

CUT ESTIMATES OF APPLE CROP TWENTY PER CENT

PORTLAND, Oregon, Aug. 7.—Estimates of the apple crop of Oregon are being generally reduced—in some instances quite materially on account of unusually heavy dropping, blight and dry rot. At the present time it is not generally believed that the total production will be within 80 per cent of first estimates.

The dropping of apples all through the state was unusually heavy this spring, several conditions being assigned as the cause. The wet cold weather is attributed as one of the chief contributing causes.

More rain fell during the late spring and early summer than for many years. Orchards in some of the leading districts which have in ordinary seasons been compelled to thin their fruit at heavy expense during recent years, this year not only did not have to employ help to do this but the elements cut out a much larger per cent of the fruit than human interests have ever attempted.

Blight in Eastern Oregon
The fire blight has proven a very serious affair in practically all sections of Eastern Oregon. In some sections of that portion of the state the trees at this time look as if there had been a fire all through the orchards.

One of the big problems of apple growers of Oregon this season and which will have a serious effect upon the total yield is the dry rot or the fruit pit. This is especially serious in the Willamette valley and in the Hood River section. Reports from the latter section indicate that the trouble is much more aggravated than a year ago. It is difficult at this time to estimate absolutely the extent of the damage on this account but all doubts that it is serious, have passed.

Early in the season it was indicated that the Hood River section would produce probably 800,000 boxes of apples this year but it is not believed at this time that the crop there will reach above 700,000 boxes if that amount is reached.

Apple Scab Twice
Another factor that will affect the total crop of apples is the second infection of apple scab that is taking place. This appeared as little red spots on the apples and was thought to be a new fungus growth but its further development has proven beyond a doubt what it really is. In some districts this is going to seriously cut into the total yield of the better grades of fruit.

One of the redeeming features of the apple crop of the state this season is the fact that the apples now promise to be of better size than other recent seasons. This will minimize the loss occasioned by blight and dry rot.

Pears will be affected by the blight and this will cut down the expected yield of the state somewhat.

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SAYS SLANDER CAUSE OF ATTACK ON MRS. BLIVEN

That there are two sides to the Bliven-Knutzen controversy, in which Mrs. Knutzen of Thompson creek is accused of assaulting her neighbor, Mrs. Bliven, and breaking her arm, for which she has been held to the grand jury, is indicated by the following from Lee Harrington of Applegate, who gives a version friendly to Mrs. Knutzen:

“Applegate, Or., July 28.
“To the Editor:
“In your issue of last week and in other of the Medford papers there was published sensational and exaggerated articles in regard to the difficulty between Mrs. Bliven and Mrs. Knutzen of Thompson creek. In the trial before Justice Taylor only one side of the case was presented.

“Acting on the advice of her attorney, Mrs. Knutzen waived all preliminaries and let the case go up to the grand jury. This has given rise to the report that she pleaded guilty, which is not true.

“Now, I wish to say that Mrs. Knutzen is not the inhuman monster which the aforesaid newspaper articles pictured her to be, but a quiet, peaceable, kind-hearted woman who has lived in this community nearly all her life, and as far as I know has never had any serious difficulty with anybody, while the other one is always in a scrap with somebody. She seems to have a mania of abusing people, and there is scarcely a person in this neighborhood whom she has not accused. She has been circulating reports for several months that Mrs. Knutzen has been stealing her eggs and chickens, milking her cows and taking things innumerable out of her house whenever she was away. And not satisfied with that, she finally accused her of maintaining improper relations with her (Mrs. Bliven's) husband.

“Mrs. Knutzen hotly resented this and used some pretty strong language as to what she would do if Mrs. Bliven did not quit defaming her character. And where is the woman that would not have done the same or more under the same circumstances?

“But it is a fact that can be proven that Mrs. Knutzen did not attack her or attempt to do her bodily harm.

“While we believe that we know how Mrs. Bliven's arm was broken, we have no positive proof at present, so will not venture an opinion.

“While the irrigating ditch spoken of may have been the cause of the beginning of the trouble, its later developments were caused by jealousy.

“Will you do an innocent and persecuted woman the justice to publish this statement?
“LEE HARRINGTON.”
Henry W. Savage is to make the production the coming season of an extravaganza called “Deftland,” by P. Hans Flath and Dr. Margaret Crosse.

