

# APPLE CROP HEAVY EAST

### Nearly All Sections Report Record Yields—Quality and Pack Will Govern Output—Protracted Drouth In East.

The Northwestern Fruit Exchange issues the following bulletin regarding apple crop conditions:

The month of June, 1911, witnessed a variety of extreme climatic conditions throughout the eastern states that caused widespread speculation as to the effect upon the apple crops in the whole territory east of the Mississippi river, including the southeastern states. A protracted drouth of unusually severe character was followed by reports of abnormal drop in nearly all sections, while the succeeding rainfall, also of general nature, now proves to have been correspondingly beneficial. The eastern drop also develops to have been far less serious than anticipated.

The Exchange is in receipt of considerable expression from thoroughly reliable sources and announces its general understanding as follows:

Canada—Heavy crops in Ontario and maritime provinces; a large portion of the orchard areas reported in excellent condition.

New England—Large crops the rule, including increased acreage and yield in Maine, which promises to be a strong factor this year.

New York—Practically no change since our last bulletin. Heavy crop still predicted.

Pennsylvania—All advices point to a banner crop, the heaviest in many years.

Ohio—Still shows for heavy crop.

Indiana—About 50 per cent.

Michigan—Very heavy crop. Estimated at 60 to 70 per cent of normal.

Illinois—50 to 60 per cent.

Missouri and Arkansas—50 to 60 per cent each of normal average and heaviest for several years.

Virginia—Important change is reported, the total crop now figured by unquestioned authority at 80 per cent of last year's harvest of upwards of 5000 cars. This section was particularly benefited by late rains.

Colorado—No change of consequence; figures estimated between 6500 and 7500 cars.

Utah—Good crop; estimated at 80 to 85 per cent.

#### Pacific Northwest.

Heavy drop was reported lately by a number of sections; abundant setting is prominent in others. A general estimate of between 55 and 65 per cent of last year's figures in the aggregate crops of Oregon, Washington and Idaho is conservative at this time.

Oregon—Rogue River and Willamette valleys much shorter than in 1910. Hood River 50 to 60 per cent of last year.

Washington—Yakima now estimates 1000 cars against 3000 a year ago; Wenatchee and Columbia valleys 100 per cent; Spokane district spotted, some sections being very light; Palouse short in many sections, outlook from 30 to 50 per cent; Walla Walla and Touchet valleys 35 to 50 per cent. State Horticultural Inspector F. A. Huntley of Washington estimates, under date of June 30, that the apple crop of the entire state will be about 40 per cent of last season.

Idaho, (Southwest)—Full crops in nearly all districts. Increased acreages bringing up total to 1910 volume. Heavy hail storm in Payette valley June 21 did considerable damage, and materially injured the prime crop in some localities.

#### Prices.

Prices for the season cannot be forecasted with definite degree of reliability or intelligence at this time, although it is apparent that the great volume of fruit production in Europe, Canada and the eastern states will have a bearing upon the whole market situation. Predictions of abnormally low figures for Pacific coast apples are being freely made by some of the eastern operators, and have been reproduced in the northwest press. The situation will be uncertain for some time yet. In the meantime growers are frankly advised not to contract for their season's output on the basis of any figures offered at this early date, but to abide by the counsel of their association officers.

The factors that must be looked upon to harvest the 1911 crop profitably to the grower are, in their order, quality, pack and marketing methods. The crop must be distributed over the greatest range of markets—more than have ever been employed before by the entire northwest.

Observance of these conditions will reasonably return to the grower all that the fruit is physically worth.

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## WORST PEST YET FOR FRUIT

### Mediterranean Fly Makes Its Appearance In Island of Oahu and Two Millions of Dollars Is Appropriated to Fight It.

SACRAMENTO, July 8.—California fruit is threatened with a new pest and the fruit industry will become bankrupt and the value of orchards will go down to less than the value of bare land if the Mediterranean fruit fly pest once gets established in this state, according to Manager Frank B. McKeivitt of the California Fruit Distributors.

It is of the greatest importance, McKeivitt declares, for fruit growers to realize that the pest has gradually made its way toward California until now it is within a few days' journey of the coast, well established in the Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

**Most Destructive of Pests.** "The Mediterranean fruit fly is the most destructive of known pests," declared McKeivitt. "It is so dreaded because there is no means of combatting it; no insect or wash that will destroy the fly."

"The curculio, codling moth, different varieties of scale and phloxera on grapes are not to be compared to it in destructiveness."

"If the fly is once established there is only one known way of preventing it from ruining fruit and that is by covering the trees with fine netting so that it cannot touch either fruit or foliage and deposit its eggs."

"Comper tells me that he once sat opposite a gentleman at the dinner table in Australia and noticed that he ordered some peaches. The fruit was apparently of high class, huge and finely colored."

**Alive With Maggots.** "A ray of sunlight happened to strike one of the peaches and Comper saw the slightest motion of the skin. He informed the gentleman that the peach was alive with maggots and an examination proved him correct. The maggots had made no impression on the outside of the fruit. As soon as the peaches were opened they began to jump out, doubling themselves into a circle and then flipping onto the plate."

