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TODAY'S WEATHER PREDICTION.

Fair tonight. Light frost. Friday fair.

A rare and salubrious climate—soil of remarkable fertility—beautiful scenery—mountains stored with coal, copper and gold—extensive forests—streams stocked with speckled beauties—game in abundance—a contented, progressive people—such is the Regue River Valley.

Average mean temperature.....55 degrees
Average yearly precipitation.....21 inches

GREATEST FRUIT SHIPPING POINT.

"It will be but a few years until Medford will be the largest shipping point for apples and pears in the Pacific northwest, if not on the Pacific coast. Ashland is, and will no doubt be, the largest shipping point for peaches, as she already has a large acreage in peaches, and is steadily increasing that acreage yearly," states Horticultural Commissioner A. H. Carson in his annual report.

On the question of possible over-production of fancy fruit, Mr. Carson writes as follows:

"The old question, 'over-production' is always coming up. 'Where can you market all this fruit when in bearing?' To those who have not studied transportation facilities and market demands of the masses for good fruit, the question of over-production is pertinent. From a hygienic point of view, the people are learning it is cheaper to daily eat fruit and have health than gorge on meats and have to pay the doctor. The demand for fruit is constantly on the increase as the masses become educated on lines of health. The increase of population is always increasing the demand for the best.

"The fruit zones throughout the United States, for certain types of apples, such the Newtown and Spitzenberg are very limited. These two varieties are the commercial apples of the northwest Pacific states. There is no other fruit zone that can grow a Newtown or Spitzenberg with success on commercial lines. These superb apples do not compete with eastern-grown apples. If there was competition, why do our eastern apple growers sell a barrel of their best apples, containing two and a half bushels, in eastern markets for less than the grower gets for a box of our apples of one bushel?

"Many thousands of boxes of Newtowns are exported to Europe, and as the keeping and shipping qualities of these apples are better known, this demand will increase yearly. The orient is beginning to import apples from the northwest Pacific, and that demand from now on will increase faster than our ability to produce.

"The northwest Pacific has the world for such apples as her climate and soil can grow. The secret of her ability to supply and hold the market is to grow only the best, packing it the best. Where soil conditions are right here, and a failure occurs in apple and pear growing, the cause will always be found in the neglect of the man; his neglect of details, as spraying at the proper time, lack of intelligent cultivation, and thinning the fruit and careless packing.

"Success in fruitgrowing, as in any line of business, is had only where the grower is willing to pay the price: intelligent, hard work.

"Next year men, i. e., men who are always going to do a thing next year, should never go into fruit growing. They will fail.

"The man who makes a success is the man who does in his orchard the things that need to be done as they come up, now.

"There is no line of general farming that will pay the per cent acre per acre that can be obtained on suitable land by the skilled fruitgrower in apples, pears, peaches or grapes."

THE LESSON OF TARIFF MAKING.

The attention of the country, which has been fixed as it never was before on the method of making tariff laws, should not be relaxed until the new bill becomes a law.

It must be admitted that this should be adjusted with reference to the interests and just claims of the largest

number, that it should be based on a national policy, not on the demands of particular interests. An attempt has been made by the committee on ways and means to put an unwarranted enormously increased tax on hosiery and gloves. This brought forth such an outcry from the women of every section of the country that the finance committee of the senate has recommended the duties on these articles should not be increased. This does not mean that the senate's recommendation will be the law. After being debated in the senate for some time the bill will be referred to a committee composed of members from the house and senate, and it is there the real work of making the new tariff will occur.

Statistics show that the hosiery and glove industries are amply protected. It has been figured out that the proposed advance in duties would increase the cost of living to an average family of six over \$20 per year. It would be a good idea for the women, and the men, too, for that matter, to write to Congressman Hawley on the subject, commending the senate's action and at the same time let him know what you think of a prohibitive tax on stockings and gloves.

The lesson is being brought hom to the country at large that congress will respond to the will of the people if they only insist on what they want.

