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## TUESDAY IS APPLE DAY.

By a practically unanimous vote of the Horticultural societies of the United States, the third Tuesday in Oc tober has been set aside for annual observance as "Apple Day." Tomorrow, then, is the day observed this year:

The apple might be called the American national fruit, but it grows to perfection in the Pacific northwest. It has played on important role in civilization since the day that Eve tempted Adam.

Not only in the Bible, but in Homer, Virgil and Tacitus, does the apple play an important role.

In 1896 the United States produced $69,000,000$ barrels of apples, while last year the crop was shown to have dwindled to $23,000,000$ barrels. Each year has seen the output decrease despite increased population and foreign demand. The planting of new orchards in the northwest has not kept pace with the abandonment of old orchards in the east.

There are approximately 25,000 acres of apple orchards in the Rogue River valley in the Medford district. In five years there will be 50,000 of apple orchards. All va rieties do well, but the Yellow Newtown Pippin and the red Spitzenberg are commercially the most profitable, the former leading as a money maker.

Many sections grow fine apples, but few grow these commercially profitable varieties, and but few districts produce a fruit that will stand shipment, combining keeping qualities with flavor and appearance, as do the apples of the Rogue River valley.

## FOR HARBOR IMPROVEMENT.

Portland appeals to the state press for aid in securing a river and harbors appropriation, and that mears the further improvement of Portland waterways at federal expense.

Portland is Oregon in the minds of her leading citizens. The congressional delegation never does anything for any other part of the state, at least not for southern Oregon.

If Portland doesn't get what is wanted, southern Oregon cannot help her. We have no representation in state $r$ national councils.
When there is a harbor bill, Portland gets it all. Coos Bay, Port Orford and other harbors never get a look-in.
Portland drains the rest of the state, but does little to develop it. Her policy has always been such a selfish and grasping one that both southern and eastern Oregon talk secession.

> Yet southern Oregon favors a large harbor appropria- tion, even though it cannot directly benefit it.

COMMEROIAL CLUB JINKS.
Wednesday evening, October 20, the Medford Com mercial club will hold its amnual high jinks at Angle opera house. An elaborate musical program has been prepared, a dainty luncheon will be served and everything possible done to entertain members and guests.
Every member of the club is expected to attend and bring at least one prospective member.

Rasped by the ovations everywhere showered on Bry an, the Portiand Oregonian is still devoting considerable of its space to proving that Bryan is growing unpopular in Oregon because his total vote in the state in 1908 was less than in 1896. This is one instance where a man's pop-
ularity cannot be gauged by the votes he received. No priularity cannot be gauged by the votes he received., No pri
vate citizen in America, not even Hemry Clay, ever evoked vate citizen in America, not even Henry Clay, ever evoked
the enthusiasm and attention that Bryan has, and that, too in spite of repeated defeats, and at a time when his political sun has apparently set. Bryan is one of the big men of the age, but the Oregonian can no more understand him than the Liliputians could comprehend Gulliver, and its attempt to measure him with its midget rule are as absurd as an inch worm measuring a man.

The board of equalization is in session at Jacksonville If your assessment is unjust, now is the time to registe a kick. After the board adjourns, it will be too late.


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