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YAKIMA CROP IS REPORTED AS SHORT

Yakima's fruit crop this year will fall 2000 cars short of last year's yield, according to Fred Thompson, a commission man of North Yakima, who has returned from a trip through the fruit sections of that district. His estimates in the past have proven close. He puts the fruit output for that section this year at 4945 cars.

Three-fifths of the crop will be of apples, according to Mr. Thompson. Peaches, he estimates at 1600 carloads, pears at 250 cars, prunes at 125 cars, grapes at 50 cars and cherries at 20 cars.

"Three shipping points in the valley will show an increase over last year," said Mr. Thompson. "They are Donald, Wapato and Toppenish. The rest will show a decrease but this is a good crop for an off year. Peach productions will show a slight decrease, but this valley will get good prices because of all the peach sections in the United States, only Michigan and the New England states have crops, and we'll have an elegant crop here."

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ed. The old trees were the most hurt by the frost. Those 5, 6 and 7 years old have a fine bloom and will be big producers. Pears and apricots show the only real damage from frost in the valley."

Oregon Richea Grow.
Salem, Or.—That Oregon wealth continues to increase was attested by a statement issued by State Bank Examiner Wright covering the close of banking business April 4. The total deposits in the banks of the state were \$128,359,925, an increase of \$1,222,529 for the year.

REPUBLICAN LEADERS CONFER IN CHICAGO

Chicago.—United States senators and republican leaders from various parts of the country began to arrive here with the avowed purpose of promoting a movement for a republican national convention this year "to reorganize the party on progressive lines."

The purpose of the convention, as described by Senator Cummins, of Iowa, would be to "change conditions in the party so as to prevent a recurrence of what happened at the last republican national convention."

A concrete proposal for the rehabilitation of the republican party was presented to the conference of republican senators and leaders here by a committee of five appointed after the conference had discussed the situation fully.

The committee was composed of Robert Luce, Massachusetts; Senator Borah, Idaho; State Senator James, Michigan; United States Senator Kenyon, Iowa, and State Senator Trautman, Kansas.

The conference was attended by six republican senators and 32 other leaders, representing nine states. These men discussed what action should be sought at the meeting of the republican national committee at Washington May 24, looking toward "reorganizing the party along progressive lines."

Mar. Hodges, a lumberman at Green Point, sustained a broken collar bone the last of the week when the limb of a tree fell on him.

W. H. Tobey is down from Parkdale undergoing treatment for blood poisoning in one hand.

JAMES BRYCE



James Bryce, who has retired as ambassador to the United States from Great Britain.

MEXICANS EXECUTE 25

Example Made of Officers by Rebels in Hermosillo.

Nogales, Ariz.—Twenty-five federal officers, including an infantry and artillery colonel, taken prisoner during last week's fighting above Guaymas, have been shot at a public execution by order of the constitutionalist commanders. The execution is admitted officially by state authorities at Hermosillo.

The official statement also admits the loss in killed of 200 state troops during the three days' fighting which resulted during last night in the driving of the retiring federals into the first station north of the gulf port town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McCully had as their guests during last week Mrs. Elizabeth Waters of Salem and Mrs. Alice M. Crane of Portland. They returned to Portland Monday.

Melvin Vanausdal of Oak Grove, who submitted to an operation for appendicitis at the hospital the last of the week, is reported to be making a nice recovery.

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Tariff Fight Has Shifted to Senate, but Final Vote Unlikely Before August.

Washington.—The tariff fight has shifted from the house, with its overwhelming Democratic majority, to the senate, where the party's slim majority of six already has been reduced, as far as the bill is concerned, to four. Unless senators familiar with the progress of such legislation are mistaken, there is now little prospect of a final vote on the bill before August 1.

The bill's passage through the senate will be fought at every step by Republicans. Leaders of the Democrats on the senate finance committee, which will handle the bill, expressed the belief that it would go through in practically the same form as it passed the house, and that their small majority would stand firm to the last. Democratic leaders acknowledge that the two senators from Louisiana will not accept the sugar schedule, and that they might be willing to combine with others to defeat the whole bill.

Five Democrats Vote Against Bill.

