

ST. JOHNS REVIEW

Canned Salmon Rejected

Details of rejections by the army of the entire canned salmon pack of 1918 and its resale to packers at cost, less certain refunds, were learned Saturday. The situation disclosed is that 1,778,000 cases, approximately 5,000,000 cans, were rejected as having failed to attain government standard and are now being marketed by packers. On July 26, there had been returned to packers or shipped upon their orders 546,000 cases. Before resale by packers to wholesalers, it is stated that the goods are examined by food inspectors at points of delivery, but what proportion is being passed as fit for consumption cannot be ascertained. The government standard is that from selected sum of staples not over 5 per cent of cans may be bad. Officials of army purchase division explain that probably large proportion of pack is good, but they could not afford to take chances on it.

In February and March, it is stated, complaints began coming from army camps that the salmon was bad. Thereupon samples were ordered sent to Washington. Brands of over seventy different packers were examined and a large majority were found to contain over 5 per cent of bad salmon. Some brands ran under this proportion, but it was impossible to detect bad cans without opening, because when salmon is packed after spoiling, good and bad have the same outward appearance.

Conference of packers was then called. In May representatives of Pacific Coast Packers Association and of smaller packers met army purchasing officials and were asked for an explanation. The theory advanced by large Alaskan packers was that the extreme hot weather caused fish to spoil when on the way to the canneries. Smaller packers are represented to have said since arrangements were being made to return the goods back they should come into it, too.—Ex.

Contract Awarded

Bids for the construction of a municipally owned office building at the St. Johns municipal terminal were opened at a meeting of the commission of public docks Tuesday morning and a contract for the construction awarded to A. C. Meyer, whose bid of \$10,835 was lowest. The next lowest bid was \$11,569. At \$13,500 a contract was awarded to the Variety Manufacturing company for the installation of steel doors at the terminal. Assignment of the lease of W. R. Bagot, one and one half acres of land adjoining the terminal to be used as a flour mill site, was asked by Bagot in a communication to the commission. He would transfer his holdings to the Eagle Flour Mill company, in which he is interested. The matter was referred to the city attorney.

Frank Anderson, a brakeman on the Western Coeage company's logging train, was instantly killed while at work Monday at Astoria. A train load of logs was being hauled from California Barrel company's camp when one log dropped down and displaced the load on the two cars behind. Anderson was caught between two logs and the top of his head was pinched off. Anderson was 23 years old. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Anderson, reside at Bandon, his sister, Mrs. Edith Hollenbeck, lives at the Western Coeage company camp. It is expected the remains will be shipped to Bandon for interment.

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Worry Didn't Help

I had a little field of wheat, five acres and a third; through winter storms and springtime heat my vigils were absurd. I thought the climate should be run with my small field in view, with just enough of wind and sun, and timely rain and dew. In other fields of great extent the wheat of neighbors waved; I didn't worry worth a cent if they were lost or saved. The only wheat in all the land for which I cared a whoop was that, by idle zephyrs fanned, before my humble coop. I trembled when the sky was bright, for fear a drouth would come; and clouds would fill me with affliction, lest wild tornadoes hum. I kicked if there was too much rain, and jawed the brooding sky; and I would grumble and complain if days were hot and dry. I raged the wind in heated terms when it came from the west; I grieved of bugs and army worms, and every other pest. My wheat is harvested at last. It lived thru rust and blight, survived the torrent and the blast, and filled my bin all right. And I'd have had as big a crop if I had let things slide, if I had raised no yelping yamp and had not wept or sighed. I worried o'er that field so much I aged a hundred years, and now I hobble on a crutch, and see how vain were fears.—Walt Mason.

Pretty Home Wedding

The home of Mrs. Edith D. Vinson, 582 S. Ivanhoe street, was the scene of a wedding of quiet beauty Wednesday noon, August 6th, when Dr. Harry S. Irvine and Miss Della A. Vinson were united in marriage. Prof. Paul Irvine and Miss Marie Herring did the honors as best man and maid, Rev. J. H. Irvine, officiating. The bridal presents were beautiful and valuable. Dr. Irvine is House Doctor at St. Vincent's Hospital, and one of Portland's rising young professional men. Miss Vinson is one of our James John High young ladies and has been engaged in the office of Dr. E. R. Seeley, during vacation. While the guests were regaling themselves on dainty refreshments, a touring car spirited away the happy couple on a bridal trip to parts unknown.

Oil Regions Lively

W. S. Gillmore, who had been spending some months in the oil regions at Ranger and other points in Texas, is in St. Johns on a two week's business trip, after which he will return to the new oil regions. He brings glowing reports of the fortunes being made almost overnight in and around Ranger, which he said two years ago was a village of 150 people and now has a population of fifteen thousand. So enthusiastic is Mr. Gillmore over prospects there that he has made several investments in oil land, which he expects to rapidly increase in value. In fact, he stated that he was offered double what he had paid for one tract. Mr. Gillmore has several interesting samples of oil taken from his brother-in-law's field, which shows the oil as it comes from the ground. This well is expected to produce from 5000 to 8000 barrels per day. Any one interested in hearing about the new oil fields should consult Mr. Gillmore.

