

CROP BEST EVER

WORLD'S LARGEST PRUNE CROP HARVEST IS FINISHED.

Produced 40,000,000 Pounds valued at \$3,000,000—Car Shortage Felt.

The largest and finest prune crop grown in Oregon has now been gathered. The harvest has been practically finished in all sections, only a few dryers of high-land fruit still operating, and they will complete their work this week.

The growers have had the most favorable drying season in the history of the prune industry. The crop, in Oregon, will come up to the highest estimate made by any of the packers, running to about 40,000,000 pounds. Last year the output was finally estimated at 18,000,000 pounds, and the average for recent years has not been over 25,000,000 pounds. It is figured by authorities in this line that the 1916 prune crop will bring into the state about \$3,000,000.

The quality of the crop is pronounced to be the best ever produced in Oregon since the prune industry was started. Even with the greatly increased yield the sizes average as large as in several past years, when the production was only a third as large as now. This condition is the result of fertilizing and the care that the growers have taken of their orchards.

The market is in good shape and what was lost during the lull of some six or seven weeks during the summer months has been fully regained. There is a good demand for prunes in all parts of the United States, and it is believed by packers that the present crop will clean up at prices very satisfactory to the growers.

The packers are now paying 6 1/2 to 6 3/4 cents for 30-35's, with the usual drop for smaller sizes. The outcome of this year's prune growing and marketing is highly encouraging to all friends of this important Oregon industry. That it will be one of the greatest agricultural lines in the state in the near future is assured by the large expansion of prune acreage. Packers who have been connected with this branch of the business for the past 20 years predict that within the next five years a full crop in the northwest will mean about 40,000,000 pounds of prunes. Such a yield will bring into this state annually fully \$5,000,000.

The car shortage which has hurt the lumber industry so badly this fall is now being felt by the prune districts. Fruit growers at Riddle, Myrtle Creek and other points in Douglas county, where prune raising is extensive, are unable to ship their prunes immediately on account of the shortage. Salem complains of inability to get cars for the prunes and other sections also feel the shortage. As the dried prunes are not a perishable commodity, however, and as practically the entire crop has been contracted by the packers, it is believed there will be cars forthcoming in time to take care of the crop.

Appreciates Rev. Curtis. The following clipping from the Tillamook Headlight will probably interest a number of Dallas readers: Rev. C. C. Curtis, late of Corvallis, arrived here on Saturday and on Sunday began his work as pastor of the Christian church of this city. Rev. Curtis comes well recommended and will no doubt receive the hearty support of his church membership here and a hearty welcome by the other church organizations of the city. A Corvallis paper has the following to say in regard to Rev. Curtis: "Rev. C. C. Curtis has received a call" to come to Tillamook to take charge of the Christian church there and he has accepted.

Mr. Curtis resigned his pastorate here about six weeks ago. He took charge of the Corvallis church about a year ago, coming here from Dallas. He is a pusher, progressive in his lines of work tending to make his church bigger, more modern and better equipped for present day requirements.

Study Course Announced. The study course of the literary section of the Woman's club for the year has been announced by the president of the section, Mrs. B. Casey. It includes The Madras House (Barker), The Lost Angel (Jones), The Hour Goes First (Jones), The Hour Goes Last (Yates), Riders to the Sea (Yeats), The Rising of the Moon (Gregory), The Truth (Fitch), The Weavers (Fitch), The Weavers (Fitch), The Vale of Contentment (MacKenzie), Regina (Sudermann), The Robe (Brioux), Damaged Goods (Brioux), Maternity (Brioux), The Melisande (Maeterlinck), The Great Galeoto (Echegaray), The Father (Strindberg), The Father (Strindberg), The Husband's Wife (Thomson).

as), The Earth (Fagan), You Never Can Tell (Shaw), Beyond Human Power (Bjornson), The Kreuzer Sonata (Tolstoi), The Healer (Herrick), The Fugitive (Galsworthy), Society (Robertson), Every Woman's Road (Hammond), Androcles and the Lion (Shaw), Overruled (Shaw), Pygmalion (Shaw). L. R. Pratt and wife of Riverside, Cal., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Sweeney.

Churches

Sunday Big Day at Christian Church. Sunday was the biggest day that the First Christian church of Dallas has seen for several years. At both morning and evening services great crowds heard the Kellems Brothers, "Sunshine Evangelists," now conducting services for the church.

In the Bible school, beginning with an enthusiastic song service at ten o'clock, two hundred and seventy-nine men and women, boys and girls, studied the bible lesson and listened to Evangelist Kellems deliver a short message.

At the regular eleven o'clock Sunday morning service, over three hundred people heard the splendid message on "Christian Diseases," delivered by Evangelist Jesse K. Kellems. Mr. Kellems named twenty-seven spiritual diseases that sometimes afflict the christian, and prescribed the remedy for each. In the evening his sermon subject was "Immortality" or "Is There a Life After Death?" He gave a great deal of excellent testimony from valuable sources to prove that there is a life after death, and established his points beyond the shadow of a doubt. Every available seat was filled and several were forced to stand because of the immense crowd.

The two great choruses under the direction of Homer Kellems, together with the immense audience, made the old songs of Zion ring, while the piano, the organ and the fine orchestra under the direction of Will Caldwell did their part in making the song service a splendid success. Last evening the auditorium was again well-filled with Dallas citizens to hear Evangelist Kellems explain the chart on "The Scriptural Heart and How it is changed." After the message, three young people were baptized by the minister, Mr. McConnell. The baptismal service was especially impressive because of beautiful decorations and lighting effects. So far, there have been fourteen additions to the church during the meeting.

