FRUIT OF OREGON ON RIVAL SHELVES

Various Districts Will Have Keen Competition for Seventeen Cups.

ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY

Numerous Horticultural Societies Given Birth by Last Year's Convention, Will Send Their Delegates.

The keen rivalry in fruit growing that exists among Hood River, the Willamette Valley, the Rogue River Valley and Eastern Oregon will be carried into the annual meeting of the State Board of Horticulture, which will be held in Woodmen's Hall, Eleventh and Alder streets, next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This horticultural meeting gives promise of being the best ever held in the state, and the exhibits of apples and walnuts will excell all previous shows.

Officers of the society are assured that the attendance from all sections of the state will be large. Immediately following last year's meeting of the society, a general campaign in the interest of horticulture was initiated throughout the entire state. The result was that many local and county horticultural societies have been formed, and all these organizations are expected to be represented at next week's meeting. Much good work has been accomplished by these societies in developing public sentiment that has demanded proper scientific treatment of pest-ridden orchards or their destruction. Another beneficial result has been the adoption of more thorough methods in producing and marketing fruit.

The Rivalry in Fruit.

Marion and Clackamas Counties will be largely represented at the meeting. Rogue River will send a large delegation of the men who have made that section famous for having produced the highest-priced pears ever grown. Hood River, the synonym for only good fruit, will be there, and Eastern Oregon will be represented by the fruit growing districts of Umatilla, Union and Malheur Counties. Big features of the coming meeting will be the exhibits of apples and walnuts. At last year's meeting several Willamette Valley orchardists, in competition with the Hood River growers, captured a number of the prizes awarded. This has served to stimulate the valley orchardists to greater effort, and they will come to Portland with even a better exhibit than they had last year. Hood River, resolved to capture its full quota of blue ribbons this year, will bring a display of apples that will challenge competition to surpass. The Hood River growers have had space reserved for 150 boxes of apples, and will also show about 200 plates of this fruit. Southern Oregon was not represented last year, but has awakened to its possibilities along horticultural lines, and will have on exhibit between 30 and 40 boxes of apples. The Willamette Valley district has spoken for room to show 125 boxes of apples, the greater part of which will come from Marion county, which boasts of having the strongest local horticultural society in the state.

Seventeen Cups and Other Awards.

The commission men of Portland last year gave seven cups and J. H. Reid gave one. This year the commission men gave eight, the nurserymen three, the society officers one, H. S. Gile & Co., of Salem, one, and the society four, besides several minor awards. Last year's exhibit of fruit was a plate display. This year it will be a commercial package contest, with a few plates. This condition was requested by those who donated the cups. The fact will make the exhibit doubly valuable to the grower. Packers and shippers from an educational point of view will find much to interest.

The three days' programme includes many interesting papers and addresses by practical orchardists who have made a notable success of producing prize-winning apples, and they will tell the less experienced horticulturist how they did it.

Illustration of Spraying.

The first session of the society will be held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, with forenoon and afternoon sessions both Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday morning at 10 o'clock a practical demonstration in spraying will be given in the orchard of T. V. Sluman at Mount Tabor. Those desiring to witness this interesting exhibition should take the Mount Tabor cars on the Morrison-street line, and go to the end of the line, Mount Tabor. The exhibit of apples and walnuts will be made in the lower part of the building, in which the society meets and will be open to visitors at noon Tuesday, that afternoon and all day Wednesday, including the evening. There will be no charge to visitors, who are invited not only to view the display of fruit, but to attend the sessions of the Horticultural Society as well.

The detailed programme for the three days' meeting follows:

Tuesday.

Morning—
Officers' reports, Dr. J. R. Cardwell; secretary-treasurer, E. R. Lake; exhibits committee, J. H. Reid.
Special Committees—Lewelling memorial, E. L. Smith; affiliated societies, H. C. Atwell.
Reports from the District Commissioners—J. H. Reid, Milwaukie; Charles A. Park, Salem; A. H. Carson, Grant's Pass; R. H. Weber, The Dalles; Judd Geer, Cove.
"A Neglected Opportunity," Hon. Lloyd T. Reynolds, Salem.
"The State Board and Its Problems," Hon. W. K. Newell, Gaston.
"The Care of Orchard Soil," L. M. Gilbert, Salem.

