

OREGON APPLES GO AT RECORD PRICES

Hood River Growers Receive \$3.50 a Box for Fancy Spitzenbergs.

ALL OF CROP NOT SOLD

Eastern Buyers Hope to Get 25,000 Boxes of Choice Varieties—Northwest Only Section Which Has Any Sort of Average Crop.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—Buyers who are at Hood River endeavoring to get apples this year have not been contented with the union or sold to the Davidson Fruit Company, claim that there are about 40 cars in the valley still unsold. They have discovered that several large apple raisers who have heretofore disposed of their fruit through the union did not sign up with that organization this year and that a number of independent shippers still have considerable fruit at their disposal. In all there is said to be in the neighborhood of 25,000 boxes of fancy apples to bargain for, some of it considered the best that is raised at Hood River.

It is the belief of these buyers that few apples will be put in storage here this year or held by growers for higher prices later in the season. They base their contention on the fact that the extreme shortage of all varieties of fresh fruit, resulting from conditions never before known in the history of the fruit business, will induce growers to sell within the next 30 days, rather than hold out for still higher prices which may not be realized. They state that when accurate news of the fresh fruit output is finally known, commission firms will leave no stone unturned to provide a substitute. This they say will probably be vegetables, tropical and citrus fruits, which are cheaper and more plentiful.

Fruit Shortage Very General.

A buyer for a large firm, who has been in almost every fruit-growing district in the North and Middle West, in explaining the high prices for all kinds of fresh fruit this year, said: "A condition obtains in the fruit world this year that has never occurred in my 30 years' experience of the business. The shortage is not only the greatest ever known in the apple business, but applies to pears and peaches as well. In every section of the United States and Canada, in Michigan both the peach and apple crop is almost a total failure. Illinois will not have 20 per cent of a crop. The big apple crop predicted in New York has been cut down almost one-half by the recent drought in that state. There are no apples in Kansas, and Missouri is experiencing the biggest failure in her history. Think of Colorado that last year shipped over 4000 cars of apples from the district around Grand Junction alone, with but 20 per cent of a crop of all kinds of fruit in the entire state. I was informed at Grand Junction the most rosy view of the shipment there this year did not place it at over 600 cars. The great peach-growing districts there this year around Painesville, Delta and Corey have practically nothing to send to market.

"The inroads of pear blight in California ruined the Bartlett pear crop there and as you have probably noticed has sent them to a price in Eastern markets never before known. Pear growers in Oregon will reap a harvest this year.

Heaviest Crops in Northwest.

"Of all the sections I have traveled through the Northwest states are the least affected. In Idaho the crop is light. It will, I think, ship about 200 cars. I expect about the same number to go from Hood River. Southern Oregon will ship from 200 to 250. The Grande Ronde Valley and the Walla Walla district will put out a fair amount of fruit, and of better quality than I have ever seen there. Yakima, I have estimated, will furnish about 400 to 450 cars and Wenatchee, Cashmere, Toppenish, the Okanogan country and other points in Washington and many more. Some points in British Columbia will have considerable fruit.

"In all I estimate the Pacific Northwest at about 2000 cars. This is, of course, far short of the crop of this year, and I think about 60 per cent of last year's yield. So you see, compared to other sections, Hood River and other points in the Northwest have a good crop.

"It will, of course, be necessary for every big firm to endeavor to get some fresh fruit to hold its trade and I have met more buyers in this country this year than ever before. Once the market adjusts itself, however, I do not think prices will be higher than they are right now.

Fancy Spitzenbergs Bring \$3.50 a Box.

It is claimed by those who say they know but do not care to be quoted, that the highest price brought in the recent sale of the union apples was \$3.50. This, however, was for Spitzenbergs of the largest sizes that must pack out 70 per cent red in color. Usually about 90 per cent of the crop packs out this color with the other 10 per cent light. Other prices given are \$2.50 to \$2.75 for Newtons, \$2.50 for winesaps, \$2.00 for red cheeks and Jonathans, \$1.50 to \$2.00 for Baldwins, and \$1.50 for Ben Davis. Sales of Arkansas blacks and Ortolys let go by an independent shipper, are known to have brought \$2.75 and \$2.25, respectively.

MINERS DON'T LIKE VERDICT

Coroner's Jury Finds Hughes Met Death by "Accidental Wound."

JACKSONVILLE, Or., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—The coroner's jury empaneled at Eileen, Cal., to examine into the cause of the death of Edward Hughes, who was accidentally shot by Dr. Warren Cameron last Saturday, returned a verdict of "accidental gunshot wound." There is considerable strife among the miners at the Blue Lodge over the verdict as Hughes' wound was in the arm. Nine witnesses were examined and all testified as to the nature of the wound. The wounded man was attended by Dr. Cameron, who did the shooting, and the witnesses testified that Dr. Cameron twice injected a small quantity of morphine to relieve the suffering of the wounded man. The body was shipped to Yreka, Cal., for burial, where the relatives of the dead man reside.

