

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:
 In some sections of the valley pear packing will begin the coming week, which makes the season of shipping considerable earlier than former years. The pears must be picked and packed when conditions demand; at the same time we must delay all we can without danger to fruit on account of the market conditions in the east.

Our eastern correspondent writes: "For your information we anticipate a good jump in the pear market next week, and you will note by New York today that there is signs of it. You will undoubtedly see New York do better tomorrow, and you will also see Boston next week in pretty good shape. You will very likely see the leading eastern markets in ten days from now in good shape. Our wires today indicate that Georgia peaches are done, practically, and peaches will be in good demand for the next two weeks, and naturally, with the scarcity of peaches, the Bartlett pear market will do much better. The Sacramento river is now done, and Susan will be done in a few days. These, as you know, are the two heaviest California pear districts. Of course, there are pear districts through California to go forward yet, but 75 per cent of the California pear crop will have gone forward by Saturday."

I have every reason to believe these predictions are correct, consequently the longer we can delay shipping the better, but in our anxiety to retard shipments, care must be taken not to allow pears to pass their prime for carrying qualities.

We will be ready to receive pears for packing or shipping at our Central Point warehouse on Tuesday, August 2; Medford warehouses by Wednesday, August 3.

Growers must notify us when to expect their pears for packing at association buildings. At Central Point the amount of pears is limited and an effort must be made to all pick at a stated time, so we can have packers ready to put the fruit out promptly.

Packing School.
 Our packing school has been in operation for the past week. We have turned out an average of 20 packers each day, and our instructors are much pleased with the success the packers have made. We will continue our packing school next week, and up to this time we have applications from about 325 packers.

Your manager is much pleased with the number of packers we have been able to secure, as well as their determination to learn, and the class of people coming in to the work.

Important.
 The packing paper for the entire Medford district is stored in one warehouse here in the city, and your manager has been uneasy on account of the liability of fire. We keep a watchman in the warehouse day and night, but it seems very important that each grower should come for his paper at once and not take the risk of fire destroying our supply. We can keep this paper insured, but we cannot get another supply in

time for this year's crop, and if it was destroyed it means that our crop would have to go without paper. I wish each grower would come to the help of your manager in this matter.

Have you ordered all the stamps, stencils, numbering machines and other equipment for this year's work? I again ask you not to delay in this matter any further.

Yours very truly,
ROGUE RIVER FRUIT & PRODUCE ASSOCIATION.
 C. W. Wilmeroth, Manager.

Rains Benefit Apple Crop.
 Rochester, July 22.—From Sodas through the whole of Western New York, particularly in the great fruit belt of Lake Ontario, rains have fallen since last week, and reports state that all fruits have been benefited to an enormous degree. The rainfall was perhaps the most general this season, and the heaviest. It covered an area of several hundred miles even over chiefly to orchards.

Perhaps the farmer of Monroe, Genesee, Niagara and Orleans counties have the best cause of all to feel grateful for the precipitation. It is the general opinion that there will be plenty of apples, and even farmers who have light yields are optimistic, feeling that there is not going to be a crop failure in this section. It looks now that the general average of Baldwin will exceed that of other years. It has been the boast of Monroe county that there "has always been some crop and never a complete failure," and the improvements which will result from the recent rains, and following warm

weather will help the district greatly. Growers and operators in this city this week from Western New York contended that, all things considered, fruit conditions, especially late apples and peaches, are better than reports would indicate. Pioneers asserted that up-state counties have seen infinitely worse seasons in the past, and have never failed to have a yield.

A well-known apple dealer, who has just returned from a comprehensive trip through the up-state apple belt, covering several hundred miles, stated this morning that a general improvement has occurred in fruit prospects and that the talk heard early in the season of an apple failure is not now warranted by actual growing conditions. The only apples that are really going to be short, he said, are such early varieties as Twenty-Ounce, Alexanders, Spies, etc. Late apples will be larger than expected on the Baldwin this season. Commenting upon the Baldwin, the mainstay of the Western New York apple industry, this dealer's remarks are particularly interesting.

