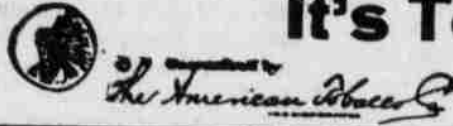


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### NO SOLUTION OF MYSTERY IN ELKINS COMMUNITY

Was it murder or only a couple of moonshiners recovering their hidden cache of booze?

That is the question that is agitating the minds of the people of the Elkins community and led to Deputy Sheriff T. B. Hooker being summoned there last Thursday to investigate a peculiar circumstance.

Late in the afternoon of Monday May 9th, two men in a large automobile stopped at the farm home of Ralph Dodson and inquired of Mrs. Dodson, who was in the yard, how far it was to the next place, that of Clarence Tedrow. She replied that it was quite a distance, but that the road was bad and they had better leave their car there and walk the rest of the distance. To this suggestion the men replied that they would drive as far as they could, as they had a heavy package to carry from Mr. Tedrow's to the car.

Mrs. Dodson mentioned the matter to her husband, but they thought little of it until Wednesday night, when they learned from the Tedrows

that the two strange men had not visited the latter's place at all. Thursday morning Mr. Dodson and Mr. Tedrow made an investigation. Starting at the place where the strange automobile had stopped, they followed the tracks of the fence, across a small railroad trestle to an isolated spot at the edge of a thicket. There it was evident the men had removed something that had lain for some time at the foot of a tree. The impression in the soft earth, from its shape, might have been made by a human body or by a keg or barrel wrapped in burlap or canvas. Whatever it was it was quite heavy, as indicated by the fact that it had been dragged considerable distance before it had been picked up and carried away.

There were no signs of a struggle of any kind and Mr. Hooker was unable to find any clues that would indicate the probable contents of the mysterious package that the strange visitors had removed. No one is missing from the county, as far as known, and there are no reasons to suspect a murder has been committed. To the contrary, had a human body

been left there it is unreasonable to suppose that the murderers would attempt to remove it and run the risk of getting caught. Sheriff Orr, to whom Deputy Hooker reported the result of his investigation, is of the opinion that the "package" the men recovered from the thicket was a cache of moonshine from some hidden still in that vicinity.

### LITTLE PAULINE WILL GO ON RECORD AGAIN NEXT YEAR

Lad's Little Pauline, one of the gold medal daughters of Rinda Lad of S. B., with a former record of 708 pounds, has just completed a record of 939 pounds, and is bred for class AA. She is now owned by S. J. McKee, Independence, Ore., is in the pink of condition, and will be placed on test again next year. Lad's Iota is another daughter of Rinda Lad of S. B. and has been fresh a short time; she is clipping along with about 65 pounds of milk day, and testing 5.6. On the adjoining farm owned by Harry Illiff, we found St. Mawes' Lad's Lady, that entered test last August as a senior yearling. During her first month she produced approximately 55 lbs. of fat, and has gradually increased until during April she produced 75 pounds of fat. She was as happy as a lark, and in excellent condition, and there was no reason why she would not continue the year with a good record. Harry isn't saying much about her, but when a person stops and thinks that the world's record for this age is 800 pounds of fat, and the second place is 644 pounds of fat, we do not have to stretch our imagination very far to see she will crowd very close to the first place, and easily displace the second. Both McKee and Illiff are comparatively young breeders with pure-bred Jerseys, however, they are experienced with cattle, and while it may be out of place to make any forecast, yet our guess would be that sooner or later we will see some world's records on these farms, as the boys have the blood lines to produce them and are good caretakers.—Pacific Homestead.

### INDEPENDENCE MAN IS TREASURER OF BANKERS

C. W. Irvine, president of the Farmers' State Bank, was elected treasurer of what is known as group two of the Oregon Bankers' association at the Silverton meeting last week. The other officers are: Harry Cusick, president; Keith Powell of Woodburn, vice president; J. W. Mayo of Stayton, secretary.

### Oregon Grower

The canning situation is very uncertain, according to R. C. Paulus, general manager of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association.

Canners have no orders for future delivery and hence have no means of knowing how much to can or how much they can pay growers for fruit and berries. Wholesale houses are not placing heavy future orders, buying on a hand to mouth basis.

If this continues, Mr. Paulus says that the trade will be out of canned goods before another season and in the meantime considerable portion of fruit will have spoiled.

Canners, bankers and growers are giving much thought to the canning proposition, Mr. Paulus says, and that some plan may be worked out, although at present it is difficult to say just what this plan will be.

The moist and warm weather has been favorable to scab on pear and apple trees, according to C. I. Lewis, of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association. It will first appear on the side of the pear and apple leaf, especially Winter Nelis pears and Newtown apples. When found on either of these, Mr. Lewis says it will spread rapidly.

The spray at present is what is known as the 10 or 15 day spray, and consists of lime-sulphur 1-50. There is also the 30-day spray to be applied four or five weeks after petals fall. This also is an application of lime sulphur spray 1-50. If burning is feared, instead of lime sulphur 1-50 there may be used self boiled lime sulphur 8-8-50.

Oregon Italian and Petite prunes are meeting with especial favor and this is especially true in the middle west. The Oregon Growers' Cooperative association received the following from a wholesale house: "Our trade has been partial to the California prunes until lately since we have started the Petites in this territory. Dealers who have been handling your prunes are very much in favor of them, and are willing to give us their business on an equal basis with the California prunes."

An eastern buyer writes: "Midland and Truwest brand of prunes have proved very satisfactory to our buyers this year. They say they are superior to any other brand shipped from Oregon."

### PRUNE LOSS IS HEAVY IN POLK COUNTY, IS REPORT

The prune loss throughout Polk county will, it is estimated, total from 25 to 75 percent. There are locations that do not seem to have suffered to any great extent, but in many other districts there are not enough prunes left to count. There will be many idle dryers as a consequence, a number of growers having cancelled their orders for dryer wood.

At first it was thought that it was only the older orchards that had suffered, but close inspection has shown that in many of the young orchards the amount of the fruit on the trees is so small that it will hardly pay to shake and pick. This includes some of the best cared for orchards in the county.

Cherries have also suffered. Trees in Dallas, which are fairly representative of all trees on low land, have not more than half a crop, on an average. There are spots where the trees are loaded, but it is believed that on the whole, half the crop is gone. This fact is expected to have a favorable effect on the price of the fruit at the canneries, giving the growers a good profit.

Strawberries are apparently but slightly damaged, and a full crop of loganberries is predicted. Small fruit growers expect a lower price than they received a year ago, but will make a fair profit, as they will pay much less for labor. As indicative of the change in this line it is necessary to state that the same men who were a year ago getting \$5 a day to work on the ranches are now getting \$30 a month, with not enough places to give all work.

The undoubted shortage in the prune crop has resulted in a stiffening of the price of the big stock of prunes on hand. The Growers' association has about all the large prunes on the market, and is now naming the price at which they will be sold. In the past it has been entirely a buyers' market. The large sized prunes, packed and processed are expected to bring 12 cents a pound in the near future.—Dallas Observer.

### POULTRY DISEASES SPREADING RAPIDLY IS THE WARNING

Warning that poultry diseases have spread rapidly throughout the country is sounded by the veterinarian department of the O. A. C. Experiment station. Chicken pox is prevalent on the coast, and has lived up to its reputation for fatality. Tuberculosis is next in fatality, 60 percent of all birds brought to the

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