

N. W. Farmers In Difficulties, O'Brien States

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Northwest farmers have not adopted the shotgun tactics of their eastern brothers, but they are being troubled by a comparable situation. With the price of peaches down to a point which allows the grower nothing for his fruit, the Yakima Valley Fruit Growers association, the largest cooperative in the Yakima valley, this past week "turned loose" its growers. This gave the growers permission to market their fruit wherever they could for whatever they could. At the same time the Big Y went on the air, advising that peach growers throughout the territory stop picking and packing until they could get a living price for their fruit.

The marginal point on peaches seems to be in the neighborhood of 25c per box at shipping point. Deducting brokerage and handling charges, this returns the grower about 20c, and the grower figures it costs this much for his boxes, paper, picking, packing and hauling, to say nothing of getting any return on his land, his year's labor, the care of his orchard. Freight from Yakima to main distributing points in the northwest is 5 to 10c per box, in some cases higher. Allowing a handling charge by the receiver and a profit for the retailer, then studying the figures for which peaches are selling throughout the territory, the situation of the grower can easily be pictured, according to prominent shippers.

One of the things disturbing the grower is the slowness of the consumer in taking on canning supplies. Retailers point out that in spite of two or three recent advances in the sugar market, most consumers own their sugar at the old price and are selling on that basis, which gives the housewife the cheapest sugar she will be able to buy for some time. With peaches at their very peak for quality, growers hope that the bulk of peach canning will be done this week. As a good many farmers have discontinued picking and packing, such a demand would at least equalize the present supply, and growing sections are hopeful of prices at shipping points will shortly rise to where, at least a small return can be realized on the harvest. Quality generally has never been better.

Colorado is approaching its first peach peak, according to Pacific Fruit and Produce Co. by whom this survey was made. Oregon peaches, grown from The Dalles around through Salem and down to Ashland, are still in heavy production but will be beyond their high point by Labor day. The Wenatchee peach situation is controlled by the Yakima deal. Picking supplies, including pickling onions, cucumbers, dill and peppers are plentiful. Ground cherries are now available. The northwestern huckleberry crop is daily increasing in supply. Movement of the large northwestern crop of Italian prunes is hampered only by the rather slow demand through the middle west. Heavy storage is being arranged for the large pear crop. First Jonathan apples will be moving to market shortly.

ITALY PLACES BIG TARIFF ON DRIED FRUITS

ROME, Sept. 3 (AP)—Heavy tariff increases published today virtually shut out of Italy frozen beef from Argentina and United States exports of lard, fatbacks and dried fruits. The duty on frozen beef is raised from 27.50 lire per quintal to 140 lire for Argentina. The object of the increases is to protect and encourage home industry. The duty on lard is raised from 20.40 lire to 200 lire per quintal, and on fatbacks from 44 to 250. The duty on prunes and other dried fruits is boosted from 55 lire to 100 per quintal. The United States exports to Italy last year were 88,000 quintals. Dried fruits are the only exports to Italy which are expanding. Last year they increased 100 per cent.

EXPECT BUSINESS GAINS IN NATION

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weekend, but many final prices were not far from the best and the closing tone was strong. Trading was at a fast pace throughout the two hours and at one time the ticker was six minutes behind the market. Transactions approximated 2,500,000 shares. United States Steel common, very active, closed at \$51.50, up \$1.50. American Telephone at \$119 was up \$1, although it had touched \$120. Bethlehem Steel's net gain was \$2.02, the price being \$27.37. Delaware & Hudson rose \$4 to \$91; United Aircraft \$5.25 to \$29.50; American Can \$1 to \$60.37; Du Pont \$1.50 to \$14.25; Standard Oil of New Jersey \$1.37 to \$30.02; Western Union \$5 to \$40.12; North American \$2.25 to \$42.75; Woolworth \$1.37 to \$41.12. Cotton reduced extreme advances of about \$1 a bale to net gains of 70 to 80 cents.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Sept. 3 (AP)—Butter, butterfat, eggs, live poultry and country meats unchanged. Mohair, nuts, cascara bark, hops, onions, potatoes, strawberries, wool and hay quotations unchanged.

