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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

THE WEATHER. Tonight and Friday—Rain. Wednesday—high, 56 low, 34; range, 46.

FOURTH YEAR.

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HIGH PRICE FOR PRIZE APPLES

Car of Spitzenbergs Which Won First Place at Spokane Are Sold in Washington at \$3.40 a Box—Growers Netted Nearly \$5 a Box.

The car of Spitzenbergs grown by Tronson & Guthrie in the Rogue river valley, which carried off the grand sweepstakes prize of \$1000 against all competitors, was offered for the holiday trade of Washington, D. C., and sold at record prices which paid the growers \$3.40 a box f. o. b. Eagle Point. This did not include the \$1000 prize taken at Spokane.

The sale was handled by Crutchfield & Woolfolk, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who sold the car to J. R. Sherwood, of Washington, who disposed of it at remarkable prices.

As soon as Mr. Sherwood contracted for the car he issued a circular letter to the trade, explaining that these apples had been considered by expert judges the finest exhibit that had ever been seen in the world. To this he added an invitation to all of the fancy fruit trade, including foreign legations, fashionable clubs, restaurants, including that in the capitol building itself, to visit his salesrooms and see "this rare exhibit of the celebrated Oregon apples."

Many Saw Fruit. As congress was in session there were a great many distinguished foreigners in Washington, so that the fruit was placed before the representatives of every civilized country in the world, including, of course, those of the United States. What the trade thought of the car is shown by the record prices paid.

It is of further interest to know that whereas this car was offered to every apple buyer in New York City, there was not one of them who could afford to touch the car at the price asked. This demonstrates the fallacy of the idea so common among the producers of fancy fruit everywhere that, New York is the only fruit market which can offer extreme prices and demonstrates the value of a scientific marketing system which leaves nothing to chance or to tradition, but seeks and discovers the top value wherever it may be found. This was a magnificent car of fruit. The car netted \$2176, to which may be added the \$1000 prize, making a net return to the grower of \$3176, or nearly \$5 a box.

PANIC FOLLOWS SMALL EXPLOSION

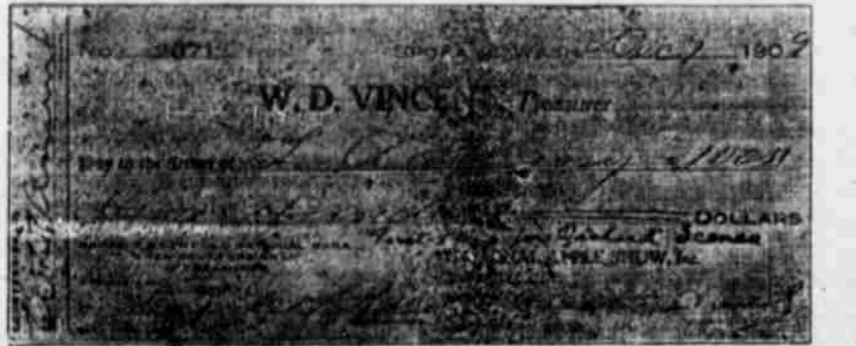
Pickpocket Sets Off Firecrackers in Moving Picture Show—One Killed and Twenty Are Injured.

LEMBURG, Austria, Dec. 30.—The entire police force of this city is on a man-hunt today in their efforts to run down the desperate pickpocket who exploded fireworks at a moving picture show last night, when five were killed and twenty-one seriously injured in the panic that followed the explosion.

The pickpocket's plan was entirely successful, scores being robbed as they fled through the exits. It is supposed that the criminals had a man stationed at the each door while the leaders stood in back of the house and lighted the fuses attached to a number of cannon crackers which he had concealed under his seat.

Walter Merriek who has been attending Oregon Agricultural College, expects to leave for the north again Sunday evening after spending the holidays with his parents.

PRIZE WINNER AT SPOKANE



LAWRENCE A. GREGORY, a photographer of this city, at the Spokane National Apple Show won first prize for a display of photographs depicting Rogue river valley apple scenes. The photographs were "made in Medford" and were very fine. They won over a score of competitors. "I give the Rogue river valley much of the credit," states Mr. Gregory, "as without wonderful, uniform, fruit groves, such as thrive in the Rogue river valley I would have been unable to secure the scenes and hence win the prize."

