

COMMISSION MEN GET ALL THE PROFIT

Reports of Government Officials Show How Producers Are Robbed by Dealers.

The following letter was read by Professor O'Gara at the fruit growers' meeting yesterday as illustrative of the methods in vogue among commission men in handling produce.

I have found the following illegal practices going on among fruit buyers and commission men:

First—The account sales do not always give the actual price received, nor do they tell where such fruit was sold.

Second—the condition of the fruit on arrival at destination is often misrepresented so as to further lower the price to the grower.

Third—Rebating is practiced so as to secure a certain few growers who may be representative, and by this means other growers sell at the low figure offered.

Fourth—In the dried fruit business such as apricots, peaches, etc., the grower is forced to bring his products into market bone dry.

Fifth—The grower is forced by many shippers to pack only in boxes with the company's stencil on it.

The conditions existing under paragraphs 1 and 2 have been investigated by certain growers enclosing post-cards in the packages.

- (1) Where was this fruit received? (2) When was it received? (3) What was its condition? (4) What was the price paid? (5) Were you satisfied with it?

The average of 10 per cent of these cards have been returned, many indicating that the time of arrival, place and condition did not agree with the account sales rendered.

Asst. Pathologist, U. S. Dept. Agr. In commenting on this report a prominent bureau official says: "There is something fundamentally wrong where the producer, after spending a year in getting a crop and taking all risks, realizes on an average less than one-third of what the crop or crops he grows sells for at retail."

HOTEL ARRIVALS

At the Moore—H. B. Brokaw, Seattle; Delbert Buoy, Talent; F. W. Carnahan and wife, city; H. S. Doyle, New York; F. Crump, Applegate; J. Henderson, city; P. D. Blackden, Ashland; R. Virt, city; W. S. Zimmerman, Portland; M. W. Foster, Sandpoint; J. O. McPhee, city; J. King Ross, Scotland; R. K. Ross, Richmond Beach; M. Stephens, Spokane.

NOTICE

The Nickell vs. Goodpasture sale has been postponed until Saturday, January 6.

A hand colored calendar, valued at 75c, will be given free to each person who took interest enough in our contest to fill out any number of the coupons, provided they are present when the prizes are awarded at 2:30 p. m. New Year's day.

Wear Kidd's shoes. 244*

ASHLAND HAS 1410 SCHOOL CHILDREN

Census is Completed—At This Ratio Ashland Has Population of 6300.

The school census of Ashland district has just been completed under the direction of Clerk T. H. Simpson and the total school population at the present time is found to be 1410, which fact is now being certified up in due form to the county school superintendent as a basis for the apportionment of state and county funds during the coming year.

The number of females between the ages of four and twenty exceeds the number of males by 22, the totals being, males, 693, females 715.

Up state cities and towns are accustomed to figure the total population as based upon the school census as 4-1-2 to 1. On this basis Ashland's population is 6345, which is very close to the figures compiled recently by the publisher of the City Directory.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, the All Wise Providence having deemed it wise and proper to take from us and the lodge of Fraternal Union of America our dear beloved brother, Louis Herbage, be it

Resolved, That in the loss of this dear brother we feel that we know Good doeth all things for the good and welfare of mankind, though it be ever so hard to give him up.

That we will ever cherish a loving memory of this brother and pray to God that we may so live that when we come to die, our ties of brotherly love may be reunited in the home of our Heavenly Father.

That we tender to the bereaved parents, brothers and sisters our most heartfelt sympathy.

That a copy of these resolutions be written up in our minutes, also a copy of same be published in our local paper and sent to the parents with brotherly love from Medford lodge, No. 421, Fraternal Union of America.

E. W. CARDER, FLOYD T. WHITTLE, MRS. ELLA SHOULTS, Committee.

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PASTOR WANTS DAMAGES DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 30.—Rev. H. G. Buss, former pastor of First Baptist church at Colfax, Wash., now at Kansas City Mo., where he was called to the beside of his sick child, has engaged counsel in Spokane to institute an action in the United States district court here for \$100,000 damages against the officials and deacons of the congregation of alleged defamation of character.

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IS MRS. HARRIMAN AS WEALTHY AS REPORTED?

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Whether Mary Averill Harriman, widow of the late E. H. Harriman is the richest woman in the world, with more than \$200,000,000, or a woman of comparatively moderate wealth, is a matter tonight of the liveliest debate.

UNCLE SAM IS TO MARK PASSING OF 1909

Tonight the passing of the old year will be marked from the Atlantic to the Pacific from the different government stations, and those who have electric clocks connected with the Western Union service can tell just when the old year is dying in Washington, Chicago and Denver.

At five minutes to 12 o'clock Washington time, 8:55 here, the time and at the hour the bell will ring. Chicago will commence at 9:55 here; Denver at 10:55 and the Marc Island station at 11:55.

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MUCH WORK FOR NEXT SESSION COURT

January Term Always Important as New Officials Are Appointed—To Urge Retention of Inspectors.

The regular January term of the county commissioners' court will be held beginning on Wednesday of next week at Jacksonville. The January term is always an important one for the court fixes the annual tax levy, draws the jury lists for the year, appoints road supervisors and transacts a large amount of business which comes before it regularly at the first monthly session of the year.

At the meeting will also appear a committee of prominent orchard men of the valley to urge upon the court the great necessity for retaining the corps of fruit inspectors to assist Professor O'Gara.