SUGAR AND FLOUR

PORTLAND, Sept. 3 (AP)—Sugar—Cane, granulated \$4.55 100 lbs.; beet \$4.30 100 lbs. Domestic flour—Selling price delivered: patent 40s \$5.50; do 98s \$5.30; bakers' bluestem \$4.10; soft wheat pastry patent \$3.40 to \$5.20; Montana hard wheat patent \$5.00 to \$5.20; rye \$4.50 to \$4.60.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 3 (AP)—Wheat—Close, Oct. 59½; Dec. 59; March 59½. Exchange \$3.47.

Quinn Prepares For Opening Of Football Season

Bob Quinn, coach of Eastern Oregon Normal school athletics, has returned home from a summer spent in Western Oregon—attending summer school at the university in working for his master's degree, vacationing at the seashore and a few days in Portland. The grid mentor motored back from Portland Wednesday, accompanied by his family, and is now making preparations for the opening of school Sept. 19 and the opening of the football season.

Discussing football prospects yesterday afternoon, Mr. Quinn said that right now the outlook is very encouraging, but he cannot be sure about his men until after enrollment. He expects some veterans back and considerable new material.

Schedule Incomplete.
The schedule is causing him some worry at present. As it lines up now, there are five games assured, but only four of these have been dated, and there is a strong possibility of a sixth game. Attempts to get a game with the University of Idaho, Southern branch, at Pocatello, met with failure. The coach is angling with Columbia university at Portland for a game there Oct. 15 and is trying to arrange with Spokane university for a tilt at Spokane Oct. 1. The game with Spokane is assured, but the date is not definite.

Four games are on the books, however, as follows: Oct. 7—College of Idaho at Caldwell (night game). Oct. 22—Albion Normal school at La Grande. Oct. 29—Ashland Normal school at La Grande (homecoming). Nov. 11—Lewiston Normal school at La Grande.

Monmouth Not on List.
Incidentally, neither E. O. N. nor Ashland scheduled football games with Monmouth this fall, and as a result the winner of the Ashland-E. O. N. game will have the best claim to the state normal school championship. Only the three teams figure in the title race, and with Monmouth definitely off the schedule of the other two, the Wolfemans haven't a chance, regardless of the strength of their team. A team cannot win a title without playing at least one game.

Ashland hasn't been playing Monmouth for two or three years and the school in La Grande did not schedule the Western Oregon outfit this year.

PORTLAND CASH

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 3 (AP)—Cash wheat; Big Bend bluestem 60c. Soft white 54½c. Western white 54c. Hard winter 54½c. Northern spring 64c. Western red 53c. Cats: No. 2 white \$17.00. Today's car receipts: wheat 100; flour 10; oats 1; hay 2.

BUTTERFAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 3 (AP)—Butterfat not available today.

Old Grid Outfits O. K. This Fall If In Good Condition

WEST Linn, Ore., Sept. 3 (AP)—High schools of Oregon whose present football equipment is still in good condition, will continue in use despite the new high school football rule calling for a three-eighths inch of felt or rubber padding over all fiber parts of the uniform.

This announcement was made Friday by John L. Gary, secretary of the Oregon State High School Athletic association. If the ruling had been put in effect, many schools would have been obliged to discard equipment that still is serviceable. Gary suggested, however, that as new suits are purchased, the approved style be adopted.

METROPOLITAN OPERA STAR FAVORS TAILORED MADE

ST. MORITZ (AP)—Rosa Ponselle, Metropolitan Opera soprano, who is among Americans making daily climbs in the Alps here, has adopted a strictly tailored mode for her mountain hikes. She wears a dark tailored wool suit with a matching beret and a light tailored blouse. A wide two-toned kid belt, gauntlet gloves and crocodile walking shoes are her accessories.

BRAZIL TO MANUFACTURE YELLOW FEVER VACCINE

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Manufacture of a yellow fever vaccine developed by Dr. Henrique de Beaulieu Aragao, Brazilian scientist, will be undertaken by the Brazilian health department for further experiments. Doctor Aragao obtained the first positive results of his serum in May, 1931, but the vaccine has not yet been used for actual immunization of humans. The Aragao serum must be used with blood of yellow fever patients, and the Brazilian scientists plan to import monkeys from Africa for this purpose, since Brazilian monkeys resist the disease.

