

THE OREGON PRUNE

DEMAND FOR THE FRUIT IS IN- CREASING STEADILY.

Larger Sizes Find a Good Market— Stocks in the Willamette Valley are Getting Comparatively Low, and the Outlook for the New Crop is Good.

Much encouragement is being felt by the fruit growers and dealers of the Willamette valley by reason of the appreciation which is being manifested throughout the Eastern states and the increasing interest abroad for their product.

On Monday the Willamette Valley Prune Association shipped one carload to New York, yesterday two carloads to New York, and one to Omaha, and today one is being shipped to Pennsylvania.

Thillson & Co. are also heavy shippers, having sent during this season over seventy carloads out of the state and about fifty carloads from the Willamette valley, both to Eastern and foreign markets.

The outlook for a heavy crop this year is very bright and, owing to the cold weather which has been experienced up to the present time, the growers and dealers are of the opinion that no serious harm can come to the fruit as the sap has been kept back and the blooming retarded thereby.

Walter Jenks will leave today for an extensive tour of the East in the interest of the Willamette Valley Prune Association, expecting to be absent for several months.

DEEDS RECORDED.

In the county recorder's office yesterday, two deeds were filed for record, aggregating a consideration of \$2190. One satisfaction of a mortgage for \$5000; three chattel mortgages for \$100, \$50, and \$36.50, respectively, were also filed, as was one real estate mortgage for \$105. The deeds recorded are:

- Ole Severson and wife to Gilbert Granum, 6 acres of land in section 33, T 6 S, R 1 W, and 15.25 acres adjoining Silverton, w. d., \$1440
J. H. Settlemier and wife to Belle Cook, part of a lot in block 2, in addition "B" to the town of Woodburn, 750
Total, \$2190

"NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS."

The Oregon Fire Relief Association has been a success ever since it began business in January, 1895, and is now growing faster than ever before.

Its annual report of December 31, 1901, shows a net gain in amount of insurance in force of \$2,828,787, which is 50 per cent more than the net gain of any previous year. It paid 135 losses during the year, amounting to \$23,600.

It is strictly a mutual institution which furnishes the best of

Fire Insurance at Cost.

For further particulars, address A. C. Chandler, secretary, McMinnville, Oregon, or if you reside in Marion county, call on or address H. A. Johnson, (agent), Salem, Oregon.

TWO CORPORATIONS

WILL BEGIN WORK

A Big Mining and Development Company, and a Live Stock Concern Will Engage in Business.

In the State Department, yesterday, two new companies filed articles of incorporation. They are:

The Mining Exploration and Development Company will engage in mining operations and do general development work with headquarters in Portland, and a capital of \$300,000. James Steel, H. C. Breedon, H. S. Rowe, L. G. Clarke and A. B. Steinbach are the incorporators of record.

The Lake County Land & Live Stock Company will deal in, raise and own domestic live stock and do a general ranch business, with headquarters at Lakeview, and a capital of \$150,000. Bernard Daly, W. P. Heryford, and F. M. Miller are the incorporators.

PREPARING A PROGRAM. — Prof. J. H. Ackerman, Superintendent of Public Instruction; County Supt. E. T. Moore, of Marion county, and Supt. E. V. Littlefield, of Yamhill county, met yesterday and began the work of arranging and preparing a program for the Department of Superintendence, of the State Teachers' Association, which is to meet in Eugene, during the third week in June. The work was not completed, and will not be until the program for the regular sessions of the

Association is arranged. The three gentlemen named compose the committee on program for the Department of Superintendence.

A FINAL ACCOUNT.—The final account of J. A. Baumgartner, administrator of the estate of John S. Hawkins, deceased, came up for hearing before County Judge John H. Scott yesterday, and it was approved and allowed, and the administrator discharged upon his distributing the funds belonging to the heirs entitled. In the matter of the estate of Vallier Wattier, deceased, Judge Scott has appointed E. E. Shields, John Brandel and M. A. Wade, as appraisers.

GOOD CLEANSERS.

