

IMMENSE SUPPLY OF APPLES STILL IN COLD STORAGE

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3.—The condition of the apple market is a matter of grave concern to both growers and dealers all over the country. The report of cold storage holdings of apples on April 1, recently issued by the United States department of agriculture, gives some figures which probably will cause all dealers interested in the crop to speed up the movement of this fruit in a most vigorous way. This report, which was compiled in the office of markets and rural organization, shows that on the first of the present month there were approximately 44 per cent more apples in cold storage than at the same date one year ago, and the season of 1914-15 was one of unusually heavy production. Figures from 127 storages indicate that nearly 33 per cent of the apples which were placed in cold storage by December 1, 1915, were still there on April 1 waiting to be consumed.

Hope for Late Spring.

Hope that this will be a backward spring is general among apple dealers, for as long as cold days continue a free movement of the fruit is more certain. However, let warm weather come to stay and, judging by experience of the past, apple sales are very likely to decrease rapidly.

Doubtless there are several reasons for the present condition. The fact that the past season's commercial crop was considerably smaller than that of a year ago led to expectation on the part of growers and dealers alike, last fall, that the prospective market would be much stronger than has actually proven the case. As a result, much stock changed hands at values in excess of those which marketing conditions since show were warranted. This caused higher opening prices than in 1914 and naturally slowed up the movement.

Sales Not Pushed.

Neither growers nor dealers who held the fruit seasonally inclined to push sales with the vigor that was displayed the previous year, when they had an enormous crop to market, and the result was that large quantities of apples were put into cold storage with the hope that the summer and spring markets would strengthen sufficiently to allow a margin of profit. In spite of the fact that last fall's commercial crop was estimated around ten million barrels short of the previous one, the amount placed in cold storage exceeded that stored in 1914 by about 13.5 per cent.

A second explanation is found in the fact that exports of apples from the ports of the United States alone up to March 1, 1916, were 669,000 barrels less than for a similar period last season, and April exports are expected to show a much larger difference. Had the normal export trade in apples prevailed, the amount of stock on hand in this country would be considerably smaller.

FIRE DESTROYS BRACKINREED HOME

Fire at 2:15 this morning destroyed the pretty cottage home of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Brackinreed on Dakota avenue. Loss of home and contents is total, covered by insurance of \$1000.

Cause of the fire is unknown. Mr. Brackin, a neighbor, discovered the flames and sent in the alarm. The department responded very promptly, making a quick run to the scene as the trouble, but everything was as dry as tinder and such progress had been made in extinguishing the fire in times that nothing could be saved.

Mr. and Mrs. Brackinreed were awakened by the fire whistle and Mr. Brackin. They barely had time to get up with a part of their apparel.

Carl V. Terzawa, representing the Alliance Insurance company, and the McCarty agency, representing the California Insurance company, carried the policies of the property.

At 3:15 this morning another alarm called the department to 25 North Beach street, where a coal oil stove had exploded. No damage was done, however.

GRIZZLIES

The regular monthly meeting of the Grizzlies will be held at the public library Thursday evening, May 4th, at 8:30.

A large attendance is hoped for the welfare of the club rests largely upon the enthusiasm shown at these meetings. Grizzlies are urged to make a special effort to attend.

Why Smoke Ten Cigars When 14 Hondas are Only 10c.

AT STAR THEATER TODAY



William Clifford, Star in "The Heart of Tara," Hensley-Mutual Masterpicture, De Luxe Edition.

"The Heart of Tara," Mutual masterpiece, De Luxe edition, now showing at the Star theater, is one of the most interesting pictures of life in India ever seen. It is the story of the stolen love of the harem favorite and the rajah's revenge twenty years later.

Margaret Gibson, the Hensley Mutual star, and William J. Clifford are both seen in excellent costume, the former as the young English girl, the daughter of Captain Delmar, which role is fittingly essayed.

OPP MINE TAILINGS TO BE WORKED OVER

Spokane parties have leased the tailings of the Opp mine, near Jacksonville, and will at once install the new oil flotation process to save the gold. The gold found in the Opp mine is very fine. By the flotation process it is said that 90 per cent of it can be recovered, an amount about 50 per cent in any other process. This process is being adopted extensively in the large properties of other districts.

New machinery will be installed in the Opp mine, increasing the output of 25 or 30 tons a day to 240 or 250 tons a day. It is understood that this machinery and other equipment are on the way to the mine now. Mr. Ingers, a mining man of Spokane, is here attending to preliminary arrangements for the installation of the new process.

WOODROW WILSON CLUB AT TALENT

An enthusiastic assemblage of Woodrow Wilson admirers greeted the organizers of a Woodrow Wilson club at Talent last night. About forty men and women were present. The organization was quickly formed. Porter J. Van derburg, the principal address, followed by Newton W. Ingers, officers were elected as follows: J. H. Fuller, president; Dr. J. P. Hart, secretary; J. Taylor, vice president; Louis Brown, treasurer.

