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## PROSPECTS WERE NEVER BEFORE AS BRIGHT FOR CROP

These Are Anxious Nights for Local Orchardmen—No Damage Has Been Done to Fruit so Far.

## LOCAL MEN LOOK FOR LARGE CROP AND BEST OF PRICES

Eastern Fruit Crop Seriously Injured by Frosts—Peaches Gone in the Wenatchee District.

These are anxious nights for the fruitgrower. Light frosts are the usual occurrence, but so far it is the consensus of opinion but slight damage has been done. There will be a heavy crop of pears, a large crop of apples and a good crop of peaches in the Rogue River valley, unless unforeseen conditions arise. The young fruit and the bloom successfully withstood a drop to 28 degrees Tuesday night. Many of the orchardists have been experimenting with smudge, but nothing to prevent frost frost has been done in a majority of instances.

Prospects are for record prices. Frost in the eastern states, in Colorado, Missouri and other fruitgrowing regions of the central states have killed the peach crop and damaged severely all other fruits. In the Wenatchee and Yakima districts, scarcely a peach is left, and the other crops will not be heavy. The severe winter did great damage even to Hood River, and the prospects for a large output are slight. The eastern Oregon crop will be a partial failure, leaving the Rogue River valley alone to be counted upon in Oregon for a large fruit yield.

### Never Saw Better Yield

"In 30 years of orchard experience, I never saw better prospects for a big yield," said L. D. Harms, manager of the Gold Range, Mountain View and other orchards belonging to the Rogue River Investment company. "This morning I made a minute examination of trees in many orchards, and cannot see that frost has done any material damage. We always have a frost scare in the spring, but only occasionally is any damage sustained. The cold spring and continued cold weather has acclimated the trees to stand more than an ordinary degree of frost."

"So far as I know, little damage has resulted from the frost," said J. E. Watt, president of the Rogue River Valley Horticultural society. "I have examined many orchards, and while some of the fruit has been nipped, no material injury has resulted. I look for an extremely heavy pear crop and a fair sized apple crop, but not as large in proportion as the pear field, which promises to be phenomenal."

### No Damage, Says Perry.

"So far, no heavy damage by frost has been reported to me," said J. A. Perry, manager of the Rogue River Fruitgrowers' association. "It will be some days before we will know whether the crop will be materially affected. I hear conflicting reports, but no grower has reported damage. I do not think any crop has been injured, except perhaps the Bartlett pears, slightly. The foothill orchards have not been touched."

At The Tribune office D. H. Hawkins, an experienced fruitgrower, on Wednesday morning made a tour of

## TAFT WILL TAKE UP ROOSEVELT'S FOREST POLICY

President Announces That He Is a Firm Believer in the Conservation Movement Started by Predecessor.

## WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD GOVERNORS' CONGRESS

Gives Orders to Different Departments to Carry On Work as Outlined Last Year.

WASHINGTON, B. C., April 21.—It has been announced that President Taft is in hearty sympathy with the Roosevelt policies regarding forestry and conservation of natural resources. The announcement was made today and was the first inclination that the public had that Taft would not undo the work accomplished by former President Roosevelt. It was feared in the west that this might be the case.

The president announced that he would call the governors of the various states into conference in Washington as the time went on in order that a more thorough understanding of the various sections of the country might be had.

The president has issued orders to the various departments to carry on the work of conservation as they did under the Roosevelt regime.

the valley orchards near Medford, which would suffer if any, on account of the elevation. He brought back young fruit and blossoms from all, and the effect of frost was scarcely perceptible. Mr. Hawkins states:

### What Investigation Showed.

"I have examined the orchards with the result that I find that so far but little damage has resulted to the orchard crops in this valley. The Hutchison-Lumsden orchard appears to have sustained none at all, the bloom on the north side of the orchard having an especially healthy appearance. "No serious damage was done the fruit in the Marshall orchard. The pears being but slightly touched—beneficially so in fact—while the apples seem wholly to have escaped injury.

"The fruit on the north side in the Hill orchard is slightly damaged. Toward the center of the orchard, however, and farther on to the southern confines the damage done the fruit is scarcely perceptible.

"The Lewis and adjacent orchards have received no injury worth accounting. In one or two places the fruit sustained slight injury from drafts of the northern breeze, but no damage of a serious nature resulted.

"In the Marshall orchard smudging was resorted to as a safeguard against frost. In the Hill orchard, however, and in the Hutchison-Lumsden orchard as well, no smudging was done.

"The trees in the Hill orchard are young, having but scant foliage and meager nature-protection. The trees in the Marshall orchard and the Hutchison-Lumsden orchard are large with a setting of dense foliage and bloom, all of which adds means of protection.

"With three or four more days of growing weather the foliage on the trees will have become intensified to such a degree as to reduce danger from frosts to a minimum. The promise now is another banner crop of fruit for Rogue River valley."

