

CHERRY CROP PROMISES TO SET RECORDS

ESTIMATE SHIPMENT TOTAL IS PLACED AT NEARLY 400 TONS.

RED CHERRY PROFITABLE

Cove and Other Cherry Belts Marshal Forces to Pick Crop That Is at Least One-third Over Previous Records—Twenty Thousand Conservative Estimate of Cherry Returns.

Three hundred and seventy-five to 400 tons of cherries, red and black varieties will be harvested in the Grande Ronde valley during the next 14 or 15 days if hail and rain do not damage the stupendous crops now rapidly turning to the perfect ripe hue. One-third increase over the crop of last year—its record breaker in size, is the prevalent estimate by fruitmen.

An army of several hundred men and women will be marshaled at Cove alone on the 15th when it is estimated the crop will be ready for picking. True, a few trees are well along the color route already but the bulk are not, but the hot weather is hurrying the process remarkably.

Cove alone will produce about half of this total output of valley cherries, and everyone conversant with real conditions agree that the estimate of 375 tons is conservative in the extreme. The Oregon Packing company through its local representative, D. M. Clark, has contracted for 300 tons of cherries, principally reds, and other buyers and shippers have some cherries contracted. Added to this is the home consumption of the black cherries chiefly, and some red too of course, which will probably bring the grand total of Grande Ronde cherries to 400 tons this year barring disastrous rains the next two weeks. Expressed in more simple terms, this means, if 400 be the grand total of commercial cherries grown, it would require a freight train of 40 cars to haul them away; it would take an express train of 58 cars to transport the crop. These figures deal with such cherries as will be shipped out of the valley and have no bearing on the home consumption.

Marshchino Business Immense.
Of the total output of cherries this year, about 250 tons will be transformed into marshinos for use in fancy drink emporiums and ice cream parlors of the country, and canned. All the marshinos made in this country supplies but one-tenth of the total consumption in the United States hence the great demand for that type of cherry which will produce marshinos. Royal Anns and Centenials form the two red cherries that will stand the process and for that reason Royal Ann cherry orchard owners are jubilant for a few years ago the species was a drug on the market; now they bring in the neighborhood of \$65 per ton.

Barreled in La Grande.
These Marshchino cherries will be barreled in La Grande and about 1800 barrels of these fancy drink "fixins" will be prepared and shipped out of here during the summer. Black cherries include in the contracts held by the Oregon Canning company will go direct to the canneries without preparation here.

Pickers Are Gathering.

Tents are springing up in the various orchards of Cove to house the army of pickers. Joe Ingram's orchard, which like the average orchard of the Cove belt, will produce 25 tons and better, will probably be the first to see active operations. The Severs Lantz, Stackland Brothers, Thomas Orglevie, Karl Stackland, Lund and other big orchards aim to get under active operations by the 15th and from 25 to 50 tons will be taken from each. There is little likelihood of a pickers' famine this year as all the owners claim to either have enough employed or enough in sight to handle the work. The trees are fairly groaning under their loads and it will take quick and strenuous picking when the crop is ripe.

The Cove people will be in the height of harvest when the cherry show is held, and this insures ample cherries for the fair. The sudden advent of warm weather has hurried the ripening process and the fair could easily be held two or three days earlier but is suitable on the 23rd as any other date.

Auto trucks and railroads will be used to service to transport the red cherries to La Grande for the pickling process and a big crew of men will be put to work as soon as the big bulk begins to pour in, at the rate of

GAMBLERS OF HAVANA CAUSE OF RIVA'S FATE

CHIEF OF POLICE RIVA DIES TODAY AFTER SPECTACULAR DUEL.

BLAME GOVERNOR ASHBERT

Citizens of Cuba Excited to White Heat Over Death of Chief of Police Who Was Killed Because of His Raids on Fashionable Gambling Dens According to Rumors.

Havana, July 9.—General Amador Riva, chief of the Cuban National police who was shot in a revolver duel with Governor Ashbert and Congressman Aris, Monday died today. Public feeling is very high. General Ernest Aschert, governor of Havana province, Senator Vidal Morales and Representative Arias were involved in the fighting, which was the outcome of a raid made by General Riva Saturday night on the Aschert club, when a large number of members were caught gambling.

Assert No Political Affair.
Despite the assertions after the shooting that the affair had no political significance, it is believed that the killing of Riva is a complicated political situation. On his death bed Riva asserted that Aschert had fired the fatal shot. The feeling against the governor is intense. It is believed in some quarters that the shooting was the result of Riva's crusade against gambling at the political club.

Leach Heads the B. P. O. E.

