

EASTERN CROP 50 PER CENT

Private Reports from Many Sections Received by Oregon Growers

VALLEY OUTLOOK GOOD

Variety of Fruits Grown Here Off-sets Damage to Some Sections

Private reports to the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association not only confirm the government's estimate of only 50 per cent of a fruit crop in the east, but indications in many states, are that the crop will be the lightest in a generation.

In New Jersey and other states on the Atlantic seaboard, there will be hard 25 per cent of a cherry crop. In Idaho the crop is promising in the northern part and light in the southern districts. Washington reports little better crop than last year with an estimate of 500 cars compared to 460 cars in 1920.

California Pears Short.
The pear crop in California will average about 70 per cent. Washington's estimate is 2,200 cars this year against 2,060 cars a year ago. All crop prospects in northern Idaho including pears are fair, with much damage in the southern part.

Washington will have a big apple crop, with an estimate of 25,500 cars against 21,100 cars last season. In Idaho around Payette, Waiser and Boise, apples show about 80 per cent excepting Deleicious which will have only about 30 per cent of a crop. White Winter Permain also suffered from the frosts.

Peaches promise well in Washington this year. In Oregon, peach prospects are not very encouraging as many trees have not fully recovered from the freeze of December, 1919.

Nut Prospect Good
Nut prospects are good in Oregon, with reports of about 85 per cent of a crop in California.

Reports to the association promise one of the largest apple crops in Oregon in years. In the Rogue River valley around Medford and Grants Pass, prospects indicate a crop double that of last season. The Umpqua valley of which Roseburg is the center, will ship one of the largest apple crops in its history, according to present reports. The crop will be two or three times as heavy as that of last season. In the Willamette valley, apples promise a good crop, probably double that of one year ago. The crop will be of better quality and of larger sizes than a year ago.

Cherries Under Normal.
In the great pear district of Oregon near Medford and Grants Pass, reports to the association are that the crop will be about three-fourths of that a year ago which was a pretty fair sized crop. In the Umpqua valley, prospects about the same average crop of one year ago and the same may be said of the Willamette valley.

Cherries of western Oregon now promise a crop of from 60 to 75 per cent. Throughout the country there will be one of the lightest cherry crop years for a generation. The Umpqua valley district promises about 50 per cent of a crop. The Dallas district has a good crop.

Prunes 50 Per Cent
The prune crop of western Oregon is spotted, but taking every thing as a whole, prospects are good for 50 per cent of a crop and this 50 per cent will be mostly large sizes.

In the Umpqua valley, prospects are for a crop of Italians that will average up with the average of the past 10 years. Petite prunes are setting less than normal, but this will bring larger sizes. In the Willamette valley, prunes are spotted. Reports to the association rather indicate good conditions in many river bottom districts. In the hill lands and other sections, the spotted conditions prevail. However, while many orchards were reported last week with no prunes whatever, later reports are that these orchards may have from 25 to 50 per cent of a crop.

Classified Ads. In The Statesman Bring Results

FOREST FIRES COST COUNTRY MILLIONS YEARLY.



The week of May 22 has been proclaimed by President Harding as Forest Protection week, during which Governors of various States are asked to arrange instructive exercises for the people, showing the need for preventing unnecessary waste by forest fires. The annual loss by fire reaches \$20,000,000. The photo shows a vast destruction, caused by a fire, the origin of which was caused by some careless person. America's timber resources has always been a prodigal of this country's wealth. To-day three-fifths of its original timber supply is gone, \$1,000,000 acres having been cut and burned, making it unproductive waste.

PORTLAND TEAM TO MEET HIGH

Columbia University and Salem Schedule Two Games for this Week

Two games with Columbia university of Portland, which claim to hold the state championship in baseball are scheduled with the Salem high nine this week, the first to be played there Thursday and a return game to be played at Oxford park Saturday, according to manager Frank Rinehart.

The Columbia team has won all of the games this season with the exception of the mix with O. A. C. Cross and seems confident of victory when it crosses bats with the red and black defenders. The Portland team is also scheduled to play the championship game of the Portland high school inter-scholastic league which at present has not yet been determined. Salem's record for the season compares very favorably with that of the Portland school. Columbia recently defeated McMinnville by a score of 4 to 1 while the Salem men have taken one and lost one from the McMinnville team. Columbia also defeated Lincoln high of Portland, taking the game by a score of 11 to 0.

The Salem men played a ragged game with Silverton here Friday and local fans believe that much hard practice is necessary if the local men are to take their game they were greatly handicapped Friday by the roughness of the infield, the infield men having considerable trouble connecting with the fast grounders which the Silverton high batsmen delivered.

FIRE PROTECTION NEEDED IN SALEM

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he department and wear on the equipment.