Afternoon—
"The Story of Winning a Cup," J. L. Carter, Hood River.
"The Making of a Tree," D. C. Van Dorn, Dayton.
"Some Experiences With an Oregon Fruit Exhibit," C. V. Galloway, McMinnville.
"Grande Ronde Apples and How to Grow Them," Karl J. Stackland, Cove.
"British Columbia Fruit Growing," Hon. J. R. Anderson, Victoria.
"An Amateur's Ideals in Horticulture," Mrs. Marion MacRae, Portland.

Wednesday.

Morning—
"The French Walnut in Europe and in Oregon," J. S. Pilkington, Portland.
"An Inspector's Trials," W. R. Harris, Forest Grove.
Discussion by A. B. Cordley, Benton County; E. C. Armstrong, Marion County; J. S. Nunn, Polk County; Charles Meserve, Josephine County; A. J. Lewis, Clackamas County; A. C. Goodrich, Yamhill County; Joseph Holaday, Columbia County; Richard Deich, Multnomah County.
"Pruning from My Point of View," A. I. Mason, Hood River.
"The Growing of Choice Baldwins, in the Willamette Valley," F. W. Wallace, McMinnville.
"Expositions as Advertisers of Oregon Fruit," Colonel H. E. Dosch, Hillsdale.

Afternoon—
"Shrubs of the Cascades," M. W. Gorman, Portland.
"Apples For the Common People," H. C. Atwell, Forest Grove.
"Conditions Favoring the Growth of Fruit-Buds," Professor W. S. Thornber, Pullman, Wash.
"What the Future Holds for Oregon Timber Trees," E. P. Sheldon, Portland.
Unfinished business.
Election of officers.
New business.

WILL PROSECUTE HERMANN

Irvin Rittenhouse, Heney's Secretary, Will Assist Government.

Irvin Rittenhouse, private secretary to Francis J. Heney, arrived in Portland last night from San Francisco, on the first train that has reached the city from the south since Wednesday. Mr. Rittenhouse was with Mr. Heney during all of the Oregon land fraud cases, and has been with him while he has been lifting the lid off the world of graft that Ruef and Schmidt has accumulated in San Francisco. Beyond saying that Mr. Heney would accomplish as much in San Francisco as he did in Oregon, Mr. Rittenhouse would not discuss the Bay City situation.

Mr. Rittenhouse is on his way to Washington for the purpose of taking part in the prosecution of Binger Hermann and to take part in the Benson-Hyde cases. Mr. Rittenhouse states that should it happen that Mr. Heney can get his San Francisco investigation in suitable condition, he may yet take part in the trial of Binger Hermann. He also says, so far as he knows, Mr. Heney intends to appear in the land fraud cases pending in Portland.

NEW BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Only Two of Eleven Hold Over in Commercial Club.

Its annual meeting for the election of officers will be held by the Portland Commercial Club on the evening of January 19, in the clubrooms. Nine new members will be elected to serve three years on the board of governors, while but two of the old board will hold over till next year. A president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer also will be elected for the ensuing year. In addition to the 11 regular members of the board, the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer act as ex-officio members, making the total number on the board 15.

The committee on nominations has selected the following as candidates for governors, and each will, if elected, consent to serve on the board: Robert Kennedy, S. G. Reed, W. B. Clarke, George H. Hill, E. H. McCraken, J. H. Thatcher, H. Wittenberg, J. W. Ganong and William McMurray.

FUNERAL FRANK C. BAKER

Beautiful Burial Services of Elks Will Be Held at Elks' Temple.

The funeral of Frank C. Baker will be held this afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock, at the Elks Temple. After the ceremonies at Elks hall, the body will be placed in charge of Portland Masons who will conduct the funeral services at the grave. The following friends of Mr. Baker will act as pall bearers: J. E. Werlein and E. G. Jones representing the Masons; Charles E. McDonell and W. W. Robinson representing the Elks; Governor Chamberlain, John Minto, John Burgard, E. C. Glitner, John Fox and S. C. Beach.

THRIVES ON THRILLS

George Estes Appears Immune From Injury.

SURVIVES MANY ACCIDENTS

Latest Experience Is Wreck on Southern Pacific, of Which Mr. Estes Gave First Notice to Railroad Officials.

Some persons go through life without encountering any exciting experiences with the exception perhaps of very mild incidents, but George Estes, manager of the bond department of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank, is one of the opposite kind

George Estes.

and can hardly turn a corner without running into a riot or some other stirring happening. Wherever there is something big you generally find George Estes. He does not look for it; his experiences come without solicitation and he always comes out of them with a whole skin.

