

### BARTLETT PEARS TO BE SCARCE

**Blight Very Severe in California and Acreage Smaller—Canners Take All the Crop as High as \$60—Other Fruit Plentiful.**

SACRAMENTO, June 24.—Bartlett pears are going to be scarce and very high. The blight was very severe and besides the acreage is smaller. Practically all the crop has been bought, the canners paying as high as \$60. Agents of the California canneries will soon be operating in Oregon, particularly in the southern part of the state.

California fruit prices generally will not be high this year, nor will they be cheap, except in the case of grapes, as the canners and dried fruit men are short. Grapegrowers cannot expect to get fancy prices with the big crop they will have.

California has a normal crop of peaches this year and also of plums. The crop of apples will be big, as is also the case throughout the east. The California apricot crop is not heavy and as the dried fruit men are short and are paying high prices, the market is firm. Next week will see the heaviest movement in apricots.

There is a big crop of cantaloupes in the Imperial valley and in central California. Accounts are easy enough to get this year, in fact, there are more shippers than sellers. The same applies to watermelons. The cantaloupe crop is a little late in Fresno and Tulare counties, but there will be plenty of them when they come in. The vines are in fine shape. It will be two weeks before shipments begin from Tulare and Fresno.

There will be a big crop of grapes of all kinds. The output of Tokays will be the largest the state has ever known.

#### QUARTER MILLION MORE FOR PEARL HARBOR DOCK

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24.—Congress today appropriated \$250,000 to cover the added cost of the drydock now being built at Pearl Harbor. The cost was originally estimated at \$1,000,000.

#### WARSHIPS NUMBER MANY

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four to be this year and four to be in the next three years.

United States—Four in commission, two to be this year and two during the next three years.

Japan—Two in commission, two to be next year, one the following year and three in 1914.

France—Six to be commissioned this year, one in 1913 and 1914.

Russia—Four laid down in 1909.

Austria—Two to be commissioned in 1913, one in 1914, probably one in 1915.

Italy—One to be commissioned next year, two the following year, one in 1914.

Brazil—Two commissioned and one to be next year.

Spain—One to be next year, one in 1914, one 1915.

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### NATURE STUDY FOR SCHOLARS

**Public School Pupils Will Learn Something About the World They Live in—Ignorance of Common Objects Causes Introduction**

Because of the ignorance of school children regarding the common objects seen in fields and forests about Superintendent Collins has caused the introduction of nature studies in the public schools of Medford. He states in his annual report that it was discovered that in one of the upper grades only four pupils could distinguish an oak tree from some other varieties in the same grove, and that only two could tell the Golden Rod by sight.

"It is not intended to make scientists of our children but to have them become observers and lovers of nature, of their surroundings earth and sky, forest and field, flowers and plants and all animals life," states Professor Collins.

"The children as they pass through the grades are expected to learn to recognize the different trees and shrubs they daily see. The flowers at home and by the way-side, the birds that come and go, the animals wild and tame, the changes of the sun and moon, the wind and sky that make the weather of the day and the seasons of the year."

Look for the ad that describes the place you would like to own. Haskins for Health.

### PERU RIVALS CONGO IN CRUELTY

**British Government Confirms Reports of Atrocities and Asks Peruvian Delegation to Apologize to Truth.**

LONDON, June 24.—Practically declaring true reports of horrible atrocities perpetrated in the rubber country of Peru, Ecuador and Colombia, the British government has asked the Peruvian legation in London to apologize to Truth, a weekly newspaper, and to W. E. Hardenberg, an American railroad engineer, for having accused them of participation in a scheme to blackmail the Peruvian Amazon Company with headquarters in London.

Truth had printed statements by Hardenberg in which he described conditions existing in the companies' territory as worse than those found in the Congo. The foreign office has told the Peruvian legation that unless it does apologize relations between it and the British government will not be friendly. The truth of Hardenberg's charges was proven by Consul General Max Casement, the British representative in Brazil, who penetrated into the country known to rubber collectors as "The Devil's Paradise." Casement found that the rubber collectors had committed the most horrible crimes.

The attitude of the foreign office here suggests that it intends to keep the Peruvian government to its task.

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### WEST TO GET MEDAL FOR CATCHING CONVICT

SALEM, Or., June 24.—As a result of his experience with Convict

Jesse Hall, whom he captured after the man had eluded the sheriff's posse, Governor West has decided to offer a reward of \$200 dead and \$50 alive for any convict whom he trusts outside the penitentiary walls and who violates the confidence by attempting to escape. According to penitentiary officials

the usual reward of \$50 that will be paid for the capture of Hall will be melted into a medal and presented to the governor as he single handed landed the convict.

**Disappears—Foul Play?**  
OCEAN PARK, Cal., June 24.—Marion Newton, English, has dis-

appeared and friends feared he has been killed. He had \$400 in gold when he left home.

**Fire Ravages Ohio Town.**  
BARBETENT, Ohio, June 24.—Eleven buildings are in ruins here today, following a fire which entailed a loss of \$100,000.

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Houses so wired are practically traps for the burglar. He may be working on the ground floor, for example, when some member of the household is in a chamber above and is aroused and fancies that he hears someone moving about below. At once the man of the house reaches for an electric switch and turns on the light for the lower floor, so the burglar finds himself in a blaze of light, while the man of the house, gun in hand, is screened by the darkness.

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