

FLOWERS DEMAND CHANGE

Prune Growers Propose to Revise System of Grading Product

At a meeting of the fruit growers of the Rosedale district, the largest growing district in the Northwest, last evening, an agitation was set on foot to inaugurate a revision of the present system of grading prunes from a three-grade system, and to adopt a two-grade system, and to have the co-operation of the packing houses and local horticultural societies to assist in its effect.

The meeting was one of the largest held in the district, and enthusiasm ran high in favor of the proposed change. A motion was adopted requesting the executive committee of the Marion County Horticultural Society to set aside the next meeting as a prune growers' meeting, and to meet at 1:30 o'clock next Saturday afternoon, which will probably be held in the city hall.

Mr. Hunt presided at the meeting, and Mr. Pemberton, W. E. Way and Mr. Gilbert were named the committee on resolutions.

The movement is actuated by the desire on the part of the growers to have a present system of six grades reduced to one-half cent on the smaller sizes, and to run the smaller sizes at a rate below the cost of production, and it is believed if the change is made as suggested it will do no harm to anybody. Under the proposed system the two largest sizes, 40-45c, will be known as first and second sizes; the succeeding two, 35-40c, as second and medium grade, and the smaller sizes, from 30-35c, as third grade or small prunes.

the third grade or small prunes. If the third size can be sold for a price equal to or exceeding the cost of production there will be more profit in the industry for the grower. The resolution in full follows: "Whereas, The present method of grading prunes is arbitrary because of constant loss to the growers, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the growers of the Rosedale district favor a change by which the two largest sizes of any season's output (as at present graded) be known as first or fancy sizes; the succeeding two sizes as second or mediums and the smaller sizes as third grade or smaller prunes.

"That copies of these resolutions be given the daily papers of Salem, and also our agricultural papers, and that a copy of the above be presented the managers of the Salem packing houses asking their co-operation to bring about the desired results."

England Shy of Our Tinned Meat.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The monthly report of the British board of trade shows that only 748,272 pounds of preserved meat were imported into Great Britain last month. This is a striking decline in comparison with the imports into that country in the month of January, 1905, which amounted to 6,705,562 pounds. For the same month in 1906 the imports were 7,857,280 pounds. This decrease in the popularity of tinned food in Great Britain means a monthly loss of something like \$750,000 to American and foreign packers.

Just Like Leonidas.
The legislators had to pay their way home from Salem, but they fought to the last ditch for free rides. 'Twas ever thus; old Leonidas died fighting to hold a pass.—Eugene Guard.

Committed Suicide.
Pittsburg, Feb. 27.—Prof. T. M. Taylor, teacher of chemistry in the Carnegie Technical schools, committed suicide today by shooting.

DEFENSE TO CLOSE THIS WEEK

Evelyn's Testimony Is Concluded and Expert Witnesses On Stand

New York, Feb. 27.—Evelyn was called to the stand as the first witness when the court opened this morning.

Delmas explained to the court this morning that he thought he would finish his case this week.

Evelyn Again on Stand.

Evelyn and Mrs. Caine entered the court room before the trial was resumed this morning. As soon as court convened Thaw's lawyers told them they must leave. Evelyn was disappointed, and tears filled her eyes. She walked out slowly and smiled at her husband through her tears.

Jerome explained to the court that in his rebuttal he would follow the "traversable fact." To do this, under the rules, he must have called Evelyn's attention to the subject. Evelyn was called. She came in drying her eyes.

"You have a brother, Howard Nesbit?" began Jerome.

"Yes, sir."

"On your return from Europe in 1903, did you tell your brother Howard, in substance, that while you were abroad you had been abused by Thaw to induce you to tell lies against White, and that these lies were that he had drugged and mistreated you, which story you told Howard was false?"

"I did not."

Her Denials Emphatic.

"Didn't you tell your brother that you were compelled at the point of a revolver to make such a statement?"

"I did not."

"Did you tell Howard these facts in substance at some time?"

"I did not."

Each time the answer was repeated with greater emphasis.

