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ROGUE RIVER APPLES WIN FIRST PLACE

JOHN R. ALLEN BUYS THE SNOWY BUTTE ORCHARDS, \$168,000

Owner of Pacific & Eastern Invests in Rogue River Valley Fruit Grove--Will Subdivide and Offer It in Five and Ten Acre Tracts--Holds Splendid Records

JOHN R. ALLEN of New York city, owner of the Pacific & Eastern railroad that is being extended over the Cascades to an eastern connection, and projector of a trolley line to traverse the Rogue River valley from Ashland to Grants Pass, has purchased the famous Snowy Butte orchard at Central Point from Fred H. Hopkins for \$168,000. The sale was made by Dr. J. F. Reddy.

The orchard is one of the best known in the valley and the pioneer commercial orchard of this section. It consists of 300 acres of choice varieties of apples and pears, 160 of which are in bearing, the remainder in young trees from two to four years old. A fine modern country residence goes with the grove, which makes an ideal home.

Mr. Allen will subdivide the orchard into five and ten-acre tracts, which will be placed upon the market, reserving a portion for himself. The balance will fill the increasing demand of homeseekers for small tracts of bearing orchard, a demand impossible to supply hitherto.

On this tract is located the wonderful block of 16 1/2 acres of Winter Nelis pears, which produced a net yield of \$19,000, or \$15.83 per tree in 1907.

and this year netted Mr. Hopkins \$17,000, the entire crop of pears being sold at \$3.19 a box in New York city. Many cars of choice Newtown Pippins are now en route to the London market. The total crop this year will net over \$40,000.

Four years ago Fred H. Hopkins, a prominent Portland clubman and grain broker, purchased the orchard for \$30,000 from Otwell Bros., who set out 100 acres 20 years ago. Since buying, Mr. Hopkins has applied modern business methods, grafted the unprofitable varieties to profitable fruit, planted new groves and built an elegant country home. The purchaser secures 4800 bearing apple trees, 5225 bearing pear trees, 1400 young apple trees and 5250 young pear trees. It ranks today with the best orchards in the valley and therefore the best in the world.

The large proportion of Winter Nelis, Bartlett and Comice pears, to say nothing of the Rose and Howell pears on the place, guarantees a great future for the orchard. With the additional acreage coming into bearing each year and the regrant apples each year bringing in larger returns, within five years this orchard will be annually skipping no less than 100 cars of fruit per year. This, in connection with the fact that the Snowy Butte orchards have the best transportation facilities of any large orchard in the valley, with packing houses not only on the place, but on the railroad switch as well, makes it a certainty that the new owner has a bonanza in his purchase.

The fine house, the complete and modern barn, packing house and implement sheds, together with ample accommodations for the large force working in the orchards in the bunk-houses, the water works, the complete drainage system, more than seven miles of tiling being now installed, and the fact that irrigation water is already available on the place, makes it one among the best.

The entire equipment is included in the deal, and the new owners will find the way paved for immediate and effective work. "I consider that Mr. Allen has made the best buy in the valley," stated S. A. Nye, of York & Co., "and one that will be immensely profitable to him, whether kept intact or cut up. The orchard will be shipping a hundred cars of fruit a year very shortly. Subdivision up of the big orchard is what is needed," and this is the general sentiment among realty dealers and orchardists.

Dr. J. N. Coghlan of Portland, who owns an orchard adjoining the Tronson & Guthrie orchard at Eagle Point and has been spending a month here, left Saturday for his home.

PICKING SCENE IN THE FAMOUS SNOWY BUTTE ORCHARD



TOP ALL SHOWN AT SPOKANE SHOW

400 LOST AS STEAMER BURNS

St. Croix Burns at Sea Near Redondo--Believed Entire Crew and Passengers Were Lost.

DETAILS MEAGRE IN REGARD TO CATASTROPHE

Vessel Passed by City of Topeka--No Sign of Life on Board.

(United Press Leased Wire.) LOS ANGELES, Nov. 20.--It is believed that 400 people lost their lives this evening when the steamer St. Croix of the North Pacific Coast Steamship company burned 14 miles north of Santa Monica.

Los Angeles papers are sending out bulletins that the St. Croix burned to the water's edge and that she was beached in an endeavor to save her crew.

The steamer City of Topeka arrived at Redondo tonight and reported passing the burning steamer.

Not a person was in sight on the wreck.

The ship was a mass of flames and the City of Topeka was unable to get very close.

No boats or life rafts were in sight. There was considerable wreckage floating about the vessel.

The sea was calm but a heavy fog had settled over the water. No people along the coast had met any survivors.

The City of Topeka, after ascertaining that there was no life aboard the blaging ship proceeded to Redondo and reported the wreck.

The St. Croix left San Pedro at 5 o'clock this morning for San Francisco.

Strenuous efforts are being made to learn more definite news of the catastrophe.

which sustained their lives. But the very fact that they were unable to note the passage of time was probably the explanation of its lasting long enough to save them.

Instead of eating meals for seven days, they had, in this living tomb, been satisfied with the food that they thought would last them one day.

They were nearly starved without knowing it.

After the fire forty-two had been brought to the surface the mine inspectors had to return to the shaft.

It was not long before the news was flashed that one hundred more living men had been found in another chamber, having passed through much the same experience as the first forty-two.

Mad With Joy. When this news was spread through the town, already mad with joy, went into wild expressions of exultation.

Some of those recovered may die from weakness, but it is hoped that

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Tronson & Guthrie's Car of Spitzenbergs Win for Them Prize of \$1500 and Title "Apple Kings of America."

ASHLAND CAR SHUT OUT BY LATE RULES

Other Prizes Are Won by Exhibitors From Rogue River Valley--Ashland Gets Prize.

