

OREGON APPLE IN ORIENT

EXPERIMENTAL SHIPMENT FINDS READY MARKET.

Chinese and Japanese Want First-Class Fruit, and Are Ready to Pay Good Prices.

Industrial Agent Judson, of the O. R. & N. Co., has been experimenting with Oregon apples in the Oriental market, and he finds that they can be sold there at a good profit. The capacity of that market is so great that it leaves no question of finding a place for all the apples Oregon may produce. Of course it is only the well-to-do that buy this fruit, but they are eager to get it, and good apples are not plentiful in that part of the world. The Oregon fruit sent over was of first-class quality, and it found ready sale in the open market, at a price that paid for the handling.

Mr. Judson sent out 46 boxes of Newton pippins and red-cheek pippins on the steamship Indrapura, which left Portland last November. These came from Hood River and were packed by the Davidson Fruit Company. Captain Hollingsworth reports that the fruit arrived in Japan and China in perfect condition. Twenty boxes of the apples were put on the Yokohama market and the remainder were disposed of at various places in Japan and China. All sold at prices considerably better than in this country, over and above the cost of transportation. Every effort was made to dispose of the fruit under just the conditions that would be met in handling large shipments in the regular course of trade. It was not sold to personal friends of the captain or under other circumstances of favoritism, but went as any article would be sold in the usual course of business. Therefore, though this test shipment was small, the result is deemed significant as a reliable index of the general reception that Oregon apples will meet in the Oriental markets. The next experiment will be made with Oregon pippins.

The business of introducing Oregon fruit to the Oriental markets will be greatly facilitated, Mr. Judson says, by co-operation among growers, so the product may go out under the brand of a reputable fruit association. Individual packers do not command so much confidence in the open market, at least not until their reputations shall have been securely established. The tendency is to carelessness, as the art of putting the good fruit on the top and the poor fruit inside is sometimes called, is deemed to be much stronger in the individual grower than in the association. Individual packer may trade on the reputation of the locality; the association is composed of men interested in putting out a product that shall be credited to every member, and all the members are watchful that no inferior fruit shall get the benefit of the association brand. Therefore, fruit packed by reputable associations has a better standing in the market than that under the brands of the multitude of individual packers. Hood River has such an association and Western Oregon has several of them. These may get into the Oriental market on advantageous terms.

Aside from the fact that the element of personal favoritism, carelessness or mistakes in packing is not so strong with associations as with the individuals, the number of associations is much smaller than the number of individual growers and it is easier to keep track of them. An association will market a large quantity of fruit; perhaps a large town in Japan or China can be supplied by a single Oregon fruit association. Thus it is comparatively easy to establish a reputation for excellence. A score or 50 members of the association, acting independently, might supply the same market, but the probability is that some of the packers would send out fruit that would not be a credit to the district. And then unscrupulous packers of other localities might get into a market where an eager demand for Oregon fruit had grown up. The results of association packing, Mr. Judson says, are incomparably more than those of individual packing, and the Oriental market is specially sensitive on this point.

BLAME NOT YET FIXED.

Coroner's Jury Not Sure as to Prime Cause of Laborer's Death.

For three hours yesterday the Coroner's jury wrestled over the evidence connected with the death of Petro Bonacci, 51 years old, of 22 Salmon street, who died last Thursday from injuries sustained by being crushed between trolley cars No. 34 and 43, of the Portland City & Oregon Railway Company, on Madison-street bridge.

Some of the witnesses were disposed to place the blame for the fatal accident on the County of Multnomah, because of the imperfect alignment of rails on the draw-bridge and the main part of the structure. But the jury cautiously dodged the issue when they framed their verdict. The latter, in part, says: "The deceased at the time of the accident, which resulted in his death, was riding on trolley car 43, owned and operated by the Portland City & Oregon Railway Company, on Madison-street bridge, that when said car was running westward on the bridge, car 34 was running in an easterly direction, and that one of the rear wheels of car 34 missed or jumped the track with the result that it ran into the other car, that it appears that the rails on said draw were not properly adjusted so as to be in exact alignment with the rails on said bridge proper at the west end of said draw, and that this jury is unable to determine from the evidence whether or not said defect in adjustment of said rails is the only or main cause of said accident and injury."

W. C. Powers, motorman of car 43, testified: "Last Thursday about 5:55 o'clock in the afternoon car 43 was crossing Madison-street bridge when it met car 34 approaching the draw. Bonacci was standing on the front platform of our car. He was a laborer, and was riding home from work. Suddenly one of the hind wheels of the trailer attached to car 34 struck our car at the west end, and Bonacci was caught between the two cars and crushed. Our car was almost immediately stopped, as we had been going slowly. It is a common practice for section men like Bonacci, who work along the road, to ride home on the cars, as it does not cost them anything. Rather than go inside the cars with their working clothes they usually prefer to stand on one of the two platforms. I think the bridge authorities are to blame for the accident. The rails on the draw and the main part of the structure are very seldom in line, and a motorman has to be very careful when he is crossing the place or his car is apt to leave the rails. If the draw is set properly in the first place one or more cars going over it will not force it out of place." Conductor Loubser gave corroborative evidence.

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STUART AT THE BAKER.

Fine Dramatic Organization Secured for Ten Weeks' Engagement.

