

LARGE APPLE CROP

The Chicago Packer Thinks the Yield Will Be Above Average

Regarding the outlook for apples this year, the Chicago Packer ventures the following forecast:

"Most growers figure that this is an off year for New York apples on account of the remarkably heavy yield in that state last year. For the past three seasons the Packer has given views of some of the principal growers in the leading growing sections of New York state, and while these estimates of this year's outlook all agree that there will be a very short crop of Baldwins, yet they do not state what percentage of the trees in the commercial orchards of that state are in Baldwins, so that in making up an estimate for the state as a whole, it is rather speculative to say just now what the New York crop will amount to. Most correspondents estimate that the Baldwins will have only one-fourth crop. Other varieties are reported to have a half to a full crop, so that taking the state as a whole, we may reasonably expect about a two-third crop from all varieties except Baldwins, and a quarter crop of Baldwins.

"Of course, in the next few weeks there may be some changes in these conditions, but from a careful reading of the reports which have been printed in the Packer from our New York state correspondents, the above estimate of conditions and prospects seems to cover the situation conservatively.

"In the New England states, principally Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts, reports show that all varieties show full bloom except Baldwins, so that presuming Baldwin trees are in the majority in those sections, it is reasonable to assume that the New England crop, taken as a whole, will be considerably below the average.

"In West Virginia and Virginia reports show that the prospects are that these states will produce from 60 to 75 per cent of a full crop.

"Pennsylvania will have a fair yield of apples, but nothing like the crop of last year.

"The reports from Michigan are uniformly of a cheerful tone and indicate one of the greatest crops that state has ever had.

"In the middle states—Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Kentucky—the outlook is not so bright, although by no means discouraging. Indiana will have a fair yield, on an average, Illinois runs very unevenly, many points reporting a decided increase over 1904, while others report prospects not so good. On the whole, indications point to an increased yield over last year. Ohio will have a fair crop in sprayed orchards. Heavy rains and seed played havoc with the fruit especially in the southern part of the state. Indications point to about as heavy a yield in Kentucky as last year.

"A few weeks ago some very gloomy reports respecting Missouri's outlook were given out, but later views received from all parts of the state impart a different complexion to the situation. It seems safe to say that there will be a fair crop, taking the whole as a whole. Prof. Whitten's latest estimate of 25 to 35 per cent of a full crop seems likely to be near the mark.

"Kansas reports differ widely in the

several sections, but on the average indicate a full crop. Arkansas' yield will be fully up to last year and perhaps will go beyond it. The outlook in the territories is quite gloomy and they may be safely eliminated from the calculation. Indications point to a full crop for Nebraska. Iowa's prospect is also rosy.

"Colorado's outlook is fine. With the new orchards coming into bearing this season there will be a very substantial increase over last year's yield. On the coast the reports show quite a divergence of opinion, but it is probably a safe estimate to place the crop at an average."

COMMERCIAL CONGRESS

The sixteenth annual session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress is called to meet in Portland, Ore., August 16, 17, 18, 19, 1905. This organization is composed of delegates from all the commercial and industrial bodies of the states and territories west of the Mississippi river. Appointments are also made by the governors, mayors of cities, and boards of county commissioners.

Gathering together in state and territorial delegation on the floor of the congress, measures are discussed affecting the various sections and the result in the recommendations takes the form of resolutions which are referred to a general committee on resolutions which are referred to a general committee on resolutions consisting of two from each state and territory which holds continuous sessions. After considerable labor a report is submitted by that committee which, after general discussion by the congress, goes to the national congress as a recommendation of the organization.

These recommendations are for legislation along commercial lines only, and are taken to Washington by a congressional committee, the most influential that can be selected, and presented by this committee to the committees of both house and senate, whose duty it is to act upon the specific measures so recommended. It is a simple, business-like way of keeping the commercial interests of the Trans-Mississippi region in direct touch with the national congress and has been most effective in securing good legislation with results that have been most beneficial.

At the coming session there will be the usual topics affecting rivers and harbors, internal improvements, trade relations with the Orient, irrigation and reclamation of arid lands, good roads, forestry, mines and mining and other subjects of vast interest to the western states.

The indications are that there will be large delegations from all the states and territories and that the speakers who will take part in the discussions will be men most influential in public affairs.

The keynote of the congress will be the Oriental trade, and the discussion upon this subject will be far-reaching. The location of the congress upon the Pacific coast at this particular time, when momentous affairs are of daily occurrence over the world, gives to the coming session more than the usual amount of attention. Public men will be present to discuss the Oriental trade and the best methods to expand the commercial influence of this country, which will be a sufficient guarantee that the meeting will be of more than national interest.

