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LARGE BULK OF FINE APPLES SOLD

MOST FANCY PRICES PAID IN LA GRANDE THIS YEAR.

Ramsey-Oldenberg Company, Closes Deals With a Dozen or More Growers Yesterday, That Will Total Over Twenty Carloads—Size of Sale and Prices Paid Really Encouraging Considering Early Condition of Apple Market This Year.

The fanciest prices for Grande Ronde apples secured by growers this season were realized yesterday by a dozen or more local growers, who combined, sold over 20 carloads of fancy stuff to the Ramsey-Oldenberg Warehouse Co. The exact price has not been given out though the buyers announce it brushed the dollar mark, and in a few instances went above \$1, thus setting a record price for this season.

The size of the purchase is also one of the largest of the season, totalling more than 20 cars. Individual sales in the bulk, vary between 850 boxes to 1800 boxes.

The Sellers.
Those with whom the deals were closed yesterday by the local fruit dealers, were Mike Carroll, 850 boxes; C. M. Riddle and C. E. Smith, combined, 1700; J. M. Fraker, 1000; Joseph Ainsworth, 1700; A. P. Davis, S. B. Williamson and a few other small lots bunched at a carload; the Hunter estate, 1800; the Rynearson and other small lots bring the total to a score of cars.

The Best is Gone.
This large purchase cleans up the best of the apple crop on this side of the valley. There is one entire crop and several half crops and leave-overs which will keep local shippers busy for some time yet, but the big bulk of 1908 apples is now sold. The prices have been a trifle below the normal during the winter, but considering the extreme unsteadiness of the national apple market earlier in the season, the sale prices paid yesterday are very satisfactory indeed. The most fancy price paid in several years is but very little higher than the quotations on a few of the very choice carloads sold since the holiday period commenced this winter.

Wide Variations.
Since the market has settled down to a degree at all favorable to the sellers and shippers alike, there has been a wide range in prices. Between 90 cents and \$1.15 per box is the extreme both ways during the last few weeks, according to unofficial announcement.

FIRST MESSAGE TO IDAHO SOLONS

GOVERNOR BRADY ASKS FOR LOCAL OPTION LAWS IN IDAHO

Boise, Jan. 5.—The first message of Governor James H. Brady was delivered to the legislature today. It urges the republicans to fulfill all party pledges, including the enactment of a direct primary law, county local option law, and also urges the pledge made at the state republican convention that W. B. Heyburn be re-elected United States senator, be kept. While not favoring a railroad commission, the governor recommends the creation of a public utilities commission to have charge of all public service corporations. He recommended the appropriation of sufficient money to complete the state capitol building, and also for the Idaho building at the Seattle exposition.

PARDON BUWALDA

ONCE APPLAUDED EMMA GOLDMAN, THEN JAILED.

President Roosevelt Pardons Young Soldier Who Spoke to Emma Goldman—Case Caused Trouble.

San Francisco, Jan. 5.—Private William Buwalda, sentenced to five years in the military prison at Alcatraz island for applauding Emma Goldman, "queen of anarchists," was today pardoned by President Roosevelt. His original sentence was reduced to three years upon recommendation of General Funston. Buwalda claimed he attended the meeting to take notes, but the military court did not believe him.

LID ON EVERETT.

Even Quiet Gambling Will Not Be Tolerated, Says the Mayor.

Everett, Wash., Jan. 5.—Mayor Jones has issued orders to the police that gambling in all forms must cease. Heretofore games had been played on the quiet.

EXCURSIONISTS ARE WANTED HERE

JACK O'NEAL IN CITY IN INTERESTS OF BIG EVENT.

Walla Walla Commercial Club Will Run Big Excursion From Garden City on January Fifteenth—Itinerary Provides for Exhaustive Sight-Seeing Trip—Palo Alto, Paso Robles, Del Monte and Other Noted Cities to Be Visited.

Jack O'Neal, the O. R. & N. passenger agent, is in La Grande today making arrangements for liberal patronage by La Grande people to the California excursion that is to be run from Walla Walla, commencing January 15. The itinerary provides for visits to the principal places of interest in California and Oregon.

The itinerary in brief follows:
Friday, January 15, leave Walla Walla, O. R. & N. Co., 11:45 p. m.
Arrive Portland, 9 a. m.
Leave Union depot 9:30 a. m.
Leave Portland Union depot 10:30 p. m.

Sunday, January 17, arrive Grants Pass 10:50 a. m.
Arrive at Medford 12:15 p. m.; at Ashland 1:05 p. m.; at Shasta Springs 7:45 p. m.

Monday, January 18, arrive at Oakland, 16th street, 10 a. m. Trip to and around Berkeley and visit to the grounds of the University of California. Return to Oakland; entertainment and luncheon.

Arrive at San Francisco 6 p. m. Train will be conveniently parked for occupancy during stay in San Francisco.

Tuesday, January 19, leave San Francisco 9:45 a. m.; arrive Tavern of Tamalpais 11:40 a. m.

Wednesday, January 20, breakfast at Hotel Fairmount.

