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THE FRUIT CROP IS SPLENDID

Government Exert Says Outlook Bright

That the fruit crop of Oregon will be better comparatively than that in other sections of the United States this season is the opinion of A. F. Hitt, who watches the crops of Oregon. Washington and Idaho for the United States department of agriculture, who is in this city on his regular trip of inspection. Mr. Hitt is constantly in touch with the different crops throughout the United States and he is especially well situated when he cares to contrast the different crops throughout the country.

FAMOUS MAN HERE.

All kinds of noted men come to our valley. The latest gentleman of note to go wild over our wonderful Oregon is the man who paints ears of corn so natural as to deceive horses and pigs, he being none other than Professor A. Montgomery, the world-famous farmer painter.

Mr. Montgomery, in street parlance, has gone "nutty" on the Rogue River valley. A representative of The Morning Mail secured an interview with this distinguished man who said:

"All that's wrong with this Oregon land is that you need five million more people here, and if I can turn a wheel to boost your state, and particularly your beautiful and productive valley, I am going to do it. I have a faculty of starting this face of mine to saying something and then going away and leave it. That's what I am going to do when I get back east. Why, those fellows back there don't know what they are missing, but I'll tell them. There are a whole bunch of fellows who have just sense enough to take some little stock in what I tell them, and when I spin my yarn on the Rogue River valley they'll all be going some, and they'll hit the high places until they reach here. No, thank you; I make my money painting and lecturing—with or without commission, but you listen to me when I tell you that I'll fill your valley with a bunch of fellows you'll be proud of—and they've got the money to do business on, too. Why, say, this country is a wonder. My friend Streets here will tell you that now a good article when I'm looking straight at it. I used to paint pictures of his medal winning bulls back east. So you are a newspaper man, are you? When do you splutter, moaning or night?—Morning, eh? Well, your uncle will be out of town then and you can't hurt me—I'll be out of reach."

Mr. Streets gave his familiar friend a jolly good automobile race over the valley, and if Mr. Montgomery needed any more filling than he had when interviewed in the morning he surely got it before evening.

BONAPARTE'S OPINION. LENNOX, Mass., July 22.—Attorney General Bonaparte, commenting on the Standard Oil decision today, said:

"Suits of such importance certainly ought to be submitted to the Supreme court for final decision; but as the Circuit court of appeals has decided it, this cannot now be done."

NO COMMENT BY TEDDY. NEWPORT, R. I., July 22.—President Roosevelt made no comment when informed of the action of the Circuit court of appeals in reversing the standard Oil case at Chicago.

THE OPEN SEASON. Summary of Game Laws for the Oregon Counties.

The deer season opened July 15 and will continue until October 1. The law gives hunters having licenses the right to shoot up to five buck deer between these dates, except in Baker, Coos, Curry, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Umatilla, Union and Willamette counties. In Coos and Curry counties the open season for buck deer is from July 15 to October 15.

The season for female deer does not open until September 1 and closes October 31. Does may be hunted during this time, except in Baker, Coos, Curry, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Umatilla, Union and Willamette counties.

The open season for elk is between September 15 and October 15. Only one may be killed by any hunter in a season.

China pheasants, native pheasants, grouse and quail may be shot between October 1 and November 30. In Clatsop, Coos, Curry, Josephine and Tillamook counties, however, the season for these birds opens September 15 and closes November 20. Blue grouse may be shot in Tillamook county from August 1 to October 25. East of the Cascade mountains the open season extends from August 15 to November 30. Prairie chickens may be hunted in Wasco county from August 1 to October 15. The open season for the sage hen and sage cock, east of the Cascades, is from August 15 to November 30.

Ducks, geese and swans may be shot, except in Coos and Lake counties, from September 1 to January 31. In Coos county the open season is from August 1 to January 31, and in Lake county from August 15 to March 31. Water rail and upland plover may be hunted from August 1 to December 31.

The bag limit for ducks is 50 in one week, for upland birds 16 in one day, while for geese and swans there is no limit.

