

### Accept The Thanks Of This Store For 1924 And Our Belief Why It Will Continue To Thrive In 1925

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We clasp hands with you, Mr. and Mrs. Reader, across the frontier of the old and the new year, mindful of the motto of the ancient Huguenots—"One for all; all for one."

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### USE FORCE TO OUST OFFICIAL

DENVER (City and Associated Press)—Governor William B. Sweet ended his executive year Wednesday by cutting out the military forces of the state to oust a 120-pound man, William V. Roberts, president of the state civil service commission, from office.

After the military force comprising Col. Arthur L. Hart and Capt. A. P. Arjona of the Colorado national guard, and forcibly ejected Mr. Roberts from office and took his office keys from his pocket, the Governor said:

"This is just the beginning. Watch closely and you'll get some page one stories."

**ON THE THRESHOLD OF THE NEW YEAR**

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HARRY CAREY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

### Grace's Daughter to Wed Scot



The engagement of Miss Emmeline Marion Grace (left, daughter of Eugene Grace, president of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, has just been announced. Her fiancé is Mr. Michael William Selby Bruce (right), a direct descendant of Robert Bruce, king of Scotland.

workers come hundreds of miles, and year after year, and I found one picker at Cove, Oregon, last year who had come from a neighboring state and had not missed a harvest for nine seasons. Even with this annual pilgrimage which is taken by some, much as many people take trips to the mountains or the seashore, the labor supply is usually insufficient, and heavy demands are made on other industries and on tourist camps to fill the quota. A cherry orchard at picking time presents somewhat the same appearance as a popular camp ground. In the mountains and whole families are found living in tents, employed in picking and packing the crop.

Commercial production of sweet cherries in Oregon is recorded in a small report of the State Board of Horticulture as far back as 1865. At that time the larger portion of the crop was produced in Eastern Oregon, and this continues to be the case even though producing orchards are now found throughout the state. Union County in the heart of the Blue Mountains and particularly Cove, a thickly settled community in the eastern part of the county, although dividing honors with the Milton-Fescue district, continues to be one of the most important shipping regions in the state. There are produced the finest cherries and with the possible exception in some years of the district mentioned above, the greatest tonnage grown in Oregon. Cherries have been grown at Cove for approximately thirty years and during recent years have become a very important part of the resources of the community. A census of this district of small farms shows that approximately one-third of the acreage now carries the cherry orchard. In this number are many small plantings as shade, which add in making Cove a mass of bloom in the spring time and also later contribute their quota of fruit. Situated on a slope at an average of two hundred feet above the level of the Grande Ronde valley, the orchards in cherry blossom time well merit the title given to a photograph of its orchards, "The Paradise of Eastern Oregon."

**Three Cove Growers.**  
Outstanding among the growers of cherries in the Cove district are the Stackland brothers. There are three of these brothers all engaged in the fruit business. K. J. Stackland, the oldest, has been a shipper and exporter of fruit for the past fifteen years and also having served the community as the shipping firm and are actively engaged in operating forty acres of orchard and some general farming interests besides. The farm, lying on the slope of the hill above the town of Cove, includes some rocky land which would not be thought of much in support of the orchard. The fruit produced in sweet cherries and this is the part in which the growers take especial pride. The place was cleared of their brush and rocks by the brothers and the present cherry orchard planted some twenty-three years ago. Some trees were lost in the severe winter of 1918 but the remainder, although injured somewhat, are still producing a heavy crop. From this orchard come cherries which have won many prizes at state and national exhibitions.

