

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR MARKETING FRUIT, F. O. B. SALES

Weekly Letter of Fruit & Produce Association Concerning Orchard News—Value of Irrigation Demonstrated by Hot Spell—Many Inquiries for Fruit.

Our news of interest this week is meagre. We are watching carefully our own crop conditions and keeping as close touch as possible with conditions in other districts. News received this morning from a reliable source, is to the effect that the California Bartlett crop will be about 60 per cent of normal, with bad frost damage and some scab.

The latest reports from the East are for large crops, although it is admitted that the season is not as yet far enough advanced to make these predictions very reliable. Our own crops are, up to the present, in good condition, the fruit well-sized and growing, with very little scab visible.

The weather for the past week has been very trying, from the standpoint of a proper steady growth of the fruit and a continuation of it for any substantial length of time will, we believe, result in quite serious drought damage, in some districts. On the other hand, we must remember that a comparative large acreage of the heaviest producing orchards have been, for a month past, and are now, being irrigated thoroughly and intelligently.

The conviction becomes stronger every day that this district must have irrigation. Let any one who doubts this, talk today to any of the orchardists who have been irrigating the past week—or better still, let him examine carefully those orchards and then go to some of the hillside orchards which have no water and give you his honest opinion on the subject.

Our efforts to stimulate the marketing of our fruit on an f. o. b. Medford basis, are meeting with surprisingly satisfactory results. In practically every mail we receive one or more letters from reliable car lot buyers, who have bought of us at some time or other in the past six seasons, who know our goods, and want more of them this year.

There should be no difficulty this season in disposing of a large tonnage of both pears and apples on an f. o. b. basis. Only yesterday an inquiry came from one of the best concerns in the business for from three to five carloads of Jonathans. This inquiry was from a market, where, to the writer's knowledge, we have never before placed a car load of Jonathans.

These inquiries do not all come from one or two localities. They come from all over the United States and Canada, and some from Europe. We can and will fill these orders satisfactorily. The result will be a vastly broader distribution of our fruit and a consequent advertising of our brand, our grade and our pack in the best possible manner and at a minimum of expense.

FIRE DESTROYS SHED AND GARAGE

Friday afternoon the fire department was called out by a fire that destroyed a woodshed, a garage and damaged the rear of the house occupied by C. Troutfeather on South Laurel near Main. The house is owned by Colonel Young, who lives in California. This is covered by insurance, the damage being between \$500 and \$600.

The damage to the household goods, belonging to Mr. Troutfeather and on which no insurance was carried, will not exceed \$200.

Mrs. Troutfeather was sewing in the house when her little son, who had been playing in the rear of the house, ran in crying that the garage was on fire. By that time the woodshed had also caught on fire and the two buildings were a mass of flames. An alarm was turned in and by the time the department could answer the back porch and kitchen were a sheet of flames. Two streams of water were turned on and the fire was quickly checked. It looked impossible to save the house, but only the porch and kitchen were damaged.

Neighbors carried the furniture out and little was lost in the house, but in the garage several trunks of clothing and furs were stored and these were damaged or lost.

The origin of the fire is still unknown. Several children were playing around there and the theory is given that one of them may have been playing with matches and started the blaze.

CAPTAIN L. M. NOPANDE? AND STEAMER BEAR, WRECKED NEAR CAPE MENDOCINO IN FDG



COUNCIL TO ACT BLUE LEDGE ROAD CONTRACT TUESDAY

Tuesday night the contract between the city and the Southern Oregon Traction Co., whereby the city bonds itself for \$300,000 to construct a railroad in the Blue Ledge, will be presented by S. S. Bullis for ratification by the council.

S. S. Bullis in the contract agrees to a time limit, the kind of rails to be used and guarantees the purchase of the bonds at par. He is to eventually purchase the railroad from the city.

Late this week Mr. Bullis received notice that rails could be furnished him so that he could bind himself to a time limit. This has caused the slight delay.

Friday evening the county court met with the city council to discuss a plan whereby the county would construct a highway to the Blue Ledge on railroad grade and then grant a fifty-year franchise to Bullis for its use as a roadbed for the railroad. The plan was declared unfeasible.

The county court could do nothing for it until the December budget is made up. This would bring a delay that would prove costly.

ALLIES DEMANDS ON GREECE GROW

Athens, June 17.—The demands of the entente allies on Greece, it was learned here today, are being considerably strengthened, and extended as a result of the anti-entente demonstration which broke out in Athens last Monday.

The demands were ready for presentation to the Greek government, when the disorders occurred, but the note probably will not be delivered until next week. Meanwhile the entente blockade against Greek ports is continuing in full force.