It is said that every housekeeper has a hobby, and if that is so, mine must be Irish potatoes as a cleanser. I use them for almost everything. I soak raw chopped potatoes in cold water, then dip articles of clothing into the water before washing them—that is, if I'm afraid they'll fade. Figured black muslin, calicoes, percales, and all such things may be washed with soap, with danger, after this treatment and I also use this potato water to remove grease spots from woolen goods. A little ammonia in the water is a valuable addition, more especially for black or navy-blue cottons.

I never throw tea leaves away, but dry them as soon as the tea is drained from them, and put them away in a large, closely covered tin can kept for that purpose. Just before time to clean house, I pour cold water over them and steep them for fully three-quarters of an hour, then strain off the liquid and use it to clean varnished wood. It is fine for that purpose, but should not be used on unvarnished wood, for it will make it look streaked. I also use this preparation for cleaning glass preferring it to soap and water.

For cleaning silver and brass I use kerosene dipped in whitening, then polish with a bit of chamois skin, or of soft flannel. Plated ware can be cleaned in this way just as well as solid silver.—(Clara Merrow, in Bulletin.)

MORE BRIGHT DAYS

ARE NEEDED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FARMERS.

The Outlook For Good Crops of Every Kind is Excellent — Mohair Will Soon Be on the Market as Shearing Time is Approaching.

The farmers are not able to do much spring work yet. The ground is still too wet. Those farmers who have fruit are pruning their trees, and some who have hops are cutting and sharpening the poles, and thus getting ready for the rush. Others are getting their machinery and implements in order and in other ways preparing for the busy days to come.

A few days of sunshine now will put the ground in condition to work, especially that which is well drained. The ground dries very rapidly at this time of the year, owing partly to the brisk March winds that prevail from the north when the sun is shining. The farmers are hoping that the rain clouds have emptied themselves after a long siege of wetness, or that they will blow away to a section that needs them worse than this.

The outlook for good crops of every kind in this section is very promising. Live stock of all kinds has come through the rainy season in good condition. The grass has continued to grow all the time. Farmers who own goats will soon be offering their mohair in the market, as shearing time is nearly at hand. Then the wool clip will soon follow. There will soon be no time for idleness among our country friends. The fact is, on account of the development of the dairy industry, the raising of swine and poultry, and the increase in the number of live stock generally, fewer of the Willamette valley farmers than ever before find opportunity or inclination for idleness, even during the rainy season.

IS RECOVERING.—Sheriff F. W. Durbin, who has been ill for the past three weeks with quinsy, has so far recovered that he was able to come down from his home to the court house yesterday, remaining in the office for a few minutes. Mr. Durbin is very weak, however, and it will be some time before he will be entirely recovered.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

WAS DISCHARGED.—Schuyler Hammond, who was arrested on Saturday last upon a charge of carrying concealed weapons, and for discharging firearms promiscuously and carelessly, has been discharged by the court and the complaint dismissed. The first complaint under which he was placed under arrest contained two separate charges and the defendant's attorney, J. A. Jeffries, entered a plea that it was unlawful to try anyone upon two charges in one complaint and moved that the prosecution be required to make the complaint more definite, and upon motion of the prosecuting attorney, C. L. McNary, the complaint was dismissed. A new complaint was then filed by the prosecuting attorney and the defendant was again arrested and re-arrested when the defendant's attorney entered a plea for dismissal on the ground that it was contrary to the constitution to try a person twice upon the same charge and the court dismissed the complaint on a motion of the prosecuting attorney, and the defendant was discharged.

IN CIRCUIT COURT.—In Judge R. P. Boies's department of the State Circuit Court for Marion county, the suit of J. E. Ferris, plaintiff, vs. Mary J. Shaw, defendant, was up for trial and testimony was heard. Today the case will be argued and submitted by the attorneys. Bonham & Martin appear for the plaintiff, and George G. Bingham, John A. Carson and F. H. D'Arcy are attorneys for the defendant.