A number of the scenes will be presented to the Commercial Club.

TAX LEVIES MADE FOR THIS YEAR

COUNTY REVENUE IS INCREASED \$36,000

In Spite of Lower Valuations Revenues of Jackson County Must Be Increased \$36,000.

The total amount of tax's to be collected in 1910 on the 1909 assessment is estimated by the county clerk to be \$36,000 more than that collected last year on the 1908 assessment, and it is more than likely that it will run over that amount.

In 1909 when the tax roll was turned over to the sheriff he was charged with \$329,000. In 1910 he will be held accountable for at least \$365,000, perhaps more. It depends somewhat on the levy for county and state purposes which will be made at the January term of the county court. In order to raise this amount the county will likely be compelled to levy a tax of 7 mills as against 5.4 last year, for school, state, road and county purposes owing to the reduction in valuation in the 1909 assessment.

BALLINGER MAKES READY TO BE INVESTIGATED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Officials of the interior department under the personal direction of Secretary Ballinger today are preparing the evidence the secretary will introduce at the coming congressional investigation of the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

The evidence, it is stated, will not only cover the official acts of Secretary Ballinger and his subordinates in their administration of the public land laws, but will probe thoroughly into the affairs of the forestry service.

You could not do better boosting for the Rogue river valley than to mail your eastern friends a copy of the homeseekers edition of the Medford Mail Tribune which will be out Sunday, January 2nd.

VALLEY TOWNS MAKE GREATER TAX LEVY

Lower Valuations Make Higher Tax Levies—Medford's Total Levy Will Be Close to 33 Mills.

Every municipality excepting Medford and Gold Hill, in Jackson county, have increased the levy for city purposes over that of last year.

Medford's 1909 for municipal purposes last year was 17.5 mills, this year it is 17.1 mills. Gold Hill levies the same tax, 5 mills.

Ashland increases her levy from 14 mills in 1908 to 16 1/2 mills in 1909. Jacksonville from 6 1/2 mills to 10. Phoenix, the baby incorporated town, levies a tax of 3 mills, while Central Point levies 10 mills this year against 8 mills last year.

The estimated levy by the county of 7 mills will make Medford's assessment about 32.1 mills, divided as follows: City, 17.1; school, 8; county, 7; total, 32.1.

CARDINAL SATOLLI GRADUALLY SINKING

ROME, Dec. 30.—Cardinal Satolli, who is suffering from nephritis and blood poisoning, is unconscious today and the physicians look momentarily for the end. The relate has been in a comatose condition for two days.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Hubbard and Miss Margaret Hubbard, were in Medford from their foothill orchard Thursday to attend the fruit growers meeting.

Walter R. Pittenger of Pasadena, Calif., has advised friends that he will arrive next week for an indefinite stay in the valley.

PRECOOLING IS GREAT SUCCESS

Julius Kruttschnitt of Harriman System Writes John D. Olwell Regarding Methods of Precooling Fruit for Long Distance Shipment.

Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operation on all of the so-called Harriman lines, has addressed a letter to John D. Olwell of this city in regard to the success met with in California in connection with the precooling of fruit for shipment. The letter is of great interest to every fruit man in the valley, as the precooling of fruit is a vital subject. The letter follows:

December 23, 1909. Mr. John D. Olwell, Medford, Oregon.

My Dear Mr. Olwell: Complying with my promise when I last had the pleasure of seeing you, I give you below a brief outline of what we are doing in the way of pre-cooling in California.

Operate Two Plants. The Pacific Fruit Express company now own and operate two large pre-cooling plants in California, one located at Roseville in the north, which cares for deciduous fruits and the other at Colton in the south, which cares for citrus fruits and vegetables.

Both of these plants are operated in connection with large ice manufacturing plants and are of steel and concrete structure. The Roseville plant will pre-cool 24 cars at a time with a daily capacity of about 200 cars while the Colton plant is larger and will pre-cool a greater number of cars daily.

The system in use by this company is what is known as the Intermittent Vacuum Process, which serves two purposes: that of purification as well as refrigeration, and I am pleased to say, has accomplished these results in every experiment made, as well as in actual operation on carload fruits and vegetables.

Cold Air Used.

