

## ENTIRE WORLD OBSERVES CHRISTMAS

### BOGUS FRUIT LONDON SALE

Bear Creek Label is Placed on Car of Fruit That Did Not Come From Local Orchard—Hood River Delegates to Denver Meeting.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 25.—Bogus Oregon apples are being put on the market in London, England according to a letter received by the Apple Growers' union here from Garcia, Jacobs & Co., fruit dealers, in London. Hood River apples have not been faked and none of them for this season have yet been put on the foreign market by Steinhardt & Kelley of New York, who bought the entire crop, but the English fruit men say that a carload of Newtowns bearing the well known Bear Creek label of the Rogue River valley were sold in London which they believed did not come from Oregon at all. In their letter they said:

"The trouble is that apples from Oregon, Washington and Idaho are advertised here indiscriminately as Oregon, and we think this is a matter which should be taken up by the associations on your side."

H. C. Sprout, secretary of the Hood River Apple Growers' union, will go to Denver the first week in January to represent the union at the Colorado National Apple exposition and the meeting of the Western Fruit Jobbers' association. A half day will be devoted by the latter organization to the discussion of "Standard Packages, Grades and Marks for Apples." E. H. Shepard, editor of Better Fruit, of this city, is on the program to take part in this discussion, which will have to do with the Lafean apple package bill now before the national congress. Mr. Shepard and Mr. Sprout will take the stand with other apple growers of the northwest against the bill, and contend for the standard apple box now being used throughout the northwest districts instead of the one proposed in the Lafean bill, which is held to be badly adapted for good packing.

C. E. Whisler, manager of the Bear Creek orchard, states that he has not been advised as yet of the offering of fruit under his label and regrets it very much in spite of the gratification of knowing that his orchard has become a by-word of quality in foreign markets.

Mr. Whisler will also attend the convention of fruit men in Denver to assist in the fight against the Lafean apple bill in January. He plans to leave Monday evening for Denver.

### ADMINISTRATOR GIVEN \$40,000 FEE BY JURY

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Former Judge Hiram T. Gilbert's contention that he is entitled to a \$40,000 fee for his services in administering the \$6,000,000 estate of the late William Bross, former lieutenant-governor of Illinois, was sustained yesterday by a jury in Municipal Judge Blake's court. The jury wrestled with the problem for five hours before deciding to award the total amount of the claim.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Diamonds valued at almost \$400, some in settings and more of them unset, were stolen yesterday from a jewel casket in a dressed drawer in Mrs. William Austin's bedroom at her home. A maid who went to work in the Austin home only yesterday morning had disappeared. The police were looking for her last night. Mrs. Austin was down town shopping when the theft occurred.

### MEXICO AND UNCLE SAM AT OUTS

Zelaya Flees to Salina Cruz to Escape From Nicaragua—Looks Like Defiance to Knox's Determination to Punish Zelaya.

SAN JUAN, DEL SUR, Nicaragua, Dec. 25.—Jose Santos Zelaya who recently resigned the presidency of Nicaragua, is now in full flight from that country and is bound for Salina Cruz, Mexico.

Zelaya fled from Managua to Corinto, whence he departed at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Salina Cruz on board the Mexican gunboat Guerrero. Zelaya's party included 100 of his most intimate friends, among them being Joaquin Pasos and Louis Coasin, his two sons, Horatio and Alfonso, his private secretary and James Hall, the American partner of Zelaya in the Nicaraguan gold mines.

The affair is likely to cause strained relations between the United States and Mexico, as it looks like a defiance to Knox's determination to punish Zelaya as a common criminal.

### THIEVES HIRE AS EXTRA CLERKS TO LOOT STORE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—What is believed by the police to be an organized campaign to rob the merchants of San Francisco during the rush and bustle of Christmas shopping was discovered last night through the arrest of James Kelly, who has been working as an extra clerk at Roos Bros' clothing store.

Kelly, when arrested, was wearing two suits of clothes and had on his person a large number of small articles he is alleged to have stolen from his employers. In his room several new suits of clothes were found, and the police think he has made a practice of wearing an extra suit of clothes home each night.

Detectives Kelly and O'Dea were detailed on the case and after an investigation declared their belief that the members of a gang of thieves had hired themselves out as clerks in downtown stores and had systematically robbed their employers.