The silver gray squirrel may only be hunted between October 1 and December 31.

It is always unlawful to offer for sale, barter, exchange, transport or ship beyond the boundaries of the state of Oregon any deer, moose, mountain sheep, elk, silver gray quail, swan, prairie chicken, grouse and all kinds of upland birds and ducks. It is unlawful to hunt without a license, to kill beaver or spotted fawn, or to run deer with dogs. Night hunting is also prohibited by the Oregon law.

China pheasant may not be killed in Jackson county at any time. Female deer may not be killed in Coos and Curry counties, and it is against the law to kill quail or Mongolian pheasants in Grant, Harney, Gilliam, Umatilla and Wheeler counties until January 1, 1912. It is also unlawful to trap or destroy the nests of protected game birds. Shooting on enclosed lands without permission is unlawful, as is also the shipment or sale of deer skins unless they are properly tagged. Tags may be obtained of any justice of the peace, or of the county clerk. A hunter's license is good anywhere in Oregon. A hunter must have his license with him while hunting.

The fine for transporting game outside the state, and for its sale, is from \$100 to \$500 and imprisonment. Violation of the game laws calls for a fine of from \$10 to \$100, and hunting without a license is punishable by a fine of from \$25 to \$100 and imprisonment.

OREGON LEADS. My, but there is satisfaction in seeing California occupying second place in fruit growing, and still more satisfaction in knowing that Oregon grown fruit is doing the good work which puts our sister state among "used to was fruit growers."

Listen to this: W. H. Brown and F. E. Merrick are shipping apricots to Portland and are receiving from \$1.35 to \$1.50 per crate, while California grown apricots are in the same market hunting someone to sample them at from 60 cents to \$1 per crate.

Time was—not a great many years ago—when California fruit was the whole show on the market, and if Oregon had any place then she had to steal it. But it is different now—Oregon fruit growers got wise a few years ago and commenced calling the people's attention to her fruit, and since then the people have been calling for Oregon fruit. California packers for a few years used to come over into Oregon and buy our fruit and pack it in boxes with California labels on them, but our growers soon got wise to this and would not sell to a California buyer, and that put the California buyers all to the bad—and today the Oregon branded box is king of the market.

CONDITION OF OUR BANKS. Address Delivered by W. S. Crowell. At the recent meeting of the State Bankers' association the following address was delivered by Judge W. S. Crowell of the First National bank of this city:

"I come from the place you all are seeking—Paradise. Paradise is located in the beautiful Rogue River valley, where are produced those larger and luscious apples with which Mrs. Eve beguiled our father Adam in that bygone time, about which some of you have doubtless heard. We also grow fine fig trees, the same sort from which Mr. and Mrs. Adam had their first tailored suits built.

"There are 10 banks in Paradise—I mean Jackson county—and all are prosperous. Jointly they control a half million dollars of banking capital, besides having deposits exceeding \$2,000,000.

CONDITION OF OUR BANKS

Address Delivered by W. S. Crowell

"The panic, while for a time it interrupted business, caused no permanent injury to any of our local interests. During the holidays, while the 'lid was on,' all our banks remained open, and none refused cash when our customers needed it. In Medford the Southern Pacific deposited all its daily freight and passenger collections, amount to \$5,000 or \$6,000 weekly, in the local banks and took our exchange on San Francisco therefor. This kept fully \$40,000 at home during the several weeks the lid was on that would otherwise have gone to San Francisco. This conduct of the railroad was much appreciated by the banks and citizens of Medford.

"Since the legal holidays terminated, on December 16, deposits in our local banks—we not materially changed. The demand for money is greater than it was a year ago. An active movement in real estate continues and all our local business interests are prosperous.

"The Southern Pacific railroad has largely assisted our local commercial bodies in advertising the resources of southern Oregon in the east, and this has resulted in increasing our population from 15 to 20 per cent during the last year. The new comers have largely been persons of means, and the investments which they have made have caused a very considerable increase of the resources of Jackson county, besides adding a refined and prosperous element to our population."