Europeans To Stage Air Tour

BERLIN (AP)—An international reliability air tour, to start and end here, has been chartered over a 5199-mile course including a crossing of the Alps in France and flying over a water stretch between Copenhagen, Denmark, and Gothenburg, Sweden.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO WHEAT				
	Open	High	Low	Close
Sept. (old)	53½@½	54	53½	54
(new)	53½	53½	53½	53½
Dec.	58½	58½	58	58@58½
May	62½@63½	63½	62½	62½@63

PORTLAND WHEAT				
	Open	High	Low	Close
Sept.	53	54½	53	54½
Dec.	56½	57½	56½	57½
May	60½	61	60½	61

CHICAGO CORN				
	Open	High	Low	Close
Sept.	31½@½	31½	30¾	30¾@½
Dec.	34½@½	34½	33¾	33¾@½
May	39½	39¾	38¾	38¾@½

No Changes In Price Today On Butter and Eggs

PORTLAND, Sept. 3 (AP)—The week's final session in the dairy market found no changes in prices on any grades of eggs, butter or cheese.

Little change in the general situation is apparent, except the usual dullness before a double holiday. The market on both butter and eggs, however, holds firm and in the egg division, further price advances are seen.

Butter is in good call and all egg receipts are moving promptly. Portland's wholesale fruit and vegetable markets were busy Saturday with efforts to clean up before double holiday. Business for the morning was only moderate.

There were no price changes for the day on any staple lines of produce. Demand generally was light.

Fruit receipts were light Saturday, either on track or trucked in. A heavy run of peaches is expected Monday.

The market for country killed meats closed the week nominally quiet and in an unchanged position. Prices about steady at current levels.

Hope to Reopen Boise Bank Soon

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 3 (AP)—Encouragement for a possible early opening of the First National bank of Idaho and its nine affiliates which closed Wednesday was given here by Senator William E. Borah and Governor C. Ben Ross.

Senator Borah said he had received "very encouraging" word from the reconstruction finance corporation in Washington that federal assistance would be forthcoming to bring about reopening of the banks.

Assurance was received by Gov. Ross from Allee Pomerene, chairman of the reconstruction finance board of directors, that the corporation was "ready and willing to co-operate."

Veteran Seaman Retires

OAKLAND, Cal. (AP)—Capt. Henry A. T. Candy, commander of the flagship of the Panama-Pacific line's fleet of ocean liners, has retired after 44 years at sea. He obtained his master's license while serving in sail, and his first command was the clipper ship Iverness.

Weekend Finds Capital Deserted

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3 (AP)—This labor day weekend finds the capital virtually abandoned by high federal officials.

President Hoover was at his Rapidan camp in Virginia for one of his longest rests in recent months. He arrived last night after driving through a heavy rainstorm. Here at their desks were only two of the president's cabinet and one of these officers planned to leave.

Over The Valley Personals

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Getting Along—
Rev. N. E. Hershey, formerly pastor of a number of churches in this section and most recently of the Island City Community church, underwent an operation this summer, according to word which has been received by his friends here. The Hershey family lives at San Mateo, Cal.

To Wallowa Lake—
Mrs. P. A. McDonald, of the Iowa district, Mrs. Anna Oliver, Miss Margaret Anson and Mrs. Charles Playle, of La Grande, drove to Wallowa Lake Monday and were guests at a party given by Mrs. Margaret McDonald at her home at the head of the lake.

LEAP YEAR BRIDE

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BEGIN HERE TODAY

Cherry Dixon, 19 and pretty, falls in love with Dan Phillips, newspaper reporter whom her wealthy, aristocratic parents have forbidden her to see. When Cherry learns Dan's telephone number she steals out of the house to meet him. Her father discovers this and threatens to send her to California. Cherry defies him and he orders her to leave.

She goes to Dan, tells him what has happened and asks him to marry her. The ceremony is performed that night by a justice of peace.

Cherry looks for an apartment but is discouraged to find them so expensive. Dan works late one night on a tip that Tony Tosselli, gangland chief is coming to Wallowa. Cherry unconsciously gives this news tip to a reporter on the rival newspaper.

The other paper gets the story and Dan's boss threatens, "One more slip and you're fired."

Dixie Shannon, movie critic, helps Cherry find an inexpensive apartment. Dan and Cherry move from the hotel. Cherry finds housework and cooking trying. Max Pearson, handsome friend of

Dan's, is the first guest whom they invite to dinner.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER XIX
Dan Phillips grinned as he fumbled in a pocket for the key. "I tell you there's nothing like this," he said to Pearson, beside him. "It's great to have a home to come to when you're through work—to know someone is waiting for you there—glad to see you and hear how the day's gone."

