

OFFICIAL LIST OF AWARDS WON BY JACKSON COUNTY

By H. O. FROHBACH.
 SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—The following is a complete list of the awards received by the Jackson county growers in the horticultural department. I am very pleased at the showing which our growers made and wish to thank all of them for the interest they have shown, especially so as this has been a very dry year. What a still greater showing we could have made if we had irrigation all over the valley.

The awards on the Ashland benches are a great disappointment to me. Pack and quality were of the best, but split pits were there in too great a quantity.

Pears Make a Hit

I know of only one other entry of Bosc pears made in a commercial pack and that came from Nevada county, California. These pears were not half the size of the smallest that were entered from Jackson county. New Zealand eight months ago exhibited Bosc pears, but these were about a third the size of our smallest. Outside of these, there were none shown from any other locality.

Medals of honor were received for Bartlett, Howell, Anjou and Bosc pears, but none for Comice. I feel that C. R. Boyd is entitled to a medal of honor for the Comice he sent here. There were no more beautiful pears sent than the Comice from Mr. Boyd's orchard, size, pack and quality were perfect, but for some unknown reason the jury did not recognize them better than a gold medal.

I have been informed that the jury was very impressed with our pears, and about one-third of the pears entered were sent to the University of California for use in the horticultural department.

Out of a total of 143 awards given the state of Oregon, Jackson county gets 42, with Hood River second with twenty.

- Medals of Honor**
- H. N. Leavitt, Ashland, Lambert cherries.
 - M. I. Minear, Medford, Bartlett pears.
 - C. R. Boyd, Medford, Howell pears.
 - C. R. Boyd, Medford, Anjou pears.
 - Del Rio Orchards, Rock Point, Bosc pears.
 - W. H. Narcross, Central Point, Bosc pears.
 - Patterson Orchards, Ashland, Yellow Newtown Pippins.
 - Ben C. Sheldon, Medford, Yellow Newtown Pippins.
 - A. N. Wright, Medford, Alberta peaches.
 - A. N. Wright, Medford, Salway peaches.

- Gold Medals**
- Berkeley Orchards, Medford, Yellow Newtowns.
 - Berkeley Orchards, Medford, Banana apples.
 - C. R. Boyd, Medford, Comice pears.
 - A. Courto Fiero, Medford, Spitzenberg apples.
 - Hollywood Orchards, Medford, Comice pears.
 - James Bros., Medford, Alberta peaches.
 - Albert Johnson, Ashland, 10 to 1 strawberries.
 - Albert Johnson, Ashland, Bing cherries.
 - H. H. Leavitt, Ashland, Anjou pears.
 - Midvale Orchards, Medford, Winter Nels pears.
 - Madoc Orchards, Medford, P. Barry pears.
 - C. A. Peters, Ashland, Cuthbert raspberries.
 - W. E. Phipps, Medford, Bing cherries.
 - F. L. Tou Velle, Medford, Winter Nels pears.
 - F. L. Tou Velle, Medford, Bosc pears.
 - J. S. Vilas, Medford, Bartlett pears.
 - J. A. Westerlund, Medford, Yellow Newtown Pippins.
 - J. A. Westerlund, Medford, Blenheim apricots.

- Silver Medals**
- D. M. Lowe, Ashland, Early Wheeler peaches.
 - E. W. Carlton, Medford, Winter Nels pears.
 - Hollywood Orchards, Medford, Bosc pears.
 - Albert Johnson, Ashland, Krummel peaches.
 - A. N. Wright, Medford, Lemon Cling peaches.
 - A. N. Wright, Medford, May peaches.

- Bronze Medals**
- Bear Creek Orchards, Medford, Comice pears.
 - Albert Johnson, Ashland, Poo pears.
 - H. H. Leavitt, Ashland, currants.
 - Stevens & Brown, Medford, Bosc pears.
 - J. A. Westerlund, Medford, peach plums.
- Honorable Mention**
- Bear Creek Orchards, Medford,

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL SETTLES LIGHT CONTROVERSY

ASHLAND, Nov. 24.—Electric light and power matters have assumed a phase here to the extent that the city will try out the experiment of taking over the equipment of the Ashland Electric Power & Light Co., known as the "Shelton company," which is in reality the Oregon-California Power Co. The city purchases energy of the corporation at wholesale rates on terms which are considered advantageous. The contract as signed covers a period of three years and probably goes into effect January 1, 1916. The city accomplishes this without issuing bonds, calling a special election or assuming interest charges, the contract calling for the specific buying and selling of juice on a wholesale basis. The portion of the council in the matter was practically unanimous. Some see trouble ahead in synchronizing the currents of the dual systems, and other apprehensive ones fear that the merger will result in the installation of meters, an outcome which might not be out of place in view of flagrant violations of both heating and lighting privileges at the hands of certain patrons. "Give the plan a trial," represents sentiment heard on every hand.

GUARD CAPITAL FROM DYNAMITERS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—The watchfulness of the guards about the principal government buildings in the capital has been redoubled on special orders. Today guards stationed at strategic points commanding the entrances to the building which houses the state, war and navy departments were under orders to question, and if necessary search, any persons of whom they had doubts. Anyone carrying a package of any sort was subject to questioning. Hundreds of tourists pass through the buildings daily.

