

CROP ESTIMATES OF NORTHWESTERN FRUIT DISTRICTS

Weekly Market Letter of Rogue River Fruit & Produce Association Gives Estimated Yields for Wenatchee, Hood River and Watsonville-Suisun Shipping Bartlett's.

We have before us the estimate of the apple and pear crop for the Wenatchee district, made up by the district inspector in great detail and apparently with great care. This estimate shows 7310 cars of apples and 380 cars of pears for the 1916 crop. The largest tonnage will be in Winesap, with Jonathans second and Spitzenbergs third. Only 2 per cent of the total apple crop is given as Yellow Newtowns. This would mean approximately 150 cars of Newtowns out of the Wenatchee district. The latest information from Hood River is that they will have a relatively large tonnage of Newtown apples. This might easily run to 500 or 600 cars. Advices from the Watsonville district, which come from a very reliable source, place their estimated tonnage at 1800 cars, and it is claimed that the crop is one of the cleanest and best they have ever had.

Rogue River should turn out from 250 to 300 cars of Newtowns this season, unless all signs fail.

The latest advice from the California pear districts is that San Jose will not have over 50 per cent of a crop of the fall and winter varieties of pears, and this statement expressly excepts Winter Nelis, which are represented as being only one-third of last year's crop—in other words, approximately thirty-five cars. The Bartlett situation, according to the same advices, is clearing up very satisfactorily for this district. On July 4 the so-called river district of California shipped out seventy cars of fruit, quite a proportion of which were Bartlett pears, and it is stated that in view of the size of this year's crop this shipment of seventy cars in all probability will prove to be the crest of the season. It is further stated that the Suisun district is now commencing to ship their Bartlett's and that they expected to ship twenty-five cars on July 6. If these statements are correct it would mean that in all probability the California Bartlett's would be pretty well cleaned up and out of the way by the time Rogue River Bartlett's are ready to roll. The sales of Bartlett's at auction in the eastern market, which are now beginning to be made in more or less substantial quantities, show, up to date, exceedingly good prices. A considerable number of half-box Bartlett's are represented as being sold in New York at prices ranging from \$1.80 to \$2 per half box, and the full box Bartlett's are running at prices ranging from \$3 to \$4, delivered. There is every indication, therefore, that our Bartlett crop this season should bring extremely good prices on the fresh fruit market. We are having almost daily inquiries from our various old-time customers for quotations on Bartlett pears in carload lots on an f. o. b. Medford basis, and we expect to sell in this manner a large proportion of our total tonnage.

ROGUE RIVER FRUIT & PRODUCE ASSOCIATION. By S. V. Beckwith, manager.

COLOMBIA TREATY VIRTUALLY ABANDONED

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Hope of ratifying the long-pending Colombian treaty at this session of congress virtually was abandoned today by administration leaders in the senate. Chairman Stone said after a session of the foreign relations committee that it would be impossible under any circumstances to get the necessary two-thirds vote. President Wilson has been very anxious to see ratifications exchanged on the treaty, which would pay Colombia \$15,000,000 for the partition of Panama.

SLAVS DRIVE GERMANS BACK

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German Statement.

BERLIN, July 8, via London.—Heavy attacks by the Russians against German troops of Prince Leopold in Baranovichi region have been repulsed, with the loss of thousands in dead to the attacking forces, according to today's official war office announcement.

Russian assaults northwest of Buczacz in Galicia, also were fruitless, and in Volhynia the Germans gained advantages south of Lutsk.

MINE OWNERS NEVER REQUESTED AID TO OPERATE

To the Editor:

If the copper mines of the Blue Ledge district are all that is claimed for them, they will receive an immense direct benefit from a railroad. Without a railroad they have lain idle for years, a continual burden and expense to their owners. With the road, it is confidently claimed they will immediately prove to be bonanzas. Certain it is that the road cannot possibly be worth anything to the city as an indirect beneficiary, unless it is first worth a very great deal to the mine owners as direct beneficiaries.

