

## Active Warfare Being Waged for Lettuce Growers Contracts At Least Three Firms in Field Seeking Selling Privileges

### CHEERYLANES COMPANY OFFERS ITS SERVICES

Representatives Declare Bona Fide Contracts now on Hand for 150,000 Crates — Would Send Experienced Man Into This Field

Declaring that they have already contracts for 150,000 crates of Idaho and Eastern Oregon lettuce to be marketed under the Cheerylane brand, representatives of the famous Lewiston organization which was Lewiston organization which was pioneer lettuce grower of Idaho, came to Ontario last Thursday and were here again yesterday to interest growers in the contract which they have to offer.

The representatives of the firm who visited the city were: J. B. Chaney of Lewiston, C. H. Treacy of Boise and W. E. McGee, of Nampa who is a lettuce grower himself.

"We are here," said Mr. Chaney, "to secure co-operation among the growers, and to demonstrate the efficiency of co-operative marketing just as it has been shown in the cranberry business." In 1907 the cranberry growers were getting only 75 cents per barrel for their crop. Last year throughout the operation of the American Cranberry Exchange they received as high as \$14.00 per barrel.

"We have formed the Inland Empire Lettuce Growers Association for which the Cheerylanes company is the selling agent, by which all the lettuce will be marketed under the Cheerylanes brand, which has already established a market for itself, and is recognized as the leading head lettuce in the big hotels and exclusive trade in the East and Middle West. It is from these hotels, steamship lines and railroad dining car departments that the contracts here are made. We do not sell to commission men, but direct to the consumers. We have contracts with such hotels as the Waldorf Astoria, the big Dupont hotels, The Davenport in Spokane and many others.

"We plan to help the grower from the time the ground is prepared until the crop is harvested. We will have a man trained in the Cheerylane service here, but the biggest feature of our offer, aside from the fact that we get a smaller commission than the other agencies ask is that we give the grower the benefit of the Cheerylane trade mark. We would like to call the attention of the growers in this section to the following telegram from the Packer, the biggest publication in the fruit and vegetable trade showing that Cheerylanes does secure a premium over other lettuce due to the known quality of the brand. The message is as follows:

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 5th, 1922— W. S. Shearer, Caldwell Idaho. "Chicago investigation shows Chicago buyers paid three seventy five per crate f. o. b. for Cheerylanes lettuce and that other purchases at same time were made at following prices: California, Two dollars; Washington, dollar fifty to dollar seventy five; Idaho other than Cheerylanes, three to three and quarter. Des Moines, Iowa buyers paid three fifty for Cheerylanes during October, and at same time bought Washington lettuce at two to two fifty. In November paid four dollars, f. o. b. for Cheerylanes, three dollars for lettuce out of Nampa and dollar twenty five to dollar seventy five for Los Angeles lettuce. Indianapolis reports premium for Cheerylanes in October and November of from seventy cents to dollar and half.

"(Signed) The Chicago Packer." Mr. McGee, representing the Cheerylane company was present at the meeting of the directors of the company's contract and told of their plan of operation, which includes the establishment of packing facilities here in 45 to 50 acres of lettuce is contracted in this field. The directors took no action on the matter.

### UNION OIL COMPANY STARTS WORK ON LOCAL OIL STATION

The Union Oil company of California has started work on the construction of a distributing station here. The plant will be located just south of the present plant of the Standard Oil company. A spur track is being laid and the company has been seeking information concerning contractors and it is understood it is to go ahead with the building of the plant at once.

### TELEPHONE CABLES BURNED SERVICES CURTAILED FOR TIME

During the rain storm Wednesday a high tension wire somewhere on the East side or on the Fruitland bench came into contact with the telephone wires of the Malheur Home Telephone company and also of the Farmer's Telephone company and as the result both phone systems were badly out of order. The trouble was definitely located at the freight depot where the cable was burned. If a new cable is required it may be several days before service to that section of the city is normal.

### NEARLY 200 ACRES SIGNED UP FOR IDAHO PRODUCERS

Already there has been signed up a total acreage of more than 200 acres of lettuce, and it is believed that the total acreage undertaken by members of the Idaho Producers Union which will market through the California Vegetable Union will exceed 300 acres in Malheur county, and possibly the total will be more than 400 acres. Beside this U. F. Powell and Co. have nearly 100 acres.

