

This department is a regular weekly feature, dealing with all phases of the fruit and produce world.

# IN THE FRUIT GROWING WORLD

Conducted by Charles W. Wilmeroth, manager of the Rogue River Fruit & Produce Association.

### To Stockholders and Friends:

A great many of our stockholders have responded quite promptly to our requests for crop and shock estimates, but at the same time quite a number have not been heard from. I must again ask you to give us this information, because we want to have your supplies here when you need them, and the railroad people are asking us nearly every day for an estimate of cars wanted. So help the association as much as you can by responding promptly.

### Packers.

It is the intention of the association to change the apple boxes from the old California style to the north-west standard box, and even though you have packed in the old-style boxes it is quite necessary that you have a little instruction in using the new box. We are going to arrange for packing schools, a little later in the season, and it is imperative that all persons wanting to pack this fall, either in pears or apples, come in and register at the association office.

Those in charge of our association, as well as the members who have taken an interest in our affairs, seem greatly pleased with the prospects of a fine crop of apples and pears. Quality and quantity seem to be increasing with each report. Evidently the damage from all sources to the crops in the valley has been very slight, and the feeling of hopefulness on every hand is noticeable.

### Packing Houses.

The association management will begin this week putting in necessary repairs in the packing houses at Medford and Central Point, and while it is hoped that every one who possibly can will pack their fruit at home. For those who are not prepared to do this, we expect to have facilities that will be ample to handle the fruit that is brought to us to be packed. Loading facilities will also be increased at Medford, and the grounds surrounding the packing-house will be put in better shape for the wagons and teams.

The management at all times is glad to receive any suggestion relating to arrangement of facilities and looks to the members and friends to make many things possible that we could not otherwise bring about.

C. W. WILMEROOTH, Manager.

Estimate of this year's crop, compared with last year, and ten-year average:

	June 1, 1910.	June 1, 1909.	Av. 10 Yrs.
Maine	91	85	92
New York	75	84	86
Pennsylvania	61	70	76
Virginia	70	47	61
W. Virginia	55	53	66
N. Carolina	75	56	64
Ohio	58	46	64
Indiana	43	47	63
Michigan	57	80	81
Minnesota	17	92	84
Iowa	7	84	75
Missouri	32	54	57
Kansas	64	34	60

### APPLE EXPORT YEAR ENDS—NEW YORK, SECOND LAST YEAR, TAKES THIRD POSITION.

BOSTON, June 1.—The season for the export of apples from Atlantic ports is ended and Boston stands fourth in the matter of shipments. Halifax, which was first in the previous season, again led in the season just ended. Montreal, which was third last year, was second this year, and New York, which was second last year, was third this year. Boston, Portland, St. John and Annapolis follow in the order named. The shipments during the season were 635,114 barrels greater than they were in the previous season, but 293,238 barrels less than in the season of 1907-8. The shipments in detail follow:

	1909-10.	1908-09.	1907-08.
Boston	266,201	189,013	436,118
New York	386,440	360,989	481,503
Portland	240,292	86,134	426,466
Montreal	582,928	356,845	626,143
Halifax	636,744	502,339	452,825
St. John	46,118	50,736	68,261
Annapolis	39,295	16,908	.....
Totals	2,198,078	1,562,964	2,491,316

Kentucky	50	55	59
Tennessee	50	55	57
Montana	81	93	93
Colorado	58	87	80
Washington	95	75	91
Oregon	93	70	88
California	80	81	82
Illinois	13	47	64

ELLWOOD CITY, Pa., June 15.—A peculiar blight which withers the leaves and turns them to a sickly gray color is devastating orchards in this section. It was first noticed two weeks ago.

Canadian Fruit Crop. Indications point to a good yield of

all kinds. Fruit trees all over the Dominion came through the winter in excellent shape, and the prospects for good crops, notably apples, are, on the whole, favorable, according to a report issued by the Canadian department of agriculture. In the counties north of Lake Erie prospects favor a good yield, of both early and late varieties of apples. Greenings are especially promising. In the counties on Lake Huron and inland to York county the prospect is for a moderate to a good crop of apples. The early and fall varieties blossomed heavily. Of all the winter varieties, Greenings were for the most part well loaded with bloom. Baldwins and Spies also showed a good bloom. There has been a very heavy set in the large winter apple section along the north shore of Lake Ontario. The present indications are for a full crop of nearly all the leading commercial varieties. In the counties of Northumberland, Durham and Prince Edward the outlook at the time of blossoming is the most promising for several years. Apple Men to Have Expert. HOOD RIVER, Or., June 15.—If the movement inaugurated the other day at a meeting of apple growers

in the Pine Grove Grange hall and now in the hands of a committee of Hood River orchardists is carried out, there soon will be an expert orchardist in the Hood River valley to study orchard problems peculiar to this section and in conjunction with the Oregon Agricultural college and the government experimental station at Corvallis, to have charge of experimental work which has an especial bearing on Hood River.

