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\$3.25 A BOX FOR APPLES AT GOTHAM

Tronsen and Guthrie Sell Spitzenberg From Eagle Point Orchard at Good Figure for Off Year

Three dollars and twenty-five cents a box is the price received by Tronsen & Guthrie of Eagle Point for a car of Spitzenberg apples shipped to New York on consignment and sold by Seibel & Day.

Fancy Spitzbergs from this orchard brought \$4.50 a box f. o. b. Medford this year, though only a limited number of boxes, less than a carload, were shipped at this figure.

R. C. F. Anthony has sold a carload of Spitzenberg apples for \$2 a box f. o. b. Medford to Randall, Gee & Mitchell of St. Paul.

GREAT NUMBER OF GRAND BALLS

Holiday Season Will Be Gay--Three Big Dances Planned--Other Small One

There will be almost a continual round of revelry by night with the coming of the holiday season in Medford, and the lovers of the dance are looking forward with much anticipation to the gay holiday season.

The ball which will open the season will be that given by the ladies of St. Ann's society on the evening of December 18. This will be one of the most elaborate affairs of the season, and the following ones will have to strive to equal it.

The next dance to be given--and this at the height of the gay season--will be the one planned by the ladies of the Greater Medford club for December 29.

Then the fire ladies will close the season with a ball on New Year's eve. The boys are telling their friends that as successful as the ladies are with their dances, that it really takes them to give a successful affair of the kind. The boys say that the council having refused to buy them rubber coats to wear at fires, that they will use the proceeds of this dance to buy them.

As a further attraction during the holidays there will be a performance at the Medford Opera House on Christmas night.

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MANY HEAR O'GARA ON TREE PESTS

Illustrates Remarks With Pictures Thrown on a Screen--Lecture Is Very Instructive

What was probably the most instructive lecture upon fruit diseases and pests ever delivered in southern Oregon was delivered by Professor O'Gara in the Anglo opera house Saturday afternoon.

The hall was crowded by the fruit men of the valley. All of the adjacent country was represented, fruit men coming from Eagle Point, Tolo, Central Point, Jacksonville, Brownsboro--in fact, from all parts of Rogue River valley.

The offices of the Horticultural society, under whose auspices the meeting was held, being absent, Charles Meserve opened the meeting with a few remarks, stating that it was the intention of the society to hold two meetings each month during the winter and spring, at which Professor O'Gara would address the fruit men.

Professor O'Gara stated that a number of his lantern slides were broken. Other slides sent out by the department at Washington will be on hand for his next lecture.

The first slide shown was that of the pear blossom. The professor pointed out how it was possible for the germ of the pear blight to be carried into the pollen of the blossom and from there how it spread throughout the tree.

The other slides were all of an instructive nature. Orchards were shown throughout the country where both healthy and infected trees exist. A view was shown of the orchard and orchardist Hoover of the valley, who had some 200 trees infected, but by scientific methods got entirely rid of the blight.

Trees were shown that were affected with different diseases, and those who attended the lecture should have but little difficulty in the future when these symptoms are found in their orchards.

LUMBERMEN WANT LOW TARIFFS ON LUMBER STOCK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.--American lumbermen who recently appeared before the house committee on ways and means, asking that there be no reduction in the tariff on lumber, were concerned chiefly over their low-grade output.

There was no alarm felt over high-grade lumber, for the testimony of most witnesses agreed that this market would not be materially affected, even if the present duty should be removed. American manufacturers have always been able to meet competition on this grade of lumber; but on low-grade stock they have sustained losses, and it is contended, would sustain still heavier losses should the class of lumber be brought into competition with the same class imported from Canada.

In other words, what the American lumbermen most desire is protection against low-grade lumber from other countries. Going over the testimony of various witnesses, the question of conservation is frequently encountered. Advocates of free trade, as well as friends of the tariff, all talk of conservation, and the necessity of prolonging the life of the American forests was given as a chief argument on both sides of the controversy.