THE WAR UPON THE SALOON.

In two-thirds of all the territory of the United States the saloon has been abolished by law. Forty years ago there were 3,500,000 people living in territory where the sale of liquor was prohibited. Now there are 36,000,000 people under prohibitory law. Since that time the population of the country has scarcely doubled, while the population in prohibition territory has increased tenfold. There are 20,000,000 people in the 14 southern states, 17,000,000 of whom are under prohibitory law in some form. In 1900 there were 18,000,000 under prohibition in the United States, now there are 36,000,000. In eight months state-wide prohibition has cleared the saloon from an area as great as that of France. In that area there is a solid block of territory 300 miles north and south by 720 miles east and west, in which on the first day of next January a bird can fly from the Mississippi to the Atlantic ocean and from the boundary of Tennessee to the Gulf of Mexico, without looking down upon a legalized saloon. Great Britain and Ireland could be set down over this space without covering it. There would be 10,000 square miles of "dry" territory left as a border.—Review of Reviews.

AFTER FRUIT LAND.

Messrs. Worrell & Dressler, real estate dealers, have a letter of inquiry from O'Neil Bros., of California, in which they ask if 20-acre growing orchard tracts may be had in the Rogue River valley, and if so, they state they want to invest. They do not ask the price at which such orchards may be secured, seeming; they do not care much, so long as they get what they want and when they want it. They tell that they have received literature from the Com.

FLOODS SERIOUS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 18.—Recent inundations in the vicinity of Tokat, Asia Minor, are more serious than at first reported. According to a private letter from Samsum, on the Black Sea, a total of 2,000 lives were lost, including 300 prisoners and 500 army recruits.

PATROL FIELDS WITH GUNS.

Rumors that Whites Intend to Cut Grain Arouse Braves' Ire.

PENDLETON, Or., July 22.—Indians on the Umatilla reservation, angered because of the lease tangle precipitated by the injunction suit brought by Marion Jack, an Indian, against Roy V. Parringer, walked dangerously near the warpath yesterday. They were sent word that growers of grain on the lands in controversy intended to enter the fields and cut the grain before others could get out injunctions in the suit. As a result the Indians guarded the fields with guns and other implements of warfare, but no serious trouble occurred.

The controversy between Marion Jack and Roy V. Parringer is over a settlement of 100 acres of wheat, which Parringer claims to be on land to which the lease has not been approved. The question causing serious trouble is whether Secretary Gardner had power to modify the lease which was approved by himself and the department.

FISHWAY ON BEAR CREEK.

It is doubtful if anyone ever thought a fishway would be necessary in Bear creek. As a matter of fact, it is not to be presumed that anyone ever thought much about it. However, the dam which the city of Medford placed across the creek has made the fishway necessary, and one is being put in. The necessity for this fishway has proven the fact that there are a number of fish in this creek, a fact which did not heretofore exist, and it is said there are a great number of fish now to be seen near the dam and fishway.

Deputy Fish Warden Messier is calling attention to the state fish law as applies to dams and fishways, which is that the taking of fish within 600 feet of any dam or fishway is an offense, punishable by a heavy fine.

The fish, to be sure, are not as large in Bear creek as they are in Rogue river, but the same law is applicable in all cases, and the size of the fish is not a material factor. The fish in Bear creek are hardly sizable, for men, but the boys are said to be catching them at the dam, and Mr. Messier will call parents' attention to the fact that their boys are offenders against the laws of the state and will be punished unless they desist.

MYSTERIOUS CAVE FOUND.

GRESHAM, Or., July 22.—A mysterious hole in the ground has been discovered on Charles Powell's farm, about a mile from Gresham, and it remains a mystery yet. In a small grove of trees a tunnel was discovered covered over with brush, which was found to lead to a larger chamber several yards away. It had been recently excavated, but no signs of the earth which had been removed were to be found anywhere. It had all been carried away and scattered over the plow fields in the vicinity.