Yet it is proposed that the city, already staggering under a heavy load of debt, should expend \$300,000 for the road without anyone else spending a penny. This is not only unfair, but it also suggests a doubt as to whether, after all, these mines are so wonderful as we have been led to believe.

No Assistance Asked. If Mr. Towne, who owns the only developed property in the region, were asking the city to assist him in getting a railroad to his mine, if he were offering to pay even a small portion of the cost and were asking the city to advance \$300,000, we couldn't feel assured that Mr. Towne believed in his own property and expected to operate it at least long enough to get back the money he put in the railroad.

But what is Mr. Towne's attitude? Ten years ago he expended a large amount of money in development work; that is to say, in finding out what kind of a mine he had. Having found out, he abandoned all further operations. He has never made the slightest effort to get transportation to the property. He has manifested only the most perfunctory interest in the efforts which have been made from time to time to promote a railroad to the district. He is not now offering to advance a dollar of the cost of the road; he makes no guaranty of any definite amount of tonnage for the road. All that he has been willing to say is that if the road is built, he will operate his mine unless conditions change. We are in the midst of a great world war; as a result, the price of copper at present stands at the highest point it has reached in many years. That conditions in this respect will change with the return of peace is one of the certainties. What then, becomes of Mr. Towne's promise to operate his mine?

About Blue Ledge. What, after all, do we really know about the Blue Ledge district? No one questions that it is a very highly mineralized region or that it contains a large amount of copper ore. But this is not enough. The one important question is what will it cost per pound to produce copper from this district. If this cost is low as compared with that of other copper-producing sections, we may safely assume, that with transportation, the mines would operate; if it is high, the probabilities are that in normal times the mines would be idle. This question of cost involves such factors as cost of mining, character and quality of ore, cost of transportation of ore to smelters, smelting problems, etc. It is a question which could only be determined by careful examination and investigation by competent experts.

So far as the public is advised, no attempt has ever been made on behalf of the city to obtain such information. What would you think of a business man who would invest \$200,000 into this railroad, would be taking the same risk as if it were investigating the money in the mines themselves, for unless the mines can be successfully operated, the railroad will be worthless. All other tonnage combined would be insufficient to pay operating expenses. This is not my opinion, it is the judgment of practical transportation men who know.

Without Specifications.

What would you think of a man who turned over \$300,000 to a contractor to build him a building without plans and specifications? That is practically what this contract proposes the city of Medford shall do with respect to this railroad. True the contract says that the road must be built with rails and ties. Such a clause, however, is scarcely necessary as no one has yet discovered any way of building a railroad without rails and ties. Moreover, this contract expressly provides not only that the rails may be the very lightest in use anywhere, but also, that they may be second hand. And on the most important matters, the contract is silent.

There has been no survey, nothing is said about maximum curvature, no provision is made for ballast. The cost of the materials specified in the

contract will be about \$3,500 per mile. The remaining portion of the cost will be for items and labor and construction concerning which the specifications are practically a white paper. Again, the contract, as drawn offers Mr. Bullis a premium for building the worst possible road. For example, everyone knows that in a mountainous country, there will be several possible routes for a railroad.

Example of Business.

For example one route between two given points might be seven miles long and by reason of cuts, fills, and rock work cost \$14,000 per mile, or \$98,000 in all, while by taking a second route 10 miles long, it might be possible to avoid all heavy rock work and cuts and keep the price down to \$10,000 per mile, or \$100,000 in all. It is perfectly obvious that other things being equal or nearly equal, the shorter route is the better. Yet under this contract, the city would pay Mr. Bullis \$100,000 for building his road over the 10-mile route and only \$70,000 for building it along the seven-mile route.

Whether such a situation as this will be met in the construction of this road, I do not know; without proper surveys no one can know. That is one reason why a contract to build a railroad without a survey is even more unbusiness-like than a contract to build a building without plans.

PORTER J. NEFF.

