

OREGON FRUIT IS DISCUSSED

State Board of Horticulture Meets in Portland-- 1908 Crop is Good

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 14.—Several important elements of interest to the fruitgrowing industry—the fourth in size in the state—developed at the semi-annual meeting of the state board of horticulture. Among them was the sounding of the death knell of the codling moth, whose complete extermination in this state was practically predicted in the biennial report of President W. K. Newell; another was the prediction that in a few years the fruit markets of the orient will have been developed to such a degree that it will exhaust the fruit industry of the entire Pacific northwest to satisfy the demand. Still another was the showing by reports from the different district commissioners that acre for acre Oregon will produce more net revenue in apples, pears, peaches and grapes than any other class of farming by the use of modern methods and proper skill. Another was the fact that Oregon apples, under present highly developed methods of culture, are eliminating competition of eastern products, where two and one-half bushel barrels of this fruit are bringing lower prices than single boxes do in this state.

1908 Crop Good.
It was brought out at the meeting that the 1908 fruit crop would about hold its own with the record-breaking yield of 1907, when the total value of the product in all lines was \$4,275,000, as estimated by President Newell. A number of conditions have contributed to holding the money value of the output down, and at the same time it may appear when the crops are all harvested that last year's figures may be largely exceeded. Mr. Newell and his district commissioners were loth to give any detailed estimates at this time on the grounds that whatever estimates they might make would be merely guesswork, but when it is considered that the value of Oregon fruit for commercial use has increased from \$1,400,000 in 1900 to \$4,000,000 in 1907, all members of the board regard it as a remarkable showing that 1908 should hold its own. One of the conditions that figure in the totals is the great slump in the dry prune pack. Last year the pack was 25,450,000, valued at \$1,208,000, while this year it will not be in excess of 17,500,000 with an average price of not far from 5 cents. This is only a two-third crop, and will cut the value of the entire fruit crop of the state down pretty close to 10 per cent.

Shortage in Peaches
Big shortages are also noted in the reports from all sections in the peach and pear crops, the value of these two crops last year being considerably in excess of \$500,000. As against this there has been light yield in most classes of fruit, but with the increased acreage and a marked stiffening in the apple market just now taking effect the average of last year is likely to be maintained, but it will develop upon the apple districts and the small fruit sections to make good the deficiency. Even the financial unpleasantness of last fall had a depressing effect on the fruit market, as shown by reports read. But the situation is most promising in all lines, say the commissioners, for the acreage is steadily increasing, and relentless warfare being waged against codling moths, scale, scab, all forms of fungus disease and other pests is bringing splendid results. The board is confident that the moth will be practically eliminated as a menace to the fruit culturist if the present policy is continued.

Chief points in President Newell's report were: Eastern districts show a better crop than western and southern. There is more spraying with better results. The peach crop in the Rogue River valley is very large. Open fires and smudges have helped greatly against early frosts. Hood River and the Grand Ronde have full crops of high quality apples, but only a two-third crop of pears. Eastern buyers tried to force consignments of apples, but one buyer broke the corner and the prices are soaring. He urged that growers pack nothing but the very best apples and to sell the culls to the cider mill or pig trough.

Christian Church News.
At the meeting of the official board the following improvements were ordered: Stronger lights put in the church, heating the baptistry, extending the platform and others necessary for the meeting.

Whiston and Longman, the celebrated evangelists, are in a splendid meeting at Grants Pass. These brethren will be in Medford in November and hold a meeting at the Christian church. With such workers as these we should have no trouble in securing a good meeting in November.

RAILROAD LICENSES.
Lucius Waterman and Anuna Edith Snapp.
A. L. Irwin and Sadie J. Rhodes.

GOMPERS PUTS OUT CIRCULAR

Labor Partisan to a Principal, and Not to Any Political Party

"In performing a solemn duty at this time in support of a political party, labor does not become partisan to a political party but a partisan to principles," declared President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor in a circular issued regarding labor's attitude in the campaign. He charges that the republican party and its candidates stand for further extending into this country a despotic government vested in the judiciary and that the democratic party and its candidates stand for government by law vested in the people.

The circular is addressed to "Men of labor, lovers of human liberty," and says in part:
"The judiciary, induced by corporations and trusts and protected by the republican party, is step by step destroying government by law and substituting therefore a government by judges, who determine what, in their opinion is wrong, what is evidence, who is guilty and what the punishment shall be. This revolution is depriving the workers of their rights as citizens and will inevitably be made applicable to the business men later. This virus and poison has in several instances invaded upon the legislative fields by making laws which may be enforced by equity process. Despotic power under the ermine is as dangerous as despotic power under the crown."

The circular refers to Judge Taft as "the originator and specific champion of discretionary government," and Gompers reiterates that "there is no political office in the gift of the American people, elective or appointive; that under any circumstances I would accept."

PORTLAND WILL NOT DROP OUT OF COAST LEAGUE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 14.—The Pacific Coast league will be made up of six clubs next season and all the talk about eight teams and the possibility of Portland running out and joining forces with the Northwestern league does not go. This comes right off the bat from President Ewing, and when he spoke the other day, he declared his utterance were the sentiments of the other officers and magnates of the league.
Ewing has abandoned his idea of forcing Manager Dugdale of Seattle into line, and instead of attempting to fight him, Ewing will enter into an agreement with him whereby a big combination will be brought off in the year 1910. According to Ewing, Dugdale has agreed to this. When the big deal has been made, the hopes of Ewing will have been realized and the Pacific Coast league circuit will comprise eight clubs—five California teams and three in the northwest. At present Seattle is sure to break in, while both Tacoma and Spokane have a chance with the odds about even up.


Land Changes Hands.
H. N. Linebarger and C. A. Cunningham have purchased the Blenker Bros. 400 acres on the Klammath road, known as the Green Spring ranch. The transfer was made through the agency of McWilliams and Powell and the consideration is understood to be in the neighborhood of \$10,000. These gentlemen are Coloradans and have been looking about in this vicinity for the past two weeks. Mr. Linebarger is vice president of the First National Bank of Sedgwick, and Mr. Cunningham has been connected with extensive lumber interests at Julesburg. They have returned east, but the latter expects to come back before long and occupy this property, while the former will probably take up his residence in this locality later on.—Tidings.

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