NORTHWEST NEWS

Japs Want More War.

The Pendleton Japanese colony, consisting of about twenty-five people, is in hopes that the peace negotiations will be called off and that the Japanese army in Manchuria will attack Linevitch at once, and because the prospects of peace are growing more doubtful every day, a celebration has been in progress at the Japanese mission on Garden street for three days.

The members of the Pendleton colony think the Japanese government will secure better results by whipping Russia to a finish than by suspending the war and making a compromise peace treaty. They argue that the war is about over and that one more bold stroke in Manchuria will bring full fledged victory to the army.

For this reason they hope that the negotiations will be broken off at Portsmouth and that activity will again be seen at the front.

For three successive nights, as the peace prospects have grown more doubtful, banquets and speeches have been the order at the Japanese home and as the prospects become more dubious, the celebration will become more enthusiastic.

The dispatches concerning the peace negotiations are eagerly read every evening after the Japanese section hands finish their day's work and thus the finger of the local colony is kept closely upon the pulse of the situation.—East Oregonian.

Road to Mines.

J. N. Rice of Holley says work is progressing nicely on the road to the mines; says it will be completed to the Hand place by the last of next week. The road will be an excellent one, devoid of heavy grades, a fact that insures a big volume of business for Linn county towns. Mr. Rice thinks that Borealis, the new town on the Calapooia side of the district, is destined to be the main trading point for all the mines.—Brownsville Times.

Linn County Coal.

A. O. Ayers of Lacomb came to town today with some fine samples of coal from the mine of the Lacomb Coal Company. There is a fine body of coal there which promises good results. It is being developed on a small scale, with the purpose of getting something material out of it as an industry. The quality is good.—Democrat.

Not Too Early.

Hop growers should not set too early a date for hop picking. Like all other vegetable products, the last days of its season give the hops weight, quality and highest value. Every observant hop grower knows that his last day's picking is far better in quality and weight than that of the first day. Better take slight chances on weather than pick when the hop is not only inferior, but lacks weight through but partial development of the pollen.—Eugene Guard.

Sawmill to Be Sold.

A deal is on for the purchase of the Corvallis sawmill and all logs and lumber in stock. F. A. Douty of Independence is the gentleman desirous of acquiring this property of E. W. Strong. Mr. Douty has a partner in the deal and said partner's name is Patterson. The sale is almost a settled affair, as the new proprietors are now in charge of the mill and the task of scaling lumber and logs is in progress. The final arrangements of the sale cannot be determined until the stock is invoiced. However, there is little doubt but the deal will be consummated. The sawing capacity of Mr. Strong's mill is about 40,000 feet per day, and the valuation of the plant is in the neighborhood of $20,000. If the sale is made, Mr. Strong will take as part payment a sawmill at Independence. This mill has nearly the capacity of the one in this city and is valued at $12,000. Messrs. Douty and Patterson will pay the difference in the valuation of the two mills in cash.—Gazette.

To Resume Operations.

The woolen mill at Pendleton will begin operations again next Monday.

Coos County's Hops.

J. W. Evans, the hop man, returned Friday from a week's outing at the Bandon beach. He informs us that the prospects for a good hop crop are fine this season. He says while there were but comparatively few lice last year that there are even fewer this year than there were last. There is no question but that Coos county is coming to the front in the production of hops.—Herald.

White Ribboners.

The twenty-third annual state convention of the Oregon Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held at The Dalles, October 3-6.

R. F. D. Extension.

Rural route No.1, Scott Jones, carrier, has been extended so as to include several miles more of the Laurance section. It will leave the end of the present route at the Silverton road and go thence west, and thence north, east to the Laurance church at Fletcher's cross road, and continue on its present route. The change is ordered to be made on September 1.—Gervais Star.

On Same Footing.

The Merchants' Protective association of Eugene has taken a step which it will be well for the Albany league to consider. It is a provision under which no member shall subscribe to any enterprise, such as new churches, country telephone lines, subsidies of any kind, etc., without first submitting the matter to the association. It is stated that this will stop considerable of depression in the pocketbooks of the members. In every community there are a great many subscription papers circulated of a graft nature, and one merchant signs his name because some other merchant has done so. Under this plan all will be on the same footing.—Democrat.