Several persons visited the spot and came away fully impressed with the idea that the mysterious chamber was intended to hide evidence of some crime, but of what nature cannot be fathomed. The underground chamber would make an excellent cache for plunder or for hiding a counterfeiting outfit. It was thought by some that the place had been made by Japanese to hide firearms and ammunition. A premature exposure of the discovery prevented a solution of the mystery and the hole will remain an unsolved puzzle. Its builders will hardly attempt to use it now, since its existence has been made public.

FLEET OFF AGAIN.

HONOLULU, July 22.—At 6:15 o'clock tonight the Atlantic battleship squadron bade farewell to the hospitable shores of Hawaii and sailed to new entertainment in the antipodes, where waves the British flag. The Minnesota was left behind to await a mail steamer from San Francisco, and is to overtake the fleet before it arrives at Auckland, New Zealand, the next point on its world's itinerary and where it is due to arrive August 5.

BRYAN SNUBS THE SOUTH.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 21.—Thomas E. Watson, People's party candidate for president, today said: Bryan made a mistake in dealing with the political situation in the south, and I will take advantage of this fact. He has gone to the limit in presuming upon the political help of the south. The southern states are expected to give him 155 electoral votes, almost two-thirds of the necessary majority he expects to win; yet he does not even concede to the south the second second place on the ticket."

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BERT H. HARRIS IN ACCIDENT

Falls Over a 30 Foot Precipice

B. H. Harris, the well-known dealer in timber lands of this city, was very nearly killed on Thursday morning by falling, being carried over a 30 foot precipice by a flood of water from the flume which carries water to a mill owned by the company with which he is associated in the Big Butte district. Mr. Harris will recover, but was very seriously injured by the fall and by being washed along by the stream through the rapids for a distance of over 100 feet. He was pulled from the stream by a number of men who were at the mill at the time of the accident.

Mr. Harris was at the mill making preparations for starting the plant in order to get out the lumber to fill the contract for the Butte Falls school house. He started to turn the water in the flume out for a while so that the water wheel could be overhauled and was caught in the rush of water. He was carried over backwards and fell from a cliff which is between 30 and 35 feet in height. He fell to the rocks below and his escape from instant death is miraculous.

The rush of the water carried him on down the stream to the large pool from which he was rescued by a number of the employees of the mill. Medical assistance was summoned from Butte Falls.

It was found that Mr. Harris did not suffer a broken bone and is doing nicely. Internal complications may set in for him across his back there is a large bruised place.

It was not a great while ago that Mr. Harris was warned to look out for the cliff as he was working there one day. He started to fall but was caught by one of the bystanders. This time aid was not at hand and he is a badly injured man in consequence.

Mr. Harris is very well known in this city. He has been associated with the timber lands of the Big Butte district for a number of years past. He has turned a number of big deals in that section of the country.

Last week B. H. Harris had the misfortune to fall over a cliff 30 feet high at his mill in the Big Butte district, and was badly injured. Last evening his horse followed his example, but did not escape so lightly, as the horse suffered a broken back and was shot in order to put it out of its misery.

The animal was stabled in the Nash livery barn, and as is the custom in that stable, was on the second floor. It became frightened in some manner and, jumping over the manger, fell to the floor of the barn below, striking on its stern and breaking its back.

Dr. Helms was immediately summoned, but nothing could be done for the animal. It was shot in order to end its misery.

FARMS TO GO INTO FRUIT.

JACKSONVILLE, Or., July 22.—Several large tracts in real estate have been made here in the last few weeks. James M. Sweeney, who recently bought the Bleacher place, will clear the brush land and plant the entire farm, consisting of 1,100 acres, to suit. The Beavens farm was sold recently to H. F. Brown of Lander, Wyo., who will make serious improvements and plant 110 acres to orchard. On this place a large artificial well, located near the top of a mountain, irrigates the entire farm. Several smaller buys were recorded. Most of the smaller are for five and 10-acre berry tracts.

