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THE ROGUE RIVER VALLEY LEADS THE WORLD.

Rogue River valley has long claimed the palm of supremacy as the banner apple and pear section of the world. For pears record-smashing prices have been obtained again and again until the valley's claim in that particular could not be questioned. However, other sections while admitting the Medford district's supremacy in pears, have disputed the valley's claim to supremacy in apples. But now, the world will listen to their depreciatory and caviling criticisms with ears that hear not. For a body of men experts all, chosen for their knowledge of perfection in fruit, have named a car of apples from the Rogue River valley for first place, when placed on exhibition in competition with the finest grown in other sections. Incidentally, their decision carried with it a sweepstakes prize of \$1,500 and the title "Apple Kings of America."

The announcement that Tronson & Guthrie's car of Spitzenburgs from their Eagle Point orchard had won first honors, came without surprise to local orchardists, who have long known that Rogue River fruit led the world. But it was welcome news, nevertheless, for it demonstrated that their judgment had not been warped by prejudice. The ear was but one of many. Others year after year have been shipped to eastern markets its equal in excellence. For the Rogue River valley is not a producer of a single ear of fine fruit but a producer of many.

Of vast benefit to the valley will the victory be. Not only will the outside world be convinced, but local skeptics will be forced to forever hold their peace. And probably the victory will in a small way assist in the education of Portland and the Portland Oregonian, which has been, for these many years in discovering Southern Oregon.

Of benefit also will be the column after column of advertising given the valley by the papers the world over for the Spokane National Apple Show has attracted much attention.

No longer may other sections claim supremacy. The Rogue River valley leads the world.

UNREASONABLE CONSERVATISM.

A few months ago President Taft took occasion in a speech in Minnesota to rap the insurgents in congress who refused to vote for the new tariff bill.

A few days ago Speaker Cannon in a speech informed his auditors that the republicans in the house who opposed his rules would be deprived of their committee appointments and otherwise punished for insubordination.

These criticisms and threats are received by a large number of our people as timely, proper and just. We are a free people, undoubtedly, and very jealous of our rights as citizens, and very determined to maintain our free institutions. But could anyone imagine that, similar speeches made by gentleman occupying similar positions in England, Germany or France, being received with the same equanimity that they were received with in this country?

The indifference with which such matters are looked upon in this country would seem to indicate that we are the most conservative people in the world. The events of the last congress, if occurring in the national legislative bodies of England, France or Germany, would call into being a new political party of considerable power. But with us there arises some doubts but not active dissent that takes the form of organization to carry into effect the policies of the doubters. The doubters kick a little, and in turn are kicked by the majority and plod on in the rear of those they denounce.

For years students of our politics have perceived the need of a new party that stood for something practical, and not subject to the mercenary control of the present great parties. But we seem to be unable to produce a man or men great enough to be a leader for such a movement.

The reason is not so much the lack of great leadership, as it is in the underlying causes of the unreasoning party fealty that ties the majority of the voters to the two parties.

Before the civil war new parties were frequently started that soon became powerful and prominent. But since the war all such efforts have proved weak and almost futile. The cause can be traced to the civil war. One great cause was the prejudice that grew out of the war. Another and more patent cause is the political leadership and following that came therefrom. The civil war was fought almost entirely by young men and boys. The army records prove this. When the war was ended and the young men of both armies returned to civil life, and took part in the politics of their communities, because of associations and training they naturally looked for leaders in political contests to those who led them in the hour of battle.

It has been said of the south that no one could be elected to an important office who was not a colonel. This was almost equally true of the north. It was not only military renown of the candidate, but the ties of affection and confidence on the part of the former soldiers that has kept the republican party of the north and the democratic party of the south firmly cemented.

But a new order has arrived—a new generation is upon us. We realize that there should be new party alignments, more and better parties, but still it seems almost impossible to destroy the party loyalty born of a loyalty to captain, colonel and general.

Nevertheless, the signs are that in time, and the near

future, the tension will be so great that each of the two parties that now predominate will be snapped in twain. From the two will come a new party, untrammelled and unfettered by the hoary traditions of the past, the commercial interests that have entered into politics as an investment, and sentimental reverence for party history and past leaders, who knew not of and could not have known of present conditions and problems.

NEWSPAPERS AND GREAT MEN.

From preferred positions on the first page to a little obscure corner Peary and Cook have traveled in a few short weeks. In another month both will have been forgotten. For awhile if Peary went out to dine it was an event, if Cook criticised the weather promptly the wires hummed with the incident. Now they can talk all day and only get a two-line head.

