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PRUNE CROP, \$360 PER ACRE CANDIDATES BUSY BIG DEVELOPMENT CONGRESS

Another High Mark Added to Douglas County's Splendid Fruitgrowing Record by G. W. Gage, of Dillard

Another record for prune growing has been established in Douglas county. This time it is Mr. G. W. Gage, of Dillard, who establishes a new high mark in this line of industry. Mr. Gage's orchard is located on the South Umpqua river about 10 miles south of Roseburg.

This morning R. L. Gile, manager of the Umpqua Valley Prune Association, issued to Mr. Gage a check for his crop, the sum paid aggregating \$1795.67. This crop was grown on five acres of land and establishes a new record on heavy yields in that kind of fruit. A number of prune orchards in this county last year yielded crops which sold for \$200 per acre and upward, and one orchard reported a crop which sold for \$340 per acre. Mr. Gage now exceeds that splendid figure by the comfortable margin of \$20 per acre. From this same orchard last year Mr. Gage harvested a crop which sold for over \$200 per acre. This year he got \$360 per acre.

While it is yet too early to secure any general consensus of the county's prune crop for this season, Mr. Gile says the crop this year will approximate about 75 per cent of a normal crop. This is much better than was reported early in the season.

Mr. Geo. Weber, who lives beyond Edenbower, was in town this afternoon. He reports that from an orchard of 700 prune trees, about 8 1/2 acres, he has just sold about \$1950 worth of fruit, or an average of \$230 per acre. He added that a part of his trees bore a lighter crop than usual this year. His brother, Morris Weber, from 19 acres harvested 62-

000 pounds of prunes, which he estimates to be about two-thirds of an average crop, and says that his orchard can easily yield twice the amount turned out this year. His fruit was of fine quality this season, averaging from 39 to 42 to the pound. He realized considerably over \$100 per acre for this short crop. Clay Smith reports a return of about \$100 per acre for the crop grown on the Cyrus Smith farm, near Greens, which was purchased several months ago by C. B. Cannon, of this city.

These crops are but a few, taken at random, from among those growers who could be seen in a few minutes' time on the streets today. These, however, fully demonstrate what a profitable business prune growing is in this county, as well as other lines in the fruit growing industry.

THREE TEAMS HAVE SHOT.

Albany Fears Only Roseburg in Regimental Tournament.

Albany Herald: Company G's rifle team, consisting of Lloyd Marquam, R. J. Karstens, O. C. Karstens and A. Abraham, made the highest score of any of the companies in the regiment who have yet shot for the regimental trophy with a total of 601 points on the four ranges. The rifle team shot on the 200 yards range at rapid and slow fire, and on the 500 and 600 yard ranges slow fire. Private Marquam was high man on the team with a total of 162 points. Unless Roseburg riflemen

surpass the Albany team, the locals have a fine chance to win the regimental trophy. The Roseburg team is said to be the only team that is apt to win over Albany. The McMinnville team made 582 and Dallas 563.

(If either of the two Eugene teams, the Cottage Grove team or the Ashland team do not go higher than Albany's score, Roseburg will in all probability win the trophy, and the individual medal, too. At practice yesterday, the Roseburg team, consisting of Lieut. F. G. Stewart, Corp. Alex Ferguson and Privates B. F. Shields and Chester Fisher, made a score of 675, or 74 points more than Albany's official score. In individual work, Shields made a score of 176, against 162 made by Albany's highest marksman. However, Albany's team total will likely be beaten by the Cottage Grove team, at least, which won the trophy last year. In addition to the four members of the team, six other Roseburg militiamen will try for the individual medal. Four of these are Sgts. A. Q. Johnson and Gus Pankey and Privates John Marks and Nelson. The other two have not yet been selected. The Roseburg squad will shoot next Tuesday.)

THE MIGHTY HEN.

According to the last census, there are 223,583,005 chickens of laying age in the United States. These are valued at \$70,000,000 and the eggs they lay would, if divided, allow 203 eggs annually to every person—man, woman and child—in the United States. The value of all the fowls, \$85,800,000, would entitle every person in the country to \$1 if they were sold and the proceeds divided. All the weight of the animal products exported, the pork, beef, tallow, ham, bacon and sausage, weigh \$46,850 tons, while the weight of eggs laid yearly tips the scales at 970,363 tons.—Homestead.