Heppner Short of Coal.
HEPPNER, Or., Sept. 7.—Failure of the Monarch Coal Company, of Shedd,

Wyo., to furnish a 700-ton order of coal for Heppner's delivery, promised in September, has made the fuel problem again a serious one here. A supply of British Columbia coal has been arranged for at \$12.25 per ton in Heppner. Australian coal would have been \$15. Car shortage is now feared. Not a single ton can be secured from the Wyoming people.

ALMOST IN GRIP OF DEATH

Greenhorn Miner Poisoned Alone in His Mountain Cabin.

GRANITE, Or., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—George Kelly, a young miner and prospector of the Greenhorn camp, had an escape from death by poison this week that he will not care to repeat. Kelly was alone in his cabin. Being thirsty, he took a drink of water. In a short time he felt "queer." Getting worse, he swallowed sweet oil and lard. This happened on Friday, and was the last that Kelly was able to remember until noon Monday. He was alone in his cabin during all of that time. Monday a miner, wondering what had become of him, went to the cabin and found the young man in bed, but conscious and on the road to recovery. A glass jar, containing bichloride of mercury, on a shelf above Kelly's water bucket, had upset, and a portion of the solution had run into the water beneath.

Honor for Oregon Elk.

BAKER CITY, Or., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—John K. Tanner, of Charlestown, Pa., Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, has just appointed Judge W. S. Levens, of Baker City, Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the state of Oregon.

New Phone Service at Centralia.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—The City Council has granted a franchise to the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone Company to install an exchange in Centralia.

DOCTORS ASK MORE PAY

SPOKANE PHYSICIANS PLAN A NEW SCALE OF CHARGES.

Three Dollars Not Considered a Living Wage for House Calls in the Falls City.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—The physicians of Spokane propose to advance the price of their services. Hereafter the rate for house calls is to be \$4 instead of \$2.50 and \$3. Night calls are to be \$6 instead of \$4 and office rates may also be advanced.

There will be no advance in the price of surgery. All such operations are considered sufficiently remunerative, and the schedule will not be changed.

The reasons given for the advance is the increased cost of living. For over 20 years the physicians of Spokane have been operating under the same rate schedule. Nineteen years ago that schedule was printed and the county physicians as a rule, have adhered to it all these years, whatever the condition of the times might be.

Thursday night the county physicians met in the regular meeting place and the subject came up for discussion. There was a warm and protracted debate, and the matter was left till the next meeting of the society for final passage.

The physicians of Spokane County declare that the present schedule of fees was printed in 1888 during the hard times. Living was cheap then and all work was cheap. Since that time the cost of living has increased greatly.

DID CITY PAY JONES' BILLS?

Park Clerk Charged With Making Private Use of Public Employees.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—Jesse E. Jones, clerk of the Metropolitan Park Board of Tacoma, is charged with having had work done about his residence by men paid by the city as gardeners in McKinley Park.

Hoquiam Schools Open.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—The schools opened this week with an enrollment of 80 pupils. There are 80 pupils in the High School. The total number of teachers is 26, five being engaged in the High School. Hoquiam will be exceedingly strong in athletics this season. Seven of last season's football team have re-entered and the squad will report for work next week.

ONE OF THE PRIZE-WINNERS AT THE PURE FOOD BABY SHOW.



Margaret Irene Meserve, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Meserve, 407 Tenth Street.



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We are ready with the largest and most complete stock of Boys' School Suits ever shown in this City. Take time this week and visit our JUVENILE DEPARTMENT—the handsomest and most comfortable shopping place in Portland. If you do not find more Suits on our tables than any other store, we will not ask you to purchase. They are all NEW and FRESH—this season's choicest patterns. It is almost needless to say they are MODESTLY PRICED, \$2.50 to \$15.

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FRUITS FOR GUESTS

Grant's Pass Will Entertain Irrigation Delegates.

FAIR OPENS ON MONDAY

Four Busy Days in Rogue River Town—Prominent Men Will Attend the State Irrigation Convention.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Sept. 7.—Grant's Pass with the State Irrigation Convention and the Jackson-Josephine district fair, due Monday, is ready for the busiest four days of the year. The two will be held almost simultaneously, the irrigation convention lasting over Wednesday, and the fair from Tuesday morning till Thursday night.

Many of the prominent speakers at the National Irrigation Congress at Sacramento will be here. They will arrive at Grant's Pass Monday, and will be driven over the Applegate and Rogue River sections, near the city, and will be given a feast of melons and fruit at the Elman orchard and farm, on Rogue River, in the afternoon.

The irrigation convention will begin Tuesday, President Metcalf in the chair. H. D. Norton will deliver the address of welcome.