Pears Go East

Three cars of Bartlett pears were sent east this week by the Davidson Fruit Co., the third car going out last night. This will complete the carload shipments, the balance of the crop going to Portland and other local markets.

The California pear crop being light this year, prices on the Oregon goods were never so high, $35 a ton being the ruling price. Last year $20 a ton was considered a good figure.

Gravenstein and King apples are being packed and several cars are expected to leave this week. Gravenstein apples are bringing from 80 cents to $1 delivered at the warehouse of the Davidson Fruit Co. The price keeps up well in Portland, Gravensteins wholesaling at $1.50.—Hood River Glacier.

Water and Lumber.

The citizens of Mapleton, Lane county, have clubbed together and have a reservoir completed on the side of the mountain northwest of town and are laying the mains to convey the water from a large spring to their houses. They will soon be enjoying the luxury of pure mountain spring water.

W. L. Phelps and Rolla Huff, who are cutting the timber for Nicolle & Fellman at their logging camp on Indian creek, Lane county, cut a tree last week measuring six feet on the stump, from which they cut a little over thirty thousand feet of logs, and there are plenty more such trees up there.—Guard.

Wasco's People.

The present population of Wasco county is 15,895, the largest city being The Dalles, with 4292, and Hood River (city) next with 1808.

No Labor Day.

In Pendleton are 600 working people, but Labor day, which occurs on Monday, September 4, will pass by unobserved, even by a half holiday in any of the institutions of Pendleton. Several of the labor unions of the city have been considering some sort of a celebration, but the matter has been definitely abandoned, and there will be nothing to distinguish this holiday of the labor world from other working days except the dim memory that on former labor days Pendleton working people celebrated in style.—East Oregonian.

Air Free From Smoke.

Austin Root, forest fire ranger in the Mohawk mountains, remarked that this summer the atmosphere has been freer from smoke than for a great many years past. There has not been a clear day this year when the Cascade mountains could not be seen from Eugene. Nearly every summer for many years there have been many days when Spencer's butte could not be seen from this city on account of the smoke. The stringent law in regard to setting out fires and the vigilance of the big timber concerns are responsible for the small number of fires in the mountains this year.—Guard.

The Circus Excited Him.

A farm hand in Linn county became so eager to go with the circus when it left Albany last Thursday that he stole several sacks of vetch seed, sold it for $6, pocketed the coin and moved on. His name is George Strall and he had been employed on the farm of E. School near Albany.

Summerville Wheat Yields.

T. T. Glenn of Summerville is reported to have threshed 2100 sacks of wheat from 150 acres, and in the same vicinity Simon Woodell got 2150 sacks from a quarter section.—La Grande Observer.

Nearly 3000 Bushels in a Day.

Threshing is under way in all parts of the valley, and in some cases is being wound up this week. Thus far this season no great record runs have been made, and in many cases the machines have not made any money. In a few cases good days' records have been made, and the best of these reported is that made from the machine of B. J. Ridder. Mr. Ridder this week threshed the grain on the Stump farm near Monmouth in Polk county, and his one day's run was 2776 bushels of wheat. For this season this is a remarkable run, and it is doubtful if it can be exceeded in the Willamette valley this year.—Albany Herald.

Hay and Clover Destroyed.

A fire started in a stubble field this side of Tangent about 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, the result of which was the destruction of a large quantity of baled straw and the crop of four acres of clover. The fire started near the railroad track and soon spread in a field of stubble. A threshing crew working nearby paid little attention to the fire until it had spread to such an extent that it was with difficulty the flames were subdued, and then only after the straw and clover seed had been burned and the destruction of a valuable barn had with difficulty been prevented. The straw and clover seed destroyed was the property of M. L. Forster, living a few miles this side of Tangent. His place is some little distance from the point where the fire started, but the wind blowing at the time soon spread the flames, and in their path were the straw and clover seed, as well as some fences, and all of these were burned and the barn was threatened before the men of the neighborhood could gather and fight the flames. It took hard work to quench the blaze and prevent the destruction of the barn and its contents, and only the most heroic work of the neighbors who aided Mr. Forster could prevent the destruction of the place. Some of the other neighbors suffered some from the fire, but their losses were light.—Albany Herald.

