

THERE'S ROOM FOR ALL

Some Facts and Figures Regarding the Apple Industry.

NO DANGER OF ITS OVERDOING

Overproduction Was Predicted Fifty Years Ago, Yet the Production of Apples in the United States Has Rapidly Diminished.

The expansion of the apple growing industry during the past few years, in Oregon and Washington more particularly, has lead some to fear overproduction when the young orchards come into bearing. Statistics showing the annual production of this hygienic fruit prove to the contrary, each year it becoming less in proportion to consumption. The official government figures since 1895 make an almost unbelievable showing. In that year 60,540,000 barrels were grown, and this has gradually decreased until 1907, when only 25,000,000 barrels were produced. Four years show less than 30,000,000 barrels, while the largest crop since 1896 was only 47,960,000 barrels. And while production is decreasing the demand is constantly increasing.

Regarding overproduction an authority on the subject of apple culture has the following to say, which covers the ground fully:

"First, I want to say that this is not a new question. Fifty years ago the pessimistic wail was going up that the apple business would soon be overdone and would cease to be profitable. At that time not more than one-tenth as many apples were raised for commercial purposes in the United States as are raised today. And yet more money has been made in growing apples during the past decade than in any like period since the Mayflower landed its cargo of living freight on New England's 'stern and rock-bound coast.' One hundred years ago apples were but little raised for commercial purposes. No great commercial orchards were in existence. Now trainloads and shiploads move from American orchards to our great centers of trade and across the ocean to England and other parts of Europe. Asia is calling for our apples and getting some, but not a tithe of what will go there in the near future. Even Australia is taking thousands of boxes of our best apples and is calling for more. Our highest grade of American apples cannot be duplicated on the face of the earth, so we have the world for a market for our best apples. Our railroads and steamship lines are ready and glad to take our fruits to the ends of the earth. The person then who looks for this business to speedily become unprofitable does not understand the situation. The 'calamity howler' may scare some people, but not the intelligent fruit grower who understands the situation."

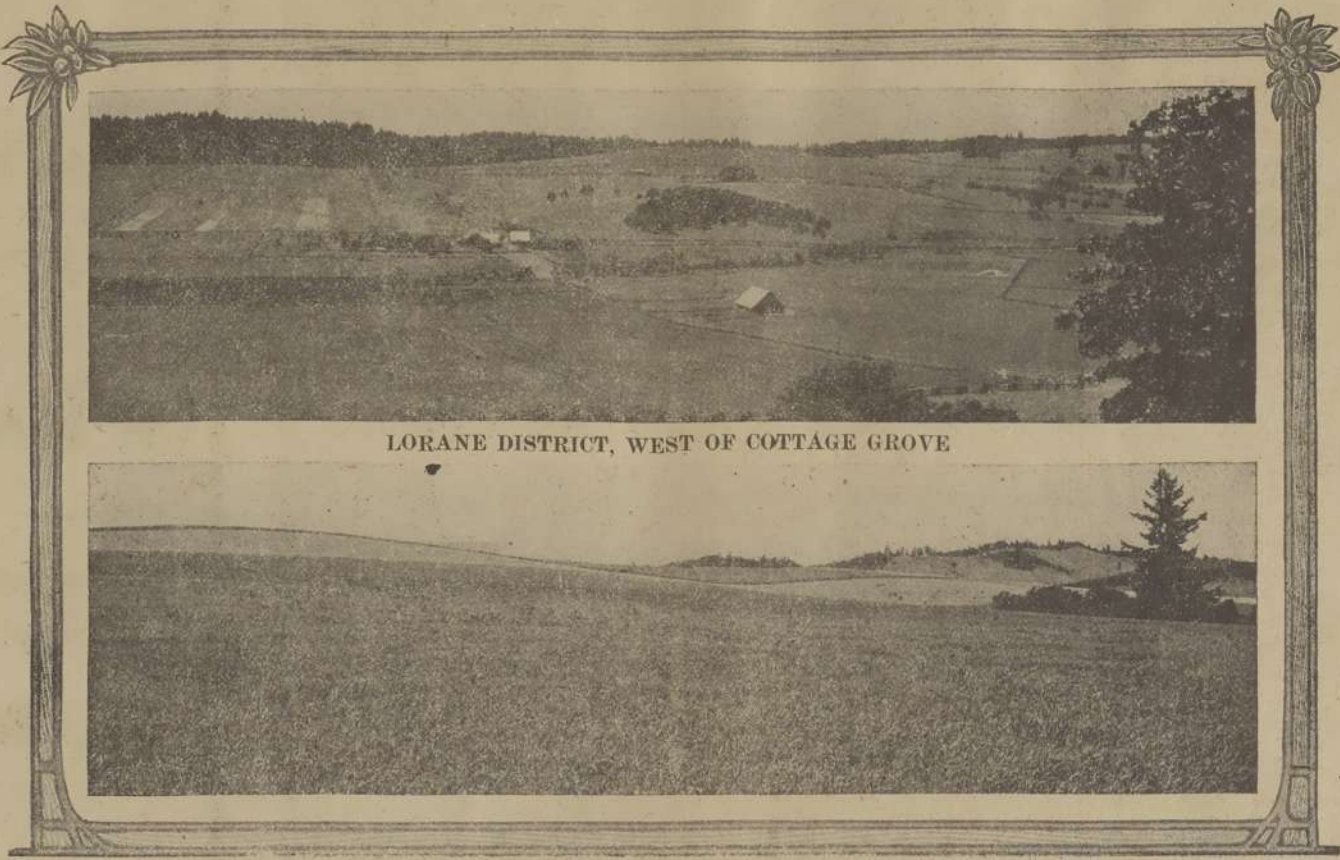
BIG HERD NOT COMING.
Egger Brothers Buy Dairy Ranch of 400 Acres Near Portland.

