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ROGUE VALLEY FRUIT BEST IN WORLD SAYS APPLE KING

JOHN W. DENNIS IS UNSTINTED IN WORDS OF PRAISE

Quality of Local Fruit Is What Com-
mands High Prices in England, He
Says, and It Reaches England in
Fine Condition.

John W. Dennis, the English apple king, says: "Rogue river fruit is superior to any other that reaches England from the entire globe." "Prices this year will be materially better than those of last year. Returns to local fruitgrowers will be very remunerative." "Rogue river fruit commands highest prices because of its superior quality. It reaches England in splendid condition." "Medford is the best city I have as yet found in America."

Reiterating former statements regarding the fruit produced by the Rogue River valley John W. Dennis, the Newton apple king of the world, arrived in Medford Saturday afternoon and is greatly pleased by this year's crop. Mr. Dennis has the most positive statements to make regarding the fruit of this section saying that it is superior to any reaching England from any section of the globe.

"The Rogue River valley produces the finest fruit that reaches England and that is the sole reason that the highest prices are paid for it. Hood River alone complete with this valley in Newton apples. Your pears have no competitors the world over."

Such was the unqualified statement of John W. Dennis, the Newton apple king of the world who is on his second visit to the Rogue River valley, although the firm of which he is the head has been handling Rogue River fruit for the past 13 years. Mr. Dennis' firm imports the greatest amount of fruit received by any one firm in England and also has handled the fruit which has broken the world's records in prices. This is his second visit to America, and he has made the most of it, visiting

TROOPS FIGHT MONTANA FIRES

Three Companies of Regulars Join
Small Armies of Civilians and
Endeavor to Check Spread of the
Flames.

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 13.—Three companies of regular troops have reached the Montana forest fire and are now working with small armies of civilians and foresters in an effort to crush the flames. The companies of troops were sent to the Flathead reservation country. Governor Norris today determined to call the state troops now at American lake, Washington, but was later advised by the forestry officials that there is not enough equipment on hand for any more fighters than those engaged in the work, so he decided to allow the troops to remain at American lake. Rains are needed with the indications anything but promising.

HAWLEY TOURS FIRST DISTRICT

Spends Hour in Medford—Says He is Confident of Re-election—Points
Out Fact That He Has Now Learned "the Ropes" and Can
Do More Than New Man—Campaign on Record.

Confident of re-election to congress from the first district, owing to the showing he made during his past term, and stating that his campaign would be made on his record, W. C. Hawley arrived in Medford Saturday morning on his way to Crater Lake, where he will meet Secretary Ballinger and accompany him to Klamath Falls. Mr. Hawley will again be in Medford August 22 to spend a day or so "getting acquainted," as he expressed it. "To be frank with you," stated Congressman Hawley, "I am after votes, and I think that I will get them. My record is what I am making my campaign on and I feel it is a good one. I also believe that I am worth more in congress now, as I am 'on to the ropes' more than any new man could be." Mr. Hawley has many friends in this section of the district. Medford is especially grateful for his work

in securing an appropriation of \$110,000 for a federal building and the fruitgrowers thank him for the good work against the obnoxious La Fean apple-box bill. Mr. Hawley's record at the last session of congress, as set forth upon his campaign cards, is: Secured over \$880,000 for river and harbor improvement in the district. Secured over \$630,000 for public building and other purposes in the district, and including Oregon's Civil War claim. Defeat of La Fean apple box bill. Aided miners and settlers on public domain, including Siletz settlers. Secured passage of many bills of interest to localities, or for the relief of veterans. Actively assisted in passage of railroad rate act, postal savings bank act, bureau of mines act, reclamation certificates act, and many others of great national importance.

MACHINE GOES SOON--MURDOCK

Chief Insurgent of Them All Dis-
cusses Present Situation—Says
Cannon Will Be Eliminated From
Leadership of House.

WICHITA, Kan., Aug. 13.—Predicting the elimination of Speaker Cannon from the leadership of the house, despite his apparent intention to fight, and the general break-up of the "machine" in congress, before September 1, Congressman Victor Murdock, chief insurgent and friend of Colonel Roosevelt, commented tonight on the apparent change in the policies of President Taft. Congressman Murdock said he read the news from Beverly with equal interest and satisfaction, referring to the elimination of Cannon, Aldrich and Ballinger, from the administration. Murdock said: "In that connection I want to say that during the next 40 days greater popular interest, so far as politics are concerned, will be taken than has been the case in nearly a half century. I have letters following the Kansas campaign from nearly every state in the Union. Judging from them, it would seem that the nation is preparing to follow Kansas through the hole that Kansas punched in the stand-pat dyke of obstruction on August 2. "Cannon is to be eliminated as dictator of the house of representatives. Whether he submits to the suggestion of his party leaders and gracefully retires or does other things and turns upon the party supporters, the break-up of the greatest personal machine in the world will be in progress before September 1 next. So far as Cannon is concerned, I think he will fight." Returning again to the Beverly story, Representative Murdock continued: "Word from Beverly yesterday also shows that Senator Nelson W. Aldrich has gone permanently from the field of public activity. His last act was a partisan dart. His retirement from the senate now certainly means the absolute collapse of the greatest bi-partisan machine in the history of this country." A good store location is advertising; good store service is advertising—but both of these are supplementary to the real advertising that is done in the newspaper.