Arrive Palo Alto 10 a. m.; drive to Leland Stanford, Jr. University.

Arrive San Jose 11:50 a. m. Luncheon Hotel Vendome; electric car ride through the orchards of the beautiful Santa Clara valley, 30 miles.

Arrive Del Monte 2:30 a. m.

Thursday, January 21—Breakfast Hotel Del Monte. Carriage ride over the world-famous 17-mile drive. Carriages will leave hotel 9 a. m.

Arrive Paso Robles 6 p. m. Dinner at Hotel El Paso De Robles. A visit should be made to the new \$100,000 bath house.

Friday, January 22—Arrive at Santa Barbara 6 a. m. Breakfast Hotel Potter. Ride during forenoon around Santa Barbara, with stop at the Old Mission. Luncheon Hotel Potter.

Arrive Los Angeles Arcade depot at 5:45 p. m. Sightseeing in Los Angeles and reception by Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

MAKE CAPITAL A "DRY" TOWN

WASHINGTON INHABITANTS CANNOT DECIDE MATTER.

Representative Sims Introduces Bill to House Committee on District Affairs That Will Make Washington a Dry Town—The Negro Vote a Big Problem in Connection With the Liquor Movement—Difficult to Pass Law by the People.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The project for a "dry" Washington, which has been urged for years by anti-saloon reformers and has found expression in a bill introduced by Representative Sims, was considered today by the house committee on district affairs.

That the people of the national capital will not be allowed to vote on the liquor question is already decided.

The members all agree that the prohibition question is one upon which all the people should be satisfied, but they say the plan to allow them to vote would be more difficult to arrange than would the passage of the bill. They also contend that sufficient hearings have been allowed by the district committee for all interested persons to state their approval or objection to the bill introduced by Representative Sims.

If the question were submitted to a vote of the people, say some of the committeemen, congress would have to give its sanction anyway, and, therefore, they contend voting on the proposition is useless. If the committee approves the bill introduced by Mr. Sims, they say, it will have just as much weight as would a vote of the people.

The population of Washington is made up of residents of so many states and so many persons who go to their home states to vote, that the suffrage question would be hard to handle, believe the congressmen. They do not think the ones who vote in other states should be allowed to vote in any election that might be held in Washington, even if it were only on a local issue.

The government clerks and employees of the District comprise nearly two-thirds of the voting population, and if a question of suffrage were brought up, it would be necessary to offset the negro vote, or the whites and blacks would be nearly equally divided. For that reason many of the members of the house oppose any movement to give suffrage to the people. They say it would be next to impossible to eradicate the negro vote.

PICKS TAFT'S FINAL CABINET

NEW YORK TRIBUNE SAYS ITS ANNOUNCEMENT IS A FINAL ONE

New York, Jan. 5.—The Tribune today prints what it claims to be Taft's final cabinet slate, as follows: Philander Knox, secretary of state; John J. Mitchell, president of the Illinois Trust & Savings bank, Chicago, secretary of the treasury; Frank Hitchcock, postmaster general; George von Meyer, secretary of war; William Loeb, commissioner of commerce and labor; R. E. Ballinger of Seattle, secretary of the interior; John Wilson, secretary of agriculture. The attorney generalship is not mentioned.

L. C. Smith has received his new Ford of modern make. He has been showing the little beauty to his friends today and will be willing to explain the new features to those who are interested.

LUMBERMEN TO VISIT PINCHOT

LA GRANDE MAN IS LIKELY TO BE ONE.

Influential Men of the Pacific Northwest Engaged in Lumber Business, Will Visit Washington En Masse—Conservation Problem Will Be the Chief Object of Visit—Will Endeavor to Retain Duty on Lumber Personnel Announced.

Seattle, Jan. 5.—A delegation representing the lumber interests of the entire Pacific coast, including loggers, lumber and shingle manufacturers, leave for Washington this week to discuss with Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot the conservation problem which is playing an important part in making up the tariff schedules. They will give the ways and means committee additional data concerning the lumber and shingle industry.

The personnel of the delegation is not completed. Efforts are being made to induce prominent and influential men in the industry to go to Washington, and fight for the retention of the duty on lumber and shingles. D. E. Skinner of San Francisco, president of the Port Blakely Mill company, is chairman of the Pacific Coast Lumber tariff committee.

Prominent lumbermen of this city have heard nothing of the details regarding the trip, and whether or not eastern Oregon is to be represented by a man outside of Union county or not, remains to be seen. As the largest mills in this section of the state are located within a few miles of this city, it is more than probable that when the personnel of the delegation referred to in the Seattle dispatch, is announced, some La-Grande man may be included.

"BIG STICK" TO TEDDY.

Montana Scout Sends the "Real Quill" to His Highness, Roosevelt.
Red Lodge, Mont., Jan. 5.—Lee Cory, the well known cattle man and old-time scout of eastern Montana, today expressed to President Roosevelt a "big stick" of genuine Irish Blackthorn. It is four feet long, weighs 20 pounds, and resembles the big sticks in the cartoons of the metropolitan papers. It is artistically embellished with elk horn, elk teeth, and coverings of deer skin.