Egger Brothers of Portland, who, with Mr. Bleuer, purchased the Cottage Grove Creamery some months ago with the intention of buying several hundred acres of land near here for a dairy ranch, have concluded negotiations for 400 acres near Portland and have taken their Jersey herd to their newly acquired property. They have 150 Jersey cows, and are dairymen of the first-class.

The Cottage Grove Creamery is now making about 200 pounds of butter per day, and is receiving much of its butter fat by rail. From the Creswell district cream is delivered to the factory three times each week by team. Shipments are received from every station along the railroad as far south as Oakland, and considerable comes from the rural district in other directions. The creamery could, however, use about twice as much cream as it is getting.

POTATOES LOOKING UP.
Unfavorable Weather Conditions Advance Price of Tubers.

Last fall it looked as if the producer of potatoes would come out badly for the season, but there is every indication at this time that, instead of enough demand at low levels to take care of the surplus supplies, high values will continue and that every sack produced will be needed. This change of view comes as a result of the cold weather, which froze a large per cent of this year's production. Only a very small per cent of the crop had been gathered when the heavy rains set in, which were followed in quick succession by the cold snap and winds.



LORANE DISTRICT, WEST OF COTTAGE GROVE

ORCHARD LAND AT LORANE—1000 ACRES NOW BEING DEVELOPED

THE DATE IS CHANGED.

Officers of Election to Be Appointed By Courts in June.

Attorney General Crawford has rendered an opinion to the effect that the county courts of the several counties shall make their appointments of election officers for the general election to be held this year, November 8, at the June term of the county courts. Heretofore the appointment of clerks and judges of the general election were made in January for the June election. An act was adopted by the people in June 1908, amending the constitution and changing the time of holding the general elections from June to November, and the act specifies that all preparations for the general election will take place at the same period of time prior to the November election as it did heretofore before the June election which, in the opinion of the attorney general, makes the appointment of election officials come in June instead of January.

FIRST TREASURER OF U. S.

Great Grandson of Michael Hillegas Resides Near Cottage Grove.