### CLUBWOMEN EARN \$1000 ON \$50 INVESTMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—Nineteen hundred per cent is the amazing profit made on an investment of \$50 by the Woman's Club of San Mateo, and the club treasury now contains \$1,000 as the result of the publication by the club of a cook book. The publication was compiled by the members of the club from their private records of all sorts of rare recipes, and when the book was placed on sale it sold with the rapidity of a new addition to the "ten best sellers." May Robinson was editor.

The profits came not alone from the sale of the household work at 50 cents a copy. Twenty pages of advertisements were sold by the women to merchants of the county and more than \$500 was realized from that source.

The first edition was limited to 1,000, but its popularity has stirred up a demand for a second issue of the cook book. A San Francisco publisher printed the work.

The roads in many parts of the Rogue River valley are already in very good condition, and in some parts dust can actually be raised. Write your eastern and Portland friends of it.

### DEMAND CONGRESSIONAL ACTION



TWO UNITED STATES SENATORS WHO HAVE DECLARED THAT CONGRESS MUST PROBE SUGAR TRUST SCANDALS.

Both Senator Culberson of Texas, Democrat, and Senator Borah of Idaho, Republican, have announced that they will urge congress to investigate the scandals growing out of the sugar trust frauds in New York. Each of the senators made the statement independent of the other. Senator Culberson said the resolution should come from a Republican member, but that if none was offered by a representative of the administration party he would take the initiative himself. Senator Borah declared that he would lose no time in urging the inquiry. It is believed in Washington that the insurgent Republicans and Democrats will combine to force the most searching inquiry into the methods of the sugar trust that any trade combination has ever been subjected to.

### FIERCE STORMS BESIEGE EAST

New England and Middle West in Grip of Fierce Snow and Sleet Storm

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The weather broke from a moderate temperature during the day to a raging blizzard tonight. Car traffic is badly delayed. The snow fall tonight is heaviest this winter.

### Bos't in Storm.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 25.—This city is tonight in the grip of a fierce sleet and snow storm. The thermometer fell rapidly this afternoon. A high wind prevails and it is feared that there has been a heavy damage to shopping. From all over New England reports are coming in of a general storm.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Reports from different sections say that a fierce storm is prevailing generally over the middle west. Traffic is blocked in this city.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 25.—A severe snow storm is prevailing here. A high wind accompanies it.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 25.—All outlying districts are cut off from this city tonight by the heavy storm which is raging. No damage has been done as yet in this city.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25.—A heavy rain storm visited this section today. Floods are expected. The storm was general over the south.

### A Potato



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### CASEY'S COLTS TO LOSE THEIR JOBS

Portland Will Drop From Membership in Northwest League According to Water McCredie.

PORTLAND, Dec. 25.—What is thought to be the most potent indication that Portland is done with the Northwestern League was the request Friday on the part of Manager Walter McCredie of the Pacific Coast League for the return of the \$1000 guarantee the McCredies put in the hands of President Lucas to assure their staying in the class B league throughout the season of 1909. Furthermore, Walter McCredie himself said today that it was a 100 to one shot that Portland would not be represented in the Northwestern League and enough was revealed from his tone of discourse to assume that the judge cordially seconded his sentiments.

### MULKEY TO GO IN RACE FOR TOGA

Says Primary Issue is as Yet Untried in Oregon—Next Election to Decide It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Former Senator Mulkey was quoted in a local newspaper today saying that he would not be a candidate for the senate against Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., but would against Senator Chamberlain five years hence. "The direct primary question was not settled in Oregon by the election of Chamberlain," he said, "and another skirmish must be fought out at next year's state election."

"It is my belief that Fulton would now be in the senate instead of Chamberlain if a strong faction of the republican party had not antagonized the primary law."

demand on President Lucas for the return of the thousand dollars that was deposited with him as a guarantee of good faith," said Walters. "We can use that thousand to good advantage right now. I hope that Mr. Lucas will turn the forfeit over to us at once and that our relations with the Northwestern League shall cease. There is no use trying to convince oneself that Portland people care for class B ball. Nothing but financial failure can come from any team that Portland keeps in the Northwestern League. Its no use and we might as well admit it now as any other time that we are not in favor of a Northwestern League baseball."

### MOST PROSPEROUS IN STATE'S HISTORY

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 25.—Today was probably the most prosperous Christmas in the history of the state. A large increase in bank clearings in the city over the same period last year was reported last night when the banks closed.

With other Christmas cheer comes the story of railroad building all over the state, not the least in importance among the reports being those from southern Oregon that the Oregon Trunk is preparing to build to the coast via Medford. Further reports verifying this were secured today.

