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INDISPUTABLE TESTIMONY

"I have visited and studied every fruit region in the United States, southern Canada and northern Mexico as well as traveled extensively through the fruit regions of Europe. I can truthfully say that nowhere are natural conditions as perfect for growing apples and pears as in the Rogue River valley, which I think is the finest fruit belt in the world," stated Professor P. J. O'Gara, entomologist for the United States department of agriculture, who has charge of the orchard work for the government in coast states, at the annual meeting of the Medford Commercial club.

"There are apple and pear trees planted fifty and sixty years ago which are perfectly sound and bearing crops annually, so that it may be said that there is no limit in the age of an orchard in this section, and no reason why trees should not live and produce for centuries. One such pear tree, which I have a photograph of, measures nine feet in circumference, is 60 years old, and still yields large crops annually," concluded Professor O'Gara.

Coming from such a source, this is the highest possible praise that could be bestowed upon the Rogue River valley, and is indisputable testimony for the horticultural resources of the valley, and indicates that this will be the premier apple and pear section of the world, and in course of time, be universally recognized as such.

The Rogue River valley is a natural pear section. Every kind of a pear grown flourishes here, and yields even better than in the European country it originated in. It is a natural pear region and in this respect has no competition. Other districts grow one or two kinds of pears, but the Rogue River valley grows every kind, and should in a few years become the vogue it would be but a matter of a few years until this section could supply the demand.

Other fruit regions grow certain apples as well, but not better, than the Rogue River valley, but in many of these places the tree is short-lived and crops cannot be looked for after a certain length of time.

Not only in apples and pears do the trees live long, but peaches, apricots and other fruits; soil and climatic conditions produce long life. In some of the peach districts of the world, notably Georgia, the life of a peach orchard is limited to a decade, while in this section there are peach trees 30 years old still annually yielding prolific crops.

As the area of the valley is limited, it will in time force the price of fruit land to a higher figure than is now dreamed of, as the demand is going to be greater than the supply. No other fruit belt in the world has such a pleasant climate, such scenic resources, such delightful surroundings and in time the pleasure of living in such a region will alone cause a demand by wealthy residents of the east for country homes and mansions, similar to that which has filled the valleys of southern California with costly villas. This of itself will greatly appreciate property in all sections of the valley.

The purchaser of land in the Rogue River valley in the long run cannot lose buying at present prices. Not only will the orchards pay a high rate of interest on any price yet asked, but there is the speculative element of a constantly increasing valuation, owing to a constantly increasing demand, which as the years go by will constantly appreciate property, for the valley is still in the infancy of its development.

TAFT AND PINCHOT.

President Taft in a recent statement at Washington made a declaration of independence in which he stated that he did not care whether he received a second term or not; that he was not working for it, but that he would do his best to make a good executive and pass such laws as he could with the means at his command. He could not break with the party leaders, such as Aldrich and Cannon, for that would leave him without a party and without a party he could accomplish nothing. He stated in effect, though, that he would be president.

There seems to be little doubt but that President Taft has been a disappointment to a large element in his own party, but it will undoubtedly follow, especially if he fulfills his platform pledges, that there will be a reaction in his favor just as there always is in favor of every public man who is strong enough to live up to his honest belief, no matter what those beliefs are, and do the best he can.

The dismissal of Pinchot created a storm of protest, but Pinchot's latest actions seem to justify the dismissal. He is stated to consider himself a presidential candidate, which will confirm in many minds the impression that Pinchot is suffering from a bad case of swell head. At any rate, the dismissal was self-invited.

Pinchot was one of Roosevelt's kitchen cabinet and in his position was able to over-ride his superiors and carry out his policies without consulting them. Ballinger, his superior, changed all of this, so it has not been surprising to see Pinchot unable to adjust himself to the new condition, and deliberately provoke his official decapitation by defiance of executive orders.

Pinchot is a crank on forestry, and deemed the needs of future generations more important than the needs of the present. There can be a genuine conservation of resources without crippling the development of western states, yet in Pinchot's mind the development of the country was a secondary consideration. He bound around with red tape and officialism after the manner of his model, the

kaiser, public land and reserves, and laid down unreasonable regulations for local officers to follow.

There is no reason why genuine conservation should perish because of Pinchot's removal. There is no reason why there should not be a scientific cutting of the forest with the consideration of the future as well as the present, as this is to the interest of the timberman. Scientific replanting of denuded forest land will accomplish many of the aims sought in the forest reserve policy, where large tracts of land are arbitrarily withheld from settlement and development. But the west cannot develop unless its forests, mines and water power are utilized—and the government will never utilize them.

THE APPLE AS A CURE-ALL.

One of New York's commission firms, which for a good and sufficient reason has been blacklisted by Rogue River valley growers, has been breaking into print wherever it could, denouncing the valley and its product and extolling those of California, where they secured several hundred carloads of Newtown Pippins.

