

**HORTICULTURISTS TO DISCUSS
FRUIT AT STATE MEET**

Fruit culture, from the time the tree, shrub or vine is planted until the product is delivered to the consumer, will be discussed by leading horticulturists of the state at the annual meeting of the state board of horticulture at Portland January 14-16.

"Not a fruit grower of the state can afford to miss this meeting," said Commissioner J. H. Reid of Milwaukee. "It undoubtedly will be the banner meeting of the board in several years. Growers from Hood River, eastern Oregon, southern Oregon and the Willamette valley will be present, all actuated by the same purpose—the advancement of Oregon fruit. While the program has not been arranged it will include addresses by several prominent horticulturists from all parts of the state."

The subjects to be discussed will be: 1. The apple, 2. The pear, 3. The plum, 4. The cherry, 5. The strawberry, 6. The raspberry, 7. The blueberry, 8. The currant, 9. The gooseberry, 10. The huckleberry, 11. The raspberry, 12. The blueberry, 13. The currant, 14. The gooseberry, 15. The huckleberry.

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In judging, 33 1/3 points will be allowed for color and form, 33 1/3 points for freedom from blemishes and 33 1/3 points for packing.

All apples of each variety and size will be grouped together on the tables. Prizes will be offered for pears, etc., as follows:

- Best box of P. Barry.
- Best box of Rose.
- Best box of Comice.
- Best box of Winter Nellis.
- Best display of Italian pines.
- Best display of English walnuts.

**BETTER PROSPECTS FOR
APPLES IN NEAR FUTURE**

While apples are moving in a fair way, the market is far from brisk, but the belief is quite general among the front street merchants that later in the season, when the greater part of the inferior stock is worked off, there will be a better market for first-class fruit than now, says the Oregonian. One dealer said today:

"There is nothing in the condition of the markets here or in the east on which to base a belief that the apple trade will be stagnant a month or two hence. There is still a good deal of low-grade fruit in the Portland market, but it will be but a matter of a short time when this will disappear. Then there will be a better demand for good fruit, and prices will move upward. The markets of the middle west just now are weak, and on the Atlantic coast the situation is much the same; but there is still a fair outlet for Oregon apples in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and other parts of the southwest. We have already shipped there to some extent, and with good results. Yesterday we consigned a car load of Spys and Baldwin to San Francisco, and we expect fair returns for the shipment. Later in the winter the home market is sure to improve."

**ROGUE RIVER INDIAN
WAR VETERAN DEAD**

Samuel P. Wheeler, a pioneer of 1852 and an Oregon Indian war veteran, was buried today at Portland, where he died Wednesday of old age. He was born in Rochester, N. Y., March 6, 1825. In 1852 he started for Oregon by way of the Isthmus of Panama, arriving at Portland the same year. He first camped with some others where Lone Fir cemetery at Portland is now located. He then proceeded to the Rogue river country in southern Oregon, where he lived until he was driven out by the hostile Indians. While in the Rogue River valley he took part in the Indian wars, and served under General Joseph Lane, who was in command of the troops operating against the hostiles. Mr. Wheeler was married in Oregon, but later returned to Minnesota. He made several trips back to Oregon, and eight years ago came back with his family to remain.

His wife died four years ago.

**ROPRINS ORCHARD IN
CENTRAL POINT TOWNSHIP**

The town of Central Point has had a new charter prepared by Recorder Eggleston of Ashland, which has been approved by the board of trustees and ordered submitted to the voters for approval at a special election held for February 4. It enlarges the powers of the corporation over those granted in the old charter. It also authorizes the council to issue the bonds of the town to the amount of \$15,000 to install a system of waterworks.

The town has been growing rapidly during the past two years and the new charter is required to meet the new conditions. The town possesses one of the best sites in the county and is central in location with respect to the richest farming and fruit region of the Rogue River valley; hence its name of Central Point.

Buy Tickets by Wire.