Bryan Hurls Sarcasm at Roosevelt in New Jersey

STRAW VOTES BEING TAKEN

California Democrats to Conduct a Whirlwind Campaign Through State-Day's Tragedies

Special to the Evening Review.

LAMBERTSVILLE, N. J., Oct. 23.—"I am glad that you can still greet me as the candidate of the democratic party," declared Hon. W. J. Bryan, in opening an address here today. "When I saw in a paper today that President Roosevelt had removed Gompers from his position at the head of organized labor in this country and put Senator Knox in his place I began to prepare for anything that might follow. Therefore I read the papers nervously today, fearing the president might read me out of my own party and name someone else to take my place."

This keen sarcasm was roundly cheered.

Taft is on the Way. CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Oct. 23.—Hon. Wm. H. Taft opened the second day of his campaign in this state at Brazil this morning. He will speak at a number of places during the day.

California Democrats Active.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 23.—A whirlwind campaign by special train over the state during the coming week is announced by the democratic leaders here. Nearly every democratic speaker of prominence in California will take part in this general effort to place the state in the Bryan column. Hon. Theodore Bell and Hon. Jas. Phelan, former mayor of San Francisco, will be among the principal speakers on board the train on its tour. Organized labor in this state, as well as elsewhere, is largely supporting Bryan, and the democratic leaders believe enough other votes can be changed to swing the state into the democratic column.

Widespread Straw-Vote.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—The weekly publication of the Literary Digest today announced a straw poll of its readers. The result was: Taft, 19,224; Bryan, 14,712; Chaffin, 949, out of a total of 35,710 who responded to the Digest's inquiry. It is estimated that 95 per cent of the Digest's subscribers are lawyers, ministers, and other professional men, a large portion of whom live in the northern states. The poll shows that Bryan leads in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Missouri and California.

Hearst's Hired Man Sputters.

TOLEDO, Oct. 23.—Higgen, the Hearst assistant to Taft's candidacy, today requested the name of the contributor who turned in the \$300,000 alleged to have been added to the democratic campaign fund, which Chairman Mack a few days ago positively declared had never been received and that such allegations were absolutely false. Higgen denied that President Roosevelt was the author of the statement that this fund was from the Standard Oil Co. Higgen said it was hard to tell when Mack was telling the truth.

Fight With a Whale.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Oct. 23.—In a desperate fight with a whale six Indians narrowly escaped with their lives in Bellingham bay today. They were in a rowboat when an attack was made on the monster with the purpose of killing it. The whale flopped, upsetting the boat and knocking the occupants unconscious. They were picked up by another boat.

Bank Dynamited.

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 23.—Vaults of the state bank at Hartwell were dynamited by yegmen today. The robbers escaped with \$3400.

Young Kern is Better.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 23.—John W. Kern, Jr., is slightly improved today but his father, the democratic candidate for vice-president, refuses to leave his bedside until he is out of danger.

Twelve-Mile Relay Race.

TACOMA, Oct. 23.—Plans are perfected for a great relay race from the American Lake Y. M. C. A. building to this city, a distance of 12 miles, Saturday afternoon, by three picked teams of 12 men each.

Woman Burned to Death.

Her clothes catching fire while bending over a stove last night, Sarah Cory, aged 65, died this morning. She inhaled the flames before they were extinguished by her son.

Opened in Roseburg Today With Several Splendid Addresses—Electric Road to Coos—Banquet Tonight

With good roads, a railroad from Roseburg to Coos Bay, and the advancement of southern Oregon industrially and educationally as its objects, the Oregon and Idaho Development Congress opened in Elks' Hall in this city this morning for a two days' session. President Dexter Rice, of the Roseburg Commercial Club, under the direction of which organization the meeting is being held, delivered an address of welcome to the visitors and to the large assemblage of spectators. Response was made by Col. E. Hofer, of Salem, who then assumed the permanent chairmanship of the congress and outlined its objects.