## PROSPERITY IS ON TAP SAYS FRUIT BUYER

Horace W. Day of Sgobel & Day of New York Is in Medford on His Annual Trip to West.

## ROGUE RIVER COMICE LEAD THE ENTIRE WORLD

Has Words of Praise for the Valley—Urges Quality in Fruit Shipped to New York.

Horace W. Day of the firm of Sgobel & Day, the large fruit buying firm of New York, accompanied by his son Kenneth H. Day, secretary of the firm, is in Medford on his annual trip through the fruitgrowing districts of the United States. Mr. Day is most enthusiastic regarding the outlook for the coming season, and expects not only a large crop of fruit, but high prices. He predicts the return of prosperity and states that the entire country will go forward with a new impetus as soon as the tariff bill, now before congress, is disposed of.

Mr. Day has just completed his trip through the fruit districts of California, and reports that the state will have a full crop if nothing unexpected turns up in all deciduous fruits with the exception of plums, of which there will be but half a crop. They are not as yet out of the woods, as a late frost might injure them to some extent, but present indications are splendid. The pear growers are fighting pear blight with the best of success and are making more progress than ever before. The breaking of the levee in the Sacramento last winter, however, worked a great hardship on some of the orchards, especially the large one of Howard & Reed near Yuba City, which was nearly buried by the sand which was washed in.

### Grape Crop Large.

The Tokay grape crop will be enormous and the present planting will insure no less than 16,000 carloads for eastern markets in a few years if the unexpected does not happen.

The crop in Comice and Winter Nellis pears will be a good one, but, however, will not be larger than last year.

The apple crop will be large. Last year Watsonville shipped no less than 700 cars of Newtown Pippins to the London market, and of these Sgobel & Day exported 160 cars. The returns, however, were unsatisfactory. This year a similar full crop is expected.

Mr. Day expects to remain in Medford for several days looking over the local conditions. He is most enthusiastic over the certainties of the future, especially in regard to the Bartlett, Comice, d'Anjou and Winter Nellis pears for the New York market, other varieties being more suitable for other markets.

### Prices Satisfactory.

The prices on the fruit, he said, if properly selected, will be satisfactory. The one thing that he urges is quality, quality, quality.

In apples the two best varieties, of course, are the Spitzenbergs and the Newtown Pippins. These prove most satisfactory for his market, and it is to be hoped that the quality this year will be up to its usual standard. The larger sized Newtowns command better prices in the New York market than if sent abroad, as the English-

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## NEW COMPANY GETS PERMIT JACKSONVILLE

Bell Telephone Company Loses Out in County Seat—Twenty-Year Franchise Granted Citizens.

## FARMERS AGREE TO CANCEL CONTRACTS WITH PACIFIC CO.

City Council Wanted Thirty-Foot Poles, All-Night Service and Modern Service; Refused.

The city council of Jacksonville on Tuesday evening turned down the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company's franchise in the county seat.

They voted to give the Citizens' Telephone company a 20-year franchise in that city.

The council demanded that the Bell company erect only 30-foot poles, give all-night service, and install a modern system. This was refused and the council canceled its franchise.

Over 35 farmers who are now patrons of the Bell Telephone company have agreed to cancel their telephone contracts and give their patronage to the new company.

How soon the matter will be put into effect is not known, but probably after such time as the Citizens' Telephone company have succeeded in installing their system.

## BEAUTIFYING WALNUT PARK BY SETTING OUT TREES

E. N. Warner is leaving no stone unturned in adding to the beauty and attractiveness of his Walnut Park addition to the city. He is now opening a street north and south through the addition, which he will name Chestnut and along which he will set Chestnut trees. The prices of his lots are to be advanced \$25 on May 1, and if any remain unsold the price will be again advanced on June 1. Walnut Park has an ideal location, being just outside the present city limits on West Seventh street, and affords a most beautiful view of the neighboring mountains. Benson Investment company are handling the lots.

## WATER USERS OBJECT TO FORM OF CONTRACT

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 21.—Land owners under the first unit of the Klamath project are objecting to signing the contracts required by the Water Users' association before water will be delivered under the installment payment plan. It is held by some that the contracts can be construed to mean that the land owners are enjoined from transferring their lands during the life of the agreement, which is ten years. Again it is claimed there is no provision for disposing of inherited lands in cases where the heirs are all land owners under the project, and are all holding contracts for 160 acres, the maximum amount of land allowed any one person.

## WRAPPED SNAKE AROUND BOY'S NECK; IS INSANE

TACOMA, Wash., April 21.—Raving beyond all efforts to quiet him, the 7-year-old son of C. B. Seeley, living near here, around whose neck a companion wound a dead snake a week ago, may never recover his reason. The lad was so frightened that he went into hysterics.

