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APPLE MARKET STILL DEPRESSED

Sgobel & Day continue their doleful tale of pessimism concerning apple market in the following dated New York, February 8:

We are sorry that we cannot write any encouraging news about box apples, but as our circulars always report truthfully the exact situation, so we give it to you and in this world we certainly have to take the bitter with the sweet.

Liverpool—L. Connolly & Co. cable us after each sale, their market unchanged which means that fresh arrivals of Watsonville Newtowns are selling at 6 to 6.5d for 4 tiers and 5 to 5.5d on 4 1/2 tiers, with lower quotations on fruit stored in Liverpool, partly on account of the increasing decay in it and some of their catalogues show five to eight rotten apples per box.

London—M. Isaacs & Sons also cable their market unchanged, dull and slow with some quotations, i.e.: 5.6d to 6.5d on the best of them and 4s to 5s on those showing up with a little decay.

Total exports last week were 72,200 boxes. Certain parties here have started shipping heavily, but they are mostly red apples from the northwest. Liverpool boats Wednesday and Thursday of this week had 29,400, the Hamburg boat Thursday 10,900 and to Bremen 32,900. We have not the figures of today's London steamers but undoubtedly they are heavy. Our own reports on Watsonville Newtowns show it would have been better to have sold on arrival rather than hold for a better market, remembering the charges and decay coming on. You will note that fresh arrivals over there are selling around 6s which is certainly nothing to brag of; however, that is the market.

This market on red apples from the northwest continues depressed and all good stock is selling \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 with some off color for one reason or another, \$1.00 to \$1.25 and some even lower. The daily offering at auction have been of apples from the vicinity of Spokane which have been of poor quality and many of them quite ripe selling from 75c to \$1.15. The 1st inst. there were nearly 400,000 boxes in cold storage here.

JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

Today is contributors day. Almost everything here is sent in by our admiring friends.

Why is everyone always so very eager to enlarge upon the faults of a professed Christian? For the same reason that typographical errors attract so much attention—the love of fault-finding rather than the mantle of charity.—M. O. C.

There are some women who need bread with their gloves on. This may sound a little fishy but nevertheless it is true, but there are others who need bread with their shoes on and some need bread with their shirts on. If some people don't pay me what they owe I may need bread without a darned thing on.—Subscriber.

Here It Is

The spring poem season is opened today by a well known Medford man who hands us this. He gets a license and a membership card to the Rymers' Club: The songbirds twitter on leafless trees, Bright gleams the sun overhead, The little fishes are nestled close, (\*) Asleep in their riverbed. Today we bask in warmth and shine Forgotten is toil and hurry— Let it rain, let it snow, let the rude winds blow Tomorrow—I should worry! —F. F.

\* Actors name in this line.

A fellow who has sworn off smoking says he never noticed before what satisfaction other men take in a good cigar. The Mexican revolutionists have discovered perpetual motions. Are you paying ten cents or did you swear off?

LEGISLATORS SEEK MORE PAY.

THE Oregon legislature has passed a constitutional amendment increasing the length of session from 40 to 50 days, and the pay from \$3 a day to \$5. It will be submitted to the people in 1914.

The legislature should do something first to show that it is worth the \$3 a day each of its members draws. The pay is already too high for the class of statesmen securing it, who are taken seriously only by themselves, and the session by far too long for results accomplished.

The more money the members draw, the more they spend. The longer the session, the more the bills. There would be the same haste, the same rush in the closing days, while the bulk of the session would be spent as it is now in playing peanut politics, wire pulling and log-rolling.

In a resolution offered by Representative Westerlund, it is proposed to remain in session until March 1, without pay for the extra time. The resolution is a confession of failure and incompetence on the part of the legislature. The members have only themselves to blame. They were so busy trying to put the governor in a hole, that they all got in one themselves.

There is no necessity for more pay or longer sessions. Those who serve for the money in it, had better be left at home. Common sense rules, limiting the number of bills for each member, and limiting time for report by committees, would enable the transaction of all needed business with time to spare in the specified forty days.

More pay and longer sessions will not remedy the situation—only aggravate it. Neither will the people sanction the change—because they have lost faith in the legislature, which has done nothing to justify confidence.

A FIELD AT HOME.

THE bill creating a state horticultural commission under the auspices and control of the Oregon Agricultural college, died a 'borning in the senate—as it should have.

Admirable as the O. A. C. may be as an educational institution, it is assuming too much when it attempts to dictate to the horticultural interests of the state and centralize fruit inspection and control in itself.

It is respectfully suggested to the O. A. C. authorities that it has an admirable field for horticultural work right at home and that it may prove its efficiency in the orchards around Corvallis, which apparently need attention.