PENSION STOPPED BECAUSE OF NAMESAKE

James W. Gilmore of Marjdy, Josephine county, Oregon, a civil war pensioner, had the misfortune a few days ago to become confused with another J. W. Gilmore, who served in the confederate army during the war. The pension bureau stopped his pension and began an investigation.

Congressman Hawley became interested in his case and some time ago presented evidence to prove that the Oregon man was not the ex-confederate. The two Gilmores, it appears, served in the opposing armies in the same section of Missouri, and the confederate Gilmore quit the army of the gray shortly before the Oregon Gilmore entered the service of the blue in 1863. This was what caused suspicion to attach.

An investigator of the pension bureau has now reported, exonerating the Oregon man from the charge of disloyalty and it is expected that the board of review will in a few days order his name restored to the roll, with back pay from the time his pension was stopped.

ROUND UP STAR TO GIVE EXHIBITION AT RACE MATINEE

Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock there will be a fast program at the racing matinee at the fair grounds. There will be a matched race between Wade Hampton, owned by Jimmy Bowers of Ashland, and Bessie Mills, owned by Dick Tarpin of this city. The race will be at catch weights for a side bet of \$250. Wade Hampton has broken the record for the three-eighths and one-half mile dashes. He has never been beaten in a quarter-mile race.

Bessie Mills has been uncovering a great deal of speed the past few months and the local enthusiasts believe she will lower the colors of the famous Wade Hampton.

As an added attraction, Buffalo Vernon, the world's champion bulldogger, will give an exhibition at the racecourse. Vernon is the star attraction at the Pendleton round-up and will appear at the Rogue river roundup held at Ashland.

There will be a number of other running races. That between Reno Girl, owned by Cranch of Ashland, and Mighty, owned by J. Arent of Klamath Falls, is causing considerable talk.

JOE BAR MINE SOLD FOR \$7000

The famous Joe Bar mine at Copper, Cal., was sold to G. P. Stiles of Long Beach, Cal., yesterday for \$7000. The property belonged to Mrs. Martha A. Jones and to David H. Harrell, who died yesterday at the Nash.

It is planned to build a hotel there, if the Bullis railroad is constructed, and a townsite be surveyed.

The mine has been in litigation for three years, but the ownership was definitely decided upon last night when Mrs. Jones filed on it as a homestead.

The mine is situated three miles from the Blue Ledge and is considered a very good claim.

WANT DR. PICKEL ON SCHOOL BOARD

The annual school election will be held Monday, June 19, for the selection of a new school director to replace J. W. Lawton, whose term expires. Friends have named Dr. E. B. Pickel as a candidate and are boosting hard for him. Dr. Pickel, when approached, said that he would be glad to serve and would do all in his power to help the district. He is receiving the backing of many of the prominent citizens. The election will also provide for a vote on the issue of \$8000 worth of bonds to repair the old Washington school building, construct four additional rooms and to build sanitary toilets. There will be some repairs to other buildings out of the same fund.

BIG FOREST FIRE RAGING AT SISSON UNDER CONTROL

The pall of smoke hanging over the valley is due to forest fires. A fire has been raging in the Evans creek section for some days. Several other blazes are reported in Josephine county. The largest fire is raging at Sisson, Cal., where 250 men and a Southern Pacific fire train had under control at 10 o'clock today a forest fire they had fought near there since 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Eighty-five line-supporting poles of the California-Oregon Power company over a burned strip three miles long were destroyed, throwing the towns of Dunsmuir and Castella into complete darkness last night.

The fire started in a canyon between the state highway and the railroad near Sisson. It devastated an area three miles long and a mile wide, destroying a second growth of forest trees. The Southern Pacific fire train saved the big trestle in the path of the flames and aided in preventing further destruction of the tower company's poles.

A large box factory south of Sisson was saved by back-firing.

MEDFOOD BAND PLAYS AT ASHLAND

The Medford band has accepted the terms offered by the Ashland celebration directors to appear in that city for the Fourth of July dedication ceremonies. An engagement was offered also by Yreka, but our neighbor city was given the preference. On Friday evening when the Medford band commenced the concert at 8 o'clock practically every available seat in the park was taken. The crowd in attendance, by far the largest of the season, contented itself by spitting on the grass.

The band's playing was splendid, and Bandmaster Rowland deserves praise for the rapid advancement of the organization in making under his careful tuition, the selection of Irish songs was much enjoyed by the audience. Other favorites were the "Waltz Flame," "Melody of Love" and the new song hit, "Sweet Older Times."

It seems a pity that the performance of our popular band should be marred by the interruption of playing children. The children's ignorance should be no excuse for their sponsors who generally are in close proximity.

The members of the band are grateful to a thoughtful citizen who generously provided the band with refreshments during Friday evening's concert.

