

THREE MILLION CANS FOR USE ON COAST

PITTSBURG, Dec. 31.—The biggest contract ever awarded for tin cans has just been let by the California Fruit-Canners' association to the American Can company of Pittsburg, and illustrates the wonderfully prosperous condition of the canning trade on the Pacific coast. The contract calls for 300,000,000 tin cans, to be delivered in five years from the first of January, at the rate of 60,000,000 a year. The cans will be used entirely for fruit and vegetables raised in California.

It became known today that in connection with this contract the California Canners' association forced the United States steel corporation into line for cheaper cans by a threat of building their own tin plate plant.

The American Sheet and Tin Plate company, a subsidiary company of the steel corporation, furnishes the tin plate for the cans to the American Can company. The Fruit-Canners' association demanded a better rate on the immense order than they had been paying, but the American Can company declared it was impossible because of the high rates charged for tin plate by the steel corporation.

Then the canners went to the steel corporation and threatened that if the price of tin plate was not reduced they would erect their own plant on the Pacific coast.

DRIED FRUIT SALES QUIET IN GOTHAM

The market for evaporated apples continues quiet at New York and prices are more or less nominal in the absence of important business. Fancy are at 12@13c; choice, 10c; prime, 8 1/2@8 3/4c; 1906 fruit, 9@11c.

Prunes are in fair demand, with quotations ranging from 5 1/4@10c for California fruit and from 7 to 7 3/4c for Oregon 50-30s.

Apricots are quiet and unchanged, with choice quoted at 22@23c; extra choice, 23@25c, and fancy, 24@26c.

Peaches are dull but steady in the absence of important offerings, with choice quoted at 12@12 1/2c; extra choice, 12 1/2@13 1/2c; fancy, 13@13 1/2c; extra fancy, 14@14 1/2c.

Raisins are quiet, with loose muscat quoted at 7@7 3/4c; seeded raisins, 7@8 1/4c; London layers, \$1.70@1.80.

A COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor: Under the caption, "County Prisons and Prisoners," you ask: "Are all county prisons like that of Douglas County?" It is a safe bet to make that 99 out of every 100 in the entire country are just as bad, many of them worse, than is the disgracefully conducted institution which Douglas County calls its jail. Now that the editor has had personal experience, been initiated into the civilizing (?) mysteries of the modern way of conducting these institutions of reformation, which do not and can not, under existing methods, any one so unfortunate as to come under their baleful influence, it is to be hoped that he will lift his voice, suggest and vigorously follow up a crusade against the horribly inhuman, unlawful and most times grafting manner in which the jails of the country are conducted.

Remember that man is just as good, honorable, self-respecting and innocent as your editor is often times locked up, on suspicion or trumped-up charges, and held in these stinking, dark, insanitary, vermin-infested jails, there forced to associate with the vilest criminals, forced to listen to their vile language. Is it to be wondered at that when finally let go he is filled with disgust for and resentment to the way the law is enforced, or more properly speaking, perverted? And forces such conditions upon its helpless victims? Such things do not reform, do not best respect, for the law from any one. The grand jury is supposed to look into the manner in which the jails and other public institutions are managed, but that is a mere outward form; the jailer and boomer always know when to expect and be prepared for the coming of investigation, and so clean up the outside of things a bit. The prisoners dare not make complaint, for it would only make their already miserable condition worse. A commission should be appointed, or much better, elected to make investigation at any and all times into the condition and manner in which jails and poor farms are managed and to see that proper punishment is awarded the delinquent officials.

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NEW CASES.

W. A. Carter and L. E. Duffield vs. Bessemer Manufacturing Company—Suit to foreclose mortgage; Gus Newbury, attorney for plaintiff.

BOOM IN APPLES PREDICTED IN LONDON

In their latest apple report, W. Dennis & Sons of London says of the apple market, present and prospective:

"We regret that we have nothing encouraging to report. Indeed, this week has been disastrous, taking the heart entirely out of us as sellers almost as much as it will from the actual senders and owners of the goods. We have never seen such a really disastrous slump with sound apples. We are not troubled now with unsound fruit making the market bad, but with comparatively sound fruit, and that makes it the more remarkable.

"Novia Scotian apples have been selling in thousands at from 7s to 11s, and even Ribstones, No. 1 grade, have been selling at the latter price. For California boxes 7s 6d is the top price for four-tier fruit, however good it may be, and plenty selling down to 6s for sound fruit. Barrel stock of all descriptions is in greater supply than is wanted, and even No. 1 Ontario stock is fetching only 14s to 15s per barrel for fine Baldwin, Seeks, Spys, etc.

"What is going to be the result of this slump? Surely history will repeat itself and we shall see, what we have so often seen before, that shipments will entirely cease, and that by the time the first week in January arrives we shall have a bare market and a jump upward of all apples to prices say 50 per cent higher than those ruling today.

"Our advice to our friends is to have some stuff here by about January 10, but let it be first-class stuff, because at that date the third-class and inferior stuff will not be in demand so much as it is today, although, with short supplies, prices even for that will be much higher."

RAILROADS OF COUNTRY STOP BUYING NEW CARS

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Railroads of the United States and Canada have expended approximately \$500,000,000 for rolling stock this year. This enormous sum covers only the cost of products of car-building concerns and does not include cars and locomotives.

According to the Railroad Gazette, the effect of the financial slump will be keenly felt by the car builders next year. Orders for new equipment, to be delivered during 1908, have fallen off greatly.

The total number of cars built in the United States and Canada this year is 299,645, against 243,670 in 1906. Of those built this year, 284,188 were freight cars, and 5457 passenger coaches.

