley and Joe Payne, who have the Lehman sheep on shares, have started them for the Windy Hollow hills, north of Honey creek. It is understood that there is poison on the range this fall, supposed to be the result of fall rains.

Jury Acquits Barry.

"Not Guilty." Those were the words spoken by Judge Benson, reading from the slip of paper handed him by the foreman of the jury in the Barry trial last Saturday evening at 5:30 o'clock, after a deliberation of but a short time. "Not Guilty" were the words that relieved a fond mother's anxiety for a son's freedom. And those were the words that 18-year-

old Phillip Barry drank in with more satisfaction than any that could have been spoken; they were far the sweetest he had ever heard. They, too, were the words that his many friends were anxiously waiting to hear and longed for.

The Barry case is one familiar to our readers, as it was up for trial at the June term of court, when the jury disagreed. Barry was released on bail and appeared for trial on the 17th of this month. Considerable delay was occasioned in securing a jury on account of the evidence having been made public at the former trial.

Judge L. R. Webster and Brattain & Batchelder were defending Barry, and put up a strong case for his defense.

To go over the evidence would consume too much space, but it was shown that during a spree in which four young men indulged, one of them lost his life. No one knew just when or how Tim Abern was shot. Phil Barry fired his pistol in the air, when Scammon grabbed him and took the pistol from him. During the scuffle for the gun, another shot was fired accidentally, and soon after Abern was found lying on the ground near there dying with a bullet hole in his neck.

It seems that Barry and Abern were friends, and no motive could be proven for Barry taking his friend's life intentionally.

It was a bitter lesson for young Barry, and will no doubt be an everlasting one; it should be, at least.

Judge Webster made a sound and liberal plea in defense of his client. He reviewed the evidence and pointed out the facts to the jury, and after a very able and impressive speech, relied upon the law and the evidence to influence the verdict.

Many hearty handshakes ended the scene.

Circuit Court Concluded.

The Barry case resumed Thursday morning, with the following jury empaneled: T. B. Wakefield, L. O. Hardisty, W. R. Bernard, E. Woodcock, R. C. Foster, R. N. Phelps, Geo. Drumm, Wm. Dobkins, S. J. Studley, J. S. Branch, Thos. H. Sherlock, Leo Emerson. The testimony was concluded Friday night, and Saturday morning arguments were made for the state by District attorney Moore and C. A. Moore, of Baker City, while Judge Webster of Portland argued the case for the defense. The case was submitted to the jury Saturday afternoon, and after an hour and a half deliberation they returned a verdict of "not guilty," which seemed to be satisfactory to those who heard the evidence.

The case of the State of Oregon vs. Warner Valley Stock Co. was argued upon demurrers to the complaint, and upon submission of briefs by the plaintiffs and defendant, was taken under advisement by the Court to be decided later in the fall, probably at a fictitious term of court to be held in Portland, by stipulation of counsel.

Warner Valley Stock Co. vs. Chas. Tonningsen: Issues settled and set for trial the first day of the next regular term of circuit court.

Warner Valley Stock Co. vs. Taylor, was disposed of in the same way Court adjourned Monday.

C. D. Sessions left for Reno Monday. He is looking for a location, and did not know when he left here just where he would land. His family will remain here until he finds a suitable location.

GOOD PRICE NEXT YEAR

Report of Justice Bateman & Co. Encouraging for Oregon's Next Year's Wool Clip.

SHORT SUPPLY NOW ON HAND

Philadelphia, Oct. 15, 1904.

Dear Sir:

The 1904 clip of wool which was marketed readily in the West at gradually advancing prices as the season progressed, has for the most part found its way into the hands of consumers.

The stock in the hands of dealers is less than for many years at this time, and the amount of the 1904 clip to be carried over into the new year will be very small. It would seem reasonable, therefore, to expect that the 1905 clip will meet with ready sale, and that the competition for it will be keen. Being in close touch with the woolen manufacturing interests of the country, we know that in comparison with six months ago the mills are better employed, and in some cases their production is sold ahead for some time to come.

It may be that an opportunity will be offered you in the meantime to contract for your 1905 clip, for delivery after shearing next spring. Without desiring to offer advice unsolicited, we ask you to take note of present market conditions, and carefully consider whether any advantage is to be gained by selling now for future delivery.

It will be observed that the scoured cost of American merino wools has advanced 8 cents per lb since this time last year, while the same grades in foreign markets as represented by fine tops, which is scoured wool, carded and combed, are practically unchanged. Domestic medium wools, 1/2 and 3/4 (cross bred) have advanced 5 cents per lb here, in the grease, as against 2 1/2 cents per lb abroad on the same grades, scoured, carded and combed.

The political outlook will of course have a bearing on the course of the market, and it seems reasonable at this time, one month from election, to anticipate that the people will emphatically endorse the policy of protection now in force by the present administration. If such proves to be the case, it is fair to assume that the present generally prosperous business conditions will continue, and the wool growers will share in them.

We expect to cover your state by our representatives at clipping time, and hope to secure a goodly share of the new wools.

We hope that an opportunity will be given our representative to trade with you on your lot, and with best wishes, we remain,

Faithfully yours,
JUSTICE, BATEMAN & CO.

Played to Full House.

Moore's Comedians played three nights in Lakeview last week to crowded houses. The Opera house was well filled with people who knew that they were going to get their money's worth, when they went to Moore's show. They had a good troupe this time and put on some of their latest and best plays. Mr. Moore has gained a reputation in this country that always assures him a good house.

They departed Sunday for Modoc county.