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LATEST ESTIMATE ON U. S. APPLE CROP

An estimate of general apple crop conditions has just been issued by the Northwest Fruit Growers' Exchange that gives considerable information. It says:

"The month of June, 1911, witnessed a variety of extreme climatic conditions throughout the eastern states caused wide spread speculation as to the effect upon the apple crops in the whole territory east of the Mississippi river, including the southwestern states. A protracted drought of unusually severe character was followed by reports of abnormal drop in nearly all sections, while the succeeding rainfall, also the general nature, now proves to have been correspondingly beneficial. The eastern drop also develops to have been far less serious than anticipated."

"The eastern situation, as a result, presents few changes in the aggregate line-up, based upon the latest outlook as reported by the most conservative authorities to the Exchange. Yet wholesale variations in figures have been the rule in many of the recent news letters and dispatches, as well as a tendency in some quarters, to indicate the eastern crop of almost unprecedented volume."

"In order to convey a comprehensive idea of the entire situation, we reproduce herein figures published

by the United States Department of Agriculture, showing the visible apple crop prospect on June 1st, and in comparison therewith, estimates from various other sources of later dates. The United States analysis represents the percentage of visible crops in the different states mentioned, using normal crops as a basis:

| Location | Gov. Estim's | Private |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Maine..... | 98 | heavy |
| Massachusetts..... | 82 | extraordinary bumper |
| Connecticut..... | 85 | same as 1910 |
| New York..... | 80 | same as 1910 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 78 | heaviest record |
| Virginia..... | 53 | 60 to 65 per ct. |
| West Virginia..... | 60 | unusually large |
| North Carolina..... | 48 | 33 per cent |
| Ohio..... | 75 | same as 1910 |
| Indiana..... | 72 | 50 percent |
| Illinois..... | 75 | full crop |
| Michigan..... | 69 | near average |
| Missouri..... | 62 | 50 percent |
| Kansas..... | 60 | 75-80-65 50 p. ct. |
| Arkansas..... | 57 | 50 percent |
| Colorado..... | 71 | 35 per cent |
| Utah..... | 75 | 85 per cent |
| Idaho..... | 87 | full crop |
| Washington..... | 81 | same as 1910 |
| Oregon..... | 75 | same as 1910 |
| California..... | 77 | same as 1910 |

"It is yet too early in the season to definitely analyze the probable results. That the outlook promises an unusually heavy yield, except in the Pacific Northwest, as computed with recent years, however, is within the proper range of reasonable expectation."

STATE GAME WARDEN ADOPTS NEW POLICY

No man knows the animal and bird life of the Pacific Coast country so well as William L. Finley, newly appointed State Game Warden. For twelve years he has devoted his time almost exclusively to this work, resulting in the publication of books, magazine and newspaper articles that are recognized as authority upon the subject. His work of research has included the Willamette Valley, the Cascade Mountains, the country tributary to the Columbia, Lewis, Clackamas and McKenzie river valleys, the Klamath country, Oregon coast, Tillamook county, Southern California, Arizona and Washington.

Mr. Finley is a member of the leading ornithological societies of the United States, an officer of the National Association of Audubon Societies and intimately acquainted with the eminent naturalists of the world. His correspondence with John Burroughs, Bradford Torrey, Frank Chapman, Herbert K. Job, Ernest Thompson Seton and Dallas Lore Sharp form an interesting interchange of experience and ideas that would make entertaining reading.

When ex-President Roosevelt made his last trip to Portland, Mr. Finley was the only man in Portland who had access to him, by special appointment. This acquaintance with Mr. Roosevelt began just before the African expedition, when Mr. Finley was called into conference relative to the character of camera that could be best used for photographic purposes on their trip. This conference included a journey to Harvard College, where Mr. Finley spent considerable time with Kermit Roosevelt, who was afterward selected as official photographer for the Roosevelt expedition.

Many people of this State are not aware that it was through the recommendations of Mr. Finley that President Roosevelt set aside the game reserves in Oregon known as the Klamath, Malheur and Three Arch Rocks reservations. Later, an appropriation was made by Congress to warden these reserves. The purpose of these reservations is to protect the birds from plume and market hunters. From the Klamath coun-

try alone 120 tons of ducks were shipped in one year. The importance of this interest is apparent to all residents of the State.

The sportsmen and naturalists of the United States will watch the work of the new State Game Warden of Oregon with peculiar interest as it is the first instance in this country of a leading scientist being appointed to that position. Naturally, therefore, considerable change in policies is expected.