That is the work of the great American daily. Today publicity and constant publicity at that, is the breath of life to our great and near-great men. Let the papers drop them for a day and the American readers pass them up. Politicians realize this better, perhaps than others, and never yet was there a successful politician that did not look after the publicity feature with feverish and persistent assiduity.

The best business men realize as well as the politician the need of printer's ink which explains the wonderful success and development of newspaper advertising in this country. Wise merchants know that to succeed they must keep their wares and their personality jam up in the public eye—not one day or one week, but all the time. In other words the newspaper tends to hasten the pace by which we make progress.

The merchant who ceases to advertise, soon drops out of the public eye. He will hold old customers perhaps, but he makes few new ones. In a rapidly growing community like Medford, the new comers look to the newspaper for store news as well as general news, and the merchant who fails to advertise, fails to secure his share of the business.

PORTLAND IGNORANCE.

The general ignorance of Portland regarding the rest of the state in general, and Southern Oregon in particular, is clearly set forth in the "Chamber of Commerce Bulletin," a monthly publication issued by the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

In the magazine is given "Oregon by Counties," in which alleged resources, population and industries of the various counties are set forth, and the following misinformation is printed about Jackson county:

"Population (est. 1909) 16,000. Total value of taxable property (1907) \$22,811,390. Products, peaches, sugar beets, hemp, onions, sorghum and strawberries."

The estimated population of Jackson county in fact exceeds 25,000 on a conservative basis. Few sugar beets are raised, though they grow well enough. There isn't enough hemp grown to make a rope long enough to hang the author, nor sorghum enough to sweeten his coffee. The assessed valuation exceeded \$26,000,000 in 1908.

The Chamber of Commerce bulletin is evidently ignorant of the fact that Jackson county grows more apples and pears than any county in Oregon, that we have produced and are producing more gold, than any other county and that Jackson county has more diversified natural resources than any section of similar area on earth.

The ignorance of the bulletin regarding Southern Oregon is exceeded only by that of its contemporary, the Portland Oregonian.

IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.

Let Uncle Sam be his own banker. The central bank idea as advocated by Senator Aldrich and in the interest of which, the gentleman from Rhode Island is now touring the middle west may be a splendid institution in theory but in practice it is certain to fall into the hands of Wall street and be used to further the interest of a small group of financiers.

It hardly seems possible that President Taft has placed the reliance upon Aldrich that he apparently has. It is a notorious fact that Mr. Aldrich is a creature of the "interests," probably more than any other man in public life and the expression of faith on the part of the president seems childish. The very fact that Aldrich advocates anything new "for the benefit of the public" places it under suspicion.

For the present at least, and not until the "interests" come farther under government control should the people consent to a central bank. It offers too great a temptation for the interests. Indeed it simply seems to be a move whereby a few men would obtain control of the public money in hundreds of millions.

And until the relations of the government and the "interests" are more clearly understood, Uncle Sam should continue to be his own banker.

There is hope in the fact that there is a rapidly growing sentiment throughout the state favoring higher assessment of vacant and unimproved property, which is, for the most part, held for purely speculative purposes, and for a decrease in the assessment of improved property, held by men who spend their money, time and energy in the up-building of their sections and the development of its resources.

It is not good business to place a tax upon industry, yet under the present system the man who improves his property is taxed far greater than the man who sits and waits for his neighbor to increase the value of his property. It is thus that the land monopolist is encouraged. In short the man who improves his property helps his neighbors by giving them employment; helps others while helping himself; is entitled to far more consideration at the hands of the assessor than is the mossback and the speculators who seek only personal gains. It is injustice to punish a man for being progressive.

LAND SALES ARE PLENTIFUL

Many Real Estate Men Turning Deals Every Day—Aggregate Is a Large Sum.

Real estate, in spite of the weather, is moving in good sized tracts and at increasing prices, as is shown by the sales mentioned below. These do not by any means comprise the total of the sales of the week, others having been previously printed and there are still others not reported. However the aggregate of the few makes a fairly respectable sum.

J. E. Stewart has sold 30 acres of his orchard two miles northwest of Medford, adjoining the Captain Carroll place, to C. H. Anselker, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for a consideration of \$21,000. The tract is planted principally to fruit, 23 acres being of Newtowns eight years old and that not in orchard is first-class alfalfa land and is bearing crops of hay each year. Mr. Anselker leaves shortly for southern California with his family to spend the winter, and will go to Iowa in the spring to dispose of his holdings there, so that he may give his entire attention to his interests here. This sale was made through the agency of J. E. Wood. Mr. Wood also reports the following sales made through his agency:

Frank Hathaway to J. S. Palmer, a twenty acre tract near Central Point for \$1200. This tract is planted to pears and Newtown apples.