The suspension of the Pendleton Morning Tribune as a daily, after seven years of continuous publication, again calls attention to the futility and folly of attempting to maintain two newspapers in a city too small to support them. Pendleton is a larger place than Medford, and though powerful political and business interests were back of the paper, it could not be made a success.

It takes a large city to make a successful morning newspaper, and the city that supports one paying morning newspaper usually supports two or more evening papers. The evening paper is the paper of the masses—it is the home paper, and not only in Oregon but elsewhere it is the business proposition in a newspaper way in the small town.

ORE BUNKERS AT CORAM WRECKED BY ACCIDENT

CORAM, April 29.—The wreck of the ore bunkers last week apparently has not affected the operation of the smelter itself. One blast furnace and one converter stand are still in operation and the output of blister copper is as great as ever before. There is still enough ore and matte available to keep them going for some time to come.

The damage to the ore bunkers caused a shut down at the mine, because there is no place to dump the ore until repairs are made. Two hundred men were laid off at the mine.

At least one hundred men are at work repairing the bunkers. The damage to the bunkers themselves was \$10,000, as at first stated. The total damage much exceeds this amount, because several pieces of machinery were either wrecked or thrown out of place.

The company is repairing the damage as speedily as possible. It was a costly accident, but it was one of those things that could not be foreseen.

POOR CROPS OUTLOOK IN PLACER COUNTY

NEWCASTLE, Cal., April 29.—The fruit crop prospects are not very brilliant in this section. Conservative estimates are made at 40 per cent, while others place it at 30. Most varieties of plums are very light. Many trees have no fruit at all. Cherries vary from good to bad. In some places the crop is very good, but others have scarcely any. Royal Annes are a very good crop, however.

A great many varieties of peaches are very light and the indications are that more will drop. The outlook for pears is very good. The berry crop is good. Apples show a good crop. Unless we have a rain very soon, the hay crop will be almost a failure. The fruit growers are not discouraged as the prospect for prices is good and they expect to make some money.

WEED LUMBER CAMP OPENS MAY FIFTH

WEED, Cal., April 29.—The Weed Lumber Company will open its rail-5th. The saw mills will start up on the 10th and 15th. Several hundred men will be needed on those dates.

AMUSEMENTS**At the Savoy.**

A large crowd attended Medford's popular theater last night and consequently are wearing a Medford booster smile. The entertainment was one of unusual merit. "Kenilworth," a dramatization of Sir Walter Scott's famous novel of the same name, is the headliner. This strong story is well told by the actors, the costumes and scenery being exceptionally beautiful and elaborate. This is a picture that every lover of Scott should see. "A Bad Shot" is a screaming comedy picture that is a hummer for mirth. A continuous roar of laughter from start to finish. "Behind in His Rent" is a farce-ograph, told in a most humorous manner by the actors.

Miss Eifert makes a hit with her western song, "Across the Prairie Mary." Entire change of program Friday night. One dime.

The Medford Theater.

The theatergoers of Medford don't seem to thoroughly realize that we have a musical stock organization that is giving a tip-top performance every night at a very reasonable price. The impression seems to have gotten out that there was to be but one or two performances each week. But such is not the case. There is a show every night at 8:15 o'clock and the admission is only 15c and 25c.

This week the bill is a most laughable burlesque of "The Mikado," with any number of clever "stunts." Art Burgess as "Ko-Ko" is worth the price of admission alone, while Walters as the Irish Mikado is a scream. Emil Payette is a "dream" as a "dude" Nanki-Poo (colored) and the "three little maids from the Ashland Normal" are the hit of the show. You're missing something good if you pass this up. Besides there are two reels of first-class motion pictures. Take our tip, if you want a good laugh, and see Walters, Burgess et al.

HARGIS FOUND GUILTY OF SLAYING FATHER

IRVINE, Ky., April 29.—Beena Hargis was today found guilty of murdering his father, Judge Hargis, the famous feudist, and sentenced to life imprisonment.

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