

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

FRUIT GROWER OFFERS SOME SUGGESTIONS.

WILBUR, Ore., Feb. 4, 1925.—Editor News-Review: I have a recent copy of the News-Review a request by the chamber of commerce that suggestions be submitted regarding new work for the year of 1925.

For those familiar with the high priced fruit of eastern Washington, who have seen the perfect specimens exhibited at the Roseburg Land Products show, the sight of our miles on miles of ruined and neglected apple and pear orchards is simply appalling at a time too, when fruit prices are at the top notch.

South of Drain are 900 acres of apples, pears and prunes slowly sinking into ruin, around Sutherlin are hundreds of acres of what was once splendid orchards, simply going wild.

Douglas County is full of these neglected and half-ruined orchards. This appears almost preposterous viewed, in the fact, that these fruit tracts can to a large extent be made to produce as splendid a fruit as the finest products of Yakima, Washington. Any fruit expert who has seen the Roseburg fruit show will substantiate this statement.

While our orchards are sinking into ruin, fruit growers with the same identical fruits that Douglas county can produce, are obtaining the following prices in the Yakima Valley:

Italian prunes, per ton...\$75.00
Bartlett Pears, ton... 90.00
Delicious Apples, box... 3.15
Rome Beauty apples, box... 3.75
Jonathans, per box... 1.80
Spitzenbergs, per box... 2.00
Yellow Newtons, box... 2.95
Winesaps, per box... 2.75
Winter Bananas, box... 1.90

South of Oakland is the neglected and dilapidated remains of what was once 1400 acres of fine pears, known as "Chopovoth Park." In its hey-day, this tract filled the ware houses of Oakland with the finest fruit ever seen in Douglas county.

Not long ago, a pear grower from Selah, Washington, viewing with astonishment the large pears growing in this Park, made the statement that "Fruit buyers buy our fruit at per acre for no better pear land. It doubtless reminded him of the story of the city who's inhabitants slept 100 years awaiting the blowing of the magic horn, that was to awake them."

It is high time some Ruben found that horn and tooted it in Douglas county. The loer farmers in South Africa starved out on land full of diamonds. Here in Douglas county we are following their example with our orchards. Rip Van Winkle certainly had nothing on us; that old boy only slept 20 years, and then woke up!

Here in Douglas county, Bankers, merchants and the fruit growers are all peacefully snoring together. In the meantime "sleek tongued fruit buyers" are making regular trips getting what little fruit is raised, at a fraction of its value. Our little beauty sleep is costing us dear, when we get \$25 per ton for our prunes, Washington growers get \$75.00; when we get \$50 per ton for our pears, they receive to \$90.

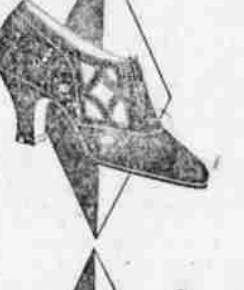
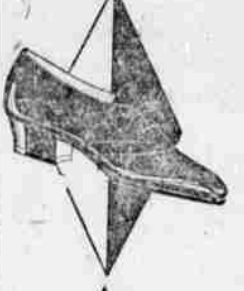
Fruit buyers buy our fruit at the one price, and Washington fruit at several times higher; then resell the entire output at the same price and we are left to hold the sack.

Our Governor once said, "when ever a buyer desires something for nothing, he comes to Oregon to get it." The he—of it all is, glibly told, our fruits are not as good as Yakima or Hood river fruits—Bunk! Let skeptics go to Yakima or Hood River, they will only see more fruit, none better. Go to our Garden bottom orchards and visit the Parker Orchard and Ross orchard west of Sutherlin, these splendid tracts are producing specimens at the equal of the finest products of eastern Washington.

