

BIG OREGON FRUIT CROP PROTECTED President Newell, of Horticulture Board, Finds State's Trees Thriving.

ANNUAL REPORT IS READ

Fine March Weather Gave Orchardists Chance to Make Up for Winter Hardships—Organization by Growers Commended.

That this year's fruit crop of every variety will be big, is the opinion of W. K. Newell, of Gaston, president of the State Board of Horticulture. This belief was advanced by President Newell in his report at yesterday's semi-annual meeting of the State Board in the Henry building.

President Newell declares the fruit-producing communities of the state are organizing their societies for the better sale of their products. He also reports more thorough and scientific raising of fruit in general than heretofore.

The reports of Judd Geer, of Cove, and H. H. Carson, of Grants Pass, of the fifth and third districts, respectively, are in keeping with that of President Newell. The three district commissioners—M. O. Lownds, of Lafayette; C. A. Park, of Salem, and R. H. Weber, of The Dalles—will submit their reports later. All, however, verbally reported crop prospects for their several districts to be better than for several years. The splendid weather throughout March gave the fruit men an opportunity to get their trees and vines in shape, despite the rigorous winter, they said.

Trees Spell Prosperity. President Newell's report in full is: Once more has the time arrived for taking account of the fruit crop prospects and conditions. Judging from the looks of the trees in these parts of the state which I have been able to visit this spring, if we have favorable weather all through blossoming time, we will have an excellent crop of most all kinds of fruit this year. Whether such hopes are well grounded, I believe, will be determined in the course of the fruiting season of the country that this year is to be the fruit year.

Each succeeding year in Oregon shows better general conditions of the orchards, and though the past winter was a very difficult one in which to accomplish the usual winter work, it was compensated for by the beautiful month of March which allowed the work to be done in a more satisfactory manner. The blossoming season is nearly over for the early fruiting varieties, and just at hand, and with no reports of injury or damage of any kind as yet.

Many Growers Organize. A noticeable feature of the past winter has been the great number of fruitgrowers' organizations that have been formed. Almost every community in which there is any activity of orchard-planting now has its association. Many of them will have a small amount of fruit to market for a year or two, but they will do splendid work in having uniform methods of growing, and in guiding their members in the selection of proper varieties and in the purchase of all kinds of supplies, and even more important than any of these, they will share the benefits of their own experience and of subordinating their individual preferences to the will of the majority.

The year 1909 marked the beginning of what I believe will grow to be a great industry, and that, in the production of grape-juice on a commercial scale. The Concord grape is superior to all others for the production of grape-juice, and his grapes are raised admirably on the foothills of Western Oregon. Five thousand gallons of this juice that is the equal of anything in the market is just now being bottled and distributed to the trade, and with a ready sale.

Market Only Question. This company paid from \$30 to \$40 a ton last season for the grapes and they tell me that they can pay \$35 the coming season and the future. The grape industry has been slow of getting started, but the lack of certain market, the local markets were easily overstocked, and other markets could not be reached, but with the market and at an attractive price, the industry will grow rapidly and can be increased enormously.

The matter of Federal legislation relating to the apple industry has attracted much attention during the past winter, and from present indications will need further attention before the case is finally settled. The late fall bill, which has been before Congress the present session, seeks to accomplish two main objects; to standardize the packages used in interstate commerce, and to standardize the system of grading and marketing the fruit. The reason for the agitation in this direction is that there has been confusion in the markets from the use of four different styles of barrels in the Eastern States, and from the use of boxes of four in Colorado and another from the South. This has caused a serious and unprofitable lack of any rates of grading whatever in the average Eastern barrel-packed fruit also caused discussion.

Object Laudable, Bill Weak. The objects sought to be obtained by the supporters of the bill, who are principally the commission dealers in retail grocery stores of the Eastern cities, are laudable, but it seems very unrealistic that the bill, if passed and enforced, would accomplish the results desired. So objectionable were the terms of the bill to the growers of the Northwest that it was found necessary to send representatives to the present session. H. C. E. Wheeler, of Medford; J. A. Williams, of Hood River, and myself represented Oregon and L. B. Moore, of Astoria, and J. A. Tichenor, of Wenatche, appeared for Washington.

The standard apple box provided in this bill contains 2544 cubic inches, which is 10 inches more than the present standard. The contention being that our box does not contain a full bushel, or, as the retailer puts it, it will not measure out four heaped pecks, such as he must deliver when he sells by the peck or half peck. This is a very important point, as we found on careful investigation of the markets of all the cities which we were able to visit, that our apples were being discriminated against to a marked degree on this account.

