

APPLE GROWERS NET AROUND DOLLAR PER BOX, 5 YEARS

Although northwestern apple growers are discouraged because of low prices in 1912 and 1914, it is now discovered that the five year average, including these two disastrous seasons, is around one dollar per box net to the grower. This is a fair indication that the same average will be maintained for the future, assuring affluence and independence if orchardists take proper precautions to meet fluctuations from year to year. The situation was thus summed up today by W. F. Gwin, vice president and general manager of the Northwestern Fruit Exchange, in giving out results to the Rogue River Fruit and Produce Association of Medford, Oregon. This is a co-operative organization shipping the bulk of the fruit output of the Rogue River valley. The average for 1914 shipments was 61 cents per box, but for the past five years it was \$1.04, selling charges of the exchange having been deducted.

Create Sinking Fund

"The orchardist must take the excess above a dollar per box in good years," declared Mr. Gwin, "and create a sinking fund therewith to finance himself in the poor years. Having received this warning, he should not complain if bankruptcy overtakes him as a result of dissipating his reserve in land and stock speculations, automobiles, fine residences and trips abroad. These things are all right when we can afford them but the last thing we can afford is to gamble with the capital required to operate our business. Just now the grower is suffering a severe headache, the result of a prolonged speculative debauch. The thing to do is to sober up and face the situation as other business men are doing. The result is sure to be lasting prosperity."

Tabulation of Returns

The following tabulation of returns net to the Rogue River Fruit & Produce association, selling charges of the exchange have been deducted, giving total shipments and average prices per box for all grades by years:

Year	Ex. Fev	Fancy	Per Box	Per Box
1910	1,288	\$.98	10,588	\$.98
1912	90,805	.72	33,588	.51
1913	81,550	1.52	46,955	1.32
1914	6,735	.71	6,488	.52
5 yrs.	187,345	1.11	106,485	.97
Year	Choice	General	Per Box	Per Box
1910	7,554	\$1.02	19,420	\$1.00
1911	3,465	.94	19,048	1.32
1912	4,609	.23	129,552	.66
1913	6,527	.99	132,032	1.42
1914	1,295	.54	14,518	.61
5 yrs.	23,750	.81	317,580	1.04

In order to derive net returns to individual grower, five cents per box must be deducted from the above. This is the assessment of the growers upon themselves to cover cost of assembling, loading and all local expenses.

Cashmere District

The only other district which has sold its fruit through the exchange for five years is the Cashmere Fruit Growers' Union of the Wenatchee valley. On 677,982 boxes its grand average was 97½ cents per box. The reason for the superior average of Rogue River is that most of its apple tonnage consists of Yellow Newton Pippins and Spitzenbergs, varieties which command good prices, whereas Cashmere has a big volume of varieties like Ben Davis, Black Twig, Jonathan, Staymen and Gano, very prolific and profitable, but showing a low return per box.

Tonnage and Average

The following table gives the total tonnage and grand average per box on Spitzenbergs and Newtongs from the two districts for the five years:

Variety	Cashmere	Rogue River
Per Box	Per Box	

Spitzb'g 153,725 \$1.10 64,507 \$1.07
Y.N.P. 20,704 1.17 165,450 1.19

The question arises whether conditions are developing which will make low prices the rule rather than the exception. The history of the industry presents only one year worse than 1912 and 1914 and that was 1896 when the largest production occurred during a world wide panic. Production was enormous in 1912 and 1914, but the chief cause of the slump was general economic conditions which affected other standard commodities in the same disastrous manner, including lumber, steel, cotton and oranges. In all these lines there has been a struggle the past year to get cost of production. Nobody anticipates that in the future there will be many years when half the world will plunge into war just as the annual harvest is about to begin. The apple output of the northwest will be largely increased during the next few years, but this will

RIGGS BANK SUES M'ADOO TO STOP EFFORTS TO RUIN

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The Riggs National bank, the largest financial institution in Washington, today began legal proceedings against Secretary McAdoo and Comptroller of the Currency Williams to compel them to desist from alleged efforts to ruin its business.