Samples of apples from the writers orchard have been placed on exhibit at Selah and Yakima, Washington; fruit experts at these places pronouncing them the equal if not superior to the Yakima fruit. This from an orchard too, that had received no cultivation or spraying except the season this fruit was grown for nine seasons. Proof of this fact cheerfully furnished upon request.

Orchardists are doubtless wondering what steps are now being taken to assist them in this county. Our Legislature, God bless them, are on the job; they are thinking of drafting a bill to force those discouraged non-resident fruitmen who own orchards in Douglas county and other parts of the state, to clean up the huge in their orchards. As Humbell Dora says, our 'Jugashashures' are SOME Pumpkins. Why not the boys encourage the raising of woodpeckers to eat the worms?

The writer desires to offer a sincere suggestion as to the most desirable plan, to help encourage the cleaning up of these orchards. One that offers the surest chance of success: First, let us awake from this discouraged apathetic dose, that we have gotten into, forget all the nonsense about fruit not keeping etc., No fruit can keep full of worms; start this spring and clean it up, in the meanwhile get in cooperation with our Roseburg chamber of commerce gentlemen are anxious to assist us. Through them get a line-up on all the "fruit class" fruit that they can raise this season in Douglas county; this fall, before the fruit is picked, let us select two or more fruit experts from this district, men who know fruit... Supply these gentlemen



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CLOSING OUT REMAINING PAIRS OF EVER SO MANY DIFFERENT STYLES AT EXTRAORDINARY PRICE REDUCTIONS—EVERY PAIR OF GOOD QUALITY.

Here's your chance to get good shoes at a mighty big saving. Men. Both high shoes and low shoes are included and there's variety enough in styles and in sizes to make satisfactory choice a certainty.

- MEN'S
Men's brown kid Oxfords, were \$6.50, now \$3.45
Men's black calf Oxfords, good Shoe for big boys, were \$6.50, \$3.95
One lot men's lace Shoes, values to \$9.00, now \$4.95
Men's heavy black calf lace Shoe (Co-operative make) double sole, guaranteed to give service, were \$9.50, \$6.95
Men's heavy black calf lace Shoe broad toe, cushion sole, were \$9.00, \$6.75
Men's heavy, kip leather logger, 12-inch top, pig sole, were \$11.50, \$9.50

- BOYS AND GIRLS
Boy's brown calf Oxford, sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, were \$4.50, now \$3.25
Boy's brown calf lace Shoe, square toe, sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, were \$4.25, \$3.50
Boys' high grade J. E. Tilt Shoes, brown and black calf, sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, were \$6.75, now \$5.25
One lot girls Shoes, black kid lace, were \$3.50, now \$1.65
One lot girls and misses Shoes, brown calf, broken sizes, were \$3.50, \$2.50

This Final Clean-up Begins with approximately 175

- Pairs of Women's shoes in different styles. 70
Pairs of Men's shoes in different styles. 75
Pairs of Children's shoes in different styles.

The numerous opportunities listed in this announcement will give you some idea of the styles and the savings which await you. Yet they tell only part of the story—and perhaps the very shoes you're most interested in are not mentioned.

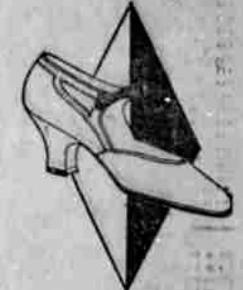
Of course Kidder's quality and fitting service prevail no matter how much prices are lowered.

Discount on all lines of Shoes in stock during period of sale.

KIDDER'S Shoe Store 213 North Jackson St.

Remember please, that shoes are reduced because the size ranges are incomplete. So don't be surprised when you discover even the newest models reduced.

