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Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzberg apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Apple King of the World" at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a car of Newtowns 1909.

First Prize in 1910 at Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C.

Rogue River pears brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.

Write Commercial club, enclosing 6 cents for postage for the finest community pamphlet ever written.

WOULD SMOTHER AN ALIEN BILL

If Passed it Will Subject Every Foreign Born Immigrant in England to Police Control Which is Thought Bad Practice.

LONDON, May 12.—Progressive members of the house of commons are doing their best today to smother an alien bill recently introduced by E. A. Gosling in committee. The conservatives are trying equally hard to get it reported back to the house, and a number of liberals are helping them.

"The central provision of the bill," says the London Morning News, is explaining why the progressives dislike it, "is one to compel every alien immigrant to register his place of abode with the police. In order to subject him to police control. The professed object of this defense is to prevent crime. But Mr. Gosling's real purpose is not to suppress crime, but to invent a new crime. He wishes to make "alien" equivalent to "base and notorious," and convert the mere fact of foreign birth into a social offense.

"There may be some Englishmen who find such a proposal complimentary, but the mass of them will recognize it for what it is—an appeal to the mean passions of race hatred and race vanity."

MAN WITH SKULL CRUSHED, IS FOUND

SEATTLE, Wash., May 12.—His skull crushed, an unidentified man, is lying in the city hospital of wounds mysteriously received.

A patrolman found the man lying unconscious in Yesler way. He was in his stocking feet and this lends color to the theory that he might have been hurled from a logging house window by enemies. He is 50 years old, a foreigner, and is thought to have had some money, though none was found on his person.

ACCIDENT KILLED MAN SAYS CORONER

SEATTLE, May 12.—Accident, not foul play, brought about the death of David Carlson, a logger, whose bruised body was recovered from Green river, says the coroner. Carlson had \$10 when he was last seen alive. Chris Yang, who was held pending an investigation, said Carlson fell from a bridge into the river.

MANY CORPORATIONS ARE OUT OF THE RUNNING

SALEM, Or., May 12.—While there are 16,939 domestic corporations who have articles on file with the secretary of state, there are but 8000 of them active, the remainder having been put out of business for failure to pay and comply with the law, or are dissolved by the incorporators. In June all corporations must submit a report to the secretary of state as to their condition, and Corporation Clerk Babcock is now preparing blanks for the reports and will send one to each active corporation on the last day of this month. The corporations must all pay their annual license in August.

Steamer Out in Two.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Wireless messages today reported that the steamer Merida, from Progresso, Yucatan, was cut in two off Cape Charles this morning by the United States Fruit company's steamer Admiral Farragut and sank in 25 fathoms. The Merida's crew and passengers were saved by her own and the Farragut's boats.

REFORMING THE PENITENTIARY.

REFORM with a big R has been undertaken at the Oregon penitentiary by Governor West, which the people will watch with sympathetic interest and lend cordial support in making successful.

The indeterminate sentence and the parole system are to be made use of to revolutionize affairs, with the idea of reforming offenders rather than punishing them. The effort is to make the prisoners self-supporting and good citizens, to teach them industry and show them how to earn an honest living, so that when released, they may work out a career for themselves.

The initial move consisted in introducing cleanliness. The entire institution was made and will be kept spotless. A plunge bath has been provided and clean raiment furnished toilers after finishing work. Moving picture shows and lectures are to supply occasional entertainment, and baseball games will be permitted Saturday afternoons.

A chance will be given prisoners to earn their release. Three tables will be provided at which all prisoners will eat. The first will be for the best behaved, and will have table cloth, catsup, salt and pepper and on Sundays butter and milk. The men can talk in a limited degree with each other during meals. The second table will be for prisoners of medium good behavior, no table cloth, butter or milk and less attractive food. Table three will supply the present prison fare and men cannot communicate and must eat with faces toward the wall.

According to behavior, the prisoners will be moved from one table to the other. Pardons and paroles will be granted only those who eat at table one, and the recipient must have been there a considerable length of time and made good to secure freedom. Every prisoner is thus given a chance not only to better his prison life, but to earn his liberty.

A plan is under consideration whereby the prisoner will be able to earn a certain amount that will be given him upon release, in order to start life anew.

GOODBYE TO WOOD AND COAL.

AT THE annual dinner of the Electrical club at the Montauk clubhouse, Brooklyn, a noted electrician stated that the world is on the edge of a great discovery. He predicted:

"Inside of two years electricity will be as common as oil for household purposes. A child will be able to take care of it. Unless we are wrong in certain experiments the making of a kitchen fire will soon be simply the turning on of a brass handle. There will be no use for wood or coal."

This assertion was followed by another prophecy made by Charles W. Price, proprietor of the Electrical Review and of the Western Electrician, who summed up the situation as follows:

"I dare make the prediction, based on knowledge of important experiments, that the day is not far distant when the coal pile in the cellar will be replaced by the electrical reservoir of boxlike shape and moderate size, to furnish heat throughout the entire building and also to the kitchen in residences for cooking. And this will be done economically as compared with coal, as this accumulated electricity will be stored at low cost and be on tap for use when needed. I am hopeful that this may be realized before one year from now."

With these roscate prospects in view, the Rogue River valley can congratulate itself upon the fact that Colonel Ray has begun the construction of a 25,000 horsepower electrical power plant at Prospect, which means plenty of electricity and therefore cheap electricity.

May the new invention speed the day when the woodpile and the coal bin will be no more and the sootless city be born.

DEFIANCE OF THE LAW.

INSOLENT disregard of the law, indifference to the fishing interests of the Rogue River section and defiance of popular opinion could not go much further than the action of the receiver of the Golden Drift Mining company in placing a centrifugal pump in the fishway recently constructed at the Ament dam, and using a gasoline engine to pump water therefrom.

This fish ladder is a temporary one, installed upon orders from Governor West after a visit to the dam, after approval by the court, in order to permit the season's run of fish to ascend the stream to spawning ground. It is to be replaced eventually by a permanent fishway to be constructed as the dam is rebuilt.

No sooner had the state finished construction, turned the water in and the fish warden turned his back, than those in charge of construction work at the dam began to use the fish ladder for their own convenience and render it impossible and impassable for fish.

The Ament dam has been since its construction, the worst obstacle that fish encounter in their journey up the Rogue from the sea. It has been the scene of almost constant law breaking by poachers. The attitude of those in charge has ever been inimical to the protection of the fish and it has been necessary in times gone by to keep a warden there night and day to enforce the law.

The Ament dam, the product of a get-rich-quick swindle, has been the cause of more friction than any structure in Oregon. For years it has served no useful purpose, is a needless impediment in the stream. It has been utterly useless since its partial destruction by the floods 18 months ago. It is hoped, by rebuilding it, to hold water rights and sell irrigation water, but this does not justify contempt of the law by the builders.

It is up to the state to enforce obedience to its statutes and any attempt to impede the progress of the fish by blocking the fishway should result in the arrest of those responsible for the outrage.

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