But two distinct methods of conservation were proposed. The advocates of free trade would let in lumber from abroad, thereby diminishing the drain upon our own forests, and in that way extending their life. That is the Pinchot idea, and probably will be the plan urged by the national conservation commission in its report to the president next month.

SENTENCING OF RUEF IS POSTPONED

At Request of Defence Judge Lawler Gives Them Week to Offer Number of Motions

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 12.--At the request of the defense, Judge Lawler today postponed the sentencing of Abraham Ruef, who was found guilty of bribery on Thursday, until next Saturday. The prosecution agreed to the postponement.

Henry Ach, who has charge of Ruef's defense, stated today in court that the defense wished to offer a number of motions, which are now being prepared, before sentence was imposed. It was for the purpose of allowing the defense to prepare these that the stay was granted.

Ruef is apparently unaffected by the verdict of guilty, which was returned against him on Thursday. He is the same debonaire man about town that he has always been. He received his mother and sister this morning in an anteroom of the county jail and conversed with them for nearly an hour. His mother seems to be suffering a great deal, and Ruef tried to cheer her up. He seemed to regret her departure very much.

Although not definitely announced by the district attorney, the trial of Patrick Calhoun will probably be the next taken up.

NEW YORK MARKET FOR WESTERN BOX APPLES

The condition of the eastern market for western box apples is reported by the New York Fruitmen's Guide of December 5, as follows: A good many western box apples went forward to Europe under earlier engagements, but a considerable portion sold locally in the range of \$2.25 to \$3 per box for Spitzbergs, and from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per box for other western stock.

It is stated on the authority of one of the principal sellers of western box apples that the movement is on the increase, and little difficulty is experienced in moving fancy stock out at around \$3 per box, and in some cases higher figures are realized. There are some lots of western apples, however, that are a little difficult to move even at \$2 per box, and a fair share of late arrivals needed urging to fetch \$2.50 per box.

LAND PROVES PRODUCTIVE WHEN PLANTED TO CABBAGES

M'INNIVILLE, Or., Dec. 12.--The banner cabbage patch of old Yamhill lies within a mile of this city. On July 21 of this year Henry Fletcher set out cabbage plants on one-tenth of an acre of ground that had been thoroughly cultivated. No further attention was given them, not even a hoeing. Recently he sold in the local market from the patch cabbage to the value of \$44. The family used liberally of the product during the season, and there are yet 400 or 500 pounds of cabbage not yet harvested.

PLEASANT SOCIAL EVENING GIVEN BY YOUNG LADIES

The young ladies of the Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church entertained the young men of the society Friday evening in the Commercial club rooms. A very enjoyable program was rendered by the young ladies, which was followed by a number of games. An elaborate supper followed, which had been tastefully arranged. The affair was one of the most successful events of the social season among the younger set. Among those present were: Mesdames Shields, Wartman, Brown and Lambert, Misses Grey, Dressler, Lake, Bliton, Flynn, Trowbridge, Kerr, Jackson, Purdy, Burke, Brown, Lundgren, Lemmeister, York, Messrs. Lambert, Glasgow, Thatcher, Kerr, Hunselman, Ray, Marshall, Price, Bliss, Canon, Lemmeister.

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS GIVE PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT

The junior class of the high school entertained Friday afternoon most pleasantly. An extensive program was rendered and each number was splendidly rendered. The program follows: Duet, Lorraine Bliton and Agnes Isaacs; essay, Pearl De Bolt; German recitation, Fred Deierlein; German song, German juniors; Current Events, Josie Riley; recitation, Walter Childress; vocal solo, Frieda Hockeney; H. S. Current Events, Ruth Agnew; biography, Mariel Rodde; recitation, Crystal McNary; debate--affirmative, Nell Kerr; Frieda Hockeney; negative, Sue Hills; Lucilla Campbell; piano solo, Agnes Isaacs; class song.

