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YOUNG APPLE GROVES SHOW BIG PROFITS

One Orchard Yields \$6000 in Five Months - Large Yield of Merrick's Grove.

Jesse Cook, who purchased for \$8000 last August, through the Rogue River Land company, ten acres in apples from E. P. Bennett, has netted \$6000 profit from his orchard in five months, and he only secured the winter apples on the place. From 152 trees of Newtown pippins he sold \$3100 gross worth of apples. Mr. Cook has returned to Medford from his former home at Burbank, S. D.

As a sample of what young trees near Medford are doing, F. E. Merrick, the well-known horticulturist, gives the following output from his orchard:

From four and one-half acres of 7-year-old Newtown pippins, just coming into bearing, I have sold \$2052.50 net. In addition, I still have from 200 to 300 boxes of seconds on hand.

From four and one-half acres of young Winesaps I picked 1365 boxes, which sold for \$2.25 a box net, and 160 boxes of seconds.

From 500 trees of young Spitzenberg 7-year-old trees I picked 683 boxes of apples, which sold for from \$2.25 to \$3.50 a box, net.

From 500 trees of Ben Davis (old orchard) I picked 2200 boxes of apples, which netted me \$1.25 a box in Medford.

Mr. Merrick is in receipt of letters from the New York commission firm of E. V. Loomis, commenting upon the Rogue River Newtowns shipped this year as being the finest ever shown in New York and suggesting the shipment also of Ben Davis from Medford to Eastern markets.

BURBANK SMILES AT GOVERNMENT CRITICS

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Jan. 29.—Far from being perturbed by the bulletin issued by the United States department of agriculture decrying his spineless cactus, Luther Burbank was inclined to smile this morning.

"I have positively no feeling in the matter so far as resentment goes," said Mr. Burbank. "I am perfectly willing that my work shall prove itself and let the world be my judge. Leading scientists of the world know of my work with the spineless cactus. They also know of the success achieved. My spineless cactus is already planted and growing in the desert."

It is well known that men in the department of agriculture have attempted to copy Burbank's methods in plant creation. It is also known and commented on by scientists that prior to Burbank's accomplishments with fruits and flowers, etc., the men at the experimental stations of the department of agriculture were content merely to test the old fruits. But when it was seen what Burbank was doing they took up the work of plant breeding, and in some ways have been successful. Burbank does not say that the department is jealous of him, but there are men connected with it who are piqued.

LITTLETON IS MAKING FINAL TALK FOR THAW

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Mr. Littleton, chief counsel for Harry K. Thaw, made his appeal to the jury which will pass judgment on his client today. Before a crowded courtroom the attorney devoted himself to demonstrating that Thaw was clearly insane when he killed White. Littleton declared that the serious efforts of the defense had been met only by sneers and insinuations from District Attorney Jerome. Littleton said that he was convinced that the defense had produced facts to show that Thaw was insane beyond all doubt, though the law had not imposed that duty upon it. It was for the prosecution to prove that Thaw was sane and Littleton asserted that he could not understand how Jerome could come before a jury and claim that he had fulfilled the burden placed upon him and ask for Thaw's conviction for murder.

Miss Clara Wood of Medford left Wednesday morning for Vallejo, Cal., where she will visit relatives for the ensuing six weeks.

HALL DENIES COMPLICITY

On Witness Stand, in His Own Behalf, Former District Attorney Repudiates Statement of Co-Defendants — Dismissal of Fulton's Clients Ordered.

PORTLAND, Jan. 30.—Emphatically and positively, John H. Hall swore on the witness stand in his own defense today that never at any time did he have an understanding with the Butte Creek Land, Livestock & Lumber company, whereby it could illegally inclose public lands. Hall also swore that he had dismissed the case against W. E. Burke and W. G. Goslin, when C. W. Fulton was their attorney, in an effort to locate twenty men on the timber land on the authority of the United States attorney-general, and after he had taken up the matter with Binger Hermann, then commissioner of the general land office.

DEATHS BY RAILROADS SHOW BIG INCREASE

Startling figures appear in the accident bulletins issued by the interstate commerce commission covering the months of July, August and September, 1907. The report shows that the number of casualties on railroads during the quarterly period were 23,063, including 1339 killed and 21,724 injured. This is an increase of 157 in the killed and 3056 in the number injured, as compared with the corresponding period of 1906.

Collisions and derailments in the quarter numbered 4759, including 2245 collisions and 2034 derailments, of which 320 collisions and 222 derailments affected passenger trains. The damage to cars, engines and roadway by these accidents amounted to \$43,605,696. This shows an increase in the number of 607 over the corresponding period of 1906.