"It may seem to the Californian that there is little danger of the pest invading this state. But I draw attention to the fact that the fly has made its way from the shores of the Mediterranean to Australia and New Zealand and that it has now appeared in Hawaii. There a rigid quarantine is being enforced against the infested island. Oahu and \$2,000,000 have been appropriated to drive out the pest."

**Would Require Great Sum.** "The magnitude of the Hawaiian fruit crop is infinitesimal compared with that of California. But they have appropriated \$2,000,000 to fight the fly. That may give some idea of what a sum would be required to combat the pest should it become established in California."

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## MINING CONGRESS PROGRAM READY

### Subjects of Great Interest to Be Discussed by Mining Men of Southern Oregon and Northern California at Grants Pass July 18.

The following is the program for the mining congress that opens in Grants Pass July 18:

July 18, 1911.

9:00 a. m.—Arrival of delegates on north and southbound trains, Nos. 20 and 15.

Reception committee at Southern Pacific depot.

9:30 a. m.—Registration of delegates and presentation of badges at exhibit rooms, ground floor of Albert building.

10:00 a. m.—Auto trips for delegates around city.

11:00 a. m.—Inspection of mineral exhibits.

2:30 p. m.—Session of congress at opera house.

Address of welcome by O. S. Blanehard, president of mining bureau of Grants Pass Commercial club.

Response by O. L. Young of Ashland, president of the congress.

Address—"Recent Discoveries in Our District," W. S. Bacon, of Kerby, Or.

"Importance of the Copper Deposits in the District," Dr. J. F. Reddy, Medford, Or.

Do Our Mineral Deposits Go Down? George C. Bennett, Horabrook, Cal.

"Building Up the Mining Industry," L. D. Mahone, Portland, Or., secretary State Miners' association.

"Electric Power and Its Use in Treating Ores," President O. L. Young of Ashland, Or.

Musical numbers by Grants Pass Commercial Club orchestra.

8:00 p. m.—At opera house.

Address—"Development of the Gold Mining Industry," Professor Fayette A. Jones, C. E. E. M., LL. D., of Albuquerque, New Mexico. (Engineer in charge, Oriole mine.)

"Geological Formation of Southern Oregon," Hon. C. B. Watson, Ashland, Or.

"Present Status of Mining in Northern California," R. S. Taylor, Judge J. M. O'Neil of Yreka, Calif. C. Probstel, I. J. Luce, of Elm Mills, Cal.

"Promotion of Legitimate Mining," Joseph Smith, M. E., Seattle, Wash.

Music by Commercial club orchestra.

"Treatment of Semi-Sulphide and Sulphide - Telluride Ores," Adolph Maier, E. M., Grants Pass, Or.

Addresses by Professor H. M. Parks, mining department, O. A. C., Corvallis, Or.

Short talks by visiting delegates. Orchestral number by Commercial Club orchestra.

July 19, 1911.

10:00 a. m.—Gold panning contest at Railroad park.

11:00 a. m.—Tool and Drill Sharpening contest.

11:30 a. m.—Burro and mule packing contests.

Exhibits of pumps, air drills, hoists, ore cars, steel devices for saving gold, etc.

Awards for best hand-made miners' candlestick.

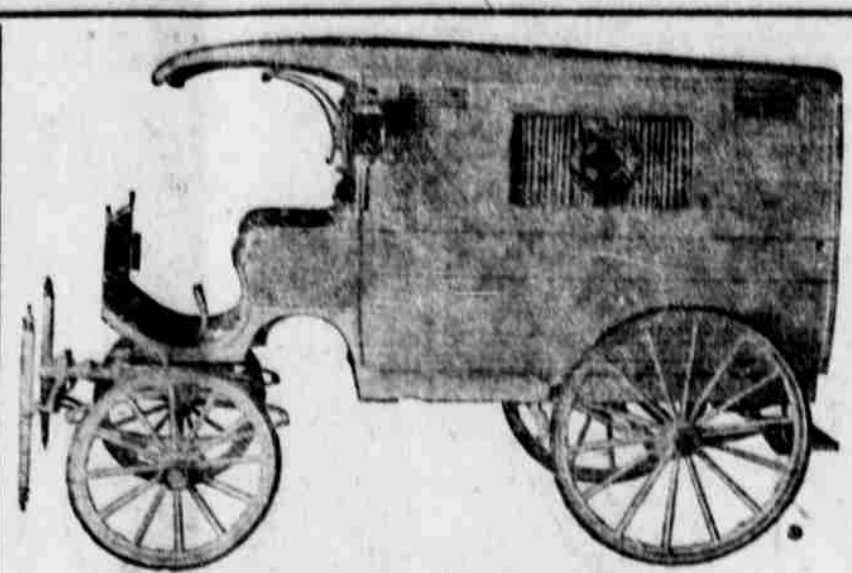
2:45 p. m.—Baseball game at A. A. C. grounds.

7:30 p. m.—Band concert at Railroad park.

9:00 p. m.—Grand ball at skating rink.

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