An example of this is apparent in the disastrous wreck Thursday night on the Southern Pacific which occurred near Comstock, when an engineer was killed and a fireman seriously injured. Mr. Estes was an eye-witness to the accident and was the first man to notify the head officials of the railroad company of the wreck, sent newspapers a detailed account of the affair and made himself useful in many ways. Mr. Estes is one of these men who is always busy and a little matter of a wreck could not prevent him from being up and around and seeing everything that was going on.

Mr. Estes left Portland Tuesday night for a flying trip to Drain to complete the transfer of the Bank of Drain, which had been acquired by the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank. The transaction was a large one, involving approximately $100,000, but by Thursday night Mr. Estes was all through and took the 6:20 o'clock train for Portland. He had had a busy day of it and expected to rest on the train, but he had short respite.

He had gone to the diner, which was the rear car, and as he gazed out of the window at the two engines which were climbing up the heavy grade, he saw one of them sway as the track gave way with its weight and saw the earth shoot out from under them as the whole side of the bank loosened. The next moment the two engines were hurtling down into the deep ravine. Realizing that the air-brakes would lock the wheels almost instantly, Mr. Estes braced himself accordingly and was the only one of the many in the diner who was not precipitated upon the floor with the chairs, tables and broken crockery.

It did not take him long to get out of the diner to the place where the engines were ditched and within a very few minutes he had all the details of the wreck. Borrowing a lantern, he at once set off down the track for Comstock, which was but two miles away. It was pitch dark and as there were many bridges to cross and trains might appear any moment, it was not a pleasant undertaking, but he arrived safely at Comstock.

Mr. Estes was an operator for the Southern Pacific for years and in less time than it takes to explain he had one of his fingers on the instrument and was sending dispatches to Portland railroad officials telling all about the wreck.

Mr. Estes then telegraphed to The Oregonian and San Francisco papers to ascertain how much of a story they wanted on the wreck. Being informed to go ahead and use his own discretion, he again sat down to the key and sent complete and exceptionally good reports of the whole affair to The Oregonian and to the other newspapers at San Francisco.

Mr. Estes passes through so many similar experiences and has prospered so well on excitement that his friends have ceased to congratulate him when he escapes from a wreck, a fire, a runaway or other catastrophe. Yesterday his friends said to him, with a smile: "Well, I see you have been at it again."

Mr. Estes tells the story of one San Francisco woman on the train who is staying on a ranch near the scene of the wreck until she recovers enough courage to ride on another train. He says that she and her husband are prominent in the Bay City.

When the crash came this woman nearly went into hysterics. After the track had been repaired and train was ready to resume its journey to Portland, she surprised all the passengers by declaring she would not ride on that train another inch. She got off and, with her husband, sought out a family of ranchers who had accommodations. Her husband endeavored to persuade her to continue the trip, but to no avail. She told the passengers that after the trains had been running a week or so she might consent to ride.

UNKNOWN MAN DROWNED

Workman on New Railway Bridge Falls Into Willamette.

An employe of the Portland & Seattle Railway Company, whose name is unknown, fell into the Willamette River from a barge near St. Johns yesterday afternoon and was drowned before the workmen near by could effect his rescue. The accident occurred at the Willamette bridge yard. Although ropes were thrown to the drowning man, all efforts to aid him proved futile, the rapidly flowing stream, swollen by the freshet, instantly carrying its victim beyond the reach of his companions. The body has not been recovered.

PLEDGE GOOD SUMS

Southeastern Oregon Will Aid Co-operative Federation.

PEOPLE ARE ENTHUSIASTIC

Ontario Agrees to Take $50,000 Bonds, and Vale $25,000—Promoters Return From the Trip Encouraged.

Residents of Eastern Oregon are enthusiastic in their support of the projects of the Christian Co-operative Federation, according to Wallis Nash, who has just returned from the far eastern portion of the state, where he has been in the interests of the movement. Mr. Nash is much pleased with the results of the trip, for he found that the citizens of the district not only favorable toward the work which the federation has in hand, but also are ready to give it valuable financial support by taking up the bonds.

While absent from Portland, Mr. Nash visited both Ontario and Vale, and in both places found nothing but the heartiest indorsement of the plans of the federation. Before he departed from Ontario, the subscription of $50,000 of bonds had been guaranteed, and after he arrived in this city he found awaiting him a telegram from Vale, saying that the people of that place pledge themselves to take $25,000 of bonds. Both subscriptions are made entirely by the people of the places named, and it is believed by Mr. Nash that still more will be raised by the residents in the immediate vicinity.