Own Boxes Poor Examples. While we were able to demonstrate to the full satisfaction of the committee on agriculture, before whom the hearing was held, that our box when packed honestly and carefully would measure out four heaped pecks, yet we were unable to do so in the regular market at Washington that would measure full quantity. This was the weakest point in our opposition to the bill and it was very mortifying to have it caused by the carelessness of our own growers.

There has been very general complaint from the dealers and consumers in the Eastern markets that our fruit this year was not up to the standard, either in pack or quality. We set so high a standard in former years and we even a slight falling off is very noticeable and brings a strong protest. Careful investigation showed that this complaint was justified to a large extent. I wish to urge as strongly as possible upon our growers that such a policy will not do, that it will be suicidal. Only fruit of high quality and absolutely honest pack can be marketed successfully against the strong competition to be met in the Eastern market.

Fruit Men Thanked. We were much indebted to M. O. Lownds, of Astoria, and to the Hood River and Wenatche fruit men for the loan of splendid apples which they so kindly donated for our use in demonstrating to the committee on agriculture. The committee members appreciated them also.

be published in full in our next biennial report. There are many points in it of the greatest interest to us. The demand in those markets for peaches is surprising and we must find the varieties that will be best suited for shipping over there with the completion of the Panama Canal will be able to load refrigerators for steamer at Portland and land our fruit in any European market at very low rates.

SHEPHERDS ARE SATISFIED State Commission Reorganized and New Member Added.

Made necessary by the appointment of Herbert Boylen, of Pendleton, to succeed Dan P. Smythe, of the same city, a re-organization of the State Sheep Commission was perfected in Portland yesterday.

W. K. Newell, President State Sheep Commission, who Predicts Bumper Fruit Crop.

Charles Cleveland, of Gresham, was made president, and Herbert Boylen secretary. The offices of the commission will continue at Pendleton. Others in attendance at the session were A. L. McIntosh, of Paulina, and W. H. Lytle, of Pendleton.

"There was little business for the State Sheep Inspector Lytle, a member of the board. 'Sheepmen are so busy and so prosperous that they haven't time to look for trouble. The two and a half million sheep owned in Oregon came through the winter and the lambing season in splendid shape, losses being but very little more than normal. In the southern part of the state a few bands which were without feed, except the browse of the range, may have had a 10 per cent loss.

"With the quarantine removed east of the Cascades and scabias eradicated, with the exception of two bands wool is now being sold at 20 cents a pound on an average and the market price of mutton keeping pace with the advance along other lines of food products, the sheep owners of this state look for a great year in 1910. The only scab in the state is found in a flock of 2000 located in Harney County and another of similar size in Malheur County.

"Colorado pea feeders will call for a large number of lambs this fall and it is probable that they will be required to pay from \$2 to \$4 per head.

PERSONAL MENTION.

T. C. Taylor, of Pendleton, arrived at the Imperial yesterday. Dr. J. C. Chalock, of Walla Walla, Wash., is at the Imperial. George T. Baldwin, of Eugene, is visiting friends at the Nortonia. Amos J. Beckwith, of Baker City, registered at the Nortonia yesterday.

J. J. Brown has returned to the city after a lecture tour through California. D. H. Holmes, whose health has largely entered into the development of Carlton, is at the Perkins. M. A. Baker, a McKinzieville capitalist, arrived in the city yesterday and is registered at the Imperial.

A. W. Norbloom, secretary of the City of Astoria, arrived at the Cornellus yesterday. W. B. Sherman, engaged near Grants Pass in planting a large acreage of grapes, is registered at the Oregon. George T. Baldwin, former judge and one of the leading attorneys of Klamath Falls, arrived at the Imperial yesterday.

C. M. Biddle came in from Dallas yesterday to transact business among the jobbers and wholesalers of Portland. G. E. Howlands, identified with the commercial interests of Grants Pass, was among the arrivals at the Ramapo yesterday.

S. Sundelius arrived at the Lenox yesterday from San Francisco and will engage in railroad engineering on the East Side. H. C. Atwell, president of the State Horticultural Society, came in from Forest Grove yesterday and went to the Oregon.

Mrs. J. J. Haggerty, wife of the Raymond, Wash., banker, is staying at the Cornellus and is accompanied by her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Berger, of Eugene, were at the Lenox yesterday, in company with Joseph Auelman, an Eastern relative. David Wilson and D. A. Richardson, business men of the Inland Empire, came to the Portland yesterday. They represent Spokane.

Claude Gatch, National Bank Examiner from Salem, returned to the Imperial yesterday from an extended trip through Utah and Idaho. Gilbert Hunt, of Walla Walla, is at the Portland, accompanied by Miss Marguerite Hunt, Miss Rosamond Wright and Mr. and Mrs. W. Touer. H. V. Gates, pioneer of the Hillsboro district and largely interested in the construction of electric light plants, is among the arrivals at the Perkins.