The call has gone out for the 16th annual Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress to take place in Portland, August 16, 17, 18 and 19. The executive committee has sent out word to governors of states and territories, mayors of cities, boards of county commissioners, chambers of commerce and trade organizations to appoint their delegates and send them to take part. And this they will surely do, for the Trans-Mississippi congress, being, as its name implies, of peculiar interest to those states this side of the Mississippi river, has become an event of particular significance. Moreover, there are certain matters of high importance to come before the body.

The Pacific trade will be the chief topic of conference, as the official call points out. Though this has come before the congress previously, the force of it has never been brought out as it will at Portland on account of the contiguity of Portland and other Pacific coast points to the Orient. Trade relations with the far east will be exploited to the end that the best methods may be adopted to secure the Oriental commerce to the Trans-Mississippi states.

The executive committee also points out the increasing demand for a Department of Mines and Mining, with its head a member of the President's cabinet. An effort will be made to secure action from the national congress towards the establishment of such a department.

Other subjects for discussion and the securing of ultimate action from the proper sources are the improvement of rivers and harbors, the establishing of a union of interests between Pacific coast points and the Gulf of Mexico, the Isthmian canal, the merchant marine, the consular service, the necessity for differentials favoring Pacific coast ports in the building of naval vessels, good roads, irrigation and a dozen other leading matters of vital interest.

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To this end the Methodists of this region have arranged for a great Methodist congress to be held at the First M. E. church, Portland, from July 11 to 21. During this time many of the strong men of the church, in this section, will discuss the work, problems and resources of the denomination in this region. On Friday evening, July 14, Dr. Heritage, president of the Spokane Musical college, and one of the greatest chorus directors on the continent, will lead a grand chorus concert of 150 voices. This will be a musical treat no one can afford to miss. Saturday and Sunday, July 15 and 16, has been devoted to the Epworth league. There will be no afternoon sessions that the time may be spent in sightseeing.

The members of a strong committee of Portland business men and ministers have done all in their power to make the congress a great success and render the stay of visitors pleasant and profitable. A secretary has been secured to give all his time to this work. Good rooms, with modern conveniences, may be had at very reasonable rates.

Headquarters will be at the offices of the Pacific Christian Advocate, Commercial block, to which place inquiries should be sent.

In the name of the church we bid you all a hearty welcome.

DAVID H. HOORE, President.

DANIEL L. RADER, Secretary.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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Three day tickets to Newport and Yaquina, good going Saturdays and returning Mondays are also on sale from all east side points Portland to Eugene inclusive, and from all west side points, enabling people to visit their families and spend Sunday at the seaside.

Season tickets from all east side points Portland to Eugene inclusive, and from all west side points are also on sale to Detroit at very low rates with stop over privileges at Mill City or any point east enabling tourists to visit the Santiam and Breitenbush Hot Springs in the Cascade mountains, which can be reached in one day.

Season tickets will be good for return from all points until October 10. Three day tickets will be good going Saturdays and returning Mondays only. Tickets from Portland and vicinity will be good for return via the east or west side at option of passenger. Tickets from Eugene and vicinity will be good going via the Lebanon Springfield branch, if desired. Baggage on Newport tickets checked through to Newport; on Yaquina tickets to Yaquina only.

S. P. trains connect with the C. & E. at Albany and Corvallis for Yaquina and Newport. Trains on the C. & E. for Detroit will leave Albany at 7:30 a. m., enabling tourists to the Hot Springs to reach there the same day. Trains from and to Corvallis connect with all east side trains on the S. P.

Full information as to rates, time tables, etc., can be obtained on application to J. Mayo, Gen. Pass. Agt., C. & E. R. R., Albany; W. E. Coman, G. P. A., S. P. Co., Portland or to any S. P. or C. & E. agent.

Rate from Salem to Newport \$5.00.
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Eggs—Per dozen, 16c.
Fruits, Vegetables, Etc.
Potatoes—83c.
Onions—5c.

Tropical Fruits.
Bananas—6½¢ lb.
Coconuts, \$1.00 per doz.
Oranges—\$2.00@2.50.
Lemons—\$2.75@3.50.

Live Stock Market.
Steers—3@3½¢.
Cows—3@3½¢.
Sheep—4c.
Dressed veal—6c.
Fat hogs—5½¢@½¢.
Baled Clover—\$9@10.
Bran—\$22.50.
Shorts—\$24.50.

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Barley—\$23@23.50.
Flour—\$4.40.
Wheat—86c.

