

NEW RULE PAPERS SHIPPERS OF FRUIT

Apple and Pear Boxes to be Stamped With Net Weight or Cubical Contents.

SOME CONFUSION FEARED

Northwestern Exchange Advises Use of Stamp Giving Weight as 40 Pounds, Distributors Would Tell Size of Package.

As the result of a recent ruling by D. F. Houston, Secretary of Agriculture, apple and pear shippers of the Northwest are making their boxes with the net weight or cubical contents in addition to the numerical count of the fruit.

Growers had been accepting the numerical count as sufficient and were confused by the new interpretation, but standards have been established by the Northwestern Fruit Exchange and the North Pacific Fruit Distributors and will be adhered to by the majority of the shippers.

As a safe and uniform standard the Northwestern Fruit Exchange has recommended that all shippers stamp boxes "Net weight 40 lbs." in addition to the numerical count. This is believed to be two pounds less than the actual weight.

The North Pacific Fruit Distributors advise shippers to mark the boxes with the numerical count and the standard cubical contents of the containers. C. A. Halboest says this is considered a safe plan, owing to the fact that there is a range of from eight to nine pounds in the weights of apple boxes packed. He thinks, however, that 40 pounds is the correct standard to be adopted, if any is marking the standard cubical contents in its connection with the price of the fruit.

Minute Details Required.

The recent opinion of Secretary Houston says: "The department is further of the opinion that the marking of boxes of apples to show merely the number of apples therein is not a sufficient marking for the purposes of the net-weight marking law. In a press report received in Portland from the United States Department of Agriculture yesterday there is the statement:

"When apples are packed in a standard barrel as established by section 1 of the Sulzer law, and are plainly and conspicuously marked as containing one barrel of apples of one of the standard grades described in section 2, such a statement is not required. A statement of satisfactory compliance with the net-weight amendment to the food and drug act. Otherwise the package, if intended for interstate commerce, must be marked to comply with the net-weight amendment to show the quantity of the contents, either by numerical count, or by dry measure, or by numerical count. A statement of numerical count must be qualified by the size of the apples expressed as the average diameter in inches to be a statement of quantity."

Rating Comes as Blow.

An extract from a recent Northwest fruit bulletin treating of this matter reads:

"Out of a clear sky comes the announcement from one of the acting secretaries of the Department of Agriculture as evidence of the interpretation of that department of the provision in respect to fruit, that a statement of the number of apples or pears contained in a box is not a satisfactory compliance of the Federal food and drug act, as amended by the act of March 3, 1913, or with the regulation 29 as amended by Food Inspector Decisions 154, inasmuch as it does not give accurate information as to the quantity of food in the package. That there is nothing in such a statement to indicate whether the apples are small or large and nothing that indicates the capacity of the box."

"A. P. Bateman, vice-president of the Northwestern Fruit Exchange and a practical fruit man in every respect, has started the ball rolling to find the exact status of the situation and, if possible, to remove for the hardship which he says undoubtedly will be worked by a measure so radical."

"The fruit growing interests of the country are wholly unprepared to comply with such conditions," said Mr. Bateman. "The requirement announced as it now is, just as the crop is ready to move, will cause tremendous hardship on fruitgrowers and inevitably result in wide confusion."

ODD MALADY KILLS HORSES

Four Prineville Steeds Stricken Strangely, District Is Alarmed.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—A fatal contagion broke out among the horses of this community last week. While unloading fire stock from the trucks from the Henry McCall ranch at the Fair grounds, a few days ago, two of the draft horses were seized suddenly with a strange disease and within a few minutes both were dead. On the way back to the ranch another horse was stricken in the same manner and died on the road. Two other horses on the McCall ranch showed signs of the same affliction and are in precarious condition after failures of local veterinarians to explain the mystery.

The State Veterinarian was telegraphed for and is expected here tonight. In the meantime the stockmen of this country are uneasy, because of the immense number of horses in this country that may become infected.

HUNGER MAKES MAN STEAL

Petty Larceny Charge Substituted for Burglary at Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 22.—(Special.) Because he told the truth, Felix Solomon, in jail here for several weeks on a charge of burglary, was today arraigned on a charge of petty larceny, pleaded guilty and was fined \$5. He left later in the day, accompanied by his father, for his home at Jacksonville, Fla.