Old Buildings Menace.
"We recommend that a suitable ordinance for the removal of worthless or dangerous buildings be enacted and enforced, and that a number of the old frame sheds and buildings that are of little value, and now exposing better buildings to serious fire risks, be condemned and caused to be removed. These old buildings are a menace to the city and to the public safety and should be removed."

Down-Street Recommendations.
"Following equipment is recommended:—

"The aerial truck.
"With the present ladder equipment it is impossible for the fire department to reach higher than the second story of buildings to fight fire or rescue victims of fire, and Salem has many buildings over four stories high.
"One pump of not less than 1000 gallons per minute capacity.

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The lark, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amidst the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch. Be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Lt. Col. John D. McCrae

"The reason of this size-pumper is obvious, one of smaller capacity will cost nearly the same, with less efficiency, while the larger size, costing slightly more than the 750-gallon, gives one-fourth greater efficiency. In a place like Salem they should purchase the largest portable pumper available, as the time may come when they would want several of the smaller type pumps for one fire, where one of the larger type would be more effective."

"One standard box fire alarm system, one Eastman deluxe set, complete, one Browder life net, folding in quarters, one Blanchard adjustable nozzle, one Baker collar pipe, one Nale tin roof cutter, one Cooper hose jacket.
Hydrants Too Scattered.
"Hydrants too far apart, causing the laying in of too long a lead of hose and in many instances reducing the water pressure through frictional loss. More hydrants should be installed, and one at Hunt's cannery should be installed without delay.
Fair Ground Recommendations.
"A fire company should be installed and located near the fair grounds which would be in a position to answer both places—city and fair grounds.
"An alarm system to Salem fire department, direct, in order to get assistance without delay.
"More water for fair grounds by the installation of larger mains and a better supply of hydrants.
"The state should install a small motor driven double 40-gallon tank.
Excerpts from portions of the report follow.
"The streets are very well paved, and not at any time badly congested with traffic.
"The buildings in the fire district are mostly of brick or other fire proof construction, a number of them being four stories or more in height, and practically all have basements.
"The general fire resistive construction, together with the well-constructed, materially reduces the conflagration hazard."
Back Yards Bad.
"At the time of our inspection the streets and alleys were found to be in a first class condition so far as cleanliness is concerned, but very bad conditions were found in many of the basements, rooms and back yards of the business houses. Defective stoves, furnaces and flues were also prevalent."

Schools Well Kept.
"The public school buildings, ten in number, were found to be in very satisfactory condition and only minor improvements were found necessary.
"The theaters were found to be in need of attention, both in regard to electrical defects and bad housekeeping.
"The valuation and area of the city are very large for protection by one central fire station and in proportion to the equipment and man power of the department."
Alarm System Poor.
"All municipalities of 5000 and upward should have a reliable perfect non-interfering fire alarm system. It is a means of alarming the fire department promptly and intelligently, thus giving the department an opportunity to check the fire while yet in its incipency.
"The delay caused by telephone fire alarm system, which is notoriously defective in every town, has been the cause of heavy financial and property loss.
"Salem should be provided with a standard, up-to-date system without delay.
"That Salem has a good fire department, with a capable chief at its head, cannot be denied, but it is not extensive enough in equipment or man power to meet the requirements of a place the size of our state capital.
"The fire department is very seriously hampered by its lack of a fire apparatus and an adequate number of companies to protect the large area and valuable property for which it is responsible. Each year brings an increase in buildings with but one central fire station to cover the city. Without an aerial ladder truck, without a life net and without other necessary fighting equipment, it will be easily seen, therefore, that much loss of property and life as well, is liable to occur from the lack of proper equipment.
"We regard the situation as in need of immediate attention. More men are needed and more equipment should be installed.
"At the present time the city of

FRENCH GIRLS RETURN HOME

Brides of American Soldiers Taking Wing, Maybe Just to Visit

HULDAS ALSO GO BACK

American Teachers Traveling — Many Passports To German Ports

CHICAGO, May 18.—Many French brides of American soldiers are taking wings back to sunny France, according to the April records of the local passport office.
"Presumably they are going back to visit," said Thomas Sells, deputy clerk of the United States court in charge of passports here. "At least that is the reason most frequently assigned on applications."

And Swedes Also
Swedish girls, too, are making the pilgrimage to the land of their birth. In fact, the number of women of all nationalities now applying at Chicago for return to Europe decidedly exceeds that of the men. American school teachers are also swelling the flow to foreign shores.