Property in this district is not advancing very rapidly in price, although the demand is good. Several small tracts of grape land are being prepared for fall planting, which, collectively, will add several thousand dollars to the wealth of the city.—Telegram.

GIVE CLOCK TO 'VARSITY.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, EUGENE, Or., July 21.—A very fine clock has just been placed in the university library, a gift from the senior class of 1908. The clock stands a trifle over six feet in height and is enclosed in a handsome oak case, stained to match the woodwork of the library. It has been placed in the general reading room, and will add much to the convenience of students. The purchasing committee consisted of Messrs. Baker City, president of the class; Miss Miriam Van Waters and Miss Jessie Chase of Portland, and Oscar Furness of Eugene.

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RETAIL GROCERS HOLD BACK.

Heavy Pack of All Varieties of Fruit Reason of Delay.

Retail grocers are holding off in placing their orders for future delivery canned fruits, principally for the reason that the pack this season promises to be extremely heavy both in this state and in California. Oregon canners have not yet announced their prices for this season, but of course will do so before many days. All varieties of fruits are of prolific yield this year, with the exception of pears and prunes, which are reported as dropping badly in the Santa Clara valley, California.

Canners have made a large pack of cherries and berries and are now working apricots and the later varieties of cherries.

The eastern packers are also prepared to handle unusually large amounts of fruit this season, and peaches, particularly, will reach former proportions. Last year the yield was small, but this year came back to normal. The following report is from a New York trade paper:

"The peach crop from the Delaware peninsula last year amounted to only 184 cars, by reason of adverse conditions. It is expected that this year it will require more than 3,500 cars to handle the output. With this idea in mind, the Pennsylvania railroad is planning to send to the peninsula during the next six weeks a large number of refrigerators and ventilator cars. These will be stored on side tracks, and be ready for immediate use as the peaches are brought in from the orchard. Trains will then be made up as rapidly as the loaded cars accumulate, and the cars will be rushed to market on passenger train schedules.

PASSENGERS SAFE.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., July 22.—Safe on land with plenty of provisions and shelter, 65 passengers and the crew of the freighter steamer Anubis, were wrecked early Monday on a sunken reef off San Miguel Island, and are awaiting transportation to mainland. Hansen of the Anubis has hopes of getting the vessel off safely. Wreckers will take advantage of favorable weather conditions and make every effort get the vessel into port. With 16 feet water in her hold the steamer lies fast on the rocks with chances for a salvage dependent on the size of the hole in her bottom. Captain Van Halzen explained to Captain Nidever of the tug Ynez that his failure to reckon on the shoreward current setting at Point Conception caused the wreck.

Captain Nidever does not believe the vessel can be saved. He thinks that the sharp rocks have punctured the vessel's hull. The passengers will be brought to Santa Barbara as soon as transportation can be afforded.

DRUNK; SHOTS AT FRIEND.

James W. Hayes was, on Monday, bound over to await the action of the grand jury next September. Hayes is charged with having assaulted, with intent to kill, J. W. Scott, A. Ramblers, W. Jefer and C. L. McVey. These men were at the Hayes home, where they had gone at Hayes' invitation on a stormy afternoon, the work in the fields having been suspended. The four visitors were assisting in un hitching the team at the Hayes home, while their host, Hayes, carried into the house some packages he had brought from the neighboring store. Suddenly Hayes darted out of the house and began shooting at the four men with a rifle.

Eight shots were fired, the bullets striking near the retreating men, one ball taking effect in Scott's clothing, cutting the waist band. Hayes had been drinking during the afternoon. No trouble had occurred between Hayes and the men he attacked.

Hayes was a public school teacher in Dakota and in Klamath county. The affair occurred at Coles, Or. Hayes was bound over in the sum of \$700.

COMPROMISE DAMAGE SUIT.

