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STANDARD CONTAINERS.

A bill regulating the dimensions for standard baskets for the interstate shipment of grapes, fruit and berries has been passed by the lower house of congress. It is understood that the restrictions were urged by producers, the plea being that standardization would protect honest growers.

It is expected that the bill will go through the senate safely, as there is a widespread demand for legislation of this sort. A standard apple barrel was proposed not long ago, and now it is proposed that a box suitable for the shipment of apples, potatoes or other foodstuffs be devised so as to comply with standard measurements.

Because consumers were careless, and such carelessness was taken advantage of by dishonest growers or retailers, uniform containers were suggested for berries or small fruits. The attempts to enact state legislation along this line were not successful at first. In Oregon there was much opposition, principally from the manufacturers of berry boxes. Opposition of such interests has been reduced to a minimum throughout the country, and in the case of the basket bill it seems that the voice of the growers was more insistent than that of the manufacturers.

Like the berry box whose bottom was too high, there have been grape baskets of various sizes. It has been found that the consumer may be deluded once or twice, but that after a few seasons of short measure he begins to examine his purchase critically. Honest growers complain that dishonest dealers gave the public short measure and so injured the business as a whole.

There is another reason for the popular movement for standardization of measurement. That is the high cost of living. It really makes little difference whether an article is bought in a box or a basket or a bag, as long as measurement is fair. It was dishonest measurement which inspired the belief that all foods should be sold by weight. What the lawmakers are aiming at is the production of a container, in various sizes, which will be of recognized measurements, so that the grower may know how much he is selling and the buyer know how much he is buying.

CROP REPORTS.

To show the unreliability of government crop reports it is only necessary to give the figures of the wheat estimates on August 8 of this year and compare them with the reports from Chicago only yesterday.

The preliminary estimate for the whole country on Tuesday 1st was 654,000,000 bushels, with an expected increase to somewhere above 3,000,000 bushels more when all reports shall be tabulated. Last year's final figures were 1,011,860,000 bushels, and now it is asserted that this year's crop will be 358,000,000 bushels less. It is rather inconsistent to assert on one day that certain figures will prevail and then have them reduced in two days more than one-third as compared with what might be expected by December, when all statistics are available.

Government reports, however, are never relied upon, and how could they be when private sources of information are always more accurate. As a sample of how the federal crop experts are behind the times may be given the statement that since July 31 the options on wheat at Chicago have steadily risen more than 23 cents a bushel. If government crop reports were reliable and accurate such would not have been the case, as they have been optimistic all through the season.

There is the assurance that the northwestern states will have crops equal to those of other average years, hence this part of the country will be greatly benefited by the losses elsewhere in the United States and Canada.

Oil production of Argentina last year amounted to 75,000 barrels.

War Relief as an Investment.

Because so little news of the progress of Belgian, French and other war relief is contained in the current dispatches, it is sometimes necessary to remind Americans that the generosity that characterized the first response to Europe's appeal continues undiminished, though unadvertised, and that, as a result, the gratitude of destitute millions has been earned. A man who has been clothed and fed, or whose forsaken family has been rescued by an organization as efficient as it is kindly, is not likely to forget the debt he owes; nor is he likely to neglect repayment, should the occasion ever occur. By this time the United States has sent millions of dollars' worth of supplies into Belgium and northern France. There may be some excuse, therefore, for considering what has been done and how things are going on now in these distressed districts.

The case was recently presented by A. J. Hemphill, of New York, treasurer of the commission for relief in Belgium. Mr. Hemphill not long ago made a personal inspection of Belgium and northern France, whose dependents have for more than a year lived largely on American contributions. He had first to go to Berlin to get permission to make his trip. While there he heard expressions of discontent that the German government should maintain its pledge to preserve for the Belgians the food output of their country, and, at the same time, assure safe distribution of foreign (American) gifts. The reason was the distress among certain of the Germans. Mr. Hemphill says that the German military governors in the occupied territory are generally desirous of getting along with the least possible friction, and that, with few exceptions, he heard of no violation of official pledges regarding the unrestricted distribution of American supplies.