SAYS AMERICAN HOSPITALS BETTER THAN EUROPEAN

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Taken by and large, the American hospital is superior to the best found anywhere in Europe, according to the party of seventy American physicians who are here today after visiting practically every city in Europe.

“Of course,” said Dr. Richard Kovacs of New York, “we have seen many things in Europe which would help us in the hospitals of America, but we have more advanced systems and paraphernalia in the United States as a whole to show European institutions. In France, from a scientific point of view, the physicians are masters. But even their newest hospitals lack some of the most important details to be seen in hospitals of the United States. I mean by that the best manner of placing beds, arrangement of wards, wards for convalescents, gardens for airing, sanitary arrangements, etc. I believe the French neglect their convalescents too much. A relapse fifteen times out of twenty in Europe means death, a percentage that is twice or three times as high as it is in the United States.”

Dr. Sigmond Breitenfeld, of the German hospital, New York, said: “After seeing nurses in hospitals all over the Old World, I take off my hat to our American nurses, queens of them all. The class of women I found in Paris, for instance, acting as nurses, was far below that of our own neat, trim, gentle nurses, and whereas in France they were more of the servant class, at home they are the equals and treated as such, of any woman who employs them.”

MUSICAL HAWAIIANS AT PAGE SATURDAY

Princes Indetas Musical Hawaiians will be the big feature at the Page theatre Saturday and Sunday night presenting “Evening at Waikiki Beach.” Hawaii has a warm spot in Medford hearts after the former musical presentations at the Page and large crowds will welcome the latest arrivals who have the reputation of being the best native troupe on the circuit. A number of native dances will be included in the musical program and the regular Pagescope will complete the entertainment.

On account of the unusual expense of getting this attraction the management is compelled to raise the prices. Lower floor, 25c; Balcony, 15c, and children, 10c.

THREE-YEAR MILITARY SERVICE FOR FRANCE

PARIS, Aug. 7.—By a vote of 245 to 45, the senate today passed the three-year military service bill. It passed the chamber of deputies last month.

APPLE CROP TO BE LIGHT IN NATION SAYS GOVERNMENT

The apple crop of the United States will be shorter this year than last year but there promises to be a good average yield. The government's report for July, the latest issued, indicated a production slightly better than in 1911. The condition on July 1 was 59.4 per cent as compared with 67.1 per cent on June 1, 67.9 per cent on July 1 last year and 59.1 per cent the ten-year average.

Detailed reports from all parts of the country have been received by the packer, which are summarized as follows:

Conditions in Oregon
The Oregon crop is estimated at about the same quantity as last year and the fruit is in good condition. Hood River is credited with 1000 cars, Mosier with a larger tonnage than last year, Medford reports 80 per cent of a crop and Union county half a crop. The government's estimate of condition is 87 per cent.

The Washington crop is in good condition, but the percentage is irregular and varies from 100 to 20 per cent. Cashmere reports 80 per cent of a full crop and the Yakima valley the same percentage. The government's estimate for the state is 83 per cent.

Idaho will not equal last year's production, nor will Montana.

California will fall short of last year. Estimates range from 1500 to 2000 cars for the Pajaro valley. Utah will have a smaller crop than a year ago.

In Middle West
Missouri growers do not believe that state will come up to the government's estimate of 86. Minnesota will have a good crop, some estimating it at double that of 1912. Oklahoma will have half of a crop. New Mexico and Texas will not cut much figure in the shipping movement. Iowa estimates a larger crop than last year.

The Indiana crop was damaged in many places by frost and the reports are irregular, running from zero to a full crop. Nebraska authorities estimate more than produced last year. Arkansas reports indicate two-thirds of a crop, and Wisconsin over three-fourths.

Colorado, an important state, because of the large quantity of box apples usually shipped, will this year have only half a crop. Illinois will have almost a normal yield. Hot winds will cause the Kansas crop to fall below that of 1912.

In Eastern States

The New York crop will be smaller than last year's. In Western New York the shortage is estimated at 10 to over 25 per cent. Baldwins are showing up the highest of the commercial varieties. In the Hudson river district the output will be light. The government's estimate for the state is but little over half a crop.