YREKA, Cal., July 21.—The \$65,000 damage suit instituted by Abel Ady, of Klamath county, Oregon, against the Klamath Lake Railroad company, in the Superior court of this county last May, has been dismissed.

The action for damages was commenced in this county May 11 for alleged injuries received by the plaintiff in a wreck at Thrall. At the time that the papers were filed the case attracted a great deal of attention, not only for the large amount involved, but also the fact that Francis J. Henry, the San Francisco assistant district attorney, was attorney for the plaintiff.

It is not known how the matter was adjusted, but it is understood a satisfactory settlement of the case was arrived at by the respective parties.

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MEDFORD TO HAVE HOSPITAL

will Have Large Operating Room

Medford is to have a hospital, and that's good news, because that such an institution is good to have in a town. It isn't always good to have it filled all the time, because that is not the kind of an advertisement a growing little city like ours is hunting. However, the sick and maimed, like the poor, we have with us always and everywhere, and when sick no place is quite so well suited to give proper care as in a well equipped hospital.

Mrs. Laura T. Gardner has leased a large building, corner of Tenth and E streets, from Mr. Eubank, and is now having the same fitted up for hospital purposes. There will be eight rooms for patients, besides a large operating room. This operating room is being fitted up and equipped by all the physicians of the city, and the hospital when ready for use will be patronized by all these physicians when occasion shall demand. The owner of the building is now supplying it with electric lights and telephone, and is having it painted. Mrs. Gardner is supplying the furniture for the patients' rooms.

This brings an institution much needed. It behooves our townspeople to give it all the encouragement possible. No, you will not be expected to get sick or break a leg just to prove your loyalty. Yet you might be able to boost a little without working any hardship, either financially or physically.

JEAN VALJEAN OUTDONE.

CHICAGO, July 22.—William McCarty is going back to the Indiana state penitentiary at Michigan City. McCarty's sentence is commuted by legislative action or a pardon, 14 years will pass before he is again a free man. Yet no officer of law accompanied him on his trip across the state line yesterday, and the railroad ticket on which he came from North Yakima, Wash., to serve out his sentence was bought out of his own earnings.

In the records of the Salvation army headquarters at 399 State street, the case of McCarty was entered as one of the most remarkable in all the history of the organization. Several years ago the young man—he is 40 years old now—gambled away his money one evening in Montpelier, Ind. Then he got drunk, broke into a store with his "pal," and stole \$500 worth of surgical instruments, which he sold later for \$16.50. He was caught and sentenced to from one to 15 years' hard labor in the Indiana state penitentiary.

After serving two years he was paroled and given a job on an ice wagon. Then he got drunk again and hit a man over the head in a street fight. This, he was told, would end his parole, and he fled the state.

Months afterward, after serving half a dozen jail sentences and living like a tramp, he drifted into North Yakima and began attending Salvation army meetings. The strange, emotional songs and impassioned preaching "took hold," and after a time he joined the army.

Soon after his "conversion," McCarty's conscience began to trouble him. Early in June he wrote to Governor Hanly of Indiana telling him of the circumstances of his escape from the state and of his intention to return and serve out his sentence.

"Come ahead," wrote Governor Hanly, in reply. "Your broken parole will mean a sentence of 12 years, but you have made me a promise. Now fulfill it." There was no word of a possible pardon or mitigation of sentence.

Within a few weeks McCarty had earned enough to pay for the long trip to Michigan City and last Wednesday he started. He reached Chicago yesterday morning, had a long talk with Colonel French, territorial secretary of the Salvation army, in Chicago, and then went on to Michigan City.

COMPANIES INCORPORATED.

SALEM, Or., July 22.—Articles of incorporation have been filed in the office of the secretary of state as follows:

Grants Pass Timber company; principal office, Portland; capital stock, \$100,000; incorporators, I. N. Bushong, W. B. Sherman and Joseph T. Peters. Warner, Wortman & Gore; principal office, Medford; capital stock, \$20,000; incorporators, E. N. Warner, H. C. Wortman and E. E. Gore, Jr.