Conditions in Belgium are not so desperate as they were, but they are still very serious. There is a show of local business; people buy and sell and go about their daily tasks, but always with the implied hope that tomorrow, and if not tomorrow then the day after, Belgian independence will be restored. In the meantime, 30 per cent. of the population is wholly destitute. People who never dreamed of coming to such a pass are found daily at the soup kitchens. That there is not starvation in fact is said to be due to the efficient relief system, sustained and directed by the American commission. Is it any wonder that the Belgians, in their gratitude, pay the United States the most valuable tribute possible? In their time of national adversity, when government and livelihood have been swept away, they cling to the hope of resurrection. They live literally, says Mr. Hemphill, on hope, the fragments of industry, and the soup which is bought with American money. This American relief was promoted, of course, with absolutely no thought of gain. Yet it is safe to say that the American people have made an investment in human brotherhood which will be repaid, primarily in gratitude, and secondarily in business reciprocity in the years to come.—Indianapolis News.

Farmers of Crisfield, Del., received a severe blow for their coming farm work when forty-one young men left to work in a large lime and stone quarry in Pennsylvania. The average farm wage does not equal to the young men, and with work near the city at \$3 a day for eight hours' work, instead of the work from a farm in the morning until eight at night on the farm, they are leaving as fast as possible.

With Senator Jim Ham Lewis pitted against Charles E. Hughes on the stump, we ought to learn something about the respective political merits that float through democratic and republican whiskers.

An increase in the cost of Bibles was announced in New York the other day. The announcement will probably not affect many New Yorkers.

Uncle Sam is taking over the Danish West Indies for proper training. Uncle Sam being quite fatherly in such matters. Mexico next.

Mrs. Vernon Castle has gone into mourning for a pet dog. But she probably won't give up dancing during the mourning period.

Asquith wants to borrow \$2,225,000,000. How'd you like to have your banker refuse to make you a loan of that size?

The difficulty with that submarine line at present is that a passenger never knows when his return ticket will be honored.

A Denver woman turned in a fire alarm to find her husband. We wonder if he was a man that water would attract.

Seattle restaurants now serve steward barnacle as a delicacy.

Biggest Oil Output.

The output of oil from the wells of the country has reached the total of little less than 800,000 barrels a day—the largest daily average production in the history of the United States. These figures have been arrived at from a study of the statistics of runs and deliveries of the pipelines of the country for May, taken with the weekly reports from the Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter's correspondents in all the oil fields of the country. The production and consumption of oil have reached a parity.

The tanker production districts at present are the mid-continent, Louisiana, and gulf coast fields, with a total daily output of nearly 510,000 barrels. The mid-continent operators are drilling at the rate of nearly 1,000 wells a month, with more than the average number of gushers and large producers among the completions. The week's reports indicate that more crude is going into storage than has been possible under the conditions of stringency of supply, which marked the period prior to the opening of the spring drilling season.

Already the warning has gone out that producers should proceed a little carefully and not break the market by pouring out a flood of new crude oil. The banner mark in the mid-continent field, as far as the output of crude oil was concerned, was attained in the spring of 1915, with a total of 400,000 barrels of new oil daily. So much has been said of late of increased demand and poverty of supply, that it has not been generally realized just what the mid-continent field had been doing during the last few weeks.

The production there is now 380,000 barrels a day—within 20,000 barrels of the highest ever attained—and any week may surpass this total.—New York Times.

Citizens of Seaside are making an effort to preserve the salt cairn of Lewis & Clark, which was used early in 1806 for making salt from the ocean. The cairn is made of rock and is yet in a fair state of preservation. The efforts now being made include a monument to commemorate the event.

Georgetown, suburb of Washington, is 165 years old this year.

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According to Aman Moore the highway improvements inaugurated in Multnomah county have developed a lot of highwaymen. At any rate the political raw material is in ample supply for such results.

Dollar wheat is selling rapidly at Pendleton, Spokane, Baker and Walla Walla. More than 1,000,000 bushels of the new crop have been sold there this week at those four places at prices ranging from 95 cents for Club to \$1.10 for Bluestem.

tember 1, when it is hoped that all business of importance will be finished. Practically all the remaining legislation yet to be acted upon is the ship, revenue, employers' liability and appropriation bills.

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Wood Wanted. Bids will be received at the office of the chairman, for supplying the School District No. 27 with 25 cords of first or second growth wood, until August 17, to be delivered on the school grounds before September 12. For particulars see the chairman. W. QUESINBERRY, Chairman. Gresham, Ore., Route 1. Gresham, Ore., Aug. 11, 1916. 48

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