

### BIG SHORTAGE IN APPLES IN STORAGE OVER YEAR AGO

There were approximately 4,000,000 boxes of apples in storage in the United States on December 1st or 2,500,000 boxes less than on the same date a year ago.

The information is very startling and is given on the authority of the International Apple Shippers' association, which is in a position to know almost exactly what the holdings of fruit are. The apples in storage in Chicago show:

Nov. 24, 290,000 boxes, 300,000 barrels; Dec. 1, 460,000 boxes, 403,000 barrels.

This means a decrease of 170,000 boxes of apples and 103,000 barrels of the same fruit and by the time that the December holdings of this year in the Windy City are known, the shortage will be much greater.

Considering this extreme shortage in available supplies of apples in the country at this time, the outlook for the market is much more favorable than had been generally anticipated. While it had been generally expected that the holdings would be much less than a year ago, the shortage is even greater than any of the trade had anticipated.

While it is true that the apple crop of the country was very short this season as compared with a year ago, it has been generally presumed that there was a smaller percentage of the crop marketed this season owing to the high prices that have been in effect this year as compared with the very low prices a year ago.

The holdings of apples in storage along the Pacific coast and especially in the Pacific northwest are much less than generally expected although detailed figures are not yet available. All of the big districts are getting quite well cleaned up of supplies and in the smaller districts there are so few apples remaining for market that they cannot be considered as much of a factor.

### SAYRE AND BRIDE VISITING IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre were sightseeing today in London. United States Ambassador Page's residence, where they were guests, was their headquarters. They were to attend a dinner at the Authors' club this evening.

### "NOT GUILTY" IS PLEA OF LEAH ALEXANDER

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 8.—"Not guilty," was the plea entered today by Leah Alexander, charged with shooting and killing J. B. Van Baalen, a newspaper solicitor, in his office here October 18. Judge Dunne continued the case for one week, when the trial date will be set.

### BUD FAVORITE AT TEN TO SIX OVER BARRIEAU

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 8.—Los Angeles fans apparently do not believe that Bud Anderson of Medford has been marked for the retired list because of his recent election to the Appendicitis club. This is indicated by the preponderance of opinion that has established him a 10 to 6 favorite over Frank Barrieau, of Victoria, B. C., whom he meets in a scheduled twenty round match tomorrow night at Vernon.

Anderson has not appeared here since his knockout by Leach Cross on the eve of an operation for appendicitis. Barrieau subsequently bested Cross in a no decision bout at Vancouver. For this reason many seasoned ringbirds declared the price was a false one.

The boys will weigh in at 135 1/2 four hours before the bout. The winner probably will be sent against Jack Britton of Chicago.

### HIGHER PRICES FOR PRIME LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Dec. 8.—Receipts for the week have been cattle, 1404, calves 18, hogs 448, sheep 3173.

Cattle liquidation has been extremely light during the last six days, due to the coming Pacific International Livestock Show. Demand for prime heavy steers is very strong; prices are eagerly 30 to 50 cents higher than they were a week ago.

Best grade steers are selling from \$7.00 to \$8.00 and medium grades at \$7.00 to \$7.50. The butcher cattle division shared in the advance of beef prices to a limited extent. Supply was limited and quality not of the best. A few cows at \$6.50, heifers at \$6.75, bulls at \$5.50 and stags at \$6.50 are a few top sales in this division.

The hog market is probably 5 to 10 cents stronger prime light stuff selling at \$8.00 in bulk, and a few choice loads at \$8.05 and \$8.10. Liquidation was about 25 to 30 per cent less than for the previous six days. Outlet for good hogs is broad. Sheep house condition showed very little change. There is a good sale prevalent for fat mutton and lambs, but buyers seem to be shading bids on the poor grades. Fancy yearlings at \$5.00 and lambs at \$6.50 were extreme sales. Choice selling ewes are not offering. Most of the sales average from \$3.50 to \$3.65.

