

RAILROAD GETS GROWERS' SHARE

Past Year's Returns Show That California Fruit Growers Are Working Entirely For the Railroads.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—It is only necessary to refer to the statements of last year's returns on California oranges to prove that a big percentage of the growers are working entirely for the railroads. The policy of taxing the industry the limit of endurance is practiced by the roads.

President Story of the exchange says his organization netted, gross, \$22,600,000 for the year's crop which meant \$14,300,000, f. o. b. California; in other words paid freight to the railroads to the extent of \$8,300,000. As it cost the growers to produce, pick, pack and sell, including material, \$1.12 per box the growers who sold through the exchange spent \$10,204,000, which left them a net return of only \$4,096,000. From this it will be seen that for every \$1 the grower had left after paying expenses he had contributed to freight in shipping over \$2.

On this subject Mr. Woodford, manager of the exchange, recently issued the following statements:

"The question of freight and refrigeration rates is now before the Interstate commerce commission and within a year or two should be definitely settled, for a good many years to come, a condition which should prove acceptable alike to both the growers and the carriers."

In the meantime while this strenuous campaign is being carried on the growers continue to work at practically day wages for the railroads. What effort if any is Mr. Woodford and the exchange making to secure for the growers a "quarrel deal" from the roads? There is nothing in Mr. Woodford's statement, quoted above, that indicates that he is working for the growers. He could have made the same comment very consistently as an employee of the railroads. The growers are of the opinion that he ought to show his colors and keep fighting their battles and they are much grieved at this display of strained diplomacy.

SEVENTY-SIX FISHERS LOST OFF HALIFAX

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 6.—A special from Halifax, N. S., says: "What may prove one of the worst fishing disasters in this vicinity happened yesterday when, tempted by a fine morning, twenty-five boats belonging to fleets in the vicinity of Whitehead, N. S., went out a little further than is customary, food fishing making them careless of the gathering storm which swooped down on them about noon. Only five boats succeeded in making the harbor and three others were heard from this morning, making seventeen with seventy-six men still missing, having been driven out to sea by the south-westerly gale. One boat is reported ashore at the entrance to the bay but there is no hope for the crew. The government steamer Aberdeen will be sent out to search for the missing boats."

INSURGENTS IN CONGRESS PLAN NEW CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—It is reported that the "insurgents" in congress are planning to hold a meeting to adopt a general plan of action to combat the reported purpose of the Taft administration to conduct open warfare against them.

The intention of the administration to withhold patronage from insurgent congressmen and in that manner carry the fight against them into their own districts has been openly stated and has met with no denial. The "insurgents" say that they have ample evidence that the administration is using "the administration club" and that it is planned to "make them suffer" for opposing the policies of the Taft regime.

City Treasurer's Notice.
Office of City Treasurer, Medford, Ore., Jan. 6, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the city treasury for the redemption of all outstanding warrants issued against Oakdale avenue improvement fund, and warrant No. 5, issued against Trunk sewer fund, protested May 12, 1909.

Interest on the same will cease after the above date.

L. L. JACOBS,
City Treasurer.

Notice.
All encampment members are requested to be present Saturday evening. Installation of officers.
J. L. DEMMER,
249 Scribe.

UNCLE SAM IS TO PRECOOL PEACHES

Department of Agriculture Plans Sending Car to Georgia to Assist Shipping of Fruit.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 6.—Aid is to be given the Georgia peach growers by the United States government in the matter of pre-cooling cars in which the Georgia peach crop is to be shipped during the season of 1910. Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson has written a letter to Manager I. M. Fleming, of the Georgia Fruit exchange in which he promises to send to Georgia the government pre-cooling car which has been doing such splendid demonstration service in California during the past two seasons. At present the peaches are gathered and packed when the temperature of the peach is in many instances as high as 100 degrees. The refrigerator cars in which the peaches are placed for shipment have been previously used and the temperature is reduced to a temperature of from 45 to 50 degrees. In shipping them from Georgia points to New York the refrigerator cars have to be reloaded at Atlanta, Charlotte and Potomac yards. Even with this frequent re-loading invariably two or three layers of peaches spoil, which means a consequential loss to the shipper.