PRESIDENT COLEMAN LEAVES TO BECOME BISHOP

SALEM, Or., Jan. 30.—The slumbering volcano underlying the management of Willamette university has been given a slight vent without any explosion by the departure of President Coleman for the east, where he will probably be made a bishop of the Methodist church. The university will have a new president and all differences that have been stirring the board of trustees to the depths will be harmonized. It is an open secret among the student body that Dean Boyer and President Coleman have been living at swords' points for some time. High words have passed between them at times that resounded in the assembly. He has done a great work for the institution.

ADMITS PURCHASE OF FURNITURE BY THE FOOT

HARRISBURG, Jan. 30.—Stanford R. Lewis, associate of Architect Joseph M. Huston, was forced to divulge at the morning session of the trial of the grafters in the state capitol scandal, testimony of a damaging nature to the architects' interest. Lewis virtually admitted that the blueprint plans for the capitol furniture were indefinite. The furniture was charged for at the rate of \$18.40 'per foot.'

MISDEMEANOR TO ACT IN MISSOURI ON SUNDAY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 30.—Judge Smith McPherson of the United States district court rendered a decision today declining to interfere with the enforcement of the Missouri statute making it unnecessary to labor on Sunday a misdemeanor. The decision is a result of the action of jurors and theaters who sought to enjoin the county grand jury from indicting them.

CHESAPEAKE'S FLAG SELLS FOR OVER FOUR THOUSAND

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The flag of the American man of war Chesapeake, captured in a fight with the British ship Shannon in 1813, was sold at auction today to a dealer named Partridge for \$4250. It is said that Partridge was acting for Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Toggerly Bill's Rose. One of the handsomest roses ever grown anywhere, a La France, with a stem over three feet long, can be seen in the windows of The Toggerly. It is the best advertisement of Rogue river climate possible, and in New York would be worth many dollars.

AMERICAN TORPEDO BOAT FLOTILLA SAILS AWAY

BUENOS AYRES, Jan. 30.—The flotilla of American torpedo-boats sailed today for Punta Arenas after a stay of four days in this port.

STAGE FINDS DEFENDER IN ED. ANDREWS

Rev. Reuter's Sweeping Denunciation of Theater Answered by Veteran Actor.

BY ED ANDREWS.

I feel as a citizen of Medford and as one who occasionally attends the theater—furthermore, one who has spent 29 years of his life in the theatrical profession—that Brother Reuter's sweeping denunciation of plays and playhouses is unjust and should not go by unnoticed.

It should be acknowledged by every fair-minded man that entertainment is as essential to a well-regulated and moral life as food, clothing, shelter and instruction. In fact, we may sum up the five great essentials of life as food, clothing, shelter, instruction and amusement. This is the philosophy of Huxley. If we agree upon this point, namely, that amusement is necessary, should we take Brother Reuter's advice and throw away Hamlet, Othello and Macbeth and substitute in their stead, "Pussy wants a corner," "Spot in and spat out," and "The needle's eye that doth supply"?

Both Good and Bad Plays.

I grant that there are good plays and bad plays and it should be the part of those who are paid to look after the public morals to attend and give their sanction to good plays and denounce all performances of immoral tendency. You must remember that the high and moral legislative body of the early days of this republic, to which you referred in your article, sanctioned the burning of witches and decided that slaves belonged to their masters, body and soul.

Let us not look backward, brother, and quote from ancient history, or I may be tempted to say that whatsoever may be said of the theatrical profession this much we are not guilty of: We did not put Gallileo on the rack; we did not burn Bruno and Savonarola; we never cut out the tongues of Quakers; we did not drive Ann Hutchinson out into the forest to be cut to pieces by savages; we did not hang Mary Dyer on Boston Common for a slight difference of opinion as to the construction of some passage of scripture; we did not hunt down Andrew Vesalius, the anatomist; we did not condemn Harvey and Jenner because they had taken a step forward in medical science.

Remember, dear brother, that your own John Wesley was not allowed to preach in a sacred edifice except those which he or his followers built. No, let us not tread on the thin ice of the past, lest we soil the ancient cloth.

No Irreverence Intended.

Mind, I do not say this with the least irreverence to the beautiful life and teachings of Christ. Whatever faults I may have, I hold the Man of Sorrows my guide.

Neither do I wish to cast any slur at the clerical profession of our time. In most cases they are teaching advanced thought and striving to better humanity. But while the pulpit has done great work for civilization it should not be forgotten that civilization has done great things for the pulpit. Surely there has been enough quibbling over technicalities and non-essentials. Moral advancement has been set back hundreds of years on account of petty constructions of holy writ.

There has ever been the oversight, some ready to condemn the master for plucking corn upon the Sabbath day, and we still have Pharisee's thanking God that they are not as other men.

As to the Rev. Mr. Williams, whom you so boldly condemn, I know him to be a man of gentle spirit, of high ideals; an educated gentleman and a Christian. Judge not, lest ye be judged.

