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COMMISSION MEN
ROB GROWERS

Government officials connected with the agricultural department at Washington have made an investigation into the methods of commission men who handle fruit and it is said that these investigations lay bare the fact that the following illegal practices are going on among this class of dealers and it is hoped that the organization of a fruit growers union in the Rogue River valley will put a stop to these practices as far as our fruits are concerned:

First—The account sales do not always give the actual price received, nor do they tell where such fruit was sold. In other words, the statements sent out to the producer are false as to price and destination.

Second—The condition of the fruit on arrival at destination is often misrepresented so as to further lower the price to the grower.

Third—Rebating is practiced so as to secure a certain few growers who may be representative, and by this means other growers sell at the low figure offered. The growers who enter into this nefarious contract with certain shippers act their part by showing satisfaction with prevailing low prices. At the end of the season the shipper pays the rebate to these confederates in cash.

Fourth—In the dried fruit business, such as apricots, peaches, etc., the grower is forced to bring his products into market bone dry. If they do not come up to this requirement, the fruit is rejected. The bone dry fruit is then soaked with water and finally reshipped. This is what is technically known as "processing." The difference between the dry product and the processed article is water and H₂SO₄, which is practically all profit. A legitimate amount of water should be the grower's profit.

Fifth—The grower is forced by many shippers to pack only in boxes with the company's stencil on it. Fruit otherwise packed is not accepted. In this way the company or buyer may charge what he sees fit for the package. In many localities the buyers control the prices on all sorts of spray materials as well as spray outfits, so that the grower is completely at their mercy.

The conditions existing under paragraphs 1 and 2 have been investigated by certain growers enclosing post cards in the packages. The card is self addressed, and asks the following pertinent questions:

- (1) Where was this fruit received?
- (2) When was it received?
- (3) What was its condition?
- (4) What was the price paid?
- (5) Were you satisfied with it?

The average of 10 per cent of these cards have been returned, many indicating that the time of arrival, place and condition did not agree with the account sales rendered.

In commenting on this report a prominent bureau official says:

"There is something fundamentally wrong where the producer, after spending a year in getting a crop and taking all risks, realizes on an average less than one-third of what the crop or crops he grows sells for at retail."

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STOP UNNECESSARY
STOCK GAMBLING

It is said that President Taft is anxious to stop stock gambling in the nation's food and clothing and that he contemplates a special message to congress recommending the passage of a law that will enable this to be done. Members of congress representing districts of the large cities of the United States, it is said, will favor such legislation.

The government, through Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith, has been conducting an exhaustive investigation into stock gambling. Smith has already compiled a report on cotton gambling and is at work on the grain situation. The president has watched this work closely and is now determined that the federal government should deal with this question.

A conference on the question will be held at the White House shortly with Secretary of State Knox, Attorney General Wickersham, Representative Scott of Kansas, chairman of the house agricultural committee; Representative Levering of Massachusetts and Commissioner of Corporations Smith attending.

Representative Scott has already formed a house bill that he believes would effectively prevent "future" gambling. It denies the use of the mails to stock gamblers. The presi-

dent, it is understood, favors even more drastic legislation.

A later dispatch coming from Chicago says the traders on the Chicago board of trade do not propose to let congress pass any law curbing dealing in futures without a vigorous protest. It was stated on the board today that a delegation would go to Washington soon to lobby against such legislation and to explain to the president and leaders of the house and senate just how pit trading benefits the farmer.

"The trouble is that people are prejudiced because they don't understand the present system and its benefits," said James A. Patton. "The farmer at present is enabled to get daily quotations and to know exactly what his grain will bring when marketed. A law preventing dealing in futures on food products and cotton would injure consumer and producer alike, in my opinion. I believe trade would be simply paralyzed. The farmer would get less for his grain, cattle and hogs, and the public would have to pay more. I don't believe congress will pass such a law."

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OREGON APPLES
FOUND IN HOLLAND

H. L. Conrad, of Medford, received a letter a few days ago from Eugene, this state, which shows that apples from this section find their way into foreign countries. The letter reads as follows:

Dear Sir: I am surprised to receive this morning a letter from my father, William Hartog, firm of Hartog & Feisel, Rotterdam, Holland, from which I quote as follows:

"Yesterday I was in The Hague and I happened to see some pears in boxes marked Medford, Oregon. This being the state where you are now living, it attracted my attention, and I noticed that the pears were wrapped in paper, of which I send you one herewith. Each paper was imprinted 'Bear Creek Orchard, C. H. Lewis, Medford, Ore.,' and in lead pencil was written, 'Rogue River Valley Comice.' This is nothing wonderful because we see American fruit here frequently, but these Comice pears, which come from your neighborhood are so wonderfully delicious that people here are delighted with them. Even our Dutch pears cannot compare with them. The fruit dealer got them from England and got some of them at 25 and 30 cents apiece (19 to 12 cents in American money). The pears are simply wrapped in a piece of paper and could be shipped so as to arrive here in much better condition, but they are so delicious that the finest peach or the most delicious grape cannot be compared with them."

As he is an importer of American produce, he wants to know if Mr. Lewis ships these pears to Europe or whether this is done through middlemen.

Would you kindly write me or ask Mr. Lewis to write me, for there seems to be no reason why this business should not be done direct and the grower get the middleman's extra profit. JOHN H. HARTOG.

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ELECTROLYTIC
AMALGAMATING

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We have then a pure or nascent sodium amalgam, as the mercury is being manufactured by the electric current continuously. Certainly this is amalgamating under the most favorable circumstances and, therefore, must get the very best of results.

How would Mr. Corliss recover gold out of cyanide solution with his process without the aid of electricity? He could not. He would have to employ some other device. We would not. Neither would the cyanide solution be detrimental to our plate with the current on it. We can deposit all gold and silver out of cyanide solutions in the same manner as we do the extracting of gold and silver from quartz.

We would suggest that all parties interested in the recovery of gold and silver from their respective ores look up the electro-chemical process of plating, or the process of depositing gold or silver on different metals from a solution. They will not be so skeptical about the electrolytic amalgamation of gold.

We want to help our neighbors get right. We are right and we don't want to be so "hoggish" and mean that we don't want to see our neighbors right. We haven't anything to sell or keep secret. We are sorry that this works a hardship on people that have certain mechanical devices to sell, but we can't help it. Their devices may be all right, no doubt, we hope so at least, and if they can recover all values in ore or sand without loss of mercury, well and good. It will be a boon to mining.

We recover all values without the loss of quicksilver, for it is impossible to flower or sicken mercury that is being manufactured as you use it in an absolute nascent form as long as the electric current is on it.

We again invite any and all parties interested to visit the mine.

THOS. J. BRINCKERHOFF.

"How do you know that you are not crazy?" was asked the accused in a lunacy investigation. A prize might well be offered for a convincing answer to the question from one's personal knowledge. Lombroso and other eminent alienists have held that there is a taint of insanity upon some subject in every human mind; that no mind is absolutely and correctly balanced. No man sane upon several subjects will admit that he is crazy at all. How, as a matter of fact, does any man know, of his own knowledge, that he is not insane?—Exchange.

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