NUVEEN HAS AS YET SENT NO ANSWER

Neither Reames Nor Vawter Have Been Informed As to Nuvveen Decision on Ultimatum

Although the 48 hours specified have elapsed since Attorney A. E. Reames wired Nuvveen & Company, bond buyers of Chicago, the terms under which future lots of the gravity water bonds would be delivered, he has as yet received no reply to his telegram, and neither has W. I. Vawter, who represents Nuvveen & Company in this city.

Ever since Mr. Reames forwarded the telegram, curt, short and to the point, there has been much interest displayed to know what the outcome would be. The telegram stated clearly that the city knew that they were in the right as to the payment of the accrued interest on the bonds and that they refused to be bulldozed into paying it. What Nuvveen's answer will be is hard to determine. His silence shows that he is evidently considering the matter at some length, and it may be that he will make good his threats to sue the city for the delivery of the remainder of the bonds.

Attorney Reames states that he will advise the council to cancel the bonds if Nuvveen will not accede to the condition imposed by the city and immediately take steps to issue a new lot. It is hard to determine upon what grounds Nuvveen & Company will institute suit, for they have no legal contract with the city for the delivery of the bonds as they claim to have.

NEW BOARD GETS BUSY

Commission to Supervise Naming Places in State Is Hard at Work

Appreciating the fact that numerous geographic features in this state bear similar or identical names, and that many old landmarks either have no names at all or else have names of no significance, and realizing the necessity for better identification, Governor Chamberlain, on October 1, 1908, appointed a commission to supervise the naming of geographic features within the state, to prevent confusion by duplication and dispute, and to perpetuate as far as may be unique legends of the Indians and traditions of Oregon's pioneer age.

The commission met in Corvallis recently and organized by electing the following officers: President, Will G. Steel, Portland; secretary, Joseph Schaffer, Eugene; treasurer, J. B. Horner, Corvallis. The name selected is Oregon Geographic Board. Portland was made headquarters.

The psychological influence of names in a community is generally acknowledged. Good names afford at least unconscious satisfaction, and may even tend to elevate the public mind. Badly chosen names give conscious dissatisfaction and have a tendency to discredit the community in the estimation of outsiders. A general "toning up" effect is produced in a community, by the prevalence of place names whose suggestion is elevating, stimulating to the imagination, or pleasing to the ear. Special difficulties result from the fact that geographic names ordinarily come into being in a haphazard manner, and therefore many of them are duplicated, others disputed, and some are from every point of view inappropriate. Supervision is called for if only for the purpose of eliminating duplicates and assisting to settle cases of dispute.

Why Its Creation. The chief reason for the creation of a board of supervisors is in the fact that in a new state of vast proportions like Oregon, population is pushing into new areas, and the older sections are becoming more densely populated giving rise everywhere to new towns, villages and post offices; this calls closer attention to many hitherto disregarded physical features of the country--mountains, streams, waterfalls, lakes, beautiful landscapes along the seacoast or in the interior. Hundreds, even thousands, of new names may be required within the space of a few years. The

STEAMER LOST; FIFTY DROWNED

Turkish Steamer Turns Turtle in Storm on Black Sea--Few Are Saved by a Passing Schooner

ODESSA, Dec. 12.--All of the members of the crew and 50 passengers were drowned today when the big Turkish steamer from Constantinople to Sebastopol sunk to the bottom of the Black sea.

There were 11 persons taken from the steamer by a passing schooner, but the rescue work was retarded on account of the violence of the sea.

The vessel, an iron one, was overwhelmed with the waves. The captain had ordered her brought about in order to lessen the fury of the beating storm, but before this was accomplished a tremendous wave caused the steamer to turn turtle.

Those who managed to cling to the wreckage until next day were taken off by the schooner.

All of the persons drowned with the exception of five were Persians and Turks. Five Europeans were known to have been lost.