The girls to Sweden, thinks Mr. Sells, is largely traceable to the handsome wages paid domestics during 1920, which gave them funds sufficient for the trip. But by far the largest number of passports now being issued here "have Germany as destination." Mr. Sells said, "Since we are still technically at war with Germany, however," he pointed out, "passports cannot be issued to Germany from this office. Invariably though, the applicants for German passports come to us first, and in this way we know approximately the number of people going there. We send them, of course, to the local Swiss consul, who has charge of German affairs pending the declaration of peace; he issues the passports without the formalities."
Relatives Are Sought
The flow toward Germany is largely women, who are returning to visit relatives or seek them in case they have not been heard from. Very few men are returning, practically none on business missions.
Passports to Poland are being issued only in cases of extreme necessity, and no passports whatever are being issued for soviet Russia.
The daily list at the Chicago passport office averages now 65, as against 25 last January. This office is the second largest dispenser of passports in the country. Mr. Sells said.

Salem is exposed to grave unnecessary fire dangers, and that it is inadequately protected. It is obvious that, if this condition continues, sooner or later the price will be paid for the neglect and we sincerely hope the time will be lost in acting upon our recommendations, in order that the serious fire may be prevented, the property of the city conserved and the lives of its citizens safeguarded."

NEW PACKING COMPANY READY FOR OPERATION

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fruits as they ripen.
Financial Arrangements Made.
Contracts have been made for the season's supply of cans, and financial arrangements have been made, it is understood, to take care of the picking, delivery and packing costs. Only a tentative estimate can as yet be made of the quantity of fruit to be put up this year, but with the factory extensions already made, and the selling arrangements that are being perfected, it is given out by the company that the company will look after every pound of membership fruit, however much it may be. This will be a very large quantity, for the entire 164 members, some of them among the biggest fruit producers of the valley.
Manager Kurtz, who will have active charge of the plant, returned from Portland Saturday night, to say that the plant will be ready to care for its offerings when they are ready. He is altogether optimistic over the prospects for the season's business, though he had little for publication at this time.
Other Concerns Similar.
The company is incorporated for \$125,000, and has a stockholders backing to make it a million dollar corporation. The officers are: L. T. Reynolds, president; William Rickman, vice president; Frank Gibson, secretary and treasurer. These three with R. B. Kugler, R. D. Gibson, H. R. Page and T. S. McKenzie form the directors.
It is interesting to note that at least nine other similar cooperative canning corporations, organized on precisely the same plan, are being formed in this part of Oregon. The Silverton plant is being reorganized with 130 stockholders, on a \$100,000 capitalization. Practically all the stock for the Dallas company has been subscribed, and others are coming along at a rapid rate. While they are in no sense interdependent, their plan of operation is such as to make them potential business allies who can help each other in every branch of sales, purchases and experience. They are all being predicated on the theory that in order to insure absolutely the handling of their perishable products at the time when they must

LABOR REPORT MADE BY GRAM

Unemployment Greater this Year than Corresponding Time Last Year.

There was 32.67 per cent less men employed in 74 manufacturing plants in Oregon during the period March 15 to May 15, 1921, than during the same period in 1920, according to a survey conducted by C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner.

Figures compiled by the state labor commissioner show that during the period March 15 to May 15, 1919, there were 2936 men employed in these 74 plants, while during the same period in 1920 the number of employees was increased to 3241, or 10.38 per cent. During the same two months in 1921 the employees dropped to 2182.

The plants covered by the report were selected at random, and according to Mr. Gram, the labor conditions at the present time when compared with last year are not as bad as he had anticipated. Early in August Mr. Gram will make another survey covering the two preceding months.

BURST OF SPEED SHOWN BY GEORGES

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Then the challenger went to work himself and displayed his flying knockout punch from a new angle and when preparing to launch this blow Carpenter assumed a half crouch. In this position he appeared to keep his body as far away from his opponent as possible and reached out with his punches.
From the half crouch Georges went almost to full bend, then hurled himself upward with an overhand uppercut. Three rounds over, he finished the day's work with 20 minutes in the gymnasium.

Jack's Eye Cut
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 28.—Jack Dempsey was cut over the left eye during a furious mixup with Jack Renault in the fourth round of his workout today, and the injury may force the champion to suspend his boxing tomorrow. The accident occurred when he forced Renault into a corner and their heads collided after Dempsey had mixed a right hard swing.

Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, wanted to call a halt in the boxing, but Dempsey assured him that it was not serious and pleaded to go another round. He finished with a tame three-minute session with Leo Houck. Dempsey boxed the first two rounds with Larry Williams, and the third and fourth with Renault. In the first round the cut over Williams' eye was re-opened when Dempsey crashed over a large hook.

Sun Blisters Champ
Dempsey boxed for the first time today in fighting trunks, discarding full length tights. A blistering sun beating down on the arena made the canvas cover so hot that Dempsey blistered his feet yesterday, so today he taped them.

Man Killed by Blast Was James Scanlon

It became known yesterday that the man who was killed near Halls Ferry while blasting stumps Wednesday, and whose body was found Friday night by neighbors who had missed him, was James Scanlon, a man between 50 and 60 years old.