While Mr. Nash was forced to return to Portland because of business which required his presence here, agents of the federation are continuing the work of interesting the people of Eastern Oregon. The canvass is in charge of David Leppert, vice-president of the federation, who is meeting with much success. Mr. Leppert was himself a resident of Eastern Oregon for several years, and has advantage of personal acquaintance with many of the people among whom he is working.

"I am more than satisfied with the results of my trip," said Mr. Nash yesterday. "The people of Eastern Oregon realize that the federation will be the means of giving them two things which they most want—irrigation and railroad facilities. The road through Central Oregon is recognized not only as feasible but also as very desirable, and I believe that we shall receive the same cordial support throughout the entire district that was given in Ontario and Vale.

"At Ontario I spoke in a public hall Saturday night to an audience which numbered about 600, and all manifested great interest in our plans. Sunday night I again spoke of our project to large audiences in the local churches. How unanimous the people are in their approval of our work is shown by the fact that $30,000 already has been subscribed there, and the additional $20,000 of the amount pledged by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce will be raised within a few days.

"I spoke in the Courthouse at Vale last Wednesday and there were probably 250 people present. That they are also pleased with the projects of the federation is shown by the telegram which I found awaiting me upon my return to Portland, promising to take care of $25,000 in bonds."

Clark Buys Colorado Ranch.

TRINIDAD, Colo., Jan. 5.—It is reported in real estate circles here that Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, has purchased Vermejo Park of William H. Bartlett, of Chicago. The tract embraces 200,000 acres located 50 miles west of Trinidad in New Mexico. Senator Clark visited the ranch last year and is said to have tried to purchase it at that time. The consideration is said to be $2,000,000.

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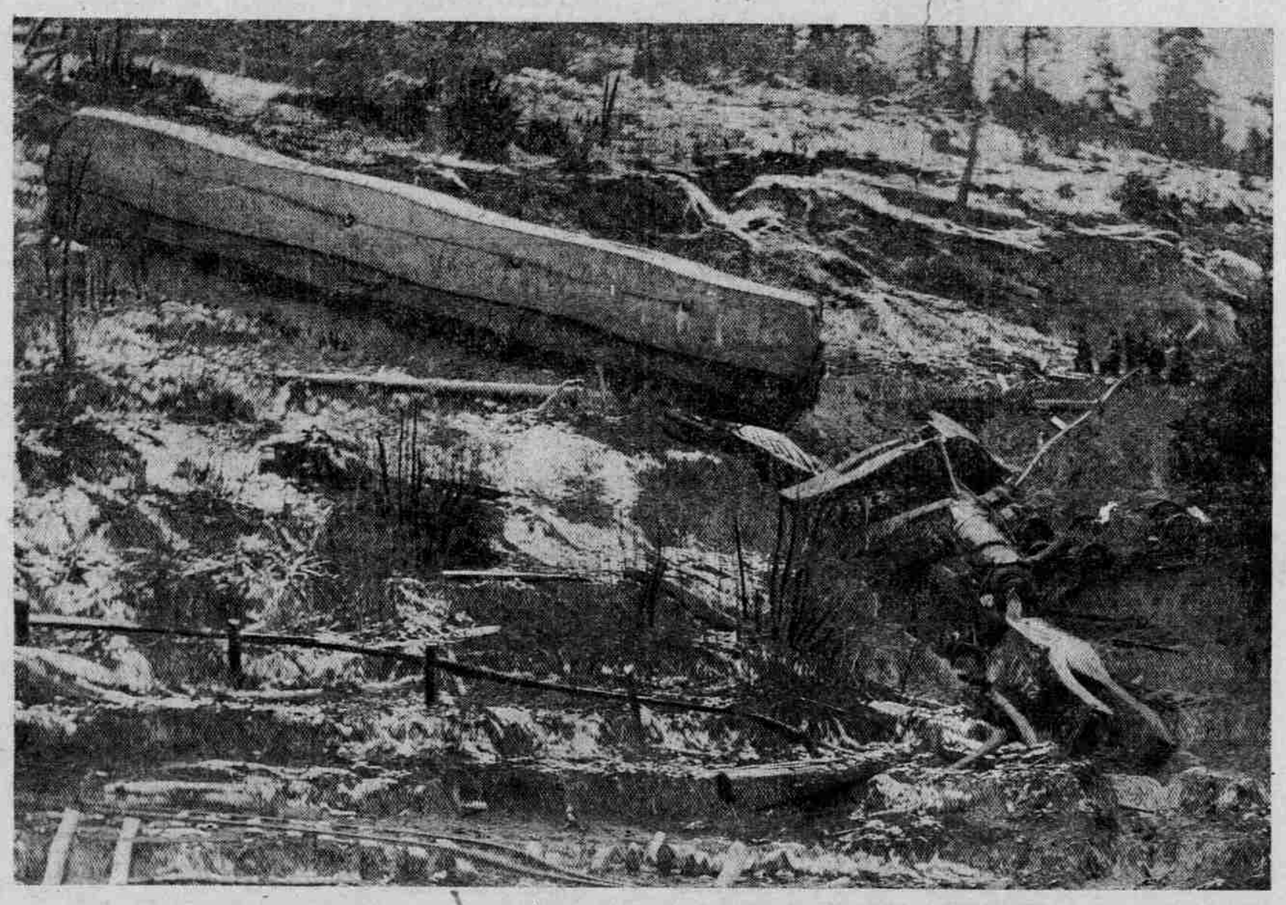
EYE-WITNESS OF ALCA WRECK DESCRIBES THE SCENE