- WOMEN'S
One lot high lace, black kid Shoes, mostly narrow widths, were up to \$10.00, now 95c
One lot brown and black kid and black calf, high lace, Cuban heel, values to \$10.00, now \$3.95
One lot brown and black kid Oxfords, Cuban heel, values to \$8.00, now \$3.25
One lot high grade black satin straps, dress and Cuban heel, values up to \$9.50, now \$4.65
One lot high grade black satin pumps, Cuban heel, were \$8.50, \$3.65
One lot low heel satin Shoes, 1 strap, were \$7.75, now \$4.98
One lot brown and black kid, arch support Oxfords, value \$9.50, \$6.25
One lot 2-button strap Cuban leather heel, tan color, were \$9.00, \$5.50
One lot tan Suede Strap Shoes, were \$9.50, now \$3.98
One lot growing girls' dark grey suede, low heel, were \$5.50, \$3.45
One lot growing girls, one strap patent leather, grey trim, were \$6.75, \$4.95
One lot low heel, one strap black and brown kid, were \$6.00, \$3.95



with samples of our Umpqua Valley fruit and send them to Hood River and Yakima, Washington. These men can then meet with fruit buyers who know good fruit, who have the money, and if assured that we have the goods and quantity, to justify their coming to Douglas county, there are no reasons why we can not have fruit men next season at Roseburg offering the same prices for fruit as offered in the Yakima Valley.

The writer knows as do others, that we can produce the goods the equal of the best. There are no real obstacles before the Douglas county fruit growers, to prevent their placing the Umpqua Valley fruit in the place that it should rightly be—in the New York and London markets, along side of Yakima and Hood River products.

Respectfully submitted by GEORGE R. ALLEN.

Old fashioned bread and milk both incorporated in a nut brown soft grain loaf. MILK BREAD. Phone 123.

DIPHTHERIA EPIDEMIC IN NOME IS HALTED

ROSEBURG WILL PLAY MEDFORD ON FRIDAY

A double header basketball game is to be played here on Friday. At the high school gymnasium, between the Roseburg high school and the Medford high school. The Roseburg and Medford girls will play the first game and the boys of the two schools will meet in the second contest.

reported in four days and epidemic conditions have improved greatly, the board of health disclosed following a survey made yesterday. The board sent word to the Fairbanks Airplane Corporation that an attempt to fly from Fairbanks to Nome with 628,000 units of anti-toxin was not necessary at present as a shipment of 480,000 units of serum now being relayed from Nenana was due to arrive Friday.

ENGLAND HAS A FEW BOOTLEGGERS

LONDON, Feb. 10.—England has a bootlegging problem, says the Westminster Gazette, which although small as compared with America's threatens to grow and may necessitate the adoption of special measures.

Have you something to sell, to trade, to give away. Use News-Review columns.

WHOLE-MEAL BREAD CURE FOR CANCER

LONDON, Feb. 10.—The English are becoming a nation of whole meal bread eaters. Since the prohibition, a little more than a year ago, by the imminent surgeon, Sir William Arbuthnot Lane that white bread is probably one of the causes of cancer, bakers of England have noticed a decrease in the sale of white bread and an

'A Business Man Goes to Bed Happy and wakes up happy if his business is advertised!'

increase in the consumption of whole products. This change in the national appetite has become so widespread that the bakers' association has issued posters and pamphlets showing the benefits of whole meal diet and urging its wider use.

Specific figures of one of the largest bakeries in London show the sale of whole meal loaves during December to be almost three times that of the previous December.

LODGE DIRECTORY

- O. E. S., Roseburg Chapter No. 3. Holds their regular meeting on the first and third Thursdays in each month.
Eagles, Roseburg Aerie—Meets in Maccabee hall, on Cass street, on second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month.
Laurel Chapter No. 31, R. A. M. Stated convocations on first and third Tuesdays, Masonic Temple.

ROSEBURG LODGE NO. 1037 L. O. O. M.

- Meets every Monday night, Moose Hall, 243 N. Jackson St. Club rooms open 7:30 to 10 p. m.
Knights of Pythias, Alpha Lodge No. 47—Meets every Wednesday in Knights of Pythias hall, 130 Rose street.
United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America—Meets in Moose hall second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month.