Entries are pouring in for the Fat Stock Show the coming week. Stock from all sections of the Pacific coast is entered. Special stock entered for premiums will approximate 3000 head. Preparations have been made to handle the largest crowd in the history of the Pacific International Livestock Show. Special days have been provided for various Portland commercial bodies, Inland Empire Day and various other features.

### CROWD WELCOMES MRS. PANKHURST FREED FROM JAIL

LONDON, Dec. 8.—At liberty on seven days leave from prison, Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst arrived in London at noon, was met by an enthusiastic throng of suffragettes and went at once to suffragette headquarters, where a special suite had been prepared for her.

Her rooms, it was announced by Mrs. Dacre-Fox, a leading militant, would be barricaded to prevent the police from re-arresting her at the expiration of her leave.

For the authorities the situation promised to become an embarrassing one. If they do not attempt a re-arrest, it was pointed out, their failure to act will be a confession of their helplessness. If they do attempt it, it was generally agreed that the militants have reached a point where their resistance can hardly escape being attended by bloodshed.

In having Mrs. Pankhurst arrested on her return to England from the United States, it was the consensus of opinion that Home Secretary McKenna made a mistake which he will have cause to regret deeply before the trouble he stirred up is over. Mrs. Pankhurst was still very weak from her hunger and thirst strike in Exeter jail.

### MORE DAHLIA BULBS DISTRIBUTED WEDNESDAY

The civics department of the Greater Medford club distributed 114 bags of dahlia bulbs on Saturday at the public library. Each bag contained five choice bulbs.

About twenty persons who had registered for the bulbs previous to Saturday failed to call for them. These will be supplied on Wednesday at the library.

Nearly fifty more persons who had not registered for the bulbs came to the library Saturday expecting to be supplied. Their names were taken and an effort will be made to give them each a few bulbs on Wednesday.

There are, however, no more dahlias to be given away, as the supply has been exhausted. Rose cuttings and chrysanthemums will be distributed in February by the civics department.

### IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Potter & Goold of Fairdale orchards inform us that on the strength of a two-line classified ad in the Mail Tribune and the efficiency of the public market, they sold more than 150 boxes of apples at the market Saturday.

### HUNDRED LIVES LOST BY FLOODS DEVASTATING TEXAS

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 8.—Civic organizations throughout Texas were raising funds and supplies today for flood sufferers. Trains were rushed to Hearne, Bryan and other towns where refugees were reported starving and without shelter or clothing.

Smallpox has broken out in some places, and the receding waters have left most of the flooded district in an unsanitary condition.

It was learned definitely today that 100 lives were lost in the flood. The death list was increasing hourly and some of the estimates of the fatalities were placed as high as 1000. The Commercial club of Bryan estimated the deaths in that section alone at 500.

More than a thousand persons were still marooned today in the upper stories of their homes around Wellborn. Six white persons and four negroes were rescued there this morning from treetops.

### GRANTS PASS CUTS CITY TAX LEVY

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 8.—The budget covering the estimated expenses of the city of Grants Pass for the year 1914, as prepared by the finance committee of the council, was adopted Friday night, and on its recommendation a city tax levy of seven mills was ordered. This levy includes a 6 1/2-mill general tax and half mill special library tax. The budget contained the following items of expense, as estimated for the coming year:

Street maintenance, \$4350; fire department, \$2500; police, \$4580; light and water, \$7300; city attorney, \$900; auditor's office, \$2300; parks, \$1500; city treasurer, \$240; city engineer, \$1000; sewer expense, \$400; bond interest, \$52800. Total estimated expense, \$59,350.

The income of the city in addition to the general tax levy of 6 1/2 mills and the library tax of half a mill is estimated by the finance committee as \$12,000 from liquor licenses and \$2000 from other sources. The levy last year was nine mills.