W. W. Glasgow to Mr. Ritter, 80 acres six miles northwest of Medford, 20 acres of which are now planted to fruit. The new comer has made arrangements to have 40 acres more of the tract planted to apples and pears. The price paid was \$15,000.

J. B. Wood to P. M. Shaw, one-half interest in 120 acres seven miles northwest of Medford, 30 acres of which are in one-year-old trees and trees ordered for the planting of 80 acres more, for \$7,500. This tract is only a mile and a quarter from the Table Rock station of the Pacific & Eastern railroad.

J. B. Wood to A. C. Ayler, 25 acres one and one-half miles from Eagle Point for \$3,000. This land is good orchard land but not yet improved. Mr. Ayler intends improving it and setting it to fruit.

T. W. Osgood has purchased, acting as agent for friends in North Dakota, seventy acres of land about three miles southwest of Medford from R. Schuler. The land is unimproved with the exception of having a fair set of buildings. Mr. Osgood's friends contemplate planting the tract to apples and pears this winter and will later sub-divide into small tracts. The price paid was \$15,000.

Elmer Coleman, administrator of the Culver estate, has sold to Mrs. Wilson Critzer, of Detroit, Mich., a twenty acre tract across Bear Creek east of Phoenix at \$145 an acre, and the purchaser has made arrangements to have it planted to apples and pears during the winter.

A. T. Brown and R. V. Meikle have bought a 27-acre tract in the Stewart farm two miles northeast of the city, and a tract of the same size and adjacent has been purchased by Engineer F. N. Cummings. The price paid was \$150 an acre.

The above sales were handled through the W. T. York & Co. agency. The following sales are reported by the Dressler Real Estate Agency: P. E. Anderson to Isaac Williams, 60 acres three miles southeast of Medford, \$6000.

George Dingwall to James Mathews of Denver, Colo., 30 acres four miles south of Medford, \$4250.

Thirty lots in Hoonoke addition on West Seventh street to Charles Burgess of Chicago, Ill., \$16,000. Mr. Burgess has let contracts for five bungalows to be completed by the 1st of March.

C. A. Parker to J. B. Stockmann of Medford, three lots in Parker's addition. Price \$675.

DISAGREEMENT SNAPS TENSION IN NOTED MURDER CASE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 20.—Disagreement has snappd the tension in the case against Mrs. Martina Kalesh, accused of complicity with Charles F. Newcomb, in the murder of her husband, who was shot to death by Newcomb May 14 last. The jury which since 3:10 yesterday afternoon has battled with itself on the question of conviction or acquittal, at 1 o'clock this morning reported its failure to reach a verdict after 19 hours of fruitless argument. The jury stood six for acquittal, five for murder in the first degree and one for murder in the second degree.

YALE DOWNS HARVARD 8-0

Hard Fought Battle Ends With Yale Bull Dog Again on Top—Harvard Dies Game.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 20.—The Yale bulldog has come into its own again.

By lowering the crimson colors this afternoon to the tune of 8 to 0, Yale not only wiped out its defeat of last year by Harvard, but also is entitled to premier football honors for 1909. The game was one of the most exciting ever witnessed on the stadium and the spectacular plays pulled off by each team brought the 40,000 spectators to their feet time and time again.

Until the referee sounded the whistle calling the game at the conclusion of the second half he contest was in doubt, and realizing this the Yale athletes never let up for an instant.

Harvard put up a magnificent game but Yale put up a better one. The most spectacular plays were put up by the men from Yale. In this respect Coy and Philbin were the scintillating stars.

Shortly before the conclusion of the first half Philbin, the plucky left-half-back of the Yale aggregation set the followers of the blue wild when he caught Minot's punt on his own 50-yard-line, and with head lowered like an enraged bull returned the pigskin 30 yards before he was finally downed after bowling over three of the Crimson tacklers as though they had been mere tin pins. It was one of the longest runs and one of the most spectacular plays of the game.

The kicking of Captain Coy was little short of marvelous. Twice did the Yale team make sensational field goals from almost impossible angles. The work of Minot, the Harvard full-back, suffered greatly in comparison with that of the Yale giant. In the line plunging he was the most consistent gainer of the two teams.

Harvard put up its best game in the first half. The ball had been in play but a few minutes before the crimson lads had worked it dangerously near the Yale goal.

Harvard tried repeatedly to carry the ball over by line plunges but the Yale line stood like a stone wall. After losing the ball on Downs, Coy kicked the ball out of the danger zone and Harvard never had a look in thereafter.