Mr. Hofer first introduced Mr. Francis H. Clark, representing the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Clark's address occupied the remainder of the morning and about one-third of this afternoon's session, which closed about 4 o'clock. Mr. Clark was followed by Dr. Andrew C. Smith, of Portland, whose subject was good roads. In response to invitations from the chair, Judge J. W. Hamilton and Hon. Blaine Herrmann made impromptu speeches. Mr. Hofer then announced that President Campbell, of the state university, would deliver an address at this evening's session, after which the meeting adjourned. President Campbell's subject will be: "Higher Standards in the Public Schools." At both morning and afternoon sessions the greatest enthusiasm was manifested, and it's a safe assertion that this meeting will be productive of good good than any of a similar character ever herebefore held in Roseburg. This evening's program will include vocal and instrumental music, and after adjournment a banquet will be served in Masonic Hall by the Ladies of the Commercial Club, to the visitors and Club members.

Railroad to Coos.

Mr. Clark's remarks dwelt chiefly with the great need of a railroad from Roseburg to Coos Bay, and in emphasizing this fact he stated that he had to travel about 500 miles from Marshfield in order to reach Roseburg, 49 miles distant. In a comfortable and safe manner. From one of his statements it was evident that Coos Bay people—assuming that he spoke in reflection of their sentiment—had abandoned all hope of getting the long promised railroad from Dr. Dr. "Mr. Herrmann," said Mr. Clark, "abandoned the Dr. Dr. project when he discovered that his competitor, the Western Pacific railroad, which was heading for Coos Bay, had been disarmed. Coos Bay can live without a railroad; it has the broad Pacific Ocean as an outlet, and it has enough natural resources to make it feel independent. But its people are not hermits; they want railroad communication with the outside world, they want to do business with and through Roseburg, and for that reason they want a railroad to your city (applause)."

If one of the great railway systems in the west will not build the road, then it's up to Coos Bay and Roseburg to build it ourselves. (Applause.)

This part of the state will never enjoy the full measure of prosperity to which it is entitled until the importance of a railroad to Coos Bay is fully realized. It will give Roseburg a gateway to the Pacific ocean and the accompanying advantages of Alaskan and Australian markets, such as Coos Bay now enjoys, without the heavy railroad freight tolls to San Francisco and Portland. Such a railroad would also advance the interests of Coos Bay immeasurably. Above all other things it would boom the coal mining industry. Victoria, on Vancouver Island, has a population of 35,000, and its sole support is its coal mines. If Marshfield had a railroad to aid its coal industry it would soon get to be as large a town as Victoria. Its lumber shipments are a large factor, too, and when the Panama canal is opened, facilitating shipping, this industry will also increase.

Highway, Then Railroad.

Dr. Smith advised Roseburg to join with Coos Bay and build a railroad at once. "If you cannot build a steam railroad, build an electric road, and if you cannot do that then build a first-class wagon road and the railroad will follow in due time. Study the history of New England and you will discover that good roads have been the forerunner of railroads."

"This is more than a local matter, however," stated the speaker. "The great necessity of the present time is a good highway from Portland to Ashland or some nearby point. Then this should be followed by a road east and west through the state. By studying the map you will see that Roseburg would be the logical intersection for the two roads. Such highways would stimulate road building."

ing all over the state and in a few years Oregon would become as noted for its good roads as it is now for its poor ones. The plan proposed for financing a through-state highway is to have the state, the counties and the abutting property each pay one-third of the cost. There should be urged upon the legislature a bill providing for an annual appropriation of \$500,000 for the next few years toward defraying the expense of such roads and once such a bill is passed the project will be practically assured."

RESORT FOR MAGNATES.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Oct. 22.—The Weyerhaeuser Timber Company will establish a hunting lodge on Aspen lake, just west of upper Klamath Lake, and not far from E. H. Harriman's lodge at Pelican Bay. The timber bordering the west shore of the upper Klamath is owned by the Weyerhaeuser, as is also the bed of Asher lake, which is about six miles long and a mile and a half wide. Ducks and geese are plentiful on the lake and the mountains are good hunting grounds for bear and deer. Wild rice is being planted in the marshes on the edge of the lake this fall.

The Weyerhaeuser company includes about 30 capitalists, prominent men in various states, and this lodge at Aspen lake will be provided for their pleasure.