"Something which is of considerable interest to the public generally and which is perhaps not generally known is the system of prepaid orders now in effect between stations of the Southern Pacific company and all points in the United States. By means of this system tickets may be purchased at Medford from any place in the United States and mailed or telegraphed direct to the party wishing to come here. Sleeper accommodations and small amounts of cash connections with these tickets may also be furnished at the same time."

**VAN GESNER MAY PAY
FINE AND BE RELEASED**

It is probable that Dr. A. Van Gesner, who has been serving time in the Multnomah county jail since being convicted of taking a hand in the noted Oregon land frauds two years ago, will pay and be released next week. His jail sentence expired last Monday, but as the fine had not been paid he could not be released. Should he take the pauper's oath he could not be held by the government for more than 30 days after the expiration of the jail sentence.

**No Fire in the Kitchen Range
No Hot Water in the House**

Then is the time you appreciate the convenience of

**ELECTRIC
WATER
HEATERS**



Attach a plug to the nearest lamp socket and turn the switch.

**PINT, QUART, TWO QUART
AND LARGER SIZES**
Pint Size is specially adapted for nursery.

**Simple
Durable**

**CALL AT OUR OFFICE
AND SEE SAMPLES**

Condor Water and Power Co.

Phone 883. Office on Seventh Street.
Opposite the Big Electric Sign.

HASKINS' DRUG STORE.

Leon B. Haskins.

AT HASKINS'

Have you done your Christmas shopping? If not, come and let us assist you in getting just the present you want. It will be sure to please.

How would a nice Parker fountain pen do, or a beautiful box of stationery, and let me say that the quality of the paper is just as good or better correspondingly as the box is beautiful.

If you really want to please somebody, give them a pyrography outfit; can give you a very neat set for \$2.50.

Toilet and manicure sets, perfumes, mirrors, cigars, Gillett safety razors, tobacco jars, etc., are always appropriate.

I would a great deal rather show them to you than tell you about them. Come before they are all picked over. Remember.

**HASKIN'S
FOR HEALTH**

**WE DRESS YOU
BETTER
FOR LESS
MONEY**

Model Clothing Co.
Cor. Seventh and B Streets,
MEDFORD, OREGON.

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GET UNDER COVER

It's a good idea for everybody to get under cover in Medford, including the city council, and we are here to furnish you the

**BEST PROPERTY IN
MEDFORD**

for the least money. If you are a stranger in Medford, you can't afford to lose money by buying with your family at a hotel. The business man's way of doing is to buy a nice cheap tract and build a nice house while the present financial situation continues. It's a fact that you can build cheaper now than you could a month ago, or better yet.

**BUY A CHEAP HOME CLOSE IN TO A
BUSINESS CENTER**

and watch it grow into more money before spring. We are prepared to equip all home-seekers with desirable homes at a low figure. Now is the time to buy, save rent and make money by the advance in price.

**Rogue River
Land Co.**

EXHIBIT BUILDING. MEDFORD, OREGON.

THE BABIES CRY FOR IT

after you have been feeding them on the jams and jellies that we have in our high grade stock of relishes, preserves and nut butter. There is nothing more wholesome for the little ones than delicious bread, made from our superior hard wheat flour, and jams, jellies and marmalade made from pure fruits and fruit juices. Our stock of relishes, olives, green chili, and pimientos is always kept at the highest standard of excellence.

MILLER & EWBANK

**PROCRASTINATION
Is the Thief of Time**

I will look after that tomorrow, or next week, or next year, and just such work has been the cause of much destruction. Now is the time to act; why delay? Every mother's son of you can look back and see where you are heavy losers because you did not act at the proper time. In Medford today is being run a sale on hardware. Stoves, Ranges, Washers, Building Hardware, anything carried in a first-class hardware store, as long as it lasts, is going at 10 per cent off the regular price. We expect to close the store the day after Christmas to invoice, and after that time you will pay the old price.

Those who have bought stoves since the first of October have a guess coming. You may get that 450 range or its equal in goods. Now, put this off and come in about January 1st and let us tell you that it is too late. Come now; come today; buy a stove and get your guess.

This is all at the same old place—

SHORTY GARNETT

Because He Paid by Check.