Scanlon was seen Wednesday afternoon blasting stumps on his farm and then was missed. He lived alone. Neighbors began the search. Indications were that a charge of dynamite had thrown his body about 75 feet from the point of explosion.
Scanlon had lived in the neighborhood 25 or 30 years and was highly respected by his neighbors. No trace of relatives has been found. It is believed he had a brother in one of the Dakotas from whom he had not heard in many years, and he had mentioned a sister in Cincinnati. He was a Canadian by birth.

Election Ballot Boxes Are Finished Early

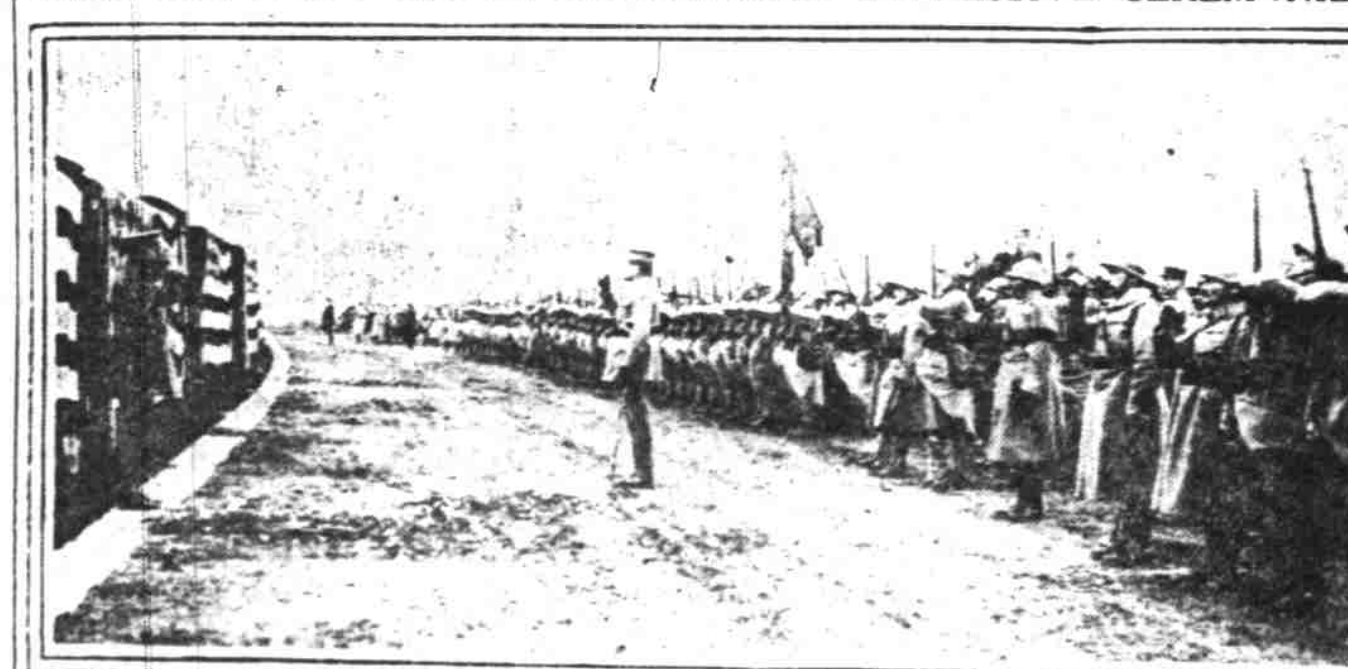
The ballot boxes for the special election to be held on June 7, were completed last night by County Clerk F. G. Boyer and his deputies and were handed over to Sheriff O. D. Bower for distribution. Preparations for the election were completed the earliest of any previous record given, being fully 10 days prior to election day.
There are 74 precincts in Marion county and this election will largely determine whether new precincts will be added to the list. Should this be necessary official steps will be taken to that end at a meeting of the county court held in December for that purpose.

DANCE CANCELLED.

At the request of the G. A. R. and the American Legion, the dance scheduled for the Dreamland rink Monday night, May 30, has been cancelled. These organizations wish to express their thanks to Mr. Klett for the consideration given them.—Adv.

Read The Classified Ads.

AMERICAN DEAD LEAVE FRANCE AMID IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES.



When the American dead were recently taken to the cemetery at Lesnoy, France, they were concentrated in the back of the trucks. The commandant of the 120th Regiment, General Pugin, caused the short speech by General Pugin the signal was given for the trucks to start, and the 120th Regiment moved slowly away from the military quay to the cemetery of the Star-Bangled Cemetery, where a great salute was fired. The civilians uncovered, and there was a marked evidence of genuine grief by the women present.

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