### FIELD MAN HERE TO START GROWERS RIGHT

George F. Prince of Crop Production Department of California Vegetable Union Visits Field— Issues Statement on Policy.

George F. Prince of the crop production department of the California Vegetable Union was in Ontario Wednesday to get acquainted with local conditions and with County Agent L. R. Breithaupt made a trip thru the valley. The visit of Mr. Prince at this time was for the purpose of familiarizing himself with local conditions where later he will be called upon to supervise the work of assisting the growers in planting and caring for their lettuce crop.

"I wish to correct some of the misstatements that are being made concerning our organization and to show also the growth in the demand for lettuce," said Mr. Prince to the Argus.

"In the first place we will market only the products of the Idaho Producers Union, and will not buy any lettuce from individual growers. Second, we will not bring in Japs or Mexican labor to grow or harvest the crop. We believe that with the profit that can be made in lettuce growing that wages sufficient to secure white labor in this territory can be made and that the labor will be available.

"We would like to call attention to the loss which the potato growers of his section suffered last year through the lack of marketing facilities, whereby the cash buyers bought before the rise in the market and when the price was up, refused to take any of the crops of farmers who did not sell to them when the price was low. To stop such an occurrence in the lettuce game this year is our purpose and what we will do.

"We are publishing a book on lettuce culture and the methods which have been proven most effective in California. A copy of this book will be in the hands of all our growers and with field men will assure the grower every possible advantage in securing a good crop.

### To Meet With Growers

At Oregon Slope, in the Park School house next Monday evening at 8 p. m. there will be held a meeting of the lettuce growers of that section, and on the following afternoon, Tuesday at 1:30 a meeting will be held at the Grange Hall at Cairo.

### FIREMEN TO PRESENT FIRST ANNUAL BALL

Members of Fire Fighting Force Need Equipment Which Depleted City Funds Can Not Provide—Public Co-operation Sought

Next Tuesday evening at the Opera House, the Ontario Fire Department is to present its first annual ball. In preparation for the event the boys are working hard to furnish every feature for a dancing program such as will long be remembered by those who are fortunate enough to be present.

An annual ball is an innovation for the Ontario Fire Department, but the boys, with their public spirit and pride in their organization, desire to improve their efficiency and ability to protect the property of all the citizens. Yet they also realize that in the present depleted condition of the city treasury they can not look to the usual source for funds.

The Firemen's ball is thus in reality a dance given for the public benefit. The funds secured will be used for equipment that the property owners otherwise would be called upon to supply. In going to the work they have to arrange this event the committee, Louis Hurlie and Irving Harris are doing a public work, and so too are all those assisting them. The public's part is the easiest of all, in reality. It consists of buying tickets. Notice the plural, tickets. There is no

### CHALLENGE ISSUED TO CANYON COUNTY AGENT

U. F. Powell Posts \$100 to Back his Version of Lettuce Contract Controversy—Wants McCall to do the Same

Declaring that County Agent McCall's version of the controversy over the action of the Canyon County committee is incorrect, U. F. Powell of Boise has issued a challenge to Mr. McCall to prove his statement or forfeit \$100 to some Ontario charitable institution. The challenge was received by the Argus in following letter from Mr. Powell, and the check is now in the Argus office. Mr. Powell says:

"We note in your issue of March 2nd a letter from Mr. W. T. McCall, of the Canyon County Farm Bureau, in which he contradicts a statement of the writer, viz, that the Marketing Committee of the above Farm Bureau did not hear a proposition from us to market the lettuce crop of their members.

"While we do not care to enter into any controversy with Mr. McCall, we know whereof we speak and now reiterate the statement made you in the following terms:

"The Marketing Committee of the Canyon County Farm Bureau never heard any proposition made by ourselves or were given an opportunity to make such proposition.

"We are enclosing you our check to your order for \$100.00 (to be covered by a like amount from Mr. McCall) to be given to some charitable institution in Ontario if we are incorrect in above statement. Or if Mr. McCall is incorrect his hundred is to be forfeited to a like beneficiary. You are to be the judge.

