

PRUNE ROWERS WON

Sued Nurseryman, They Beat Him In Court.

Defendants Claimed The Tree Men Conspired and Failed In Their Agreements.

Two interesting civil cases, involving several thousand dollars in money, were tried before a jury in the superior court just before the holiday adjournment. They were won by the defendants, W. V. Ewing and Francis Hartley Brown, both of whom have fine farms and extensive prune orchards on the Palouse road, eight and ten miles east of Colfax. The suits were brought by F. W. Settlemier, proprietor of a nursery at Woodburn, Oregon. The case against Mr. Ewing was for a principal of \$1400 on a note given by him in 1893 to the Mix Nursery Company of Moscow, Idaho, for 4000 prune trees at 35 cents each, the note being later assigned to Settlemier. Interest for over more than seven years, more than doubling the original amount, was also demanded. Mr. Ewing refused payment on the grounds that the Mix Company had violated its agreement with him; that it had sold him trees purporting to have been grown in this country, but which had really been propagated in the Oregon nursery; that the nursery company and Settlemier had entered into a conspiracy to foist these trees upon him as home grown, thereby deceiving him; that it had assigned his note in the face of an express agreement not to do so, and, finally, that the holders of the note had, after its drawing, and unbeknown to him, added a line at the bottom stipulating that the note was to be renewed before the statute of limitation of six years should run against it. The jury coincided in one or more of these views and brought in a verdict for Mr. Ewing. It is not known whether the plaintiff will carry the matter to the higher court.

Mr. Ewing claimed that in the spring of 1893, upon the solicitation of the Mix Nursery Company, he entered into an agreement to plant a prune orchard of 25 acres. The nursery company agreed to care for the trees after planting, replacing dead ones, and, when the orchard came into bearing, to take the original purchase price from the crop, itself bearing all the expense attendant upon the picking, packing and marketing of the fruit, withdrawing all claims against him when so satisfied. However, the expense attendant upon marketing the fruit, while borne by the company, was to be deducted from the value of the crop marketed and the remainder applied to the purchase price of trees.

Mr. Ewing gave his note, which was in reality nothing more than a memorandum testifying that the Mix Company held an interest to the amount of \$1400 in the crops which might be produced by the orchard in the future. The note was non negotiable, and the claim was made that it had been assigned to Settlemier, proprietor of the Woodburn nursery, and that the clause specifying that it should be renewed was added after the instrument had been drawn, and without the knowledge or consent of the maker.

The Mix Company had failed to live up to its contract, Mr. Ewing claimed, as to marketing the crop, and in addition had deceived him, through conspiracy with Settlemier, into buying trees not home grown, as he had been led to believe. The case against Mr. Brown is exactly similar, except as to the amount, which is \$850, with interest. He has the same defense also.

HIG SALE OF GAS LAND.

W. Moreland Got \$34,000 for a Section in the Gas Belt

The first sale of what will undoubtedly result in a big land boom, was made yesterday when W. Moreland sold 680 acres of land, located six miles west of here, to Dr. Newman and associates of Spokane for \$34,000. The sale was a surprise and caused considerable excitement and phenomenal rise in land values will result in this vicinity, says the Rosalia Citizen.

W. Donahoe, who lives about two miles south of Rosalia, has excellent coal prospects on his ranch; in fact, many believe that he has the best prospects throughout the belt. It is reported that Mr. Donahoe was offered \$18,000 for his holdings, yesterday, but that he would not consider the offer.

On John Ledbetter's place, about two miles west of town, the best gas prospects discovered are now reported and it is quite probable that Mr. Ledbetter's place is situated, judging from late prospects, very near the center of the belt.

A seepage of an oily substance closely resembling petroleum was discovered on C. Spurgeon's place, about five miles northeast of here, at Spring Valley, this week.

A similar seepage with additional gas prospects is found on Frank Miller's place, two miles north of town, and good results are expected as result of the experiments which will be made on an extensive scale immediately.

Fine showings and prospects are also found on the M. H. West ranch adjoining town. It is quite probable that the first prospect well may be sunk on or near this place, especially so, if certain projects now afoot materialize.

It is this he carried out it will be the first well sunk in the district, and will be done under the management and advice of experts. This would be in accordance with the ideas of number of experts who visited the district and claim that the compactness of the formation is very favorable.

A representative of Spokane real estate men is in town this week securing options on town property and the beginning of the new century will undoubtedly bring new and startling changes, although very little development work will be done before the first of March.

Rosalia is attracting the attention of the numerous speculators that are flocking to town and situated as it is, near the center of the best of gas prospects, it is bound to have a good substantial boom regardless of the result of the development work.

