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JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

I lift my lid to the loan shark gent. He plans his life on a high percent; A generous, noble man is he To dole out coin to you and me.

I borrowed kale from a loan shark gent I wasn't broke, but badly bent; I've paid him now for twenty years And find I still am in arrears.

Lives there a man in Medford who does not know what his wife would like for a Christmas present?

The importance of the number of days before Christmas is eclipsed in magnitude by the importance of the number of pay days before Christmas.

"I don't care what you give me," said one Medford woman to her husband, "so long as it comes as a surprise." But see that it is genuine fur and lined with silk.

Rogers is unable to explain his fall. Possibly the law of gravitation had something to do with it.

Literary people will delight in the knowledge that some fine winter reading matter is being prepared. Taft has started his message.

IMPERIAL HAND BELL RINGERS TO BE HERE

The Imperial Hand Bell Ringers of England have won ten contests and for ten years have been champions of all-England as bell ringers. Two years ago Mr. Peffer of the Red Patia bureau was sent abroad to find the best musical company in all Europe.

SPECIAL WRITER HERE FOR DATA

John Scott Mills, special writer for the Harriman system, arrived in Medford Wednesday to collect data and material for the new Medford community booklet.

Haskins for Health.

NO OVER PRODUCTION.

THERE is no more danger of over production of high grade commercial apples in the United States and Canada than there is of American hens laying more eggs than can be marketed.

We frequently hear the remark that the planting of fruit trees is being overdone in the Pacific slope and intermountain country and that before long apples will be a glut on the market.

Reports of the department of agriculture show that in the face of a rapidly increasing demand, owing to the growth in population, the annual production of apples in the United States actually decreased more than 138,000,000 bushels between 1896 and 1908, during which period our population was increased by fully 12,000,000.

For example, take 1908, with 12,000,000 more persons to feed and 138,000,000 bushels less of apples to feed them. We are brought at once to the tremendous importance of this economic fact, and also to the fallacy of the statement that fruit growing is being overdone.

This decrease is largely due to the fact that so many of the old orchards in the east have been badly infected with fruit pests, and, in addition, have been dying out. Thousands upon thousands of acres are annually abandoned to the ravages of the woolly aphis, the codlin moth and the San Jose scale, as well as the inroads made annually by damaging frosts.

The following statistics covering the yield of fruit in the country point to an important lesson:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Barrels, Year, Barrels. Rows include years 1895-1902 and 1903-1910.

One frequently hears the question of over production mentioned when the planting of an orchard is under consideration. The foregoing statistics show some salient facts worth remembering.

Farmers in the states of the middle west were setting orchards 20 years ago with as much zeal as the growers in the northwest are planting today.

Many will ask: "What about the future of the hundreds of acres of fruit land that are being planted yearly in the favored fruit districts of the northwest?"

The demand for first-class fruit is growing, and in the years to follow this demand will bring as good, if not higher market prices than today.

What makes the winning of the prizes more significant and valuable, is the fact that Newtown apples from eight different states and thirty-six plate entries, competed for these prizes.

The Newtowns exhibited by Mr. Westerlund were grown on young trees on the property of the Western Oregon Orchards, of which Mr. Westerlund is president and manager.

Mr. Westerlund has just been notified that his Newtown apples won both first and second prizes at the American Apple Exposition, held at Denver, Colorado, this week.

PORTLAND, Nov. 16.—Old King Apple, Oregon's merry monarch, arrived in state in Portland yesterday, adjusted his crown, gripped his scepter, mounted the throne and took up his brief reign of four days in the Yeon building.

There are more than 3000 boxes on display, representing all the leading orchard sections of the state, and an endless number of plate exhibits.

The opening hours were devoted to arranging the exhibits on the long racks in the basement of Portland's big skyscraper, and aside from the fact that the apples themselves are beauties, the arrangements in many instances are works of art.

Only a few weeks ago, Mr. Westerlund's orchard won several prizes at the district fruit fair. This makes the eighth prize he has captured at the leading national apple shows, held during the last two years.

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