IN VALLEY TOWNS

VISITORS FROM THE EAST ARE WELL PLEASED

Will Sell Out in Michigan and Return to Oregon—Schools Will Close on Account of a Lack of Funds—From Pleasant Point.

(From Thursday's Statesman.)

STAYTON, Or., March 19.—Henry Richards and family, and H. E. Besan and family, who have been spending the winter in Stayton, left on Monday morning for their homes in Michigan. These people were fairly well pleased with this country and climate and will try and dispose of their Eastern property with a view of returning to Oregon in the near future.

The suit between G. D. Trotter and the City of Stayton, which has been pending for the last few months, was settled by the Supreme Court Tuesday in favor of Mr. Trotter, who was contesting for his right to a small portion of land.

Rev. Longbottom, of Albany, is conducting a series of special meetings at the Baptist church in this city.

Jesus Ecleson has rented the Apple place on Third street, and will move his family and household goods in a few days.

Miss Ida McHargue, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Albany the past two weeks, returned to Stayton on Saturday of last week.

The public schools in this city close next Friday on account of a lack of funds to continue longer.

E. T. Matthieu went to Portland on Monday, where he will visit relatives for a few days.

J. P. Jones, traveling passenger and freight agent for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, was a business visitor in Stayton Sunday.

Miss Bessie Queener goes to Scio on Saturday, where she has accepted a position as saleslady in the Scio millinery store.

Dr. D. B. Wells, a veterinary surgeon in this city for the past two years, has moved his family and household goods to Albany, where he will reside in the future.

Better Than Words.

Macleay, Or., March 19.—Among the directors of the Direct Legislation League of Oregon, there are three Patrons of Husbandry—Hon. Wm. D. Hare, Hon. W. S. U'Ren and Hon. John B. Waldo. The Oregon State Grange has long favored the initiative and referendum, and now the individual granges are beginning to express, in something more substantial than resolutions, the desire to see this amendment carry in June. At its last regular meeting Macleay Grange No. 293 voted \$5 to aid the League in scattering educational literature.

At Pleasant Point.

Pleasant Point, March 19.—William Sauvain, of Silverton, an old friend, is visiting the family of John Girardin of this place. Mr. Sauvain has lately returned from a trip to Eastern Oregon and California. He expresses a strong preference for Oregon above California.

Robt. Ferrin has moved into the Cannon house, lately vacated by the family of John Barnett.

Dr. J. W. Pinch and family, of Gillett, Wis., who visited relatives here last January, have written that they will at no distant day make their home in "Old Webfoot." Our climate seems to have captivated the doctor.

The primaries at Turner Friday were pretty well attended by Republicans of this place. A little inharmonious at the beginning of the meeting was manifest, indeed the temperature of the proceedings for a while heated up the room several degrees, but someone pulling open the draft of the stove the heat soon sank to normal.

From Local Exchanges.

Dayton Herald: There is a good stage of water at present in the rivers for navigation. But in June, or thereabouts, if the boats are running, they will be raking and scratching along over gravel bars and shoal places in the river, with patient passengers impatiently watching the slow progress of the boat, and occasionally giving utterance to words that are not commonly used by pious people. It is reported that there is but little snow in the mountains, which indicates that the water in the rivers will be very low this summer. And as but little work can be done in improving the river channel with the small appropriation made by the government, navigation will be a difficult proposition this summer.

Silverton Appeal: Some enterprising mill man will, some of these days, put a portable saw mill into the timber above here, saw his logs into thick, unsized lumber, and float it down the creek to the mills below where it will be sized and resawed. By doing this the much needed lumber can be rafted at almost any time of the year and will do away with waiting for the snow to melt or for heavy rains in order to raft the large logs.

Silverton Appeal: Mr. H. S. Van Valkenburg, an enterprising dairyman of this section, received last year \$335 from the creamery, for the cream of eight cow's milk and feels confident that he can do better yet when he gets the feeding problem solved. The cows have not been fed only grain produced on the farm, which can be greatly improved by feeding corn ensilage and other feed stuffs to balance the ration.