At the request of the Benton Growers Exchange, Jackson county has recently sent a hundred 1913 spray calendars—the Benton growers had never seen a spray calendar before. Pamphlets by O'Gara upon orchard heating as protection from frost were also requested and sent—despite the fact that the O. A. C. had heating experiments conducted here. Five hundred smudge pots were shipped by the Rogue River Fruit and Produce association for use around Corvallis—where orchard heating is an entirely new proposition and an effort to save cherries and peaches will be made.

All this suggests that the O. A. C. had better prove its efficiency at home before taking a contract for the entire state.

Irrigation, Historical and Instructive Facts

By F. H. Walker, C. E.

(Continued from Wednesday) In southern California the duty of a second foot of water is considered to be from 100 to 300 acres.

From the above data which are taken from actual practice upon thousands of acres of land most scientifically cared for, we see that from one-sixth to one-half of a miners inch of water is a great plenty for one acre of ground under ordinary conditions.

An "acre foot of water is an expression meaning an amount of water sufficient to cover over one acre of ground one foot in depth, or an amount equal to 43,560 cubic feet.

A second foot of water will cover two acres of ground one foot deep with water in 24 hours.

During a period of three months, a continuous flow of one second foot of water would cover 180 acres of ground one foot deep.

One miners inch of water during the same period would cover 4 1/2 acres of ground one foot deep, or would cover one acre to a depth of 4 1/2 feet.

The amount of water required in most sections of the Rogue River valley during the irrigation season varies with the crop and the soil, between the ranges of a total depth of 6 inches, or 1/2 acre foot to 15 inches, or 1 1/2 acre feet.

Water in these later days when purchased from some irrigation project, is generally furnished on the basis of so many acre feet in depth, per acre of land, for each season.

It has been found that the amount of water required for any field is more the first season it is irrigated, and less for each succeeding season. This is caused by the rise of the ground water level, below which the ground is practically always wet or saturated.

The natural ground water level may be many feet below the surface before irrigation is practiced on the land; from that time on it will gradually rise until it is but a few feet below the surface, and the amount of water required thereafter to properly mature crops will be considerably less than it was at the start.

Three acre feet of water per season is considered to be about the maximum required in any locality for any crop.

The cost of water rights per acre of irrigable land varies in government

projects from 30 dollars to nearly 100 dollars. The Umatilla project costs from 60 to 70 dollars; the Klamath project from 30 to 40 dollars, and the Tieton project in Washington costs 93 dollars per acre.

A general average of about 55 dollars per acre is maintained. In southern California, however, the water supply is scarce enough so that a miners inch of water is valued at from \$1000 to \$2000; this is at the rate of from \$150 to \$300 per acre for a water right. The upkeep or maintenance charge from year to year is also a variable quantity according to the local conditions which affect the methods used and the cost of operating.

OBITUARY.

Died, at Eagle Point, Jackson county, Oregon, Agnes Love Howlett, beloved daughter of Rev. A. C. and S. E. Howlett, departed this life on the 13th of February, 1913, at the age of 22 years, 3 months and 7 days. After a lingering illness she passed peacefully away, being the eighth child called by death.

Deceased was born at Eagle Point, Oregon, and resided with her parents. She leaves to mourn her loss father and mother, four sisters, viz: Mrs. S. M. Lewis, Pilot Rock, Ore., Mrs. M. E. Hoyt, Klamath Falls, Ore., Mrs. O. G. (Tavia) Shaw, Fairview, Ore.; Miss Hattie Howlett, Eagle Point, and a large retinue of young people with whom she had grown up and was loved and adored by all, as was manifested by the great amount of floral tributes. The funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. M. C. Davis, assisted by Rev. L. L. Simmons, and interment took place at Antelope cemetery on February 15, 1913. The remains were followed to their resting place by a large number of sorrowing friends. The pall bearers consisted of six young ladies and six young gentlemen.

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Land Values and Irrigation

What goes to make up the value of land? What it will sell for, or what it will produce? In the developing section like the Rogue river valley, both enter into its value. Location often makes a selling value, which otherwise would not obtain. In the ultimate, however, it is the productive capacity which fixes values. Our best orchards have a value based largely on prospective production. Measured in dollars and cents, we have every reason to believe that the right character of Rogue river valley orchards will in the future if anything exceed the productive capacity of our best older orchards. But the regularity of crop production, heavy crops of choice fruit, irrespective of seasonal changes, is a pre-requisite of permanent high values for this kind of property. It is a recognized fact that during the growing season of 1912, the five late spring and summer months, the precipitation was more than the combined precipitation of the growing seasons of 1909, 1910 and 1911. Here is food for reflection. Permanent, stable values are what we have to insure prosperity. Regularity of crop production we must have. How can it best be secured?