Pendleton Paragraphs.

On Monday morning the looms of the Pendleton woolen mills will start for the best year's run ever enjoyed by this famous institution. During the past year the products of the mills have penetrated more new territory, visited more strange foreign countries and have made more friends and acquaintances for Pendleton than ever before in any year. Then let the looms start, for they weave fame and friends for Pendleton and commensurate profits for the industry.

The addition of a business course, including typewriting, bookkeeping and other features to the public school course in Pendleton will attract dozens of useful, earnest young men and women to the schools of this city in the future. This phase of an education can be converted into money at once, and as many are seeking an education solely as a means of support, it will appeal particularly to them. A useful, thorough education can now be secured in Pendleton, and the money which has been given to outside business schools should now remain here.

One splendid home attraction which should be added to Pendleton and which can be added with just a little effort on the part of the people, is a chorus of from fifty to seventy-five trained voices. There are dozens of excellent singers in the city, and a chorus is one of the most pleasing home attractions that can be enjoyed by a city. It could give concerts at the opera house if it desired, or could be heard in the various churches at different times during the winter season and could be made a delightful feature of the winter's entertainments. There is talent of the highest order here, and there is no reason why such an organization cannot be maintained.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Pegging Right Along.

Supt. Kelly is stretching the rails on the Medford & Crater Lake toward Eagle Point as rapidly as the force at his command will permit. Last Saturday two miles of road had been completed and Monday morning a construction train, pulled by engine No. 2, of the R. R. V. R. R., was put on to haul the material from the yards to the end of the track. The grading between here and Eagle Point will soon be completed and the bridge over Butte creek will be ready for the rails by the time the track laying gang reaches that point, so that it is a matter of but a short time before the whistle of the locomotive will wake the echoes of the big woods on the foothills of the Cascades.—Mail.

Valuable Horse Dead.

J. L. Eidson met with a serious loss one day last week, when one of his black horses died, as a result of an attack of colic. This was a handsome animal and the team was valued at $8[illegible].—Silverton Appeal.

Land Office Doing Little.

The land office at Roseburg, Oregon, is still closed, that is, no receipts are being issued, no filings placed of record and no proofs ordered made, but filings may be made at any time. The special agent, H. F. Higby, is in charge of the office and filings made are acknowledged by him and the papers are filed with the date when received. When finally the register and receiver are appointed and the office is open for business these filings will be taken up and passed upon in their regular order. Until the office is opened persons who have made filings have nothing to do but wait. They will be notified when their filings have been reached, and if theirs be homestead filings they will be asked to return to the land office the filing fees which were returned to them when the filing was made.

To Make Vinegar.

The building for the new vinegar factory is being rapidly pushed to completion. It will be a substantially constructed and convenient building when finished, and well adapted for the purpose for which it is to be used.—Medford Mail.

Water Scarce.

Medford's water supply is extremely scarce owing to the creek from which it is taken being very low.

Large Peaches.

Pritchard Bauer today presented the Guard office with the finest box of peaches we have ever seen. The peaches were large, wighing from eight to ten ounces each, and being of the finest flavor possible. They were raised on Mr. Bauer's farm, 1½ miles north west of Eugene.—Guard.

A Bear Captured.

To chase a big black bear all night through fields and forests is an experience not common in Oregon, but such was the experience of George and J. L. Morley, Zack Davenport and John Fox last Tuesday night and they were successful in the chase.

For some time past a large bear has been seen in this vicinity upon several occasions, and it was known that the animal had been satisfying his appetite on the sheep and goats around Silverton. Early Tuesday evening he was seen east of the city and the above named party, with dogs and guns, started in pursuit of old bruin. Darkness rendered it almost impossible to track the goat eater, but with the aid of dogs the boys followed close upon him from early in the evening until 5 o'clock Wednesday morning, when he was captured near Fox's mill.