When questioned about the cherry business C. M. Stackland said "What we have done can be done by any one who has the patience to wait and the ambition to work hard improving the land. There are still hundreds of acres lying on this west slope which are as good as the land we have, for the business is not so hard as it is often supposed to be. It has been successful in the cherry business because frost and soil conditions are particularly favorable." The slope on which these orchards are grown is led by terraces and little irrigation is necessary. "We have been experimenting for several years to find a crop which would be better than the apple and the cherry. So far we have not had success except with the cherry and the experience of this is so heavy that we have not used it but have had in the stable manner as far as available." Questioned as to profits to be secured from cherries as compared with other fruits, Mr. Stackland said "that cherries were by far the most profitable crop in 1924. Apples and prunes, he believes, were all right, but cherries were better suited to Cove conditions. In addition to producing a good crop of cherries, three years out of five he said "that cherries require less moisture than apples and are ripened without irrigation which is necessary for many apple orchards. Cherries also have few insect pests which are serious and the grower thus escapes much of the heavy spraying expenses which the apple grower pays for along with the pruning expenses. The crop from the entire crop of the community, Kings and Lamberts many of them packed in fancy boxes going to the eastern markets in refrigerated cars to be sold as fresh fruit and the Royal Annes being shipped to canning factories in Western Oregon. Mr. Stackland stated that "he believed that there was no danger of the cherry crop being over done." Reliable authorities he pointed out, say that "the United States will consume at least three times the present total annual production and will take them at good prices from the grower, but the public must first learn how good the cherry is and distributing costs must be lowered." He is in favor of cooperation among growers but thinks it is not practical unless handled on a large scale such as the Federal and Fruit and Vegetable Growers Inc. are operating.

**Predicts Future.**  
J. E. Love, who owns a twenty-five acre orchard, "believes that there is a good future in cherry growing." He is well satisfied with prices received this year, amounting to an average of about nine cents per pound for Royal Annes and eleven cents per pound for Kings and Lamberts. He credits the success of Cove growers to natural favorable conditions. In contrast to the clean cultivation practiced in the Stackland orchards and many others, he has his orchard seeded in clover and timothy. Trees so handled grow slower he thinks, but eventually about planting other varieties for pollination he was asked "I have admitted that Cove has always grown so many non-commercial varieties as shade and miscellaneous plantings that this might have enabled them to avoid the failure to set a crop which was common in other sections. Little was known of cherry pollination until a few years ago, when it was noted that new orchards, where plantings were mostly Kings, Lamberts and Royal Annes, failed to set a crop. Experimental work was immediately begun by the Oregon Agricultural College, with the result that a complete chart of instructions has since been published giving full information as to just what varieties and how many in order to insure satisfactory pollination. Now growers are for the most part following the recommendation to "plant one tree in nine as a pollinator" and are looking on the chart first to see what tree this shall be.

T. C. Hefty, another large grower of cherries in the Cove section and president of the "Cove Cherry Pool" which sold fruit cooperatively this year, believes in the future of the cherry business. He has recently bought a large orchard adjoining his own. When asked about what a cherry orchard was worth he stated that "it depends on the orchard," and estimated it at from two to four hundred dollars per acre according to the soil, number of trees it contained, their condition of growth and the varieties grown. Hundreds of acres of suitable cherry land are still available," he says. Much of this land can be purchased at from twenty-five to one hundred dollars per acre but it takes practically eight years to bring a young orchard into profitable bearing. In the intervening time most growers receive no return from the land, although a few practice inter-cropping with potatoes or corn. Many local people are planting out new orchards, however. The "Cherry Pool"

Mr. Hefty believes "has been a big help to local growers." Prices received were better than during any previous year. In addition to this the members of the pool were able to net a little more than outside growers and also paid for their warehouse and returned a surplus from the sinking fund of over fifteen hundred dollars. Needless to say the pool similar to those operating in other cherry districts, will continue. "Cherry growers," Mr. Hefty said "were badly injured by the hard freeze in 1919." "Most of the orchards have recovered, however," he said and also pointed out that the low temperatures that year set a record for Oregon. He added "that he hoped it would not soon be repeated."

K. J. Stackland is the largest fruit shipper in the Cove district and also an important grower of sweet cherries. When he came to Cove in 1891 he says, "there were perhaps a total of 100 trees in all the orchards." In 1892 he planted 500 trees. The next year he planted 400 more and gradually others followed. There are now about 200 acres of cherries in the Cove district. Over sixty cars were shipped in 1925. Stackland's records of money paid show an high as \$1000.00 per acre received by individual growers for the crop harvested. He estimates that \$200.00 per acre is about the average return from old trees. One orchard of one and one-quarter acres returned \$1201.50 gross to the grower in 1925. From this he paid picking and packing expenses and some years spray cost for control of stings.

With this kind of an outlook, growers are planting out many new small orchards. Cherry growing has been the most profitable agricultural line in the district. New orchards will not come into profitable production for about eight years, but local people have found the business good. They are willing to wait for the trees to grow. They believe that it will be a long time before the people of the United States get enough sweet cherries to eat. Try some and I think you will agree with them.

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