Grand Valley Fruit. PALISADES, Colo., June 16.—The probabilities are now that the Palisades district will ship more than 1000 cars of fruit, the largest on record. The heaviest shipments will be made in August, when the Elbertas are in their prime. Rifle will ship 350 cars of fruit; Clifton will ship about 600. The estimates have not been made as yet for Fruita and Grand Junction. The chances are, however, that the early estimates of 2000 cars from the valley will be exceeded somewhat.

Bartlett Pears a Failure. LOCKPORT, N. Y., June 2.—S. Wright McCollum, the horticulturist who is looked upon as authority in this section, says that the Bartlett pear crop around Lockport is a complete failure. He said that some varieties will bear well. The curley leaf is found in some orchards of peaches, but as a rule the crop will be good. Prunes are hurt and there are no plums to speak of. Those who did not have crops last year will probably have something this year.

There will be a full crop of early cherries. He predicts that there will be a large apple crop. Mr. McCollum says that some varieties of pears will bear well. Around the lake the Bartlett pear crop may be unaffected, but within a radius of five miles of Lockport there has not been so near a complete failure in 20 years.

Report on Fruit Crop. WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15.—As told in last week's Fruit Trade Journal, the prospects for a bountiful crop of peaches this year are very promising, according to a report made public by the department of agriculture on general crop conditions. Splendid prospects for fruit in New England and the Pacific coast states almost offset the poor showing of the central states, where frost did serious damage.

The condition of the apple crop is reported to be 8 points below last year's crop, or 53.0 as compared with a normal condition. The ten-year average for apples is 69.8. In New England and on the Pacific coast the crop promises to be immense, but in such big apple states as Ohio and Missouri there will be only about one-third of a crop. On the other hand, the peach crop, due to the excellent prospects in Georgia and Delaware, promises to be larger than that of last year, the condition on June 1 being 62.0, as compared with 54.1 last year, and a ten-year average of 65.0. The central states will produce a poor crop, it appears now.

## MADRIZ DEFIES AUTHORITY OF U. S. TO INTERFERE

Declares United States Had No Right to Land Marines at Bluefields—Replies to Note Recently Dispatched by Secretary Knox.

SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Nicaragua, June 25.—President Jose Madriz of Nicaragua declared today that the United States had no right to interfere in Nicaraguan affairs and that if marines had not interfered at Bluefields the city would have been taken and the revolution ended.

His statement was contained in a reply to a note from Secretary of State Knox demanding the protection of Americans in Nicaragua and incidentally criticizing the Nicaraguan government. Madriz' answer was communicated through the American consul at Managua.

"According to international law," the Nicaraguan president declared, "no neutral power may impede or disturb in time of war any legitimate operation of the belligerents. I cannot consider the action of American marines in stopping the operations of our army at Bluefields as legal. I will omit for the present any reference to the other points in the note of the secretary of state, but I desire to assert that except for the intervention of the American naval authorities Bluefields would have been taken, the revolution defeated and Nicaragua pacified."

### ROSEBURG PAVING MAY BE STOPPED

ROSEBURG, Or., June 25.—There are rumors of an injunction suit to restrain the city from fulfilling its paving contract with the Clark-Henery company of Sacramento, Cal. The Beaver Construction company of Salem submitted a bid of \$1.67 per square yard for laying asphalt pavement, as against a bid of \$1.69 per square yard submitted by the Clark-Henery company. The council unanimously awarded the contract to the latter company because of the Beaver company's inexperience, their representative having admitted that the company had not laid any pavement anywhere.

F. W. Waters, former mayor of the city of Salem, representing the Beaver company, yesterday presented to Mayor Haynes of this city a petition asking him to call a special session of the city council and reconsider the decision to award the contract to the Clark-Henery company. The petition was ignored, for a few hours after the document was presented to him Mayor Haynes and Recorder Oreutt signed the paving contract with the Clark-Henery company.

Mr. Waters would neither affirm nor deny the rumors of the injunction suit. He has retained three local lawyers.

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## THREE DIE; 15 OVERCOME BY GAS IN MINE

Tragedy Occurs Near Eureka—Blast in Apex Silver Mine Causes Gas and Three Men Are Asphyxiated—Others Found in Time.

EUREKA, Utah, June 25.—Three men were killed and 15 overcome by gas in the Apex silver mine near here today. A blast in the mine caused the gas. The three men who were killed were asphyxiated. The others were taken out of the mine and resuscitated.

### Notice to the Public.

After July 1 I will be prepared to carry passengers between Eagle Point and Butte Falls, making connections with the Eagle Point train. Leaves Eagle Point at 10 a. m. and arrive at Butte Falls at 3 p. m. Leaves Butte Falls at 9 a. m., arriving in Eagle Point at 2 p. m. S. H. HARNISH & SON. 87

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Did You Read This in Thursday's Mail Tribune June 16?

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S RAIN VERY BENEFICIAL

Shower Will Help All Crops—Hay, Grain and Fruit All Benefited by Downpour.

The rain of Wednesday night was most beneficial to all, especially to those farmers and horticulturists who have not the benefit of irrigation. To use the terms of a prominent farmer, "It sure rained \$20 pieces last night." While the downpour was not so heavy, it was continuous all through the night, and was one of those rains which soak into the ground and come up again in the form of five-ton alfalfa, 40-bushel wheat and apples and pears that bring the market limit.

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