

\$1000 AN ACRE A YEAR FROM ORCHARDS

BIG RETURNS MADE THIS YEAR

Many Wonderful Records Made by Rogue River Valley Orchardists—Most Prosperous of All Years.

WITH SPLENDID CROP, PRICES WERE GOOD

To Grow Fruit With International Reputation for Quality Pays Well.

Supremacy of Rogue River apples and pears has long been acknowledged in the fruit markets of the world, though this is the first year growers ever offered their products in competition with the world at apple shows. England takes all of the Newtown Pippins produced. New York City the Spitzenberg, while the pears, universally conceded the finest grown, bring the highest prices in all the markets of the world. Returns for the present year are not all in, but the following shows what Rogue River orchards are doing in the year of our Lord, 1909, and that \$1000 an acre net is a common occurrence:

The Merocross Orchard.
From his 17-year-old Spitzenberg orchard near Central Point, W. H. Norcross averaged 420 boxes per acre, which netted him \$2.50 a box at the orchard, or \$1050 per acre. The fruit was marketed in New York city. From 16-year-old Newtown Pippin trees 392 boxes per acre, which sold, f. o. b. orchard, for \$2.40 a box, or \$1428.00 per acre. The fruit was marketed in London, England.

Mountain View Orchard.
A. C. Randall picked from the Mountain View orchard at Talent this fall 13,500 boxes of Newtown Pippins. Twenty-three acres yielded 12,000 boxes, which will net \$2 a box, or over \$1900 an acre. So far as sold, his Newtowns have netted \$2.25 a box, or \$1575 per acre. One tree yielded 57 boxes, a record yield for any section.

From 28 Gravenstein apple trees Mr. Randall sold \$600 worth of apples, the crop being 450 boxes, an average of over 16 boxes to the tree, or over \$21 per tree. One tree of Gravenstein yielded 55 boxes.

From three and a half acres of Winesap and Spitzenberg, Mr. Randall sold 1500 boxes of apples at \$2 a box net, or \$3000, an average of \$800 an acre.

Tronson & Guthrie.
Tronson & Guthrie from five acres of 16-year-old Spitzenbergs, averaged 520 boxes to the acre, which netted them an average price of \$3 a box, or \$1560 an acre. In addition they secured \$1100 for their premium crop. Last year they averaged \$247 a box for their apples.

R. C. P. Astbury, from 500 trees on his Riverside orchard, near Gold Hill, has marketed four cars of Spitzenberg and Ben Davis, principally the latter, which has grossed him \$5000, or a net profit, deducting all expenses of operation, of \$3000.

The Burrell Orchard.
The Burrell orchard, owned by the Burrell Investment company of Portland, broke all records for quantity this year, shipping 40 cars of pears from 48 acres, which averaged \$2 a box at the orchard, \$40,000 for the crop. Their Bartlett's netted \$1000 an acre and for the past nine years have netted annually \$600 an acre. One car of Bartlett's this year sold for \$1.25 a box in New York city, the high record of the year for Bartlett's.

RIVERWORKS HAVOC AT HATCHERY

Thousands of Dollars' Loss Caused by Recent High Water—Elk Creek Dam Carried Away.

MANY EGGS AND SALMON FRY ARE TOTAL LOSS

Found Necessary to Establish Supplementary Hatchery by Tapping Irrigation Ditch.

Thousands of dollars' worth of damage was done to the Elk creek hatchery by the recent high water in Rogue river. Over 25,000 eggs were lost and a large number of salmon fry had to be planted before the time had come and the percentage of loss will be great. It was found necessary to make a supplementary hatchery, by tapping a local irrigation ditch in order to save eggs in process of incubation. The east wing of the dam in Elk creek, where it has been the custom to take steelhead eggs, was taken out by the water and that will have to be replaced.

The water from the Rogue did all the damage, and had Elk creek risen in proportion to the rise in the larger stream the plant would have been practically wiped out. Had not the water fallen when it did there is no telling what would have been left, as a crisis was rapidly approaching. The banks of the river are badly torn up and the channel has been changed in several places.

The road above the hatchery built by the county last summer has been badly damaged. It is reported to be impassable. H. L. Kelly, Jr., superintendent of the hatchery, was in Medford Saturday night. He reports that he never witnessed a more rapid rise of water in the Rogue than the recent one. He says that the plant will be working again in a short time.

Four cars of Howells were sold at \$2.65 a box, f. o. b. Medford. In addition ten cars of Newtowns and one car of Jonathans have been shipped, returns for which are not in.

