

CO-OPERATION IS SOLVING PROBLEMS MARKETING FRUIT

The Rogue River Fruit & Produce association, with headquarters at Medford, has just completed its sixth consecutive season as a co-operative deciduous fruitgrowers' organization.

In the early history of the association it packed the fruits of the growers at all of these five warehouses, having crews working at all of them at the same time.

"We did our best," said General Manager S. V. Beckwith, with emphatic sincerity, "but we were not satisfied with the results. A bad feature of this method was apparent in the handling of the early pears, such as Bartlett's and Howells.

Cold Storage Facilities "In the spring of 1913 we built in Medford a cold-storage warehouse with a capacity approximately of forty cars of real refrigeration and sixty cars of dry storage. In 1914 we began to realize the possibilities of the auto truck as an assembler of fruit.

"We concentrated at our cold-storage plant all of our packing supplies. We offered to pack for the growers, furnishing all labor and materials, for the sum of 25 cents per box for pears and 28 1/2 cents per box for apples, plus whatever the auto haul might be.

Crew Constantly Busy "Our operations began this year the first week in August with Bartlett pears, and were kept up continuously until November 13, at which date our packing was completed.

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exactly what, if any, our waste was. Fortunately for us, perhaps, the crop this year was a light one, permitting us to work out our experiment under conditions which did not produce tremendous crowding.

Improvement Very Marked "The improvement in the physical handling of the fruit and of keeping it in perfect temperatures, and the improvement in grading and general standardization of pack and the mechanical excellence of it, have been very marked.

"The possibilities of this system seem to me to be very far-reaching. Our district—and I believe I should include every district in the northwest—must come sooner or later to co-operative use of our waste material.

Plan Obviously Superior "In conclusion," observed Manager Beckwith, "let me say that centralization of packing has, in my opinion, come to stay; that it will do more, especially in connection with cold-storage facilities, toward the proper handling of our fruits and the proper standardization of our pack and improved deliveries in all of the markets of the world than any single plan or idea that has ever been tried out by the deciduous fruit growers of the northwest."

The Mail-Tribune will add that this centralization idea and plan are original with Manager Beckwith and that all of the progressive fruitgrowers and fruit packers and shippers of the northwest are watching its development with profound interest.

NEW FILM SERVICE AT STAR THEATRE The Star theater, where the best pictures are shown will add another great film service for the approval of the Medford public.

SERBIAN KING TO TAKE REFUGE IN ITALY PARIS, Dec. 16.—It is reported from Rome that King Peter of Serbia, driven from his country by the Teuton invasion, will take refuge in Italy.

STATE DOCUMENTS AT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The public library has lately received a shipment of state documents including the following:

- Oregon Blue Book, 1915-1916. Rules and regulations of the desert land board, pertaining to the reclamation of lands accepted under the Carey act, and operating and maintaining Tumalo project.

Insurance commissioner, seventh annual report, report on foreign markets for Oregon fruit and laws governing importations, Constitution of the state of Oregon, laws and general information relating to weights and measures, Oregon motor vehicle law, digest of labor laws, state industrial accident commission, first annual report; suggested course in Bible study for pupils outside of school, state board of health report, state tax commission report, water resources of the state of Oregon, construction of the Tumalo project, statutes and constitution relating to elections, constitution and statutes relating to roads, highways, bridges and ferries; laws relating to assessment and taxation, uniform classification of accounts for electric, gas and water utilities.

Oregon Agricultural College, report of experimental work. Part 1, tillage and cropping methods; part 2, farm management problems. Report to desert land board on central Oregon project, Oregon fish and game laws; state of Oregon, estimate of expenditures 1915-1916.

On Educational subjects: Boys' and girls' industrial clubs. Parent-Teachers' associations, school laws, rural school exhibit Panama-Pacific International exposition; standardization of rural schools, reading circle course for teachers, circular of certification.

There is a great deal of material of interest in these pamphlets and they may be consulted at any time. For the present, they will be kept together on display.

FLOUNCE ROCK FRILLS

Mrs. Peyton and small daughter returned recently from a four months' visit with Mrs. Peyton's mother at Bloomington, Ill. They also visited for a time with relatives in Kansas.

Miss Margery Erskine spent a week at home on account of illness. Mrs. Chartraw has returned to her home at Derby and Mrs. John Higginbotham is now staying with Mrs. T. B. Higginbotham, who has not yet recovered from her sickness.

There was a "hard times" dance at Prospect, December 24. Several from this vicinity and below here attended and report a merry time.

EDEN PRECINCT

Mrs. Lizzie Stancliff of Phoenix has been confined for her bed the past ten days with sciatic rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Henry and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Henry's father, I. R. Fridgegar of Medford. James McDonald of North Talent was a pleasant caller at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Chandler Sunday.

George Roberts of Fern Valley was a Phoenix-Talent visitor Monday. Mrs. M. Rose of Phoenix is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. Cate of Medford, who recently came back to the valley from La Grande, Oregon.

Mrs. Thompson, nee Edith Fish, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Fish the last of the week, returning home Sunday.

C. Carey has for sale at his place on the Pacific highway.—Ad. Ray Cotman is able to be about again, having ridden in the interurban car to Medford last week.

The ground is so dry that water turned into the big ditch sinks into the ground long before it reaches the crossing of the Pacific highway; and Anderson creek is still dry, something that has never been known at this time of the year.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Medford National Bank vs. Clinton Textop, summons. State of Oregon vs. John O. Dowd, trans, justice court Medford.

L. Undermyer vs. David H. Palmer, affidavits. Joseph Martin vs. G. S. Epperson and Anna D. Epperson, suit to declare a deed a mortgage and foreclose.

John W. Cox vs. The Oakdale Land Inv. Co., et al, action for money. Wm. Murray vs. Addie Murray.

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FOR SALE—Electric heater, 3 kilowatt. Address XYZ, care Alco. 231. FOR SALE—Belgian hares, large and small; live 6c per lb. Model Grocery. Phone 295. 229

FOR SALE—Forty two cords of dry pine wood. Inquire of Roy B. Peebles. 239. FOR SALE—Imported alfalfa seed. Box 74, Mail Tribune. 234

FOR SALE—Laying hens and pullets at 919 W. 11th. 229. FOR SALE—Genuine mahogany record cabinet, brand new, worth \$35, will sell for \$19. Pac. Furn. & Fixture Factory. 231

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WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS WANTED—Furnished home, with heat for 6 months. Box 64, Mail Tribune. 234. WANTED—To buy, a few good year old heifers. Phone R-11H. 229*

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