

# Rogue River Orchards Yield \$1000 an Acre Annually

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## APPLE MEN TO FIGHT LA FEAN BILL TO FINISH

Convention of Growers and Shippers Called to Meet in Spokane to Consider the Question.

## LOCAL MEN WILL POST HAWLEY ON THE BILL

Is Said to Have Been Designed for Local Interests—Will Fight to Last Ditch.

Believing that the La Fean apple package and grading bill, introduced at the special session of the United States congress last winter, is designed to favor special interests and that its enactment will prove detrimental to the fruit interests of the Pacific northwest, the executive committee of the Washington State Horticultural association and the board of trustees of the National Apple Show, inc., have called a convention of apple growers, shippers, representatives of refrigerator car concerns and box manufacturers to meet in Spokane November 16 for the purpose of considering the provisions of the measure. The matter will also be taken up locally with Congressman Hawley next Wednesday.

That a concerted fight is to be waged against the bill is evidenced by the appended paragraphs, contained in a circular letter to be issued to growers, shippers, box manufacturers and refrigerator car men in the west by L. G. Monroe, secretary of the Washington State Horticultural association, and Ren H. Rice, secretary-manager of the National Apple show, inc.

"This bill is designed, we believe, to favor private interests, and if enacted much harm to the fruit industry of the Pacific northwest will result.

"The fame of the apple business of the Pacific slope and inter-mountain region of the west, has become world-wide, and while the superiority of our apples is conceded, much of this fame is due to the manner in which this staple fruit product is prepared for market. We refer to the standard box, which contains a little more than a (Winchester) bushel, the standard dry measure of the United States.

"Uniformity in package and grading is desired, but we contend that the apple growers, who are box-users, have something to say and should be heard on this important matter."

Messrs. Monroe and Rice say in a joint statement that the horticultural societies of Idaho, Oregon and Montana will join in the call and urge growers and shippers in their states to attend the convention, which will begin its sessions at 10 o'clock in the morning of November 16 in the G. A. R. hall of the state armory in Spokane. The sessions will be open to apple associations and growers' unions and others interested in the movement. Champions of the La Fean bill will also have an opportunity to present their side of the argument.

"We desire the opinion of every grower and shipper in the west on the apple box question," said Mr. Rice. "to determine whether, in their judgment and experience, the present standard should be maintained or a new one adopted. Those who cannot attend are requested to write to L. G. Monroe, secretary of the Washington Horticultural association, Spokane,

## OREGON TRUNK MAY FEED THE BURLINGTON

Millionaire Lumberman Buys Pass in Lassen County, California, and Announces Burlington Is to Enter California.

## PROBABLY CONNECT AT CHEYENNE ON DENVER LINE

Oregon Trunk Will Connect in Northern California Just South of Mount Shasta.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13.—Great interest is being taken in business circles in the announcement by Thomas B. Walker, a millionaire lumberman from Minnesota, that James J. Hill is planning to extend the Burlington from Cheyenne or some point on the Denver line to San Francisco. As Walker has enormous timber holdings in northeastern California, and he recently bought the place called Mountain Meadows, near Coppervale, Lassen county, which is 125 miles south of the Oregon state line, including the Fredonia pass, probably the only available entrance to the Sacramento valley from the north, for a new line, his statements are given much credence. It is known that he is a close friend of Hill, that he has been associated with him in many business ventures.

"I had a talk with Mr. Hill some time ago, and he told me that he did not consider that the line from the north to San Francisco would be a great advantage, taken by itself, but that his mind was rather to extend the Burlington to San Francisco, coming through the northern part of the state and the Sacramento valley.

"When the time comes the Burlington will be extended to the coast. The Oregon Trunk will be built to a connection with this through line in the northeastern part of California. This will give another line to the north, and a more direct route to eastern Washington, northern Idaho and Montana. It is also likely that another feeder will be built south through the San Joaquin valley.

"But the most important part of the whole plan is the extension of the Burlington to the coast, which has been so long talked of. This will give a direct outlet for the timber in the northern part of the state to the central and eastern part of the country, where the market is."

He said, however, that his purchase of the pass did not mean that he had cornered the situation. He said what he wants is railroads to carry out his timber, and he would not interfere with any line desiring to build through the pass.

