

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

GREAT FRUIT YIELD.

Rogue River Valley Traces Promise Choice Product.

From the viewpoint of the grain-raiser dame nature is in a state of revolt this year in Southern Oregon, the drought prevailing for the past few months having wofully reduced the average in all small grains. It appears as if nature, indeed, rebelled at man's persistent perversity of soil and climate conditions intended to produce nectar for the gods, to the bader uses of growing provender for kind or grain for human kind or other cattle.

The orchards and alfalfa meadows, however, are yielding up such stores of wealth as only those realize who are familiar with existing conditions. Apples and pears promise fancy figures again this year, in fact growers look for record-breaking prices, owing to partial failure of fruit of ordinary quality in the east. Of course the fancy fruit for which this section is distinguished is not exactly in competition with ordinary barrel stock, but scarcity of the latter article always enhances prices all round. Growers are carefully thinning and applying the summer spray at present, and favoring weather conditions are giving promise of quality surpassing, perhaps, any former year in the history of the local trade.

FIX PRICE OF PRUNES.

Willamette Valley Growers' Association Says 2½ Cent Basis.

The Willamette Valley Prune Association held an important meeting at Salem last week. Delegates were in attendance from Douglas, Lane, Linn, Polk, Benton and Clackamas counties, and from Vancouver, Wash., and was the most representative gathering of the fruitgrowers of the Northwest ever held in that city. Organizations are already formed in Linn, Benton, Douglas, Marion and Yamhill counties, and at Vancouver, Wash., and associations will be formed all over the state and the northwest in the near future. The plan under discussion at the meeting was to have all the associations in the Northwest under one secretary, so that it will be impossible for one organization to undersell another in the market, thus creating uniform scale of prices for all fruits on the coast. The plan met with the approval of all present and an effort will be made to bring the condition about.

The price of prunes this year is fixed on a 2½ cent basis.

Coming Events.

Ninth annual regatta, Astoria, Aug. 19-21.

State fair, Salem, September 14-19. Second Southern Oregon District fair, Eugene, September 23-October 3.

Summer association of the Northwest Indian agencies, Newport, August 17-27.

Lane county teachers' institute, Eugene, August 4-5.

Klamath county fair, Klamath Falls, October 6-9.

Good roads convention, Jacksonville, August 15.

Fruitgrowers' convention, Jacksonville, August 15.

Teachers' institute, Tillamook, July 29-31.

Old Folks' celebration, La Grande, August 1.

Hoo Hoo contention, Portland, August 1.

Knights of Pythias convention, Astoria, August 20-21.

Teachers' institute, La Grande, August 17-21.

Smiling Fields of Polk County.

Excellent samples of hay and grain have been brought to Independence this week. Early oats and spring wheat have commenced to change color, and the heads of each are well filled. Some early hops have been exhibited in town, which are three-fourths grown. Hay harvest is being pushed rapidly forward, and there is a larger acreage in Polk county this year than has ever been planted before. The fruit season for cherries and berries has practically passed, but the plums, prunes and apples are just commencing to ripen.

JUNE OUTPUT SPLENDID.

Sumpter District Mines Cleared Up All of \$350,000.

Estimates based on the production of ore in the Sumpter mining district for the past month give much greater returns than heretofore. The deep sinking operations carried on in most of the leading properties have resulted in opening up a larger area of mining territory and consequently an increased production has resulted.

According to the estimates that are at hand from the best sources obtainable, the Bonanza is said to have cleared up during June \$50,000; the North Pole, \$80,000; the Columbia, \$45,000; Golconda, \$35,000; the Badger, \$20,000; total, \$240,000. The production of the Red Boy is variously stated to be from \$25,000 to \$50,000, and therefore should be added to the total production.

There are many other properties that are constantly shipping ores away for treatment at smelters. It is impossible to get any figures as to the value of these ores, as no returns are given from the smelters receiving them, except to the owners, and the latter as a rule are opposed to making public these figures. It would be safe in fixing the total at \$350,000 for the month. This total includes the cleanup from many claims in the district that are not ranking with the big producers. This also includes the output of the placers as far as can be learned.

Oregon King Looking Up.

he Oregon King mine, which has been shut down for several years on account of litigation, is again hoisting ore.