Temporary and permanent injunctions were asked from the District of Columbia supreme court against these officials. The bill of complaint alleges that Messrs. McAdoo and Williams have persecuted the bank for more than a year, culminating March 30 with a refusal to pay \$5000 interest on government bonds on deposit with the United States to secure the bank's circulation.

The refusal is alleged to have resulted from a failure on the part of the bank to make special reports demanded by the comptroller, the \$5000 representing a penalty of \$100 a day imposed.

In its petition the bank declares that Mr. Williams exceeded his authority in demanding such reports and asks that United States Treasurer John Burke be enjoined from withholding the \$5000 interest.

After hearing the petition, Justice McCoy granted a temporary restraining order against the defendants, returnable April 16. At that time argument will be heard on motions for the permanent injunctions sought by the bank.

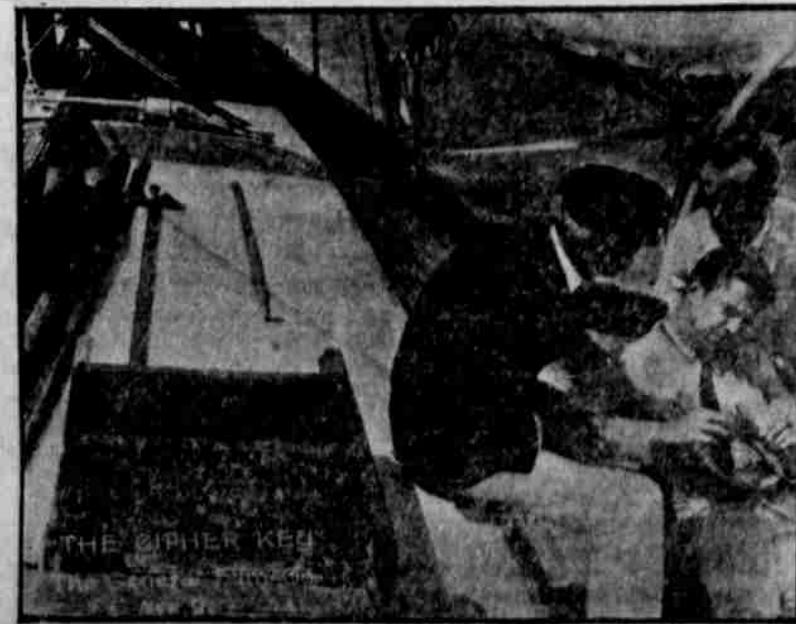
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Real Estate Transfers

J. O. Isaacson et ux to Warren H. Norcross, land in 2, 37, 2 W.....	\$10,000
C. E. Eads et ux to Everett and Geo. Eads, lot 5 blk 1 Grays Add. Medford.....	1000.00
Ed A. Estates et ux to E. E. Phillips, lot in Ashland.....	10.00
Chas. M. Allen to C. E. Eads lot 5 blk 1 Gray's add. Medford.....	10.00
A. A. Coon et ux to John C. Phillips et ux, lot in Ashland.....	10.00
Mary J. Miller to William E. Hale et ux, lot in Ashland.....	10.00
Laura V. Steele et al to Dora V. Wright, land in 21, 28, 1W.....	1.00
Lyman D. McKee et ux to Sarah N. Strange, land in 39 1E.....	1500.00
Minnie B. Stacy to Geo. W. Stacy, land in 10, 25 2W.....	1.00
James A. McLeod to Samuel Cozzens et al trustees, lots in Kendall Add. Medford.....	1.00
Circuit Court	
Aimee C. Dann vs. Wilbur W. Dann, return of summons.	
Bank of Jacksonville vs. J. E. Olson et al, stipulation.	
Don F. Wilson vs. B. F. Jenson, M. S. Johnson, cost statement.	
Pacific Mutual Life Ins. Co., vs. Lester W. David, et al, affidavit; order.	
Thos. E. Green vs. Fred D. Hawkins, et al, affidavit; order.	
Probate Court	
Maude H. Macdonald vs. Archie S. McDonald, affidavit; order; acceptance.	
Estate of John T. Layton, order confirming sale of real estate; bid for real property.	
Had Done His Part	
"Edison says that we sleep too much."	
"Well, it isn't his fault, he has invented enough things to keep us awake."	
change the national total so little as to have slight effect upon market values.	