The Underwood tariff bill was passed in the house by a vote of 281 to 139. Five Democrats voted against the bill and two Republicans for it. Representative Bryan, of Washington, Progressive, was the only representative in congress from the Pacific northwest to vote for the bill. The solid delegation from Oregon and Idaho voted against the bill, as did the four other members from Washington.

The Republicans who voted for the bill were Cary and Stafford, of Wisconsin. Democrats who opposed it were Broussard, Dupre, Lazare and Morgan, of Louisiana, and C. B. Smith, of New York. Progressives who voted for the bill were Kelly and Ruple, of Pennsylvania; Nolan, of California, Kent, of California, formerly a Republican, but now an Independent Progressive, also voted for the bill. Progressive Leader Murdock and 13 of his Progressive followers voted with the minority in the final consideration of the measure.

Competition Open in 50,000 Offices.

All fourth class postmasterships except those paying less than \$1800 a year were thrown open to competition by an executive order issued by President Wilson. These positions are retained in the classified section, but about 50,000 incumbents who were "covered in" into the classified service by executive orders of previous administrations, will have to meet all comers in competitive examinations in order to hold their positions with civil service protection.

Postmaster Limit Is Set.

Fourth-class postmasters must be able to read, to count accurately the money they receive, to measure the oil cloth on the floors of their offices and to write at least a decipherable letter once in a while, in order to be taken under the wing of the civil service. In effect, they must have a reasonable understanding of "readin', writin' and 'rithmetic," according to instructions by post-office department.

Persons to take the examination must be citizens of the United States, over 21 years old, and must reside in the community they aspire to serve. No one must be crazy, intemperate, dishonest or have been dishonorably discharged from the army or navy.

Farm and Labor Unions Not Exempt.

By a vote of 41 to 32, the senate refused to accept an amendment to the sundry civil service bill by Senator Gallinger striking out a clause exempting labor and farmers' organizations from prosecution under the anti-trust law with funds appropriated by the bill. Three Republican senators, Jones, La Follette and Norris, voted with the Democrats against the Gallinger amendment and two Democrats, Pomerehne and Thomas, joined the Republicans in supporting it. The bill itself, carrying about \$117,000,000, finally was passed by a viva voce vote with only one minor committee amendment.

National Capital Brevities

In a message received at the state department at Washington from the American legation at Peking, the gratitude of the Chinese people over the recognition of their republic by the United States was described.

The democratic congressional committee has consented to President Wilson's proposal for postponement of permanent reorganization, pending conferences to consider an increase of the representation of senators on the committee.

Charles C. Glover, the Washington banker who recently attacked Representative Sims, of Tennessee, for a speech delivered in the house at Washington, was brought before the house and reprimanded by Speaker Clark for violation of its privileges.

John Purroy Mitchell, independent democrat and president of the board of aldermen of New York city, was nominated by President Wilson to be collector of the Port of New York to succeed William Loeb, Jr.

Announcement

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R. G. Yowell is suffering from a hand which became infected through a cut.
Mrs. Arthur G. Clarke, Mrs. W. G. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. DeWitt and Clarence F. Gilbert were visitors in Portland the last of the week.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Heilbronner had as their guest the last of the week Miss Ada Lavenson and Miss Sadie Delavogue of Portland.

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ROOSEVELT CAN GET ALBANIAN CROWN

London.—Theodore Roosevelt can have the throne of Albania, if he wants it. The suggestion already has been carried to the point where the colonel has only to signify his willingness to accept and the crown is his.

"If Roosevelt desires the kingship of Albania we will put him ahead of all others who have been named. I myself would certainly vote for him. Roosevelt is one of the most extraordinary men in the world, being by nature on a higher plane than mere princes."

This was the emphatic statement made by Ismail Kemal, provisional president of Albania, and leader of the delegation from the Albanian people authorized to find for them a ruler acceptable to the ambassadorial conference of powers.

The correspondent's audience with Kemal took place in the Hotel Cecil, where he is staying, accompanied by his co-delegates, Louis Gurneuchi, minister of education, and Noggs, Kunitza and Delejnis. All showed the greatest interest in and were evidently surprised by a suggestion of Roosevelt as king.

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