

CROP PROSPECTS IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY

The market letter of the Fruit and Produce Distributor for the present week gives the following summary:

Oregon.

Medford—The latest report from the Rogue river valley is that old bearing trees, especially Newtowns, will probably be somewhat light, but younger trees are carrying a full crop, and there is considerable new acreage to come in this year. Of pears there is a very full crop. A rough estimate at this time is approximately 450 cars of pears and 550 cars of apples from the Rogue river valley.

Hood River—The apple crop is variously estimated from three-quarters of a million to one million boxes; probably the lower figure is the more conservative. This would mean about the same crop this year as last year.

Ashland—The Ashland Fruit Association is reaching out for more trade, and to this end will establish branch establishments at Klamath Falls and Weed, Cal. This new departure will go into effect in time to handle a good percentage of the surplus of Ashland's early summer and autumn fruits.

Washington.

North Yakima—The 1913 fruit crop of this valley is estimated by Fred Thompson at 4945 cars. Mr. Thompson's estimates in the past have always proven closest to the mark. He has just completed a two hundred mile trip through the fruit districts of the valley, and estimates as follows:

Apples 2900 cars
Peaches 1600 cars
Pears 250 cars

If this estimate is correct it will mean about 200 cars short of last year's crop.

Three shipping points in the valley will show an increase over last year, says Mr. Thompson. They are Donald, Wapato and Toppenish. The rest will show a decrease, but this a good crop for an off year. Peaches show a slight decrease. Pears and apricots show the principal damage from frost in the valley.

Wenatchee—Horticultural Inspector, P. S. Darlington, has issued the following estimate for 1913:

Apples 6082 cars
Peaches 432 cars
Pears 279 cars

If the above estimate is correct, it will mean an increase of about one-third over the shipments of the season of 1912.

Colorado.

Grand Junction—H. G. Fletcher, manager of Grand Junction Fruit Growers' Association, reports: "Our field man has just completed his investigations as to conditions here in the different districts of the Grand valley and yesterday handed the writer his report, which states that the peach crop in the Palisade district is in good condition, and will be from 80 to 100 per cent as great as last year. Pears in all districts are damaged about 50 per cent, and apples from 30 to 35 per cent, taking last year's shipments as 100 per cent. On account of the fact that the apples which suffered most are of the inferior varieties, such as Ben Davis, Moussourit Pippins, Minkler, Lauver, Shackelford, etc., we believe that it will be a much easier matter to market the crop than last year."

California.

Santa Clara—We had a severe frost on May 1st which did us no good, Watsonville being hit particularly hard, and the Newtowns badly hurt. From present indications there will be about 60 per cent of last year's cherry crop from the state; 70 per cent Bartlets; 60 per cent plums, and 60 per cent fall and winter pears. There is no question but what the hot weather of June will cause a drop which will reduce this estimate.

Watsonville—Correspondent reports: "The fruit is damaged more than what was imagined. It wiped out this valley almost completely, and there will be only six or eight hundred cars shipped instead of between three and four thousand. This is an absolute fact and you can accept it as same."

Michigan.

A report issued by the secretary of the state calls attention to the indication of a decided increase of the various fruits throughout the state as compared with 1912. Apple crop, 83 per cent as compared with 78 per cent of last year; pears 86 per cent as against 68 per cent of a year ago; peaches 82 per cent as against 22 per cent last year; plums 84 per cent, last year 66 per cent; cherries 89 per cent, last year 78 per cent; small fruits, 90 per cent as against

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ENGLAND FACING BLOODY CONFLICT WITH ULSTERITES

LONDON, June 17.—That England today faces bloody civil strife in Ulster can no longer be denied.

The Orangemen are preparing, just as quietly, seriously, and thoroughly as Oom Paul did, to "stagger humanity." If there has been any doubts as to the deadly determination of the North of Ireland to resist by force of arms the establishment of Home Rule, these have been removed by the reports reaching Dublin Castle in the past few days from its agents in the disaffected province. It has been definitely established that a well-organized and well-drilled army of approximately 200,000 men has been formed, the members of which are pledged to obey their officers to the limit, and that great quantities of arms and ammunition have been privately cached in strategic localities throughout the province. Moreover, it is known that all the machinery for setting up a provisional government of Ulstermen in Belfast, to begin business the day Home Rule goes into effect, has been secretly prepared by Sir Edward Carson, the Marquess of Londonderry, the Duke of Abercorn and other leaders who constitute the Inner Circle of the Ulster Unionist Council.

England Awakens

The facts are so patent that England has at last awakened to a realization that the oft-repeated threat "Ulster will fight" is no joke. Unprejudiced investigators who have been going over the ground recently are absolutely convinced that the first attempt to enforce in Ulster the authority of a Dublin parliament will be the signal for open rebellion. On September 28, last, 218,206 male inhabitants of the northern province over 17 years of age affixed their names to what is known as the Ulster Covenant, in which they pledged themselves "to use all means that may be found necessary to defeat the present conspiracy to set up Home Rule in Ireland," and in it they declared further that "in the event of such Parliament being forced upon us we solemnly and mutually pledge ourselves to refuse to recognize its authority." Practically all of these men are now enrolled as members of the Unionist clubs, which have been organized throughout the province and which are really ill-disguised recruiting and drilling stations for the "army of Ulster." The membership has been steadily increasing since the passage of the Home Rule bill by the House of Commons last January, and new clubs are constantly being formed. In the counties of Antrim, Down, Derry and Tyrone there are clubs in every village and small rural district. Even in Donegal, the most Nationalist county of Ulster, it is reported that 10,000 men have been enrolled.