(Mail Tribune Special Service.) SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 20.--Tronson & Guthrie of the Rogue River valley are the "Apple Kings of America." Their car of Spitzenbergs, exhibited at the Spokane National Apple Show, was awarded the sweepstakes prize of \$1500, a gold medal and the title "Apple King of America." The award is a popular one in this city where for a week past admiring crowds have commented upon it.

S. P. Rolph of Ashland, Ore., took second prize in the ten box display of Newtown Pippins and third in the ten box display of Spitzenbergs.

J. A. Westerland of Medford, Ore., took second prize for a plate display of yellow Newtowns, among 42 competitors.

The Rogue River valley has attracted much attention in this city by the excellence of its displays. Much inquiry is being made concerning the valley.

Pope Shut Out. Charles Pope of Ashland, Ore., was picked for winner on Newtowns, but the judges failed to award him anything because the fruit was not unwrapped. Pope was not given time to unwrap his fruit. Considerable ill feeling was displayed over this by Oregon exhibitors.

The apple show closed tonight with a gigantic auction of the displays. The show has been a success in spite of the bad weather throughout the week. Thousands have attended.

Yakima is Sore.

Troube has begun in the apple show. North Yakima fruit growers allege discrimination, saying that W. W. Sawyer of Yakima should have taken the sweepstakes with a carload display of James' Golden and allege that the prize winning exhibit, that of Tronson & Guthrie, was infected with "Baldwin Rot," because of its unripe condition while Sawyer's fruit was perfect. They attribute the discrimination to the fact that Oregon had men on the board of judges while there were none from Washington.

No More For Them. The Yakima exhibitors declared in an interview given the Mail Tribune correspondent that they will never send fruit to Spokane again. However, the majority seem satisfied with the award given as the Rogue River fruit was the center of admiration throughout the week. Most of the best carload exhibitors are already sold to eastern and foreign markets.

Discovery of apple maggots in a

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GOVERNMENT WINS OVER STANDARD OIL CO.

Great Suit to Dissolve Company in New Jersey Won by Government--Will Be Appealed to Supreme Court.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 20.--The government today won the great suit to dissolve the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, the parent Rockefeller corporation of \$100,000,000 capital.

The decision was announced in the United States circuit court by Judge Elmer B. Adams.

The government case, brought under the direction of former President Roosevelt was conducted by Frank B. Kellogg, special deputy attorney general. The only exceptions made in favor of the oil trust are in relation to some of the minor subsidiary companies, which were named as defendants.

These, it is held, are not clearly shown to be dominated by the trust. Take Effect in 30 Days.

The orders of the court, affecting the monster Rockefeller incorporation, do not take effect for thirty days.

This case is one of the most remarkable in the records of jurisprudence. The defense was conducted by Moritz Rosenthal, the famous thousand-dollar-a-day attorney, with the aid of John G. Milburn, one of the leading corporation attorneys of New York City.

The hearings extended in various forms over nearly two years and the testimony was taken in a great many

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WORST NOVEMBER 142 LIVING MEN TAKEN FROM MINE

Rogue Rises and Does Considerable Damage--No Let Up in Sight Says Weather Man.

CHERRY, Ill., Nov. 20.--Like the dead rising from the tomb, living men were raised from the St. Paul mine here this afternoon.

The wildest scenes of joy followed. The wives, dressed as widows, and the children who have mourned the apparently certain loss for their fathers for a while, are beside themselves with happiness.

It seems almost inconceivable, too good to be true, for all hope had fled. The families of these men had not the slightest ray of hope that they would be ever seen alive again.

Hoped Only For Bodies. Only the blackened charred bodies, burned beyond recognition, were hoped for, ten mourned as dead for seven days and nights, and half of the length for them to rise from the sealed tomb, still alive ready and actually able to speak to their loved ones, has sent the toru and terror-stricken from paroxysms of grief to the wildest joy.

The men thought they had been in their black prison for only one day. Time had passed unrecorded. There was nothing by which it could be measured.

"We were only waiting to die," said one man, "no one cared to try to tell how long it was. But none of us thought it was more than a day."

Hod Food With Them. They had some food with them,

Old J. Plaw has certainly opened the faucet and has forgotten to turn it off. Three inches of rain has fallen during the past 36 hours and it is still coming.

The storm is one of the heaviest on record for this time of the year and the water of the Rogue and its tributaries are rapidly reaching high water mark. Seven feet of water is now going over the dam at Gold Ray and the fishway is entirely submerged. The log boom at the dam has broken loose and over 300 of the logs have been carried down stream. The bridge may go out but this is not expected.

The false work at the new county bridge across Rogue river at Woodville has been taken out by the high

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JACK SUMMERVILLE SELLS BARBER SHOP

John Sumerville has sold his barber shop in the Palm-Neidermeyer building to W. K. Whisenant who came here a short time since from Texas. Mr. Whisenant came to Medford seeking a location and finding one to his liking in the business conducted by Mr. Sumerville asked what the price was, paid it, and is now in possession. However, bosses may come and bosses may go, but Butch stays on forever.

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ASHLAND PEACHES TOOK PRIZE AT THE FAIR

(Mail Tribune Special Service.) ASHLAND, Ore., Nov. 20.--Max Praehl & Son, owners of the famous "Peachblow Paradise" orchard in this city, received official notification yesterday that the peaches exhibited by them at the A-Y-P exposition had been awarded the gold medal. This orchard has won the gold medal on peaches at every large exposition held within the past 16 years, except the St. Louis Louisiana Fair, when they failed to make any exhibit.

L. E. Hover, the nurseryman, has sold over four carloads of nursery stock this year and expects to make it five before the season ends.