

Growers Oppose Change In Spud Grading Rules

TULELAKE, Feb. 19.—Tulelake Growers are opposing the proposed change in federal grading rules on potatoes raised in California, and wires to that effect have gone to the department of agriculture to be presented at a meeting in Washington D. C., February 28.

Under the present set-up, a No. 1 grade measures from 1 1/2 inches minimum to any oversize in size and shape.

The proposed new ruling would permit packaging of seven different sizes together, and resultant pack would be inferior to the present grade, growers said. This would result in loss to the grower, it was claimed. Possibility of a change in grading of seed potatoes in this state is also up for consideration to conform more closely to a definite size or shape and to exclude green ends, which have in the past been included in seed stock.

Chester Main, president of the growers, is in Oceanside where he will attend a meeting of seed potato growers from Montana, Oregon, Idaho, Colorado and

Washington, February 21 and 22, where seed potato problems will be taken up. More than 2000 cars of commercial potatoes remain in cellars here and while potatoes are moving out more rapidly than a month ago, more spuds are in storage than at this time last year.

Prices on No. 1's for February delivery have dropped to \$2.10 on Gems, and for the first time in years Whites quoted at \$2.25 are selling higher than Gems.

Prospects for onion acreage in the Tulelake area are not promising this season, but some beets will be planted. A representative of the sugar refineries is expected to attend the next meeting of the growers. The date has been tentatively set for March 5.

Traveling—Mrs. Mabel Thorpe, formerly in business in Klamath Falls, has been visiting with her daughter and friends here. She left this morning for Los Angeles to visit her son. Mrs. Thorpe has been in Medford since late last summer.

Sale Of Taverns To Be Investigated

PORTLAND, Feb. 19 (AP)—An investigation into rapid turnover in tavern ownership and more stringent regulations on beer tavern licensees have been approved by the state liquor control commission.

The commission yesterday said the sale of taverns at inflated prices had the appearance of a "racket" and reported its new probe would seek to protect investors.

Conflagration Destroys Home

The home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Heryford, two miles west of Worden, was completely destroyed by fire St. Valentine's Day, February 14. The fire, which is thought to have started in the attic, broke out about 9 a. m. It was covered by insurance. Part of the house furnishings were saved by members of the family. Two of the Heryford boys have just returned from service.

TRANSPORTATION NEWS

Work Begun To Shift Channel Of Sacramento

The Sacramento river bowed to progress last week when work was begun to change the channel of the river's flow north of Dunsuir where slides from the steep mountainside along the railroad track halted transportation early this winter.

Southern Pacific crews are working all day and until midnight to move the river bed in order that the track, which is situated between the mountain and the river, may be moved away from the mountainside. The new channel will be

three or four hundred yards long and is being cut through property formerly owned by the California Oregon Power company and the Masson estate. After the course of the river is diverted, the tracks will be moved 75 feet and SP officials believe that it will be a safe distance from the slide area.

The work will include placing the Copeco water main which is under the present river channel, under the present new channel.

W. P. Maloney, Great Northern traveling auditor, and C. M. Beck, GN station inspector, were in Klamath Falls yesterday from Seattle.

D. C. Miller arrived in Dunsuir last week from Ogden,

Utah, to succeed J. H. Hickey as signal supervisor for the Shasta division of Southern Pacific. Hickey retired recently after 45 years of service with SP.

Paul Taylor, Klamath Basin Rates bureau manager, represented the Klamath County chamber of commerce in Portland at the recent Pacific Greyhound Bus line hearing before the public utilities commission. The company requested a reduction in passenger rates here, and the action was approved by the PUC. Taylor will represent the rates bureau at a motor freight hearing in the Klamath county courthouse Thursday.

Following his release from the Southern Pacific hospital in San Francisco, A. B. Cavin, SP engineer, returned to his home in Dunsuir last week. He had been in the hospital

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HERALD AND NEWS—TWELVE

since January 28. Russell Geiger of Dunsuir was taken to the SP hospital after a sudden illness last week. He was accompanied to San Francisco by his wife.

The Western Pacific railroad representative in Klamath Falls,

R. R. Taylor, was out of town today on a short business trip to McCloud, Calif.

Visits Lodge—Ted Sjoedin, superintendent of the Quilney mill in California is visiting friends in town. He attended Klamath Lank lodge one night.

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