Since a bomb explosion wrecked a room in the capital last summer and bomb plots generally have kept the government detectives busy, there has been more than usual activity among the guards here, but new the watch is even more strictly kept. Guards employed by railroad companies are constantly on duty in the railroad tunnel leading to the bridge over the Polk river, which is the principal gateway to the south.

STRIKERS RIOT AT AUTOMOBILE PLANT

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 24.—Shots were fired, clubs and gas pipes wielded, two men were hurt and eleven arrested in rioting today between strikers and strike breakers at the Theodore Kuntz Automobile Body plant at which war orders are being filled. One hundred strikers tried to overpower a motor truck on which thirty strike breakers were being hauled to the plant. The attempt brought on a free-for-all fight and police reserves were called out.

- Bosc pears.**
- D. M. Lowe, Ashland, Bing cherries.
 - W. G. Prescott, Ashland, May peaches.



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UTAH BUSINESS MAN DISCUSSES BEET INDUSTRY

Devil's Slide, Utah, Nov. 20. To the Editor Mail Tribune:

I am much surprised to learn from your recent editorial that there can be any doubt in regard to getting the required acreage signed for the proposed sugar factory.

It does not seem possible that the people of the Hoosier River valley cannot be made to realize the great benefits that will be derived from that industry being established in the valley, especially as from the reports the climate and soil seem to be especially favorable to sugar beet culture.

If the farmers could see what this industry has done for this state in the last few years there would be double the required acreage signed in a very short time.

I, as well as others, am interested in the valley and am looking forward to the time when its future outlook will make it seem advisable to make a home there, but there can be no permanent growth and prosperity if the people do not give encouragement.

MESSAGE SAYS U. S. HAS MESSAGE OF PEACE TO WORLD

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—President Wilson's annual message to congress, approved unanimously by the cabinet, was nearly completed today. Besides a discussion of national defense and revenue, other questions on which the president looks to congress for action will be taken up. These include a merchant marine, conservation, self government for the Philippines and rural credits.

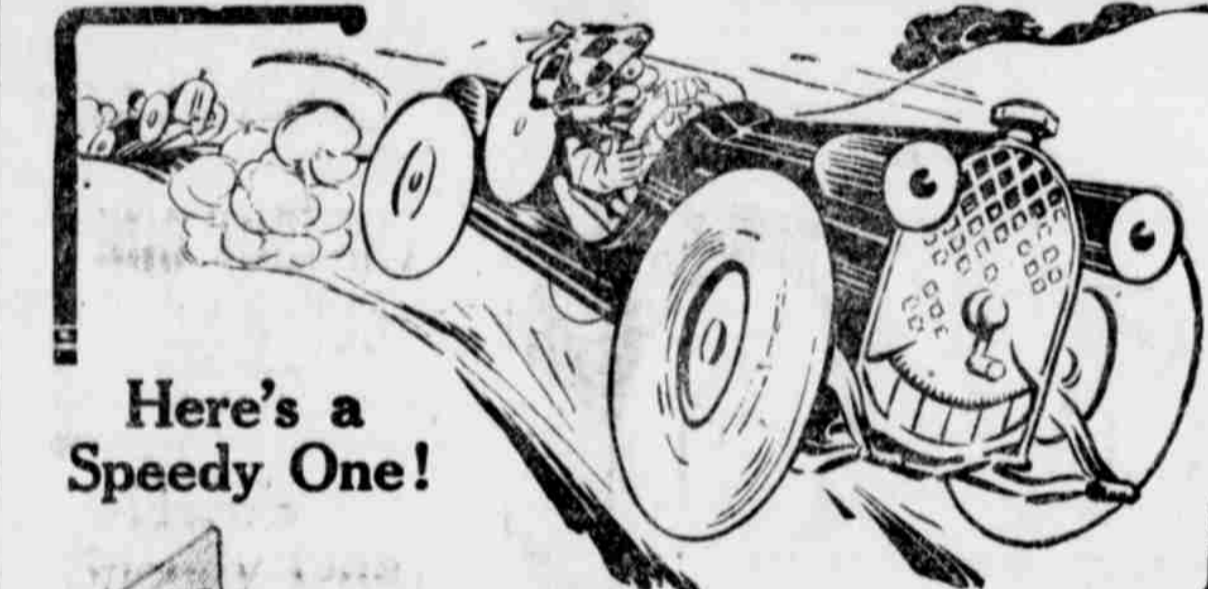
The message will declare that the United States has a humanitarian mission of peace in the world and therefore must be ready to defend its right to independent and unobstructed action. Secretary Garrison's plan for a continental army of 400,000 will be strongly supported.

The president will, as he did last year, again declare that it is proper for young men to learn to be soldiers and expressed the belief that plans submitted by the army general staff call for a standing force larger than the country wants. In referring to the navy plans, the president will declare that it is necessary to provide men, munitions and equipment as it is to build warships.

TAFT WITHDRAWS FROM RELIEF BOARD

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Henry W. Taft, brother of former President William H. Taft, announced today his resignation as vice president of the National Allied Relief committee. The committee was organized about a month ago to administer funds collected in the United States for the relief of war sufferers of the entente allies. Among its members are Chas. W. Elliot, Myron T. Herrick, August Belmont and Howard Elliott.

Mr. Taft said he resigned because his signature had been attached without his knowledge to an appeal for funds issued by an official of the committee which contained a denunciation of Germany.



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