"As an explanation of exactly what did happen in this connection; Messrs. Saxton and Meyers (members of this committee) on a number of occasions stated to us that they wished the committee to hear our proposition and they would certainly see that we were called upon to present it. Previous to a certain date (we do not recall the exact time) Mr. Saxton personally invited us to be present at the next (Thursday) meeting of the committee to present our proposition, he stating that it had been arranged to hear us. We had been arranged to hear us. We were told by Mr. McCall that the committee had no time to hear us; that they were awaiting the arrival of the California people who were momentarily expected. We then left to go home and Mr. McCall came down the street on his way to meet the train on which the California people were expected. He stopped and told us he had seen the committee in the interim and they would hear us for few moments or until the California people arrived, when we would have to give way to the latter. We then went before the committee and told them that our proposition would take up some time and we did not care to go into it all until we could have such length of time. There were one or two gentlemen of the committee (while it was in session and we were present) who acted as spokesmen for the committee, who told us they would set the time for us to appear before the committee and present our proposition. This they never did.

"Mr. McCall was not present at any time we were before the committee and therefore does not know whereof he speaks.

"Regarding our ability to handle a quantity of perishable products, both from experience and finances, the man in our company who has charge of sales has handled from sixty to seventy five car loads of perishable a day and has been actively engaged for the past quarter of a century in selling and distributing car lots of perishables all over the United States. The firm of U. F. Powell and Co., have been in business here for a number of years and their record is clean. Last season during three months we handled a quarter million dollars worth of fruits and produce, paying cash for same, and whereas the quantity of lettuce we handled did not run up into hundreds of cars, we handled and sold something over 25 per cent of all the lettuce shipped out of Idaho. We might also remark that the California people did not handle a car of Idaho lettuce.

"Yours very truly, U. F. Powell Co., by U. F. Powell."

### LOCAL MAN VICTIM OF BOISE FOLLOWER OF WALLINGFORD

Listed among the 23 victims of three Boise "loan brokers" who is also credited with being one of the largest investors in the phony paper of the trio. According to the Statesman, Mr. Thomas invested \$2260. Officials of Ada county are contemplating legal action, but so far no assets have been found to secure the loans made by the trusting investors.

limit in the number one business man or home owner may by. The public's appreciation of the work of the department will be measured by the cheerfulness manifested in seeing that the tickets are all taken quickly.

### 1ST NATIONAL BANK OF WEISER NOT SUING

Mistake Made in Reporting Litigation Against Senator Stanfield—Weiser National, Not First National of Weiser or Complainant

Along with many other papers in Oregon, and other states which copied the news story sent out from Pendleton concerning the commencement of an action against Senator R. N. Stanfield and the R. N. Stanfield company, the Argus of last week named the complainant as the First National Bank of Weiser. This was an error. The complainant was the Weiser National Bank.

In a letter to the Argus received this week M. A. Ross, vice president of the First National Bank calls attention to this mistake and declares:

"We wish to advise you that this bank has not sued Mr. Stanfield for this or any other amount, and that we have never had any dealings with him or any of his companies."

As in any case where an error in reporting an event is made the Argus gladly makes this correction, giving it the same prominence as the original statement.

### SAGE OF HARNEY SEES BRIGHT FUTURE FOR INTERIOR SECTION

William Hanley, president of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce was in Ontario last Saturday on his way out to Portland. Mr. Hanley declares that as the result of the exchange bill which will permit the transfer of timber holdings in the Malheur forest for similar acreage on the border, that lumbering will be one of Harney's industries. They are expecting a mill at Burns and that with the irrigation development pending presages prosperity for that section and great aid for this region, too.

### COUNTY OFFICIALS GO TO MEETING AT BAKER

Wide Difference in Opinion Concerning Tax Reduction Plans Evident—Hear Views on Income Plan and Educational Taxes

County Judge E. H. Test, Commissioner Frank M. Vines, and G. W. Dean; District Attorney Robt. D. Lytle, County Assessor Andrew Graham, County Clerk Harry Sackett, W. F. Homan and Lloyd Riches were the Malheur county citizens and officials present at the meeting of the tax investigation commission which met at Baker Monday.