POLITICAL POT IS SIMMERING

Many Names Mentioned in Con-
nection with Offices of County and
State—Jackson County Can Be
Called Non-Partisan.

With the coming of autumn, a wider interest is being awakened in politics. In local affairs, Jackson county can be called non-partisan, as officials are selected because of their fitness or popularity rather than because they live in high or low tariff, in Uncle Joe or in Teddy. Wearing the label of republican is not enough to satisfy the discriminating electorate. He must have merit as well. In state politics, assembly and anti-assembly, for or against direct legislation promises to be the leading issue. Already at Gold Hill, an anti-assembly league has been organized and the movement promises to spread throughout the county. If Republicans nominate Statement One candidate for the legislature, there will probably be no Democratic opposition. If anti-statement candidates are brought out, there will surely be Statement candidates in the field. The county central committee, which selected the forty-one Jackson county delegates to the state "assembly" has not yet decided whether to hold a county assembly or not. Should such a gathering be decided upon, but few of the candidates now in the field, will go before it, but a complete new list of "recommendations" would probably result. As far as state or national offices are concerned, Jackson county has but one candidate, B. F. Mulkey, who as insurgent republican will contest the nomination with congressman Hawley in the first district. Among those talked of by their friends for state senator are H. Von der Hellen of Wellow, Judge M. Colvig and W. J. Vawter of Medford, E. V. Carter of Ashland, Todd Cameron of Jacksonville, Benton Bowers of Ashland and Dr. J. M. Koene of Medford, who states he would be willing to run as an assembly, anti-statement, Uncle Joe Cannon candidate, but not otherwise. On the democratic side, L. L. Mault of Ashland, W. H. Cannon, Dr. E. B. Pickel, Judge M. H. Parin of Medford, D. H. Miller of Gold Hill, and P. J. Neff are

2,000,000 HOMELESS IN JAPAN

Hundreds Drowned, Scores Entombed—Tokio Under Water—Homes of Over 600,000 Japanese Destroyed—Government Orders the Troops to Take Charge.

TOKIO, Aug. 13.—Hundreds of persons are drowned, scores entombed under caved embankments or pinned under fallen timbers in the path of the rising waters and one-third of the city of Tokio is flooded today from constant rains. It is estimated that 2,000,000 persons in the surrounding country are without shelter or food and are starving. City Threatened The high wall and embankment and moat surrounding the western or upper half of Tokio is threatened with destruction. Already the western half of the city, in the lower section comprising one-third of the city, the homes of 600,000 Japanese of the poorest class was destroyed when the river Shumida, dividing the city, overflowed its banks.

The government today assumed direction of relief and ordered troops from surrounding prefectures to concentrate their efforts to relieve 2,000,000 homeless in the country districts surrounding Tokio and Yokohama. War vessels have been ordered by wireless to proceed at once to Tokio and Yokohama to cooperate with the military authorities. Relief Work Retarded The prostration of land communication makes the work of relief and care of the shelterless and starving pitifully inadequate. A great Buddhist temple near Takasaki, the Gongendo, crowded with refugees, is being slowly undermined by the swirling waters of the Tonegawa and is threatened with destruction. The great stretch of lowlands between Tokio and Shidzuka practically has joined the sea. The government railroad on which trains are operated between Tokio and Kobe, is washed away and all the smaller stations along the line are submerged.

Northward the Tonegawa is a swollen flood and belated reports from Karuzawa, the great Japanese summer resort, indicate that the low-

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FRUITMEN MAKE KICK ON WEIGHT

Manager Wilmeroth of Rogue River
Fruit & Produce Association
Writes Railroad Commission Re-
garding Shipment of Pears.

C. W. Wilmeroth, manager of the Rogue River & Produce association, has complained to the state railroad commission that California is enjoying a preference in shipment of pears, over the people of Medford. In writing to the State Railroad commission he says the basis of filling pear boxes in California is on standard sized boxes of 50 pounds. In Medford the pear box is of the same dimensions, except they are one-quarter of an inch shorter. He states a weigher is sent in by the company and as each car is loaded he has insisted on weighing many of the boxes, the consequence being that the pears are billed at 52 1/2 pounds. "California either has a decided snap or we are getting the worst of it," states Mr. Wilmeroth in conclusion. The commission has taken up the matter with the Southern Pacific.