HARVARD SCIENTISTS DISCOVER WATER VAPOR ON PLANET

BOSTON, Dec. 12.--Professor Percival Lowell announced yesterday that his assistants at his observatory at Flagstaff, Ariz., had discovered that there is water vapor on Mars and that it is measurable. It betrays itself in lines of the spectrum.

There has been much controversy with reference to the atmosphere of Mars and its qualities. Those scientists who disbelieve the claim that there is life on the planet have known their point could be proved if the absence of an atmosphere could be shown, while Professor Lowell and his staff have been at work seeking what evidence there might be in favor of an atmosphere.

Photographs taken about a year ago by Dr. V. N. Slipher at Flagstaff contained certain spectrum lines which Professor Lowell states clearly indicate water vapor on Mars.

LARGE TIMBER DEAL IS CLOSED NEAR ABERDEEN

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 12.--One of the largest timber deals ever consummated in this county was the sale a few days ago of a tract of 117,000,000 feet of standing timber on the west branch of the Wishkah river by Congressman Fordney of Michigan, who held a sixth interest, the heirs of J. B. Egerer and others, to William E. Boeing. The purchase price was \$450,000. The deal was made by eastern agents.

By this purchase Mr. Boeing becomes the owner of a total of 12 sections of timber lands in this county. He has been acquiring timber lands steadily during the past few years. Just prior to the deal he bought a section of timber, bringing his total holding up to nine sections. These three sections now give him lands containing an estimated total of 480,000,000 to 500,000,000 feet of standing timber. All of this is adjacent to the west branch of the Wishkah and is easily logged.

The lowest figure for stumpage is \$3.50 a thousand. This would bring the total value of the tract to \$1,700,000.

G. O. P. GETS BUSY ON '12 CAMPAIGN

Permanent Headquarters Are opened in Chicago--Elaborate Preparations Are Being Made

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.--Active preparations are being made today for the republican presidential campaign of 1912. The announcement of the establishment of a permanent republican national committee was made by Fred Upham. The committee will have its headquarters in the First National Bank building in Chicago. It is planned to perfect the most comprehensive national organization ever known in America. The press bureau work will be kept up as will the work on the card index system inaugurated during the recent campaign by Manager Hitchcock.

The money for the carrying on of the work of instructing the American people in the republican doctrines is to be continued. The card index system was the cause of much comment during the recent campaign, as it was severely criticized by President Roosevelt.

GRAND COMMANDER G. A. B. PAYS VISIT TO ASHLAND

Captain J. T. Apperson, grand commander of the department of Oregon, Grand Army of the Republic, paid an official and fraternal visit to Burnside post and corps of Ashland Tuesday evening, and the occasion was made one of much pleasure, as well as profit in a social way, a hundred of the veterans and ladies being in attendance, says the Tidings.

Captain Apperson is one of the pioneers of Oregon and has been prominent in public life in this state for many years. He has served as legislator repeatedly, as a member of the state board of agriculture, and as United States land office official, and is a veteran of peace as well as war. Like Commander A. C. Spencer of Burnside post of this city, he served in the First Oregon Volunteers in the time of the rebellion. This regiment saw service as far east as the Utah line.

EASTERNERS CONTINUE TO FLOCK TO WOLF CREEK

GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 12.--A number of families have arrived here from the east to make their homes with the Ideal colony, being established at Wolf Creek valley, in Wolf Creek valley, in the northern end of Josephine county. The colony is being founded under the direction of Rev. W. G. Smith. A large farm, or rather several big farms, were purchased and subdivided into smaller tracts, and the members of the Ideal colony will turn their attention largely toward the growing of fruit, for which the climate and lands of Wolf Creek valley are well adapted. Only Christian people are sold tracts inside the colony, and no saloons or places of vice will be allowed. The site of the colony is one of the most picturesque and is on the main line of the Southern Pacific.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, B STREET

Why Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Methodists and some other denominations practice infant baptism will be the subject next Sabbath morning. Bring your Bibles, memoranda books and lead pencils. At night the theme will be "That Matchless Stone." Sabbath school at 10 a. m. Epworth league 6:30 p. m. All are invited.

