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serve Bank, shows that the refrigera-tor car shortage has been serious: The movement of fresh deciduous fruits from California during August fruits from California during August was large, despite temporary embargoes on the shipment of perishable products, caused by railroad strike conditions. Total shipments of deciduous fruits from California during the 1922 season to September 11, amounted to 18,840 cars, as compared with 17,589 cars shipped during the 1921 season to September 11. With the exception of grapes, shipment of fruit from California has been almost completed.

A shortage of refrigerator cars, due to interrupted return movements from the east, has recently become serious. On September 15 the supply of refrigerator cars was reported to be insufficient for the need of shippers of grapes, the shortage in some sections

grapes, the shortage in some sections being as high as 75 per cent of esti-mated requirement. Unless the situa-tion improves many growers will suf-

fer serious losses. Fresh fruit prices in eastern markets Fresh fruit prices in eastern markets have been unstable during August. Generally, supplies of fruit have been large, and price levels low, except when artificial shortages have resulted from temporary transportation embargoes. Pear shipments have been large and fairly profitable, until a recent heavy movement of this fruit from Oregon and Washington, as well as California, depressed prices in eastern markets.

Trading in dried and canned fruits has been light during the past month. The general trend of prices in eastern markets has been downward, but on the Pacific Coast, prices, with few exceptions, have remained at previous

September 1, the California prune and apricot growers announced opening prices for prunes of the 1922 crop. The prices named were one-half to 12

cents per pound higher than opening prices in 1921.

After confirming advance sales, the Association advanced prices one-fourth cent per pound for all grades of pears.

The California Almond Growers Exchange named opening prices on 1922 crop almonds during the second week of September. The 1922 prices were slightly higher than the prices named

one year ago,
Shipments of citrus fruits from California during August, 1922, were
smaller than during the same month a smaller than during the same month a year ago. Eastern markets were reported to be over-supplied with oranges during the month and prices for this fruit declined. Hot weather during August created a strong demand for lemons, available supplies in eastern markets were small, and prices accordingly rose.

#### BAKER POSES IN **ONLY TOGA-TOWEL**

D. C. Baker, of Parkdale, possesses the Pacific Coast." Mr. Baker recent sent some newspaper photographs of the tega-towel costumes that have been so popular on eastern beaches the past summer to a brother-in-iaw who is manager of a large cotton mill in Oakland, Cailf. He suggested that the manufacturer was behind the times and that he should supply the west coast with this beach garment. The brother-in-law immediately had some made for his sample room and dispatched one to Mr. Baker, writing that it was the only specimen of its kind in captivity west of the Rockies.

Not to be outdone Mr. Baker packed the toga-towel to Eden Park on the northwest base of Mount Hood when he recently accompanied an explorahe recently accompanied an explora-tion party of the Oregon Nature Lov-ers' Club. Mr. Baker, standing less than a mile from permanent snowbeautiful mountain lakes, had his pic-

## Sabbath school Saturday 10 a. m. Preaching service 11.15 a. m. Prayer meeting. Wednesday 7.45 p. m. All

Bed Springs, Mattresses, Ticks, etc. Good, strong, comfortable beds that will spection. Wells A. Sherman, of the fruit and vegetable bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture, and F. S. Kinsey, district supergive maximum service at minimum cost. visor of inspection, were here Monday installing a federal car inspection office. F. M. Green, county fruit inspector, has been placed in charge. Mr. Green, who has been making state inspection on carlot shipments, says the federal work will eliminate future state inspection.

> Potato Show on Big Scale The Pacific Northwest Potato Show and the Potato Growers' conference will be held under the direction of the Northwest Potato Growers' Association, November 21 to 24, in the assembly rooms of the Spokane Chamber of

> Plans are being perfected to include in the show many kinds of machines and implements designed for the potato industry and the management hopes to make this department a special value to the petato growers. An entry to qualify in Class A must

consist of not less than 20 pounds of seed potatoes that have passed the sec-ond inspection for certification by state wide authorities. Miscellaneous will include any variety not mentioned above that is in-

spected and certified by state wide authorities in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. The premium list will be ready for mailing shortly and the same score card will be used as last year.

#### H. R. Produce Co. Active

The Hood River Produce Exchange, which has leased a portion of the storage and warehouse of the Taft Transfer Co. east of the city, is now prepar ing export apple stocks. The concern last year shipped 100 cars, and the vol-ume of business this year is expected to exceed that of last season, according to V. D. Lill, in charge of the

#### Gibert Gives to School Library

Clarence F. Gilbert, pioneer automoile dealer here who is now in business in Los Angeles, has donated to the new junior high school 32 volumes of classical literature. The new school is endeavoring to build up a library to replace that destroyed by fire last year when the old school building burned.

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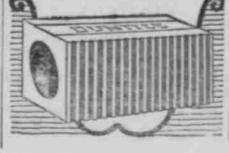
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