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GOVERNMENT MARKET REPORTS

As reported in the News last week, one of the principal facts with which E. H. Shepard was impressed during his recent visit to the fruit growers' convention at Victoria, B. C., was the work of the markets commissioner of that province in assisting the orchardists in successfully coping with this end of the business. Now that the production of apples has reached a high degree of perfection in the Northwest the most important problem is the successful marketing of the product and perhaps some such suggestion as this may point the way.

In a report just made public the Secretary of Agriculture recommends that the government undertake to cooperate with the farmers of the country in their marketing. "A survey of the systems of marketing farm products clearly discovers what the farmers can best do to their advantage. They must associate themselves together for the purpose of assembling their individual contributions of products, of shipping in carload lots, of obtaining market news at places to which it is practical to send their products, to sell in a considerable number of markets, if not in many markets, and to secure the various other economic gains of associative selling," he says.

To carry out this suggestion, it is recommended that if congress establishes a division of markets, a corps of traveling field agents be maintained to assist farmers to form associations for marketing their products.

It is also recommended that estimates of the prospective supply of fruits and vegetables, and perhaps other products not now represented in the quantitative estimates of the department's crop reporting service, be made a short time before harvest, so that the farmer may have in mind a fairly definite idea of the volume of the crop throughout the country in order that he may occupy a place in the market that is fair to the consumer.

It is proposed that a corps of traveling field agents and a large corps of local agents and correspondents be established for the following items of service: To help producers organize for associative marketing; to examine and remove local difficulties in the way of such marketing; to help producers to find markets; to report the current descriptive conditions of crops, in addition to the work already done by the department's crop reporting service; to estimate the probable production of crops a short time before harvest; to report the crop movement from producing points through "gateways" to principal markets.

A scientist says there is an increase in the death rate owing to inactivity of men after they reach 40 years of age. Along about that time many men drop their habits of walking to shop or office, quit their exercises, take on several layers of adipose tissue, stop studying and read only for pleasure, without having to use the intellect, and in general fall into easy ways unless they are spurred by unusual causes. It has been said that a man can go to the devil more quickly, and easily at forty than at twenty, and there is a good deal in it.

With a view to putting an end to the indiscriminate carrying of concealed weapons, Governor West has recommended that the legislature pass a law throwing stringent restrictions upon this practice. The carrying of concealed weapons by irresponsible persons is responsible for many murders that are committed in the heat of passion. There is no good reason why this practice should be tolerated and the punishment should be made so strong that this class of men will hesitate about taking chances.

Tha an official with a full quota of moral courage will have no difficulty in stamping out vicious resorts, is being demonstrated by Sheriff Tom Word of Multnomah county. Sheriff Word performs his sworn duty without any hesitancy or quibbling.

Elderly spinsters who may fear that they have passed the dead line, matrimonially speaking, will take heart upon reading of the Los Angeles woman, 105 years old, who has just taken a husband.

The ark wasn't much to brag on in other respects, but Noah's wife had the satisfaction of knowing there were only two cockroaches in the house.

Christmas bills will scarcely be paid before Easter millinery will be on sale. Life is just one collector after another.

The Heights people would emulate J. J. Hill.

BRIEF NOTES FROM
AROUND THE STATE

The seventh annual convention of the Oregon Retail Hardware & Implement Dealers' Association will be held in Portland on January 21, 22, 23 and 24.

Timber Cruiser McCarthy, who has just completed cruising the timber of Coos county, reports 14,605,969,000 feet of merchantable timber in that county.

The seventh annual convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association takes place at Albany January 22 and 23 and promises to be the largest in their history.

Secretary of War Stimson has approved General Bixby's recommendation for a bridge across Coos Bay, at Marshfield. The railroad has promised to begin work immediately.

The automobile bureau of the Secretary of State's department is swamped with the task of outfitting for the new year the 10,000 or more motor vehicles of the state with the new 1913 license tags.

For the establishment of the Oregon Caves National Park, to include the Oregon caves, Senator Bourne has introduced a bill setting aside township 40 south, range 6 west, Josephine county. This tract, which includes the caves, is a national monument.

An important decision has been handed down by the Oregon Supreme Court in the case of Multnomah county vs. County Clerk Frank S. Fields, when the court ruled that county clerks are not required to pay naturalization fees into the county treasury. In naturalization proceedings, says the decision, the clerk acts as agent of the United States and is entitled to the fees up to \$3000 a year, the surplus over that amount going to the government.

A bill making it compulsory on all commission merchants selling horticultural or agricultural products to secure a license to do business from the Railroad Commission, and to give a bond to the Secretary of State, was introduced in the House by Carlin of Jackson county.

Two hundred real estate men will invade Salem to secure the passage of the blue sky law which the people turned down at the general election and the introduction and passage of a bill providing for a state license law for real estate men. A resolution to this effect was passed at a meeting of the Portland Realty Board today.

Twelve married women giving their occupations as housewives, with one exception, will be subject to jury duty in the Municipal Court for 1913, according to the auxiliary list signed by Judge Tazwell of Portland. While the jury list is filled, it will not bar others of the fair sex from serving should the emergency arise, for with the consent of the prospective juror, Jane Doe supena can be served and the recipient can take active part in the procedure.

LOCAL TRANSFERS
OF REAL ESTATE

United States to John F. Spriggs, patent to 80 acres on the West Fork.

United States to Alvis M. Anderson, patent to 85.82 acres in Upper Valley.

Claude C. Chapman to G. E. Chapman, lots 1 to 12, block 1, Odell.

M. E. Culbertson to E. E. Robinson, lot 2 and 8, block 7, Winan's Addition and acreage tracts south of Winan's Addition.

R. J. McIsaac, trustee, to R. J. McIsaac Company, site for store and warehouse at Parkdale.

Oregon Lumber Company to H. Morlock, part of lot 13, Riverside Park, west of Dec, \$350.