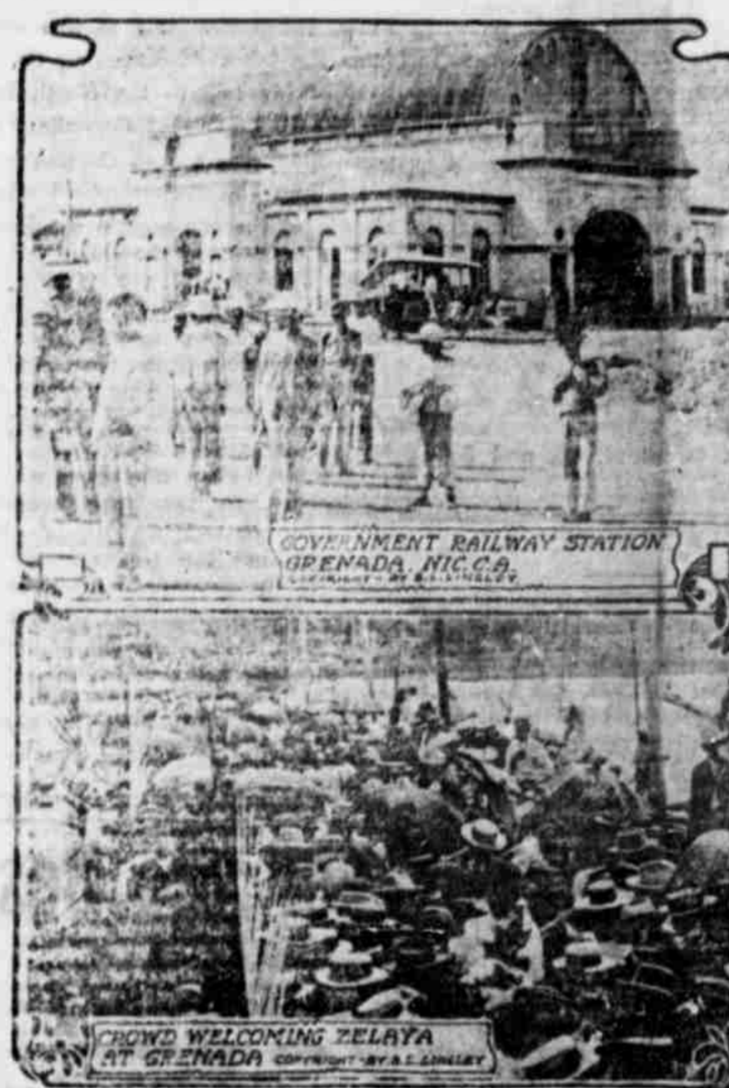
The Gore Orchard.
The seven and a half acre Bartlett pear orchard owned by John G. Gore, south of Medford, is also the record-breaker of the valley for yield and price. Mr. Gore this year shipped 12 cars of pears from the orchard, which netted him \$9355.10, or \$1244.68 per acre.

From an apple orchard of the same size Mr. Gore has picked a crop of Newtowns that will run a carload to the acre.

From seven acres of 16-year-old Bartlett pears, W. G. Estep from his Talent orchard sold an average of 514 boxes to the acre, which netted \$2 a box to the acre. The entire crop grossed \$10,750, or \$7000 net, or \$1000 an acre gross.

Near Creek Orchard.
From the Bear Creek orchards C. E. Whistler sold from six acres of 7-year-old Bartlett pears 230 boxes per acre, which sold in New York for \$3 a box, netting \$500 an acre. Four acres of 21-year-old Bartlett pears yielded 600 boxes per acre, which sold at \$1 per box in Medford, netting \$1080 an acre. Four acres of d'Anjou pears 11 years old yielded 250 boxes per acre, selling

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JOSE SANTOS ZELAYA, PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUA, AND SCENES DURING REBELLION AGAINST HIM.



UNCLE SAM READY TO WAR ON ZELAYA

CONSUL GENERAL DISAPPEARS; MAY BE IMPRISONED

Zelaya Has Until Monday to Answer Demands of Government or Country Will Be Invaded.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Reports came here from New York that Zelaya had been given until 1 o'clock Sunday morning to make satisfactory arrangements with the United States. In case of failure, the United States will land marines at Corinto. The state department refuses to confirm the generally published statements today that the government contemplates dispatching three army transports to Nicaragua. The navy department on the other hand partly confirms the activity.

It is conceded that the government is about to take an important step and end for all time the periferous Central American quarrel. The decision is said to have been caused by a determination to first consult Mexico.

It is understood that the United States will receive the moral support of Diaz.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 27.—Dispatches received here state that American Vice-Consul Calder, stationed at Managua, has been imprisoned by forces of President Zelaya. The rumor, however, has not been confirmed.

According to the message, Calder has been detained for some time and it is generally believed that he has been imprisoned. Friends here of Calder for some time have been trying to communicate with him, but in vain.

Declare He Is in Jail.
Today's messages declare that President Zelaya imprisoned Calder because he wanted to hide from the American government the cruelties incidental to the execution of Cannon and Groce. It is known that the state department has been unable to get any replies to inquiries regarding the executions.