Dorchester, N. Y., July 9.—Grand Treasurer Edward Leach of New York was elected grand exalted ruler yesterday of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to succeed Thomas Mills of Superior, Wisconsin. Leach was opposed by J. Cookman Boyd of Baltimore. The vote for Leach was 1119 and Boyd 392. Grand Secretary Fred Robinson of Dubuque was re-elected in a three-cornered fight.

two to four tons a day from each orchard at the Cove, as well as Fruitdale May Park, Sevensville, Union and Imbler districts.

On a basis of \$65 a ton for reds and \$60 for blacks on the contract basis supplemented with the individual shipment of black cherries at fancy figures and local consumption on the fancy figure basis, the grand receipts for cherries should be in the region of \$25,000 and the ground necessary to produce it is exceedingly small. The average orchard at Cove producing cherries is about six acres. The number of people sharing in the distribution of this sum of money is small.

ORCHARD PLAGUE PRONOUNCED FIRE BLIGHT--ATTACK FORMS

That fire blight of the worst sort prevails in certain spots of this valley and is spreading its disastrous fires to other orchards and, true to blight nature, will ruin every orchard in the valley unless fought to a standstill is the firm opinion of Prof. Jackson the pathologist of O. A. C. After one day's spent in the Sandridge orchards he was convinced that the blight is of the worst sort and steps to form an army of fighters have been taken. The first tangible onslaught against the blight will come on July 12 when orchardmen are called to meet at the Commercial club.

Prof. Jackson yesterday afternoon told a gathering of fruit men at Riverside park that the plague was real fire blight, and today he is in Union and Cove in company with Fruit Commissioner Judd Geer. He will spend several days in the valley becoming thoroughly acquainted with the situation. The Commercial club has sent out the following circular letters to as many fruitmen as possible today, aiming at a big attendance on the 12.

A meeting of the fruit growers of Union county has been called for Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, July 12th to be held in the parlors of the La Grande Commercial club, of all the fruit growers and members of local Fruit Unions, for the purpose of completing an organization for market-

CANNON AND ALDRICH WILL REFUTE MULHALL

Washington, July 9.—Attorneys for the National association of manufacturers have asked Chairman Overman of the senate lobby committee to subpoena 40 former leaders of congress including Joe Cannon and Aldrich, ex-senatorial boss. It is stated that they are to refute testimony which it is anticipated will be given by Mulhall involving the association in certain political deals. Overman declined to issue the subpoenas at this time.

When the lobbyists resumed their hearing today Overman announced that the appearance of Mulhall had been postponed. Mulhall is expected to testify as to the part he played in the National Association of Manufacturers in certain political campaigns while agent for the organization.

A. D. Baldwin of Cleveland of the firm of Alexander and Baldwin, said to be the largest sugar producers in Hawaii was the first witness called today. He testified that he had been here since April in the interests of the duty on sugar. He said he had received \$30 per day and expenses. He admitted that he did not earn that much, but said that the sugar interests wanted him to remain.

Baldwin Firm Under Fire.
All Baldwin did, he said, was to call on about 20 senators and write a few letters. On cross examination Baldwin's story remained substantially the same as told by others who testified

FORMER PORTLAND OFFICIALS SUSPECTED OF BIG GRAFTING

Portland, July 9.—The grand jury continued its investigation today and reports money extorted by the applicants for municipal positions especially in the police department. Deputy District Attorney Maguire who is in charge of the inquiry practically admitted the grand jury investigation

ENDEAVOR MEETING STARTS.

Thousands Pouring Into Los Angeles for Big Convention.

Los Angeles, July 5.—A dozen transcontinental trains are landing thousands of delegates for the twenty-sixth international convention of the Christian Endeavor which opened today. It is expected before night that ten thousand delegates will have registered. This is the annual meeting of the society's corporation. The election of officers, appointment of committees and a transaction of general business is scheduled for this afternoon.

Incendiary a Suicide.

San Diego, July 9.—Dr. F. M. Madison, aged sixty, accused of setting

fire to the Leland hotel block in which he had a china store, and endangering the lives of seventy sleeping inmates, killed himself today in the city jail. He strangled himself with a necktie and handkerchief.

Madison is reported to have made a partial confession of a life of crime in several cities. He hinted at the murder of Mrs. Lydia Burns, a widow to get the money which she had collected on a fire insurance policy after the home burned she died as the result of what seemed a natural internal trouble. Madison signing the death certificate.

regarding his efforts to keep sugar off the free list. Explaining his reason for refusing to subpoena Cannon, Aldrich and others at this time, Overman said: "If Mulhall's story develops these men may be needed here to testify and we will issue subpoenas. Unless we hear Mulhall under oath there is no need to subpoena them." The list of names suggested by the Manufacturers included these: Senators Crane, Lodge and Penrose and Congressmen McDermott and Shirley.

