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While the Oregon State Agricultural College is held to be one of the best the farmers of Oregon think that there is yet room for improvement in this school. The complaint as voiced through the Grangers is that there are too few farmers and too many non-farmers on the board of regents, the result being that the school is not run so much as a farm college as it should be. The following on this subject is from the Oregon Agriculturalist. The state grange, at its late meeting at Corvallis, made formal complaint that the strictly agricultural features of the Oregon Agricultural College do not receive the relative attention which they deserve. This is not surprising. The grange did not blame the teaching force of the College for this state of affairs. A number of papers in the state have pointed out the fact that the membership of the board of regents is mainly made up of lawyers and editors. That such is the case is not news to the readers of this paper. Most of the members of that board are estimable men of ability. The fact remains that only one of the appointed members of the board is primarily a farmer and that one is Mr. J. D. Orwell whose interest in farming is confined mainly to fruit growing. Two or three of the others are incidentally farmers, but their actual life work has been or is in other lines. At least five of the nine appointed members of the board should be men whose life work has been farming. We do not care to advance arguments on this point. It is too self-evident a truth to require argument.

The strawberry season is practically over in Jacksonville, that is the few berries that were brought to this market from California, Willamette Valley and California were quickly sold at from 10 to 20 cents a box, not lower than 10 cents a box. With acres of fine berry land within easy distance to Jacksonville, easily irrigated, that would produce strawberries as prolifically and as cheaply as at Ashland or at Hood River, yet the people of this town have to depend on other sections for their berries and pay the big freight and two or three middlemen's profit. It is probable that were it possible to grow and harvest berries with a six-horse team strawberries and all other kinds of small fruits and vegetables would be plentiful in the markets of Jacksonville. That strawberries would be profitable in this locality is beyond contravention, for soil, climate and market conditions are quite similar to the famous Hood River district. As to the profit in berry growing at Hood River the following facts are from the Hood River Glacier: "Remarkable success has been obtained in realizing large returns from small pieces of ground. F. G. Church from a space of 1½ acres received gross for his crop \$802. D. S. Crapper has harvested from 4½ acres 1,350 crates, worth about \$2

per crate. H. C. Hengst from 1¼ acre, 400 crates. Mr. Trenor of White Salmon, realized \$800 from a little over 1¼ acres in strawberries, without irrigation. S. C. Zeigler, of White Salmon, 700 crates from 3½ acres—his receipts were \$1,736. D. E. Miller in one day shipped 180 crates from 10 acres, and for the season 2,220 crates. William Davidson from ½ acre, 168 crates, worth about \$2 per crate. Markley Bros. gathered 200 crates from 1 acre set the previous July. A. N. Rahm cleared \$1400 from 7½ acres in 1901. In 1902 he gathered 1,325 crates worth \$2 each. Aaron Butts on 15 acres, 2,500 crates. E. D. Eathing on 14½ acres, 1,978 crates. C. G. Metcalf, 185 crates of fine berries from ½ of an acre."

BLUE LEDGE DEVELOPMENTS.

The new owners of the Blue Ledge copper property have begun active operations for the complete development of that famous mine. Over 5000 pounds of mining material and messhouse supplies have been hauled the past week to Joes Bar by Decatur Davis and from there on to the mine, a distance of five miles there is only a trail over which the supplies will be taken in on pack horses. In this first outfit is a large steel range and a complete messhouse outfit and supplies, and for use at the mine there is 500 pounds of drill steel, coal, and a full outfit of tools. Additional supplies will be sent out and in a short time a large force of men will be put to work driving tunnels and doing other development work. The wagon road is to be extended on to the mine from Joes Bar.

The work of making a preliminary examination for the survey of a route for the railroad that is to be built from Jacksonville to the Blue Ledge mine has been begun by Peter Applegate, the well known surveyor. Mr. Applegate has succeeded in finding a very feasible route that will be free from heavy grades and from heavy rock work and the bridges and trestles will not be large and expensive. The proposed route is to go up the right side of Jackson creek to C. D. Reed's place where it crosses the right fork of Jackson creek, with a left curve passing just below Mr. Reed's vineyard and across the right fork of Jackson creek by a high bridge and thence in a southerly direction up the hill and across the divide to Poormans creek at Matt Demmer's place. This divide has an altitude of 690 feet above Jacksonville and it can be reached by a grade not to exceed three per cent. This is lighter than the grade on the Southern Pacific over the Siskiyou mountains which averages three per cent, going as high as three and a half per cent in places. From the point where this route would reach Poormans creek the grade would be on a water level down that stream and up Applegate to the smelter site.

Pending the arrival of the Company's engineer Dr. J. F. Reddy and E. L. Jones are arranging all details possible that all may be in readiness when the Company is ready to begin operations.