## TAFT SPEEDS THROUGH THE COLORADO DESERT

YUMA, Ariz., Oct. 13.—After an all night ride through the Colorado desert President Taft arrived early this morning and was met by Governor Sloan and his staff. Taft will speak from the train at several stations and Thursday will visit the Grand canyon.

Wash., giving their views on this matter.

"Concerted action is imperative at this time because of its weight in making public opinion and arousing the western representatives in congress to the needs of the producers and handlers."

## THOUSAND DIE IN HURRICANE

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 13.—A wireless message from Key West today reports that at least 1000 men employed on the east coast railroad were drowned in the hurricane which wrecked the road across the Keys.

Many of those reported to have perished lived in house boats moored to the trestlework, which was destroyed.

## IS THE DEMAND A GENTLE SLAP ON THE WRIST?

General Manager O'Brien of the Southern Pacific Demands Back Six Bunk Cars From P. & E.

## SAYS THEY ARE NEEDED FOR SOUTHERN PACIFIC WORK

Believed by Some That Demand Is in Nature of Gentle Slap Dealt by Harriman Interests to Hill.

The six bunk cars rented by the Southern Pacific to the Pacific & Eastern have been demanded back by General Manager O'Brien, who claims they are needed for construction crews of the Southern Pacific.

The demand for the return of these cars is viewed by some as a gentle slap on the wrist by the Harriman lines to the Pacific & Eastern as a suspected Hill line. Whether or not the P. & E. is a Hill line, it is certain that it taps the best territory on the Harriman system in Oregon—a section that yields more business than any other.

If the P. & E. does prove to be a Hill feeder, it will be another case where the empire builder has stolen a march on his rival and had his railroad built before the opposition knew what was going on.

## JUSTICES GET FEES IN SISKIYOU COUNTY

YREKA, Cal., Oct. 13.—The Board of Supervisors, at its last meeting, allowed all of its bills of the justices and constables throughout the county that were presented and found to be in proper form, etc., for fees such as such officers due them—since last December.

For a few months prior to that time they were paid on a salary basis, but the supreme court handed down a decision holding that the salary law was invalid. Since that time, until now, the officers have received nothing, either in fees or in salary.

While the township officers are not thoroughly satisfied with working on a fee system, they are glad to get what there is coming to them, as they have been doing the work required of them for the past ten months without receiving any compensation. The delay has worked a hardship on the constables especially, who were compelled to travel around and were obliged to pay out money of their own in order to do the county's business.

## WILL ATTEMPT TO COMPROMISE HANLEY CASE

Attorney Reames and Hanley Have Agreed to Meet Representatives of the City to Talk the Matter Over.

## CITY FACES LONG DELAY; HANLEY MAY LOSE MONEY

Time Is Propitious for Compromise That Will Be of Advantage to Both Parties.

Another effort is being made to compromise the right of way litigation for the gravity water system over the Hanley ranch. Attorney A. E. Reames and Mr. Hanley have agreed to meet representatives of the city and see if it is possible to arrive at an agreement mutually satisfactory.

The city faces an indefinite delay through the actions of the circuit court and loss of time and money caused by the necessity of taking the matter through the supreme court. Hanley faces possible defeat in the higher courts and the cutting down of blood money to \$600, the amount awarded by the jury. So the time is propitious for a compromise that will be of advantage to both parties.

Several efforts have been made in the past to compromise the matter, but have ended in failure.

## EIGHT CARS OF FRUIT SUCCESSFULLY PRECOOLED

ROSEVILLE, Cal., Oct. 13.—The precooling plant of the Pacific Fruit Express company here is sufficiently completed that eight cars were pre-cooled last Saturday evening between 8 and 11. The test was witnessed by a number of railroad officials. Consulting Engineer Faget, of the Pacific Fruit Express, who has been directly responsible for the success of failure of the venture, was present, and was highly elated at the success of it. The cars pre-cooled were Tokay grapes from the belt south of Sacramento. The fruit came here with the heat in it as packed from the vineyards.

The pre-cooling process is a system whereby a large funnel is connected with the refrigerator car at both ends and another at the side door. A large blower then blows air that has been made cold by about the same process that water would be frozen into ice, causing the cold air to circulate rapidly through the car for about three hours. This reduces the temperature of the inside of the car and the contents thereof to between 38 and 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

## BOURNE AND CHAMBERLAIN INVITED HERE

Rogue River Horticultural Society Writes Senators to Visit Medford to Learn of Local Needs.

