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ANOTHER RECORD SMASHED.

Only the wildest dream of avarice on the part of our local fruitgrowers could have aroused calculations of such high prices for local pears as has just been paid to the Bear Creek Orchards company—\$10.08 a box in the London market. It was thought that the record established for these pears in New York—\$8.20 a box—would stand for some time, until now, when least expected, the old record has been advanced \$1.88.

Only those who are in actual touch with the world's markets are able to judge of the inestimable advantage which a section enjoys where the conditions are perfect for the production of one of the special fruits which are in demand on the tables of the wealthy and the well-to-do of two continents. Modern methods of transportation have annihilated distance, and with the advent of the refrigerator car the most remote and isolated districts of earth are called upon to supply the wants of those able to buy the best that the world affords.

The Rogue River valley is so far superior in its merits in this line of production to any other portion of the northwest that it is now engrossing all the interest. This condition in regard to the production of this delicious fruit gives the Rogue River valley practically a monopoly of the best markets of the world for a product which is certainly the easiest to grow of any fruit which is planted here.

It is not alone the fact that all conditions are right for the production of a perfect pear in this valley which makes it certain that this line of production will be among the most important income-producers of the valley, but the additional fact that in almost every portion of the valley the land is adapted to pears above any other fruit that is grown. There is practically no limit to the yield of pears in this valley, and the public are eagerly seizing upon the nearby tracts now offering. It has only been a few years since the public in general was initiated into the secrets of pear-growing or its possibility as fruit venture. The heavy growers have been wise for ten years past, but did not take the public into their confidence until the annual returns realized from car lots sent to eastern markets impressed the outsider with the fact that here, in pear culture, we have a bonanza equaled only by the better class of gold or copper mines.

Horticulture, on the other hand, is one of the most fascinating of pursuits in life. Henry E. Doseh, one time secretary of the state horticultural commission, has written:

"There is perhaps no more ennobling pursuit in life than horticulture, and possibly none more profitable than the growing of apples and pears. The poet who watched and raved over the development of a beautiful baby girl into maiden and ultimate womanhood, will find its counterpart in an Oregon orchard. To stand and watch in early spring the quickening of the tree, the gradual development of leaf and bud, and the gentle, timid opening of its bewitching blossoms, filling the air with intoxicating fragrance, and finally the fruitage of the magnificent apples and pears for which Oregon has become famous, is a poem in itself."

BIG MOUNTAIN LION KILLED IN KLAMATH

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 28.—A genuine California mountain lion was shot and killed yesterday by a son of John Hagelein just back of Naqlox, which is 12 miles north of this city. The lion is a monster, measuring eight feet from head to tip of tail, and weighs 125 pounds. It was brought to the city today by Mr. Hagelein.

For several weeks huge tracks of some animal were seen in the woods in the neighborhood of Naqlox. The tracks were too large for an ordinary cougar. It is believed that this was the animal which was seen by a number of trappers on the ice in the middle of the big Klamath lake, and which created quite a sensation, as they were unable to get their bear dogs to go near it, and were unable to determine what sort of an animal it was. The lion was fat and in fine condition and apparently has been successful in slaughtering deer on which to feed.

The animal was discovered last evening in a tree near the Hagelein home and was soon brought to the ground with a rifle, two of the balls entering the head and one the shoulder. The dead animal was sold to Judge Thomas Drake for \$25, and the judge intends to have a rug made of the skin, which he expects to present to his daughter in Oakland.

PRISONER PARDONED AND RETURNS TO HOME

SALEM, Or., Jan. 28.—Courtland Green, serving a life sentence as an accessory to the murder of John Lian, in Lane county, in 1898, was pardoned by Governor Chamberlain and left the penitentiary to take a train for Nebraska with his aged mother and aunt, who have conducted a ten-year campaign for his release. Green is still a young man, and says he will devote the remainder of his life to the care of his mother.

MONUMENT TO COLFAX IS TO BE ERECTED

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 28.—A monument in memory of Hon. Schuyler Colfax, 19th vice-president of the United States, is to be erected in South Bend, his home, if a bill before the Indiana legislature becomes a law. The movement was started by the South Bend chamber of commerce through the passage by its directors of a resolution written by its president, F. A. Miller, editor of the South Bend Tribune, and introduced by L. P. Hardy, first vice-president of the organization. The sum of \$10,000 is desired.

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WHAT ROCKEFELLER THINKS OF RELIGION

ATLANTA, Jan. 28.—The views of John D. Rockefeller on the theological doctrines of election and predestination were related to the Baptist ministers of Atlanta as a result of a discussion of those doctrines at their weekly meeting.

The Rockefeller views were presented by the Rev. John White of Atlanta, who preached at Rockefeller's church in Cleveland last summer.

"While riding with Mr. Rockefeller in his automobile," said Dr. White, "we began to discuss election and the theology taught at the University of Chicago. I related to Mr. Rockefeller the story of the Georgia negro and his explanation of election. He was jokingly asked what this election means, and he answered:

"Well, you see, the Lord and the devil are always voting; one for your salvation and one for your damnation, and whichever way you vote you get elected accordingly. Mr. Rockefeller laughed at the story and then declared that his view on the doctrine of election coincided with that of the negro. Mr. Rockefeller further declared that the same view dominated the theology being taught at the University of Chicago."

Dr. White said that Mr. Rockefeller was so impressed with the story of the negro's views on election that he had the story taken down by a stenographer when they returned from the automobile ride.

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WHAT PAPERS SAY

AN APPRECIATION FROM HOPER.

(Capital Journal.)
Plucky Editor George Putnam, who has fought the newspaper battle to make Medford a live town, is in the city in the interest of the Crater Lake automobile road. Jackson and Klamath counties have put up \$50,000 each. Pinchet and Garfield have pledged the operation of the forest reserve machinery, and the state is to be asked to give \$100,000, and it would be one of the best investments that Oregon could make to advertise this commonwealth as a progressive community.

WISDEMEANOR FOR BOY TO SAY THAT HE IS 21

SALEM, Or., Jan. 28.—The senate judiciary committee this morning reported favorably a substitute for S. B. 29, which, regulating establishments where games of chance are conducted. This substitute provides that "if any person being the owner, lessee, proprietor or employee of any cigar store, card room, saloon, barroom, public billiard room, public poolroom, soft drink establishment or other public place of amusement shall suffer or permit any minor to engage in any game of cards, billiards, pool, bagatelle, dice throwing or other game of chance in such place, then for amusement or otherwise, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction there shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100." If any minor shall represent and pretend to the proprietor or employee of such establishment that he is over the age of 21 years he is punishable by a fine of \$10 to \$100.

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