AROUND THE COUNTY.

Farmington News: Postoffice Inspector Mullan spent Wednesday in this city inspecting the books of Postmaster Blickenderfer. Before leaving Mr. Mullan paid Mr. Blickenderfer a very high compliment on his efficient management of the government affairs at this point, and stated that this was about the first time for a long while that he had found a postoffice where the books balanced up to the very cent. Mr. Blickenderfer has always made it a rule to balance his books each night, and this rule, especially in government affairs, is a very good rule to follow.

Walla Walla Argus: Miss Edna Stone, who has been under treatment at the new Walla Walla hospital, returned Monday to her home at Thornton, Wash. She was accompanied by her sister May.

W. C. Kenedy, a former postmaster at Palouse, is out with a card announcing his candidacy for the place once more. The office is now held by Geo. N. Lamphear.

Orchardists alarmed because of the continued warm weather. The sap is rising in the trees and a sudden change to cold weather would cause much damage.

Some boys in Uniontown, belonging to prominent families, attempted to play a practical joke last Friday night with rather serious consequences. They broke into Petus Pleshman's little notion store and carried off some watches, handkerchiefs and other notions. They were discovered and placed under arrest. Tuesday they were brought before Justice Wimer, who fined them \$20 apiece and the costs. Judge Flowers of this city appeared for the prosecution. It came pretty near being a penitentiary offense, and the boys ought to profit by the experience.

J. L. Metsker returned last Saturday from Oregon, where he purchased four head of blooded Shorthorn cattle to add to the Metsker & Klemgard herd. The stock purchased consists of a 2 year-old bull that now weighs 1,700 pounds and won the first prize as a yearling at the Westminster, B. C. fair, and three heifers.

Herbert P. Curtis of Garfield has been granted an original pension of \$6 a month. Elizabeth Muncy, also of Garfield, is given an original widow's pension of \$8 monthly.

NORTHWEST NEWS.

A writ of mandate has been issued by Judge Linn of Thurston county, who is temporarily on the Pierce county superior bench, against Gov. Rogers, Land Commissioner Bridges, Secretary of State Jenkins and State Auditor Cheatham, citing them to appear before the superior court of Thurston county on January 4, 1901, and show cause why they should not fill the vacancies on the capital commission; why the warrants for the erection of the capitol are not issued and sold for the erection of the building, and why the state lands granted for the purpose shall not be offered for sale.

The Tacoma city council has made an increase in pay of city employees which will add about \$15,000 annually to the payroll.

According to monthly customs report for the month of November of the Puget Sound district, Tacoma led all other ports in the district both in imports and exports. Imports were \$198,603 and exports were \$1,185,093. Seattle's imports were \$131,174 and her exports \$338,166.

Martin Stieckel, who confessed the murder of W. R. Shanklin a year ago and of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Knapp, an aged couple, a month ago, in Cowlitz county, was convicted last week at Kalama in a short trial and sentenced to hang.

Starbuck has been added to the towns reached by the long distance lines of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company. Iria, Garfield county, will be the next place connected.

There are now 26 wheat carriers in the Columbia river. They will carry out 3,000,000 bushels of grain.

Patrolman Joel Hindman of Spokane distinguished himself Friday night by dashing into a burning building and carrying out three babies safely. The fire was in a frame building occupied by "Aunt" Rogers, an old colored woman, as a baby home.

Contractors who put in bids for the construction of the passenger depot to be built by the Great Northern Railroad at Spokane have been notified by the company that it has decided not to accept any of the bids at present, but will call for new bids later.

The legislature will be asked to provide the Agricultural college with fire protection, a library, armory and gymnasium combined, sewerage system and a new chemistry building. A bill is before congress now, which, if passed, will give to the college \$10,000 a year for its mining department.

An accident occurred at Lowell which nearly resulted in a tragedy. In the Christmas exercises of the school children Hugh McMillan, one of the schoolboys, was taking the part of St. Nicholas in distributing the presents among the children. His large coat, trimmed heavily with cotton, touched one of the wax tapers. The cotton ignited, and in a flash the flames passed over the boy's whole body. His father wrapped a large coat around the young man, and the flames were soon smothered. The boy's face and neck were badly burned.

B. D. Blanton of Thackerville, Tex., in two years paid over \$300 to doctors to cure a running sore on his leg. Then they wanted to cut it off, but he cured it with one box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Guaranteed cure for piles. 25 cts. a box. Sold by The Elk Drug Store, F. J. Stone, Prop.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Day of Joyousness and Good Cheer With Colfax People.