The management is looking for more miners and preparing to make heavy shipments. To give history of this mine would be to repeat that of other properties accidentally discovered, abandoned, relocated and developed sufficiently to make a trial shipment, which was found to give surprising returns. Shipments followed, which, after deducting charges for a 60-mile wagon haul to the then terminus of the Columbia Southern railway, which was being extended southward, and freight from there to the smelter at Tocoma, netted over \$105 per ton.

Not Enough Water.

The voters of the proposed Little Walla Walla river irrigation district near Brewster turned down the proposition to form an irrigation district by 89 to 52, the voters living at the upper end of the district killing the proposition on the ground that the river does not give enough water when at low ebb for those holding riparian rights, whereas as if an irrigation district were formed including both themselves and those below them, they would have to divide what water was with those below them. A three-fifths vote of the residents was required to carry the establishment.

Hot Contest for Land.

A contest of more than usual importance was begun in the Oregon City Land Office a few days ago. Important is the contest because an entire section of heavily timbered land located near Corvallis, Benton county, is involved. It is estimated that the section contains 16,000,000 feet of fine timber. There are four entrymen, each having filed upon a quarter section, and there are as many contestants on the ground that the entrymen abandoned and did not prove up properly on the land.

CAMPAIGN IS ON.

LAW FOR EXPOSITIONS.

Foreign Exhibits Must Be Returned or Pay Duty.

Washington, July 24.—Foreign exhibits brought into the United States for display at the St. Louis exposition will, under a recent ruling of the treasury department, be exempt from duty, provided they are, at the close of the exposition, taken out of the country in the same condition in which they entered. This is a customary ruling regarding foreign exhibits at all expositions where foreign manufacturers and products are provided for, and similar instructions will be issued one year hence regarding Oriental exhibits that are brought to Portland for the Lewis and Clark exposition. In the case of foreign exhibits which are to be sold in this country, however, the usual revenue charge will be made, as such goods are regarded as pure imports for commercial purposes, and naturally a large percentage of the foreign exhibits will never be returned to their owners abroad.

In order to be exempt from duty, goods for the exhibition must be received in bond at the first port of entry into this country and sent in bonded cars direct to the exposition grounds, where they will be continued in bond until the close of the exposition. At that time, they must be repacked in their original packing and returned through the same port at which they were entered. The ruling, it is said, will require the presence within the St. Louis exposition grounds of upwards of 500 revenue officers, inspectors and supervisors, and at Portland of a proportionately smaller number, to be regulated by the size of the Oriental exhibit.

At St. Louis and at Portland certain classes of goods will be subject to release without duty, such as personal supplies for use of the foreign commissioners within the limits of the exposition, free samples of merchandise to be distributed by foreign contributors, and advertising matter in the form of literature.

ROME IN SORROW.

Silence of Mourning for Pope in the Holy City.

Rome, July 21.—The body of Pope Leo XIII lies tonight in the hall of the throne room, a few steps from the room in which his death took place. The same vestment, the cassock hood, the rochet and the white gown which were put on yesterday cover the form, which rests in semi-state, surrounded by the lighted candles, the noble guard and the Franciscan penitentiaries.

Tomorrow morning the diplomatic corps, the high dignitaries and the Roman aristocracy will enter the hall to pay their tributes of respect to all that remains of the pope, who won the respect and affection of the world. In the afternoon the body will be arrayed in all the glory of the pontifical robes, the mitre replacing the hood, and at sunset it will be taken into the chapel of the Sacrament of St. Peter, where

for three days the public will be given an opportunity of paying a last farewell. The interment will occur Saturday evening.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Politicians are Busy Around Vatican Over Coming Election.

Rome, July 22.—The conclave of cardinals will meet about August 1 to elect a new pope.

A vigorous campaign is being made by the adherents of the various candidates, these including the foreign ambassadors to the vatican.

Kaiser William is supporting Cardinal Gotti in the hope that he will give the triple alliance a protectorate over the Oriental Christians.

Gotti has been made the subject of attack on the ground that his brother is an ex-convict.

Spampa is supported by those who desire a short-lived pope, but is opposed because he rides in an automobile.

Archbishop Merry del Val, whose mother is English, has been elected secretary of the conclave.