"Didn't he say to you that you ought to have some way to protect yourself, and suggested you carry a revolver?"

"He did not."

"Did he buy you a revolver?"

"No, he did not."

There was a lengthening pause between the emphatic words each time.

"Did you ever carry a revolver?"

"Never in my life."

"Didn't you give Howard money and send him to buy a revolver?"

"I did not."

Evelyn was here excused again. Delmas called Dr. Bingham, Thaw's family physician, of Pittsburg, to the stand. Bingham said he was called to attend Thaw in 1903. He found him nervous and melancholy; slept and ate badly and was greatly changed the doctor said from previous times he knew him as a patient. The physician, answering questions, said: "Saw him at the Tombs in August, again in September 1906. Should say he was irrational and laboring under a delusion. At the time of the second visit he found he had intertwined newspapers between the bars of the cell."

Jerome Probes Insanity Plea.

Jerome began the cross-examination of Bingham by trying to question him as to the collateral taint of insanity in Thaw's family. Delmas' objection was sustained.

"It is important that I be allowed to show this," Jerome explained.

Dr. Evans testified the defendant suffered from a peculiar form of insanity marked by the brain terms "Explosive fulmination."

"My purpose is to show that there is no taint of this kind of insanity in the Thaw family."

"We admit such testimony," said Delmas.

The cross-examination developed nothing important.

"The prisoner said he was afraid of pneumonia, and said the officials were having cold air forced in so he might catch pneumonia and die. He asked me to examine his pulse, and I told him it was not unnatural, but irregular, and he said it might have been caused by something that happened after the act of providence."

There was a noticeable lifting today of the intense interest in the Thaw case. Evelyn concluded her testimony with a rebash of the story first told. She was excused Tuesday until Jerome recalls her for the re-

butal. The testimony of Thaw's mother is expected to be dry, and also the technical evidence of the experts. This testimony will be of little interest to the public, but of the greatest importance to the defendant. Since the attorneys have learned of the likelihood of Jerome calling a lunacy commission the alienists have watched every move of the prisoner, to be prepared to establish the fact that he has recovered his mental strength.

Defense Concludes This Week.
Jerome asked Delmas to allow him to take over Bingham as a witness for the state, and submit him to direct examination, so the doctor could return home. Delmas refused, and said the regular procedure must be followed. Jerome then asked Delmas how long it would take to get in the testimony, and Delmas asked how long Jerome would require for the examination of the experts. The prosecutor said about a day and a half. Delmas said he would conclude the case this week, in that event. Jerome decided that Bingham must be held in the city until Monday. Dr. John T. Deemer was called. Hartridge offered a telegram showing that Deemer was detained in Pittsburg. Dr. Evans was called, and Jerome began the cross-examination.

Jerome asked Evans if he was a master of his profession.

"I have been accepted as an expert by the courts," said Evans.

"But are you a master?" persisted Jerome.

"If you mean by a master one who knows all about the profession, I am not."

"Are there any masters in your profession? Meaning persons who know all about the professions?"

"I should say there are no masters in my profession, in law or any other profession."

Jerome produced a pamphlet written by Evans. Reading from it, he asked: "Are you still of the opinion that it is highly important that a specialist should be calm, deliberate and dignified on the witness stand; that such an attitude is better than sharp repartee?"

"Yes."

Do you know what insanity is, in a relative way?"

"Yes."

"Is that all you know about it?"

That is satisfactory. Anyone who goes further gets on dangerous grounds. Sanity is a positive state insanity negative, and so they are relative."

Jerome tried to bring out that Evans had sought retention in the case. Delmas blocked the question. He asked the court to protect the witness. It developed that Evans had received a letter from Hartridge, requesting an interview, and that retention by the defense followed.

Dr. you know Dr. McLane Hamilton?"

The prosecutor tried to find out whether Dr. Evans considered Dr. Hamilton's writings on insanity and nervous diseases as authorities.

The witness regarded them as valuable on certain points. He held Dr. Charles McDonald in a similar opinion.

