

PRUNE FAILURE DUE TO OWNERS

Orchard Men Have Only Themselves to Blame, Says Clarke County Grower.

LOSS OF CROPS RESULT OF IMPROPER CARE

Trees Must Be Cut Back to Make Fruit Mature—Immense Profits Came to Those Who Spent Time and Effort.

James M. French, a prosperous prune grower of Clarke county, Washington, has some very pronounced opinions as to the proper care of a prune orchard and believes that most of the prune crop failures of the past few years may be easily traced to lack of proper cultivation and pruning of the trees.

"The prune-growing business has its ups and downs, like all others," said Mr. French, "but the comparatively few growers who have taken care of their orchards have found the business very profitable and could not be induced to dig up their trees as many Oregon and Washington growers have done in the past three or four years."

"Take the average 10-acre orchard, and the owner thinks if he has done \$50 worth of work on it every year, that he has done well, when as a matter of fact he should have done \$200 worth of work on his 10 acres of trees."

"I know of several 10-acre orchards that last year netted their owners \$2,000. But their orchards were properly taken care of. I know of other 10-acre orchards where the returns were not sufficient to pay the expenses of harvesting. These orchards were neither cultivated nor pruned."

"Few prune growers seem to realize that their trees should be cut back every year. A tree can only mature so much wood if it is allowed to carry too much wood it will over fruit, resulting in small, undersized prunes that the buyers won't have at any price."

"These facts were never more clearly demonstrated than last year. The crop was never more promising than it was in June of last year, that is it looked promising to the average grower, but

TOLD LAWYER TO PLEAD GUILTY FOR HIM AND THEN DISAPPEARED

Lloyd Burtis, who authorized his attorney to plead guilty for him and then left town, failed to appear before Judge Fraser in the circuit court this morning to receive sentence for contributing to the delinquency of 13-year-old Emma Meyls.

Judge Fraser sentenced the absent Burtis to a year in the county jail, and to pay a fine of \$100 and costs. Burtis had bond of \$200 was delinquent forfeited and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

Burtis had been tried once in the circuit court on the charge, and the jury disagreed. In pronouncing sentence this morning Judge Fraser said that Burtis had committed a flagrant perjury at his trial.

Burtis' attorney, who was present, said that Burtis' family knows his whereabouts, but refuses to divulge it. It was said that the officers have a clue to Burtis' hiding place, and will apprehend him within a few days.

The Market Basket

There is much controversy at this time regarding the crop of strawberries that will be produced the present season. In some sections the crop will be about a third larger than usual, while in other places there will be shortage.

Taken as a whole it is not believed at this time that there will be any material reduction in the Oregon crop. California crop is not quite so heavy as expected, owing to the unseasonable weather.

Just now strawberries are getting down to the price where they can be eaten and enjoyed by the masses. In the retail shops Oregon are selling 15c a box and the California stock, which is now of quite good quality, can be purchased at prices ranging from 10c to 15c a box, according to condition.

Liquats are now a regular feature of the local market. They are in much favor in California but until recently, have not been seen in this market. They are plum-shaped, taste like an apricot, plum and pear mixed, and sell at 10 and 15c a dozen.

Dressed meats are getting so scarce and the price so high that the consumption of eggs is being greatly increased. At this time the production of eggs is about the heaviest of the season and had it not been for the extensive storage demand and the increased consumption prices would be much lower. Few of the meat markets have supplies sufficient for their trade even at the high values now ruling. Although the meat retailers are still at war there seems to be little war in price-making for all are much higher than usual at this time of year.

During the past week another advance was made in the price of hams by local smokers. Bacon likewise moved up in value; recent retail figures being so high both lines the consumption has been considerably curtailed. The high values are due to the high price of hogs in the stockyards and to the fact that there is practically no competition among the packers.

From present accounts the price of creamery butter is about as low as it will be during the present season. At this time the demand for cold storage purposes is so great that interest of the market showing a drop, some of the manufacturers are considering an advance.

Chickens are about to show a drop in value, the first time for many months. Never have supplies of poultry been so scarce as during the past season and never have values been so high. Even the western storage stock is quoted up close to what freshly-killed birds are selling at.

The vegetable markets are showing much better supplies of late. Asparagus is now very plentiful and the price is lower. Hothouse cucumbers are coming very fast and this has made a considerable decline in the price retailers are asking. Cabbage and cauliflower with prices not so high. Tomatoes from Mexican ranches are now very plentiful and prices are correspondingly lower.

The fruit markets are not showing up very well these days. Bananas are hard to get, recent arrivals being green and the trade has been compelled to wait until the fruit ripens. Oranges are rather high with navels disappearing and the later varieties showing better quality. Apples are almost out of market and Ben Davis variety is now selling as high as were the best Hood River fruit early in the season. Cherries from California are more plentiful but the price is too high for general consumption.

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It convenient and held open until midnight. Tuesday they will be opened at 10 o'clock and held open until midnight and on Wednesday they will open at 10 and close at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, the alternate days they can be opened by sanction of the law.

Not Provided by Law. The matter of opening the books has been agitating the minds of Republican leaders for several days, every since the organization of the city central committee. There is no provision in the present law authorizing the second opening of the registration books for a municipal election.

It is provided in the direct primary law that the registration books shall be opened after a state primary election and held open for a certain length of time. All provisions for municipal elections have been left out so far as this phase of the question is concerned.

There has been some doubt in the minds of the city officials and of County Clerk Fields as to whether or not it would be legal to open the books at this time. City Attorney McNary states that there is no direct authority for the action to be asked by the council.

Common Sense to Dictate. The city attorney says, however, that there is a provision in the law for opening the books after a state primary nominating election, and that the provisions of the law provides that its provisions shall be interpreted, where doubt arises, according to the dictates of common sense and justice. Since it is undoubtedly the intent of the law to give every voter a chance to register, he argues that it would not be illegal to proceed by analogy and apply the rule stated for state registration to municipal elections.

It was practically decided between County Clerk Fields, the circuit court, Thomas G. Greene and John Van Zante the point at issue, but it was decided this morning not to take the action because of the lack of time.

No Time for Mandamus. The suit would have been to compel County Clerk Fields to open the books on Saturday morning, but it was decided that there would not be sufficient time to work the case through to a decision and the plan was abandoned.

County Clerk Fields is willing to open the books provided he has power to do so legally, and it is probable that he will listen to the request of the city council and open the registration on Monday as soon as he receives the request from the council.

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In the reception-room tea was served from a table festooned with scarlet ribbons. Mrs. I. N. Fleischner and Mrs. Gustav Simon presided and were assisted by a number of young ladies. A table laden with confectionery was in charge of Mrs. L. N. Lipman.

Mrs. Maude Tiff served tea cream and cakes. The newly installed matron, Mrs. Ginford, was assisted by Mrs. Cullen, who for some months, acted both as matron and housekeeper.

American flags were the chief decorations. Among those present were several who themselves had spent their babyhood days in this home. The tea was the occasion of a general reunion where old as well as new friends were equally welcome.

Some of today's want ads come from your neighborhood.

Another Chance

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Our Clearance Sale of Square Pianos offers a chance to obtain a very serviceable instrument for a very little cost. Several were sold yesterday, and those who secured them certainly obtained the biggest kind of bargains. For practice purposes or as a starter in the way of a musical future it would be hard to imagine a better proposition. Here's the list of those ready for today's selling. A trifling payment down and a little each month buys any one of them. And we're ready to allow the full amount paid toward a better instrument later, so a few months' use will really cost you nothing. Better look them over right away. Here's the list:

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