Quotes Archbishop Ireland.

And Archbishop Ireland said: "The enemies of the church have ever been from within," and those who would condemn healthful amusement and try to force the world back into the old orthodox rut of the past are doing the church a damage. In every well-regulated city, town and village of this country stand side by side church and theater, and for any man to think that he can preach away the playhouses at this day and age makes us think that he is a Rip Van Winkle who read the

QUIET PLEA BY JEROME ENDS TRIAL

Striking Contrast with Argument a Year Ago - No Passionate Defense of White.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Conceding that Harry K. Thaw may have had irrational outbreaks now and then during the 36 years of his life, District Attorney Jerome, in his plea for the conviction of Stanford White's slayer, declared that there was absolutely nothing in the case presented to the jury to show that Thaw was so insane on the night of the tragedy that he did not know the nature or quality of his act, or that his act was wrong. The prosecutor followed this, however, by signifying plainly that he believed that justice would be served if the defendant should be found guilty of some lesser degree of criminal responsibility than murder in the first degree.

Jerome surprised his hearers today by the striking contrast of his argument with that of a year ago. His vindictiveness was gone, the passionate defense of White was gone, the denunciation of Evelyn had no place in his remarks. Instead there was a calm analytical presentation of evidence, a concession of possible weakness, both mental and physical, in the defendant, but always a recurrence to the hard and fast rule of law, that a man to be excused must be so insane as not to know what he was about.

Justice Dowling announced that he would charge the jury tomorrow morning.

Redmen Attention!

There will be class initiation at Red Men's Hall, Saturday evening, February 1. All members are requested to be present, as there will be important business transacted. The members of the degree team are requested to all be present also.

EMERGENCY INCREASE BILL IS DEMANDED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Senator Aldrich, chairman of the senate committee on finance, today favorably reported his bill providing an emergency increase in the national bank circulation. The report was authorized at a meeting of the committee held today. All Republican members voted in favor of the Aldrich document, the Democrats voting for the Bailey substitute. Aldrich said he would call the bill up for consideration February 10.

ARTHUR FERGUSON DEAD AT MANILA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The war department is advised of the death by heart disease of Arthur W. Ferguson, secretary of the Philippine commission, at Manila last night. He was appointed secretary of the commission in 1898. He was formerly secretary of the French claims commission and enjoyed a reputation of being the ablest Spanish-American translator known to official Washington.

Claud Metz of the C. O. D. grocery has returned from Chehalis, Wash., after a short visit at his former home. He reports things very quiet in that section and many men idle.

blue laws of a hundred years ago and fell asleep.

What should we do? Well, here is my suggestion: Build a nice playhouse and let the ministers of Medford say to the manager, "Give us a high class of entertainment and we will encourage you, but we will condemn from every pulpit that which is immoral." This will be a step toward the right.

ARMY WILL MEET FLEET

Reports Current That a Large Part of Uncle Sam's Troops Will Be Mobilized on Pacific Coast to Receive Squadron of Battleships Now Enroute

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Inquiry at the war department of the report from Omaha of the mobilization of a large part of the army at the Pacific coast about the time of the arrival of Admiral Evans' fleet, develops the fact that the movement now in contemplation is incident to the dispatch of troops to the Philippines to relieve soldiers who are ready for discharge. Assistant Secretary Oliver is in correspondence with governors of many states and territories with a view to co-operation of the militia with the regular army in an active program for joint drills and maneuvers. Several governors are already in correspondence with railroad transportation agencies relative to movements of their militia forces to sites of the proposed camps. It is believed that this is the foundation for the troop movements toward the Pacific coast.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Frank Paul has returned from Butte Falls, where he has been spending a month with relatives.

Mrs. S. Dyer of West Medford has been seriously sick at her home for the past two weeks.

Miss Mary Talbert, who has held the position of head lady at the general store of W. H. Meeker & Co. for several years, has returned from Clackamas, Or., where she has been spending her vacation with relatives. Miss Talbert will at once resume her duties at the store.

Ed Hart, who has been at Chico, Cal., for several months, has returned to Medford to sojourn for a time with his mother.

J. C. Gapp and J. F. Barnes are new arrivals in Medford from Holdridge, Neb.

J. P. Roberts shipped his household goods to Albany, Or., Wednesday. The family left several days ago for their new home. Mr. Roberts will engage in the real estate business at Albany.

E. E. Morrison and Polk Hull of Griffin creek were Medford business callers Wednesday.

Willis Costwick of Applegate was a business caller in Medford Wednesday.

Dr. Jones was called to Woodville, Wednesday. He made the trip by team.

Mrs. A. E. Reames of Jacksonville was a Medford visitor Wednesday.

The new skating rink on South D street is nearing completion and when fully equipped will be one of the finest rinks in the state. The dimensions of the floor space are 60x100 feet.