## MOSLEMS KEEP UP SLAUGHTER OF CHRISTIANS

Over 600 Are Slain in Provinces of Asia Minor in One Day—Horrible Cruelty Is Practiced.

## OVER 6000 HAVE BEEN SLAIN IN THE PAST FEW DAYS

Consular Advices Paint Dark Picture—Presence of Cruisers Thought to Have Effect.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 21.—The massacre of Christians by fanatical Mohammedan hordes was renewed in the portion of Asia Minor today.

Over 600 are thought to have been slain today. Many were killed near Alexandrette.

The torch is being applied to dwelling houses in all towns throughout the province.

No fewer than 6000 persons have lost their lives since the outbreak of the trouble.

Consular advices report scenes of the most inhuman cruelty. The arrival of the cruisers of England and the United States will have a good effect, it is believed.

The government troops have been powerless to check the outbreak.

## LOS ANGELES CAPITALISTS CHARGED WITH FRAUD

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 21.—Charges that Ed H. Harriman, H. E. Huntington, General Harrison Gray Otis, the publisher of the Los Angeles Times, and other local capitalists are members of a syndicate which purchased land preventing the completion of the \$23,000,000 Owens River aqueduct project, will be investigated by the city attorney. The object of the project is to supply the city with water. Charges were made to the council by the Democratic league.

## BRYCE MAY SPEAK AT THE SEATTLE EXPOSITION

SEATTLE, Wash., April 21.—Josiah Collin, the chairman of the committee on credentials and special events, has received a telegram from British Ambassador Bryce acknowledging an invitation to give an address at the opening of the exposition. A reply will be made later.

## LEG BROKEN WHILE HE IS EATING PIE

CHICAGO, April 21.—Alis Massar is in a hospital with a broken leg, an injury he sustained while trying to eat a piece of pie and at the same time guide his bakery wagon over a mound of dirt in the road. The vehicle upset and threw Massar under a wheel.

## BALLINGER WILL FAVOR DECHUTES RAILROAD

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 21.—Secretary Ballinger will not sign his decision in the Deschutes Canyon case until tomorrow. His decision, it is expected, will be favorable to the railroads.

Shorty Dodge of Olson mill section has taken a trip to Medford for homestead supplies.

J. Geppert of Obenchain has been paying a business visit to Medford.

## START THURSDAY AFTER FUNDS IN DEAD EARNES

Proposition Made by Kiser Photo Company for Enlarged Photos Goes Over for a Week.

## DETERMINED EFFORT WILL BE MADE FOR MORE FUNDS

Panorama of Crater Lake Would Be Splendid Advertisement at Seattle Fair.

Soliciting funds for the Commercial club pamphlet will begin in earnest Thursday and the special committee, reinforced by several volunteers, will call upon every business man in town to get on the publicity band wagon. At Tuesday night's special meeting a resolution was passed instructing the secretary to give out pamphlets only to subscribers to the fund.

Advertising in the Pacific Monthly amounting to \$50 a month was ordered cut out. The proposition from the Kiser Photo company for a display of enlarged photos, colored in oils, for the Seattle fair was laid over for a week, owing to the small attendance at the meeting and to await the result of the soliciting committee.

In the proposition from Kiser it is stated:

"The pictures are photographs enlarged from Kiser's negatives. They are then colored by hand by the best artist we have ever seen work at picture tinting, all the work done under Mr. Kiser's supervision. The method of coloring in oils is a new one and beside giving a beautiful effect has the great advantage of being permanent. Since this is an original method, there are no pictures on the market other than a few that have been so colored within the past six months, and most of these are in the possession of Mr. Louis Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, who has kept us busy since he first saw the pictures. For mountain scenery this method of treating a picture is the most satisfactory that Mr. Hill has ever seen. I do not hesitate to state that the combination of the enlargement and the artistic and rugged coloring is the only thing that really brings the spirit of the mountains home, and it comes the nearest to doing justice to the wonderful lake of any reproduction, painting or otherwise that I have ever seen."

One of these pictures can be seen at the Commercial club rooms. It is a work of art.

The committee appointed to aid A. Ostrander, the Chicago hotel man, who seeks a site for a new local hotel, reported that Mr. Ostrander had been introduced to Mr. Moore, but had secured an option on the old Purdie property on North B and Sixth streets for \$15,000 and would probably use this as the site for his new hotel.

Messrs. C. H. Snyder, Ernest Webb and Charles Young were elected members.

Toggery Bill, who is always up-to-date, has again shown that he keeps up with the procession and is one of the most progressive of merchants by installing the latest thing in store fixtures, used by first-class houses all over the country, satin finish, square and solid brass tubing. The new fixtures will add much to the appearance of the Toggery, one of the busiest of local stores.