The monetary loss is estimated at between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

Italy Will Honor Cardinals.

Rome, July 23.—The Italian government has given orders to the railroad officials that cardinals coming to Rome for the conclave shall be considered princes of the blood and have reserved compartments or saloon cars placed at their disposal from the frontier. In addition, instructions have been given to all the government authorities to put themselves at the disposal of the cardinals if they are requested to do so and to leave nothing undone for their accommodation and protection.

HOSTILITIES Warded Off.

Helena, Mont., July 23.—A serious clash between cattlemen and sheepmen on the middle fork of the Sun river, 90 miles north of Helena, has just been averted by county officers, who were called to the scene. The cattlemen, who had organized, sent sheepmen notice that if they did not remove their herds from the range by Sunday they would be forced out of the country. The sheepmen sent to Helena for arms and ammunition to resist.

BEEF TRUST HAS APPEALED.

Chicago, July 23.—The Chicago packing firms, the "Big Six," made defendants in the beef-trust cases, today appealed the suit to the supreme court of the United States. This is the case in which the packers were enjoined from continuing the operation of an agreement which the court held to be in restraint of trade.

NOW LIES IN STATE

LEO XIII'S REMAINS AT BASILICA OF ST. PETER'S.

Were Escorted Thither With Much Pomp—Preparations Completed for Allowing Public to View Body of Late Pontiff—An Autopsy Showed No Sign of Cancer.

Rome, July 22.—Tonight the body of Leo XIII lies in state at the Basilica of St. Peter's. Beginning tomorrow at sunrise, the people of Rome and the people of all nations now in the Eternal City will be permitted to pay their last farewell. Opportunity for this solemn tribute will end Saturday.

Until 5 o'clock this evening the remains of the dead pope lay in the throne room of the Vatican, where the leaders of the diplomatic, clerical and civil world were allowed to pass the bier. The ceremony tonight, when the body was conveyed from the throne room to St. Peter's, was one of the most striking of all the obsequies.

During the day the congregation of cardinals met and decided to hold the conclave under the identical regulations which obtained at the conclave which elected Leo.

Dr. Lapponi, in the course of the day, presented to Cardinal Oreglia a report of the autopsy which was held yesterday, which showed there was no sign of cancer in the pope's body.

Some hours before sundown St. Peter's was cleared of idle crowds. The massive doors were closed and the throng of sight-seers was pushed back to the foot of the great flight of circular stone steps. Half a hundred carpenters hastily constructed a stout fence five feet high to resist the encroachments of the crowd, which is expected during tomorrow and the following days. The fence extends directly across the colonnade, and in it are two narrow entrances which will give ready means of controlling the ingress and egress of the throng.

JAPS FIT UP TRANSPORTS.

Russian Encroachments on Coree Excite Them.

Victoria, B. C., July 24.—News was received by the steamer Olympia, which arrived today from the Orient that warlike preparations are going on apace. Officers of the Olympia say that the Japanese government was fitting many large liners for transport service. The fleets of warships of Japan and the powers in the Orient were still maneuvering in the Gulf of Pe Chi Li and off Coree. Russian reinforcements were also reported to be arriving.

It was reported from Harbin that two mixed brigades, consisting of infantry, cavalry and engineers were coming over the Trans-Siberian railway, and an infantry regiment was following. The announced purpose of the coming of these troops was to test the transporting capacity of the Siberian railway. Further to reinforce the Russians, a battalion of sailors and marines has been organized in Russian Turkestan and ordered to Manchuria. The three new Russian cruisers are also reported from the Straits Settlement on the way to Port Arthur with cargoes under merchant flags.

TORNADO IN NEW JERSEY.

Three Killed and Much Property Is Destroyed.

Paterson, N. J., July 24.—In a tornado here today three persons were killed and at least three score more or less seriously injured. One house was blown down and more than a score of buildings unroofed.

By the collapse of a house that was being repaired, Joseph Vandam was killed and four other workmen were badly hurt. Thomas Hancock, 80 years old, was struck by a piece of shafting, blown from a wrecked laundry building, and his head was completely severed from his body.

The monetary loss is estimated at between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

Favors Exchange Commissions.

