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# STATE BOARD TO SAVE THE TIMBER

Game Wardens to Assist in Preventing Forest Fires During Dry Sea- here from the outside. son-Plans Are Discussed for the Coming Season.

SALEM, Or., April 27 .- Prevention was the main topic discussed by the state board of forestry yesterday after noon when the question on how to sav Oregon timber from fire came up. Th board agreed that the best policy to pur sue in fighting the annual forest fire was to enact rules and place them i hands of able deputy wardens of both the board of forestry and the state game and fish commissioners and aim to prevent rather than fight forest fire after they have become started. At the next meeting of the state board of fist and game commissioners, Forester El Hott will appear and make a proposition for co-operation between the two boards which will authorize two deputy fish an game wardens in each county to act a

Thousands of pieces of literature will be sent out to the school childre throughout the state and instruction will be given the teachers to urge st dents to absorb practical knowledge fire protection from the pamphlets. was also suggested at the meeting the competent sheepherders be secured to ac as fire wardens, as those people are fa miliar with every trail and nook in the timber belts, and will assist materially in passing information to the board i case of danger from forest fires in their

# LEWIS ADVISES

Says Early Varieties of Fruit Should upon highways. Be Grown There as That is Pre-eminently an Early District-Says to Plant More Cherries.

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 27.- The best fruits to grow in the Umpqua Valley Oregon Agricultural College, should be the early varieties, as the district is very early one

"The principal apples grown now ar the Yellow Newtown, Spitzenberg, and Jonathan. Pears have been plante sparingly as yet," he says "the Bartlett, Anjou and Comice being in th lead. As this district is very early more of the early types of cherries pears, apples and peaches should b grown than at present. These would find a local trade throughout the north west. The leading cheeries are the Royal Anne, Lambert, Olivette, Montmorene, Early Richmond, Early Purple and Gul yue. For small fruits in this district would advise Golden Dollar and Eve Bearing Strawberries, Chark's Seedling. Magoon and Sixteen-to One. The Woo den. Conord. Delaware and Brighton pean varieties, like Muscat and Tokay

## ATTEMPT MADE TO KIDNAP YOUNG GIRL

old daughter Amata, Mrs. Temina sallants off until neighbors, aroused by civic improvement and beautification. her screams, arrived to aid her. During the meles, the girl's clothing was torr from her body by one of the mor Finding themselves baffled the tribacked from the house after firing tw

shots at Mrs. Agostino, jumped late wagon drawn by a single horse and or

His Annual Shave. NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 27,-When the friends of Edward Lewis, one of the well known characters of Stratford, a New Haven suburb, saw him this more day arrested two women residents of a Musicians Mutual Association of Meding they realized that it was his hirtf- South Side rooming house, in front of ford was given Wednesday evening is day, for he had, had a shave. Mr. Lewis which, the automobile used by the four the large hall of the Natutorium and does not believe in shaving as a general men who robbed Alberti & Son, journeys, was a great success, both financially and rule. Each birthday, however, he gets of \$25,000 in gems, was seen to stop, socially a fine fresh shave and hair cut, and today, as for many years past, he celebrat-

#### NOT ENOUGH FROM PRODUCTS.

THE GRANTS PASS OBSERVER calls attention to the neglect of truck farming in the vicinity of Grants Pass. The same conditions govern at Medford and throughout the Rogue River Valley. With the richest and most productive soil in the world, with an ideal climate, with instant response by nature to every effort Entered as second-class matter a mediated of too helpless to supply our own necessities. made in cultivation, we are too lazy, or too shiftless, or

Says the Observer: "Farm products sell higher in Grants Pass than in any other market in Western Oregon. The farmers do not produce enough staples to supply the home demand. Many carloads of hay are shipped to this city from outside points every year. A considerable number of alleged farmers buy hay. The price of hay here today is \$20 a ton; and has been so for a year past. Alfalfa flourishes and three or four crops can be harvested every season. What is the matter with the farmers, anyhow?