Vast Trade in Fruits.
 Washington, July 22.—During the fiscal year which ended June 30 last the value of the fruits and nuts imported into or exported from the United States aggregated over \$55,000,000, according to statistics compiled by the department of commerce and labor. About two-thirds of this, or \$36,000,000, represented imports.

Domestic production, however, is rapidly supplanting certain classes

of fruits formerly imported in large quantities. This is especially true of raisins, prunes and oranges. But local production is still unable to meet home consumption in bananas, figs, walnuts, coconuts and almonds. In 1890 the United States imported nuts and fruits worth \$21,000,000. Ten years later these imports aggregated \$19,000,000. Now they have reached \$36,000,000.

Hudson Valley Fruit Crop.
 Columbiaville, N. Y., July 21.—I take issue with the report of the New York Fruit association, published some time ago, which is far from correct, so far as the Hudson valley is concerned. The association reports Bartlett pears light in some counties, notwithstanding the fact that the Hudson valley has a bumper crop of pears of all varieties. I have never seen a finer crop at this time of the year than we have at present or the prospects for good quality better. The peach crop also is very large and there are twice as many apples as most growers admit.—James A. Haynes.

Southern Apple Crop.
 Rochester, N. Y., July 21.—The southern apple country will have from 80 to 90 per cent of a full crop of apples in the valley between the Blue ridge and the Alleghenies. This estimate is based on the bumper crop of 1905. In one locality there are almost 50 miles of continuous apple orchards. About one-third is in full bearing. We spent a half day in a typical orchard of 85 acres. About one-half of the trees were mature. The rest were 5-year-old

grafts on 2-year-old stock, and the latter were loaded, and the whole orchard carried 10,000 barrels. The red apples were beginning to color. Orchards from 300 to 500 acres are not uncommon.

It would seem to me that the Western New York growers will make a great mistake if they do not secure the enactment and enforcement of laws, as in Oregon, for the control of pear blight, and plant pear trees instead of apple trees. Owing to favorable climatic conditions, the southern growers can produce apples much cheaper than the Western New York growers. On their old orchards they get large annual crops without cultivation. When they begin to work those orchards properly their output will be greatly increased.

Shaft to Adam and Eve.
 Spokane, Wash., July 20.—A. F. Crowell, formerly state horticultural commissioner of Spokane and Stevens county, Washington, has submitted a proposal to the national apple show to erect a mammoth monument to Adam and Eve in one of the apple belts of the northwest.

Utah Apple Crop Short.
 Salt Lake City, Utah, July 20.—Cache valley will have about one-half of a crop of apples this year. Box Elder county will have the largest peach crop she has ever handled and about half of an apple crop. Weber county will report something better than half of a crop of both peaches and apples. Salt Lake valley the same. Utah valley will not have much over one-half of a crop, but on account of the increase in

average will ship more than ever before.

Nova Scotia Fruit Crop.
 Washington, July 22.—The fruit outlook in Nova Scotia, according to a report received from American Consul-General James W. Ragsdale, is extremely good. With favorable weather a crop of 1,000,000 barrels of apples may be expected. An abundant crop of plums, pears and all small fruits is anticipated.

Pajaro Valley Apples.
 Watsonville, Cal., July 8.—Present indications are that, with the exception of the Bellefleur variety, the Pajaro valley will produce a crop of apples of excellent quality and comparing favorably in quantity to the crop of the past season. While there is only about 60 per cent of a full crop of Bellefleurs, the quality is first-class, being of fair size, smooth and but slightly blushed.

Early varieties, consisting of Gravensteins and Skinner Seedlings, will be ready for shipment about the 20th inst., while Fall Pippins, Kings, Alexanders, Violets and Bittenheimers will be ready early in August. We are unable to quote prices of any of these early apples at this writing, but believe that four-tier Gravensteins will sell at about \$1.40 to \$1.50, and four and a half-tier at about 20 or 25 cents per box less, f. o. b. California.

Woodall & Co., Liverpool, cable: "Heavy rains causes English apple crop to be the worst failure for several years. Consider prospects favorable for export."