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PLEASANT PARTY HELD ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Mr. and Mrs. E. Gibbs of Talent entertained a number of guests on Christmas day, the occasion being also the 80th anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Gibbs' mother, Mrs. N. Helmick. The house was beautifully decorated with mistletoe, white chrysanthemums and potted plants.

At the Methodist parsonage on Christmas morning at 9 o'clock Mr. J. O. Van Wegen and Lulu Perry were united in marriage, Rev. L. F. Belknap officiating.

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Five-room bungalow and lot in East Medford, on easy terms if taken at once. Inquire

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Pruners Wanted

AT HOLLYWOOD ORCHARDS TELEPHONE FARMERS 61

TAXIDERMIST AND FURRIER

Send your trophies to me for mounting. Big game heads, fish, birds and mammals mounted true to nature by improved methods.

EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS CHANCES

For sale—Span of horses, harness and wagon; will sell one or both cheap for cash, or will take half and balance with bankable note. Room 208 Phipps & Taylor bldg.

WANTED

Wanted—A party to cut cord wood on stumpage; must have a team.

Wanted—Two women for work; good wages to right parties.

Wanted—Four girls for general housework; good wages.

Wanted—Girl for dishwasher.

For Sale—Span of horses and harness; 9 years old; 1400 pounds.

For Sale—Horses, wagon, harness and buggy; horses 7 years old.

For Sale—Saddle horse.

For Sale—Saddle and bridle.

Have a sawmill for sale or trade.

A new bungalow, 4 rooms; price \$1150.

For sale or trade—160 acres one mile from the town of Merila.

For sale—Two lots, one on 8 street, the other on Riverside avenue.

Have calls for houses to rent. Have you any?

E. F. A. BITTNER, Prop. ROOM 208, PHIPPS BLDG. PHONE MAIN 4141.

TO PERPETUATE PIONEERS' MEMORY

SALEM, Or., Dec. 31.—Preliminary plans for the organization of a society to be called the Sons and Daughters of the Oregon Pioneers were laid at a meeting called by Glen O. Holman last night at the residence of Attorney W. M. Kaiser. A committee, consisting of Associate Justice Thomas A. McBride, Perry H. Raymond and W. M. Kaiser, was appointed to draft a constitution and by laws.

The purpose of the society is to gather together all the sons and daughters of those who crossed the plains to Oregon prior to 1859, when Oregon was admitted to the Union.

JOINT INSTALLATION OF G. A. R. AND W. R. C.

All members of post and corps are requested to meet Tuesday evening, January 4, 1910, at Angle's opera house for open meeting and public installation of the officers of both orders. All old soldiers and families are cordially invited.

MRS. ELLA SHOULTS, Secretary.

Companied Incorporated.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 31.—Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the secretary of state yesterday as follows:

The Patterson Orchards company; principal office, Ashland; capital stock, \$5000; incorporators, J. Syd McNair, Dexter E. Patterson and F. M. Calkins.

Queen Anne addition (Incorporated); principal office, Medford; incorporators, E. E. Kelly, F. Reddy and E. M. Turner.

WOMAN GETS \$10,000 FOR WOUNDED FEELINGS

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Dorothea Oline Lee has been awarded a verdict of \$10,000 damages in her suit against John T. Davis, a retired mining engineer for breach of promise. The jury returned the verdict after deliberating for only ten minutes.

The woman claimed that she obtained a divorce from her husband with the aid of Davis, and alleged that she had a marriage contract with Davis, with whom she says she traveled through California until she became ill at San Diego.

According to the testimony Mrs. Lee's niece, Miss C. Halverson of Genesee, Idaho, was summoned to San Diego to help care for her and that while she was in the hospital Davis and Miss Halverson were married.

SAME HERE, NEIGHBOR

(Valley Record.) "What are the people of Oregon going to do about it? Are they going to invite immigration the coming year, or they going to let things take their own course? It's up to the people." Thus spoke James J. Hill, the great railroad builder, to a Journal reporter in Portland. We are Johnny on the Spot, Uncle Jim. The Ashland Commercial Club's new booklets are ready.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed bids will be received by the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, up to and including January 4th, 1910, for the excavating and laying of all water mains to be constructed during the year 1910, bids to be filed with the city recorder not later than 4 o'clock p. m. on January 4th, 1910, and to be accompanied by a certified check equal to ten per cent of the amount bid for.

By order of the city council December 21st, 1909. ROBT. W. TILFER, City Recorder.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1909.

One-half h. p. motor, 120-qt. White Mountain freezer, a lot of packing cans, tubs, etc., for sale. Inquire Lewis' confectionery.

Medford, Oregon: This certifies that we have sold Hall's Texas Wonder for the cure of all kidney, bladder and rheumatic troubles for ten years, and have never had a complaint. It gives quick and permanent relief, 60 days' treatment in each bottle. Medford Pharmacy.

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It's the lighted store that carries the weight with the people.

We will go further than this and say: "It is the electrically lighted store that carries the weight with the people."

A dingy, gloomily lighted store does not attract people.

It excites suspicion.

It belittles your wares.

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Install electric lighting in your store and draw the people to your store and they money into your cash register.

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It shows off your goods to the best advantage.

It shows them just as they are, true to color, tint, material and texture.

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Are You Going East? Have you a friend coming west? You ought to bring one to Medford. Call and see us. Let us talk routes and rates with you. Information cheerfully furnished. Phone, address or call on Southern Pacific R. R. A. S. ROSENBAUM, Agent

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