Sheridan Sun: The Yamhill Coal and Oil Company at Newberg are transporting their machinery which recently arrived, to the Follette farm where they will commence operations at once. The cost of the machinery, including tools, boiler, engine, cables, 16,000 feet of steel casing, etc., \$4250. Gross weight 60,000 pounds. Freight from Akron, Ohio, to Newberg, \$317.00. Total cost aboard the cars at Newberg, \$5067.00. The machine has a capacity of 3000 feet.

Albany Democrat: Yesterday evening a man was brought to Albany in a rig from Stayton, and it was found that one of the men was down with the small-pox, just breaking out. They thought Albany had a pest house and that the man could be taken care

of, but they were made to leave and started for the country. Where they went is not known. They should have remained where the man was taken ill and not attempt to dump the case on some other place.

Woodburn Independent: Mrs. Emma Ford, wife of Frank A. Ford, formerly of Woodburn, died at her home, 454 East Pine street, Portland, Sunday morning, after a lingering illness. She was 39 years of age and is survived by her husband and three children. The funeral was Tuesday from the Third Presbyterian church of that city. Interment was at Lone Fir cemetery.

Aurora Borealis: A gambling war is on in Oregon City and Mayor Dimick has begun to make it interesting for owners of slot-machines and other devices. He is at a disadvantage owing to the city council being divided on the question of gambling.

Aurora Borealis: Andy Steinbach was the only pupil that passed the 8th grade examination at the "White" school house this term. We understand there were ten in all who took the examination, but with the exception of Mr. Steinbach, all fell through.

Woodburn Independent: Jacob Smith arrived home yesterday morning from the Philippines, where he has been in the regular army.

TELEPHONE LINES TO KLAMATH AND LAKE.

These Counties to Be Connected with Western Oregon—Three Hundred Miles of Wires to Be Strung by the Midway Telephone & Telegraph Company.

H. V. Gates, of Hillsboro, who is interested in six electric lighting plants in Oregon, has just returned from Ashland, after completing arrangements for bringing Klamath and Lake counties into telephone connection with Western Oregon. Mr. Gates is president of the Midway Telephone & Telegraph Company, whose headquarters are in Portland, and says poles are already being erected east of Ashland toward Klamath Falls. Lakeview and Silver Lake will be brought into the system, which will require the stringing of nearly 300 miles of wire.

"Lighting plants do not pay very well just now," Mr. Gates said at the Perkins yesterday, "because the towns in which I am operating are filling up with people and we are obliged to extend our service, at great expense. Heavier machinery is needed at all points, in order to keep pace with the growth of population, so we do not expect to declare dividends until we have met the extra requirements. My, how the state of Oregon is filling up! Every portion I have visited gives evidence of rapid growth in population. The boom is already here."

THREE NEW COMPANIES BEGIN OPERATIONS

A Reduction and Mining Concern Will Do Business in Portland—A New Paper in Southern Oregon.

Three companies filed articles in the Department of State yesterday. They are:

The Portland Reduction & Mining Company will own and operate reduction works and do a general mining business, with headquarters in Portland, and a capital of \$20,000. R. E. Sewall, C. E. Rummel, and M. A. M. Ashley are the incorporators of record.

The Southern Oregonian Printing Company will publish a newspaper at Medford and do a general printing business, with a capital of \$10,000. Sidney D. Charles, Rose Riley and Henry Pape are the incorporators.

The First German Evangelical Reformed St. John's Church, of Tillamook City, will own a house of worship, maintain a pastor and conduct services. The value of the property on hand is \$5. A. Buefhalter, F. Maurer and Gottfried Maroff are the trustees.

At Bed Time.

I take a pleasant herb drink, the next morning I feel bright and my complexion is better. My doctor says it acts gently on the stomach, liver and kidneys, and is a pleasant laxative. It is made from herbs and is prepared as easily as tea. It is called Lane's Medicine. All druggists sell it at 25c. and 50c. Lane's Family Medicines moves the bowels each day. If you cannot get it, send for a free sample. Address, Orator F. Woodward, Le Roy, N. Y.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

"Holy smoke!" exclaimed a man who witnessed the fire in the Episcopal church in Portland a few days ago.

