

PORTLAND'S GROWTH FRIGHTENS SEATTLE

Rose City Said to Covet
Other's Territory.

PAPERS WARN OF DANGER

Proposed Yakima Valley Railway
and Differential Grain Rate
Scare Northerners.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Dec. 13.—The use of Portland as a bugaboo to frighten the fearful Seattleites has become quite common of late. Portland's greedy hands are shown already to have reached into certain sections of the state of Washington held to be natural appanages of Seattle, and Portland's covetous eyes are said to be fixed on other trade territory that properly "belongs" to this city.

It is a little bit of the old stuff that Seattle and Tacoma used to "pull" against each other in the days of their more ardent rivalry; stuff of the kind that small towns, generally and everywhere, are jealous of local growth and prosperity, use to resist the drift of trade to larger cities. In the recent application of this line of thought there is no evident purpose of giving offense to Portland or of indicating employment of any unethical methods. Rather it seems to be the purpose to pay left-handed tribute of praise to Portland's enterprise, and to rouse here a spirit of emulation if not of competition.

City Asked to Support Show.
First recent use of this argument was made in behalf of the second annual fruit exposition held in Seattle last month, when a special committee of the Seattle chamber of commerce called upon the business interests of the city to get behind the show. One statement of the committee appeal was as follows:

"Your support is necessary to keep the fruit exposition in Seattle. Unless you and other Seattle business men take space for commercial exhibits and get behind the plan for bringing the fruit industry into Seattle, the exposition will undoubtedly go to Portland, leaving Seattle without a single point of contact with the producing sections of the northwest."

About the time this appeal was made an excursion party of Seattle Kiwanians were guests of the Kiwanis club of Yakima, and there listened to a stirring address by W. A. Hindley, former mayor of Spokane, on Seattle's neglect of duty and opportunity in the produce east of the Cascades. Mr. Hindley, according to accounts of his speech published in Seattle, warned the visitors that Portland was hording up efforts to annex all central Washington.

Cartoons Show Danger.
Inspired by Mr. Hindley's warning a Seattle newspaper printed a cartoon in which a tree, heavily laden with fruit, denoted the riches of the trans-Cascade valleys. Close by stood a sturdy citizen labeled "fruit grower," with arms outstretched toward another figure of a man, labeled "Seattle," whose back was obstinately turned. Behind the two, creeping on all fours toward the fruit tree, was the third, and much less dignified figure, labeled "Portland."

In spite of these appeals, by letter, word and picture, this year's fruit show was not as good as the first show of the kind in Seattle given last year just when the November blizzard hit the northwest, left a deficit of around \$100,000. This year's show, with almost perfect autumn weather, ran behind about \$12,000. Both seasons the Seattle chamber of commerce advanced a limited sum of money for preliminary expenses. Last year's creditors were to have been taken care of out of this year's profits. So far, no plan of meeting the accumulated obligations has been made public.

Fruit Show Failure.
The fruit exposition of 1921 brought together a fairly complete showing of the products of all the fruit growing districts of the state. Only two of the more important eastern Washington districts participated this year. The decline of interest has been attributed to various causes; but probably more than to any other cause it was due to the effort made last year by one of the Seattle men on the exposition directorate, to have the fruit growers themselves put up the money to meet the deficit.

In a letter published in a Seattle newspaper, telling why certain eastern Washington districts failed to take part in the 1922 fruit show, L. L. Lynn, ex-secretary of the Walla Walla Commercial club, goes on to say:

Yakima Line Feared.
"I do not believe you people realize in just what deadly earnest Portland is going after the Yakima valley trade. As surely as a certificate of necessity issues from the interstate commerce commission will the projected railway cut-off be built, mainly with Portland money. They are already planning cold storage plants and cold storage ship lines to handle a great fruit business. Their commercial missionaries are aggressively invading the entire territory and, incidentally, getting a little business. The differential grain rate granted Portland because of a downhill haul was startlingly revolutionary and only the opening wedge for further discrimination against Seattle. What are you going to do about it?"
So far as the fruit show and the fruit industry are concerned the only answer that has yet been made to Mr. Lynn's query is contained in the proposal to expand Seattle's annual exposition into a farm, ranch and garden show, thus taking in a wider

range of agricultural interests. It is too early for definite organization and action on this proposed plan; and no public announcement has yet been made of means to forestall the purpose attributed to Portland by a local newspaper, to "take the great middle Washington producing area and draw to that city business which normally should be centered in Seattle."

HAZING CADETS OUSTED

Navy Department Adheres Severely to Policy Against Practice.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—Advances by the navy department to a policy of rigid enforcement of the anti-hazing law at the naval academy to prevent subjection of underclassmen either to physical violence or public humiliation, was seen today in the penalty of dismissal from the academy imposed upon two midshipmen and the loss of one year in their academy course imposed upon three others.

The two dismissal sentences resulting from the court-martial trial of the recent hazing cases at the academy were approved Monday by President Harding, who at the same time, on recommendation of Secretary Denby, approved modification of dismissal sentences in the other three cases to the loss of a year in standing.

The midshipmen dismissed were Bruce H. Robinson, appointed from Arizona, and Stuart H. Hawkins, Massachusetts, while those demoted in their courses were Midshipmen Thomas J. Casey, Massachusetts; Thomas E. Boyce, Indiana, and H. S. Fiebt, New York.

HUMAN FLESH VALUED

Woman Gets \$1000 for Gaining 170 Pounds After Accident.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.)
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 13.—If Shylock were to appear before a 1922 jury with his demand for a pound of Antonio's flesh, all he could collect would be \$4.32.

At least a jury in Judge Arba S. Van Valkenburg's court has fixed that figure as the price of flesh in its verdict in the suit brought against the Chicago & Alton railroad by Mrs. Lorene Caldwell, 23 years old, Mrs. Caldwell, in her suit, made one of the most novel cases ever presented before a jury here. She alleged that after being struck by a Chicago & Alton freight train in December, 1920, she gained 170 pounds. For her affliction the jury awarded her \$1000 damages—\$4.32 a pound.

Theft of Casket Charged.
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 13.—E. F. Ware, proprietor of the Atlanta Undertaking company, and two negro grave diggers, Claude Maddox and Thurman Jones, were indicted by the grand jury here in connection with the alleged wholesale "casket snatching" at a local cemetery for negroes.

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