When Solomon was arrested he was sick and hungry, and said he stole to provide some necessities. When questioned he told a complete story of his past and admitted the theft. The District Attorney later conferred with prominent Jacksonville people, who substantiated the boy's story. His former employers at Jacksonville gave him the best recommendations and there was a position open there on his return home.

Old Resident's Funeral Held.

GRESHAM, Or., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—Funeral services of Eli E. Elliott, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lulu M. Rucker, 305 1/2 Third street,

Portland, Saturday, were conducted from the Gresham Baptist Church today, and the interment was made in Gresham Cemetery. Mr. Elliott was an old resident of this county. He is survived by five sons and two daughters—Abdon and Edward L. Elliott, of Powell Valley; John C. Elliott, Damascus; Francis W. Elliott, Alaska; Earl E. Elliott, Portland; Mrs. Lulu M. Rucker, Portland, and Mrs. Florence I. Whiton, Los Angeles, Cal.

CLACKAMAS RECALL OUT

Last Number of Old County Court Attacked and Charges Filed.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—Petitions are being circulated throughout the county calling for an election to recall William Mattoon, County Commissioner and a member of the County Court with County Judge Beattie and Commissioners Blair, who were recalled last year.

When that recall movement began Mr. Mattoon had not yet served six months in office and was exempt from attack.

Over the signature of the Independent Citizens and Taxpayers' League, S. Macdonald, secretary, a statement has been issued and signed by J. A. Kilmore, charging favoritism in the awarding of contracts for materials.

William Mattoon is a Republican and is serving his second term in the County Court. The county Republican organization will not support him even though a Democrat is running for the office at the recall election, it is said. Mr. Mattoon has lived in the Estacada and Viola districts for many years.

TAX EXEMPTION IS ASKED

Levy on Land Forfeited to Government Resented by Railroad.

Exemption from taxation on land grants in Multnomah County declared forfeit to the government was asked by the Oregon & California Railroad Company in a petition to the Board of Equalization yesterday and the request will be considered later this week. Complaint adjustments will begin today.

Assessments of \$205,050 are charged against the railroad by the county on land grants that have been declared forfeit to the government by the United States District Court. This land was taxed at the direction of the State Tax Commission, although Attorney-General Crawford rendered a contrary opinion.

Palouse Project Found Feasible.

PASCO, Wash., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—The report of the United States Reclamation Service and state engineers who resurveyed the Palouse project last summer has been presented by E. McCullough to a board of six review engineers for final approval. Mr. McCullough's report declares the Palouse project to be feasible, and fixes the cost an acre at a low figure.

Fisherman Drowned Near Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—John Puskala, a Columbia River fisherman, was drowned early this morning by falling overboard while going on board his boat from a scow that was moored in a slough adjoining Youngs Bay. His body was recovered a few hours later. The deceased was a native of Finland and 60 years of age.

Proof Against Russian Lacking.

THE HAGUE, via London, Sept. 22.—A special dispatch to the Avondpost from Berlin says that so far no proof has been forthcoming of the accusations against the Russian General, Martos, who is charged with killing non-combatants in East Prussian towns and villages occupied by his troops. His trial by court-martial is proceeding.

Woman Victim From Tacoma.

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4 BODIES IDENTIFIED

Names of Leggett Victims Revealed at Gardiner.

ONE WOMAN FROM TACOMA

Rings Bearing Initial Are Only Marks That May Identify Others—Two More Bodies Are Found on Beach.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—Although Coroner Jewett did not arrive at Gardiner until late today, enough has been learned regarding the four bodies taken to the mouth of the Umpqua River yesterday by the steamer Tillamook to establish their identity. That they were victims of the Leggett disaster there is no doubt.

One of the bodies is that of H. F. Davis. In a pocket a bank book bearing Davis' name was found. Another body is believed to be that of W. M. Walker, although this name did not appear on the passenger list. In a pocket was found \$25 and a number of receipts bearing Walker's name. On the body of the third man was found a memorandum book in which was written the name Gilbert R. Reed. Reed's name does not appear on the passenger list of the Leggett.

The fourth body is that of a woman. On the inside of a ring worn by the woman the engraving "E. J. to C. P." appears.

The bodies will be held at Gardiner by the Coroner until they are positively identified or until relatives of the dead or officials of the steamship company give instructions as to burial.

