

# ASTBURY APPLES TO VLADIOSTOK

### Two Carloads Being Held in Cold Storage for Shipment Across Pacific to Oriental Port.

Apples grown at the Riverside orchards by R. C. F. Astbury, three miles from Gold Hill on Rogue river, will perhaps grace the tables of Russian army officers at Vladivostok or tickle the epicurean palate of some Chinese mandarin this winter, says the Gold Hill News. Two carloads of prime Ben Davisses, grown in these orchards, are being held in storage at Portland pending the proper time of shipment across the Pacific so that they may arrive at the Siberian port at a time when it is ice-free.

These apples were the only ones that the agent of the Portland dealer, who made a special trip to the Rogue river valley to select them last July, could find in all this wonderful apple region that would meet the requirements of his Asiatic trade. Three carloads were wanted, but two were all that could be found. They came from the Riverside orchards and were shipped at Gold Hill by Mr. Astbury.

A carload of early Spitzenbergs was shipped to New York and another of the same famous variety to Chicago, where they both brought top prices, \$3.25 per box being received for the New York consignment. There is still another car to be shipped into California, making five cars in all from an orchard of between five and six hundred bearing trees.

"The cleanest in the valley" is the reputation borne by the Riverside orchards among Rogue river fruit growers. When Mr. Astbury bought the place three years ago thirty per cent of the crop was wormy. This year there is scarcely a worm to be found and the trees are singularly free from other ills which fruit is heir to. The change is due to a careful application of up-to-date scientific methods.

The consolidation of the municipal and county administration in cities of the first-class will be urged at the next session of the Washington legislature.

## WOODSHED FIRE CALLS DEPARTMENT

### Might Have Been Serious Had Not Streets Been in Good Shape for Fast Traveling.

A fire in the woodshed at Dr. Reddy's residence on Oakdale avenue called out the fire department Sunday night about 10 o'clock. One of the family had gone into the shed after kindling and set the lamp he carried upon a pile of wood while picking up the kindling. The lamp fell off and caught fire, but did not explode fortunately. Assistance was promptly at hand, and the flames were kept under control until the fire department arrived, which they did in good time, having a good road to run on. What the result would have been if Oakdale had been in the condition it was before being paved is a conjecture, but there might have been a serious fire.

## UNIVERSITY GLEE CLUB TOURS SOUTHERN OREGON

Next week for the first time in three years the University of Oregon Glee club is to tour southern Oregon. For the past two seasons they have made a sojourn in the Inland Empire instead. Their trips in the dead of winter up into frozen eastern Oregon have often resulted disastrously to clear throats and close harmony and drafty depots and early morning trains have really made these trips more journeys of hardship than of pleasure. It is on account of these previous unpleasant experiences that the boys are looking forward with so much delight and anticipation to their short visit in southern Oregon. Many of the Portland boys have never been in the southern part of the state and are anxious to see what this country which has recently come into the lime light on account of her wealth in fruit lands is like.

The emphatic demand of President Taft in his message to congress for restorative legislation in behalf of a merchant marine, fulfills the promise he made while in the northwest last fall.

# STORMY SESSION JAPANESE DIET

### Important Legislation to Come Before That Body During Coming Session—To Decrease Land Tax.

TOKYO, Dec. 13.—That the coming session of the Japanese diet will be one of the most important in the history of the nation is generally accepted among those conversant with national policies and problems. That the session will be stormy and marked by much debate, is considered a certainty.

Among the matters that will come before the law makers for the Mikado's empire are the proposed decrease of the land tax and the enactment of a new labor law. The proposed readjustment of the tariff and of the commercial laws under which business is transacted here, also may be effected.

Reform also promises to play an unusual part in the deliberations of the diet. Among the institutions which may be effected are the present educational system and the accepted plan of railway extension and harbor improvements undoubtedly will be proposed.

## BONDING COMPANIES AFTER TAWNEY'S SCALP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Chairman James Tawney of the appropriations committee, who is being opposed in his district in Minnesota because of his friendship for Speaker Cannon and his vote for the Pane tariff bill, has another cause of worry. Today he admitted that the bonding companies of the country are after his scalp.

Mr. Tawney put in one of the appropriation bills a restriction on the premium to be paid for bonding. He also caused a commission to be appointed to investigate the business of furnishing surety bonds to United States officials. There are twenty-three bonding companies in the country, and their threatened increase in rates was knocked out by the action of congress. These companies are now said to be engaged in a war on Tawney which will be carried into his district at the next election.

