

## OREGON APPLES LEAD OTHERS IN QUALITY

Consul-General Miller Writes That Oregon Should Control British Market When Canal Is Opened.

In a former issue was published statements from Henry B. Miller, consul-general to Ireland, with regard to the status of the market for the Oregon apple in the British isles, but we are sure that all our local readers will be interested in further statements from the same source. In a recent letter to a friend in Portland he says in part:

"I find here in Europe a tremendous market for apples. Great Britain alone imports more than \$10,000,000 worth per annum. I have been examining the quality of this stuff that comes from Canada and the eastern part of the United States and I have been astonished at its inferiority. The poorest of the Oregon product put on the markets is superior to the average stuff imported here. The good Oregon apples have already gained a reputation in the markets of Great Britain, and they stand so far above all other imports that they really have no competitors. By the time the Panama canal is opened the state of Oregon and Washington can find a market in Europe for at least \$5,000,000 worth of apples each year, and all of these should be shipped direct from Portland in refrigerator steamers. The cost of transportation will not exceed one-half the present price. It now costs about 75 cents per box to lay down apples from Oregon in the various European markets. One-half of that will be a big price for steamer transportation when the canal is opened.

"If Oregon takes advantage of this opportunity and plants enough fruit to command the control of the imports of apples of Europe, as it can easily do, it will mean the shipment from Portland of approximately 100,000 boxes of apples per week during the shipping season, to say nothing of the markets in the United States and other parts of the world. Organization of local associations for growing and packing the fruit and a general organization of the various associations into the selling agency is all that is required to make Portland the center of the largest apple-growing district in the world. I hope these facts will be placed before the people of Oregon in such a way that the planting of apples, and fall and winter pears as well, will proceed rapidly, so that when the canal is opened they will be prepared to take advantage of these great markets.

"Before coming to this part of the world I had the impression that only high-class fruit could possibly reach these markets, but examination into conditions here has upset that theory completely, and I am now convinced that Europe is the best market, Great Britain especially, for our common apples, which would be packed and shipped as common grades. The great bulk of apples consumed here are used for cooking purposes, consequently those grades that are not so attractive in appearance for table use, but are especially good cooking fruit, will find the largest markets. It is this feature of the market that lends such encouragement to the industry in Oregon. The success in commanding this great market lies in the tremendously increased production of apples, together with a combination of the spirit of skill, science and organization that has already got such a splendid foothold in our state.

Organization of growers needs more encouragement for these great markets that are soon to be opened to our state. There should be taken up, in systematic way, perhaps by the Commercial club of Portland, a careful study of this subject, a thorough knowledge of the markets, kinds of apples and pears fitted to these markets, and the varieties fitted to the different localities in production, should be worked out on a broad and comprehensive scale."

### Grand Opening.

To Whom it May Concern: The former famous chef at the Nash Grill, Mr. Sam Lock, will open a first-class restaurant next Thursday morning, above Kennedy's saloon, No. 33 South Front street. Entrance at both sides. Only first-class meals will be served, and just the name of the proprietor is the best guarantee. This is the only place where will be served chop suey and China noodles next month. Come and see me and I and you are both sure you will come back. Remember, I am willing and I preach what I promise. Yours truly, SAM LOCK.

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## MYSTERIOUS MURDER NEAR LOS ANEGLES

Police Working on Murder Case Near Los Angeles, Which So Far baffles Efforts of Sleuths.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 22.—Mysterious voices in the night, the sound of shots followed by an excited laugh, and the hurried departure of an automobile from the isolated ranch house on the Los Feliz road near Ivaloe, where the mutilated body of David W. Dwire was found, are a few of the facts upon which the police today are basing their search for the perpetrators of what they believe was a brutal murder.

Dwire, who was 37 years of age and reputed to be wealthy, was a veteran of the Philippine campaign of the Spanish-American war. His body was found lying face downward on a bed in the ranch house where he lived alone. There were two bullet holes under the left arm and his legs and shoulders had been slashed with a knife.

The most significant part of the mysterious affair, the officers declared, was the discovery of Dwire's right shoe and stockings, which were missing when the body was found, hidden in the brush in exactly the spot where the bloody shirt that furnished a worthless clue in the Anna Poletera murder case had been found. It was Dwire who found the garment that evidently was discarded by the fiend who took the life of the little Poletera girl a year ago.

Dwire's body was found early Sunday, shortly after midnight. Saturday Dwire's closest neighbors heard voices in his house. They also heard three shots and then the sound of laughter coming from the darkened place. Ten minutes later an automobile dashed down the Los Feliz road. It contained four persons.

Half a dozen detectives from police headquarters were detailed today to assist the county deputies to search for the perpetrators. Officers were placed on the ranch and others instructed to follow each of the supposed clues.

### FORMER MEDFORD MAN IS BURNED BY EXPLOSION

J. S. Stagg, formerly of Medford, who has a chicken ranch in the Chapman lane, near Petaluma, Cal., had a narrow escape Wednesday from being burned to death while attending to a large brooder. The lamp in the brooder house exploded and the flames enveloped Mr. Stagg, badly burning his face and arms. He summoned help and later Dr. H. L. Lorenzen was called and dressed the injuries, which are of a serious nature. The brooder house and chickens were saved.

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## MERE MAN DARES TO REGULATE HAT PINS

Chicago Councilmen Pass Ordinance Fixing Fine of \$50 for Any Person Who Wears Long Hatpin.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 22.—Only women with long purses dare wear long hatpins in Chicago today, owing to the action of the city council last night when an anti-hatpin ordinance was passed.

When the ordinance came up for a vote a large crowd of women in the gallery, who had gathered to protest against the bill started a demonstration.

The councilmen, however, proceeded to cast their ballots, with the result that the measure was carried by a vote of 68 to 2.

According to the ordinance, any woman caught wearing a hatpin which protrudes more than half an inch from the crown of her hat, is liable to arrest and a fine of \$50.

The ordinance was adopted, as it was argued that long hatpins endangered the faces, eyes and noses of other persons.

### REPORTED DEAD, BUT IS VERY MUCH ALIVE

SEATTLE, Wash., March 22.—The coroner's jury investigating the Wellington avalanche left for Wellington by special train at 9 o'clock yesterday, headed by Coroner C. Snyder, to complete the taking of evidence. The jury will leave Wellington on the return tonight and will probably reach its verdict before arriving in Seattle.

Strange cases of mistaken identity continue to crop out in the inquest. E. W. Boles of Mayberry, Ont., twice reported dead in the wreck, appeared before the jury Saturday to testify. He had walked to Scenic the day before the slide.

Joseph Benier, a timber cruiser, walked into the morgue yesterday and looked at a corpse tagged "Joseph Benier, No. 83."

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