The bear was a desperate old fellow, and encountered the dogs pursuing him several times, but would flee from the men with guns. He improved the opportunity to pick up a goat as he crossed a field in making his escape, and was carrying the animal when shot. The bear weighed 500 pounds and was in good condition.—Silverton Appeal.

A Fourteen-Year-Old Boy.

Eugene Mombert, a Mill City boy, saved $45 by working in the mill, and went down to Portland to see the fair with it and have some fun. He started in the American Inn, but that proved too expensive and he went elsewhere. While on the trail with some Portland boys $18 of the $23 which he had left disapeared. He left the $5 with a concessionaire and then with two other boys began stealing; they got $6 from a trunk, and $15 from a booth and numerous articles. Then the boys were arrested, but Mombert will be permitted to return home. He is only 14 years of age.—Democrat.

Did Lots of Humming.

A Polk county threshing machine turned out 33,000 bushels of grain in twenty days.

A Close Call.

Al Herren narrowly escaped being whirled to death at the Portland Flouring Mills warehouse Tuesday. A rope held in his hand was caught by a sprocket chain and the hand was against the sprocket before it was possible to release it.—Independence Enterprise.

School District Accounts.

The books of the clerks of all the more important school districts in Umatilla county will be experted.

Tell Us the Exact Date.

We have strawberry plants in blossom and there are a large number of green berries, the size of hazel nuts, growing on the vines. We expect to have a dish of home-grown berries in a few weeks.—Hillsboro Independent.

New Way of Weighing.

Some of the hop yards will introduce a new system of weighing this year. The old steelyard scales will be discarded. Every sack will be numbered and when filled the number and person's name will be taken down by employes. The sacks will be hauled to a platform scale at the hop house and the proper weight credited to the person who picked the sack bearing his number.—Eugene Register.

Washington County's Hops.

And. Jack, one of the successful hop growers of Farmington, was in the city on Monday. He says that while his hop crop will be lighter than last year, the quality is fine. He will commence picking September 4. James Sewell, whose large yards are just east of town, will commence picking about that time. He reports a shortage in the crop, but the quality is the best he has ever raised. The production in the several districts of this county is estimated as follows: Hillsboro, 2,000 bales; Forest Grove, 500; Laurel, 500; Sherwood, 2,00; Tualatin, 1,000, making a total for the county of 6,000 bales.—Hillsbiro Independent.

Buildings at Monroe.

Adam Wilhelm is having a palatial residence erected at Monroe, Or. It will have fourteen large rooms, besides hallways, closets, alcoves and wardrobes. It will be thoroughly modern in all its appointments. Spacious verandas will surround it, the roof supported on seventeen colonial columns properly turned and ornamented. It will be placed on a cut stone foundation and surmounted with towers and minarets. Work is being pushed as rapidly as men can do it consistent with skill and yet it will not be completed for some time. Wilhelm & Sons are having a modern store building constructed also, its entire frontage of 120 feet and fifteen feet high to be of plate glass, and the floor space for the store room will be about 10,000 feet.

Growing Sunflowers for Seed.

Nearly an acre and a half of sunflowers growing on the Henry Eccleston farm near town will determine the fate of another important diversity for the farmers of this section. Mr. Eccleston has contracted with a Portland firm for the sale of 50,000 pounds of sunflower seed every year for three years, if that much can be produced, at a price of three cents per pound. Everybody who has a few sunflowers growing, because the chickens like the seeds, knows how thrifty they are and what broad, rich faces they present to the sun on his daily rounds. But the great drawback to raising sunflowers for commercial profit, as with the production of broom corn, is the difficulty of getting them matured and harvested before the rains of autumn dampen them and cause discoloring or decay. Mr. Eccleston's venture will be watched with interest. If successful there will be a market for all that the country will produce.—McMinnville Reporter.

Yaquina Oysters.

It is claimed that the eastern oysters planted in the Yaquina bay last spring have grown from the size of a cent when planted to the size of a half dollar at the present time, and that it will take five years for them to get their growth. At that ratio of growth when they are matured it will be necessary to run them through a sausage cutter before swallowing them.—Toledo Reporter.