WICKERSHAM AND NAGEL SIDESTEP ALL RECEPTIONS
 Officials Are Not Exactly Popular in Alaska With Factions of Pro and Anti-Guggenheim Forces—Many Are Disappointed.

JUNEAU, Alaska, July 30.—United States Attorney-General Wickersham and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel, who are touring Alaska, are not particularly popular with various citizens of the great territory because the two officials consistently decline to take any part in the bitter political fight between the so-called Guggenheim and anti-Guggenheim forces.

It is asserted that the action of Wickersham and Nagel in refusing invitations to attend receptions, dinners or to meet delegations was inspired by the fear of the officials that one faction or the other would misconstrue their positions.

At Ketchikan yesterday a citizens' committee, led by the mayor, attempted to secure an audience with the cabinet officers. The committee which had come charged with the mission of telling of the alleged wrongs done Alaska, did not succeed in meeting the visitors. Shortly afterward Wickersham and Nagel sent a message to Mayor Valentine of Juneau, in which they stated that they could not attend the reception Juneau was arranging in their honor, owing to limited time.

It is whispered that the cabinet officers got wind of the fact that some red-hot grievances were to be aired at the reception.

Practically all the coast towns had arranged some affair in honor of the visitors and there is a general feeling of disappointment over the inability of the citizens of the territory to secure the official ear for a few moments.

PIRATES DISPERSED BY PORTUGUESE
 MACAO, July 30.—With the capture of the Chinese pirate chief and the dispersal of his men entrenched on Colowan island, the Portuguese governor of Macao today announced the successful termination of the campaign against the sea robbers. No details of the fighting were given, but it is said that the commander of the Portuguese gunboats off Colowan lost many men before the pirates were driven out.

One of the places advertised for rent would make your kind of a home perhaps.

BLAMES BANK FOR HIS FALL
 Assistant Cashier Who Stole \$600,000 Says He Took Money, as He Got Only \$25 a week and Handled Millions.

NEW YORK, July 30.—Blaming the bank which employed him for paying him a miserable stipend and then allowing him to handle millions, Erwin Wider, arrested assistant cashier of the Russo-Chinese bank, admitted that he stole \$600,000. Wider broke down in his cell and wept as he told his story.

"Yes, I took the money and the securities," he said. "It was only what you might expect of a man getting \$25 a week and handling millions. It's the bank's fault. The bank shouldn't put a man on a miserable salary in charge of everything with no thought of the consequences."

"Wall street seemed safe. I decided I would take a chance and play the market. I did not get reckless until I was in so deep. I believed the market would turn. It didn't, and here I am."

Wider intimated his willingness to give full details of his peculations when the proper time comes. He will be arraigned Monday.

GERMANY SURPRISED OVER INTERVENTION
 BERLIN, July 30.—America's proposal to undertake a reorganization of Liberian finances is attracting considerable attention in German diplomatic circles, where it is regarded as an interesting innovation on the past policy of the United States. Coming at a time when America is endeavoring to solve the difficulties of the Nicaraguan situation without foreign intervention, it has served to direct notice to the general position of the United States in world politics.

The Berlin Tageblatt regards the measures contemplated in Liberia as "equivalent to the erection of a protectorate," and some of the other journals here suggest that such an invasion of European spheres of interest is strangely at variance with the Monroe doctrine.

NINETEEN OFFICIALS RESIGN OVER SCANDAL
 CHICAGO, Ill., July 30.—Nineteen officials of the Illinois Central railroad have resigned as a result, it is said, of the investigations of the alleged car repairing graft.

It is predicted that wholesale arrests will be made. The authorities are seeking Henry C. Osterman, organizer of the Memphis Car company, wanted as a witness

BOOST LOCAL TROUT STREAMS
 Pamphlet Issued by Southern Pacific Company Under Title of "Outings in Oregon." Tells of the Rogue River Valley.