Jerome established that there was no writer on nervous or mental diseases whom the witness would accept as an infallible authority.

GENTLEMAN BURGLAR CAUGHT.

Confesses to Burglary, and Implicates Prominent Persons in the Plot.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Tate was brought here today. He was arrested in New York on the charge of burglary committed last September, while on parole from the penitentiary, where he was serving a term for burglary, committed the previous April. He was called a gentleman burglar. He was caught in the home of Mrs. C. H. Taylor, attired in a frock coat, silk hat and lavender trousers. He apologized to her for disturbing her. Tate confessed this afternoon to the Peoria officers, implicating prominent Peorians. He says the safe was left open and the papers Dougherty's friends wanted destroyed were marked so he would know which to take. It is alleged Dougherty succeeded in getting Tate made a "trustee" at the penitentiary, and worked beside him on the records. He finally secured a parole after engaging Tate to co-operate in the destruction of evidence. Tate was promised \$4000 for the job.

Rivers and Harbors Bill Up.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The senate this afternoon agreed to the conference report of the rivers and harbors bill.

LITTLE PROGRESS IS MADE

Not Much of Importance Is Procured From Harriman's Testimony

New York, Feb. 27.—Harriman again took the stand this morning, but Fish was not present at the opening. The keynote of Harriman's operations was what he termed the "capitalization of the future." The commissioners are likely to report that the only beneficiaries they have been able to find of the gigantic prosperity have been Harriman and his associates, and the shippers and public should have gotten some of it.

Kellogg began this morning asking Harriman about the St. Joseph & Grand Island railroad matter. Harriman testified the Union Pacific had purchased the stocks of that company from him personally since July 1, 1906, for \$2,922,540, and declined to state the price or time at which he secured the stocks. He didn't consider the real parallel and not competing with the Union Pacific. He said the New York Central stock the Union Pacific had purchased since July 1st was bought in the open market. This concluded Harriman's testimony. Otto H. Kuhn, of Kuhn, Loeb & Company, was then called.

BUILD WITH BONES

Raisuli Makes a Gruesome Threat to the Sultan of Turkey

Tangier, Feb. 27.—Raisuli has sent a message to the Sultan saying: "Sir, I propose to rebuild my house at Zinat with the bones of you and your followers, who destroyed it." Raisuli is strongly entrenched, and is well supplied with men and money.

Murder or Suicide?

Roseburg, Or., Feb. 27.—August Pollow, a shoemaker, who had lived at Gardiner, Oregon, for many years, was killed last week while spending the day at the house of a man named Miller, eight miles up the river from Gardiner. He, with three companions was indulging freely in liquor and during the spree a bullet from Miller's 44-calibre rifle ended Pollow's life. The three companions immediately took the body to Gardiner and reported it as a suicide. However, it has come to be suspected that there was some foul play, and the companions of Pollow have been arrested pending investigation of the case.

All-Canadian Route to Klondike.

Boston, Feb. 27.—Henry Blitz and Louis Auerback, both of this city, have notified the Canadian government that they would make application at the next session of parliament to incorporate a company to build a line of railway from the northern boundary of British Columbia to Dawson City by way of the Yukon river valley. They have already secured a provisional charter for a line from Vancouver to the northern boundary of the province, known as the British Columbia Northern and Alaska road and with the contemplated line connecting with Dawson an all-Canadian route to the Klondike will be established.

Memorial to Mrs. Craigie.

New York, Feb. 27.—At a meeting of the friends and admirers of the late Mrs. Craigie, the novelist, in the Waldorf-Astoria last night, it was announced that the memorial would take the following forms: A portrait plaque in marble or bronze to be placed in the University college, London, where Mrs. Craigie studied; a replica of the plaque to be placed in this country, where she was born; a scholarship for the study of modern English literature to be given annually in England and a similar one to be given in the same way in the United States.