The difference between the California and the Oregon Newtowns is self-evident. The California Newtown has not the flavor nor the keeping quality of the Oregon. Presumably because the firm has been unable to sell California consignments in the market with competition with the Oregon product, it has resorted to an ingenious scheme of getting rid of the product, namely that of retailing them direct to the consumer. The firm has sent out large numbers of return postals and advertised special rates on apples delivered in New York city or within a radius of 50 miles. The boxes containing from 128 to 144 apples are offered for \$2.80 per box, "less than two cents per apple," while the smaller boxes containing 225 apples are offered at \$2.25, or "one cent per apple."

The advertising is designed to increase the use of fancy apples in the east, though the buyers probably do not know that they are not receiving the extra fancy Newtowns. In the circular it is stated: "Frozen bananas and sour oranges. Bananas being tropical fruit, freeze at 45 degrees, a temperature much warmer than in our locality. Both sour oranges and frozen bananas upset the stomach, produce constipation and are invariably the forerunner of catarrh. Eat three apples a day and keep the doctor away. Many of our most prominent doctors in New York are ordering our Newtown Pippins. Take nature's own medicine—good apples."

NOW FOR A THOUSAND MEMBERS.

The Medford Commercial club starts the new year with a membership of 562, double the size it averaged during the year just closed. Its success as a community publicity bureau is unquestioned. The club is one of the Rogue River valley's and the city's strongest assets.

Much of the success the club has had is due to its president, Judge W. M. Colvig, whose untiring, unselfish efforts have been never-ceasing. It would be impossible for the club to hire anyone who could have accomplished what the president has accomplished, with his knowledge of the country and the peculiarities of its pioneer residents. He has effectually cemented the old and the new elements into an harmonious union and brought all factions together in working for the common good.

But no one man could have accomplished all the club has accomplished and is accomplishing. They are due to the earnest support the president has received from the individuals of the community. Many of the busiest and ablest men have freely devoted their time and energy in the club's interest, which are those of the public. Without their co-operation success would have been impossible.

Citizens of Medford and of the Rogue River valley owe it to themselves to become members of the club and to take an active part in its proceedings. Its work is for all, and all should co-operate. Its membership should be a thousand instead of its present number, and it is hoped that everyone who has the interests of this section at heart, not now a member, will send his name in to the secretary. No special invitation is required, but everyone is requested to join, and the sooner the better.

STRANDED DIPLOMAT IS RESCUED BY RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Stranded, Senor S. J. Seguera, formerly attaché of the Nicaraguan legation in Washington, is to be shipped back home, through the kindness of the Red Cross society and the United Fruit company.

Senor Seguera was assistant to Dr. Espinosa, formerly minister of the Zelayan government. When Espinosa withdrew from Washington, Seguera attached himself to Senor Rodriguez, chargé d'affaires. Rodriguez found that Zelayan officials were not popular in Washington and left for Mexico.

Poor Senor Seguera had to scratch for subsistence. His funds ran low. He was hungry. Then the Red Cross stepped in and paid his way to New Orleans, where he will take ship for Bluefields.

The senator has espoused the revolutionist cause.

Circuit Court.

Chris Kenney vs. estate T. J. Kenney; continued.
Jorors discharged for term.
Stagg vs. Stagg; divorce; decree by default.
Andrew Camhall vs. Sterling Mining company; injunction; argued and submitted.
Mary J. Harris vs. D. L. Harris; divorce; argued and submitted.

Stationery, office and school supplies at The Merrivold Shop.

COUNTRY LIFE BODY IN SESSION AT SALEM

SALEM, Or., Jan. 27.—A meeting of the country life commission is being held in the state capitol today to revive country home living in the state and formulate plans by which the people of Oregon can be aroused and imbued with home interest. According to statements by members of the commission this morning, when the meeting was called to order, Oregon farm homes have been deserted to a surprisingly large extent during the past few years and the city preferred as a home location. To induce the farmer to remain in the country is the aim of the commission, and the distribution of literature will be considered at the meeting. The Oregon country life commission comprises five members. They are: George Dorris of Eugene; Edward Mays of Flanagan; E. H. Shepard of Hood River, L. T. Reynolds of Salem and C. E. Whisler of Medford.

SISKIYOU CLUB TO MAKE ASCENSION

The Ashland Siskiyou club, an organization of mountain climbers, will make an ascension of Ashland Butte Sunday. Saturday evening the party will leave Ashland and proceed to Long's Camp, near the foot of the butte. Sunday morning the mountain will be scaled. All kinds of paraphernalia for traversing snow fields from wet shoes to skates will be used.

THE EVENING NEWSPAPER

(Oregon Journal.)