The Virginia crop will be very small, the general average being 25 per cent. A low production is indicated in Pennsylvania and home consumption will take care of most of the crop. Ohio apples were badly injured by frost and the output will be less than the small crop of last year. Michigan will have two-thirds, Connecticut and Rhode Island about the same. Vermont a quarter of a crop. New Jersey and Delaware each about half a crop.

WOMENS RELIEF CORPS ENTERTAINING VALLEY

Twenty-five members of General Logan Women's Relief Corps of Grants Pass spent Wednesday in Medford at the invitation of the Medford corps, who are entertaining the W. R. C. of the valley. Those who attended were: Mesdames Mary Hildreth, Lena Hildreth, Rose Morris, Estella Howard, Elizabeth Wertz, Harriet Patrick, Mary Lewis, May Parriner, M. E. Taylor, Martha Jess, Alice Mallory, Elizabeth Barden, Sarah McDow, Mallisa Spencer, Roxanna Green, Praxella Taylor, Hattie Lamphere, Ida Mahan, Agnes Faus, T. N. Turnell, Minie Curtis, Hilda Juggorath Alice Rowley, Ella Howard. The G. A. R. was represented by one lone survivor, A. Morris.

BODY OF GIRL FOUND BAY STATE COAST

REVERE, Mass., Aug. 7.—Clad only in underwear of fine texture, which was marked “Ruth Woodward,” the body of an unidentified girl was found today on the beach at Point of Pines, near here. Murder is suspected and a search of sloops and yachts along the coast is on in an endeavor to learn details of the suspected crime.

Henry Kolker, in conjunction with William Vaughn Pettit, has written a play called “The Survivor,” in which he will appear under the direction of Oliver Morosco.

LIFE'S STRUGGLE WITH ILLNESS

Mrs. Stewart Tells How She Suffered from 16 to 45 years old—How Finally Cured.

Euphemia, Ohio.—“Because of total ignorance of how to care for myself when verging into womanhood, and from taking cold when going to school, I suffered from a displacement, and each month I had severe pains and nausea which always meant a lay-off from work for two to four days from the time I was 15 years old.

“I went to Kansas to live with my sister and while there a doctor told me of the Pinkham remedies but I did not use them then as my faith in patent medicines was limited. After my sister died I came home to Ohio to live and that has been my home for the last 18 years.

“The Change of Life came when I was 47 years old and about this time I saw my physical condition plainly described in one of your advertisements. Then I began using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I cannot tell you or any one the relief it gave me in the first three months. It put me right where I need not lay off every month and during the last 15 years I have not paid out two dollars to a doctor, and have been blessed with excellent health for a woman of my age and I can thank Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for it.

“Since the Change of Life is over I have been a maternity nurse and being wholly self-supporting I cannot over estimate the value of good health. I have now earned a comfortable little home just by sewing and nursing since I was 62 years old. I have recommended the Compound to many with good results, as it is excellent to take before and after childbirth.”—Miss EVELYN ANIELIA STEWART, Euphemia, Ohio.
If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

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LINE PROTECTED BY PARIS JUNTA

PARIS, Aug. 7.—Hot protest against the mission to Mexico of John Lind as peace-maker, and protest against what they term interference, was made here today in a statement issued by the Paris junta of the Mexican constitutionalists. It read:

“We learn that John Lind has been sent to Mexico as a mediator, practically representing President Wilson. Constitutionalists here, while appreciating the correct attitude of President Wilson, energetically protest against this pretended mediation by America. We wish no foreign intrusion. Americans were never more interested in Mexico than now and if they think their interests endangered, almost the worst means they could take to protect themselves would be to wound Mexico's self-respect by semi-official pressure. Only military intervention could be worse than this attempted mediation, as that would mean war.”

The legislatures of many states have this year made good progress legislating in favor of a uniform child labor law, in accordance with suggestions by the national conference of commissioners on uniform state laws.

ENGLISH AVIATOR AND ARMY OFFICER KILLED

ALDERSHOT, England, Aug. 7.—Aviator Cody and his passenger, Lieutenant W. E. Evans, of the Indian civil service, were killed today when their aeroplane fell into a clump of trees here from a height of about 150 feet.

Frank Lator is to have the leading role in “Iole,” an operetta made from Robert Chambers' novel, with music by W. E. Peters.

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