

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.

CHICAGO, June 24.—It takes a wide stretch of imagination to form an accurate conception of the quantity of peaches maturing this season. There are a world of them and they are prominent in quality. Frankly, it would seem there are more than will be hauled. Elbertas are expected to give a bounteous crop by July 5, and early stock is moving now.

Rumors have it that there has been lots of stock contracted for at 75 cents per bushel, and it is not too sanguine a prediction to say that some will be cheaper. The canners have contracted for a great many peaches, so that there will not be as many shipped as had been at first anticipated.

The reason that canners are getting so many of the peaches is accounted for by the fact that there is a shortage of bushel baskets. We have the first ear of Yellow's rolling from Jacksonville, and we understand they are luscious and well-matured.

West Virginia Apples.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., June 22.—The largest meeting of the Jefferson County Fruitgrowers' association was held on Saturday. By resolution unanimously adopted the recently organized Virginia Fruit Exchange was indorsed, and a large number of fruitgrowers, representing at least 75 per cent of the apple crop of the county, joined the exchange.

Fruit experts from New York, Chicago, Pittsburg and elsewhere addressed the meeting. The coming fruit crop in this section promises to be of exceptionally good quality.

The counties of Jefferson, Berkeley, Clarke and Frederick will produce approximately 400,000 barrels of apples, equal to 2000 carloads, and the eastern panhandle of West Virginia nearly 1500 carloads of peaches, namely, from Hampshire, Morgan and Mineral counties.

The new exchange will arrange for a more systematic distribution of the fruit of the lower Shenandoah valley and eastern panhandle, and for the purchase of coöperation, spraying material and other supplies for its members in large quantities at wholesale rates.

Want New Apple Rules.

Growers, shippers and dealers, growers' associations, the National League of Commission Merchants, the International Apple-Shippers' association and the Western Fruit Jobbers' association are banding together in a movement to secure the adoption by the railroad transportation lines in central and trunk line territories of storage in transit rules in car-lot shipments east of Chicago and St. Louis.

These privileges obtain at present on most of the western lines on shipments from all western apple-producing sections, and afford advantages very essential in the distribution and marketing of that fruit. Shippers and dealers are declaring that traffic in apples in both eastern and western sections can be more economically and more extensively engaged in when through the establishment of the privileges desired, the extreme high cost of storage at points of consumption can be avoided.

The apple interests want to be

able to take advantage of intermediate, small and less expensive storing facilities without the necessity of incurring, as at present, prohibitive freight cost, through the use of local rates to and from these storage points. They want instead through rates from originating points to final destination with the stop-over privilege.

The National league has been actively engaged in this campaign for some time, and through its branches in the various markets is pointing out to the traffic representatives of the carriers the need of these privileges for greater operations in the apple line and to overcome the present discrimination existing in this respect between the east and the west.

A careful estimate of the output of the Newtows in the western box apple district for 1910 is as follows:

	Carloads.
California	1000
Southern Oregon	300
Hood River	250
Washington	150
Total	1700

Lowest Iowa Fruit Record.

Fred Norton of Murray and Washington streets returned from Marlboro, N. Y., on Monday, and reports that the hail storm of Saturday last damaged 50 per cent of all fruits in that section. Ninety per cent of the strawberries, he said, were ruined, while peaches, grapes and other fruits suffered serious injury. "The hailstones were as

large as pigeon eggs," remarked Mr. Norton, and it took a warm sun nearly two hours to efface traces of the storm.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., June 27.—The latest estimates for the railroads indicate that the Grand Valley will ship nearly 3000 cars of fruit this season, instead of a little over 2000, as was at first feared after the first frosts, although some sections were hit by the frost. It is believed now that last year's crop of 2900 cars will be duplicated again this year.

Hail Destroys Fruit.