## BASKET BALL GAME WEDNESDAY NIGHT

### Ashland Will Leave Soon for Tour of Northwest—Playing Good Ball.

The Ashland and Jacksonville basketball teams will meet at Ashland on Wednesday evening, December 15. Both teams have several victories to their credit and a close and interesting contest is anticipated. January 5 the Ashland team will leave for a tour of the northwest, meeting all comers, and expect to come back with a string of victories. They will invade California first, going to San Francisco, thence to Seattle, Spokane and return by way of Portland and the Willamette valley towns. The team is going to try and land the championship to hang up alongside the apple awards given this valley.

## 3339—OREGON

SEATTLE, Dec. 13.—Out of the 23,947 persons on Uncle Sam's payroll in Washington, D. C., just 218 come from the Pacific northwest, which is seven-tenths of one per cent. Of this number 85 are credited to Washington, 56 to Oregon, 53 to Montana and 24 to Idaho. California alone has 264 federal jobs at the capital. Notwithstanding the fact that the places are supposed to be apportioned on the basis of population, New Hampshire, with one-third the number of residents found in Washington state, has been able to put 144 persons into different government positions. Maryland, with practically the same population as the Evergreen state, has obtained jobs for 2192. The total salary list of the 23,947 employees is \$31,541,225 a year, of which residents of the northwestern states get \$267,351. This suggests the conclusion that either the people of this part of the country are too well employed at home to want jobs at the federal capital, or else our representatives in congress have not been active enough to get places for more constituents. A report just issued shows that the total number of persons employed by the United States government in all departments on July 1 last was 379,065, an increase of 84,924 in two years.

# WATER NEEDED KLAMATH FALLS

### Underwriters Signify Willingness to Reduce Insurance Rates But Mayor and Light Company Hold It Up.

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 13.—Although the underwriters have for some time signified their willingness to reduce the fire insurance rates in this city, about 23 per cent, yet a deadlock between Mayor Sanderson and the Klamath Falls Light and Water company on the question of electric light and power rates has prevented any action in the matter.

The underwriters require another six-inch main on Klamath avenue, connected at every third block with the main on Main street, and the water company has been at all times willing to put it in, but the city authorities have hitherto refused to permit it to do so except under a blanket ordinance which would also cover light and other water questions.

Such pressure has been brought to bear by merchants and others upon the council that they have requested the water company to draft an ordinance empowering it to put in the mains necessary for fire protection.

The greatest trouble with Klamath Falls is that some estimable citizens have not yet realized that this is going to be a city like Spokane, and that the suit of clothes which fitted the village will not cover one extremity of a city.

## SOCIALISTS RALLY TO HELP GURLEY FLYNN

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 13.—Supporters and counsel of the Industrial Workers of the World announce they will leave nothing undone to save Mrs. J. Jones, known all over the continent as Gurley Flynn, convicted on the charge of criminal conspiracy from going to jail. They have furnished a bond for \$50,000 to appeal to the superior court of Spokane county and claim to have ample funds to take the case to the supreme court. The woman was found guilty as charged by a jury of six business men and former ranchers and sentenced by Justice George W. Stockert to serve three months in the county jail. She guessed her fate fully half an hour before the jury returned its verdict and sent telegrams to Rose Pastor Stokes and others, advising them she had been convicted. Mrs. Jones was born in New Hampshire 19 years ago and passed ten years in New York. She has been engaged in preaching the doctrine of Socialism since her fifteenth year.

## ATTENDANCE AT DANCE MOST DISAPPOINTING

The attendance at the benefit ball given under the auspices of the Greater Medford church Saturday was not as great as the occasion or the cause justified. The Greater Medford Club has done some of the best work in the way of progress than any other organization in the city, with the possible exception of the commercial club, and even that body is under obligations to the ladies.

## GOLD HILL ITEMS.

(The News.) Dr. Smith, the Galice physician-miner, favored Gold Hill with his blithe and breezy presence Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs. John Jones is dangerously ill with measles at her home in Sams Valley. Dr. W. P. Chisholm is the attending physician. Merle Kellogg came up from Portland Tuesday to visit his father, A. E. Kellogg, for a short time, and also with relatives at Medford. J. B. Siebert, a mining man of Enterprise, now living at Grants Pass, was in and around Gold Hill the first of the week. He believes the mining prospects of this district are excellent. P. W. Dodge gave a dinner to a number of his friends at the Gold Hill hotel Tuesday evening on the eve of his departure for his home in Indianapolis. Covers were laid for eight, the guests being Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hammersley, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McDonough and Miss Nina Carter. Mr. Dodge, who has been employed here for several months as a civil engineer, expects to return to Gold Hill in the spring. Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Reed, who recently bought the Poe place through the agency of S. W. McClendon, were

# EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

By A. C. Howlett

Miss Dolie Parker of Batts Falls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Parker, who has been attending school at Forest Grove, Ore., for the past two years, returned home last week via the P. & E.

