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MAKING A REPORT

SUPT. G. W. JONES TABULATES THE SCHOOL STATISTICS

Taken from Reports of District Clerks—Many Improvements in the Various Districts.

(From Daily Statesman, April 21.)

Supt. G. W. Jones, of the Marion county schools, has received the reports of the many district clerks for the past year, and is now engaged in tabulating them and preparing his annual report to the state superintendent. The reports from the various districts show a most satisfactory condition of affairs. In nearly every instance the terms of school have been longer than in past years, the average number of months, for the year, being 7½ to 8 as compared to 6½ last year, being an increase of over one month. The reason for this state of affairs is, that more money was available for school purposes, the state having made increased collections on account of the irreducible school fund. Many of the districts had also levied a special tax for school purposes, so as to admit of longer terms of school.

The attendance in the schools is also shown to be better than usual, there being more interest taken than ever in matters of education, throughout the country districts.

One pleasing result of the increase in funds in the hands of the school boards is the increase in the construction of new school buildings. New school houses have been erected in a number of districts throughout the county, while in many others additional rooms have been provided, and other repairs made. In the Jefferson district a new school house, costing $6500, was erected; District No. 106, near Mill City, has just put up a neat, commodious school house; No. 116, near Noble, has erected a new building; No. 114, on the Abiqua south of Noble has done likewise, and No. 85, at Silver Falls, has erected a neat school house, neatly constructed and comfortably furnished. The Turner district has voted a tax to erect an addition, so as to provide two more rooms, the work to be done this summer, and the Howell Prairie district, No. 40, has already added one room. Many others have made extensive repairs and improvements, thereby increasing the value of the school house property considerably, and making it far more attractive.

In many instances these improvements were the results of the efforts of individual teachers, who began the work of cleaning up the school houses and grounds, and they soon received aid at the hands of the boards, with the result that great improvements were made in the appearance and comfort of the school houses and school property generally.

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Market Reports

The local market quotations yesterday were as follows:

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Hay—Cheat, buying $8; timothy, $8.50 to $10.

Flour—75 cents per sack.

Mill feed—Bran, $13; shorts, $15.

Butter—12½ to 17½c.

Eggs—9 cents, cash.

Poultry—Chickens, 8c per lb; young chickens (friers) 15c, live weight; ducks, 10c.

Pork—Fat, 4¼ gross, 5½ net.

Beef—Steers, 4@4¼c; cows, 3½@3¾c; good heifer, 4c.

Mutton—Sheep, 4c on foot.

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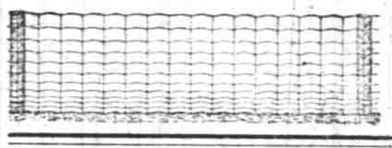
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"To the Owner of the House: Dear Sir—I cannot commit my first criminal act without some expression of the circumstances which led up to it. I come of a good family in Kansas, but was forced to leave home through a scrape for which I was only partially to blame. I have walked every foot of the way from Kansas City to here and am aiming at St. Louis, where I hope to get employment. I have not eaten for two days. Though weak, I was desperate, and I determined to steal. You are the victim. I take $2 in cash, which, if I ever can, I will return."

Hertling said he would not prosecute the man if he was caught. He also said that if he could find him he would present him with another $2 as a compliment on his originality.—St. Louis Republic.

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HAVE THE "BLUES"

HOPES OF PRUNE GROWERS ARE BLIGHTED BY THE WEATHER

In Some Orchards There Will Not Be Over 2 Per Cent of Crop—Meet in Salem Today.

(From Daily Statesman, April 21.)

The spirits of Willamette valley prune growers were probably never more completely depressed than at the present time. The cold rains of this month prevented the fertilization of the fruit. This unfavorable weather, coming at a time when the prospects for a phenomenal crop was so bright, growers are quite naturally greatly disheartened and discouraged. A prominent grower yesterday said in the last twenty years prospects were never more favorable for an enormous crop than they were this year. "Every indication pointed to a perfect crop, but the cold rains practically ruined the entire crop. The damage to orchards varies, the extent depending on the location. In some orchards, there will not be over 2 per cent of a crop, while in other localities there will be more of a yield, but in no instance will the crop exceed 50 per cent of an average crop."