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NEW YORK POLICE CHARGED WITH MAKING BOMB HURLERS OUT OF MERE BOYS



"Russianizing Our Police System," Sociologist Calls Bomb Plot.

BY AMOS PINCHOT.
FAMOUS SOCIOLOGIST

Is stimulating 18-year old boys to commit felonies in order to catch them at it a LEGITIMATE function of city government? This is the main question that the trial of the alleged anarchists, Carbone and Abaro, brings before the American people.

There is evidence tending to show that the boys now on trial would neither have made gun powder nor taken a bomb to St. Patrick's cathedral if they had not been boosted along by representatives of the police department of New York City. Creating crime in order to prevent crime is a common police practice—in the older civilization of Russia. We should not sanction this practice in the United States. It is neither wise nor in accordance with a reasonable standard of social morality.

If it is true that these boys were induced to commit a felony by a police detective, and if such a course is eventually approved by public opinion, it is the beginning of the Russianizing of the American police system. It will constitute a backward move toward the worst features of old-world tyrannical government.

The logical end of such a beginning is an AMERICAN SIBERIA!

There is enough violence, anarchy and crime already, without having a city go into the business of manufacturing it! The excuse that this course is resorted to to prevent crime is not, in my opinion, VALID. It has been amply proved over and over again that violence breeds violence. I believe that lawlessness and violence, when used by representatives of the public, are fully as demoralizing as when used by anarchists!

Of course, it is foolish to infer that twentieth century America will ever allow a complete or even a semi-Russianizing of its police. But an immediate crystallization of public opinion, to prevent such a conspiracy as certain witnesses declare was perpetrated in St. Patrick's cathedral, is this time absolutely necessary:

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO GIVE PLAY HERE TESTING RIGHT OF SEIZING EVIDENCE

Much interest is being shown by the members of the student body of the Medford high school in the appearance of "My Man and Lady" at the Star theater Friday night, April 16.

The junior class of the local high school has made arrangements with Professor Reddie from Eugene to appear in this city with his class, which consists of amateur actors of the Oregon university. The class has been very successful with their work on the stage and everybody will have the opportunity to admire the splendid qualities, skill and art of these university actors and the success of their plays has been largely due to the splendid and experienced direction of Professor Reddie.

A suit of unusual interest to sportsmen of southern Oregon is being heard at Grants Pass today. It attacks the right of game wardens to seize the equipment of fishermen found illegally fishing. The case will be taken to the supreme court for final settlement.

The action is launched against Game Wardens Sam Sandry of Rogue River and Fred Merrill of Grants Pass, and is filed by Rains Bros. of Grants Pass. They ask for judgment in the sum of \$450, for the seizure of nets and boats as evidence, in a case of unlawful fishing. They were found guilty in the justice court a year ago at Merlin, a jury in the Josephine county court later acquitting them.

BOWMAN ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT AT KLAMATH FALLS

C. R. Bowman, principal of the Medford high schools for the last three and one-half years, has been chosen superintendent of the Klamath high school and has accepted the position. This action was taken by the Klamath board of directors at a meeting held Saturday in that city, at which Professor Bowman was present. It is Professor Bowman's intention to move to that city next July.

The call to Klamath Falls came as a result of a disagreement of the board of that city with Principal Faught, who resigned. Its acceptance means that the local board will have to find a new principal. It was expected by Medford friends of Professor Bowman that he would be promoted to the superintendency after the resignation of U. S. Collins. Instead, the berth was given to V. Melvin Hillis of Nampa, Idaho.

Professor Bowman has been principal of the local high school for the last three years and is highly popular among teachers and students.

The law provides that all equipment be confiscated.

Attorneys Kelly of this city and Miller of Grants Pass represent the game wardens in the action.

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