After a desperate search of cloak rooms, house mustered a quorum, and voted to permit the proposed special house lobby investigation committee to employ special counsel to probe the charges made by Mulhall. This reverses the action taken earlier in the week.

A resolution providing for a lobby probe, independent of that now in progress, by the committee was passed by the house this afternoon. Speaker Clark then appointed a committee to conduct the investigation. The entire house banking committee considered the problem of procedure for enactment of the proposed currency legislation today and discussed the democratic policy of closed doors which would bar the republicans consideration of the measure. The democrats take the stand that they are responsible for the measure and insist that the minority members shouldn't hinder the framing of the bill.

Along these lines. Intimated allegations that the candidates in the recent campaign violated the corrupt practices act will also be gone into. It is rumored that men prominent in the former city administration might become involved. A number of policemen appeared before the inquirers today.

Waddell Turns Hero. Tower, Minn., July 9.—Rube Waddell, former star twirler for the Philadelphia club of the American league figured in a new role today when he dove to the bottom of Lake Vermillion and recovered the body of Emmett Gary a victim of drowning. Waddell is vacationing here.

Auto on Long Jaunt.

Traverse City, Mich., July 9.—The "good roads and prosperity tour" automobilists left here today for the third day's jaunt to Elk Rapids, Charlevoix, Petosky and Mackinaw City.

Poincare's Greeting in England Warm.

President Poincare of France on his arrival at Portsmouth on his first official visit to Great Britain, was received by the Prince of Wales as he alighted from the steamer. The Prince and the President were escorted by the Guard of Honor and various high dignitaries of State to Victoria, from Portsmouth, by special train where King George received his distinguished guest, meeting him at the railroad station. President Poincare was accompanied by the French Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Conference Convened at Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., July 9.—"Auditing the Birth Account," and "Standards of Living and Labor," were the topics scheduled for discussion at today's sessions of the fortieth National Conference of Charities and Correction which opened here July 5, and will continue through Saturday, July 12. Among the speakers of today were H. P. Richardson, superintendent of the House of Detention of Philadelphia; Dr. Lewis Merriam of the Federal Children's Bureau at Washington D. C.; Dr. John Adams Collier, medical probation officer of the juvenile court at Los Angeles and J. Stanley Webster of Spokane.

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REORGANIZATION WILL ELIMINATE KUHN FROM THE DIRECTORATE.

DEPOSITORS EXPECT

More Hopeful Aspects in Pittsburgh Bank Failure—That Depositors are Promised Full Returns on Their Deposits—Treasury Department Investigating Charges.

Pittsburg, July 9.—A more hopeful view is taken in the financial situation following the failure of the First-Second National. Now it is expected the depositors will be paid in full.

The board of directors of the bank will be reorganized and the Kuhn interests eliminated before the re-opening. Agents of the treasury department are investigating the charges that dummy loans were made.

W. S. Kuhn, president of the institution, is expected to arrive some time late today, to assist in straightening out the affairs.

Application for receivers has been made in the federal court for six subsidiaries of the American Water Works, and Guaranty company.

Official Investigates Books.
Washington, July 9.—An examination of the books of the defunct First-Second National bank of Pittsburg, is to be made by the investigators from the department of justice according to an announcement by the officials of the treasury department. Acting Comptroller of the Currency Kane arrived from Pittsburg today and delivered the financial situation of Pittsburg was good "Was purely a local disturbance," said Kane, "and extended only to the Kuhn banks and institutions. The condition of this bank has been known in banking circles at Pittsburg and New York a long time and the failure occurred but little excitement."

Anderson Under Knife.

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SERVIANS LAY CLAIM TO BIG WAR VICTORY

MODERN HISTORY'S BIGGEST BATTLE DEATH LIST REPORTED.

CITY IS OFT TAKEN

Ishtip Won by Bulgarians and Retaken by Servians According to Latest Reports—Cholera in Army Camps Is Feared by Officials—Thirty-five Thousand Reported Killed.

Vienna, July 9.—Following severe reverses at the hands of the Greeks and Servians it is reported here tonight that Bulgaria is now ready to discuss terms of peace after the renewed Balkan war. Bulgaria is reported to have suffered heavily in the last few engagements.

Belgrade, July 9.—It is thought that thirty-five thousand Bulgarian and Servian soldiers were killed in the recent battles about Kochana and Ishtip. The war office claims that the Servians won a great victory, asserting that the troops occupy both towns. Two hundred thousand troops participated in the struggle. The fighting about Ishtip will go down in history as one of the bloodiest battles of modern times.

City Changes Hands Many Times.

At first the Servians captured Ishtip and then it was retaken by the Bulgarians only to fall into the hands of the Servians again. The war office at Sofia admits that the Bulgarian troops evacuated both towns. Despite the news of the victory the government officials are concerned over the army's condition. Cholera is feared.

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