"The policy of the State Game Warden in the past," said Mr. Finley, "has been characterized very largely by policing. The belief has been general that Oregon has enough game and that its protection is all that is necessary. As a matter of fact, game cannot be made abundant by making and enforcing laws. We have not enough game, and, in spite of protecting what we have, we observe that there is less every year. It is absolutely necessary to have the influence of the people, and the farmers in particular, back of the movement; but, above all, the infusion of new blood, meaning the propagation of game, as well as its protection."

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Over the Water
Story of a Wedding on St. Patrick's Day
By F. A. MITCHEL
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There is a small island called Tory, on the coast of Ireland, about which hangs many a picturesque legend. The islanders are all fishermen. In olden times Tory was a lonely place and a hard place to get to and from. No priest lived there. The islanders were all good Catholics, and not to have a priest handy to baptize them, to marry them and to shrive them subjected them to constant trials.

The only sacred thing they had was the "nun's grave." Long ago during a storm the body of a nun was washed up on the island. That was the first time the people there saw a nun's habit. The leathern girdle and beads made them think that there was something sacred about the body. They prayed to be instructed what to do with it, and a voice told them that it was the body of a holy nun and they must bury it where they had found it. They did so, and to this day not a boat ever puts out to fish without a handful of earth from the "nun's grave" to preserve the fishermen from drowning.

Many years ago there lived on Tory island a young fisherman named Fergus Tyrone and a fisher lass named Eileen O'Connor. They were a simple couple, growing up in a small compass and loving each other with that fervor which is to be found in those who live lives close to nature. They were of the same age, having both been born on St. Patrick's day. Fergus, though but twenty years of age at the time the incident I am about to narrate took place, was a hardy young fellow and, however stormy the weather, never feared to go out to fish in his boat. But Eileen did not fear for him, because she would never let him go without first taking a handful of earth and, after praying the holy nun to protect him, depositing it in the stern of his boat.

This simple couple wished to be married on their twentieth birthday, which was St. Patrick's day, of course, and Fergus had induced a priest from the mainland to agree to come over on that day and marry them. Fergus was to row over in his boat early in the morning of the wedding day, take the priest to the island and bring him back after the ceremony had been performed.

Several days before St. Patrick's day the lovers began to watch the sky for indications of what the weather would be. They feared it might be stormy and the priest would not come over, and if they could not be married on that St. Patrick's day Eileen, whose heart was set on celebrating their birthday, their wedding day and St. Patrick's day together, was resolved that they must wait till the next anniversary, which would be a year.

So as the days grew less before the appointed wedding day they watched every weather sign in the heavens and prayed constantly for smooth waters that there might be no trouble in bringing the priest over to marry them. But, whether, as Fergus believed, he had omitted some penance that he should have done or, as Eileen believed, she had not prayed often enough, on the evening of the 16th of March a dark cloud appeared in the west and a wind began to rise.

In the morning, though the water was quite rough, Fergus said he would go over and see if the father would come with him. So, while he went for the oars, Eileen brought some earth from the "nun's grave," dropped it in the boat with a prayer, and Fergus, returning, started for the mainland.

He found the good father resolved not to go with him. He might be obliged to remain a long while on the island, and what would his flock do in the meanwhile without him?

"But I'll marry you all the same, Fergus, my boy," he said. "Go back to Eileen, and when it is noon come down to the shore. I will go out on the Hornhead and read the service."

"But how shall we know what you are saying?" asked Fergus.

Then the priest told him that when the service was begun a fire would be lighted. At another part another fire would be lighted, and so on till a given number of fires denoted that the service was finished and the couple had been pronounced man and wife.

Fergus, overjoyed, started back for the island. The wind had risen, and Eileen, who stood watching on the shore, feared that every wave would overturn the boat. When it came near enough for her to see that the priest was not in it her heart misgave her, but even before Fergus had made fast he told her of how they were to be married after all.

Shortly before the noon hour a wedding party stood on the shore of Tory island watching for a fire on Hornhead, a projecting point of rock on the mainland. When they saw a flame burst forth they uncovered and knelt and watched eagerly for the next fire, which was to mark a new part of the service. It was an impressive sight, this bridal party kneeling on the beach upon which wave after wave rolled in, as though to crown the bride with a veil composed of their own spray. Between them and the priest on the Hornhead the whitecaps came rolling toward the bride as if to offer themselves as an adornment for her bridal dress. Fire after fire appeared, each denoting that a new part of the service had been reached. Till at last one far brighter than all the rest was lighted, and a sound of wedding bells came over the water.

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