### RED MEN HOLD BIG CLASS INITIATION

A big class adoption of the tribes of the Improved Order of Red Men was held at the Red Men's wigwam on Apple street Saturday. The degrees of the order were exemplified by Westonska's drill team. The members of the various tribes in Rogue River valley with candidates were present. A banquet followed the ceremony of the adoption of pale-faces. Past Great Sachem Lee Jacobs, Past Sachem D. T. Selsby and Past Sachem Frank Martin had charge of the affair.

### SCHOOL SURVEY SHOWS OUTHOUSES ARE UNSANITARY

There has recently appeared in the local press, a Portland despatch under the heading, "County Schools in Bad Condition," which was based on a report made by Mrs. Katherine Kelley, traveling nurse for the state board of health, after a trip of inspection through the schools of Douglas, Josephine and Jackson counties. The article stated that Mrs. Kelley found the sanitary conditions in the schools very bad, and that many cases of impetigo or skin disease, caused by filth, were found. In order that the readers of this article may be fully informed of the conditions found by Mrs. Kelley in Jackson county, I am giving below her detailed report on all schools visited in this county, which will show that she did not find them in bad condition. Nearly all the schools visited were reported clean, and only two cases of impetigo were reported, and one of these was not in a country school. In many instances the outhouses were reported in bad condition, and this condition is bound to exist to a greater or less degree so long as the old style toilet is in vogue, though we are making an effort for improvement along this line.

Below is the detailed report of Mrs. Kelley, as furnished me by the secretary of the state board of health:

Anderson Creek School, teacher—Pupils 23, drinking tank and individual drinking cups, school very clean, outhouses in very bad shape.

Wagner Creek School, teacher—Pupils 24, impetigo 1, school and ventilation very good, janitor service, pump and individual cups.

North Phoenix School, teacher—Pupils 29, building fifty years old, fairly clean, out houses fairly good, pump and individual cups.

Griffin Creek School, teachers—Pupils 66, one room very unsanitary, drinking tank and individual cups, out houses very unsanitary.

Oak Grove School, teachers—Pupils 46, sanitary conditions fairly good, boys out house very unsanitary, pump and individual cups.

Independence School, teacher—Pupils 25, drinking tank and individual cups, sanitary conditions good, out house not very clean.

Antelope School, teacher—Pupils 7, school very clean, out houses good condition, pump and individual cups.

Brownboro school, teacher—Pupils 9, drinking tank and individual cups, school clean, out houses very bad shape; need new ones.

School 65, teacher—Pupils 15, drinking fountains, out houses fairly good.

Lake Creek School, teacher—Pupils 23, pump and individual cups, school fairly clean, out houses very unsanitary.

Eagle Point School, teachers—Pupils 60, school clean, girls out house good, boys out house very unsanitary.

Roosevelt School, teacher—Pupils 22, school clean, pump and individual cups, out houses very unsanitary.

Dewey School, teacher—Pupils 12, pump and individual cups, school clean.  
Lone Pine School, teacher—Pupils 23, pump and individual cups, school clean, out houses good condition.  
Agate School, teachers—Pupils 50, pump and individual cups, school clean, out houses fairly good.  
Table Rock School, teacher—Pupils 24, adenoids 1, school clean, pump and individual cups, out houses fairly clean.

Chaparral School, teacher—Pupils 26, drinking tank and individual cups, school clean, out houses good condition.

Antioch School, teacher—Pupils 27, pump and individual cups, old buildings fairly clean, out houses unsanitary.

Gold Hill School, teacher (primary)—Pupils 24, adenoids 1, impetigo 1, old building, room very cold, needs inspection, no water supply. (On account of crowded conditions in the Gold Hill schools, this grade has been transferred to the old school building once deserted.)

Dardanelis, teacher—Pupils 22, pump and individual cups, ventilation very bad, Waterbury system, out houses fairly good.

West Side School, teachers—Pupils 26, adenoids 2, drinking tank and individual cups, out houses good condition, school clean. (This report is not correct, there being no drinking tank nor individual cups in this school, but a drinking fountain instead.)

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