FLYING TORPEDO AT THE PAGE TONIGHT

A conclave of eminent inventors of the nation, the workshop of a genius a den of international crooks, and a great battle between troops of this country and those of a foreign coalition, these are some of the scenes and events that make "The Flying Torpedo," at the Page tonight, one of the most thrilling productions that has ever been thrown on the screen. John Emerson, the former Frigman star, and present actor-director of the Fine Arts studio, stars as an eccentric character. As Winthrop Claverling, he is an author of detective stories who is able to "detect." He discovers a Swedish maid in an inventor's house, who is a great admirer of his novels. Bessie Love as the maid finds a clue to the men who cause the death of the inventor. Emerson uses strategy in outwitting the scoundrels who steal the flying torpedo, but if it were not for the maid and the police she brought, Emerson would have lost out. The Government rushes the manufacture of the flying missiles of destruction and they turn the tide for the United States in a desperate crisis in the year 1921.

"The Village Blacksmith," which furnishes the laughs on this bill, is simply unblushing slapstick throughout. As is customary in Keystone, the action is so rapid that there is not the slightest danger of anybody's dropping off to sleep.

TABLE ROCK TABLETS

Mr. and Mrs. John Vincent of Jacksonville visited relatives in this district the first of the week.

Miss Hattie Ponce of Central Point is helping with the housework at the Pendleton home.

The crop of early hay in this district has been finished up and the gutting of grain hay was begun this week.

A crew of men are thinning a large crop of apples at the Table Rock orchard. With the present crew it will take several weeks to finish the work.

Grandma and Grandpa Vincent have returned to their home at this place after a several months' visit with relatives in Central Point and Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nealon visited relatives in Talent one day last week. G. P. Hall has procured a fishing license and keeps us pretty well supplied with fish—stories.

ing very good, excepting a few places where frost did serious damage.

Very few nests of game birds have been destroyed in these parts this year during the haying operations, owing to the backward season, as practically all the young birds were hatched before the cutting of hay was commenced.

Albert Morine, who committed suicide at the Sacred Heart hospital last Tuesday, was well known in this district, having resided here several years ago.

Belmont Pankey, who has been employed at the Modoc orchard for some time, left a few days ago for Hornbrook, Cal.

The Corliss family, former residents of this place, but now of Medford, passed through here Sunday in a new Dodge car.

A. L. Vincent is doing considerable road work in the Beagle district. Nearly every family in the district was represented at Ashland's celebration on the Fourth, some few feeling able to stay over for the 5th and 6th. Every one returned well pleased with the entertainment afforded them, and all agree that a city would be hard to find that is better situated to handle a crowd than Ashland is in its present shape.

Last year the Improvement association appointed a committee to handle the district exhibit at the fair, and as a result we won the first prize. So far this year nothing has been done in this line, although the season for gathering exhibits is at hand.

GOLD HILL NUGGETS

Mrs. Celia Sherman arrived Thursday morning for a month or more with her sister, Mrs. E. T. Simmons. Mrs. Sherman's home is in Portland.

D. H. Miller returned from Salem Thursday morning, whence he had gone about a week ago on business.

John B. Palmer, Gold Hill's artist-photographer was at the Rogue River round-up Thursday to get a few views.

Fletcher Stout, our genial pharmacist, has been spending the first part of the week with his relatives at Jacksonville.

Evangelist McKay of Wenatchee, Wash., is conducting services that are very interesting at the Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Porter, parents of Harry Porter of Gold Hill, are over from Medford spending the day with their son and family, before the latter leaves for their future home in Idaho. They were accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Helms.

Christian Science services are now being held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, at the Odd Fellows Hall. Sunday's subject will be "Sacrament."

Frank M. Avery, rural free delivery carrier for the Foots Creek district met with quite a serious accident Thursday. While going at a lively gait near the Jacobs ranch, in Riverside colony, the cart axle broke, scaring the horse and throwing the driver some distance. The cart and harness were so badly demolished, when the horse was caught at the Hillie ranch, as to necessitate new ones.