Clubs Are Drilling

In many of the clubs five nights a week are devoted to drill, and in the larger communities "special service" sections have been organized of members available for active duty at a moment's notice. The drill masters are for the most part former soldiers or sailors of the regular establishments. It is estimated that Ulster will be prepared to throw into the field a quarter of a million men, whose military training will have been more thorough than even that of England's territorial army—as the militia force is called. Nor will the Ulster army lack capable officers. A number of applications for commissions have already been received from retired officers of the British army.

Meantime, the British government is doing nothing with the situation—except collect facts. Carson, who besides being an astute politician is an exceedingly clever lawyer, feels that he and his associates are perfectly safe from prosecution personally, and he is equally confident that the government would not dare prescribe the "political clubs" of Ulster. There is one difference in law between the Carsonian and Pankhurstian brand of excitement. The Ulster chieftain has been quite as violent in his public speeches and doubtless in his private counsels as the leader of the W. S. P. U., but the militancy of the Ulsterites thus far has been contingent whereas that of the suffragettes is actual. Carson has been urging his followers to fight—if Home Rule is thrust upon them. It is the "if" that keeps Carson out of jail.

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THE OLD AMERICAN POLO TEAM CALLED BACK TO DEFEND THE TITLE AGAINST BRITISH



After great trouble on the eve of the polo match, the old American team, consisting of Harry Payne Whitney, captain; Devereux Milburn, Larry Waterbury and J. M. Waterbury, was called back to make the defense against the Britons.

They had been discarded by the managers of the Polo association a few days before the games, and then a new team, consisting of Foxhall Keene, captain, and Stevenson, Stoddard and Milburn, was formed. Keene broke his collar bone two days before the first game, and that broke up the new team. The fact that Milburn was placed on both teams shows the regard in which he is held by polo players. He was considered the one man it was necessary to have. It has been said by good authorities that he is the best polo player in the world.

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BIEHL DISAPPEARS BONDSMEN NOTIFIED

PORTLAND, Ore., June 17.—Following reports that Allen J. Biehl, under sentence of two years' imprisonment at McNeil's Island for using the mails to defraud in the Columbia river orchard scandal, had crossed the line into Canada, local federal authorities today are seeking him and have demanded that his bondsman, H. L. T. Skinner of Seattle produce him forthwith. Biehl disappeared about five weeks ago. If no other means succeed, it is planned to bring Biehl back as a fugitive convict.

GOOD VAUDEVILLE AT PAGE THEATER ON WEDNESDAY

Wednesday and Thursday will find another bill of Pantages vaudeville at the Page theater. According to those who have seen this bill in other places, it is the best that has ever been shown at the Page. The headliner is Edwin Ford and company, with their dancing carnival. This is said to be one of the best Pantages features on the road today. Alvin and Kenney have a high-class comedy act, and Jack Symons, "The Man of Ease," has a sketch that is popular. The other feature of the Wednesday and Thursday bill is La Bergers, and her wonderful posing dogs.

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MRS. GORE ELECTED SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Mrs. E. E. Gore, the first woman ever chosen to serve on the Medford board of education, was elected almost unanimously at the school election Monday afternoon. Out of the sixty-nine votes cast sixty-seven were for Mrs. Gore. She succeeds H. C. Kentner, for five years a member of the board who was unwilling to serve again. The senior member, George E. Marshall will be president of the board until the end of his term. Mrs. Gore is fitted both by education and experience to be a member of the board. She has taught six years in the schools of Oregon, two of which were at the normal school at Drain and four at the Albany high school. She is a graduate of the normal school at Drain and attended both the Gates college in Nebraska and Columbia university, New York city.

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PURITY SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED IN ALL CHURCHES

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 17.—Final steps were taken here today to formally request every church and religious meeting house in the United States, Canada and Mexico to observe "Purity Sunday" which will fall on November 9, next, with sermons and addresses urging co-operation among churches, city, state and national officials and sociological societies, in war on the social evil.

"Purity Sunday" has been designated by the Seventh International Purity congress which will convene in Minneapolis November 7 and continue through to November 12.

The convention, which is expected to be the greatest gathering the world has yet known in the interests of the suppression of white slavery and public vice, will be held under the auspices of the World's Purity Federation. Its purpose, besides combating the white slave traffic, will be to promote "high and single standards of morals for both men and women, in the sex hygiene, and in furthering such social, civic, economic and moral reforms as will conserve the very highest in character and life." The slogan of the Federation in its fight to achieve its object will be "Fullest publicity concerning the shame of the cities." According to plans mapped out today by the local committee "a spade will be called a spade" in all the addresses and discussions, and data and statistics regarding the social evil and the white slave traffic in every city of size in the world will be presented in fullest detail.

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