Alfalfa Makes Fruit.

Ten years ago D. L. Hedges set out 1,200 young peach trees, near Independence, Polk county. For a number of years they were slow about bearing and at one time the grubbing up of the trees was considered. The orchard was sown to alfalfa a few years ago and the trees began to bear. This year the crop is tremendous. But for the props the limbs would be broken from the trees. The peaches are fine of color and size and richly flavored, and the big orchard presents an attractive appearance. This is harvest time and the men, women and children are engaged in picking and sorting the luscious fruit for market. There is a brisk demand for the peaches and $1.50 a box of one bushel capacity is realized for them.

Lane County Wheat Yield.

Mr. Shelley informs us that the yield in the neighborhood is poor in the aggregate, but there have been some very good yields on small pieces of land that were well manured and farmed. One of the best yields was that of W. M. Ricketts on the McCauley place, who from a fifty-acre field had a yield of twenty-one bushels per acre. Still better was that of L. H. Harlow about two miles east of the city, who had from 4½ acres, a yield of about twenty-eight bushels per acre. On the other hand it s reported that L. C. Vitus, a splendid farmer, only had a yield of about 800 bushels from a 100-acre tract, and Representative Edwards of near Junction, a most efficient and painstaking farmer, had only about 1,000 bushels from ninety acres. As a rule it will pay well to thoroughly manure and work the ground, but even with the best of care sometimes adverse conditions bring about poor results.—Eugene Register.

Fire Damages an Orchard.

The city was startled by the alarm of fire about 1 o'clock yesterday and the way the clouds of smoke rolled up in the northwest part of the city looked ominius in the extreme. It could be seen, however, that it was not confined to a particular spot and must be the result of fire running through the dry grass or weeds. It soon died down and few gave it serious concern. Colonel Sladden came to the office last evening and informed us that the fire was caused by the section men letting the fire with which they were burning the grass and weeds on the right of way get away from them. The colonel says his fruit crop of about forty acres of his orchard is ruined, if the whole orchard is not absolutely destroyed. He showed us apples and prunes which were on the trees that were roasted to a turn. He will place his claim for damages against the railroad company in the hands of his attorney at once. The fire was stopped by the road along the east line of his place, else it might have played havoc with the entire northwest part of the town. We are informed that Nels Johnson, who lives west of Colonel Sladden's, had a field of wheat in the shock awaiting the threshers, entirely destroyed by the same fire.—Eugene Register.

Ship Building at Yaquina.

A new industry will be started here in the near future. O. R. Altree, who has had practical experience in ship building, will build a coasting schooner during the coming year. He has all the facilities for building and says that Yaquina can compete with any port on the Pacific coast in the building of medium sized ships. The timber adjacent to this bay is admirably adapted to the construction of boats in weight and strength. There is an awakening in the coast trade at the present time and a demand for all seaworthy craft that can be built. If his first venture proves successful he will follow it with a larger craft.—Toledo Reporter.

Yamhill's Berries.

The latest crop of blackberries was produced in the garden of Rev. Joseph Hoberg, who gathered them fully ripe Tuesday morning. Mr. Hoberg's berries are the Kititing. They were given special care and an abundance of water and rewarded the grower by an abnormal development. The largest one measured four inches in circumference the "short" way.—News-Reporter.

Party of Engineers Here.

A surveying party of seven persons, headed by C. R. Rankin, and who registered as belonging to the Eastern Oregon railway, arrived from the south yesterday and are registered at the Gross. The party consists of C. R. Rankin, P. E. Sticks, H. G. Parrott, E. E. Avery, M. J. Riffe, F. S. Booth and Edward H. Quigley. Mr. Rankin made a flying trip to Natron Saturday afternoon, returning in the evening, but could not be seen as to the work they have in hand in our midst He stated to the hotel people that twelve more men would shortly arrive and asked whether they could be accommodated.—Eugene Register.

Few Prunes.

The estimate of Manager Robert Johnson is that there will be 400 bushels of prunes in the big prune orchard. The proportionate yield is perhaps the smallest of any in the county. On Mr. Howe's small orchard in the same vicinity the yield is estimated at 1,200 to 1,300 bushels. In a number of smaller orchards there will be a very good crop.—Corvallis Times.