While the delegation enjoyed the trip there were no definite results according to the views expressed by some of them. Various citizens and officials were placed upon the stand and their testimony indicated that there is a wide difference in the valuations placed on various classes of property by the different county assessors. For example while Malheur county assessed sheep one year at \$9 per head, Wallawa county assessed them at \$6 and over in the Willamette Valley some of the counties assessed them at \$4. The same thing is also true of all other classes of property.

To right this situation the committee suggested the formation of a tax commission or the naming of a tax commissioner with power to direct the county commissioners to assess all classes of property the same in each county. Another suggestion was made that the state assessor name the assessors for each county.

I. N. Day outlined his proposal for a flat income tax as opposed to a graduated tax, which was advocated among others by W. F. Homan. Andrew Graham in presenting his ideas on how taxes might be reduced urged that in the institutions of higher learning tuition be charged; which found opposition from Walter M. Pierce of the commission.

At a luncheon given at Baker I. N. Day declared that the trouble in Oregon is due to the fact that the various candidates for state and county offices and for the legislature run on economy programs of their own making and then forget them. He urged a return to the convention system with responsible political parties nominating the candidates.

### LIBRARY AGAIN OPEN, BOOKS MAY BE RETURNED AT ONCE

The public library is again open and those who have kept books out which are overdue are urged to bring them in at once. The demand for books is depleting the shelves and many books being called for are overdue.

### DOG WHICH BIT JAPS FOUND TO BE VICTIM OF RABIES

Dr. A. G. Moore today received the report from the state board of health on the examination of the head of the dog which on March 7th, bit Jone Watanabe and his little daughter and also a Jap who was visiting at the Watanabe ranch. The report declared that Negri bodies were found in the dogs brain, proving conclusively that it was suffering from rabies. The dog, a fox-terrier belonged to the Jap who was visiting Mr. Watanabe and brought here from Pocatello. So far no other cases of rabies have been reported here.

### CONTRACT TO BE LET FOR GRAVELING ROAD

Highway Commission to Receive bids For Graveling From Malheur Line to Nelson—Engineers Go to View Route To Jordan

Division Engineer, R. H. Baldoek of the Highway Commission force was in Ontario Tuesday and left Wednesday with Engineer J. F. Joyce and his crew to view the new route selected for the construction of the Nyssa-Jordan Valley market road. The work on this road to be done this year will go a long way toward the construction of a good road all the way from Jordan Valley to the state line opposite Homedale. It is also planned to improve the grade on the hill approach to the Owyhee river, and with the grading from there to Adrian will practically complete the road through the county.

Mr. Baldoek also announced that the bids will be received for the grading and graveling of the Old Oregon Trail from the Malheur line to Huntington as well as the graveling of the road from Huntington to Nelson, so that this highway from Ontario to Nelson will be completed during the summer.

### BROGAN ORCHARDIST DIES SUDDENLY IN CALIFORNIA

Word was received here this week of the death, in California of L. G. Willis, one of the prominent and well known orchardists of the Brogan region. Mr. Willis went to California last fall to spend the winter. The body will be brought to Portland for interment. W. B. Eaton of Brogan went to Portland to be present at the funeral service. In the death of Mr. Willis, Malheur county loses one of its most successful fruit raisers and progressive citizens.

### CARELESSNESS OF ONE MAN PUTS PHONES OUT

D. D. Joslyn of Jordan Valley Throws Lines Out of Kilter and Causes Hours of Work for Linemen and Bill for Company

How the carelessness, unintentional of course, of one telephone user effects not only the entire public in some cases, but causes heavy costs to the company which in turn must charge it to operations and thus indirectly affects the entire public was told this week by General Manager J. A. Lakness of the Malheur Home Telephone Company.

One day in February D. D. Joslyn of Jordan Valley, was using his telephone in his office in Jordan and forgot to hang up the receiver. Soon afterwards he left for his ranch several miles from town. Since the service down there is on one circuit that receiver off the hook broke the entire line and Jordan Valley was cut off from the world.

