

PRICES RECEIVED FOR FRUIT DURING THE PAST SEASON

Weekly Letter of Rogue River Fruit and Produce Association—Pears Commanded Good Price—New-Towns Realized Average Prices, Some Better.

There are two items of information this week which we think will be of interest to the fruit growers.

First, our tonnage during the season of 1915-1916. We handled during the past season 96 cars of pears and 56 cars of apples, a total of 152 cars. Of this total all fruit has been sold and accounted for with the exception of 11 cars of Newtown apples, which we succeeded in getting abroad late in the season, and on which we expect accountings shortly at extremely favorable prices. We are advised that one of these cars has been sold at prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$1.90 f. o. b. Medford.

Our averages on all varieties of pears were extremely good and included some high record prices for the valley. The same is true of our apples, our best single sale being one of five cars of extra fancy Newtowns at \$1.65 a box f. o. b. Medford. Over 50 per cent of our total apple tonnage in the past year has been sold directly by the association and in cases at satisfactory prices.

The second item of information which we think should be of great interest to the grower is the record the association has made in the operation of its cold storage plant in the past season. We held Newtown apples here in Medford, some of them for a period longer than three months, and our thermometer records, which are on file in our office, show that the temperature under which this fruit was held ran from 21 to 26 degrees at no time higher, and at no time lower. The value of this service is too apt to be underestimated. Conditions arise in any marketing season where a certain percentage of your fruit must be held for later markets. General experience as well as our particular experience in our own operations this past season shows conclusively that fruit can be successfully held here under temperatures like the above for a long period and delivered in good condition, either at the Atlantic seaboard or in England. We have the statement of a large New York fruit buyer who purchased in New York at good prices very late in the season, one of our cars of extra fancy Newtowns which had been kept here in Medford for nearly three months under the temperatures stated above. This gentleman informs us that the fruit was in perfect condition and that the grading and packing and general quality of the car were equal to any car of Newtowns that he had seen in New York this past season.

We are now installing certain repairs and improvements in our cold storage plant which will result in even better efficiency and will enable us to successfully precede Bartlett pears under the most severe temperatures of August, and we expect this coming season to have a carload of five cars a day of identically preserved fruit. This will be done at a minimum expense and will undoubtedly result in deliveries of our fruit in so much better condition as to command substantially higher prices.

ROGUE RIVER FRUIT & PRODUCE ASSOCIATION, R. V. BUCKWOLD, Member, May 29, 1916

TALENT VOTES IN FAVOR OF IRRIGATION PROJECT

In the overwhelming vote of 165 to 13 the property owners of Talent voted in favor of financing an irrigation district at center of the district. Elmer Benson was elected treasurer and the following board of directors was chosen: A. Manning, Ed Robinson and J. W. Miller.

It is estimated there are 15,000 acres under cultivation in the irrigation district that formed while there is water available on 20,000 acres. The board elected yesterday will now proceed to investigate the water sources and when they have decided upon the best system, they will secure the approval of the government engineers and the irrigation board before the final proposition is again submitted to the people.

The vote recorded reserves all funds up to the final survey of the Talent irrigation district, and the board will investigate the water source and when they have decided upon the best system, they will secure the approval of the government engineers and the irrigation board before the final proposition is again submitted to the people.

MAKE HEADWAY FOR DEVELOPMENT BY VOTING BONDS

There should be no dissenting vote to the three hundred thousand dollar bond issue which is asked for by the enterprising citizens of Medford.

It should be so unanimous that the people from elsewhere will again see that the Medford spirit has only been dormant and has again revived. The sum to be voted considering what it will mean to our city is a mere bagatelle. I claim that if the city should lose every cent of the three hundred thousand dollars which under the stipulation with Mr. Bullis or his successor is hardly possible, that the city would be the gainer in the end.

Many instances of localities especially near mining districts which were but struggling villages became cities of importance on the advent of proper transportation to such districts. For example, Lignite the state of Montana and its wonderful growth. Arriving there, in the year 1879, when that state was wild and woolly, at that time its population, including the Indians on the several reservations, was 40,000; then the nearest railroad from Salt Lake City, the narrow gauge Utah Northern, had its terminus at Blackfoot City, Idaho, the Northern Pacific railroad had its terminus at Bismark, Dakota, all transportation to the interior of that state was done by stage lines and the hauling by ox and mule power.