With the greatest railroad magnate in the world, and the lumber king of America owning summer hunting and fishing resorts in Klamath county, the fame of this region is assured for a recreation spot.

TO ACCOMMODATE HENRY.

Trial of Binger Hermann Once More Postponed in Portland.

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 23.—Once again the trial of Binger Hermann, indicted in connection with the Oregon land frauds, has been postponed and this time indefinitely, or at least until the attorneys in the case come together at some indefinite time and decide upon a date for trial. After Judge Wolverson had resumed court after the noon recess, Assistant to the Attorney General Tracey C. Becker announced that the date set for the Hermann trial was November 9 but, owing to the absence of Judge Hunt, before whom many of the trials had been held, and because Francis J. Heney, who was expected to conduct the prosecution of the case, could not come, that an agreement had been reached among the attorneys to postpone the trial until such time as Judge Hunt could come to Portland and Heney was through with the trial of Buef in San Francisco.

Ex-United States Senator John M. Gearin, Hermann's attorney, was in court when Attorney Becker, in behalf of the government, made his statement and agreed to the postponement. The Williamson case and the application of John H. Hall, ex-United States Attorney, will also be postponed. This means that Binger Hermann will not be tried during 1908.

Big shipment of Art Needlework just in at Graves' Art Emporium. Get busy with your Christmas presents.

FOUND—Cap for fountain pen. Owner can have same by calling at this office.

TWO MORE INDICTMENTS.

Present Grand Jury Will Not Be Discharged Before Next Term.

Two more indictments were returned into the circuit court by the grand jury this morning. Both are sealed, but it is stated unofficially that one is directed against Walter Crittiser, of West Fork, and that the charge is violation of the local option law. Sheriff Fenton went to West Fork Thursday and brought back quite a number of witnesses and that while there he discovered a large stock of liquors of all kinds in Crittiser's possession.

The expectation that the grand jury would finish its labors today will not be fulfilled, neither is it likely that the grand will be completed by tomorrow. The present session of the grand jury will see a new method begun. While it may wind up what amount of work remains on hand by the end of this week it will not be adjourned before the Saturday immediately preceding the opening of the next regular term of court. This is made necessary by the new law which takes the power of filing informations out of the hands of the district attorney and places it with the grand jury. The plan is for the grand jury, after adjourning pro tem, to reconvene about ten days before the opening of the next term and act on all matters that may develop in the meantime, such as the district attorney heretofore examined into personally. The jury will draw pay only while in active session and will be discharged immediately upon the drawing of a new jury at the first day of the next regular term.

Thos. Jefferson Arrested.

This afternoon is became known who was wanted under the sealed indictment issued by the grand jury a few days ago. This was brought out by the arrest of Thos. Jefferson, a local character, who is charged with "boot-legging." At the time the indictment was issued Jefferson was missing. He was heard of at Myrtle Point not long ago and later in Lane county. He was nabbed here by Sheriff Fenton as he was enroute to points south. The defendant did not know he had been indicted until the arrest was made. Date for trial has not yet been fixed.

GEO. NEUBER ASSIGNS.

Ashland Record: T. J. Kenney, the hardware merchant and all round business man of Jacksonville, and George Neuber, for many years a saloon man of the county seat, have made assignments for the benefit of their creditors.

Two weeks ago Neuber made an assignment with Kenney as assignee and a few days ago Kenney made an assignment, naming Wm. Ulrich as assignee.

Mr. Kenney's liabilities are about \$18,000, of which amount Antonio Rose holds a note of \$6000, and one attorney has claims amounting to \$7,000.

The immediate cause of Kenney's failure was the inability of Neuber to pay Kenney about \$2500 and Neuber was compelled to assign.

Neuber's liabilities aggregate \$14,000. J. D. Heard will likely be appointed receiver of Neuber's affairs.

Jealousy Causes Murder.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 23.—Angry because his sweetheart rejected him and married F. H. Vaningen, Beave Plaquemine shot and killed Vaningen while seated near his bride in a train here today. Beave attended the wedding and apparently there lost his mind and crazed with jealousy followed the couple to the depot, rushed into the car and fired the fatal shot.

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