BRUNN IS ACCUSED Wholesale Liquor Dealer Says Some Conferees Retail.

NAMES ARE NOT DIVULGED

Merchant Tells License Committee Establishments Paying One Tax Use Two Privileges—He Refuses to Tell More.

A question of ethics has arisen among the liquor dealers. The wholesalers especially are interested. Isaac Brunn, of Brunn & Co., wholesale and retail merchants at 140 First street, having made rather startling declarations before the liquor license committee of the Council yesterday. He said that while he is forced to pay \$800 retail and \$400 wholesale license, others are having nothing but the wholesale license are retailing.

"Who are they?" asked Councilman Callara. "I refuse to answer that," replied Mr. Brunn. "How is the committee to know, unless you inform the members?" he was asked. "I think that the committee can soon find out, just as well as I have found it out," was his reply. "You can go down the street and you will see cards in their windows, offering half-pints, pints and quarts; you don't need to have me tell you any more, do you? I will not be a 'stool pigeon' for the city, but I want justice and a fair deal; I don't care how much the license is, if all are treated alike, but I don't like to be singled out and made to pay both licenses when others pay for but one and use the rights of both."

Names Not Divulged. All efforts of members of the committee to secure from Mr. Brunn some intimation of the locations of alleged violators of the ordinance governing such subjects, proved futile. Assistant City Attorney Grant yesterday advised him that it is as much the duty of Mr. Brunn to inform on violators of the law, as it is of anyone else, but he refused to do so.

"There is no question but that if any wholesaler is selling at retail on his wholesale license, he should be stopped at once," said Mr. Callara. While Mr. Brunn said he was the only "genuine wholesaler," in the city, the committee was not satisfied. He was challenged by License Inspector Hutchinson, who called attention to others, and who also said that Mr. Brunn was compelled to take out both licenses by the Auditor's office. It was intimated that he had sold at retail, also, under wholesale license, but he denied ever having any trouble, and said he had always borne a high reputation as a clean dealer, and had never been before the committee on any complaint, neither had he been in the court.

Point of Ethics Raised. Mr. Brunn's attitude as to informing on alleged violators of the ordinance governing the sale of liquor raised a new question for consideration of the committee as to the ethics of the liquor business. Whether it is proper for one dealer to inform against another is the point at issue. Mr. Brunn thinks not, but he would not have the alleged offenders ferreted out by some one else, but the Council committee declined to act.

"Liquor is a certain brand of beer was 'on the carpet,' too. He had been cited to show cause why he should not pay a wholesaler's license. He was represented by counsel, but did all of the talking himself, except a little as to the law. He declared that there was a great difference between his business and that of a wholesaler. 'I simply distribute this beer,' said Trummer. 'I handle the beer over to a malt dealer. The Government makes the distinction—why doesn't the Council?'"

"I can't tell you that," replied Chairman Wallace, "but I know the City Attorney rules that you are a wholesaler, and that's all there is to it."

"Well, I won't pay it," retorted Trummer. "Then you will be arrested," was Mr. Wallace's reply. The committee refused to grant a license to L. E. Bailey to sell liquor with meals at 542 Washington street.

DANCE LICENSE REFUSED

Mr. Driscoll Wants No More "Poor Devils" Put Out of Business. "They put one poor devil out of business and I won't sign any licenses for any others," said Councilman Driscoll, chairman of the license committee, when the representative of the Casino dance hall appeared and asked for a license. The majority of the committee members "stood out" and refused to grant the coveted license. This means the closing of another one of the public establishments, against which the police have made numerous complaints.

The "poor devil" referred to by Councilman Driscoll was the proprietor of the Casino, an artificial moon lounge in the room that the famed "turkey" and "Glide" and the "Rag" were executed by the festive dancers under the shimmering light of an artificial moon hung in the roof for the occasion. The police conceived the idea that the place was detrimental to the high standard of morals usually demanded of the citizens of the municipality, and proceeded to make complaint.

Councilman Driscoll and his colleagues of the license committee endeavored to "file" the police complaints and let it go at that, but a moral wave struck the majority of the councilmen on the fatal day when the report was read in Council session, and the Maple's license was canceled. Since then Mr. Driscoll has "stood out" against the issuance of any more licenses, feeling that a preacher ought not to go about the street wearing a green or red necktie.

WOMAN SCORES PORTLAND Cheap Lodging-Houses and City Jail Arraigned by Mrs. Ella Lynch.

Mrs. Ella Erim Lynch spoke Sunday night at Selling-Hirsch Hall, on "Portland by Night," telling of her experiences in midnight visits to the City Jail and cheap lodging-houses where the unfortunate and destitute were heaped in miserable and unsanitary quarters. She compared them with the comfortable and healthy accommodations provided in New York for the "down and out."