R. N. Elliott to W. F. McNaught, 10 acres in Belmont district.

C. R. Bone to J. W. McDaniel, tract in Middle Valley.

C. R. Bone to F. A. McDonald, tract in Middle Valley.

C. R. Bone to Georgia M. Bone, his wife, tract in Middle Valley.

Eggermont Orchard Company to Charles Hall, 40 acres on East Side.

Clayton W. Hooker to Bird Mae Hooker, 10 acres north of Tucker's bridge.

John W. Weaver to H. M. Grant, 20 acres in Belmont section.

Helen G. Bateham to Guinard & Rosiger, 6 acres in Barrett district.

To Amend Homestead Law Representative Hawley has introduced a bill amending the three years' homestead law so that settlers who were residing upon unsurveyed public lands at the time the three years' bill became a law may, when their land is surveyed, have the option of perfecting title under the new law or under the old five years' law. He later will introduce a bill, further amending the amount of cultivation required. This latter amendment is drawn in the interest of homesteaders on land in timbered country.

Please remember to post the dates of proposed public gatherings in the directory of entertainments at the public library.

Encourage Peace,
but Don't
Let War Find
Us Asleep

"BLESSED be the peacemaker" so long as he confines his efforts to the avoiding of bloodshed, but we cannot thank him who allows his utopian dreams to advise the STRIPPING OF OUR NATION TO HELPLESSNESS AND TURNING US OUT INTO THE SOCIETY OF WOLVES WHO CONSTITUTE THE WORLD'S POWERS OF TODAY. We thank the friend who takes the robber from our throats, but no thanks to him who says: "Remove the chains from our doors. There are no robbers." Pity it is that the time for universal peace has not arrived, but WOE to the nation that thinks it has and TRUSTS itself to the mercy of its neighbors.

Great progress has been made in arbitration for the settlement of small differences, but point to me instances where a great difference has been settled by arbitration or where war has been averted by it.

Since the establishment of The Hague court we have seen some of the greatest wars that have ever made the world run red with blood, and probably as many men have died in war during the existence of this court as during any equal period.

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GAME WARDEN WANTS
QUAIL TRAPPERS

Several attempts have been made by State Game Warden William L. Finley to buy bob-white quail in the Eastern states, for liberating in certain parts of Oregon. The bob-white is a very desirable bird, however, and other states are guarding carefully the supply they now have. Some sections of Oregon are already pretty fairly stocked with bob-white quail. Other sections are stocked with California and mountain quail.

"We can easily stock almost all parts of our state with these different varieties of quail," said Mr. Finley. "If we can secure reliable parties to trap the birds and ship them under our directions. We are anxious to get in touch with anyone who is in a position to trap quail. We are willing to pay for the birds and shall arrange to have them sent either to the state game farm at Corvallis or direct to the places where we want to liberate them."

Both the California quail and bob-white quail are insect and weed-seed eaters. They are not only excellent game birds, but are most valuable birds from the economic standpoint about any farming community.

It is strictly against the law to trap any game birds in the state of Oregon, yet the state game warden can by special written permit grant this privilege for scientific and propagation purposes.

Regular Sunday excursion to Parkdale. Pleasant trip for yourself and friends.

STEINHARDT GIVES
HOUSEWIVES ADVICE

Joe Steinhardt, the New York commission man, who made his reputation handling Hood River apples, recently created a sensation in Pittsburgh, Pa., by informing the housewives of that city that they were contributing to the high cost of living by not using fewer steaks and more fruits and vegetables which are cheap this year. At the head of this list he puts apples. The item follows:

Joseph Steinhardt, of Steinhardt & Kelly, New York, created a sensation among Smoky City housewives Monday when he gave out a hot interview to the daily papers on the high cost of living. Joe, with Mrs. Steinhardt, was on his way to the Cincinnati convention. The papers played up his interview to the front page scare-head point. He told the anxious Pittsburgh public that it was not the high cost of living that ailed the poor and middle classes, but the cost of high living. He pointed out that apples, cabbages, potatoes, eggs, etc., were the cheapest at wholesale in years, yet the same old high price among retailers still prevailed. "The housewife nowadays," said Mr. Steinhardt, "telephones her orders to the grocer, never asks the price and pays any price asked by him. Nothing like our mother used to do with her market basket on her arm and her eye peeled for the best quality and largest quantity her money would buy."

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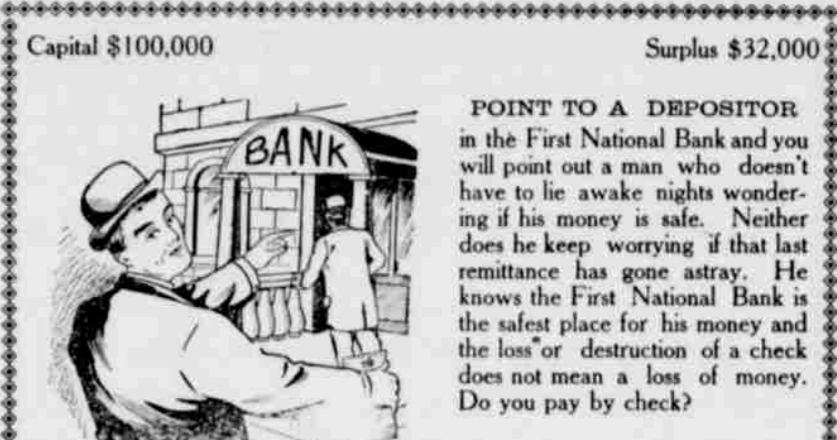
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