In the year 1882, Sept. 8, the formal opening of the Northern Pacific railroad was celebrated by the Golden Spike driving at Independence Creek, Montana, when both links from Portland, Oregon, and St. Paul, Minnesota, were connected. At that time the population of that state was estimated at 51,000; today Montana has three trans-continental railroads with 16 branches and many short line railroads and boasts a population of over 600,000, of which at least 70 percent is due to its enterprising citizens in boosting for transportation. These railroads brought about many enterprises, power plants, immense smelters in many of their cities, large increase in agricultural pursuits, government projects, flour and saw mills, logging enterprises, etc., and today she is one of the most prosperous states in the union, all due to transportation facilities.

All good things are crown in south, Oregon and the opening of the mines near our southern border of the rich state of California will place Oregon in the same category that the young state of Montana has reached.

I say that if we should lose every cent of the sum which we are to vote for, the city would be the gainer. I predict that in not later than sixty days, if the amendment is carried and the work begun, that there will be an influx of one thousand or more new people in and around our city, many will be prospectors and miners, everyone of them will need his pick and shovel, gold pan and horn, he will need bacon and flour, clothing and blankets, pack horses, tents, camp stoves, and what not, all of these articles will be purchased from our merchants, every mechanic and laborer now working for lesser wage and one half those will double his income, which most and will be the result. Every taxpayer will be benefited. Already a daily stage line to the Blue Lakes and beyond is in contemplation. Properties in the city have enhanced in value, many contemplated home, farm and business sales have been withdrawn, awaiting the decision of the people of Medford on Tuesday, May 23.

As a road booster my slogan is "Let's get Out of the Mud." I see now in relation to this come back, "Let's get Out of the Mud," all pull together and put southern Oregon on the map, thereby help the whole state which in its estimation has greater resources than many other states in the coast.

W. H. BOON, Secretary, Tri-State Road Roaders Assn., May 20, 1916.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The top Bishop Yehoshua in review of the Boston city public utility was ordered to vote a ratification to the Kentucky, which has been secured by the recent victory of New York City, Brooklyn and Jersey City the summer session.

INDUSTRIAL CLUB PRIZE WINNERS GET O. A. C. COURSE

Arrangements have just been completed by J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction, for sending the boys and girls who won the capital prizes in the industrial club work at the state fair last fall, to the Oregon Agricultural college for the Boys' and Girls' Summer school. Twenty-one children were successful in winning these prizes at the state fair last September. The capital prizes consist of membership in the short course at the Agricultural college with all expenses paid. It represents the highest award in each project offered in the industrial department at the state fair last year. The prizes are made possible through contributions made to Superintendent Churchill for the furtherance of this work by public-spirited men and women of the state. Those who received these rewards are: Leland Charley of Brownsboro, Esther Miller, Medford; Claus Charley, Brownsboro; Gertrude Courtney, La Grande; Earl Stewart, Cottage Grove; Homer Bursell, Monmouth; Hazel Bursell, Monmouth; Clifford Cook, Vernalis; Carmen Jones, Pendleton; Warren McGowan, Independence; Harold Reynolds, Independence; Earl Cooley, Salem; L. M. Bowles, Dallas; Rudolph Mullenhoff, Boring; Toddy Jones, Carlton; Esie Morgan, The Dalles; Florence Whorton, Roseburg; Marion Lewis, Nyssa; Mae McDonald, Dallas; Mariel Blume, Albany; Paul Jaeger, Sherwood.

Increasing Interest.

The boys' and girls' club work, which is carried on co-operatively with the state department of education, the extension service of the Oregon Agricultural college and the U. S. bureau of agriculture, is increasing in interest to such an extent that clubs are being formed in every section of Oregon. Since the first of the year Superintendent Churchill has had two field workers, N. C. Morris and L. E. Harrington, continuously engaged in forming clubs throughout the state. The work of the Agricultural college in sending to the members of these clubs bulletins on how to select seed, care for the growing crop, and also bulletins on canning, sewing, etc., has made a wonderful advancement in the standard of the work done by the school children of Oregon. The example of Claus Charley of Jackson county shows what a wholesome influence one boy may have in this work. At the state fair in 1914 he won the state prize on his corn. The next year, through the efforts of the county school superintendent and one of the Medford banks, fifty boys of Jackson county were supplied with seed corn selected from Claus Charley's prize-winning corn. Each of these fifty boys raised from one eighth to one fourth of an acre of corn, the amount which each boy planted being determined by the size of the boy. The exhibits of corn coming from these boys to the state fair in 1915 were said by the judges to exceed in quality 100 per cent the corn exhibit of 1914. Similar incidents can be told of many other boys throughout the state, and of many girls enrolled in the sewing and the sewing clubs.