The reports declare that only the imprisonment of Calder could keep Estrada's forces from finding the vice-consul.

Castro, representing the Estrada government at Washington has been asked to assist in finding Calder. Friends of Castro declare that he has received advices which cause him to believe that Calder is held a prisoner or that he possibly has been shot at the orders of President Zelaya.

Reports Meager.
Reports from the interior via Bluefields today are meager, but it is said

RAIN AGAIN, SAYS MR. WEATHER MAN

After a day of splendid weather, not too cool and with much sunshine, the weather man again predicts rain. A trace fell Saturday and more is in sight for today. The thermometer ranged around 66 Saturday.

PROPOSE CHANGE CITY CHARTER

Citizens Will Vote December 14 on Amendment to Charter—To Give Council Further Power.

A special election has been called by the city council to be held on December 14 for the purpose of voting upon an amendment to the city charter in the matter of granting franchises.

The election is for the purpose of amending sub-section 42 of section 25 and section 100 of the charter. The amendment to sub-section 42, supra, provides that no franchises may be granted by the city for a longer term than ten years, excepting street railway franchises, which may be granted for such periods as the council or the voters of the city may decide. The amendment to section 100 is the same, with the exception that no exclusive rights are to be granted.

The amendments define the manner in which contracts may be entered into by the council and franchises granted and is designed to give the council and the people more latitude in these matters.

That conditions are unchanged at Managua. It is reported that the surrender of Zelaya may come before night. The insurgents are well armed and have plenty of provisions, while they have cut off Zelaya's food supply.

A cablegram this afternoon from Bluefields announced that Vice-Consul Calder has succeeded in communicating with the state department and that his report bears out the stories of barbarous cruelties inflicted upon Groce and Cannon before they were executed. It is said that the report of Calder was forwarded several days ago. Nothing is known, however, of his present whereabouts.

Advices received at the local consulate from Bluefields indicate that a crisis in Nicaraguan affairs is at hand. A

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LOVETT WILL SPEND HOUR IN THIS CITY

Successor to E. H. Harriman Will Arrive in Medford—Will Be Presented With Fruit.

This morning the leading officials of the Harriman lines will be met by a delegation of citizens, headed by Judge Colvig, president of the Medford Commercial club. During the two hours' stop of the party they will be given every opportunity to see the city and will be presented with some of the same kind of fruit that won the grand prize at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition and at the Spokane apple show.

The party will consist of Robert S. Lovett, president of the Harriman system of railroads, who was named by Mr. Harriman his successor before he died, as being the man who would best fill the position; Julius Kruttschmitt, director of maintenance and operation; E. C. Stubbs, freight and traffic director; R. E. McCormick, passenger traffic director; J. P. O'Brien, manager of the lines in the Pacific northwest; R. B. Miller, general freight agent; Mr. Sullivan, a prominent banker of New York, and other guests and officials.

These distinguished gentlemen will be given a warm reception by the Commercial club and it will be the idea to show them something at least of the capabilities and resources of the Rogue River valley.

HAUNTED BY IMAGINARY ENEMIES, KILLS HIMSELF

(United Press Leased Wire.)
SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Nov. 27.—Haunted by the fear that he was marked for death at the hands of an assassin sent by a secret society to kill him, Pere Konotovich, a blacksmith here, blew out his brains in a local lodging house last night. Konotovich notified the foreman of a rock crusher Wednesday that he was going to leave, as his life was in danger. Shortly afterward two men arrived and the Russian fled in terror from the place.

PRIEST EXCOMMUNICATED FOR DISOBEDIENCE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
DENVER, Colo., Nov. 27.—Father J. P. Carrigan, one of the oldest and most prominent Roman Catholic priests in Colorado, has been excommunicated, following his refusal several months ago to obey the mandate of Bishop Mulvady, transferring from Denver to Pueblo.

PANIC CAUSE OF MANY DEATHS

Meeting of Red Cross Convention in Japan Terminates in Awful Tragedy—Crowd Panic-Stricken.

MEN TRYING TO GET IN AND OUT STARTED TROUBLE

Crowd So Tremendous That It Could Not Be Controlled When Once Started.

TOKIO, Nov. 27.—Reports from Osaka say that more than 100 persons were killed in a terrible panic at the general meeting of the Red Cross society in that city this afternoon. Several hundreds were injured and many of these may not recover. More than 20,000 persons gathered at the Temple ground to attend the meeting. There was only one doorway for either entrance or exit at the building where the ceremonies were held. As the crowd struggled to get in and many of those within began struggling to get out, a great panic ensued. Men and women lost their senses and in their wild fright struggled and fought with each other and trampled hundreds under foot.