If you are a candidate for something, you may be a good and useful citizen, but you are certainly peculiar.

The Statesman's telephone, Main 381, has been very busy the past few days, owing to the political events that have been of interest to most people, and of engrossing concern to some. The force is always glad to answer all inquiries. Perhaps the individual admirer does not realize, in some cases, that there are 500 more people wanting to know the same thing at the same time, and some of them wanting to know it worse than he does. It takes time and patience, often, at this end of the line. But this is all right. The office force is glad to give the time and the information, wherever possible, especially to subscribers and patrons of the paper.

The members of the Christian church of this city have a movement on foot to build a new church, or an addition to the old one. The present building has been found too small. During the revival services it has been found much too small.

Harmony is a good thing in Marion county as well as in Multnomah. It is a good thing most everywhere, outside the violent ward of an asylum.

ONE PATIENT.—Miss Lulu I. Reed, aged 29 years, was brought to the Insane Asylum last night from Multnomah county, by Mrs. E. J. Daugherty and one guard.

A HAPPY COMPANY

BIRTHDAY OF AN AGED RESIDENT OF WHITEAKER

Celebrated by a Large Crowd of Relatives and Friends—A Splendid Dinner and a Most Enjoyable Day.

At a party on March 15th, at the home of Mrs. Matilda Stanton, at Whiteaker, Oregon, a large crowd assembled, as is customary each year, this being the 86th birthday of Mrs. Stanton. A well prepared dinner was served and the party remained the balance of the day and enjoyed the event royally. The following were present:

Mr and Mrs. B. F. Fresh and Mr. B. Fresh, Mr. and Mrs. Burns and daughter, H. Downing and Miss Mabel Downing, Mrs. Alice Patent and three daughters; Mrs. Olive Patent, Mr. and Mrs. Albert, Mr. A. Frank, Robert Downing, Mrs. Kizer, Miss Parel Pottorff, and Mr. A. Strang, of Waldo Hills; Mr. and Mrs. G. Gist, Mr. and Mrs. G. Gist, of Mehama; Mr. and Mrs. W. Cornish, Mrs. Baldee Caspell, of Stayton; Mr. and Mrs. W. Ravens, Miss A. Cornish, Miss Mabel Cornish and A. Cornish, of Sublimity; Mr. and Mrs. E. Small, Robert Gilmore, Robert Patton and Mrs. Patton, Mrs. Helen Melcher, of Silverton; Miss Helen Isenhart, of Whiteaker; William Stanton, of Salem, and Mrs. Matilda Stanton.

WILL WED.—Miss Bernice C. Washburn for the past few years stenographer in the office of Mr. Frank Rigler, city superintendent of public schools, city hall, Portland, will be united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Mr. J. R. Bowles, a prominent and rising young business man of the latter city. The happy event will take place April 19th at the bride's residence, 410 Seventh street, Portland. No cards. Miss Washburn has been a frequent visitor in Salem, the guest of Miss Myrtle Marsh, and is quite popular. The happy pair will no doubt include this city in their wedding tour.

HOMESEEKERS' TRAINS.

BILLINGS, Mont., March 19.—The first through train from the East arrived in Billings tonight, after having been tied up by the blizzard in North Dakota for about five days. The track west of Billings is clear, and no further delays are anticipated.

THE REMEDY THAT CURES AND PREVENTS THE EPIDEMIC now RAGING among HORSES, and will cure them of Heaves, Cough or Distemper, is Prussian Heave Powders. CURED 34 HORSES. I have been using the Prussian Heave Powders the past eight months and in that time have cured 11 horses of heaves, 14 of distemper and 9 of chronic cough. PREPARED ONLY BY PRUSSIAN REMEDY CO., ST. PAUL, MINN.

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