These figures apply only to the Italian prune. There will be an enormous crop of Petites, the trees being veritably loaded with the berries. In many cases growers will be obliged to pluck many of the berries from the limbs to protect the trees.

This inestimable injury to the fruit industry of the Willamette valley, will likely retard the work of organization of the Cured Fruit Association of the Pacific Northwest. A meeting of the fruit growers of this section was held last Saturday for the purpose of organizing a sub-association of the state organization, but the work of finally organizing was deferred until today, when another meeting will be held. The place of meeting is not known. The Salem city council having decided to charge rental for the use of the halls at the city hall in which public meetings might be held, it is not probable the meeting will be held at that place.

Growers in this vicinity are strongly in favor of organizing, but in view of the fact that they will have nothing to organize for this year, it is feared the general interest and enthusiasm that was manifested at the meeting last Saturday will be absent at today's meeting.

Discussing the fruit situation, last night's Portland Telegram, which insists that the damage has resulted from severe frosts, had the following:

"No formal meeting of the executive committee of the Cured Fruit Association of the Pacific Northwest was held this morning. The only members present besides Colonel Dosch was C. R. Smead. The lack of attendance is attributed to the damage done to the prune crop by the late frosts.

"There is no use in denying that the damage to Italian prunes in various sections has considerably quenched the enthusiasm of the directors of the association. It has produced about the same effect as though a wet blanket has been thrown over a bright fire.

"It is estimated that half a million dollars in damage has been done by the two nights' frost. The bright prospects of a crop in different districts have been 'snuffed out' as completely as the light of a candle. Therefore, considerable darkness and gloom has settled upon the growers and they are in no mood to be talked into joining an association for selling a crop which does not exist.

"In view of these facts, it is not likely that the association will do much canvassing or missionary work for the present, especially in the blighted districts. A little later, perhaps, the work will again be pushed. The purpose of the organization extends beyond this year's crop, and, in order to handle future crops, it must make a start. And it might as well begin this year, so the progressive spirits believe, as any time. While the prune growers whose crops have been destroyed will not get any benefit from the association this year, next year they will reap the benefit of the work already done by the association. During the first year the growers must necessarily pay something for the experience of the association, and the growers referred to will be given the advantage of this.

"So, after all is said and done, the more progressive members of the association believe that the growers and officers of the association will recover from the dampening effects of the frost and renew the work of forming a permanent association with more vigor than ever.

"'It is only natural,' said one of the sufferers, 'that we should feel discouraged, but worse things might have happened. Any way, we should not cut off our noses to spite our faces by dropping the work of forming the association. We shall need an association next year and the years following, worse than we do now. And should we become discouraged and throw up our hands at the first breath of adversity, we would better never have started. If we do not encounter any more serious obstacles than the present blight, we shall be very fortunate. We went into this thing to win, and that determination should be adhered to. The more opposition we meet, the stronger we should work to overcome it, and every point gained makes us stronger, still to meet and overcome new ones.'

"Colonel Dosch was a little out of tune today.

"'What makes me tired,' said he, 'is that the damage could easily have been prevented. By taking ordinary precautions the growers could have built smudge fires and veiled the orchards from the frost. The Board of Horticulture has been drumming this into their ears for years. Every year printed matter has been sent out, advising growers of the best method of saving their crops from frost. It seems incredible that a grower would not take the trouble of watching a couple of nights out of the year to save his crop. Sometimes a person wonders what is the use of education if people will not take advantage of it.'"

One of the leading orchardists and fruit dealers of this city, whose attention was called to the supposed injury suffered by the Italian prunes during the past week, spent yesterday in the orchards around Salem, making examinations of the trees and especially of the blossoms. When he had completed his day's program he announced positively that very little if any damage had thus far resulted; that every Italian prune tree would bear, and that nearly every one of these trees in the orchards surrounding Salem, could well lose 75 to 90 per cent of its blossoms and still bear a heavier load of fruit than the limbs could possibly support. He said that, while a little damage might have resulted from the cold rains and frost, it was not sufficient to cause any alarm, and that, should no blight or frost befall the crop hereafter, Oregon's production of Italian prunes would still be the best and most valuable crop ever secured by the orchardists.

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