The Albany Way.

F. L. McTimmonds and L. Gage, two young men who have been in the city several days, spent last night in the city jail. They were seen at a residence on Third street near Ferry, and thinking they acted suspiciously the nightwatchman was telephoned last evening and he took charge of them. As a matter of fact they were simply hunting for a residence where a young lady friend is working, but got at the wrong place. They rang the door bell and getting no response one of them pushed aside the curtain. Then, too, one of them had a black eye, gotten in a circus mixup, which attracted attention.—Democrat.

Albany Has It, Again.

W. H. Hogan has secured a two-months-old chicken which is indeed a curiosity in the poultry line. It is a Plymouth Rock. Instead of her legs being in the middle, balancing the body, they are in the rear and she walks, or rather waddles, with her body verticle, a sort of duck walk, presenting a spectacle that is humorous as well as odd.—Albany Democrat.

Don't Look Down the Barrel.

Henry Fletcher brought a gun to town yesterday. It was found in a field on the old McCullough place a few miles southeast of town. It is an historic curiosity, and will be placed in the museum of the Oregon Historical Society. The gun barrel is a little over a foot in length. It is muzzle loading, and used precussion caps, and has the hammer on the under side of the barrel just forward of the trigger. Evidently it never had a stock, as the iron breech is fashioned for a pistol grip. This old gun is no doubt the only one of its kind ever made. It shows the superior workmanship of a very good blacksmith. It has a history, no doubt, and an interesting one, too, if one could read it beneath the coast of rust that encases it.—McMinnville Reporter.

For Better Roads.

Patrons on R. F. D. route No. 4 are hedging against future vicissitudes by repair of the road traversed by their carrier. Seven thousand pieces of corduroy have been cut and J. W. Foster and A. F. Starr are hauling and distributing them along the road west and south of the Foster farm. The work is volunteer, save that the supervisor paid for cutting the corduroy. Along all the R. F. D. routes considerable interest in the road is manifested by patrons.—Corvallis Times.

A Desperate Maniac.

T. H. Blair of Amity was committed to the insane asylum by the proper authorities Wednesday, and conveyed to Salem yesterday by the asylum attendants. Sheriff Corrigan had quite an exciting experience in capturing the unfortunate man, who, fully armed, had barricaded himself in the second story of his home, having forced his wife and daughter to accompany him and share with him the improvised stronghold. Blair's hallucination led him to imagine that his fancied troubles and Free Masonry were inimical, and after parelying with him all of Tuesday night the officers, unable to talk him into the humor to carry his grievances to a council of "Masons," adopted heroic measures for his capture. During a truce, some one hurled an apple through a window back of him, and as the broken glass attracted his attention the sheriff and posse, which was led by Fred Kinderman, removed the barricade, rushed in and seized and bound him, and brought him before the examining board.—McMinnville News-Reporter.

A Road to Tall Timber.

The long-talked-of wagon road from the Spaulding logging camp on the Big Luckiamute river to the Baker ranch on the Falls City-Rock Creek road is to be built at once. The Spaulding Logging Company has given orders to its foreman to begin the work and it is expected that the road will be open for travel before the rainy season begins.

A subscription paper was circulated by H. W. Bancroft among the business men of Falls City and Dallas this week and about $150 was raised to help build the road. The largest contributor to this fund was L. Gerlinger, president of the Dallas & Falls City railroad, who donated $50. The Spaulding Company will give an amount equal to that subscribed by the people of Falls City and Dallas, and the total amount thus raised will be amply sufficient to build the road.

When the new road is completed, all supplies for the logging camps on the Big Luckiamute river will be taken in by way of Dallas and Falls City. The Spaulding Company will save thirteen miles of teaming by traveling this route, and the present road from Airlie up the Big Luckiamute will be abandoned. The proposed road will be about five miles in length, and will intersect the Rock Creek road at a point eleven miles southwest of Falls City. Two miles of this road have already been completed by the logging company, leaving about three miles yet to be constructed.—Observer.

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