DES MOINES, Ia., June 30.—Secretary Greene of the State Horticultural society has compiled the report for the first of May on condition of Iowa fruit. "It shows a smaller percentage for this time of the year than ever before in the history of the society," he says. Percentages: Strawberries, 38; grapes, 20; black raspberries, 12; red raspberries, 10; cherries, 6; currants, 5; apples, 8; blackberries, 21; gooseberries, 4; American plums, 1; pears, domestic plums, Japanese plums and peaches, all less than 1 per cent.

Apple Industry Subject New Drama.

A play that is attracting quite a bit of attention among Chicago apple dealers is "Go West, Young Woman," which is presented at the Chicago Grand Opera house. The piece is permeated with the smell of fruits, and from seeing the performance as presented in Chicago, one can quickly understand how easy it is to grow a big apple—that is, the

way they do it in the Pacific northwest. A finer example of stage scenery is not often run across than the one depicting the valley where Thomas Latimer, Jr., has a ten-acre ranch given her to attract her to go west. (Thomas was a woman, just the same, named for her father.)

The keen rivalry existing between Hood River, Wenatchee and other sections is obvious in the treatment of the plot, and there are some broad hints of the extremes resorted to in order to "draw first prize at the apple show."

Packing School.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., June 28.—We shall be very glad to conduct a packing school at Medford the coming fall. You probably remember the conditions under which the school was conducted last fall, namely, that we will furnish the skilled help that is necessary, the local people furnishing the building, fruit, and necessary lumber for equipment. I will arrange to send Professor Cole again, probably also Frank Brown, the most skillful apple packer that this institution ever turned out. I could probably arrange to attend the packing school myself for a number of the exercises. I should like to hear from you concerning the date, length of time, etc., for the packing school.

I will state that I now expect to be in Medford somewhere about the middle of July and can arrange to see you at that time to form more definite arrangements.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter and your kind invitation to visit your association when in

Medford, I am, yours sincerely,
C. I. LEWIS.

LIVERPOOL, Eng., June 17.—

C. W. Wilmeroth, Medford, Or.—Dear Sir: Mr. S. sailed for New York on the Carmania on the 14th, and in his absence your letter of the 3d, addressed to him, has been opened and noted. It will be forwarded to him by this mail. In the meantime we will give you all the information we can, sending copy of the present to Mr. S., so that if we overlook anything he can supplement it.

All that stands between your association and "first-class company" is that its pack has not earned a reputation for being even and reliable. Sometimes the apples turn out very well, as well graded and almost as good in quality as anything that comes here. Last season, for example, dealers who bought your fruit spoke well of it on the whole, and placed it second only to Hood River's fancy pack. But it has not always been so, and there has often been much more difference between the pack put up by the different growers than there ought to be. The remedy, of course, is clear, but whether it will be possible for you to apply it or not, we do not know. The standards of grading ought to be raised if possible, and certainly steps should be taken to see that every shipper who uses your brand packs strictly in accordance with the standards set down by your association.

It is not customary to ship Newtows under ice across the ocean. Sometimes very late in the season that might be done, but as a rule it is not necessary.

We imagine that your Newtows have always been shipped to New York and held in cold storage there, being afterward reshipped as our markets required them. At all events that is what ought to be done, and although a refrigerator car will as a rule protect apples (if the vents are attended to) from any ordinary frost in transit, we think that fruit should be dispatched before there is any danger of very severe weather being encountered.

We know that some Pippins from your valley were injured by frost in transit last winter.

The sizes that sell best in this market are from 108s up to 144s. Of course we can take the smaller sizes, too, but as a rule it sells to better advantage in London.

Under Normal conditions, it is not advisable to ship your low-grade Newtows to our markets. This country is chock full of California Newtows right through the season, and your low-grade fruit has to be sold at low prices to compete with these. We think you can find a better market nearer home.

We should never advise you to refuse a reasonable offer f. o. b. cars for your apples, because we have not heard of any one who has made money on them for the last five or six years; but if you come to market your apples yourself, remember that, with our house in New York, and our commanding position in London, Glasgow, Liverpool and Hamburg, we stand supreme in facilities for distributing your fruit. Besides, we all know you, or know of you, through Mr. S., and all our firms would take a personal interest in trying to make this, your first year with the association, as successful as possible.