Soon the company knew that something was wrong and applied the Wheatstone bridge, an instrument used to locate trouble. This indicated that the break was seven miles from Jordan Valley, right on the top of the divide, so a line-man and his helper started from Boise to locate the trouble. They went equipped with snow shoes and after leaving the stage hiked over the hills with these. For miles they walked and found no trouble. After 25 hours they reached Jordan Valley, and there they found Mr. Joslyn's phone receiver off the hook, put it back on and the line was O. K. The trip cost the company \$61, or about the gross return for an entire month at the Jordan Valley exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Paul announce the arrival of a baby boy at their home last Friday.

Mrs. George Schweitzer of Nyssa spent last week end visiting in Ontario.

### SPEEDY BOXING BOUTS WIN HEARTY APPROVAL

Best Show Ever, is Verdict of Oregon Club Men and Guests—Referee Only Knock-out Victim—Gore and Comedy Intermingled

Action and lots of it was afforded the Oregon Club men and their guests at the smoker staged last Tuesday evening. Punches with power behind them, good amateur fair and less than that intermingled with a few burlesque acts in the ring combined to make the smoker a sidesplitter. It was a scream.

The only knock-out of the evening was that of Referee Pat Gallagher, when he attempted to break a clinch between Sam Taylor and Alex McPherson, the former took a punch at the official and misjudged his aim, hit Pat in the solar plexus and put him down for the count, but Pat was up and performing soon afterward. The crowd howled.

The only knock down came in the battle between Bob Smith and Jack Taylor when the latter connected with Bob's jaw when he was off balance. No damages was done however.

The hardest struggle of the evening was presented in the Tubby Deane-Ant Maddux affair in which Maddux assayed the role of a real white hope and spilled some gore when he connected with Tubby's cheek bone and lip.

Carl Field furnished the mauling championship by fighting two men in the same ring. After his first opponent Doc Tyler sprained one of his knuckles, Fields took on Ray Boyer for a round of fast action.

Bob Leess and Ralph Dorey presented the most finished performance in their three rounds which the referee awarded to Leess on his showing in the opening round. The last two were even.

John Tatterson and Young DeNise opened the smoker with a rattling fast bout in which they stood toe to toe and exchanged punches in lively fashion. What they lacked in science they made up in action. This bout put the spectators in good humor for the evening while the burlesque event staged by Cleo and Chambers was a fitting finale. Joy Husted and Larry Gramme furnished a slow card in their sparring expedition. They refused to be jollied into beating each other up, though the crowd wanted gore all the way.

After the regular show Announcer Jimmy Smith who dropped in from Caldwell to see his old club mates, announced that for a small purse Young Pence of Payette and Young Monco of Ontario would put on a six round exhibition. A silver shower into the ring resulted in a \$14 purse which Pence won on the decision of the judges.

After the show the club served refreshments and the crowd was unanimous in the decision that the card was the biggest hit of the year. Other smokers are planned for the future.

### PEDDLER FINED FOR NOT SECURING CITY LICENSES

On Tuesday one D. M. Hart of Boise was called before Judge Stearns, for selling auto accessories without a license. The Judge found the man down town and asked to see his license which was not forthcoming. Not only did he not have a license which he did, but promised one, and used some very forceful language when refusing. Accordingly Marshall Farmer asked him to proceed to the City Hall, and get a license which did, but he promised the Judge that he would advertise Ontario, so that it would be avoided by all traveling men in the future. The Judge does not seem to be very alarmed.

### HARRY JONES SELLS RANCH TO ALBERT BUTLER, SR.

Harry Jones has sold his ranch one half mile west of Cairo to Albert Butler, Sr. Possession of the property will be transferred following a sale of Mr. Jones' personal property which will be announced soon. It is nineteen years since Mr. Jones secured possession of the farm which was then practically all raw land, while now it is one of the best ranches in the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones have no definite plans for the immediate, but they expect to take a trip to the coast cities for a visit, and will probably make their home in this section where they have lived so long.

### HAY PRICES INCREASING IS EVIDENCE OF SALES REPORTED

With seven and one half foot measurement the basis and \$6.00 per ton the price, D. P. Dearborn sold a stack of hay during the past week, which is the highest price recorded in this section for some time.

Cards were received this week announcing the birth of a 19 pound boy to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hughes in Missouri.