Earl Brown & Sons sells to Washington fruit grower

Family members remain in place at business

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Earl Brown & Sons was looking at the wine business, in past years. Groff said they roughly 3,500 cases of wine every year. Varieties include Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, and growing pears before branch -man’s son-in-law, said the mission. Groff, who is Foreman, a Wenatchee attorney, and vineyards,” Groff said. “We’re moving along just like our radar — Wenatchee is a lot of them down,” said Brown.

 elegant solution collapse under weight of snow

Tomber companies partner to improve water sources

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The price onion shippers are receiving for the Spanish bulbs grown in this re- sonance onion sales were December were follow by near-freezing rain last week and then more snow. That has caused many structures throughout the Treasure Valley area to collapse. Kitamura, chairman of the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onion Committee’s promotion commis- sion, said other onion packing or processing facilities are on the brink. “Some are still standing but they’re not looking too strong,” he said. Partners Produce Group’s main on- onion packing facility in Pasco, Washington, collapsed and will be out of commission for at least seven months, said co-owner Eddie Firestone. The disruptions will affect onion packing facilities in Southern Idaho and Eastern Oregon that have collapsed. “We’re still three of them will be out of commission the rest of the season and several are wounded,” Kitamura said. The projects mimic what might be done in the future. “Our investors expect a certain level of stewardship in the management of their assets,” she said. “This project is an opportunity to show the public that managed forests are entirely compatible with clean drinking water, fish habitat and stream health.”

The Richland project was one of 11 projects in Oregon in 2016, the first year of the Oregon Water Provid- ers Partnership, a public-private collaboration aimed at linking municipal water improvements, private-cost projects, agri- cultural fencing, livestock and riparian improvements to fish and Billy Moore Creek in La Grande, and to build cord firelines to protect Baker City’s municipal water supply.

All of these projects were started with a small grant, reports from local land-owners, and nonprofit agencies, according to the Water Providers Partnership, which includes the U.S. Forest Ser- vice, Oregon Department of Natural Resources, Oregon Depart- ment of Environmental Quality, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Wild- Earth Guardians.

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