It was Yale's day and the bulldog was not to be denied. Thousands of dollars changed hands on the outcome of the game.

The Yale contingent is in possession of Boston tonight.

AT THE CHURCHES

Christian Science Announcement. Returning with next Sunday, Nov. 21st, the Christian Science services will be held at 128 North Grape street, one and one-half blocks north of Sherman-Clay music house. Service as usual at 11 o'clock, to which all are welcome. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. 210

Presbyterian Church. Sunday at 11 a. m. "A Thanksgiving Sermon." Every patriot and every christian should be present to hear this sermon. You may not agree with it, but the preacher will say what he believes to be true. oGod music.

First Baptist Church. Strangers' Sunday Home. Rev. Woods of Black River, Falls, Wis., will preach at 11 in the morning and H. Tuttle will preach in the evening.

Methodist Church. At the morning service at 11 o'clock, the choir will sing, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," by Cullter; soloists, Mr. Charlton and Mr. Meeker. Mrs. Van Scoy, soprano, will sing the offertory. At the evening service the choir will sing Shelly's "Savior, When Night Involves the Skies," with Mr. Merrill as soloist. Miss Ione Flynn will play the offertory. All most cordially invited.

St. Mark's Church. Rev. Mr. Lucas of Michigan, who is to take charge of St. Mark's Episcopal church, is here and will hold service today at 11 o'clock and 7.30.

Benjamin F. Heidel, assistant engineer of the department of agriculture, left Friday evening for Caldwell, Idaho, where he will take charge of some government construction work.

ZELAYA ADMITS HIS BUTCHERY

Killed Two Americans—No Doubt Remains as to Their Laemntable Fate—Ordered It Over Protest.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—There is no doubt but that Leonard Groce and Leroy Cannon, the two Americans arrested with the revolutionists in Nicaragua have been executed.

The state department today received a cable message from the American consul at Managua confirming the report that the Americans had been executed on the orders of President Zelaya, who is now fighting against the revolutionists, headed by Provisional President Estrada.

According to the message the Nicaraguan government admits that the execution took place. The officials justify the act by the declaration that Groce and Cannon both confessed that they were laying mines in the San Juan river for the purpose of blowing up steamers carrying government troops.

It appears that Zelaya ordered their execution over the protest of his army commander-in-chief and the minister general.

BRADSHAW CASE IS COMPLETED

Famous Suit Between Meirs Will Be Adjudicated in Circuit Court Next Week.

The Bradshaw case, whereby Effie and Charles E. Terrill have sued in the circuit court to set aside a deed and bond for a deed made by the late W. H. Bradshaw before his death, has been occupying the attention of the circuit court for the past several days and was concluded, with the exception of taking the deposition of the nurse who attended Mr. Bradshaw during his last illness, which deposition will be taken by a referee, in accordance with the stipulations agreed to by the attorneys for each side in the controversy.

The case will then be submitted to the court for adjudication next week.

The case has been contested strongly on each side and involves the distribution of the estate of the late W. H. Bradshaw, who died intestate, but had disposed of his estate by deed and gifts before his death.

OREGON WINS FROM O. A. C. SCORE OF 12-0

EUGENE, Nov. 20.—On a soggy rain-soaked field and under weeping skies the University of Oregon eleven, by the score of 12 to 0, Friday afternoon defeated Oregon Agricultural College in the fiercest, bit-terest and most spectacular football game ever fought between the old rivals. Oregon won by two touchdowns in the second half, after the first had resulted in a scoreless punting battle.

Both scores were replete with sensations. The first was made by Quarterback Latourette ten minutes after the beginning of the half, when he caught one of Carl Wolff's twisting spirals on Oregon's 45-yard line, and protected by an interference so perfect that it bowled eight Agricultural players from his path, circled the left end for a 65-yard run to a touchdown.

WORST NOVEMBER STORM.

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water, and more damage is expected to the unfinished portion of the structure.

Much of the snow in the mountains which fell earlier in the month is being melted by the rain and the streams are swollen in consequence of this addition to the actual down-pour.

Bear Creek is rapidly raising but no damage is expected to result from this source.

As far as local orchards and ranches are concerned the rain is a blessing. The fruit harvest is completed, and every preparation for bad weather made by all except those who never are prepared, so that the people of the valley as a whole can let'er rain, because they know it will not last long.

Harder rains than this have been experienced in the Rogue river valley at this time of year, some of which have resulted in damage to the orchardists, but this storm seems to have come at just the time when it could do the least damage and the most good.