Berlin, July 24.—President Creel, of the Mexican monetary exchange commission, says the American and Mexican exchange commissions are much gratified and encouraged by the warm reception they have met from the German government. Some most important resolutions, he added, were unanimously passed by conference held at the reichsbank with the German delegates, and the commissioners expect that the whole plan will be approved and that Germany will give the propositions support.

Boundary Commissioners Confer.

Watertown, N. Y., July 24.—The representatives of the United States before the Alaskan boundary tribunal, which will meet in London in December, have just come together at the summer cottage of ex-Secretary John W. Foster, at Henderson harbor, for final conference, and discussed the manner of presenting the case before the tribunal. Members of the agency and council will start for London about August 20, and the tribunal will organize September 3.

August Century.

There will be another "Pa Gladden" story in the August Century, "The Tramp." For this the material was largely drawn from family tradition, for Pa Gladden's character is actually based upon that of Mrs. Elizabeth Cherry Waltz's father, Major John Nicholas Cherry, of Columbus, Ohio, a man of broad and genial charity, much humor and quaint phraseology.



thing a pig will eat is good for him. He has really no greater need, nor does his system call for food strongly acid, than a man would have for pickles at every meal. There is no more active agent in promoting indigestion in pigs of all ages and in checking rapid and profitable growth than sour swill. It keeps young pigs thin in flesh and ailing, and for older ones, and brood sows in particular, it commonly puts them off their feed. While everything coming from the kitchen should be made use of, its receptacle should be kept clean. Take it all down to the pens while fresh and feed at once; nothing can be gained by delay, and much may be lost.—American Agriculturist.

The Uncle Sam Potato.

A heavy yielding variety of more average quality is something growers of potatoes have long desired, and the tests of the new variety, Uncle Sam, shown in the cut, indicate that it is equal. In season the variety is medium to late. Unfortunately, results are not all that can be desired on heavy soils or clay, but on sandy or loamy soils it is no equal. In form the Uncle Sam is oval, pure white, with russet skin and shallow eyes near the surface. Continued tests may prove that the variety will do better on heavy soils after the first season, which is frequently the case with sorts that have been grown from the beginning in lighter soils. At all events, the variety has too many good points to throw it aside for culture on heavy soils after a single season of testing.

Profit in Early Turnips.

Market gardeners who are situated so as to command a good trade direct with consumers will find the growing of turnips, and especially of the early



cured to the marker plank with a yoke, secured on the underside of the plank by burs. At B is an upright pin. This is to receive B of No. 2. This pole is just eight feet long, and F is a runner made rounding at each end. This is 2 feet long, 8 inches wide and 1 inch thick. It is made of hard wood and is wedge-shaped on the bottom. G is a wire attached with a ring on it. To the ring is attached a good stout string, and to this string is fastened a common snap, H. Place B, No. 2 on B No. 1, snap H on same ring, and your highest ideal of a perfect corn marker will be realized. Use E for handles when turning at the end of the field.—Cor. Orange Judd Farmer.

The Use of Sweat Pads.

The use of sweat pads under some circumstances may be justified, especially when horses have started work in the spring in good form and are reduced in flesh during the summer. One of the principal objections to the sweat pad is that it tends to become soggy, and consequently increases the friction between the surface of the pad and the shoulder. It sometimes happens that by the use of the pad one can fit a collar that could otherwise not be worn. In this instance the price of a collar may be saved. By the use of the pad the draft is often thrown on the outer edge of the shoulders, while it should be as close in as possible. When an animal gets a sore spot on some part of his shoulder it is sometimes possible to cut a hole in the pad and thus relieve the pressure on this place until it becomes healed. The main thing is to have a collar fit the shoulder well. Where this is the case there is seldom any danger of irritation, providing the hames are properly fitted to the collar and pulled up tightly each time they are put on. It never pays to work away with a collar that does not fit, because an animal that constantly experiences pain through ill-fitting harness cannot do the same amount of work, nor do it as willingly, as would be the case if all parts of the harness are adjusted to its form.—Iowa Home-stead.

Self-Feeding Salt Box.

Even so simple a thing as a salt box is a source of much satisfaction if made a little better than others of the kind. The one illustrated was first suggested to me some time ago and has been improved till it fills the bill. The board at the back is 10 inches wide and about 4 feet long. The sides of the box are nailed directly onto this