"Potatoes grow luxuriantly, but for the most part dealers handle the Willamette valley product. The price here is exceptionally good. Never less than \$1.25 a hundred, even when the same potatoes are selling north of Michigan, stepped from the ring at 40 cents. Yet the farmers do not commence to grow lightweight champion of the world. I enough of them to supply the local market.

"Nearly all grain used here for feed is brought in from Round" Hogan, of California, a terrific outside the district.

"This is a district of forest, and wood is a burden on in distress. A moment more and the the land. Yet fir stove wood sells for \$7.50 a cord, and a portion of it is imported. With the most magnificent dazen Hogan, Wolgast followed him timber area in the world, perhaps, lumber is being brought relentlessly. He poured in a stead

"Until a few years ago, most of the butter consumed beating down his guard and driving h in Grants Pass was brought in from the north, but three creameries now nearly meet the requirements. Eastern eggs are still sold here.

"Meat is brought here in the carcass from Portland. "Fruit is the only product that relieves the situation. Standard fruits are in abundant supply, at satisfactory prices. Berries fairly meet the demand, but they sell at about double the price that is paid in the Willamette

"Cultivators of the soil in this district ought to be getting rich, and many of them are, but there is something william Thompson in a communicati wrong when the production is not equal to the local demand."

#### WEST'S PENITENTIARY COUP

DEFEAT of the good roads bill providing for the employment of convicts upon highways in the recent session of the legislature, was due principally to the efforts of Lowenberg, Goring & Co., who feared that it would interfere with their contract for prison labor in the manufacture of stoves.

Governor West has executed a coup by permitting Lowenberg, Goring & Co. to violate their contract with the state in order that he might declare the contract cancelled or wring from the contractors concessions which will limit the number of convicts they can employ and so permit the use of prisoners upon highways or other out of door work.

Governor West has demanded a revision of the contract as to employment of prisoners with the alternative UMPQUAGROWERS of rendering the agreement null and void. Under the contract, the manufacturers were at liberty to demand a minimum number of 150 convicts or as many more as wanted, thus preventing the state from employing convict labor

> The executive's reform program at the penitentiary consists in a general clean-up, of both men and institution. the construction of a plunge bath and the inauguration of hygenic and sanitary regulations heretofore neglected. The prison is to be made spotless, and the governor announces that every state institution will in its turn receive his personal attention.

#### FOR CLUSTER LIGHTS

F IRST of the moves toward the city beautiful is the substitution of cluster lights on Main street for overhead are lights that give at best a spluttering illumination.

The city has contracted with the power company to supply the current at a reasonable figure and the city foots the bill. The property owner is expected to fur nish the posts, which will be manufactured locally and will cost not to exceed \$35 per post.

Practically all of the progressive cities of the country have adopted this method of illumination. Medford lags behind the other communities in this regard, having permitted such smaller rivals as Grants Pass to appear more progressive in the eyes of the stranger.

A petition is in circulation for signatures by property owners agreeing to install the cluster lights on Main street. The posts will be purchased by a committee to be named by the signers. Every owner should see to it that his name appears upon the list.

Cluster light illumination has been endorsed by the team's grounds, seeding and planting Greater Medford Club, by the Medford Commercial Club, PORTLAND, Or. April 27.-Though and by the various improvement clfibs; the city council has entered her home at midnight for the a.s. made it possible, and it is now up to the Main street propleged purpose of kideaping for 17-years erty owners to do their part. Few of them miss a chance Agostine succeeded in holding her as to raise rentals. They should be equally progressive in

At any rate, here is a chance to go on record.

# POLICE HOT ON TRAIL MUSICIAN'S BALL OF CHICAGO ROBBERS

CHICAGO, April 27.—The palies to The women furnished descriptions of An augmented prehestra of twenty two men callers, who fally the police pieces under the direction of Prof Hone say, with two of the thieven.

The first annual ball given by the

#### Knocked Out



NEW YORK, April 27 .- Ad Wolgas volley of right and left swings to either dde of the law rocking Hogan's bea

lancers. Quite a number purchas

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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 27,-Decolumbia, has protested against the e tablishment of a church adjoining b

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