The Southern Pacific has published its annual booklet of "Outings in Oregon," and although it comes after nearly every one has planned his outing, it is calculated to be of assistance in advertising the vacation and tourist attractions of the state. Medford outings are described as follows, Crater Lake being under a special head:

"From Oregon's earliest history visitors have praised the Rogue River valley in prose and verse, in speech and story. Perhaps the answer made by Bishop Joyce to a question propounded at a dinner party in London, 'What to you is the prettiest spot in the world?' when he replied, 'The Rogue River valley as seen from the Siskiyous in the spring,' is as perfect a commentary as one could wish. The valley opens out in a breadth comparable to the Willamette, though the general elevation is higher. Medford, beautifully located in this magnificent valley, is a town of new growth, modern in all that spells progress, and ambitious in all that means improvement. There is a sunny warmth and glow in the atmosphere, but even in midsummer days the altitude forestalls the possibility of enervating heat. The fertile farms about Medford provide the most delightful country sojournings, the Rogue and Applegate rivers, Table Rock and the springs near by invite to picnics and jaunts of a day's duration, while by stage or private conveyance you can make pleasant journeys to the lake region eastward."

"Rogue river is noted for its steelhead and rainbow trout fishing. Many fly-casting experts from New York and other eastern cities visit Medford for a week's fishing on the Rogue, yearly. A movement is under way to build a macadamized road from Medford to Crater Lake, a distance of 80 miles, at a cost of half a million dollars, work to begin the present summer."

"Before leaving Medford visit Jacksonville, one of the most interesting spots, historically, in Oregon. This is the Jacksonville of early mining days—

"When cards were religion and pistols were priests"—the little city today resting on streets of gold. Here you walk in the footsteps of men who made early Oregon, listen to tales of Indian life and legends, Indian peace and warfare, of gold discoveries, of quick justice and pioneer rule.

"For details as to Rogue river or other outing points, address Medford Commercial Club, Medford, Or."

GOVERNOR OF ALASKA IN STAGE ACCIDENT
 SEATTLE, Wash., July 30.—A special from Haines, Alaska, says Governor Walter E. Clark had a narrow escape from death and one man was killed when the Rainy Hollow stage upset in the Klehena river, near Glacier creek, Wednesday morning, the news just reaching here. Pat Kennedy, brother of Dick Kennedy, a well-known Alaskan, was struck on the head by the plunging horses and killed. The horses were drowned. The stage was occupied by Kennedy, Governor Clark and a party of capitalists. All except Kennedy escaped. The river is very high. The driver was an experienced man and the accident unavoidable. The horses stumbled, the stage careened and overturned. Kennedy's body was brought here today.

ELECTRICAL COMP'Y HILL ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA
 Line to Run Along East Side of Tule Lake. Thence in Straight Line Through Modoc County, Thence to Western Pacific Connection.

The Sacramento Union says: From Klamath Falls the proposed road will run in a southeasterly direction along the east side of Tule lake, or as it is sometimes called, Rhett lake, thence in a nearly straight line through Modoc county to the lower end of the Big valley, where it will cross Pitt river and climb along the hillsides until it reaches the tableland near the head of Beaver creek in Lassen county. The line will then bear south through Mountain Meadows, Big Meadows, passing near Prattville and over Wolf creek summit into Indian Valley through Greenville in Plumas county. The line will go down Indian creek to a connection with the Western Pacific at Kettle station.

From Kettle in Plumas county the Hill traffic will enter the Sacramento valley and reach San Francisco over the Western Pacific railway, a fact that is old news now and which was recently confirmed by Western Pacific officials in an interview in San Francisco.

In this distance of about 200 miles there will not be more than 30 miles of difficult construction. The remainder of the line will run over practically level ground as far as railroad construction is concerned, and the grade will not exceed 1 per cent. The proposed line for nearly the entire length will skirt or run through the vast timber holdings of T. B. Walker that will furnish much freight. It will also run through the large government irrigation district south of Klamath Falls.

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Tickets will be on sale May 2d and 9th; June 2d, 17th and 24th; July 5th and 22d; August 3d; September 8th.

The above rates apply from Portland only. From points south of Portland, add ONE WAY local rate to Portland, to make through rate via Portland. One way through California, add \$15.00 to above rates. Except that fares to St. Paul and Minneapolis one way via California will be \$21.75 higher, and fare to Duluth \$24.75 higher than fares via direct routes.

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