CHILD KILLED BY TRAIN AT ASHLAND

ASHLAND, June 17.—Jimmy West, the two-year-old son of Mrs. Ethel West, was run down and killed by a fast stock train, northbound, on the Southern Pacific, leaving the yards at 9:35 o'clock this morning. The boy wandered on to the Laurel street crossing and caught his foot

CHILDREN'S DAY EXERCISES PROVE MOST INTERESTING

Children's day exercises at the Baptist church Sunday evening were unusually interesting and a large, enthusiastic audience was present. The program follows:

Instrumental music, Miss Olive Johnson; Doxology, school, standing; responsive reading, two assistant superintendents; greetings, superintendent; prayer, pastor.

Song, "Come With Gladness," school; welcome, Ruth Hale; song, infant class; reading, Alta Garnett; song, Fern Edwards; children's day song, primary; reading, William Carman; song, Ruth Hale; reading, Velma Meadows; reading, Alvera Barber; reading, Dannie Hale; song, Frances Loder; song, Ruth Berket; reading, Jay Manning; reading, Ruth

Loder; song, "America," primary boys; reading, Arthur McDougall; duet, Fidelus Moran and Lillian Carstens; reading, Eva Allen; reading, Ruth Smith; duet, Lillian Carstens and Frances Medley; reading, Russell Evans; solo, Marietta Jackson; "Guiding Star," five girls; song, "The Trumpet Call," school; reading, Moore Stewart.

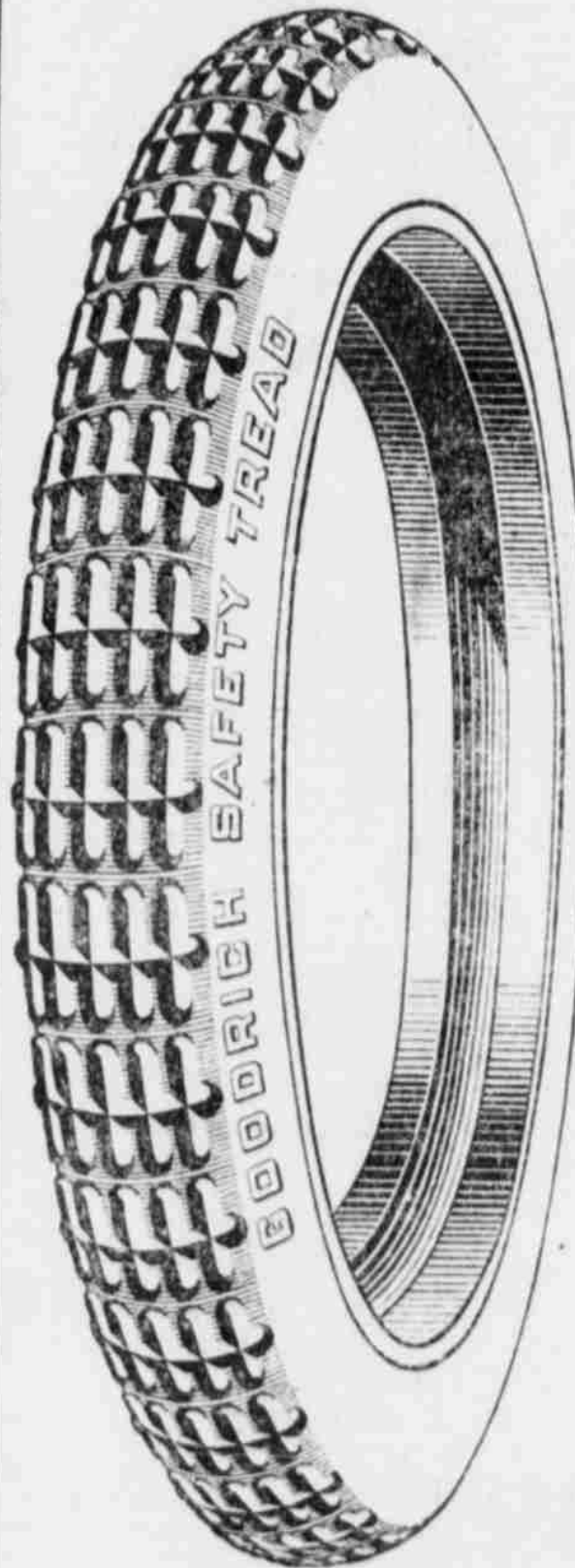
Remarks by pastor. "Heralds of the Cross," emblematic piece by Faithful Band class. Adoration, Fidelus Moran; Pardon, Virginia McCreight; Love, Grace Kincheloe; Truth, Octavia Childs; Hope, Ethel Troutfeather; Inspiration, Wilma Harrison; Praise, Lura Forns; Service, Wanita Carstens. "Echo Song," Sunday school choir.

Song in closing, school. Benediction.



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