The pre-cooling car is what its name signifies. It cools the fruit before it is placed in the regular refrigerator car for shipment.

At a cost of \$8000 Uncle Sam has had this demonstration car constructed. It contains its own refrigerating plant. The fruit is placed in this pre-cooling car, where the temperature is reduced to almost freezing and when the fruit is thoroughly chilled it is placed in the already loaded refrigerator cars and shipped. By having the fruit cooled before it is placed in the refrigerator car no extra icing is necessary and the fruit is found to be in perfect condition at the end of the journey, the same as at its beginning.

This aid from the government was secured through the adoption of a resolution by the Georgia Fruit exchange at its last meeting calling upon the Georgia senators and congressmen to importune Secretary Wilson for this car. As a result of this demonstration in Georgia next year it is believed that one or more pre-cooling stations will be secured, which will mean much to the peach shippers of this state.

SMITH PACKED AND SHIPPED ASHLAND CAR

To the Editor.—The fact has just been brought to our attention that in an issue of your paper, subsequent to the shipment of the carload of Newtown Pippins sent from Ashland to the National Apple Show at Spokane, it was stated that said carload of apples was prepared and shipped in charge of Mr. Frank Isaacs, of Medford.

We are sure that you were misled by some one, for such a statement is not true and is a great injustice to Mr. T. F. Smith, of Ashland, one of the best qualified men in the county. Mr. Smith superintended the packing and shipping, and accompanied the car to Spokane; in fact Mr. Smith had charge of the matter from beginning to end and feels keenly the injustice of such a published statement. The apples were raised within the corporate limits of Ashland, were shipped from the depot in Ashland and were in charge of Mr. T. F. Smith, an Ashland man.
C. B. WATSON.

AGED MAN KEPT TWO WIVES FOR TWENTY YEARS

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Jan. 6.—The disappearance of a package of pension papers which belonged to the late William H. Hood, civil war veteran and for many years an employe in one of the city departments, has brought to light the fact that at his death Wood had two wives from neither of whom had he been divorced.

It is also shown that Wood had been a bigamist for over twenty years, and for that length of time the wives had been living within eight miles of each other and there had been no trouble.

Wood was buried on December 13, and Pension Agent Edwards on behalf of Mrs. Katherine Delancey Wood claimed the pension papers of the deceased, stating that his client was married to Mr. Wood December 8, 1868.

Mrs. Emma Wright Wood, who claims to have married Wood on February 11, 1889, stated that the missing pension papers had been buried with the body of Wood.

PRISONERS MAKE TRY FOR FREEDOM

Three Men Under Sentence of Death Make a Desperate Effort to Escape From Penitentiary.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 6.—Jacob Oppenheimer, J. W. Finley and Frank Quijada, prisoners at Folsom state penitentiary under sentence of death are in solitary confinement today following a desperate attempt to effect their escape.

When discovered by Captain Barrett of the night watch at midnight they had already freed themselves from their cells and were starting out their way through the outer bars. When Barrett sounded the alarm and drew his revolver they ran back to their cells. They will be closely guarded until the gallows ends their careers.

With a small steel Finley cut his way through the lower part of the door of his cell and at a favorable hour made his way to the cells of Quijada and Oppenheimer and assisted them in prying the heavy locks off their doors.

Armed with bars of steel and the sharp implement with which Finley had cut through his cell door, they were working on the outer bars when Captain Barrett entered, forcing them back to their cells at the point of a gun.

Oppenheimer is one of the most desperate criminals known to the officers of this state. He is now under the death sentence, by the provisions of a law enacted specially to fit his case.