The crowd was so tremendous and drawn from both directions to the doorway, like the center of an hour-glass that it was impossible for the officers to restore order for some time. When a man became frightened and began struggling he was crushed by the tremendous crowd through which there was no possibility of a person forcing his way.

The result was that when the crowd finally was cleared there was immediate work for the Red Cross society and the agents of the society at once took charge of the dead and wounded.

ENGLISH PEOPLE WILL HAVE OWN WAY, SAYS DELMAS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—"The crisis of the budget has been brought about the world-old fight between those who have much and want more and those who have none and want some," said Attorney Delmas on his return from London, where he went in the interest of Walter A. McCreery, the wealthy American who alleged that his wife and his brother were trying to confiscate his estate.

JOHNSON SAYS HE IS WILLING TO MEET SAM

PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 27.—Jack Johnson, before leaving on the Manhattan Limited, was told that Sam Langford has posted \$10,000 in Boston to make a match with him. "Let Langford put his money up with the Chicago American. I will fight him for any sum."

Mystery Surrounds Orders.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 27.—The mystery surrounding the reception Friday of secret orders directing the depot manager to stop all work of loading the army transport Logan and to hold the vessel in readiness for further orders had not abated today.

30 PERISH IN PITTSBURG FIRE

Firemen Sacrifice Lives in Vain Attempt to Save Number of People From Death.

PROMPT ACTION SAVED LARGE NUMBER FROM DEATH

Property Loss Will Exceed \$250,000—Hard Fighting Got Flames Under Control.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 27.—Thirty are known to be dead and many more are thought to be burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Royal hotel in this city tonight. Two blocks were burned, the property loss being \$250,000.

Six of the dead are firemen who were buried beneath a falling wall, where they were working in an endeavor to get a number of panic-stricken people out. The fire started early in the evening. Over 400 guests were in the hotel, but prompt action on the part of the hotel employes got the people out. It is feared, however, that the death list will go much larger.

The fire spread to an adjoining block occupied by a clothing house, in spite of the efforts of the firemen to control it. The six firemen who were buried in the ruins knew they were risking their lives, but they were undaunted when it was seen there was a chance to save a number of people. No sooner had they reached the persons they hoped to save when the wall fell.

CANNOT OPEN BIDS FOR BIG FIGHT IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Unless Commissioner Baker changes his mind the plan to open the bids for the Jeffries-Johnson fight in the presence of a great crowd in Madison Square Garden on the evening of December 1 will be nipped in the bud. The commissioner said today that if the promoter persisted in this course he will have a sufficient number of policemen on hand to arrest the promoters and principals, too, if necessary. The police commissioner said such a plan would be in direct violation of the law.

HAD A GOOD TIME WHILE HIS MONEY LASTED

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Nov. 27.—After spending \$6000, the proceeds of a land sale, in two months on joy rides, champagne and other sorts of spectacular pleasures, Carl Stof, an eccentric German, a patient at St. Joseph's hospital today, following his attempt last night to commit suicide in the city jail by hanging himself with his suspenders. His recovery is regarded as doubtful.

Stof's career as a spender has been meteoric. At no time since he came into possession of the small fortune has the old German been in such a plight.

ALL BUT THREE OF ARGO CREW SAFE

TILLAMOOK, Or., Nov. 27.—The steamer Argo, which grounded on Tillamook bar yesterday afternoon and afterwards floated herself, founded at 9 o'clock last night. The 21 persons on board, including passengers and crew, were compelled to take to the lifeboats. One of the lifeboats, containing Mate Johnson and nine others, stayed at sea and drifted for several hours, when it was finally picked up by the steamer Oahkosh, which had been in the vicinity for about 12 hours. Captain Snyder

and ten of the crew were picked up by a tug late this evening and are safe. The only persons drowned were Mrs. Nellie Hunter of Portland, Mrs. A. L. Holridge of Portland and Henry Wickham of the life-saving crew, when the lifeboat upset in the surf. After striking the bar last night the Argo drifted out to sea, but her engines were disabled. Rockets were sent up. She began to sink and those on board put off in the lifeboats. The sea was rough and it was not thought that they could live.

YOUNG DANCING GIRL SUES GOULD

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Frank Jay Gould, the multi-millionaire, who was but recently divorced from Helen Kelly Gould, has been sued for \$200,000 by a young dancing girl, known to the public as "Hessie DeVoe." The fact that services in this action was obtained upon Mr. Gould just before his departure for Europe was revealed tonight by a special dispatch from London, and the London report was confirmed later. It was learned that strenuous efforts were made to press the action to trial in the courts, but that a stay was procured. Lawyers from the office of Delaney Nicoll appeared upon the scene in behalf of the young millionaire. They feared an attempt to secure judgment by default while the defendant is traveling in Europe. Hessie DeVoe is now living in New York, where she has kept in seclusion since this action was commenced. During the past year her name has frequently been linked with that of Mr. Gould.