Old Fashioned Christmas Trees and Family Reunions and Dinners Made It a Happy Time.

The Merry Christmas day passed pleasantly, with good cheer and kindly greetings among the people of Colfax. Public and private Christmas trees made the hearts of the children glad, and festivities and entertainments at churches and public halls attracted interested crowds with their varied programs and special music appropriate to the occasions. The programs for public services, as published last week by the Gazette, were all carried out and largely added to. Family reunions and dinner parties were held all over the city, and many from abroad, with relatives or friends here, were present to add to the good cheer prevailing everywhere. The day was observed as a general holiday in all leading business houses and public and private offices. Many left the city to spend the day or a week or two with relatives and friends at distant points from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The trade in holiday goods for two or three weeks prior to Christmas was immense in every line from popcorn balls to the finer articles of merchandise and jewelry. Both the incoming and outgoing mails and express were loaded with fond remembrances and letters of congratulation passing from relative to relative, friend to friend and lover to lover. Many kindly acts of charity contributed to the happiness of recipients and donors, and all retired after the last Christmas of the nineteenth century had passed into history, weary, but happy, and pleased with that which Merry Christmas brought them.

Altogether, the Yuletide was a happy, joyous time, and now all look forward to the glad New Year, after the appropriate celebration of which they will settle down to another year of business cares and troubles.

CENTURY'S FIRST GAME.

Pullman and Colfax Football Aggregations Meet Again.

On New Year's day at the home grounds, the Colfax football team will again tackle the first aggregation from Pullman, which has twice taken the local team into camp. Everyone who saw the stubborn fight put up by the Colfax team on Thanksgiving day declared that with a little more experience they could turn the tables on the boys from Pullman. The experience is fast being gained and practice games are the order of the day. A few changes have been made in the line-up and the team will be greatly strengthened thereby. Game will be called at 3 p. m.

Following is the line up: Davis, left end; Amos, left tackle; Ellis, left guard; Hamblen, center; Canfield, right guard; W. Kennel, right tackle; Coolidge, right end; U. Grim, right half; Woodward, left half; McCutcheon, full back; Van Schoick, quarter back.

Too Late. Mrs. B. W. McPhee, who hurriedly left Tuesday of last week upon a call to the bedside of her dying mother at Newport, Kentucky, failed to reach her in time. Her mother died the day following Mrs. McPhee's departure from Colfax.

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Colfax College. Winter term opens Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, 1901. New classes to be formed, offering special advantages to teachers preparing for spring examinations and young people expecting to enter college or university this fall. For full information call upon or address, President F. B. Pace.

For Sale. At my ranch on Alkali, 1000 sacks of Blue Barley (strictly clean) or rolled, as desired. Also 100 sacks of White Hulless Beardless Barley. JAMES M. MARTIN, Dusty, Wash.

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AN IDEAL BEAR YARN.

There is Probably More Truth Than Poetry in It.

The Walla Walla Argus tells what may be a true or a borrowed story on Pat Mooney, an honored pioneer of the Blue mountain country. It says he had a desperate encounter with a huge bear on Jim McCool's ranch a few days ago. Bruin stole a march on Pat and nearly hugged the life out of him before he could free himself. But by a herculean effort Pat broke loose, although he was badly disfigured, and running to a safe distance he turned on the bear and shaking his fist, shouted, "Bejabers I'll fix you for this."

He hurried to the house and got a rifle, and returning to the combat laid Bruin low by one well-directed shot. The bear was brought to Ennis' meat market and was found to weigh just 400 pounds. Pat is being congratulated on his narrow escape as well as on his prowess as a Nimrod.

Quarantine at Elberton.

Elberton correspondence Garfield Enterprise: The red flag has hung on seven days posts for a week. Scarlet fever and smallpox bid fair to sweep a wide swath for a few days, but thanks to the prompt action of our health officers the dreaded diseases seem to be in check and all cases are reported improving and no new ones. Schools are closed until January. All public meetings are forbidden till January. No child permitted outside of its own door yard. No visiting among neighbors.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of letters remaining unclaimed for in the Colfax postoffice, Dec. 28, 1900: Ashworth, J. Neil, Charley Benson, J. W. Preie, A. G. Barney, W. J. Reed, I. W. Carnegie, Mrs. Romane, W. A. Cunningham, AV(2) Stout, Mrs. Tillie Gallart, Wade, Fred Hoffman, Miss Lena Whitson, Adams Loose, W. H. One cent postage will be collected. JAMES EWART, P. M.

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