TAFT DECIDES ON DRASTIC METHODS TO REUNITE PARTY

Secretary of the Interior
Richard A. Ballinger.



Who, according to reports from the east yesterday, will resign on September 15 in order to insure harmony in Republican ranks. Secretary Ballinger is now in Klamath Falls inspecting the reclamation project there and will visit Crater Lake within the next day or two.

ENYART SELLS CORNER, \$19,000

Porter J. Neff and Associates' Pur-
chase Property at Sixth and Fir
Streets and Will Erect Permanent
Home for Mail Tribune.

Porter J. Neff and associates have purchased for \$19,000 the J. E. Enyart property at Fir and Sixth street, 130x100 feet and will erect a modern business block upon it. Upon that portion next the alley, work will begin at once upon a brick building, mission style of architecture, erected as a permanent home for the Mail Tribune and Medford Printing company. The building will be 40 by 100 feet, with walls of sufficient strength for a three story structure. The Mail Tribune will occupy the entire lower floor under long term lease and it is hoped the business will grow as that the second floor will also be needed for editorial and composing rooms, leaving the ground floor for office and presses. The plant will be enlarged and improved materially, giving it facilities second to none in Oregon outside of Portland, enabling the printing of any size of newspaper that business justifies, and all kinds of printing. Now that the hobble skirt has reached Emporia, we may expect that fashionable atrocity to be embalmed in deathless poetry by Uncle Walt, and it is possible that it may lead to another editorial consideration of what is the matter with Kansas.

U. P. OFFICIAL PRAISES VALLEY

F. S. Cobb, Publicity Man, States
That Rogue River Valley is a Gem
and That Resources Justify Faith
for Large Population.

"I think Medford is a wonderful city and the valley more than justifies your expectations of a large population. The Rogue river is a gem... This is what F. S. Cobb, publicity agent of the Union Pacific said. Mr. Cobb spent the day here Friday and was shown over the valley by Manager Malbouef of the Commercial club. He is a man of very wide experience in advertising a keen observer and of most pleasing personality. As a reason of his visit some new features in publicity work will be carried out. Several boxes of our large Bartlett's are to be sent by express fair to be opened August 25. The Des Moines press next week will be the fourth time in the history of the Rogue River valley that pears are placed on exhibition in the east and great benefits will undoubtedly follow. The Des Moines fair is a highly important one and is annually attended by nearly one hundred thousand people. Effort will also be made to have a number of jars of our fruits processed and used by the Union Pacific this season. At the Minneapolis, Springfield, Illinois, Nashville and Richmond fairs, where the aggregate attendance is no less than Pacific system of publicity work at these fairs is very unique, thorough and interesting.

CRANE SAID TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN HITCHCOCK'S JOB

Ballinger, Aldrich and Cannon to Be
Eliminated From Councils of Re-
publican Party in Order to Insure
Harmony, According to Reports.

KLAMATH FALLS, Aug. 13.—Secretary Ballinger arrived in this city tonight. A United Press representative called on him and Ballinger told the story which was given wide circulation today that he would leave the cabinet on or before September 15, after the report of the Pinchot-Ballinger investigating committee is made public. Ballinger was very emphatic in his denial that he had any intention of resigning. "I know nothing about my resignation and do not intend to resign," said Ballinger. "I have denied any such intention and still deny it. Secretary Taft has never given me any intimation that he desires my resignation, and until he does I will continue to act as secretary of the interior department."

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 13.—That Senator Winthrop Murray Crane of Massachusetts has succeeded Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock as political adviser to the president is the authoritative report today, following the reports that Speaker Cannon is to be eliminated from the high republican councils along with Senator Aldrich and Secretary Ballinger.

When the United Press first announced on high authority that the mission of Senator Crane on his mysterious journey to St Paul was to demand the retirement of Secretary Ballinger before the fall campaign, it was intimated that President Taft has decided on drastic measures to re-unite the republican party and assure success at the polls in November. Casting About For Help The president, it is said by those close to the administration has believed for some time that the Democrats and insurgents would control the next house, and has been considering, it is declared, moves that would make it possible to insure a Republican victory. The president has had many conferences with Sen-

FOREST FIRES NEAR ASHLAND

Ashland Manufacturing Company
Are Heavy Losers, According to
Reports Reaching Medford Last
Night—Not in Government Timber

According to report reaching this city late last night the Ashland Manufacturing company is a heavy loser owing to a forest fire which is raging in their timber three miles west of Ashland on Wagner creek divide. The fire started Saturday morning and is as yet unchecked. The fire is burning in section 12, township 39 S. R. 1 W. It is not in government timber so no rangers were sent to fight it. The timber company has a big force in the woods trying to check it however.