The output of locomotives was 7326 against 6932 in 1906.

Freight cars cost an average of \$1100, an increase of \$100; passenger cars, \$8500, an increase of \$500; locomotives, \$16,000, an increase of from \$500 to \$1000. Taking these figures as a basis, the total expenditure for rolling stock was \$477,000,000—an increase of 25 per cent over last year.

The mileage added this year was 5220, against 5023 in 1906. Only 349 miles of road went into the hands of receivers this year, against 657 in 1906, and only six roads, with a total mileage of 175, were sold under the foreclosure.

COURT RELEASES FIFTY IN LAND FRAUD CASES

DENVER, Dec. 30.—Judge R. E. Lewis, of the Federal court, today quashed all indictments and sustained all demurrers in the coal land fraud cases, thus releasing about 50 prominent defendants from prosecution.

TIME TABLES

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY.		
Northbound.		
No. 10 Oregon Express.....	3:30 p. m.	
No. 14 Portland Express.....	9:40 a. m.	
No. 225 For Ashland.....	10:15 a. m.	
Southbound.		
No. 157 California Express.....	10:35 a. m.	
No. 11 San Francisco Exp.....	1:50 p. m.	
No. 225 From Grants Pass.....	9:15 p. m.	
PACIFIC & EASTERN RAILWAY.		
No. 1 Leaves Medford.....	8:00 a. m.	
No. 3 Leaves Medford.....	2:45 p. m.	
No. 2 Arrives Medford.....	10:10 a. m.	
No. 4 Arrives Medford.....	5:00 p. m.	
ROGUE RIVER VALLEY RAILWAY		
No. 21 Leaves Medford.....	10:40 a. m.	
No. 9 Leaves Medford.....	5:55 p. m.	
Motor Leaves Medford.....	2:00 p. m.	
Motor Leaves Medford.....	9:00 p. m.	
No. 1 Leaves Jacksonville.....	9:20 a. m.	
No. 2 Leaves Jacksonville.....	3:20 p. m.	
Motor Leaves Jacksonville.....	1:00 p. m.	
Motor Leaves Jacksonville.....	7:30 p. m.	

TEST TEN-HOUR LAW FOR FEMALE LABOR

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—William D. Fenton and Deputy District Attorney H. B. Adams will leave for Washington, D. C., within a few days to appear on opposite sides before the United States supreme court in the ten-hour female labor law case of the state vs. Curt Muller, a Portland laundryman. The case will be heard by the supreme court at some time during the week commencing January 13.

The prosecution was begun some years ago by the district attorney's office against a Portland laundryman for employing women in his place for more than ten hours a day. The case was fought through the state circuit and supreme courts, victory coming to the state on both occasions.

Owing to the far-reaching importance of the decision the side of the laundryman was backed by the Manufacturers' association, while the state has received the active support of the national child labor law commission.

MARRIED.

Covertt-Dutton — In Jacksonville, on December 30, 1907, by Judge Dunn, William C. Covertt and Ella Dutton.

Stewart-Peterson — In Jacksonville, on December 30, 1907, by Rev. Gray, Henry Stewart and Josephine Peterson.

NOTICE.

Is hereby given that the undersigned will apply at the regular meeting of the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, to be held on January 7, 1908, for a license to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquors in less quantities than a gallon, for a period of six months, at my place of business at lot 14, block 20, Medford, Or.

HOTEL NASH COMPANY.
Dated December 26, 1907. 246

Ed Hughes of Ashland, transacted business in Medford Tuesday morning.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This is to certify that I will prosecute any party or parties to the full extent of the law that attempt to cut timber on my claims, located in the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter, the north half of the southeast quarter and the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 8, in township 39 S., of range 1 west of Willamette Meridian in Oregon, containing one hundred and sixty acres of land.

(Signed) ANNIE M. LODER.

CITY NOTICE.

The city council at its meeting held on December 13, 1907, instructed the recorder to purchase house numbers and to furnish the same to all property owners at as near cost as it was possible. The numbers can be had from the city recorder about December 20. The recorder will also furnish the correct number for each lot.

BENJ. M. COLLINS,
Recorder.

NOTICE.

Is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council of Medford, Or., at its next meeting to be held January 7, 1908, for a license to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquors in less quantities than a gallon, for a period of six months, at my place of business at parts of lots 10 and 11, block 45, Medford, Or.

T. H. MOORE.
Dated December 26, 1907. 244

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C. M. GIPSON.
Dated December 28, 1907. 246

T. J. Ingram of Talent was a business man in Medford Monday evening.

JUST OPENED

We are now open for business on the West Side next to the Presbyterian church.
We carry a full line of

TEAS, COFFEES, Spices and Extracts

We make a specialty of pure goods; also have a complete line of

QUEENSWARE, CUT GLASS, HAVELIN CHINA, VASES AND JARDINIERES

and a large Jap assortment.

M'GLASHAN & JUNKEN

Medford Steam Bakery

HOT ROLLS FOR BREAKFAST

or dainty little dinner rolls that will tempt the appetite of the most fastidious, is the kind we serve every day when ordered. Breadstuffs, light, white and delicious, is our specialty, as well as the richest, finest cakes, pastry and pies. When you want to enjoy your meals, order your breadstuffs from us.



THE BIG BOOMER

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OUR NEW YEAR'S BILL OF FARE

Contains all the good old-fashioned dishes associated with the New Year and many more besides. Come next week here. Bring your wife with you. She'll enjoy the cooking at this restaurant as well as know. And she'll appreciate the treat of eating such a good meal without the trouble and labor usually in its cooking.



THE NASH



WITH THE TO WAKER, MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1907.