

## GROWERS SORE ON TRAMP CAR GAME

Radical Changes in Methods of Shipping Citrus Fruit From California Is Liable to Be Brought About in the Near Future.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 1.—A storm is brewing which when it breaks out, is liable to lead to radical changes in the method of shipping citrus fruits from California. The refrigerator car lines it is learned on absolutely reliable authority, are awful sick and they are growing sicker all the time of the game of hide-and-seek tramp car business. While they do not say much in plain English, yet they have indicated "with signs following" that the exchange is to blame for the enormous expense which has been gradually growing for several years and that they are going to put a stop to it. Figuring on the basis of Western tolls, the telegrams alone last year cost the refrigerator lines over \$100,000. Here is about the way the car people look at the matter: There is a vast amount of time and labor spent in this way for which the car lines do not receive one cent of remuneration. Some idea of this will be had when it is stated that last year the Pacific Fruit Express made more than 14,000 diversions and some of the cars were diverted sixteen times, while the Santa Fe made over 10,000. The P. F. E. employ in their Los Angeles office eight telegraph operators who do little but divert cars, and the Santa Fe have almost as many. Each diversion requires as a rule four telegrams. The exchange is blamed. Its system of marketing is to start the cars rolling not knowing just where they will be placed. If they go east on the Southern Pacific they are probably billed to El Paso they are ordered rebilled to the next division station and so on until finally they are run into some market where there is some little demand or sent to some of the auction markets to bring whatever they will. Often times the cars are shipped into a city or town where an independent shipper is attempting to dispose of a few cars, and after the "tramps" of the exchange have accomplished their purpose of scaring the little fellow out or cutting the price, the cars are ordered on to some other point. As a result of this system employed by the exchange the independent in order to try and protect himself is compelled to play the same game.

The growth of this tramp car business has been gradual but it has now assumed such enormous proportions and expense that the car lines feel they can no longer stand the pressure. Statistics have been prepared for the past several years showing the cost of the service and they are said to be startling to say the least. If the refrigerator lines come to an agreement it will probably be that they will allow two divisions free of charge for each diversion in addition. If the charge to be made is based upon the cost of service it will probably mean a minimum of \$4.50 a diversion, as this is the amount the Pacific Fruit Express has figured on their 13,000 diversions of last year. Out of this amount it is estimated that about 10,000 were made by the exchange. The independents sell many of their cars f. o. b. and, of course, these are billed direct and a lot of business is done on direct order so that the bulk of the expense of diverting cars will fall upon the growers in the exchange. The expense of telegraphing, according to J. Q. Story, president of the exchange, during last year amounted to an average of \$7000 a month and if the game of diverting cars is to be paid for by the exchange this will likely be raised materially. The two refrigerator car lines in California handle all of the business and are in a position to dictate their own terms and they are going to do it, so it now seems. The growers have the habit of "digging up" and probably won't mind another little raise.

### \$20,000.00 CITY OF MEDFORD, OREGON, WATER MAIN BONDS.

The city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, will receive sealed bids up to 5 o'clock p. m., April 19th, 1910 for the sale of \$20,000.00 city of Medford water main bonds; 6 per cent; ten year.

Bids to be accompanied by a certified check equal to 5 per cent of the amount bid for. The right to reject or accept any and all bids is reserved by the council.

Bids to be addressed to Robert W. Telfer, city recorder. Certified check to be made payable to the city treasurer.

ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder. Dated Medford, Oregon, March 29, 1910.

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## TELEPHONE AIDS IN FIRE FIGHTING

Uncle Sam Is Greatly Pleased With Results He Has Obtained From the Use of Telephones in National Forests—Aid in Giving Warnings.

Most prominent among the measures which Uncle Sam has taken to protect his national forests in the west from heavy loss by fire is the extended use of the telephone. This handy little instrument has proved its worth during the past year. According to figures which have just been published by the department of agriculture, the loss from fire has been greatly reduced, although the number of conflagrations has been actually larger than in the year preceding.

Through the aid of the telephone assistance is brought to the spot as soon as a blaze is discovered. In this way it is possible to prevent the spread of a fire and to confine it to a small area. In one instance last year a firefighting force was collected in a few hours where at least a day would have been wasted if aid had been sought by means of a courier.