Tomorrow evening a large delegation of Salem people are coming over to attend the meeting and it is expected the house will be crowded to capacity again. Special music is promised for the next three nights by well-known Dallas singers: Mrs. McConnell sings tonight, Mrs. Tooze, Wednesday night and the little Smith girls on Thursday night. All services commence promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

Missionary Society Meeting. The Ladies' Missionary society of the Presbyterian church will hold a missionary meeting at the home of Mrs. Lovelace tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. Flying Squadron—Don't Miss It! A Flying Squadron composed of Polk county talent will within the next two weeks visit several towns and school districts throughout the county in the interests of dry legislation. A great many people are unaware of the very dangerous nature of the innocent looking "brewer's amendment" which is to be voted on at the November election, hence Attorney M. G. Ellis of Dallas will exercise his knowledge of legal documents and his ability to talk, in pointing out the "wet jokers" contained in that fearfully and wonderfully made piece of fake legislation. Accompanying him will be a fine male quartet comprised of the following gentlemen, H. H. Dunkelberger, John Cerny, Al Longnecker and Sam Gibson. Mrs. Frank Brown will provoke you to laughter with her humorous readings, and Miss Leta Woolsey will please you with her soprano solos. Arrangements have already been made to visit the following points: Oakdale, Monday evening, October 16th; Bridgeport, Wednesday evening, October 18th; Smithfield, Thursday evening, October 19th; Oak Grove, Monday evening, October 23rd. A union meeting has been arranged for Falls City Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening. Mrs. D. A. MacKenzie will give a solo at this meeting. Other points with dates will be announced later. —G. E. E.

Those Christmas Photos. Have your Christmas photographs made now while conditions are most favorable for best work. Ten per cent discount given on sittings this month. C. R. Stone, the Photographer in your town.

A WOMAN IN DALLAS

One of the splendid courtesies of men and women in their hours of triumph are the acknowledgements given their assistants. The recent acknowledgement by County School Superintendent Reynolds and County Supervisor Moore of the assistance of Miss Almeda J. Fuller in the work of arranging the prize winning exhibit in the state fair and her work in the school section of the county fair is an example. To help Polk maintain her enviable record Miss Fuller proffered her services and was accepted. It meant nothing but a lot of work for her. Yet Polk won and she was satisfied.

School work with Miss Fuller is not a passing interest, it is not a stepping stone to something else, it is not a temporary bread and butter winner. Rather school work, with her, is a life work. As a little girl she said she wanted to be superintendent of Polk's schools and she never changed her mind. When she had completed her teacher's preparatory work she sought and received an appointment to a Polk county school. At every opportunity she assisted in school work. She was interested enough to do these things and asked no pay other than the experience gained. She had ambitions to succeed in school work and decided that unrelenting work would land her. Work is part of her scheme for success.

Abraham Funeral Held. The funeral of Peter Abraham of Salt Creek was conducted at the Menonite church at Salt Creek, Sunday afternoon at three. Rev. Enns, Ediger, and Bartell officiated. Mr. Abraham leaves a daughter, Mrs. Naachtigal of Salt Creek.

The War To Come. Sometime during the administration of the next president of the United States the war in Europe is to come to an end.

The existence of that war has compelled Europe to buy from the United States some two billion dollars more worth of goods a year than Europe required from this country in peace time. When the war ends, those purchases will cease abruptly.

Europe already is reorganizing her industries," warns Edward N. Hurley, democratic chairman of the federal trade commission. As Mr. Hurley shows, and as the studies of the National Foreign Trade council have demonstrated, she is reorganizing them on a basis to shut European markets to American producers, and

to invade American markets with her cheap products. England, for example, proposes to feed herself from her colonies and to cease buying wheat and other foodstuffs from the United States.

An economic war of combined groups of European nations against the United States is the prospect. But, were the conditions after the war to be no more onerous on American producers than they were before the war, what state of preparedness would we be in to meet them if the democratic administration is still in power?

One can judge only by conditions immediately preceding the war. In the ten months immediately preceding August, 1914, when the war began, democratic legislation and democratic administration had substituted poverty for prosperity in America. Unemployment was becoming a menace. Commercial failures multiplied, bank clearances fell off, building operations were at a standstill. These are matters within your own recollection. Bear them in mind.

If you want to return to them, vote for Wilson.—The Dalles Chronicle.

GO PLANT A TREE.

Wouldst thou upbuild a home where sweet wild lives are nested, Glad with the sound of song, quick with the flash of wings— Where the soft broods may rock, warm-housed and unmolested, Deep in the leafy nooks, through all the changeful springs? Wouldst thou make day more fair, night more rich and holy, Grant the sweet earth a gift, deep-rooted, ripening slowly, Add to the sum of joys that bless the rounded year? Go, then, and plant a tree, lovely in sun and shadow, Gracious in every kind—maple and oak and pine, Blessings of dew and shade, hereafter shall be thine!

For though thou never see the joy thy hand hath granted, Those who shall follow thee thy generous boon may share, And each of many a spring shall find thy gift more fair. ANON.

Notice—The Fidler store has been closed and turned over to me for sale. Stock and fixtures will be sold at your own price; make me an offer. L. D. Brown. 6E

Dr. Freeze, the Portland specialist, will continue to make regular trips to Dallas each month. Watch paper for dates. Call Gail hotel. Fourteen years' experience over 7900 cases treated.

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