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An Island of Gold

An island of gold, in comparison which the treasure islands of pirate romance fade into insignificance, is what R. H. Wilson, of Tacoma, Wash., says he has discovered in Great Slave Lake. Back from the far north, Wilson has told his Monte Cristo tale for the first time. He is an old miner and knows values. He says no such store of gold has ever been discovered since Klondike days. He has been gone the work of sinking a mine, which he estimates will pay \$240,000,000 before it is exhausted. Tales of rich copper deposits in the Great Slave country lured Wilson in 1916. He had heard the Indian tradition of a wonderful lost gold mine on Copper mine river, farther north. He left his home in Tacoma and went up there and spent several months prospecting the region alone. While out in his canoe in the Great Slave Lake in pursuit of a wounded swan, he landed on the beach of a little island. He had often seen the island from shore, a little misshapen mound of black rock, treeless and desolate. It was known among the Indians and trappers as Little Caribou island. As far as he could learn, he was the first white man who ever had set foot on it. He found the rock of the island rose quartz. His trained eye knew it at once for gold rock. In a brief ramble he picked up a handful of gold nuggets. One was as big as a hen's egg. Everywhere he found traces of free gold. When he went back to Tacoma he took a quantity of ore. It assayed, he says, from \$11 to \$26 a ton. Convinced that his treasure island held golden wealth beyond the dreams of

The Perversity of Man

"Why folks don't leave the city and move out into the country," seems to be a question that is engaging the minds of many political and economic philosophers. The answer is easy. Wages are too high. Where, in the city? No, in the country. When the government takes its artificial price away from wheat and it drops to six bits a bushel, then wheat fields will be full of men working 16 hours a day for a dollar. When farm hands get \$30 a month on the farm they will leave the city for the farm job. Man is naturally a perverse cuss and he is going to do just what he shouldn't do. He won't herd sheep at \$75 a month, but he will for \$30. He won't set a hen when eggs are worth four bits a dozen, but he will sit up all night nursing a sick hen when eggs are selling for eight cents and he will milk cows from morning till night when butter is worth 35c a pound. Do you think he will split wood for \$3 a cord. No, it is too much money; he would rather wait and next year work at it for a dollar a cord, and so there is no use to talk about coming back to the farm now for the wages on a farm are too high. Man is sure a perverse cuss and far too obstinate and contrary to even want to follow a trail.—Canyon City Eagle.

When James A. Garfield was president of Hiram College, a man brought up his son to be entered as a student. He wanted the boy to take a course shorter than the regular one. "My son can never take all those studies," said the father. "He wants to get through more quickly. Can't you arrange it

Will Sell Tomatoes

The first step taken by the city of Portland to combat the high cost of living was the placing of an order for two carloads of cured bacon and one carload of 2 1/2 solid pack tomatoes, which will be offered for sale at cost plus freight charges. The bacon will be shipped from Camp Lewis and it is probable that at least one carload of the popular breakfast meat will reach the city by the end of the week. The shipment of tomatoes will come from Fort Mason, Cal., and will not reach Portland until about August 15. Authorization of the purchase of the food stuffs was given by the city council Tuesday to City Commissioner Pier at a special meeting called by Mayor Baker. Not only has Commissioner Pier been invested with power to make the purchases mentioned, but he also may continue to purchase food stuff from the government as long as the supply and demand exist. The bacon which the city will purchase is of good grade, which City Purchasing Agent McIntosh says sells at wholesale for 42 cents a pound and retails to the consumer at prices between 50 cents and 55 cents a pound. The city will procure this bacon for 34 cents per pound plus freight charges, which will bring the cost of the bacon to the buyers at about 34 1/2 cents per pound. The carload of tomatoes will contain 36,000 cans, for which the city will pay 13 1/2 cents per can plus freight charges, bringing the approximate cost to the consumer to 14 1/2 cents per can. The same grade of tomatoes retail at prices between 20 and 25 cents per can, according to Mr. McIntosh. Final arrangements for the handling of the foodstuffs has not yet been determined by Commissioner Pier. Simon Brothers, operating a store at First, Second and Alder streets, have offered to handle the foodstuffs for the city without cost. Wrapping paper, string, cost of wages for employees and other incidental costs will not be assessed either against the city proper or added to the cost of the foodstuffs. Julius L. Meier, general manager of Meier Frank company, has offered to sell the city-bought goods on cost-plus scale. "This purchase of foodstuffs," said Commissioner Pier, "will give the people of Portland an opportunity to lay in supplies for the winter at prices below wholesale costs. It presents a wonderful opportunity to break down the high cost of living and I feel sure that the people will welcome the opportunity availed them through action of the city council."—Oregonian.