The number of fires in the national forests last year was 410 larger than in 1908, but almost 80 per cent of the fires were extinguished before as much as five acres had been damaged. The fires covered less than one and one-half acres to the square mile of national forest land, and the damage done to the burned-over area averaged but \$1.25 an acre.

According to the government's figures, during 1909 there were 3138 fires in the national domain, burning over about 360,000 acres. In 1908 there had been 400,000 acres laid waste. Last year some 170,000,000 board feet of timber were consumed, as against 230,000,000 the previous year.

The loss of value of timber destroyed was less than \$300,000. The loss the year before was about \$450,000.

These figures seem to indicate that although the damage to the forests is still very great, the fires are not so much of a scourge as formerly. With a view to still greater increasing the fire-fighting facilities, the work of extending the protective system into all parts of the national woodlands is being pursued this year. The telephone will play an important part in the measures that are to be taken to reduce still further the loss in the western forests.

In some sections the forest rangers are supplied with portable telephones, which they carry strapped to their backs and with which they can secure connection at any convenient point. The government owns and operates a number of telephone lines and makes connection with lookout stations, where watchmen with field glasses are kept to search for signs of fire among the trees. The instruments and line material for these systems have been furnished by the Western Electric company, the largest manufacturer of telephones in the world.

Many of the states have jurisdiction over great tracts of wooded land and maintain fire-fighting systems of their own. It is interesting to note that in New York, where lookout stations are fully equipped with telephones and telescopes for detecting and reporting fires, the loss during 1909 amounted to only \$25,101, whereas the year before the damage had totalled \$644,000.

Forest fires are still one of the greatest problems the government has to face. Since 1870 more than 2000 have lost their lives through these conflagrations in the national forests. Five hundred and fifty million acres of standing timber are centered in six Pacific and northwestern states—material for a glorious bonfire. To prevent fires seems to be out of the question, but it is possible to check the spread of the flames, and in its work of the past year the government has given a demonstration of what up-to-date methods will do.

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## BIG CALIFORNIA CROP IS IN SIGHT

Reports From Sacramento Are Most Favorable—Trees Have Not Been Injured by Frost and Heavily Laden With Blossoms.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 1.—Conditions at present indicate that there will be a bumper crop in all lines of fruit this season. The outlook is bright, the trees are fairly loaded with blossoms and weather conditions up to the present have been almost ideal. The time is practically past in the Sacramento valley when the late frost can do any great damage to the fruit crop. Favorable reports are being received by the fruit distributors and fruit shipping concerns in Sacramento from all sections of the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys and also from the fruit districts of the foothills. Peach, apricot, cherry, apple, plum and other fruit trees are in full blossom, making the country look like a garden. The only fruit which has not appeared in the blossom stage is Bartlett pears and this is considered a little early for them.

The California Fruit Distributors have been receiving reports from every section north of San Francisco bay and they are of the most encouraging nature. Here is the report: "Right now, conditions throughout the entire deciduous fruit section could not possibly be better. From all points in the Sacramento valley, and, in fact, everywhere in the northern end of the state, reports are coming to us every day that things are better looking than for years. There has not been a setback of any sort, and all the time the probability of having setbacks is becoming less likely. All kinds of fruit trees are in full blossom. Never before have the trees looked better nor the indications been more favorable. All that will stop a big crop of the best kind of fruit is cold rain and heavy wind, and that will have to come mighty soon if it is going to do any great amount of damage."

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**\$5500**—Six miles from Medford, good new buildings, about 8 acres planted to Newtowns, Spitzenbergs and pears, 1 and 2 years old; about 7 acres additional cleared, balance not hard clearing; good team, wagon and machinery goes with the place. This is a 40-acre tract.

**\$15,000**—A first-class fruit and alfalfa ranch, 185 acres, 5 1/2 miles from railway station, practically all bottom land, 140 acres now under cultivation, water right with place; fair house, two barns, schoolhouse on the place, for \$15,000, which is only \$81 an acre; \$6000 cash will handle, and easy terms can be had on the balance; this is a fine chance to get a first-class tract of low-priced land for development purposes. We don't think this will last long, and if you are interested, come in and see us about it.

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