"As a result of this work," says Superintendent Churchill, "we can feel certain that in the next generation there will be a group of expert farmers and home-keepers serving the community of Oregon."

HUGHES G. O. P. CHOICE

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A. J. Carroll pulled the largest vote with W. C. North second. The other three electors apparently elected are P. B. Butler, W. P. Ready and J. P. Wilson.

The Democratic presidential electors who were elected without opposition also Oliver P. Cashin, Bert E. Hanez, Porter J. Neff, Daniel W. Stoddard and John H. Stevenson. The progressive electors will be Emmett Callahan, Tom P. Campbell, Malcolm D. Clark, P. B. Jewett and Arthur I. Moulton.

The Democrats renominated Frank A. Moore and George H. Bennett as members of the supreme court and J. B. Miles as state attorney and food commissioner. Some of the three were supposed to run or support their party and their renomination is equivalent to election.

GRADUATES GIVEN DIPLOMAS AMIDST WEALTH OF ROSES

Mid banks of roses of every hue, and surrounded by relatives and friends, forty-nine graduates of the local high school received their diplomas last night. Much credit is due the junior class for its elaborate and effective decorations. The class of 1916 was perhaps greeted by one of the large audiences within the history of its graduation exercises in this county.

The chief address was given by Professor Edmund S. Conklin, of the University of Oregon. The subject of his address was "The School and the School Demand." Professor Conklin's address was considerably different from the ordinary stereotyped affair.

From the first word uttered, to the final sentence, he held his audience spell-bound. He emphasized the great responsibility the school was assuming and urged hearty co-operation from all sources.

Cut Out Fads and Frills.

His plea to leave fads and frills alone, but to fit the boy and girl for complete living, was heartily appreciated. Analysis of subject matter in the high school was a sheer waste of time and should be left to higher institutions of learning.

The many appreciations from those who heard the lecture would indicate that Professor Conklin has demonstrated his ability as an efficient speaker.

Mrs. E. E. Gore, member of the board of education, presented the diplomas, addressing a few appropriate words to the class.

The salutatory, "Our Debt," was given by George Henselman, while the valedictory, "Its Payment," was given by Hugo Lundberg.

Superintendent Hills introduced Professor Conklin and Mrs. Gore with a few well chosen remarks.

Preparing Final Reports.

Monday will be spent by the teachers in making out final reports and entering the credits on the grade cards. Tuesday morning the grade pupils will return to their respective school buildings and receive their cards and general standing for the year. This will then conclude the work for the year.

At 3 o'clock Professor Henri Deschamps, an eminent anthropologist of Paris, will give a lecture to teachers of the public schools and to the pupils in general. The professor will lecture on "Outward Manifestations of Character." It should appeal to men and women in all walks of life. The lecture is free.

MEDFORD CHORAL SOCIETY TO GIVE CONCERT MAY 29

The Medford Choral society is to make its bow to the public of the Rogue river valley on Monday evening, May 29, in a grand concert to be given on that date in the Page theater. This event will be of more than ordinary importance, as it will mark the first organized effort along choral lines to develop the musical talent of southern Oregon.

This society has a short but interesting history, having been organized only a little over three months. It already has the earmarks of stability and permanence. It was not organized into being, it came into being and was organized when there was no help for it, which fact is the best guarantee that it has come to stay.

Weekly rehearsals have been held recently in the Presbyterian church, and the interest manifested and the number present from week to week has been a continued augury of success. The work covered in recent rehearsals has been Gounod's Mass St. Cecilia, in Latin, and a variety of choruses of high musical and classical merit, which, together with a miscellaneous program, will constitute the forthcoming concert debut. The chorus numbers close on seventy members, and following the concert is likely to be considerably augmented.

Almost without exception the members have received vocal training and many have studied for years and have been identified with similar organizations, so that the society may be fairly entitled to rank high as a musical aggregation and should for years to come be an asset in the social and educational life of the community. It is expected that the public support in the forthcoming concert will prove that Rogue river valley appreciates the value in the life of the community of such an organized society and endorses to the full the effort so made to raise the tone of community life and to provide a means for the discovery and development of musical ability. The aim of the society includes the formation of a musical library, which will be available to all students of music and which ought to be a valuable addition to the facilities provided in the community for educational advancement.

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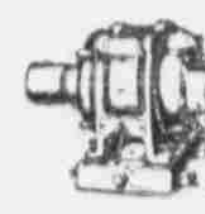
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