—Photo by R. A. Foley, Comstock, Or.

SMASHED ENGINES IN CANYON AND DERAILED BAGGAGE CAR IN SOUTHERN PACIFIC WRECK THURSDAY NIGHT.

THE accompanying photograph gives a general view of the locality, and shows the position of the demolished locomotives and combination express and baggage car, of the Southern Pacific Flyer, which was wrecked last Thursday night opposite a spur track, known on the railway time tables as Alca, in Pass Creek Canyon, 151 miles south of Portland and two miles north of Comstock.

The inverted numbers of both locomotives can be distinctly seen on the overturned bodies of the tenders, that are crushed and twisted out of shape and partially buried in the mud and rocks of the steep embankment.

Another track was built Friday around the chasm into which the two locomotives had dropped, and the rear portion of the delayed flyer, which had been taken back to Comstock, was brought on to Portland, arriving here at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, over 27 hours behind schedule time.

The volunteer weather bureau station at Drain had reported a rain-fall of 4½ inches during the 24 hours in which the wreck occurred. This enormous humidity had thoroughly drenched the earth and caused Pass Creek to take on the volume and swift current of a mountain torrent. The bed rock of the mountain side, which forms the western wall of the canyon at this place, inclines at an angle of about 52 degrees, and on the steep face of this slope, the Southern Pacific road bed is built.

The tremendous rainfall had softened the ground on the entire face of the mountain, from surface to bedrock, and the roadbed at this point was undermined by volumes of water coming down from the mountain above. The loosened earth and rock gave way under the impact of the two heavy locomotives, whose weight on the rail was vastly increased by the immense tonnage of the load they were dragging up the steep hill, and the roadway, rails, ties and locomotives, in a tangled mass of rocks, wreckage and mud, plunged down the steep embankment.

The writer was seated in the dining car, facing toward the engines, on the east side of the train, next to the canyon. The dining car was the second car from the rear, the train was long, the curve short, and the writer, seated at the wide square window of the diner, on the inside of the curve, could look across the open space and distinctly see the lights of the locomotives, as they labored and pounded their way up the steep hill, the noise of their exhausts thundering across the canyon while the volumes of smoke and steam pouring from their stacks and trailing back over the train, were occasionally lighted up by the blinding glare from the firebox of helper engine 2141, when Fireman Long opened the door to shovel more coal into its gaping, flaming maw. Suddenly the helper engine was seen to deflect from her course, the rocks, mud and water shot out in an avalanche from the steep face of the embankment beneath the heavy engines, and then in the Stygian darkness, punctuated only by the spangle of sparks from the engine stacks, the fearful storm raging in its wildest fury above, the mountain torrent roaring and surging through the narrow defile below, the two monster machines lurched, rolled, plunged forward and to the right, then downward, carrying destruction and death with them, into the chasm below.

GEORGE ESTES.

Board of Trade Meeting January 8.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trade, which was to have been held January 1, was postponed till January 8. The first Tuesday of each month is the day on which the regular meetings are held, but on account of New Year's coming on the first Tuesday the meeting was postponed for a week.

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