### LOCAL MERCHANTS FROM ALL SECTIONS PLEASED WITH BUSINESS COME TALES OF CHRISTMAS

More business, better class of goods demanded, and more money to pay for goods, is the verdict of the merchants of Medford. The verdict is unanimous and required but one ballot.

The people most enthusiastic concerning Medford are those who have engaged in business here recently. Without exception they declare that not only the Christmas trade, but the regular trade exceeds their most sanguine expectations.

Following are a few of the many expressions of opinion gathered from the different merchants Christmas morning:

Whitely Music Co.: "Satisfied? I should say we are. The business has been better in every way than we expected. Medford for us."

Merivold Shop: "If we had averaged ten dollars a day for the first few weeks after opening our shop we would have thought we were doing finely. It was more than that and the only town that beats Medford in our opinion is 'that dear Chicago.'"

Manager Campbell of Sherman, Clay & Co.: "We all feel good here. Trade is good, people appreciative."

Flynn Bros., electricians: "The only kick we have coming concerning the Christmas trade is that we have to work today in order to complete our orders."

Hussey: "Look at the store and you can judge for yourself. A cyclone couldn't make it look worse."

Toggerly Bill: "I'm not hollering. Can't use breath enough to holler. I don't care to say what increase there has been in my sales, but the increase has been very satisfactory to me."

Daniels: "Sold twice as many duds this year than ever before."

Th Model: "We sold more and a better class of goods than in any previous year."

Van De Car & Jasmans: "Although we opened our jewelry store but a few weeks ago, we have had a surprising trade. The goods demanded are high class. We have sold with less difficulty in Medford, as high a grade of goods as demanded in Salem or Portland. Medford for us."

Elwood Jewelry Co.: "Trade better. Goods higher class. Christmas has been good to us."

Martin J. Reddy: "We have done all kinds of business. Just how much I don't know now, but if everyone else in my line has done as well, the jewelers have no kick."

The same sentiment was expressed in every place of business. The volume of trade was greater and the class of goods demanded better. Everybody had money and were ready to spend it. The groceries sold more goods than ever; poultry dealers were swamped with demands for turkeys, chickens, etc., the butcher shops were working overtime, and as one man expresses it, "the fellow" who didn't do a good business has only himself to blame."

NEW YORK Dec. 25.—After a day of strenuous shopping, which left many stores with their holiday stocks decreased to the vanishing point, New York last evening began its celebration of the gladdest holiday of the year. While Christmas eve in the metropolis lacks the boisterous features and made revels of New Year's eve, it is yet a time of joy, when millionaire and day laborer alike throw aside the fretful cares of their workaday existence.

At all the theaters special performances were given, and at some of them were Christmas trees for members of the companies. For the people of the stage, Christmas was a day of more than usual activity, but most of them found time for little celebrations of their own.

The Salvation Army, the Volunteers of America and the scores of other charitable organizations were active and saw that all of the poor folk of the city were not without the material necessities incident to a proper observance of the holiday. The spiritual significance of the anniversary was not lost; sight of, and in many churches today services of an elaborate nature were held.

### Christmas in White House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Scores of big, fat turkeys were distributed to the White House servants, policemen, messengers, ushers, gardeners and stablemen last evening as Christmas gifts from President and Mrs. Taft. Each big bird had on it a Christmas card signed by the president and these are highly treasured by the recipients. The White House steward was in charge of the distribution, which was among the largest in years.

The usual busy scenes were witnessed at the White House yesterday, a constant stream of express wagons, mail carriers and special messengers bearing gifts to the president and members of his family. The collection of gifts is the queerest imaginable, ranging from a pair of carpet slippers sent by an old lady admirer of the president and a jug of corn whiskey from a Southern colonel, to presents of great beauty and intrinsic worth.

### Cheer in Wall Street.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—With the financiers of Wall Street reassured by the many symptoms of returning prosperity, the Christmas fund which is annually distributed in "the street," reached tremendous proportions. None of the vast army of workers in the banks, brokerage houses and the various exchanges were forgotten in its distribution.

Many of the banks made it a rule never to distribute more than 10 per cent bonuses. By far the largest part of Wall Street Christmas fund was apportioned among the employes of the great banking houses and the more prominent stock brokerage concerns, but the messenger boys, elevator runners and the host of other employees (Continued on page 7.)