ADVOCATES NATIONAL CONTROL

Senator Patterson Says Government Should Condemn All Railroads

Washington, Feb. 27.—Patterson, of the senate, today advocated governmental ownership of all railroads, under condemnation proceedings, at estimated market valuation of \$11,000,000,000. He held the commerce of the most road clauses of the constitution under the supreme court interpretation gives ample authority for governmental acquisition of railroads doing business within the states as well as those engaged in interstate commerce.

He presented a comprehensive plan of operation, calling for a non-partisan transportation board, acting under the supervision of an enlarged interstate commerce commission. He contemplates the exchange of securities to finance the scheme and declared bonds issued for this purpose will readily sell at three per cent, and said:

"The power of railway potentates is undiminished, half a dozen managements control all the lines, these combining to thwart the government and mold it to their ambition, and railway lobbies everywhere overshadow the legislative sessions. Political conventions, putting their guardians in public offices, bidding those elected to serve their wills. This deadening influence extends from top to bottom of the political system. Occasional states elect a Cumming, Boise, Van Zant or Folk, and the country sometime selects a Roosevelt, but even these do not permanently loosen the railroad's grip.

ROBBER HAS BEEN DISCOVERED

Looter of Chicago Treasury Is Known by Officers

Chicago, Feb. 27.—The Journal this afternoon prints an interview a reporter had with the teller of the sub-treasury, who has been under suspicion and the surveillance of the government secret service since the discovery that \$175,000 had been stolen from the treasury. Sciorck says, according to the Journal, the identity of a big business man, who planned and executed the robbery, is known to the officials, and one of the missing \$1000 bills has been recovered, the recovery of the remainder and the arrest of the business man will follow by Friday night.

PUTER GOES TO WASHINGTON.

Will Appear as Witness Against Binger Hermann.

Portland, Feb. 27.—S. A. D. Puter, the convicted land swindler, was taken from the county jail here, where he is serving a 2-year sentence, and left for Washington as a government witness against Binger Hermann.

Record Mortgage.

New York, Feb. 27.—The Hudson & Manhattan Railroad company, which is to operate electric traction under the North River from Jersey City and Hoboken to Cotic and Dey streets in this city, have filed a first mortgage with the registrar for New York county for \$100,000,000. This mortgage, which is a record breaker in size, covers all the property of the corporation in this city and New Jersey. It is understood that the cost of tunnelling the North river will aggregate \$60,000,000.

California Law Mill.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 27.—A bill permitting mutual fire insurance companies to do inter-county business was recommended for passage this morning.

Dr. J. F. COOK

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- Velveteens, all colors, yd 39c
- 10 yds Fancy Dress Silks, yard 40c
- Assortments of Silks less than half price.
- Red Dress Silks, yd., 49c, 65c and 75c.
- Thousands of yards to select from of Dress Goods, yd 35c, 39c and 49c.
- Dress Goods, new colors, yd 40c and 65c.
- Black Dress Silks, yard, 49c, 75c, 80c and 95c.
- pieces to select from.
- White \$1.45 White Skirts, . . . 95c
- White Skirts price 65c
- White Muslin Gowns, . . . 1.00
- Silk Chiffon, all colors, yd 25c
- wide Silk Taffeta Ribbon, . . . 1.00
- Black Hair Ribbon, yd 3 1/2c
- Assortment of pieces to select from
- Aligator Handbags, price 25c
- Fancy Collars, price 5, 10c
- Ladies 18c White Cotton
- price 10c.
- Children's White Cotton
- price, 10c.
- Ladies 18c Black Cotton
- price 10c.
- quality a pair 12 1/2c, 18c, 25c
- Laces, yd 2c, 3c, 3 1/2c, 5c, 7c and 10c.
- Dressing Sashes, price, . . . 49c
- Supporters 19c, 15c and 25c
- 10c Fine Underwear 25c
- Underwear 10c, 15c, 20c and 25c.
- 10c Fancy Belts, price 15c
- Fancy Belts, price 25c and 35c
- Corsets, price, 25c
- Perfumed Soap, a cake, . . . 3c
- Bathing Cotton, ball, . . . 1c
- Safety Pins, doz., 2c

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posed to be a letter Thaw wrote, praises of the estate.