Advices Not to Pay New

After an exhaustive study of the telephone situation, Chief Deputy City Attorney Tomlinson Wednesday issued an opinion advising telephone users to refuse to pay the new rates the company is attempting to collect.

"These rates are not lawful," says Tomlinson, "and the company is certainly taking a high handed stand when it tries to foist them on the public. Company officials claim that the new rates were ordered by Postmaster General Burleson, but they have not been able to produce any such order." Tomlinson says subscribers may, if they so desire, tender payment of bills to the company on the old pre war schedule, but even this is not necessary. Meantime the telephone company is swamped with orders from all parts of the city to have phones taken out. City Traffic Expert E. M. Cousin ended his term of service with the city Wednesday morning. He strongly advises the public not to pay any bills until the lawful rate is definitely established. Cousin goes back to his private business as traffic attorney in the Railway Exchange building.—News.

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Notice to Creditors

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, Department of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of Nancy C. Barton, Deceased.
Notice is given of the death of Nancy C. Barton, and that the undersigned has been duly appointed executrix of her Last Will and Testament and of her estate, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said decedent, or her estate, are notified to present same to me at the office of my Attorneys, Perkins & Bailey, 1117 Board of Trade Building, Portland, Oregon, with proper vouchers, duly verified as required by law, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to wit: July 18th, 1919.
EILY N. ROE, Executrix.

Notice of Hearing Final Account

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, Department of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of Eric P. Peterson, Deceased.
Notice is given that William J. Weldon, executor of the Last Will and Testament, of Eric P. Peterson, deceased, has filed with the County Clerk of Multnomah County, Oregon, his final account as such executor, and that Monday, August 18th, at 9:30 A. M., at the Court House of Multnomah County, Oregon, Department of Probate, and before Honorable George Tarsell, Judge, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing objections to said account and the settlement of the same, and to the distribution of the property belonging to said estate. Any person having objections to said account may be heard at the time and place aforesaid.
WILLIAM J. WELDON, Executor.
Perkins & Bailey, Attorneys for Executor.

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In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, Department of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of Stanley Borusiewski, Deceased.
Notice is given of the death of Stanley Borusiewski, and that the undersigned has been duly appointed executrix of his Last Will and Testament and of his estate, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said decedent, or his estate, are notified to present same to me at the office of my Attorneys, Perkins & Bailey, 1117 Board of Trade Building, Portland, Oregon, with proper vouchers, duly verified as required by law, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to wit: July 18th, 1919.
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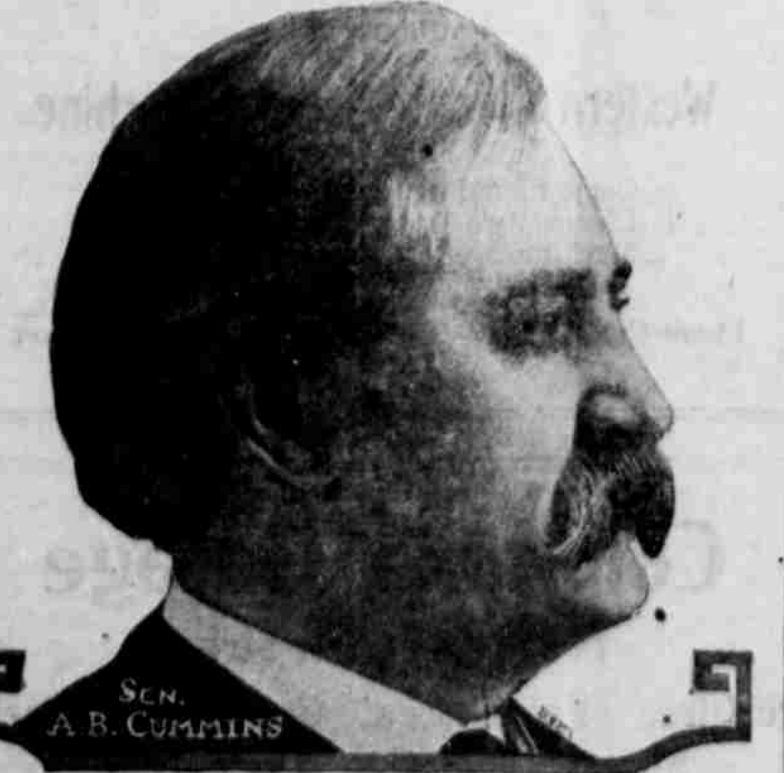
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avarice, he kept his secret and laid his plans. He hurried back to Canada and took a government grant to the island. Then he organized a company in Washington to exploit this discovery. This took time. He had no chance to return to his island till this summer.—Ex.

AUTHORITY ON RAILROAD PROBLEMS



Albert B. Cummins, Senator from Iowa, as new chairman of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce, will be especially prominent at this session of Congress because of pending legislation before that committee. Senator Cummins has long been recognized as one of the foremost authorities on railroad regulation. His views on the railroad question will receive wide attention.