Officially he is designated as "No. 11,244" among prison attaches he has gained the sobriquet of "The demon of murderer's row;" outside prison walls he is known as Jacob Oppenheimer.

The section added to the penal code of California for the sole purpose of fitting his case makes it a capital offense to assault a fellow prisoner or a guard while an inmate of a penal institution. The legislature was driven to its passage by the fact that Oppenheimer had killed one fellow inmate at Folsom, and had made seven murderous assaults on guards, some of whom he maimed for life.

EMPLOYER SHOTS MAN FOR ATTENTIONS TO WIFE

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 6.—Claude Smith, a stucco worker, is thought to be dying in a hospital here today as the result of a bullet wound inflicted on him by his employer, Fred Jurgowitz. Jurgowitz is in the police station today waiting the outcome of Smith's wounds, said the shooting was the result of Smith's attention to his wife.

Smith, who has a wife and child living in Oakland, has been in the habit of visiting the Jurgowitz home occasionally and dining there. Finding last night that no meal had been prepared for him, he is said to have gone in an ugly mood to a house in the neighborhood where his employer and Mrs. Jurgowitz were visiting.

Jurgowitz said he went to the door when Smith tried to batter it down and was knocked to the ground by a blow from the stucco worker's fist.

Jurgowitz, in self defense, then fired a shot that went wild, according to his story. A second bullet took effect in Smith's abdomen, causing a wound that is believed will prove fatal.

DR. SWEET TELLS WHY HE IS A CANDIDATE

Dr. A. B. Sweet, candidate for the council from the First ward, has furnished The Mail Tribune with the following statement:

I am not willing to give my whole time as "chore boy" for the city at \$20.00 per month. This is the fee the health officer now gets. The councilman's fee may be a trifle more. I was induced to petition as councilman for the First ward, as my numerous friends deem it proper to have our municipal and educational boards represented by one of the medical profession, as noted in eastern cities.

NEW SAWMILLS IN SISKIYOU COUNTY

MONTAGUE, Cal., Jan. 6.—The Orr-Lake Lumber company at Bray will in the spring build another saw mill. Work will commence in February. The company is now running the Park mill.

H. H. Hudson is building a new saw mill on Horsethief. It will have a capacity of 30,000 feet a day. Mr. Hudson has 6,000,000 feet of timber to saw.

The Northern California Lumber company at Hilt will start up its box factory in about a week to cut up the million and a half feet of box lumber it has in the yards.

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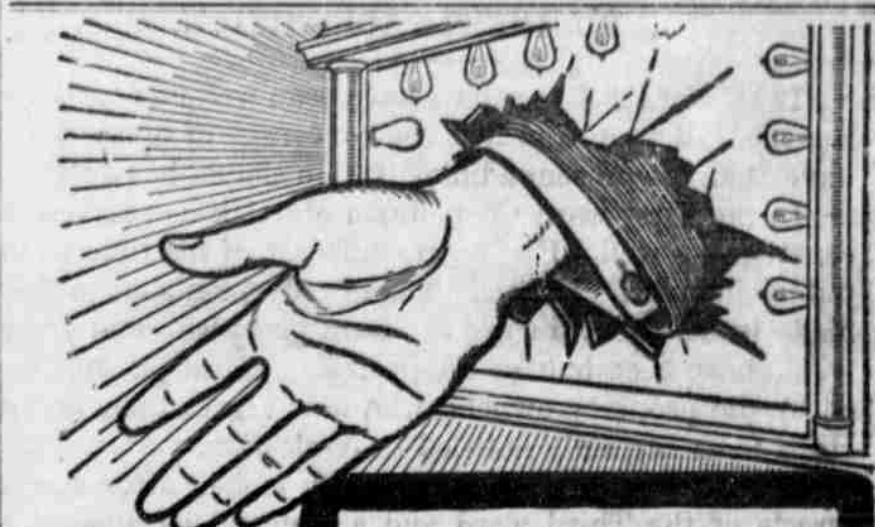
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