Among the prominent men to be present are: F. H. Newell, of the United States Reclamation Service; Dr. E. W. Mead, of the Department of Agriculture; Gifford Pinchot, of the Forestry Service; John Stevens, of the United States Hydrographic Survey; All told, about 200 leading men from the various departments at Washington will be present. Other speakers will be Joaquin Miller, the "poet of the Sierras," who will speak on "Undiscovered Oregon"; Judge C. B. Watson, of Ashland, upon "Pre-Historic Sitka Island"; Governor Chamberlain of Oregon, and Governor Mead of Washington; Tom Richardson, of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, who will speak upon "The Oregon Known to the Business Man"; E. H. Shepard, editor of "Better Fruit"; Hood River, who will speak upon "Co-operation Among Fruit Men"; A. I. Mason, the "apple king" of Hood River, who will speak upon "Practical and Profitable Apple Growing."

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Al Gutridge, of Granite, as one team, and William Cola and Ira Lemore, representing Greenhorn, as opponent, for which \$500 was offered as a prize. This was won by Dunn and Gutridge, who drilled 42 inches in 15 minutes into a hard granite boulder, the other team getting their hole down 39 inches. Interest also centered in the single-hand or single-jack contest, the winner of which received \$75. There were three competitors, Tom Donovan, William Cola and Al Gutridge. The latter won by drilling 22½ inches in the allotted 15 minutes, with Cola a close second with 22-3/8 to his credit.

On the second day the straightaway match between William Cola and Al Gutridge for a bet of \$200 a side made the grand windup of the Jollification. This was won by Gutridge, who drove his drills into the rock 36½ inches. The hammer used was an eight-pound sledge, with which he maintained an average of 58 blows per minute for 15 minutes.

Over \$2000 changed hands on this event alone.

FALLS 70 FEET AND LIVES

Workman on Wilsonville Bridge Has Narrow Escape.

WILSONVILLE, Or., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—William Hodroth, a structural ironworker employed by the Willamette Construction Company in the building of a bridge across the Willamette River, fell off the structure to the ground, a distance of 70 feet, and escaped with a few severe bruises. Hodroth was rolling a heavy iron stringer by using a peevy as a lever, when his hold slipped, he came overbalanced and fell. Dr. Cleary dressed his wounds, which were found to consist of contusions and cuts.

Decisions at Olympia.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—The State Supreme Court has rendered decisions in the following cases: In the Pierce County cases of Joseph Smith, aged 16, and James D. Cox, aged 18, for damages for personal injuries received while employed at the Capitol Box Company plant, judgments against the company for \$1000 for Smith and \$500 for Cox are affirmed.

The Pierce County judgment that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul should pay Hubbard F. Alexander and others \$55,000 for a right of way is set aside and a new trial is ordered. Alexander owns a tract of 20 acres on the east bank of the Puyallup River, nine acres in all. The right of way runs diagonally through this land, taking 2.35 acres. The Supreme Court holds that it was error to allow evidence to be heard as to damages to the property in the event the Government ever dredged the river as far as the Alexander property.

Section Hand Injured.

ASHLAND, Or., Sept. 7.—George Roscas, Greek section hauler, fell from a loaded push-car on one of the Southern Pacific sections and was fearfully injured around the hips and internally. He was taken to Sacramento.

Hoquiam Dance-Halls Must Go.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—Prosecuting Attorney E. E. Borer has publicly announced that the dancehalls must go, and in consequence has assigned orders for them to close their doors within 10 days.

Examine Lane Water Power.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 7.—A crew of Southern Pacific surveyors arrived in Eugene from San Francisco yesterday to make water-power investigations along the Willamette river east of Eugene.

Tacoma Firm Gets Contract.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—The contract for laying the main sewer in the city of Centralia has been awarded to the Northwest Bridge Company, of Tacoma.

SNEAKS INTO TOWN

But Metcalf Can't Dodge Ubiquitous Politicians.

SEATTLE HOLDS SECRETARY

Cabinet Member Meets Congressional Delegation and Tells Them He Will Send More Ships to Puget Sound Navy-Yard.

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Sheriff Calls for Prisoner.

THE DALLIES, Or., Sept. 7.—Deputy Sheriff Hamlin, of Spokane County, Washington, arrived in this city this morning and left tonight with C. A. Coleman, who was arrested yesterday on a telegram from Spokane, and who is wanted there on the charge of procuring fraudulently from H. J. Peterson, Coleman is a well-dressed young man of bright appearance. He is married but has no children.

BOLD ROBBERY AT HOOD RIVER

Rifled—Citizens Hunt Thieves.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 7.—(Special.)—Hood River was the scene of a daring burglary early this morning, when the safe, belonging to J. T. Holman, was blown to pieces and robbed of \$100. According to Mr. Holman, the robbery took place about 2 o'clock this morning, when he was awakened by a tremendous explosion, although living a block away from his place of business. Hurrying to the store, he found the door of the safe near

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