Mrs. Hattie Eaton Lawrence, who was taken to Portland for an operation, is recovering rapidly and will soon be able to return to Medford. Mr. Lawrence, who was with her during and after the operation, has returned to Medford.

The Medford Furniture company is treating its store to a new coat of paint and wall paper and giving it a general renovating.

Mrs. I. M. Hoge of West Medford, who has been confined to her room on account of sickness, is recovering, but is still under the care of a physician.

It is estimated that that portion of the fruit crop of Rogue River valley exported in 1907 aggregated the net sum of \$599,000. A much better record will be established during 1908.

F. M. Carter of the Medford Ice company is at Ashland, filling the place of his father at the Ashland plant during the latter's vacation. Mrs. Carter is also at Ashland on a visit.

Hon. B. F. Mulkey was in Medford during the week. His friends have prevailed upon him to enter the race for the office of district attorney and his prospects for getting the Republican nomination seem very good.

J. M. Cronmiller, county treasurer; John Miller, postmaster; Charles N. Allen, merchant, and Gus Newbury, all of Jacksonville, were Medford callers this morning. Mr. Newbury was on his way to the south part of the county. Judge H. K. Hanna was also in Medford on business.

L. O. Sterk of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, is a Medford visitor and a prospective purchaser of Medford property. Mr. Sterk has been traveling in California for several months looking for a location, but has concluded that Southern Oregon is a good place to locate.

Charles L. Schieffelin of Portland, who has been spending the past two months in Los Angeles, Cal., passed through Medford on his way home. Mr. Schieffelin was once a resident of Jackson county, having attended school at Jacksonville and Ashland in his boyhood days, and expressed surprise at the growth of Medford, stating that there was no Medford when he resided in Jackson county.

FULTON IS DENOUNCED BY HENEY

Prosecutor States Senator Is Unfit for Office and a Betrayer of Public Trust.

Francis J. Heney, in an address in Portland, answered Senator C. W. Fulton's challenge and gave his reasons for naming Oregon's representative at Washington. He presented affidavits that Fulton gave a bribe to secure the election of Senator Mitchell, for whom he is alleged to have handled the sack in 1897, and denounced Fulton as the representative of the railroads, recreant to his duty and false to his trust.

Backed Up With Documents.

The charges which Mr. Heney had made by implication and innuendo against Senator Fulton were repeated without equivocation and in detail and backed up with a huge mass of documentary evidence, affidavits, letters and reports, such as a lawyer might use in proving a case before a jury. Referring to Senator Fulton's challenge to him to prove his charges or retract them, Mr. Heney said that he was prepared to take the former course, and proceeded to lay before his auditors the facts upon which his original charges were based.

Briefly summarized, Heney's charges are as follows:

"That Charles W. Fulton was Senator Mitchell's sackholder and distributor of funds during the legislature of 1897.

Shielded Land Swindlers.

"That Fulton used his influence as state senator as attorney for the Astoria & Columbia river railroad and corporations, as United States senator to prevent enforcement of laws that he was sworn to uphold and to protect his friends from indictment and prosecution.

"That he bought votes outright during the 'hold-up' legislature of 1897.

"That in 1899 he did his utmost to defeat justice and prevent the enforcement of law by aiding and abetting the land frauds as attorney for the Hammond lumber interests.

"That his connection with shady land deals continued after that time, particularly in 1902.

"That he agreed with Senator Mitchell to shield Brownell from prosecution by the reappointment of Hall as United States district attorney.

"That he represents the interests of the railroads and big corporations at Washington and not those of the people."

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY WILL MEET AT ASHLAND

The annual meeting of the board of commissioners of the first Southern Oregon district agricultural society will be held at Ashland next Monday, February 3, at 2 o'clock p. m., to elect officers for the ensuing year. The board is composed of three members from Jackson county and two from Josephine, the former being E. T. Staples of Ashland, J. D. Olwell and J. A. Perry of Medford, and the latter, Messrs. Hall and Messers of Grants Pass. Commissioner Staples has arranged for the meeting to be held at the Ashland Commercial club rooms and for the reception of visiting commissioners and local citizens interested in the meeting, says the Tidings.

HEINZE-MORSE BANK TO PAY OUT IN FULL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Bank Examiner Charles A. Hanna, temporary receiver of the National Bank of North America, was today appointed temporary receiver of the New Amsterdam National bank of New York. No statement has been made of the bank's condition, but officials in the office of the controller of the currency believe that all depositors will be paid in full. Bank examiners today took charge of the New Amsterdam National bank and the Mechanics and Traders' bank, a state institution, both of which closed their doors late yesterday. Both banks were included in the Morse-Helms-Thomas chain of banks.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—

The Socialists had a good meeting at their reading rooms on U street, Tuesday night. There was a large attendance.