Dr. David Buchanan, in his address on "London, Day and Night," said that London was 24 times as large as Portland, had 100,000 paupers and 100,000 disorderly women; declared that the cause of this was the private ownership of land, which drove the people into such close quarters. Early marriages and the demon of rum also contributed to these dreadful conditions. Dr. Buchanan insists that if anything is ever to be done for mankind it must be done now. He spoke of the splendid work accomplished by the Salvation Army and said that efforts to promote civic righteousness could not fall but were being made by the individuals engaged therein even though ideal conditions were slow of realization.

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CHURCH PAYS DEBT IN DAY

Mount Tabor Methodists Raise \$7000 and Dedicate Structure. Prior to the dedication Sunday of the beautiful new Mount Tabor Methodist Church, East Stark and East Sixty-first streets, \$7000 was subscribed so that the new edifice might be dedicated free of debt. Nearly \$2000 was subscribed at the morning services within a short time after the sermon by Rev. Fletcher Homan, president of Willamette University.

Rev. W. B. Hollingshead, district superintendent, was in charge of the services and the auditorium was filled to its utmost capacity. Rev. S. E. Meminger, a former pastor, delivered the invocation, and Rev. J. W. McDougall, the pastor, read the scripture. Rev. Mr. McDougall read a financial statement, showing that \$10,000 had been expended on the Mount Hood district, and yesterday the family home, East Sixth and East Mill streets, after an illness of four years. Stricken with paralysis four years ago Mrs. Shute never regained her health. She was 69 years of age and had been a resident of the city for 26 years. Living in the same house in Stephen's Addition. Her husband, J. L. Shute, died several years ago. She is survived by a son and daughter, L. G. Holden, of Mount Hood district, and Mrs. E. B. Ayers, of Flagstaff, Arizona. The funeral will be held on the arrival of Mrs. Ayers.

MOTHER OF EX-BATTALION CHIEF L. G. HOLDEN, DIES AT PORTLAND.

Mrs. Ione Shute. Mrs. Ione S. Shute, mother of ex-Battalion Chief L. G. Holden, died at her home in the city yesterday. She was 69 years of age and had been a resident of the city for 26 years. Living in the same house in Stephen's Addition. Her husband, J. L. Shute, died several years ago. She is survived by a son and daughter, L. G. Holden, of Mount Hood district, and Mrs. E. B. Ayers, of Flagstaff, Arizona. The funeral will be held on the arrival of Mrs. Ayers.

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POOR FARM TITLE MIXED

County Court in Quandary to Whom Deed Should Go. The County Court is in a quandary, for it has not yet made up its mind whether to give W. A. Spanton title to the old County Poor farm on the Carson Road, whether to deed it to the United States Trust Company, or whether to deed 40 per cent of it to B. M. Lombard.

It appears that Spanton, after bidding upon the property, transferred his interest to the United States Trust Company, which now lays claim to the entire tract. Lombard asserts that an agreement was made by which he has a right to 40 per cent of the farm, as he put up part of the money to make the first payment. County Judge Cleaton said yesterday the County Court would not wait for the decision of the Circuit Court in the case of Lombard against Spanton and H. A. Reynolds, but would, as soon as a decision is reached among the commissioners, give deed to the property.

Circuit Judge Bronough recently decided in the case of Frank Bollam against the County Court that the commissioners are legally qualified to give a valid deed to a modern church, so long as they show they had acted collusively to defraud the county.

NEW CHAPEL DEDICATED

United Brethren Erect Building, Later to Be Used as Manse. The chapel of the South Mount Tabor United Brethren Church was dedicated Sunday afternoon, the services being in charge of Rev. H. C. Shaffer, general superintendent of the district of Portland. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Rev. E. B. Emrich, pastor of the Second United Brethren Church, Alberta, and a short talk was made by Dr. Hamilton Meade, president of the South Mount Tabor Push Club. Dr. Meade commended the erection of the chapel and expressed the hope that a modern church would soon be built.

Mrs. W. M. Gates, president of the Mothers-Teachers' Association of South Mount Tabor, made a short address. Greetings were brought by Rev. R. S. Showers, pastor of the First Church, and other pastors. The chapel will be used until a modern church can be built when it will then be used as a manse.

Two Mails Daily of Eagle Point.

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the corner of First and Broad streets. Eagle Point, which has heretofore received mail only once a day, will now get two mails a day. The Pacific & Eastern has received the contract for carrying the mail from Medford to that place. This discontinues the star route delivery through that part of the country and thus about twenty-five residents will not get their mail until a rural delivery is established in that section.

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