T. M. Peeler of the Florence Rock settlement was a pleasant caller two nights last week. In the meantime he visited Medford and Jacksonville on matters pertaining to the title to his land that he bought about a year ago of Mrs. Charles Knighton. When the abstract was called for it was found that there was a flaw in the title on account of someone not being careful about making out a deed, that has caused a delay and considerable expense as the matter had to go through the circuit court for settlement.

Alfred Gordon, who owned a fine farm on Rogue river and sold about two years ago, went to Lane county and bought a small farm near Cottage Grove, was a pleasant caller Thursday night. He informs me that he has sold his farm near College Grove and came back to Rogue river valley to live; that up there in Lane county the winds are too cold and swift and that the general outlook does not suit him as this favored spot does; that in his estimation there is no place like him old home and he thinks that he will purchase land in these parts and settle down and be satisfied.

Last week just as I was starting for Trail with three passengers there was a railroad team driven up to the Eagle Point hotel with a man lying in the wagon and on inquiry found that the man had been found lying in a pond of water, snow and ice where he had been all night. It is supposed that he was on his way to one of the railroad camps and had been drinking and in the dark fell in the mud hole where he lay all night. It was thought that he would lose his legs but at last accounts he was able to walk.

Fred Bellows, who came from Ashland last week, has engaged to work for Mr. E. W. Bromley and has moved into the old J. P. Mooman house on the hill above Eagle Point.

viewing the property with a party of friends from Medford one day this week.

Al Weeks—you know all about his and Deuel's 700 acres—was in town again this week, this time with some eastern people, who, acting upon expert testimony, were looking for hillside fruit land.

F. J. Bolt has returned from French Gulch, Cal., where he had been mining, and will do assessment work on his Von Moltke property, adjoining G. L. Haff's Blossom mine on Sardine creek.

A. E. Kellogg, who has been for five years clerk of the local camp of the M. W. A., has been appointed district deputy by State Deputy J. W. Simmons, and will look after the interests of the order in this vicinity.

The Avery boys are mourning the loss of their best work horse. The animal had one of its legs broken by a kick from one of the other horses in the stable Monday night and had to be shot the next day. George Mardon of Kanes creek lost a valuable horse the day before.

Charles Dungan and Riley Hammersley returned Tuesday from an extended prospecting trip on upper Evans creek.

Johnny Williams returned home the first of the week from Portland, where he has been employed the past summer.

R. C. F. Astbury returned Thursday from Medford, where he had been for two weeks receiving medical attention.

W. L. Van Houten, manager of the Grey Eagle mine on Sardine creek, was a business visitor in Gold Hill Thursday.

Martin Jeter drove a big band of sheep to Roseburg for J. E. Pelton, making the trip from here in a seven days' drive and returning the first of the week.

O. S. Snyder, who insists that his initials signify "Old Style," and who used to live in the blizzard bitten cast before he heard and answered the call of the west, assures the editor of the News that we will have many days in mid-winter when a fellow will feel like getting right out and yelling with pure delight at the arctic weather.

Miss Nettie Sutherland of Seattle has written to friends here that she will shortly visit Gold Hill with the intention of forming a class for musical instruction.

Val and Walter Stickle, accompanied by Peter Meyers, left last week with pack horses for the headwaters of Evans creek on a hunting and trapping trip for the winter.

Miss Olive Turner, who practices as a trained nurse at Medford, made a slight indisposition in the shape of a cold an excuse for a visit with her parents in Gold Hill this week.

A. J. Olson is one of the most earnest advocates of a central high school

# FORMER FEDERATION SECY GETS LIFE IMPRISONMENT METROPOLITAN PURCHASE CAUSES A LOUD PROTEST

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 11.—Albert Ryan, formerly secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, was sentenced today to life imprisonment in San Quentin penitentiary for the murder of Otto Miller, a porter, and H. E. Snyder, a San Diego mining man, both of whom he shot and killed in the United States hotel here in July.

When the murderer faced Superior Judge Davis, for sentence, his assumed air of bravado vanished, and he cowered in his seat, skanking in every limb. When sentence was pronounced, he instantly regained his self possession, as he had feared a death penalty.

Rome, Dec. 11.—Great indignation has been aroused in this city over the sale to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York of the exquisite Greek statue of "The Marked Girl." The sale has been made the subject of an official inquiry, due to the public's attitude in the matter.

The statue was unearthed only two years ago, and much importance was attached to its discovery. If it has been spirited out of the country it was done in contravention of the law. The affair seems to be wrapped in deep mystery, but if those responsible are ascertained severe punishment will be given them.

Ella Gaunyaw, public stenographer, room 4, Palm building.

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