## HAWLEY WILL BE HERE ON NEXT WEDNESDAY

Meeting of the Society Is Planned to Greet Congressman and Tell Him of Local Needs.

United States Senators Chamberlain and Bourne have been invited by the Rogue River Horticultural society to visit Medford before their return to Washington and meet with the society. The purpose of the meeting is to present to them several matters that are of importance to the fruit growers of Oregon and especially of the Rogue River valley, in which the co-operation of congress and of the department of agriculture is desired. The committee of the society on behalf of the Medford high school also requested them to give a short talk at the morning exercises at the high school and tell the students of the workings of the government and give a sketch of Washington city.

## Hawley Here Wednesday.

Congressman Hawley will be in Medford Wednesday and at 2 o'clock will meet with the society at a meeting to be held either in the Commercial club rooms or in the opera house. At this meeting subjects will be presented to give Mr. Hawley information which will be of benefit to him in Washington. As he is a member of the committee on agriculture, his influence should mean much to the valley. The following topics will be presented:

"The need of strict government inspection of inter-state shipments of trees, fruits and plants," Professor P. J. O'Gara; "A larger appropriation for the department of agriculture and better pay to the experts of the department," Charles E. Whisler; "The necessity for a government soil survey for the Rogue River valley," Charles Meserve; "The unfairness of the La Fean bill to regulate the size of fruit boxes," J. A. Perry.

## SMALL CHANCE OF SAVING BIG STEAMER

NEW ORYANS, Oct. 13.—The steamer, "The Antilles," which went aground on a coral reef on the east coast of Florida, is listing badly. The passengers are being transferred to small boats. The vessel grounded near Jupiter light in the hurricane. It is believed there is little chance of saving the ship.

## THE ICEING AND PRE-COOLING PLANT

The refrigerator part of the car is then filled with ice. The pre-cooling having reduced the temperature, the ice holds it.

The icing and pre-cooling plant erected here by the Pacific Fruit Express is the largest of its kind in the world. Its great success will mean that a number of plants, on a smaller scale, will be built throughout the fruit shipping section of the state.

## PITTSBURG IS VICTOR IN THE FIFTH GAME

With Score of Games Standing Two and Two, Pittsburg Takes the Fifth Game.

## TEAMS BACK ON THE PITTSBURG DIAMOND

Twenty-Two Thousand Fans Face a Cold Wind and See Game—Diamond Is Dry.

## THE SCORE.

Detroit ..... 4  
Pittsburg ..... 8

PITTSBURG, Oct. 13.—With the games standing two and two, the Detroit Tigers faced the Pittsburg Pirates on the latter's field this afternoon.

The air was dry but cold. Over 22,000 people were in attendance.

The batteries:

Detroit—Stange, catcher; Summers, pitcher; lineup, same.

Pittsburg—Gibson, catcher; Adams, pitcher; lineup, same.

The umpires were O'Loughlin and Johnstone.

Heavy hitting was a feature of the game, three home runs being made. Adams, who faced Detroit in the opening game, again was invincible, striking out eight men. He was hit hard by Detroit, but kept his hits scattered. D. Jones and Crawford got home runs off of him. Clarke made a home run for Pittsburg off of Summers, who was relieved in the eighth inning, Willitts finishing the game.

The score by innings:

Detroit ..... 1 0 0 0 2 0 2 0—5  
Pittsburg ..... 1 1 1 0 0 4 1 \*—8  
R. H. E  
Detroit ..... 4 6 1  
Pittsburg ..... 8 10 2

## DR. COOK COMES BACK AT PEARY

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 13.—Replying to Commander Peary's published charges that he didn't reach the pole, Dr. Cook said today: "Harry Whitney, the big game hunter, said that the Eskimos questioned by Commander Peary didn't understand his questions. Neither did they understand the map, and their replies have been twisted to suit perverted interests."

This is the first strong language used by Cook, and came as the result of signed charges by Peary. Four Eskimos of Peary's party have stated that Cook's Eskimos contradicted themselves and also Cook's account.

## SAY CRANE IS VICTIM OF POLITICAL PLOT

CHICAGO, Oct. 13.—The friends of Charles R. Crane, who recently resigned as minister to China, declare that his downfall is due to a political plot. They point to the fact that he contributed \$10,000 to aid Russia in the recent Japanese war and also declared that Russia was warring with a treacherous enemy. It is hinted that Japan demanded his removal.