

### Isenstein Collects Revenue From Hemet Orchards.

Fruit orchards owned by local grocermen have become quite the thing. J. Isenstein, of the Torrance Grocery, made a flying trip to Hemet last Saturday, where he has a thirty-acre peach orchard, and incidentally he dropped around to the offices of the Golden State Cannery and collected his 40 per cent of the yield for 1922. The crop was exceptionally fine this year, and netted a neat sum. While in Hemet, Mr. Isenstein called at the "Hemet News" office and visited with Editor King, an old acquaintance of the publisher of the Torrance Herald. "The country around Hemet is rich and prosperous," says Isenstein, "and that city is growing rapidly. The trip north was made without mishap and I enjoyed being on the road for a day or two away from the usual grind of business."

### DOBLE STEAM CAR STEPS RIGHT OUT IN FEW SECONDS

When Abner Doble last demonstrated his steam car personally in Los Angeles—the best "kick" of the day developed as the car was leaving the Broadway show room.

Of course, a large and curious crowd had gathered waiting to "see her steam up" as is always the case when it is noised about that the car is to make a run—also the folks seem anxious to get a squint at Abner Doble himself. Some of them seem to think he wears a steam coil for a hat and are disappointed when he appears with the usual outfit.

In this particular instance there stood a gent from somewhere between the Mississippi and the Rocky Mountains, eyeing the car with cold suspicion.

"How long does it take to get her a b'illin'?" he asked.

"Oh, about 20 to 30 seconds," answered Doble.

"It can't be done; no, sir; I say it can't," said the old boy, and he stuck out his jay at a belligerent angle.

"Well, I'm going out now," said Doble; "just suppose you time me from the moment I turn on the switch until the car rolls away."

"All right, I got you," said the doubting one.

Drawing out his watch, he set himself for the test. Doble told him to say when he was ready, so the old boy waited until the second hand was straight, then yelled, "Turn her on"—"click" went the switch—"count out the seconds so we can all hear you," said Abner. So he began, one eye on his watch and the other on the steadily mounting register. At "thirteen" Doble opened the throttle and the car moved out under 1000 pounds of steam.

The old fellow was actually stunned. "It can't be done, it can't be done," he yelled, "it ain't natural, I tell you. If it wasn't for me having my own timepiece I'd say they had a trick clock. That's the fastest steam I ever saw in thirty-eight years, and it beats me." It took him over thirty minutes to become normal, then he wanted to buy a car, saying he'd have one next year or know the reason why.

The one thing that upsets all automotive and steam men is the fact that 1000 pounds of steam can always be developed in 30 seconds or less.

The securities of the Doble Motors Corporation can be purchased at the office of James W. Jones, Auditorium Bldg., Torrance. Phone 133-J.

The five children of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin have gone to visit with their Aunt at Rosamond, Calif. indefinitely.

The folks who sympathize with ex-kaiser Bill need not think that the fact that he caused 20,000,000 deaths will ever worry him any.

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### KEYSTONE NOTES

The Johnstown flood was on in full force last Monday night and Tuesday morning. Robert Hull and his wife returned late after a hard day's work on the ranch. Along

some time in the morning they heard water running rather heavy, but thinking it was only rain, rolled over and back into dreamland they went. When Big Ben called them at 6 a. m., Robert threw both feet out of bed at once and into four inches of nice cold water. Now, he swears he did not have anything to drink, and we are of the opinion

he didn't. A lot of Keystone people did not have anything to drink Monday night. He pulls in his oars and meditates, then gets out and wades to the kitchen to find the faucet wide open. Hence the flood. How many other Keystoneites did the same thing? Thanks to the water company for the quick work, even at 4 o'clock in the morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles La Boeuf spent Thanksgiving at Santa Monica. The hostess being Mrs. La Boeuf's sister, Mrs. Frank Freeman. It was in the way of a family reunion, twenty-two being seated at a beautifully decorated and well-supplied table.

After many trips and much work on the part of our chamber of commerce officials, we are getting Carson street put in good shape for the winter. The low spots are being filled in and five tanks of oil are to be applied right away. This will keep us out of the mud, and no doubt we will see Carson paved before the rainy weather comes next year. To the chamber is due a lot of thanks for this one improvement.

Did you see the big show Tuesday night? Or, did you get turned away. Keystone was well represented in both crowds. It is safe to say more were too late to get in than did get in. But nevertheless you could see the Keystone badge in evidence all over the house. And Keystone took several good, valuable prizes home. There is not always a big crowd at the Torrance theatre, but there is always a good show. You cannot miss by going any night.

John Getz is getting his new house whipped into shape now. A good two-story home. John is the goat king of Keystone. He doesn't know how many he has when he goes to milk, but says he has almost enough. All his goats are good stock and some are quite valuable animals.

The chamber of commerce met last Saturday night, and despite the rain there was better than sixty people out. We had some new information about the water proposition, and some of it was rather a surprise, but coming from the man it did can hardly be doubted. More light will be given this matter at our next meeting, the first Saturday in January.

The hall question was again revived on an entirely different basis. This is a new scheme that cannot help but succeed, and you should by all means get in touch with the chamber and find out the principles of this. We are in the market for a lot to build this hall on. Either a gift or at a nominal sum. It is desired to locate as near the Main street boulevard as possible, but do not hesitate to offer what you have, that we may build to suit the most people. Submit your offer to Paul C. Morse, Route 2, or H. C. Rocque, Route 2. Try to do this by Tuesday morning.

Harry Gadeky, secretary of Torrance chamber of commerce, was a visitor Saturday night. Harry gave us a splendid talk and his visit was enjoyed by all present. He invited everybody from Keystone to call at the chamber of commerce office in Torrance and get acquainted. There was more than 50 who took the opportunity Tuesday evening before the show. Mr. Gadeky has gone right to the bat for Keystone, and every man, woman and child in Keystone, as well as Torrance, has got a friend in the new secretary. He is the one man that you should get acquainted with and back with your support by joining

in with him. Let him know you are with him.

Directors' meeting Tuesday at La Boeuf's.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sapp gave a birthday party to son Warren Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Sapp had promised his boy a pony a long time ago. "Just wait till you are nine years old," he would say. The boy waited, and now he has a little Shetland pony—he is nine years old.

The festivities lasted a little too long, for Mr. Sapp and his party were among the late arrivals at the show and could not get in. Some friends came down from the city, and several school chums were guests. It was declared by several to be the best time they had had for a long time.

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