

PRUNES MAKE BEST BREAD SAY BAKERS

Baking Teams to Enter
State-Wide Contest
for Making Prune
Bread.

O. A. C. Corvallis. (Special to Observer)—Oregon prune bread is about to go on the map with California's famous bread, with 75 Oregon boys and girls from 75 counties entering in 15 counties entering it for a contest. The contest is now in training for an efficiency contest backed by the prune growers and bakers to be held at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition at Portland November 1st to 5th.

"Why not bread with prune fruit?" said the Oregon Prune Growers' Association. "Prune bread is just as nutritious and palatable as white bread," said the Oregon Prune Growers' Association. "Prune bread is just as nutritious and palatable as white bread," said the Oregon Prune Growers' Association.

Everybody knows why the prune growers are interested in this use of prunes, but as to the bakers, that's news. They are being urged by the Salem Heights Cookery club and the Seaside Cookery club and liked it so much that they offered with the growers to send the best of the young bakers of prune bread to the exposition to compete in a statewide baking contest, and also to display the excellence of the winning team to the general public.

Before the members could enter the contest they had to make not less than four successful bakes alone, and then four more with their team mates. Having done this, they are now practicing for county contests in Clatsop, Tillamook, Multnomah, Clackamas, Marion, Polk, Douglas, Josephine, Jackson, Klamath, Malheur, Umatilla, Sherman, Hood, River, and Lane counties. The 15 winning teams in these county contests will be sent to Portland or the state competition.

In the contests for which the members have prepared so fully the teams will work in pairs, one taking while the other works and then working while the other talks, telling all about how good prune bread is and how wholesome, and how it is made. The team that succeeds best in convincing the judges that they know the most about it and can do the work the best will be declared the winner.



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This isn't a freak animal act, but a pastime which the young Sam post and the 100-year-old tortoise themselves originated at the Oregon Zoological Gardens. They have struck up a strong friendship, and the goat delights in jumping on and off the turtle's back.

LUMBER TRADE IS INCREASING

Weekly Report from All
Sections of the Coun-
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CHICAGO. (Special to the Observer by "The American Lumberman")—Encouraging reports regarding the position of the lumber industry continue to come in from all producing sections, says the American Lumberman, Chicago. Southern pine statistics show that bookings continue to exceed production by a big margin. Shipments also are considerably above output, with the result that stocks are declining. Distributors state that it is not always easy to place an order, especially for mixed cars, on account of many mills being oversold on staple items. Southern pine prices are steady and are tending upward, though no appreciable advances have occurred during the last two weeks.

Douglas fir mills are taking a firm attitude toward the market. Demand has developed satisfactorily during the last several weeks, and is well ahead of output. There has been an especial improvement in the call from the middle-western agricultural districts, due to the better financial position of the farmer, which permits him to get ahead with much repair and construction work that heretofore has been postponed on account of lack of money. Foreign trade meanwhile holds up around the normal mark, and domestic cargo markets absorb a good volume of lumber. This fact is proved by the statistical showing that nearly half of all recent sales by mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association have been for water delivery, about one-third of these being for foreign delivery and two-thirds for domestic destinations. Lumber stocks on the west coast are low and much de-

pleted, and prices are steadily strengthening.

The current barometer of the Western Pine Manufacturers' Association shows that orders for inland Empire forest products have leaped up to 105 per cent of normal—the best showing made by this wood for many months. Western pines have been exceedingly scarce, but the recent developments tend to indicate that the timber is definitely coming, and that good business will be enjoyed for probably the rest of the year. This prediction is based on the activity of most of the large consuming industries and the good outlook for fall retail trade, particularly in the country districts, as well as on the fact that stocks in consumers' hands everywhere are very low. Current western pine production is 10 per cent below bookings, and stocks are as a whole not heavy. Prices on common have advanced again during the last week, while those on shop remain firm.

The hardwood trade is described as satisfactory and improving. Furniture interests are buying on a larger scale than for several months, and are expected to increase their purchases still further in September. Flooring, sash and door and interior trim makers retain the heaviest inventories and a good deal of trade is also transacted with box, agricultural implement and miscellaneous manufacturers, while export trade is well maintained. Comparatively little activity in the market is shown by the automobile industry. Hardwood prices are firm and have shown some advances, not only in common oak and red gum.

**California Also
Has Its Kelo Apes
Tales for Credulous**

ETNA MILLS, CAL. (AP)—The ports crowding all sorts of strange things to a "lost valley" in the Siskiyou mountains, on the northern boundary of California, led by Dr. Paul Chapman, Dr. Warner Post and Harvey Miller, of Berkeley, to explore the region. They found the valley, a beautiful little plain, almost impenetrable, but there were nothing more startling than the number and size of the bear tracks.

The three men went by motor

as far into the mountains as they could, then took horses into the wild and rugged Carbonate and Sawtooth ranges. The hidden valley lies between the headwaters of the Trinity and Salmon rivers. Some distance before reaching it they had to leave their horses and make their way on foot. There was no trail into the valley, which is protected by steep peaks at the head of Thompson's creek.

The explorers found a clear, greenish glacial lake at the upper end of the chasm, with a lush green meadow at the lower end. There was a multitude of the most water-loving, sometimes called "marsh" plants. While rising the presence of bear tracks, there was little to distinguish the valley from others of similar design in the Sawtooths.

It is a country of slender trees and waterfalls of vast heights.

TUBERCULOSIS DECREASING

NEW YORK (AP)—Reports from 22 countries representing a third of the population of the world, compiled by G. J. Drolet, statistician of the New York Tuberculosis association, indicate that in the last 43 years more than 15,000,000 people have died from pulmonary tuberculosis, according to a statement issued today by the association.

In practically all of the countries studied the death rate from tuberculosis is declining, with the exception of Japan where there is a marked increase. The central European countries showed an increase during the war, but so far figures are available since the war there has been a decline. At the present time, however, the death rate in Germany seems again to be mounting.

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TELESCOPE HAS BIG LENS

Huge Glass to Be
Installed at Michigan
This Year Has Been
Under Process of Man-
ufacture Since 1911.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—After 12 years of waiting the University of Michigan has a prospect of obtaining its new telescope, the fourth largest in the country, completely assembled and ready for use, into this year. Soon afterward it will be dismantled again and taken to South Africa. For eight or ten years of study of the southern sky by university astronomers. Only three refracting telescopes in the United States will have lens surpassing its 27 inches of diameter measurement, that at Yerkes with 40 inches, that at Lick with 36 inches and one other measuring 30 inches.

Difficultly in getting glass sufficiently large to make the lens was responsible for the delay. Orders for the new telescope were placed June 10, 1911. Two years ago the big piece of glass reached this country from Germany.

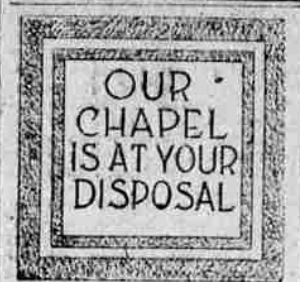
Sent to the shop of Robert H. Meissner in Pittsburgh, it had been shaped and was being polished when Mr. Meissner died in 1922. Search revealed no man able to continue the work except one in Meissner's shop who was then working on a lens for Yale. He turned his attention to the Michigan lens in June, and will be finished with it in six months. Slowness of the work of polishing is due to the fact that each three minutes of polishing demands a

Eventually, after its trial test at Ann Arbor and its journey under the skies of South Africa, the new lens will become part of the equipment at the university observatory.

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