Not long ago, a business man in this community was presented with a bill that he had already paid. He produced the paid check as voucher in evidence, and it was time at once proven that he had paid the bill. Don't you see the importance of paying by check? This bank certainly invites your account, subject to check, and will be pleased to render you the most efficient service.

JACKSON COUNTY BANK
Established 1888 MEDFORD, ORE.
Capital, Surplus and Deposits Over \$625,000

Greater Medford

Who favors home enterprise and the building of a large city in the center of the most beautiful valley on earth? We do, YOU SHOULD. Then why send your money away for other banks to handle? Deposit your dollars with us that it may be loaned for home improvement. Every dollar sent out takes that much out of circulation here. In addition to our National Bank, we have SAVINGS DEPARTMENT, and pay interest on deposits.

Open an account with the Medford National Bank, whose officers and directors are all from Medford and interested in the upbuilding of a Greater Medford and the entire Rogue River Valley.

The Medford National Bank

Capital \$50,000.00 Surplus \$10,000.00

**CODLING MOTH NOT
ATTRACTED BY LIGHT**

The codling moth trap operated with a light to attract the moths are not a success, asserts Professor A. B. Cordley, zoologist at the Oregon agricultural college.

A few days ago a resident of Portland announced through the press that he had discovered a means of exterminating the moths. His device was a sack saturated in sweet cider and hung in an orchard at night with a lighted lantern five or six feet away. He said that if the trap should be thus set in the morning the sack would contain all the moths in the neighborhood. When this scheme was called to the attention of Professor Cordley and his opinion of it requested he replied:

"There is nothing new about this the way of controlling the codling moth. It is an old idea which periodically crops out, and indeed from time to time various contrivances illustrating the same idea have been placed upon the market

and have met with a ready sale. The difficulty, however, with the whole theory is that codling moth is not at all attracted by light."

**EDISON PRAISES OREGON
APPLES AS BEST EVER**

Thomas Edison, the wizard of Menlo Park, says that Oregon apples are finer than any he ever saw in the east. The box of apples which called forth the eulogium was sent to Mr. Edison

at Orange, N. J., by Fred W. Graves & Co. of Portland. The apples were Spitznbergers raised by M. O. Lowndale at his orchard on the Red Hill, Lafayette, Or. Mr. Edison, in acknowledging them says: "Thanks for the apples. I have never seen as fine apples here east. They came in good shape and we had some on Thanksgiving day. Very truly yours, Thomas A. Edison."

**RAILROAD READY TO
BUILD CEMENT WALKS**

William Collins, resident engineer of the Southern Pacific, has notified the city council that the railroad stands ready to build cement sidewalks on Seventh street across its right of way as soon as it is demanded by the city and the grades set by City Engineer Osgood.

Tonight, opera house, Slayton Jubilee Singers.

**Too Busy to
Write Ads**

Cut rates of all kinds on all sorts of CLOTHING and MEN'S FURNISHINGS at Our Grand Holiday CHRISTMAS BARGAIN SALE

The Toggery

Exchange Bank Checks for Home of Your Own

There is nothing like owning your own home in these times. Then, come what may, you are fixed. No danger that imaginary financial stringencies can lose you your shelter for they can't. You are fixed. And then, how much nicer it is for your wife and family! Just think how many worry lines on your wife's dear face you save by owning the roof over her head. It means a lot to both of you, but more to her. Both of you face the world so much more confidently than as if you did not know what was coming or what would happen, with that nameless dread hanging over you constantly. Do not postpone it longer. Now is the time to build. Get a lot—they are cheap. Buy it on the installment plan, if you don't want to pay for it all at once, and then get your lumber from us and build. It will cost you no more than rent; and you will have something to show for it at the end of a year. We will take checks on any bank in Medford in exchange for our lumber, and we sell the best that is made—rough and finished, hard or soft, native or Booth-Kelly—whatever you want. Opportunity knocks but once—"If sleeping, wake—if feasting, turn away—it is the hour of fate." Opportunity is knocking at your door—Awake and build before it is too late.

Iowa Lumber & Box Co.