The apparatus used for this purpose forces the air through a false door which fits in the side door opening of the car and this air is equally distributed to all parts of the car by means of a system of baffles. The cool air which enters through the false door is withdrawn by means of outlet air ducts through the hatch openings at both ends of the car. At suitable intervals the inlet is closed for a brief time and the exhaust continuing, with the resultant consequence of a partial vacuum being created in the car body. During this part of the process, the exhausted air is discharged into the open air or wasted.

The frequency of the application of this exhaustion of air and the length of time during it is maintained should vary according to the condition of the fruit or vegetables. By this process, not only are the contents of the car properly refrigerated but they are also surrounded by sweet, clean air, sterilized by refrigeration.

Cars Also Iced.

After pre-cooling the cars are iced to full capacity so as to maintain a low average temperature during shipment.

The results obtained by the use of this pre-cooling process have been extremely satisfactory and without exception, pre-cooled fruit has arrived on eastern markets in much better condition than fruit not pre-cooled. This is but a natural result of the treatment received, because it accomplishes refrigeration at originating point within a period of two and a half to three hours which under the old method of refrigerating with ice, required from two and a half to three days. By quickly placing the fruit under refrigeration as above, all decay and waste is quickly checked.

By the intermittent process, all in-

\$15,000 FOR 1400 MILE FLIGHT

Portland Aviator Promises to Fly From His City to Los Angeles in 14 Hours if He Is Guaranteed \$15,000 if He Is Successful.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 30.—E. P. Preble, builder of the dirigible airship which has been practically completed in this city, was riled when he read a dispatch from Dick Ferris, the Los Angeles aviation meet promoter, to the effect that Preble would not enter the Los Angeles meet unless the southern people provide him with financial aid to complete his machine. "That was an absurd statement," said Preble today. "Why, our machine is practically completed now."

"Here is what we asked for Los Angeles people. We agreed to fly from Portland to Los Angeles provided we were assured one of the cash prizes. I told Ferris that as some expense would be entailed in arranging for the trip, I wanted to be assured of something worth while. They offer \$10,000 for a trip from Los Angeles to San Francisco and that is 500 miles. Now, in New York at the recent meet \$10,000 was offered for a 1400-mile flight, and no one secured the prize.

"I am confident that my dirigible can make the trip from Portland to Los Angeles, 1400 miles, in 14 hours. The expense of sending the balloon overland, however, would be great. There would be little to be gained by going after the prize offered under the conditions which have been set. "If Ferris is sincere he will realize the value of having a 1400-mile air trip nd at Los Angeles. If he will guarantee me \$15,000 I still stand ready to make the trip."

PRESIDENT'S NEICE WEDS SEATTLE MAN

Taft is Present as Are Many Other Notable Guests—Happy Couple Off to Europe.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—President Taft, accompanied by Miss Helen Taft and Robert Taft, left Washington at 9 o'clock today to be present at the wedding this afternoon of the president's niece, Miss Louise Taft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Waters Taft, to George Hogg Snowden of Seattle.

Many Guests.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A remarkable company of guests, representing the upper social and official life of the nation, assembled today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Taft in Forty-eighth street for the wedding of Miss Louise Taft and George Hogg Snowden.

Prominent among those present were President Taft and his son and daughter, Robert and Miss Helen. Mrs. Taft was absent because of ill health. George Hogg Snowden is a wealthy lumberman of Seattle, prominent in several clubs and well known in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Snowden will live in Seattle after an extended European trip and a visit to Egypt.

OSWEGO POSTOFFICE IS LOOTED BY ROBBERS

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 30.—The police today are combining their forces in the search for a man who late yesterday looted the Oswego postoffice, of a sum estimated at between \$200 and \$300.

John Hardy of Grants Pass was a Medford visitor Thursday.

YOU DROPPED SOMETHING



Which reminds us:

If you will drop a postal card to us we will call for your subscription to this paper for the coming year.

ESTRADA WANTS ELECTION BY PEOPLE

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 30.—General Estrada today sent an ultimatum to President Madriz, according to a rumour current here, stating that he will agree to suspend hostilities and abandon his march against Managua upon either of two conditions.

Estrada demands that Madriz consent to the selection of a president by the revolutionists or call a general election to choose a chief executive.