Ralph Stuart and a strong company of New York artists will open a 10 weeks' engagement at the Baker Theater April 13. Manager Baker arranged for the same time here of the Stuart company some time ago, which explains the manager's opinion that Bonacci died from shock as the result of the injuries he sustained.



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TACOMA THEATER PURCHASED.

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ANOTHER NEW PIPE ORGAN

Prominent East Side Church to Have a Fine New Instrument.

After carefully investigating the merits of various leading pipe organs manufactured in this country, the organ committee of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church placed the order yesterday with Eilers Piano House for a new tubular pneumatic Kimball pipe organ. This is another glowing tribute to Kimball superiority, and an unequivocal indorsement of the superiority of the instruments carried by Eilers Piano House, and the ability of this firm to furnish more intrinsic value for the money than can any other concern.

Never was a committee more competent to pass upon the quality and merit of the different makes of instruments under consideration than the committee appointed for this purpose by the church, and never was more detailed, careful, painstaking and systematic investigation and comparison made than in this instance. Organists were delighted to know that every detail connected with the setting up and tuning of this organ will be done by the regularly employed experts of the tuning department of this house.

This pipe organ order is the best secured by Eilers Piano House since the beautiful new Kimball instrument recently sold by them to the Humphrey M. E. Church, at Eugene. Only a few weeks ago an elegant pipe organ was sold by them to St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Portland. Another fine instrument, also a Kimball pipe organ, was recently completed for the First Baptist Church at Spokane. The largest order ever secured by them was the glorious organ for the Salt Lake Tabernacle, which was entirely rebuilt and equipped throughout with the Kimball tubular pneumatic system. Following closely upon this order was the superb organ for St. Paul's, of which the Salt Lake daily recently made the following mention:

"According to Bishop Leonard it is a two-in-one to which is the most importance in drawing worshippers to church, an eloquent preacher or a fine pipe organ."

"The bishop is progressive, and is determined to have both, and has, therefore, secured the best of the best for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, installed one of the finest pipe organs made in that edifice."

"Professor McClellan, the organist, is most enthusiastic in his praise of the instrument to which he is the most conversant."

"This is one of the finest and sweetest tone instruments that I ever saw, and securing such an organ, it is a great pleasure and privilege to play upon it."

"St. Paul's organ is a 'Kimball,' as well as the Tabernacle organ."

drainage and ventilation of buildings was read the third time, and on motion of Masters, who had not seen it, was laid on the table until the next meeting.

A communication from the Chamber of Commerce, calling attention to Senator Mitchell's letter that two Fort Sumner soldiers may be secured for the Lewis and Clark Exposition, was read and referred to the judiciary committee.

Petitions were received from J. F. Dancke and others for the improvement of East Seventeenth street, from Belmont to Taylor, and from C. H. Prescott, for sewers in Broadway, Hancock and Weidner streets. They were referred to the street and sewer committee.

Councilman Gilman called attention to the fact that a large quantity of wood had been stacked by a company on North Twentieth street, and had prevented the City Engineer from completing his estimates for the improvement of that street. He moved that the Chief of Police be instructed to clear away the obstruction, and the motion was carried.

City Treasurer Weirlein submitted his report for the quarter ended March 31, and it was referred to the ways and means committee.

BOY'S JAW BROKEN.

Shocking Accident to 7-Year-Old Eugene Hoover.

Eugene Hoover, aged 7, while playing with companions on some heavy timbers, piled near his home on Sixth and Jackson streets, Friday afternoon, met with an accident which nearly cost him his life. The timbers were loosely piled and one of them became unbalanced and in rolling caught the boy's head. Just how the accident happened, no one knows but the boy himself, and he cannot talk for weeks to come. Throughout the painful episode he showed a pluck and endurance that would be commendable in one of mature years. His face was badly scraped, his jaw broken, his shoulder sprained and his spine somewhat injured, yet the plucky little fellow got up and walked home without any assistance. Dr. Allen, called at once, summoned and pronounced him "as badly hurt as he could be and live." Yesterday his jaw was put into a plaster of paris cast, which cannot be removed for about two weeks. One of his front teeth is gone, and all the nourishment that he will be able to

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A substitute for the ordinance providing for the time and manner of improving Fourth street, from Jefferson to Gilsan, was introduced in the Common Council yesterday afternoon, and was passed by a unanimous vote. Five minutes after the adjournment of the Council the ordinance was signed by Mayor Rowe, and it became effective immediately after his approval.

The substitute provides for the improvement of the street in the same manner as the original ordinance, excepting that it requires that the steel rails to be laid by the Southern Pacific shall weigh not less than 80 pounds to the yard, and that the Southern Pacific shall not be required to improve its right of way with wood blocks treated with carbolineum aven-

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H. E. EDWARDS 185-191 FIRST STREET. TWO HUNDRED CHAIRS-ROCKERS. New styles come in last week and are now on sale mostly for the parlor and sitting room. Highly polished quarter-sawn rockers as low as \$3.50; great values. Many styles at \$4.50, such as some stores sell at \$6.00. New center tables; a beauty in birdseye maple, something we have had many calls for. At \$10.00. ROYAL MORRIS CHAIRS. You press the button and the chair does the rest. White Enamel \$13.50. Ivory, Olive or Bronze Green Color, \$14.50.

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