LIFE PRESERVER IS TESTED

Federal Officers to Determine Condition of Tule Type.

United States Inspectors Edwards and Fuller yesterday ordered that a tulle life preserver that George Peelman, one of the survivors of the steamer Frank H. Leggett, wore when rescued by the crew of the steamer Frank H. Buck, be tested for 24 hours in water with a 20-pound weight attached to it. The time expires at 10 o'clock this morning.

The federal regulations governing life preservers that must be complied with before the life preservers are accepted require that they be tested with a downward gravitation pull of at least 20 pounds. The life preserver weighed 11 1/2 pounds when turned over to the inspectors, being heavier than when donned by Peelman, as it had been in the water about 19 hours. The inspectors are to take the testimony of James A. Farrell, another survivor, today if his condition permits.

Woman's Body at Tillamook.

The body of a woman victim of the Leggett disaster was washed up on the beach near Tillamook yesterday, according to advice received yesterday from G. M. McBride, of Portland, from A. S. Smith, a Constable at Gardiner. The only mark of identification on the body was a ring, upon which was engraved the following: "T. J. to G. T., 8-24-12."

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beach Monday, and \$85.25 was found in a purse on the body.

4 OF "SEVEN SISTERS" WIN

Supreme Court Decision Puts Washington Bills on Ballot.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 22.—The initiative bill to abolish the bureau of inspection and private employment agencies, to provide first aid for injured workmen and to provide for a new road tax and convict labor on roads will go on the ballot in November, under a decision of the State Supreme Court handed down Monday. The bill to abolish the State Tax Commission was held not to have sufficient signatures, and will remain off the ballot.

These are five of the "seven sisters" bills promoted by the labor unions and the State Grange. The decision today was by a vote of 5 to 3. Judge Parker wrote the majority opinion and Chief Justice Crow, a candidate for re-election, was one of its signers. Judge Chadwick, a candidate for re-election, Judge Goss, who sought renomination and was defeated, and Judge Main dissented. Judge Morris did not sit. Of the other "seven sisters" bills, the fish bill was rejected on the first count

FIERY SPEECHES DENIED

Britain Declares Talk Attributed to Sir Edward Grey Never Made.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—The British Embassy issued this statement tonight: "Certain persons have been circulating in the press reports of speeches supposed to have been delivered by British statesmen, such, for instance, as that attributed to Mr. Burns, which is a pure fabrication."

"Recently a statement has been made as to a speech of Sir Edward Grey, in which he is quoted as saying: 'There shall be no peace until Germany is humbled to the earth, her territory divided between Russia and France and her commerce definitely delivered to England.'"

"Sir Edward Grey never delivered such a speech and the statement obviously was circulated with a view to mislead public opinion."

Whitman Economic Course Opens.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—The new department of economics and business, which may well be called a department of applied economics, has begun its work vigorously under the leadership of Professor Ralph E. George. A large

GUN USED TO HALT ROAD

Owner of Toll Pass Restrained From Blocking Pacific Highway.

MEDFORD, Or., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—L. D. Dollard, owner of the Dollard toll road over the Siskiyou, which is to be replaced by the new Pacific Highway, is said to have leveled a shotgun at the Pacific Highway workmen, ordering them off the road.

Complaint was made to Prosecuting Attorney Kelly and an injunction was granted by Judge Calkins today restraining Mr. Dollard from interfering with the work. Mr. Dollard contended that a right of way granted over the Government land in territorial days gave him sole right to the travel over the mountain.

Pasco Schools Ask \$30,631.

PASCO, Wash., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—

The school budget gives the estimate of expense for this year, as \$30,631 or a reduction of \$633.84. This, with the \$218 judgment recovered from the Northern Pacific Railway, decreases the amount to be raised by taxation by \$752.84. The total valuation of property in the district is \$2,757,924. A levy of 7 mills will yield \$19,305.52, which, with the state and county apportionment of \$11,840, brings the revenue up to \$31,145.52 to run the schools this year.

number of students have applied for work, and classes have been formed already in the industrial history of the United States, transportation, business management, finance and banking and the principles of economics. Professor George is a graduate of Pittsburg University and the Wharton School of Finance of the University of Pennsylvania. He comes from the faculty of Lehigh University.

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