The evening weekday newspaper is becoming more and more the one of satisfaction and value, not only to the rest of the family, but to the man of business himself—perhaps, indeed, especially to him. In the morning he has little time to read. He can scarcely do more than glance at the headlines during his breakfast, for there are the other members of the family to visit with a little, and he has no time to loiter over the meal; as soon as it is concluded he is off to business. This occupies him completely through the day, and it is only after he has gone home, has had his dinner, has become comfortably seated in his favorite chair and donned slippers and shed his coat, and as he smokes his post-prandial cigar, if he smokes, that he is ready to peruse the world's news. This he can then do deliberately, reflectively, enjoyably, recreatively. He reads first, perhaps, what interests him most, or he may take it seriatim. But without haste and taking time to digest the matter, as he has eaten his dinner, he reads the local news, the national news, the foreign news, the editorials and the jokes. And he sure that he does not omit the advertisements. Whoever he is, whatever his business, some at least of these will interest him. His wife has probably read such of them as interested her before dinner. Next morning again, except Sunday mornings, the man not only has little or no time to read a big newspaper, but he has read the greater part of the news the evening before, and doesn't need to read it. These are some of the reasons why the business man as well as the wife and children are best suited and served by an evening paper.

THE COST OF LIVING.

The secretary of agriculture is said to be investigating the causes of the increased cost of living. The cost of the investigation will help, of course, to increase it a little bit more.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

It is all right to cut the cost of living by eating inexpensive food, but look at the Iowa lad who ate sixteen bananas and died. What good did economy do him?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

If you want your son to amass a fortune of several hundred million dollars, Secretary Wilson thinks you should teach him to become a Middleman.—Kansas City Times.

A Columbus man has paid \$2500 for a dog. And thus the cost of living keeps advancing.—Cleveland Leader.

Most likely the time you omitted to spend in answering want ads is the time you regret—not the time you really spent in that way.

STOMACH MISERY.

Get Rid of That Soreness, Gas and Indigestion.

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DRUGGISTS COMBINE IS CAUSE OF BOY'S DEATH

PROVO, Utah, Jan. 27.—The druggists of this city, having entered into an agreement among themselves neither to sell nor give away liquor for 60 days, T. J. Smith was unable to procure whisky or brandy declared by a physician to be necessary to save the life of Smith's 2-year-old son. The child died yesterday from pneumonia. The prescription, which the apothecaries refused to fill, was indorsed by the president of the city council and one of the councilmen.

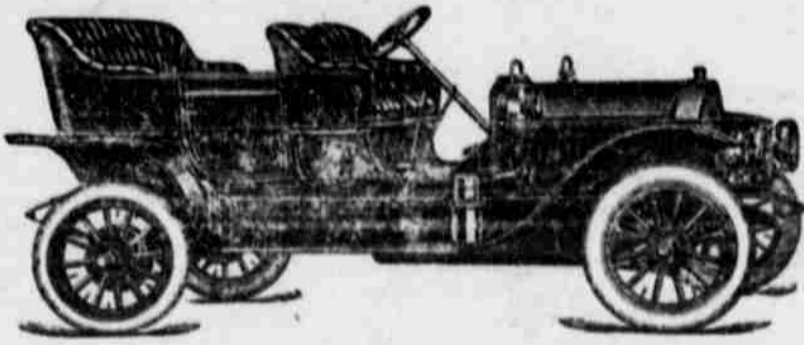
SHIRTWAIST STRIKER SLAPS BIG POLICEMAN

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 27.—A six-foot policeman yesterday told a girl shirtwaist striker, who was doing picket duty, to "move on," and she surprised him by slapping him in the face. This started a disturbance and before it was all over, six girl strikers were on their way to a police station charged with creating disorder. Miss Mary McMurtrie, a society woman, furnished bail for two of the girls and the others were discharged.

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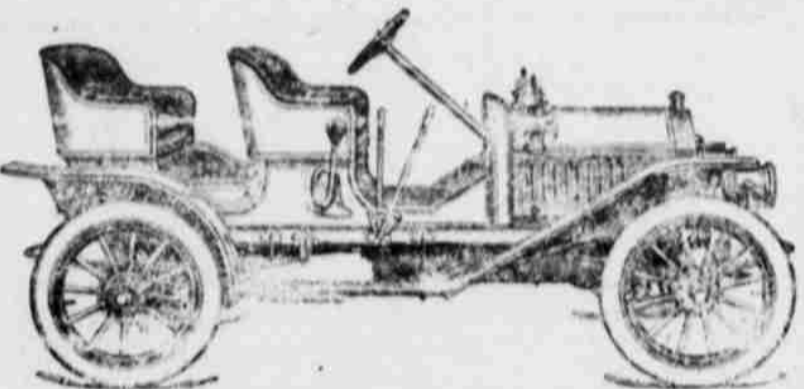
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