Michael J. Hillegas of Creswell is a great grandson of Michael Hillegas who was treasurer of the United States under George Washington's administration. The government is issuing a ten-dollar bill bearing a picture of the first treasurer of the United States, the note making its first appearance July 28, 1907. This was the first recognition in a century to the memory of that forgotten patriot, but since that time Michael Hillegas' portrait has been hung in Independence hall at Philadelphia.

DEATH RATE IS LOW.

For Past Year Was 7.6 to Thousand Population—Births and Deaths.

The death rate of Lane county for the year 1909 was 7.6 to the thousand, according to a report of Dr. J. W. Harris, county health officer. He reports 286 deaths during the year. The estimated population of the county is 35,000; which is very conservative. Of the 268 deaths 168 of the persons were males and 100 females. The health officer reports 443 births during the year, of which 249 were males and 194 females.

Oregon Best of All.

M. J. Brown, who left Cottage Grove about two years ago in search of a better place, returned here the latter part of last week satisfied to take up his permanent residence here again. During his itinerary Mr. Brown visited several states, among them being Oklahoma and Texas, and says he is thoroughly convinced that the advantages and resources presented by them do not equal Oregon, and that the opportunities offered for making money are not so good. While in Oklahoma Mr. Brown farmed, but being a carpenter by trade will follow that calling here.

Saturday was the last day for Oregon hunters to shoot wild ducks, as the open season closed on that day. Many of the scattergun artists were in the field late in the week.

MAY HAVE A DIRECTOR.

Fair Association Grants Cottage Grove That Privilege.

The Lane County Fair association has elected the following officers for the year: President, Jack Rodman; vice-president, J. Beebe; secretary, M. S. Walls; assistant secretary, W. B. Dillard; treasurer, D. E. Yoran. In addition to the members of the board of directors elected from Eugene, President Hazelton of the Cottage Grove Commercial club is authorized to name one member. Other clubs in the county are given the same privilege.

OPPOSE APPLE BILL.

Oregon Delegation at National Capital Fight New Measure.

Oregonians are opposing the bill introduced in congress by Representative Lafean, of Pennsylvania, to establish standard packages and grades for apples, believing its provisions inimical to Western fruit growers. The bill fixes the standard box for apples at a capacity not less than 2342 cubic inches, and standard grades, size A, two and half inches in diameter, size B, two and a fourth inches, and size C, two inches. The bill provides restrictions upon packing and penalties for deviations from standards and grades.

PRESENT FOR CRACK SHOT.

Mr. Henry Veatch Receives Handsome Gun from Remingtons.

The Remington Gun company has presented Mr. H. H. Veatch with a handsome new \$60 shot gun. This makes thirteen shotguns and rifles Mr. Veatch has been made the recipient of from manufacturers, they appreciating the fact that his O. K. is worth something to them. Mr. Veatch is not only an expert shot, but is classed among the best professional fancy marksmen of this country. He has on divers occasions been urged to accept a position as demonstrator for ammunition manufacturers, working in the same class with Capt. Hardy and Capt. Bartlett.

LOOKING FOR INVESTMENTS.

Chicago Capitalist Thinks Fruit Lands Here Should Pay Well.

Mr. P. Clibborn of Chicago spent Sunday in Cottage Grove, and to The Sentinel expressed confidence in Oregon's future. He was favorably impressed with this city and the surrounding country, and expects to return here after viewing other places in Southern Oregon. Mr. Clibborn is seeking land investments, the character of which he is not particular, but expressed the opinion that orchard lands in this section would prove remunerative within a comparatively short time.

Gathering of Pythians.

The district convention of the Knights of Pythias, including the lodges at Cottage Grove, Roseburg, Eugene and Junction, will be held at Eugene Feb. 5. About fifty candidates for membership will be admitted, and the work will be done by the D. O. K. K. team of Portland. A banquet will follow.

LORANE'S COAL DEPOSIT.

Spokane Miner Makes Investigation of Surface Indications.

