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UNION COUNTY FRUIT

The Fruit Growers Association which will commence its three days session here tomorrow, suggests that in order to more fully understand the distinguished men who will be here to talk about fruit that we refresh our memories as to the quantity of fruit grown in this state and county. The figures below will be found in Vol. 6 report of the 12th. census. Each reader can make his own estimate as to the growth of the fruit industry here in the past five years.

The total value of fruit grown in orchards on grape vines, and on small fruit producing growth in the census year 1899, was \$1,455,201 in Oregon.

Value of orchard fruit grown in the U S 1899 was \$83,751,840, which grew on 367,164,694 trees which was 173,712,106 more orchard trees than reported in the census of 1890. The grape crops in the last census is given as being worth \$14,000,937, that of small fruit at \$25,030,877 and sub tropical fruits at 8,649,863, making the entire fruit crop grown during the last census year aggregates \$31,423,517.

The last census gives the total value of all fruits grown in Oregon in 1899 at \$1,455,201 of which \$906,015 was orchard fruit, \$162,543 grapes, \$383,632 small fruits and \$11 worth of sub tropical fruit.

In the last census year Union county had 161,781 apple trees, 1,065 apricot trees, 18,325 cherry trees, 2,022 peach and nectarine trees, 16,727 pear trees, 59,792 plum and prune trees and 1,022 unclassified making a total of 270,734 orchard trees.

There were 6,851 grape vines in Union county.

The last census reports 21 acres in black and dewberries in Union county, 11 acres in currants, 8 acres in gooseberries, 45 acres in raspberries and logan berries, and 75 acres in strawberries.

The total value of small fruit for Union county was given at \$22,057 that of the orchard fruits at \$44,366 and grape vines at \$268 making the fruit crop of Union county during the last census year total \$66,691. The same report gives the value of forest products of Union county for the census year at \$66,099.

"OLD IRONSIDES"

The recent recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, Mr Bonaparte, that the Constitution, better known as Old Ironsides, the most famous ship that has ever borne the Stars and Stripes through the smoke of battle, be broken up, has shocked the patriotism of the American people, and brought forth a well merited storm of protest. Several public-spirited men have come forward with the offer to buy it, in order that this famous vessel may be preserved to the nation; but Mr Bonaparte now says that it is a matter for Congressional action.

The ship is at present anchored at the Charlestown Navy Yard, at Boston, and although sadly in need of repair, is far from being a wreck. Its preservation should be as dear to the hearts of the American people as Nelson's flagship, the Victory, is to those of Britain. Old Ironsides was built in 1797, her bolts being the work of Paul Revere. She served against the French, and from 1801 to 1805 against the pirates of Tripoli. In 1812 she was victorious over the Guerriere, the Java, Picton, Levant and others

She was threatened with destruction once before by the Government, but was saved by the enthusiasm aroused by a poem of Holmes.

It is often complained that we have too few national monuments, and relics of great events in this country, and yet we seem bound to destroy those remaining. The few that have been preserved were saved, for the most part by patriotic men and women, and not by the Government. It is to be hoped that the public protest will prevail, and that this famous old vessel will be preserved, to teach coming generations how she held the seas "in the brave days of old."

While the railroad employees are not enthusiastic over the call to take the snow plow out on the road, a prominent farmer remarked this morning that those years when the p'ow was the most active that Grande Ronde was always blessed with good crops.

Nineteen hundred six brings a prosperity blanket which extends over Grande Ronde valley to the depth of about six inches and becomes deeper as the mountain ranges extend upward.

Kentucky is now in the throes of a senatorial deadlock. Oregon has had her share, but if the people as expressed through the primaries is respected, deadlocks in Oregon will be a thing of the past.

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