The key was in the lock now. Dan swung the door open and stepped back for the other to enter.

"You know," Dan continued, "I used to think a fellow gave up a lot when he married—freedom, the right to come and go as he pleased and all that. Well, it's the bunk. The past two weeks have taught me that much. Of course not many men have wives like Cherry—she's a pretty girl," Pearson agreed.

"Pretty? Say, Cherry's got everything! Beauty, brains, a wonderful disposition. And the way she's taken to housekeeping—"

They were half way up the stairway. Suddenly an odor, strange and unpleasant, reached their nostrils. It was certainly a penetrating odor and it seemed to come from above.

Dan sniffed. "Wonder if something's burning?" he said uneasily. "Smells like—like rubber or something, doesn't it?"

"Not rubber," Pearson said. "But there does seem to be something wrong." He coughed.

They had reached the second floor landing. The fumes were heavier and they were certainly coming from the rear apartment.

"It's smoke!" Dan exclaimed, taking the last step. "Nat—Nat—'Cherry' he cried, rattling the doorknob. 'Are you there? Open the door! It's Dan—'"

There was no answer. A frantic, seemingly endless moment and then the latch gave. The two men pushed the door open.

Smoke in thick gray clouds, filling their throats and smarting their eyes, swept past them. The room was filled with it. There were no flames they could see.

"Cherry!" Dan called again. "Where are you?"

Pearson closed the door and crossed the room to raise the windows high. "It seems to be coming from over there," he said, pointing toward the kitchen. He stopped in another fit of coughing.

Dan had the kitchen door open. Yes, that was where the smoke was coming from. It poured forth in dense, almost suffocating clouds. Pearson saw Dan's arms go around on instinctive figure. "Why, darling," Dan was saying. "You mustn't stay in all this smoke. You've got to get out of here! What in the world happened? Tell me about it—"

The girl made some answer but the words were so muffled Pearson could not hear them. Dan spoke again. "But it's all right now," he urged. "Don't cry, honey! Be glad it wasn't worse. Lord, I was frightened—"

The situation was embarrassing for Pearson. The living room was gradually clearing of the heavy air. He saw that the table had been drawn out and laid with dishes and silver. That there would be no dinner was obvious. The whole meal must have gone up in flames.

"Look here," he said, addressing Dan's tweed back. "I'll run along and drop in some other evening."

The rain, starting in the morning,

had continued throughout the day. Now it had settled down to a moist drizzle. The wet pavement reflected the street lights, hanging above like glamorous golden balloons in the darkness. Pearson drove carefully. Cherry thought, but they arrived without mishap.

There are restaurants like the Venetian Grill in every large city in the country. Half a dozen musicians on a slightly raised platform at the far side of the large room were playing a fox-trot. Their music was subdued and not unpleasant. In the center of the floor a space had been cleared for dancing. The decorations of the place—painted walls, mirrors, heavy gold and blue curtains, palms in huge pots, tery jars, rose-shaded table lamps—were a bit garish. Still there was an air of gaiety about the place. Young couples sitting at small tables were obviously dressed in their best for "dates." There were groups of well-dressed, prosperous looking business men and here and there a family party.

Cherry and Max and Dan chose a table near the wall. One look at the menu card and the girl was relieved. It was not going to be terribly expensive after all. She thought of the ruined dinner at home and sighed involuntarily. Cherry, during the past two weeks, had been learning to count her pennies.

"Steaks are the specialty," Pearson told her. They settled on the order and Dan launched immediately into a discussion of local politics. Cherry was relieved. She did not want to talk. How could she forget the failure of her entire day's work—the labor, expense and careful planning that had literally gone up in smoke.

Pearson's voice interrupted her thoughts. She said, "I'm sorry but I'm afraid I wasn't listening."

"I won't you dance this one with me?"

Other couples were already circling the cleared space. The music was a waltz from a German motion picture. Its slow rhythm was melodious, contagious.

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Cherry smiled. "I'd love to," she said. They were an attractive couple—the tall, handsome Pearson and the slender girl in black. Other diners paused to notice them.

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