E. J. Young, a practical mining man of Spokane, on Monday visited Lorane for the purpose of investigating the coal deposits in that valley, and upon his return to Cottage Grove spoke in favorable terms of the prospects. Some splendid specimens of croppings were brought in. Mr. Young will make an effort to arrange with S. F. Jackson, on whose land the deposits are, to mine the coal, and in case a deal is consummated machinery will be brought here from Spokane.

The coal on this land has been used to some extent by Mr. Jackson for several years past, and has been found of satisfactory quality.

SUIT TO CANCEL PATENT.

The Chas. P. Whitney Homestead May Revert to the Government.

Suit has commenced in the United States Court for cancellation of a patent issued to a timber land claim in Lane. It is charged that Charles P. Whitney took up a homestead claim in timber lands in Lane county in 1900, but never resided on the land at all, and through the agency of Marie L. Ware, the co-conspirator with Puter and McKinley, acquired title. Whitney's residence is alleged to have been at Aberdeen continuously during the time when he should have been residing on his homestead.

TELEPHONE LINE EXTENSION.

Coast Fork Company Consider Construction of Additional Two Miles.

The Coast Fork Telegraph company, operating a farmers' line between Cottage Grove and a point two miles beyond London, will hold a meeting at London tomorrow forenoon at 10 o'clock for the purpose of considering the construction of a double line from London to the home of Henry Combs, two miles distant. There is now a single line, but the increased business seems to warrant the building of a double line. The company has about forty subscribers at present.

INVENTS A FISH SCREEN.

State Officials Given the Apparatus Its Hearty Endorsement.

H. D. Reed of Gold Hill has invented and patented a revolving fish screen that promises to become popular in Oregon. Mr. Reed has had a conference with Master Fish Warden H. C. McAllister and Governor Benson. Mr. McAllister is enthusiastic regarding the new screen and gives it his hearty endorsement. There has been great difficulty in finding a screen that will perform the work in irrigation ditches and similar places without clogging up with refuse and debris, and the fish warden believes that the problem has at last been solved.

Getting Ready to Plant.

Several thousand fruit trees were delivered to the Churchill-Matthews company at Lorane this week, having been hauled from the railway station at this place.

MAKES A RECORD TRIP.

Auburn Automobile Climbs Rice Hill South of Cottage Grove.

H. C. Harris, after having made an automobile trip with an Auburn 40 from Portland to Oakland, is back in the Oregon metropolis performing some remarkable stunts. During the trip made into the southern part of the state by Harris this same car did a number of things which had never been done by automobile before, chief of which was the climbing of the Rice Hill, between Cottage Grove and Oakland. This hill is the worst climb in southern Oregon, even in the summer time, when the roads are dry. Besides having been the first man to climb Rice Hill in mid-winter, Harris is the only man who has been south of Cottage Grove by automobile this winter.

Mr. Harris told The Sentinel that he had had many dangerous trips by auto, but that he considered the drive between this city and Oakland at this season of the year the most dangerous of all. His companion, S. Brown of Toledo, Ohio, agent for the Buick, in relating the experience, said of the trip: Harris was forced to keep the steering wheel in rapid motion on parts of the road to prevent the car from lurching over high embankments. First the front wheels and then the rear ones would be over, but the daring driver kept perfect control of his machine, and never for a moment feared danger. Mr. Brown, himself an expert automobilist, said to The Sentinel that he would not make the trip again under the same conditions for a thousand good American dollars. The Auburn made the trip between Portland and Oakland and return without a single repair.

AID FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

Eight Thousand Dollars Netted From Sale of Red Cross Stamps.

Oregon returned \$600 worth of stamps to the National Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D. C., that amount having been left from the million placed on sale. The Visiting Nurses' association of Portland, however, will have a net sum of more than \$8000 to spend among its consumptives of Oregon this year. Plans are being made now by the association for the searching out of those who need help. But little of this sort of seeking, however, will be necessary, as the association has for long had knowledge of many who needed assistance that it was not possible to reach because of a lack of funds. A considerable proportion of the money spent by the people of Oregon for the Red Cross stamps will be returned to them in the form of matter educating them to the dangers of tuberculosis and the methods by which it may be evaded.

