

APPLE MEN MUST FIGHT TO WIN

La Fean Bill Postponed, But Eastern Interests Will Renew Contest—Honest Pack Important to Local Growers.

PORTLAND, March 30.—"Applegrowers of Oregon and Washington have not won the fight against the adoption of the La Fean bill regulating the size of barrels and boxes in which apples may be shipped to Eastern markets. Action has been only postponed," said W. K. Newell, president of the board of horticulture, at the Imperial yesterday.

"Our delegation received every assurance that no action looking to the immediate passage of the La Fean bill will be pressed at the present congress. The committee has been interested and intends to give the question thorough investigation. No one knows what the next congress may do, but it is probable that the commission men will endeavor again to pass that or a similar measure. It is therefore necessary that Oregon and Washington fruitgrowers prepare to meet the emergency. On the last day of the hearing I suggested to the committee before whom we appeared that an act be prepared and passed as a substitute for the La Fean measure requiring, under severe penalties, that each package or box be labeled with the name of the packer, the amount of contents, the character and classification of the fruit and such other information as might be considered necessary. The idea met with considerable favor. We must get together out here and decide upon what we will ask for.

"The La Fean bill would revolutionize the methods of packing apples, as has been learned by the Washington and Oregon grower. It required that a box containing 170 cubic inches of space more than the Oregon standard box be used. The eastern groceryman sells by the peck and bushel. They asserted before the committee that they were required to give a full rounded peck or bushel of measurement. We found in tests made in the committee room that when an Oregon box is properly packed it did contain four rounded pecks, but in the boxes purchased from various quarters the measurement was short of that standard.

"Washington and Oregon shippers pay freight charges of 50 cents a box to place their apples on the New York market. We may possibly get a 35 or 40 cent rate at a later date, but the New York grower can reach the market at a cost not to exceed 35 cents a box. We can never hope to equalize that expense except on quality. There are thousands of new orchards going in now and the growers must realize that it will require the same methods to retain the standard of quality which were required to produce the present reputation of Oregon fruit.

"Colorado and Virginia are competing for the markets. They are doing a large amount of planting there and are growing a good quality of fruit. In Virginia the growers are planting Winesaps and Jonathans to a larger extent than the Yellow Newtowns.

"Our Spitzenbergs are attracting a great deal of attention on the market and should not be neglected in setting out the new orchards, even though harder to grow. They are selling in New York for \$4 a box as against any New York State product at \$2.50 a box.

"But Oregon fruitgrowers have a great opportunity to secure the pear market of the world. We can grow the fruit which the eastern seaboard is now receiving from France. The eastern climate is against successful raising of pears. The Rogue river and the Willamette valleys have ideal climatic conditions for that fruit. It is quickly grown and the prices are good. I am arranging to secure a comprehensive information sheet as to prices all over the east. Pears from Rogue river are a delicacy now in the large restaurants and hotels of the east, and all the stories as to prices charged for an order are true."

GRAND JURY QUIZZING EMPLOYEES OF BANKS

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 30.—The grand jury has begun an examination of the bank employees of the six Pittsburgh banks, which it is alleged paid \$102,000 to city councilmen to influence legislation so the banks would be named as depositors of the municipal funds.

It is expected that the examination of the men connected with the various indictments will consume several days.

Haskins for Health.

MANY WERE AFTER LARGE CONTRACT

In Dusty Loft in Washington Are Piled 1500 Mail Boxes Submitted to the Government in Competition to Secure Big Order.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—In a dusty loft at the rear of the post office building in Washington there is a monument built of 1,500 boxes of the memory of American persistency and failure.

These boxes are the offering of as many inventors for the alluring bait of the O. K. of the department on their inventions which would have brought them a chance at an order for 5,000,000 mail boxes for the rural delivery service.

All these contraptions have been sent in since 191. Up to that time the department allowed the farmers to use whatever they chose as a mail box but when it found that in many instances their choice ran to a piece of tiling, stove piping, old powder and oil cans, and everything else from the refuse heap back of the old homestead, the department balked and decided to set a standard. This immediately created a market for an enormous supply of boxes and all the would-be Westinghouses of the country set to work lustily to supply Uncle Sam's need.

The result of their efforts form a most interesting index to what the human mind can evolve. Some are shaped like a dirigible torpedo, some open on a hinge like a clam shell. One is rigged out with more accoutrements than a Harlem flat, with coin and letter holders, interlocking signals and electric annunciators to tell the passing postman whether the patron desires stamps, money orders, post cards or to register a letter. One (probably invented by a letter carrier) has an arrangement whereby it could be swung into the carrier's wagon, emptied and returned without the carrier getting out of his seat.

Some didn't stop at inventing a box; they devised a whole system to be run from a village postoffice by a gasoline motor. Fourth Assistant Postmaster General De Graw, who has charge of the rural delivery, says that even now he gets a letter every week from some one has an idea for collecting mail along rural routes. One device is a battery of boxes to be filled with mail at the postoffice and automatically distributed along the route, at the same time picking up other boxes filled with mail for dispatch.

THAWING DYNAMITE; SAME OLD, OLD STORY.

NEVADA CITY, Cal., March 30.—Albert Stoutenburg, a miner, is dying today from injuries received late yesterday when dynamite, which he was thawing on a stove exploded. The explosion hurled him through the roof of a mine building and left him blind and mutilated several feet away. The building was wrecked. The explosion occurred at the Golden State mine near Grass Valley.

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