Should the latter alternative be accepted, the revolutionists would retain their arms during the election.

It is not considered possible here that Madriz will accept either proposition. It is certain that if the insurgents should select a president, the mantle would not fall upon Madriz, and it appears to be equally certain that if they retained their arms they would control the election.

Madriz has appointed three commissioners to confer with the revolutionary leaders in an attempt to secure peace. They are Colonel Jose Estrada, brother of the insurgent leader; Benjamin Vidauerre and Gilbert Saballos.

This commission will make every effort to persuade Estrada to abandon to the dictatorial policy he is following, but the Madriz party entertains little hope of its success despite the president's clever move in appointing Estrada's brother as a member.

MAIL TRIBUNE WINS RECOGNITION ABROAD

Winning Sweepstakes and Stand on Free Speech Fight in Spokane Brings Medford Paper to Front.

"You have no idea," states Dr. J. F. Reddy, who has just returned with Mrs. Reddy from Spokane, where they spent the holidays, "what a great amount of attention the Rogue River valley, Medford and the Mail Tribune is attracting in Spokane and all along the line. The valley has made them all sit up and take notice on account of winning the sweepstakes at the National Apple show, Medford because it is the center of the fruit belt, and the Mail Tribune because it outclasses papers published in larger cities in the quality and quantity of the news. I heard many compliments paid to the paper and the town while I was gone. It's a mighty good paper, has lots of news, one would say; another would remark upon the volume of advertising. 'Must be an enterprising lot of merchants in Medford, and they sure must be doing business to carry that advertising,' one would conclude. The winning of the prize attracted the attention of the country to Medford and the Rogue River valley and the Mail Tribune is keeping the good work up."

FRUIT MEN FORMING UNION

Many Orchardists From All Sections of Valley Gather to Form New and Closer Organization—Will Be a Great Aid to Industry.

Fruit growers from every district in the Rogue river valley are gathering in Medford today to attend the meeting of the horticulturists of the whole valley to be held this afternoon.

The meeting is the most important ever held in southern Oregon since the first meeting of a few fruit men was held in Medford several years ago when the first organization of the men in the Rogue river valley was made.

The fruit industry has grown since then and so have the fruit growers. The former has grown from an infant to a size which demands respect, and the latter have grown from a few timid orchardists, willing to take any price for their products, to a body of men who purpose to get out of their labor and investment that to which they are entitled.

The purpose of the meeting this afternoon is to devise ways and means, or at least to set the movement going, which will result in the grower receiving something more nearly the actual price for which his fruit sells. To this end it is proposed that an organization of the horticulturists of the whole valley from Grants Pass to Ashland be effected and that the marketing of the fruit be made through this organization.

Fruit men from Ashland, Grants Pass, Jacksonville, Central Point, Hill, everywhere in the county are here to participate in the meeting.

A large contingent was present from Grants Pass, and took much interest in the meeting. Those in the party from the Pass were:

W. M. Hair, A. B. Cornell, R. A. Pierce, G. A. Hailton, W. W. Canby, R. A. Thomas, W. S. Maxwell, A. N. Parsons, H. E. Gall, Will Scovill, C. E. Selleck, H. T. Prichard, H. Wood.

PUNCHERS LEAVE TO ROPE BEASTS

Arizona Cowboys Sail for British East Africa to Hunt Big Game With Riata and Cow Ponies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Charles J. Jones of Fredonia, Arizona, accompanied by his expert punchers "Rustler" Lovelless and "Silent" Means, half a ton of equipment, ten trained cow ponies and any number of lassoes, is in New York waiting for a steamer that will convey him any his party to British East Africa. "Buffalo" Jones, as the west knows him, is going to emulate ex-President Roosevelt but he is not going to do it with powder and shot.

Jones is going to hunt lions, elephants and other beasts with lassoes. Incidentally he figures a hippopotamus or two will meet an untimely death should they wander in his path. He said today:

"I've stee-ropped, thrown and tied the wildest and the biggest bull buffalo on the prairies and they're a darn sight worse than any lion that ever come over the hill. A lion will run, but I've got my ponies. As for elephants, the very fact that he goes about with his trunk held up spells death for him. I'll lasso the trunk and he's not going to get away."

William R. Crane of Talent was a Medford visitor Thursday.