Services will be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The club proposes to be one of the most active in the county.

MOTHERS CONGRESS CLOSES TWO DAYS INTERESTING SESSION

The Southern Oregon Conference of Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teachers association closed with a musical program given by Miss Theiss, Miss Hamilton and Mrs. Nana Seely. Talks which hold the interest of all were given by Mrs. Felts of Portland, and Miss Helen Brooks of O. A. C.

The morning program was devoted to a discussion of the work of the bureau of child welfare. Possibly it is not generally known that the Portland bureau is the only one in the United States, and therefore Medford's will be the second. Mrs. McMath laid emphasis on the idea that the Medford bureau should represent southern Oregon and that the whole district should take pride in it and support it. It is the only institution in this country for the education of parents.

The afternoon meeting was given over to reports from the circles and after Mrs. Brooks' talk on "The Parent and Teacher," discussion on various problems of both.

Through all the talks and discussion the central theme seemed to be: What can be done to help our children get an intelligent education? Is the education they are getting leading to ultimate happiness and usefulness? It is not so much proficiency in the finished product that counts (for practice makes perfect) but originality of ideas.

The mothers of Medford are to be congratulated that such a splendid opportunity was given them to meet women who are taking an active part in constructive educational work. It is a privilege and inspiration that should be appreciated.

The Congress of Mothers and the Parent-Teachers' associations of Medford wish to express their sense of obligation to Mrs. McMath, state president; Mrs. Felts, head of the extension work, both of Portland, and Mrs. Brooks, head of the domestic art department, at Corvallis, for the inspiration which has come to the local associations from their reports on the national and state work.

The local associations wish also to thank Miss Marjorie Towne, Professor J. Paris Wells and those who reported on the outside circles.

Medford has every reason to feel proud of its musical talent. The Medford circles feel very grateful to the following musicians who so graciously assisted in making the program attractive: Mrs. Greshy, Mrs. E. E. Ginn, Belle Isabel Robinson, Ruth Campbell, Nana Seely, Mrs. Van Seeger, Mrs. Nell, Mrs. Daddysman, Miss Gillette-Durfee, Professor Root, Miss Gladys Homan, Miss L. H. Bond, Miss Emma Hamilton, Miss Gertrude Thiesse and Mrs. George Andrews.

The circle wishes to thank Miss Grace Mitchell of the domestic science department of the high school, and her assistants for the delicious three-course luncheon so delightfully served on Thursday at 1 o'clock to the officers of the circles and dignitaries.

Medford Boosters Smoke

The Medford and M. P. H. Cigars Club of local boosters is transacting business in Medford today.



You Must Have Wash Dresses for the Warm Weather Wear

It will only be a matter of a few days, if you haven't already made every preparation, for your lighter weight dresses. We've just received a lot of medium weight dresses for immediate wear, of the later "sport dress" type, many of which come in the wide stripes and combinations of different colors.

SILK DRESSES

Of course you will want at least one of these better dresses for afternoon or for semi-dress occasions. They come in the more popular blues, gray, old rose, black and fawn.

WASH SKIRTS

This season almost demands an ample supply of wash skirts, which come in pique, Oxfords and Palm Beach cloth; also gofine in coral, delft blue and white.

KAYSER KNIT UNDERWEAR IN GOOD QUALITY LISLE AND SILK

We know of no better underwear than this well-known make, which is shown this season in both flesh and white, in separate garments or union suits.

- Vests in sleeveless or wing sleeves—25c, 35c, 50c.
- Union Suits, tight or loose knee, 50c, 75c, \$1.00.
- Envelope Chemise, in white or flesh, 60c, 75c, \$1.00.
- Silk and Lisle Combinations, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per suit.



Store Editorial

Two of the most vital points which effects merchandise today is the dye situation and the constantly increasing prices. The causes for these conditions the American people have no choosing in the matter. We alone have to pay the increased prices, whatever they may be, or take our chances on materials as they come to us—regarding the coloring—and this is not yet the end, for we scarcely open a letter that does not bear the evidence of increasing prices of materials—some have increased 10 per cent, others 50 and 100 per cent.

24 IN. PONGEE

As low in price as many cotton fabrics is this genuine Imported Pongee, 24 inches wide. 48c

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Well-made Blouses, in such colors as blues, fawn and white with soft collars to match. 50c

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Nothing nicer for summer dresses and not expensive are these sheer lawns and voiles, large patterns, stripes and dots. 12c, 15c, 25c

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LADIES' HOME JOURNAL PATTERNS

The MAY CO.

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In seeking your vote at the primaries, he says: "If I am elected sheriff, I will select subordinates solely with a view to their fitness for their respective positions. They will be required to perform the duties imposed upon them BY LAW to the satisfaction of their employers—The Public. YOU, and not myself, will be their real bosses. I SHALL NOT CONSIDER ELECTION TO OFFICE A PUBLIC GRANT OF A PERMANENT JOB."



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