Mrs. C. H. Price returned Friday morning from an extended visit with her sister in Pasadena, Cal.

Miss Ina Austin came Friday to visit at the home of A. T. Lithrop south of Gold Hill.

et, land in sec. 17-39-1E. 10 W. M. Scott et ux to Julia C. Hockett, land in sec. 17-39-1E. 10 E. D. Thompson to First State Bank of Rogue River, land in sec. 10 and 14-35-4W. 10

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NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT. California-Oregon Power Company. Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the directors held on Tuesday, April 18, 1916, an assessment (No. 4), of fifty cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately to the secretary at the office of the corporation, No. 131 Leidesdorff street, San Francisco, California. Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid until Tuesday, May 23, 1916, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and, unless payment is made before, will be sold on Tuesday, June 20, 1916, at the hour of 12 M., to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the costs of advertising and expense of sale.

J. C. THOMPSON, Secretary of California-Oregon Power Co., office No. 131 Leidesdorff st., San Francisco, California.

Notice of Appointment of Executor. In the County Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Jackson.

In the matter of the estate of W. W. McDonald, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the Hon. P. L. Touvelle, County Judge, as executor of the estate of W. W. McDonald, deceased, and has duly qualified as such executor, according to law.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present them, with proper vouchers and duly verified according to law, to the undersigned at the office of the Jackson County Bank in the city of Medford, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters pertaining to said estate of W. W. McDonald, deceased.

Dated at Medford, Oregon this 8th day of July, A. D. 1916. Date of first publication July 8, 1916. C. W. McDONALD, Executor of the estate of W. W. McDonald, deceased.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale of Real Property Under Execution. S. J. Myers, plaintiff, vs. John White and Julia F. White, defendants.

By virtue of an execution and order of sale duly issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Jackson, to me directed, dated the 3rd day of July in a certain suit therein, wherein the plaintiff, S. J. Myers, on the 27th day of June 1916, recovered a judgment against the defendants, John White and Julia F. White and each of them for the sum of three hundred twenty-five (\$325) dollars with interest thereon from the 15th day of February, 1916, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum and fifty (50) dollars attorney's fee.

Public notice is hereby given that in compliance with the commands of said execution and order of sale, I will on Monday, the 7th day of August, 1916, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the front door of the court house in Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon, offer for sale and will sell, subject to redemption as by law provided, all of the right, title and interest that the defendants abovesaid have on the date of the mortgage herein foreclosed, or have acquired or now have in and to the following described real property, to-wit:

Lots four (4) and five (5) in block four (4) of George Ball's Addition to Woodville, (now Rogue River) in Jackson County, Oregon.

The above lots will be sold at said time and place in the manner provided by law for the sale of real property under execution to satisfy the judgment, costs, attorney's fee and accruing costs of this sale. Dated this 7th day of July, 1916. W. H. SINGLER, Sheriff. By E. W. Wilson, Deputy.

Summons—Suit for Divorce. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Jackson.

Lucinda Slover, Plaintiff, vs. Alonzo Slover, Defendant. To Alonzo Slover, the above named defendant:

ing between plaintiff and defendant be forever abrogated, dissolved and annulled, and that the plaintiff be awarded such other and further relief as to the court shall appear just and equitable.

This summons is published in the Medford Mail Tribune by order of the Hon. F. M. Calkins, Judge of the above entitled court, which said order was made and entered of record on the 24th day of May, 1916, and in compliance therewith, the date of the first publication hereof is the 27th day of May, 1916.

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Circuit Court. Ed Wilkinson vs. George W. Hamlin et al., affidavit for publication of summons, order for same. Bullock Mercantile Agency vs. Wm. A. Aitken, default, judgment. J. M. Roder vs. T. G. Boyd et al., answer and cross-complaint.

Real Estate Transfers. H. W. Scott to Julia C. Hockett.

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