FOR A BEAUTIFUL TOWN

North Bend, the hustling new town that is giving staid old Marshfield a lively race for the honor of being the metropolis of Coos Bay, is planning to be a handsome town as well as a commercial place. The women of North Bend have taken the leadership in this work of beautifying the town and among their schemes for raising money to improve the park and other public grounds they have secured the control of the Evening Post, the new daily that has lately been started in that town, for the edition of June 26 the proceeds both advertising and subscription are to go to the ladies, who are to have entire control of the paper. They will do all the editorial and local writing and the soliciting and collecting for the subscription and advertising. In his announcement of the woman's editions the editor of the Post has the following generous statement to make:

"The Post is the servant of the people and is willing at all times to do anything and everything within its power for the benefit of the public. It will give itself over to the ladies of North Bend on the date mentioned and whatever they can earn by its publication that day will be for the benefit of the city.

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R. H. Webber owner of nurseries at Tangent, Hood River and The Dalles was in the Valley all last week looking over the fruit situation in this section. He was free to admit that Rogue River led all Oregon in the size and perfect condition of its apple and pear orchards, but in strawberry growing through lack of cultivation and of poor varieties Rogue River did not equal Hood River or even Willamette Valley. Mr. Webber predicts a splendid future to the fruit interest of Rogue River Valley and could see such a steady demand for trees that he established an agency and will supply orchardists here trees that in vigor and freedom from pests will equal any trees ever planted in the valley. His agent will be W. M. Peninger of Tolo, who will begin canvassing for orders within the next few weeks. Mr. Peninger is a reliable man and he will make no misrepresentations in order to make a sale of trees, which he will guarantee to be healthy and true to name. While in here Mr. Webber was a guest of J. M. Harley, they being friends from boyhood days, and Mr. Harley who himself is a large orchardist, showed him over the valley. Mr. Webber is the member for the Fourth district of the State board of Horticulture.

By a mutual agreement between Postmaster John F. Miller, of Jacksonville and Henry Wendt, mail carrier on the Jacksonville-Applegate route and Frank Bellinger carrier of the morning mail on the Medford-Jacksonville route, the mail coming by way of Medford for Ruch, Applegate, Steamboat, Kubli, and Davidson will not lay over 24 hours in Jacksonville as has been the rule under the regular mail schedule, but will be sent through the same day that it arrives in Medford. This close connection of the Applegate mail is made by Mr. Bellinger hurrying so as to arrive in Jacksonville ahead of his schedule time, which is 8 o'clock and by Mr. Wendt delaying his departure, his hour of leaving being 7 o'clock. On Mr. Bellinger's arrival Postmaster Miller and Deputy Murphy get a tall hurry on themselves and work the Applegate mail in a trice and Mr. Wendt is delayed so short a time that he is able to make his trip to Applegate and return in time to connect with the outgoing afternoon train mail. This betterment to the Applegate mail service is greatly appreciated by the residents of the Applegate Valley for it gives them as prompt a mail service as is had by any other rural district of Jackson county.

Col. R. A. Miller, after a residence of 12 years in Oregon City, has moved to Portland and opened a law office in the Commercial Block. Col. Miller went to Oregon City to assume the office of register in the U. S. land office which he held several months over the full term of four years. On going out of office he opened a law office in Oregon City and built up a lucrative practice, but Portland offering a broader field the Colonel will try his fortune in that city. Colonel Miller was a Jacksonville boy, his mother, Mrs. J. N. T. Miller, yet residing here on the old Miller donation claim, and he has many friends here who wish him every success in his new venture.

Miss Louise Williamson returned Thursday from a weeks visit at Central Point with her aunt Mrs. J. W. Myers.

Phoenix Locals.

Robert Hughes spent Sunday in Ashland.

Mrs. Carver and Miss Mollie Towne were Medford visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. James Morton and daughter returned Monday from a several weeks visit at Sisson.

Jim and Winfred Smith, James Goole and Douglas Steadman left Tuesday for Cedarville, California, where they will be employed during the summer.

Mr. Beardsley and son started Wednesday for Merrill with a load of fruit and vegetables.

S. G. Van Dyke and Miss Mollie Towne have been elected delegates to the Grand Lodge of the A. O. U. W. and Degree of Honor, which is to be held in Portland in July.

Herman Anderson and sister Miss Ella, and Miss Flora Smith, students of the Ashland Normal, returned home Thursday to spend the summer.

Prof. G. Samuels and Miss Eva Storey have been elected as teachers for the Phoenix Public School for the ensuing year.

Children's Day exercises were observed at the Presbyterian church Sunday. An interesting program including songs and recitations by the children and an address by the pastor had been prepared. John Mast is having a large barn erected on his farm near Phoenix.

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