PLANTING BIG ORCHARD EAGLE POINT DISTRICT

William Hart Hamilton, owner of the Rogue River Irrigated Orchards tracts near Eagle Point, is setting out 110 acres in apples and pears. Mr. Hamilton set out 50 acres last spring, making his total orchard 160 acres. Last winter he purchased the old Ulrich ranch of nearly 1000 acres. As most of it is under the Eagle Point ditch and can be irrigated, it makes a very desirable orchard tract. Mr. Hamilton intends eventually to plant the entire tract to apples and pears, subdividing it into five-acre tracts and place them upon the market upon the installment plan.

Councilman Wurtman leaves on Saturday for a short business trip to Portland.

SPENT COIN OF FIRM AT RACE TRACK

Cashier of San Francisco Firm Over \$20,000 Short in His Accounts--Spent It at Emeryville

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 12.--Said by the police to have embezzled over \$20,000 from Hale Brothers' department store, Alphonso Leboif, the cashier of the firm, is in jail here.

It is reported that the prisoner attributes his downfall to betting on the races at Emeryville. In one week he lost \$5000.

The cashier had a system worked in detail. As the first of the month approached he would borrow money from friends and straighten out his accounts. Then the first safely over he would repay the loans he had made.

It is reported that he was at one time over \$400,000 in the bad, but through lucky plays on the races he soon again got ahead of the game. He said that if he had not been discovered that he would have more than broken even at the end of this year's racing season.

Leboif has been thought a thoroughly honorable man, and his employees said that they did not dream of his robbing them. The discovery was made by the chance exposure of a raised check.

SAMSON

The modern Hercules, Samson, appearing at the Savoy this week is more than making good with the large audience, which he is drawing nightly. Prior to his first appearance at the Savoy public opinion was inclined to look upon Samson's act as a fake. The advertised feat of his lifting a 1400-pound horse and six men at the same time looked preposterous, but it was not more than a few moments after the rise of the curtain that Samson had gained the confidence of his audience, and kept them intently interested throughout the performance. Among his marvelous feats are the bending of iron bars over his arm, breaking 40 penny spikes with his fingers, an iron chain by the expansion of his chest, handling of 300-pound dumbbells, and the lifting of a 1400-pound horse at the same time with six men. Samson's performance is unique and most spectacular. It is deserving of all the praise and appreciation which the large audience have been showing. Samson will appear tonight and Sunday afternoon and evening for the last time. The opportunity of seeing a performance of this class should not be missed.

THREE MONTHS FOR EATING AN APPLE

CHICAGO, December 12.--Three months' imprisonment and the loss of pay during that period is the price which James R. Thompson, private in Company C, Tenth infantry, will pay for eating an apple. The findings of the court martial which tried the case were approved yesterday at army headquarters.

Private Thompson's offense was committed near Dublin, Ind., while his company was on a practice march to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Members of the command had been cautioned against foraging en route, but, like Adam, Thompson fell to the blandishments of a ripe red apple in a farmer's orchard.

"Throw that fruit down," Lieutenant Robert G. Caldwell commanded. Thompson grinned, took another bite and replied: "I'm not taking orders from you."

That settled it. First came the guardhouse, then the court martial and now the three months' service at hard labor.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS PLAN THEIR ANNUAL BANQUET

The Knights of Pythias are hard at work upon the plans for their annual banquet, which is to be given on the evening of January 10. Their last year's banquet is still remembered as being one of the most elaborate ever put on in Medford. The committee in charge of this year's event is composed of Basil Gregory, John Philogor and F. H. Hutchason.

R. H. Bradshaw and L. C. Hall of Brownsboro were attending to business interests in Medford on Thursday. J. J. Patton of Eagle Point was transacting business in Medford on Thursday.

A talent lodge of the I. O. O. F. will be instituted Saturday evening.