Plate Glass Window Smashed.

On Saturday last a brick fell from the coping of the Venske block, striking the concrete sidewalk, and bounding against the plate glass front shattered one of the large panes. Mr. Guches, of the cleaning and pressing works, narrowly escaped being hit by the brick. He was passing on the walk and was only a few feet distant when the crash came.

BOTH TEAMS WINNERS

Cottage Grove Debaters Gain Honors on Two Fields.

RECEPTION GIVEN TO VICTORS

Springfield and Junction City Vanquished in Central Oregon Debating Contests, Held Last Friday Evening—The Teams.

The high schools of the Central Oregon district of the high school debating league, held debates on Friday evening, Cottage Grove winning at Springfield against the team at that place by a score of two to one, and against Junction City in this city unanimously. The question at both places was: Resolved, "That a state law should be passed providing that school districts should supply free text books in the public schools below the high school grade." In this city Misses Gladys Farley, Myrtle DeSpain, and Armored Sutcliffe supported the affirmative against Junction City. The negative team was composed of Herbert Thom, Misses Audry Howard and Nellie Harper. Mr. Ben King, Misses Myrtle Kem and Allie Phillips supported the negative side of the question at Springfield against the Springfield team, composed of Oren Hayes, Olive Smith and Bess Hackett.

Following the debate here a banquet was tendered the participants, judges, teachers and invited friends of the school. The banquet tables were most tastily arranged. Prof. Barnes acted as toastmaster, and short addresses were made by Attorney General Crawford of Salem, Prof. O. R. Clutter of Albany College, the Revs. S. C. Adams, Robert Sutcliffe, Frank King, Mrs. A. H. King, Mrs. DeSpain, Evangelists Kellums and Humbert and others, including the leaders of the debating teams and members of the high school.

On Saturday afternoon, when the debating team returned from Springfield, it was met at the station by a large delegation. The high school boys carried Ben. King to Phillips hall on their shoulders, while the Misses Myrtle Kem and Allie Phillips were drawn in a carriage by students. A hearty reception was given the winners, and many were the congratulations tendered both those who won abroad and at home. There were nearly 200 persons present at the reception, among the number being the Woman's club, members of the G. A. R., the ministers of the city, parents of the debaters, and many citizens who are interested in educational work.

BIG DEBATE TONIGHT.

Cottage Grove Boy Will Enter Contest Against Utah at Eugene.

The intercollegiate debate between Oregon and Utah will take place at Eugene this evening, and inasmuch as a Cottage Grove boy is one of the participants this city has more than ordinary interest in the outcome. Two years ago Oregon won against Utah, thereby gaining the championship of eight states, and last winter the Mormons in turn defeated Oregon. The question to be argued is, "Resolved, That all Corporations Engaged in Interstate Commerce Should be Obligated to Take Out a Federal Charter." The Utah team, composed of L. H. Hamren and H. B. Anderson, will support the negative side of the question, and the Oregon team, C. E. Spencer of Cottage Grove, and Percy Collier will uphold the affirmative.

HIT BRAKEMAN'S PIPE.

Southern Pacific Railroader Has Encounter With Tough Hobo.

James McAvoy, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, has been bound over to the Circuit court at Eugene. Being unable to furnish the \$500 bail, he will remain in jail until the March term of court. McAvoy was on a freight train Saturday night when it passed through Eugene and was put off by Arthur Connelly, the brakeman, after an encounter in which the hobo had the worst of it. It is alleged that after being put off, McAvoy began shooting at Connelly, one bullet knocking the latter's pipe from his mouth.

Some Monster Potatoes.

Manager Conley has on exhibition at the club rooms some handsome specimens of Garnate Chillis potatoes, brought in from the Lorane valley. They are fully a foot in length, and perfectly sound. These tubers are considered the finest of their kind grown, being in great demand by ocean going vessels on account of their keeping qualities.