Portland Market.
Wheat—Walla Walla, 83@84c.
Valley—85@87c.
Flour—Valley, straight, \$4.10; Graham, \$4.00.
Hay, Feed, Etc.
Baled Hay—\$10.
Oats—Choice white, \$1.35@1.40.
Millstuffs—Bran, \$19.00.
Hay—Timothy, \$13.00.
Potatoes—\$1.15@1.20.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 12½¢@13c; per lb; hens, 13c per lb; roosters, old, 10c per lb; fryers, 22c per lb; ducks, \$4.00@9.00 per doz; geese 8¢@9c per lb; turkeys, 17¢@18c per lb; dressed, 20¢@21½¢ per lb; squabs, \$2.50@3.00 per doz.
Pork—Dressed, 7½¢@8c.
Beef—Dressed, 2½¢@3c.
Veal—5¢@5c.
Mutton—Dressed, 6½¢@7½¢.
Hops—Contract, 1905, 16c; 1904 crop, 25c for choice; 23¢@24c for primes and mediums.
Wool—1905 clip, valley, coarse to medium, 24½¢@25½¢; fine, 26½¢@28c; Eastern Oregon, 19c@22½¢.
Mohair—Nominal, 20¢@21c.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 20¢@21½¢; dairy, 16½¢@17c; store, 15¢@15½¢.

CONQUEST OF THE DESERT

No irrigation exhibits of prominence were in evidence at the St. Louis World's Fair as such, yet in everything agricultural they formed a leading part and their withdrawal would have left huge gaps and taken away the best. Had the products of the dam and ditch all been labeled "Grown by Irrigation," the irrigation exhibit would have been very large. But few of the hundreds of thousands of people who viewed with amazement the magnificent fruits and grains from the Western states, far more notable in size, appearance and yield than anything they ever saw in the East, were fully able to realize that those products were raised upon lands which a few years ago were useless deserts, but now made fertile by the art of irrigation. Practical methods of irrigation were demonstrated at the Government building by a model of Salt River Valley in Arizona, where a system of ditches and laterals, by which the water is distributed onto the farms and orchards below, are now under construction in the mountains. Real water was running through those ditches. This great work of Uncle Sam's in Arizona is progressing rapidly. A cement mill, to make the 200,000 barrels of cement needed in the masonry, is completed; a \$100,000 mountain road, to convey the dam material from Phoenix is finished and, most remarkable, the river itself has been carried through tunnels around the dam site and is furnishing 1,000 electric horse power with which to build the dam. This is to be used to construct the giant works and thus the river will build its own dam and form the greatest reservoir in the United States. Of all sizes and classes were the irrigation pumps exhibited in the farm and implement department; but more striking than these were the windmills. These busy machines reared their tall heads above the surrounding buildings and whirled gaily in the breeze, forming a striking example of man's ingenuity in harnessing the elements. The highest of these, built by one of the largest windmill manufacturers, spread its steel wings 120 feet in the air and with a moderate wind pumped 40,000 gallons an hour. The water gushed up like a fine artesian well, enough to irrigate thoroughly a good-sized farm. The West is at the beginning of tremendous progress in agriculture. The government has undertaken the work of national reclamation of the desert and is pushing the work vigorously. Vast engineering works—huge dams and canals—are being constructed in the Western states and territories, and as the work proceeds the people will realize its wisdom and worth, and it will be extended until the former desert places shall become the most fruitful of any in the land. Twenty years hence, if the government's irrigation work continues along right lines and is kept free from politics and graft, its present population and the splendid products of American irrigation reaching to all parts of the world—Agricultural Epitomist.

Benny On the Crocodile.
The crocodile is a large animal that inhabits the Nile and loves to go on the sandy beach to bask in the sunshine and lay eggs. It looks some like a dachshund, only there is more of it at the ends and it is bigger. There was a crocodile once that escaped from a circus. It roamed o'er the country, seeking in vain for pigs and small children to devour, and died of starvation in great anguish. You can ride on the back of a crocodile, but it is more comfortable to use a saddle. It is usually quiet, but is terrible when roused.—Benny in Chicago Tribune.

A Modern Family.
"Where's Edythe?"
"She's up in her studio hand paintin' a snow shovel."
"Where's Gladys?"
"In the library writin' poetry."
"Where's Clarice?"
"She's in the parlor playin the pianino."
"Where's Gwendoline?"
"Up in her boudoir curlin' her hair."
"And where's May?"
"Maw? Oh, maw's down in the kitchen gettin' dinner for the bunch."
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