

### FRUIT SHIPMENTS OF TWO REGIONS TELL THE STORY

Rogue River valley, unirrigated, with more than two-thirds the bearing fruit acreage of Yakima valley, irrigated, ships less than one carload of fruit to Yakima's fifteen carloads.

To the thoughtful person those figures alone would be sufficient basis for an interesting story. It would show the difference in production between the acreage irrigated and the acreage without irrigation; for Yakima valley's only advantage over the Rogue River valley is found in the fact that it is irrigated; that irrigation is its crop insurance and that that kind of crop insurance pays by the carload lots.

#### Comparisons Omissions

Fruitgrowers of this valley have shipped 335 carloads of fruit this year, up to November 1, and it is conservatively figured that this number will be increased to 425 carloads. In the year 1914, another year of drought, it shipped 356 carloads up to February 1. In 1913, during which we were favored with a fair rainfall, we shipped between 1200 and 1300 carloads. In 1912, with a much smaller fruit-bearing acreage, but with a fair rainfall, we shipped 850 carloads.

Last year the Yakima fruit growers, favored by irrigation and with a third larger area in bearing fruits, shipped 9600 carloads. This year, with a lighter yield and an indifferent demand, they shipped 6400 carloads and hold 1000 cars more for special orders and prices.

#### Difference in Yields

By comparing the difference between the yields in the irrigated valley and those in the unirrigated section, taking into the problem the difference also between the acreage in bearing fruits in the respective districts, the interested inquirer may easily determine the difference in favor of irrigation, both for yield and quality, although quality is not made a part of this item. Comparison of prices received would determine that.

The region irrigated has a record, therefore, of shipping a little over ten times as much fruit as that district

not favored with that vitalizing potential called irrigation. Do the farmers and fruit-raisers of this county need a stronger argument than that to persuade them to use every power available to secure irrigation for this valley at the earliest possible date?

### ASHLAND ELECTS FOUR COUNCILMEN

ASHLAND, Dec. 22.—At the city election here yesterday, C. W. Banta was the choice for councilman in the First ward, having received 103 votes to 73 for W. H. McNair and 53 for G. W. McNabb.

In the second ward, C. W. Root for councilman won over C. Cunningham, the figures being 182 to 39. Cunningham virtually retired from the field on the eve of the election. A number of defective ballots were cast in this ward.

In the third ward A. C. Ninger was elected to the council for the two-year term, and A. L. Lamb for the one-year term. This was the ward with a multiplicity of candidates, inasmuch as J. B. Ware, J. H. Doran and W. J. Carpenter also appeared on the ticket.

For park commissioner, five-year term, Mrs. Marie Vaupel was elected without opposition, as was also J. P. Dodge, springs commissioner for the three-year term.

The vote was light, apathy marking the balloting for springs commissioner especially.

### WOMEN LAWYERS TO PROTECT YOUNG GIRLS

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Thirty women lawyers of Chicago have formed the Public Defenders league for girls, it was announced today, for the purpose of preventing any girl from being sent to jail or prison for a first offense.

Members of the league will ask Chief Justice Olson of the municipal court to create a special girls court and appoint a woman as judge. The women attorneys have agreed to give one day a month to the proposed special court defending young women offenders' free.

### MISS ILLINGTON PLEASES AUDIENCE IN WEAK DRAMA

There is no doubt that Margaret Illington is a great emotional actress, as was evidenced last night by the thoroughly pleased audience that left the Page. Her supporting company is unusually good. But in interviewing some of the people who attended, it seems to be the general opinion that "The Lie" is not quite up to the mark set by "Within the Law." To one who analyzes the drama from the builder's standpoint, the reason for this is obvious.

The author, Henry Arthur Jones, seems to have conceived the main situation of his play and became so thoroughly engrossed by it that he, in a measure, forgot the details. With very few exceptions, all great plays have a counterplot, the minor theme being brought to the forefront to interest the audience while the main motive is being developed. "The Lie" has no counterplot. A feeble effort, perhaps, was made at showing the poverty of Sir Robert Shale, but in the main the action lagged until the beginning of the fourth act. From that time on, the drama was very strong.

Actors have their troubles, chief among which is procuring a vehicle that will display their particular abilities, and we can well understand how difficult it is for Miss Illington to procure a drama that will display her emotional ability, and yet steer clear of the hackneyed melodrama plot. However, the audience was thoroughly pleased, and so the mission of the play of entertaining was fulfilled. The old guardian and critic in "Lalla Rookh," who severely criticized the story told by the prince incognito, because he failed to see how a tear or a sigh could be consistently conveyed to the Gates of Paradise by the Peri, overstepped the bounds of legitimate criticism. The tale of the prince pleased Lalla Rookh. Miss Illington pleased Medford, and so we do not wish to assume the role of the old Persian critic.

Tonight, however, we are to see both a play and an actor that have stood the test not only of the world's critics, but of the public, which is, after all, the court of final appeal. Forbes Robertson has stood the test of time and stands out as the world's

greatest actor, and "The Passing of the Third Floor Back" is not only a successful play, but a recognized classic. There is already a large sale and the house will be crowded. If you don't feel able to get a \$2 seat, go into the gallery, and see an actor who is reckoned in the class with the few supremely great.

E. M. ANDREWS.

### ROYAL ARCH MASONS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

Past High Priest W. H. McGowan, acting as grand high priest, assisted by W. E. Lane, acting deputy grand high priest, installed the officers of Crater Lake chapter, No. 32, R. A. M., Tuesday evening, December 21, as follows: J. R. Woodford, H. P.; Thos. Moffat, king; F. J. Newman, scribe; A. N. Hildebrand, secretary; J. A. Perry, treasurer; E. J. Fouts, P. S.; Treve Lamsden, R. A. C.; John R. Rolston, M third V.; John F. Lawrence, M first V.; W. E. Lane, guard.

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