ESPE PAYS \$18,000 FINE FOR REBATING

Company Considers Itself Lucky in Escaping So Lightly When There Were Over a Hundred Counts Against It for Japanese Trade.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 2.—Representatives of the Southern Pacific admit today that the company considers itself lucky in escaping with a fine of \$18,000 for rebating, as there were 122 counts against the company, and the government was prepared to prosecute the cases to a finish. A compromise was reached when the company consented to plead guilty to 18 of the charges. United States District Judge Van Fleet then imposed the minimum fine of \$18,000.

The charges to which the company pleaded guilty included nine counts for rebates on shipments of freight from Kobe, Japan. The maximum penalty for rebating is \$20,000 on each count, and had the company been convicted on each of the 122 counts it would have faced a maximum fine of \$2,800,000 and a minimum fine of \$140,000.

Hotel Arrivals.

The Nash—A. E. Liddell, San Francisco; A. W. Durkee, St. Johns, Mich.; G. H. Brown, Jacksonville; W. E. Olivier, Kansas City; H. N. Starr, Portland; J. H. Schum, Wenatchee; T. H. Sherwood, Sam Cohen, J. W. Chamberlain, Portland; W. A. Schwarz, Eagle Point.

The Moore—F. S. Johnston, W. H. Jamieson, W. J. Grundig, Portland; D. W. Bereston, San Francisco; G. C. Scoysmith, R. J. Brand, city; R. S. Post, Shedd; Mr. and Mrs. R. Bruening, Chicago; F. Howard, Sacramento; M. F. Ganigue, San Francisco; H. D. Wagon, Portland; J. C. Donovan, Albany; J. E. Armstrong, Portland; J. S. Lormey, San Francisco; R. M. Kielland, Seattle.

BASEBALL NOTES.

This afternoon the Medford team and Roper's rejuvenated bunch from Grants Pass will meet for the last game of the scheduled season—unless the magnates conclude to make up another schedule.

In the line-up for Medford this afternoon will be Eddie Wilkinson, star hitter and infielder for St. Mary's college. Eddie is a Jackson county lad and learned the rudiments of baseball on the Medford streets.


The Medford line-up for Sunday

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will be: Henselman, third base; Strain, second base; Miles, short-stop; Isaacs, center field; E. Wilkinson, first base; J. Wilkinson, left field; Blackington, right field; Hill, catcher; Burgess, pitcher.

Burgess will start the game today and Coleman will likely finish it.

Monday morning Burgess will pitch against Grants Pass and Coleman will take the mound in the afternoon.

The fans will be assured of three games in the two days that will be worth the time and money.

FOREST FIRES DESTROY MIZPAH, MINNESOTA

INTERNATIONAL FALLS, Minn., July 2.—The town of Mizpah, 40 miles south of here, is in ruins today as a result of forest fires which are sweeping that portion of the state. The postoffice building was blown up in an effort to check the advance of the fire, but a high wind carried the flames through the town and forced the inhabitants to flee.

Hackins for Health.

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19 Acres adjoining Burrell Orchard on the south.
5 Acres bearing peaches.
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11-2 Acres bearing pears.
91-2 Acres 1-year-old Bartlett's.
91-2 Acres peach fillers.

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19 Acres, 1 1-4 mile from Phoenix depot; soil slightly gravel; 6-year-old apples and peaches; 2 houses, one built of concrete; good barn, some alfalfa. Price, \$4500; \$2000 cash, balance good terms.

Fine Building Site

50 Acres of the finest hillside land in the valley, one mile from Jacksonville on main road and every inch can be utilized. Slightly building spot. Price \$225. Good terms.

Antelope Creek Ranch

1160 Acres on the Antelope creek, in one body. This is a great bargain for the price asked. You'll have to hurry to get this at \$35 per acre.

Walter L. McCallum

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