MEAD HOPES TO AVERT TROUBLE

WOULD SUSPEND EXECUTIVE BUSINESS WHILE COURTS DECIDE

Olympia, Jan. 5.—In the event that Cosgrove changes his mind at the eleventh hour concerning his trip to Olympia to take the oath, Governor Mead has a plan, it is reported, to carry the controversy to the legislature to determine who is governor. The plan proposed is to urge the legislature to authorize suspension of executive business in the governor's office such as signing of land deeds, issuance of notarial commissions and other duties where the property rights of many individuals might be involved, and that the attorney general be instructed to start quo warranto proceedings in the supreme court to determine who is the legal acting governor. If the plan is carried out there will be no formal demand upon Mead for the office by the lieutenant governor and the records will contain nothing that in future years might be cited as showing that two men engaged in an unseemly row over the executive chair.

JACK LONDON IS ILL

FAMOUS AUTHOR WILL ABANDON WORLD TRIP.

Boat Snark Will Not Be Taken Around the World—Writer to Return to His 'Frisco Home Soon.

San Francisco, Jan. 5.—Mrs. London in a letter to friends at Berkeley, declares her husband, Jack London, the author, is sick and will abandon his world voyage in the boat Snark. The novelist underwent an operation at Sydney. He will return to California.

HEARING ON SATURDAY.

Youth Arrested Last Evening Arraigned Before Stewart Today.

The young man arrested yesterday afternoon charged with sodomy, was arraigned before Justice Stewart this morning and date of preliminary hearing set for Saturday at 10 o'clock. He gave a fictitious name to the police. He lives at Kameja, where he has always been a respected fellow. His real age is 17 years.

VERNON ARENA IS OFFERED FOR SALE

ADDED FAITH IN JOHN-SON-JEFFRIES FIGHT.

Believed in Fighting Circles Today That Jeffries is Seriously Considering Feasibility of Fighting Coon Johnson—Ex-Champion is Principal owner of Vernon Arena—Fifty Thousand Dollar Offer Appears Too Strong to Withstand.

Los Angeles, Jan. 5.—The probability of a fight between Jeffries and Johnson, the coon, is strongest today, through the announcement that the Vernon Arena club, of which Jeffries is the principal owner, is for sale. It is believed the offer of \$50,000 to fight the colored man is being seriously considered by Jeffries.

It is reported that James Coffroth, the San Francisco fight promoter, will probably buy the club. Jeffries has repeatedly announced he will never re-enter the ring until he was offered \$50,000 by Promoter McCarey to fight Johnson. Now Jeffries is not talking but thinking, wondering if he could get in condition again.

THE YEAR OLD AND THE YEAR NEW

We think it well to begin the new year by expressing our appreciation of the good will and patronage extended to us during the year that is past. Our relations with our customers have never been so satisfactory as during the past twelve months. We have tried as never before to promote the interests of those who trade with us and we have substantial evidence that our efforts have not been in vain. In the coming year we shall maintain the highest standards of pharmacy, the highest quality of goods, the finest possible service and, as in the past, place the interests of our customers above our own, believing that in the long run we thus promote our own interests best. Thanking all our friends and customers for favors shown, we extend to each our kindest regards and our best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous NEW YEAR.

Newlin Drug Co.
La Grande, Ore.

SNOWSTORM IN THE WILLAMETTE

GRANDE RONDE EXPERIENCING SHARP WEATHER.

Six Inches of Snow in Salem at Noon Today—Blizzard Prevalent in La Grande Not General in Grande Ronde Valley—Cove and Imbler Cold But Quiet—Willamette Valley Stockmen Will Feel Snowstorm—Otherwise Not Very Harmful.

Salem, an. 5.—The heaviest snowstorm in years is falling in the Willamette valley today. There are six inches of snow at Salem at noon today. The stockmen will feel the snow but otherwise it is not harmful.

The record-breaking blizzard today in this city is not general over the valley, as Elgin and Union appear to be the only communities that have anything bordering on the blizzard nature. The other communities report heavy snowstorms with little wind to make weather conditions unusually disagreeable.

Cold at Cove.
Cove, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—With four inches of snow covering the ground, Cove has been extremely dull today. There is no disagreeable wind. The thermometer was lower at noon than at any similar hour during the present winter.

No Wind at Imbler.
Imbler, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—There is no wind in Imbler today that can be rated as a blizzard. A heavy snow is falling over this section of the valley, but is not molested, once it touches the ground. The only discomfort is the cold which is quite severe.

Incessant Blizzard at Elgin.
Elgin, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Elgin is in the throes of a snow and wind storm today. The wind has been blowing incessantly since early morning, with no sign of abatement. The thermometer has not fallen to an alarming point.

Albany in Grip of Storm.
Albany, Ore., Jan. 5.—This city is in the grip of the worst snowstorm in years. Snow began falling early this morning and reached a depth of six inches. A north wind is blowing.

Blizzard in Portland.
Portland, Jan. 5.—A typical eastern snowstorm is raging in Portland today, blinding pedestrians and interfering with traffic.
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