About eight or nine years ago, it will be remembered, Ed Andrews, acting in co-operation with a number of local realty men, did some missionary work back in Minnesota and the Dakotas, resulting in a carload of personally conducted prospective homeseekers from those wheat states who were piloted over this valley by the realty men, and thereby hangs a tale. Out about Oker Butte was a quarter section of land with some ten acres of bearing Newtowns and other fruit, and quite a large young orchard. The owner was asking \$12,000 for the property. Coming into this pleasant summer weather, about the first of March when they arrived, from their inclement climate, those Dakotans should have been dead easy to fall for that piece at that price. It did look awfully good to them, and in one hack were three men who each expressed the determination to buy, the owner not being at home at the time of their visit. The previous season had been a dry one, and the "personal attendant" agent was not posted to beware of the barn, until all three prospective purchasers entered that barn, and that simple fact not only "queered" that sale but also queered all sales of orchards on high ground for that bunch of Dakotans, notwithstanding the fact that many genuine bargains were then offering in hill lands. Why?

In that barn, stored in bins, were about two carloads of Newtown apples, too small to ship, and worthless for the home market, which would, with a very little water applied at the right time, have sold that season in the London market for a figure that would have netted in Medford about three dollars per box. A trifle of water that dry season would have matured those worthless little apples into something for which the world across the ocean was hungry, and for which they were more than willing to pay a fancy price.

The angry agents did not spare the owner, who after the interview with them, say the light and closed up a contract for water for that season with the ditch company, with the result that he raised the price of his place to \$18,000 and sold for that figure. The singular feature of the matter was that the owner, the agents, even all the neighbors knew for years what was the matter with the apples in their annual depreciation from the excellence which distinguished them when the trees first began to bear fruit. And yet, because some wise guy, fertile in excuses to defer doing what he knew was good business to do at once, had expressed his opinion that he "didn't like the contract" of the canal company. And that little take excuse probably prevented many ordinary sensible men from lending aid to what is the most essential thing ever put up to the farmers of this valley.

We cannot expect a repetition of the growing season of 1912 the present year. It looks now as if it might by a dry year, the average precipitation being far in excess of the rainfall to date this year. It may be that many a misfit orchardman of this valley will mourn a lost opportunity before another year goes by, with the great acreage now in bearing. Water under such circumstances is only a form of crop insurance. You can grow fruit without water; but a few more crops of such fruit will not only queer the sale of the orchards which produce it, but also queer the reputation of this valley as the best fruit section in the known world. Why defer action longer? The modified contract now meets with the approval of all, and there is only one thing to do: get busy, sign up for the

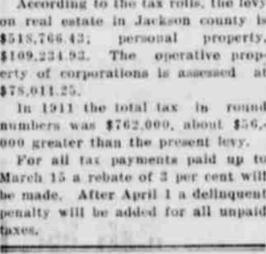
land which you know ought to have water to make it produce what natural conditions warrant you in expecting it to produce, and there will be no more regrets over lost opportunities. You do not want your lands to decline in value. They surely will decline in value if you do not maintain the high standard of productivity which distinguishes the young orchard. This is as sure as fate. Why not act quickly and enable the ditch company to announce that they have enough land signed up for water to enable them to summon a horde of men and teams and push construction of the hidden ditch within sixty days from date. They are eager to get to work. It is up to you owners of land to start this work. Sign up! Sign up! The fact that the cost of construction will be money thrown loose in this valley, right among us, at a time when all that is holding the valley back from a greater forward movement than was ever known before, is a temporary money stringency, should determine men to act quickly in this matter. It is along the line of public works; and vast sums expended in public works have frequently brought about conditions of great prosperity, where otherwise depression would have continued during many months. This fact alone is worthy of serious consideration by the land holder.

JACKSON COUNTY'S ASSESSED VALUE IS \$36,662,121

The total assessed valuation of Jackson county property, realty, personal and corporate, is \$36,662,121.00, according to the tax rolls for 1912, just completed by County Clerk Gardner. Of this amount, \$32,041,885.91 is assessed to personal and realty property, and \$4,620,235.09 to holdings of corporations. The value as assessed was \$26,735,074, and equalized by the county board of equalizers at \$36,662,124. The total tax levied is \$706,012.61, with a total apportionment of 29.9 mills for the different departments. The levies, the rates and the amounts are: State and county tax at 8.5 mills, \$211,630.27. School tax at 10 mills, \$170,988.47. Road tax at 1.5 mills, \$73,126.30. Cities and towns at 9.9 mills, \$144,267.57. According to the tax rolls, the levy on real estate in Jackson county is \$518,766.43; personal property, \$109,234.93. The operative property of corporations is assessed at \$78,611.25. In 1911 the total tax in round numbers was \$762,000, about \$50,000 greater than the present levy. For all tax payments paid up to March 15 a rebate of 3 per cent will be made. After April 1 a delinquent penalty will be added for all unpaid taxes.

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