

NEW FRONT-FREIGHT PLANS SET FORTH

New Yorker Tells Project to Get Output of Orchards to Europe Cheaply.

OREGON GUARANTEE ASKED

Cargo Space for 30,000 Boxes of Apples and Prunes to Be Reserved if Assurance Is Given. Other States Are Included.

Providing apple growers of the Oregon apple districts rally to the support of the proposal of E. L. Goodsell, a marketer of New York, to ship Northwest fruit to Liverpool by water exclusively, the growers will be able to make shipments at one-third the rate they are now paying by rail to New York, and thence to England.

In addressing a number of fruit producers at the Young Men's Christian Association last night, Mr. Goodsell, who is promoting the scheme, declared that the rail and water rate of \$1 that the producers were now paying, would, according to the present tentative terms under which he was securing the bottom for direct Pacific Coast shipment, be lowered to 33-1/3 cents from the seaport.

Oregon's Space Reserved.

The share of tonnage that has been reserved is 30,000 boxes of Oregon fruit. While at Salem during the past week, Mr. Goodsell asserted that prime growers of that vicinity had guaranteed to take the entire space allotted to Oregon in the one shipment, but as it is desired to make an equitable distribution among fruit growers, both apple and prune, throughout all the fruit-growing districts of the state, such a plan could not be adopted.

Charter Plan Told.

The contemplated shipment will be made from Portland, San Francisco and Seattle the latter part of October. Mr. Goodsell said that he would be able to charter one of the vessels used in the shipment of tropical fruits during the summer from New York and Atlantic ports to the European market.

Plan Is Told at Corvallis.

CORVALLIS, Or., March 1.—(Special.)—Addressing the members of the Corvallis Commercial Club and a number of farmers interested, E. L. Goodsell, fruit auctioneer of New York City, told the plan for chartering a steamship about November 1 to carry Pacific Coast fruit to Europe. The meeting was held at noon following the Commercial Club's Tuesday noon luncheon.

MORNING PICTURE NEWS



Bessie Love in 'The Flying Torpedo' At The Columbia Today.

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES. Peoples—'Ren Blac.' Columbia—'The Flying Torpedo.' Majestic—'The Witch,' 'Horrors of War.' Pickford—'The Clarion.' Sunset—'The Uparctic.' Hellig—'The Ne'er-Do-Well.'

CARLYLE BLACKWELL, the popular young romantic actor who has recently joined the player staff of the Equitable Company, makes his debut under new producing colors at the Pickford Theater in 'The Clarion,' a five-part feature, which opened yesterday.

George Stone, the 6-year-old player at the Fine Arts studios, was an orator in three Los Angeles theaters when the campaign was on for funds for the actors' home.

Dorothy Gish appears as a Pennsylvania Dutch girl in 'Katy Bauer,' a film which is to have a new name, so they say. Owen Moore will play opposite Miss Gish.

William Gillette has been signed by the Esanay Company to play in 'Sherlock Holmes' and 'Secret Service.' This another star of the legitimate stage has been lured by screen gold.

'The Iron Claw,' the Pathe serial featuring Pearl White, Sheldon Lewis and Creighton Hale, will be in 14 episodes, instead of 12.

George Baban, the character of Italian roles, has closed with the Pallas company to appear again on the Paramount program.

Bertha Kalich, the new Fox star, has acted in five languages. And now it is silence that is golden.

After appearing as a ruffian, anarchist, drug-fend, etc., Blanche Sweet will be seen ere long in the role of 'a lady.' 'The Sowers,' a picture of the Merriman novel of that name, is the vehicle.

Annette Kellermann, star of the William Fox million-dollar picture which is being made under the direction of Herbert Brenon in the West Indies, is finding diversion in hydro-aeroplaning.

Frank Daniels, the Vitaphone comedian, in his latest picture, plays the part of a cook in a 'beanery.' When he is not 'drawing the dark' or serving out 'a thousand on a plate,' Frank is shown studying 'How to Become a Social Lion,' written by a French barber.

Twenty-seven changes of costume in one feature photoplay is what May Allison has in the five-reel American picture, 'The Sorry Schems of Things.'

CITY LETS OUT NINE MEN Use of Auto Street Flushers Affords Cut in Forces.

Nine more laborers in the street-cleaning bureau lost their jobs yesterday on account of the automobile street-flushing machines. This makes a total of 24 men laid off so far since the machines went into the service, and nearly that many more are slated to go.

The men let out yesterday were the junior men in the service, having held their positions since 1914. They are E. Casciato, W. E. Thomas, O. M. Butler, L. V. Camp, C. Hanthorn, O. A. Kveseth, G. F. Kessler, J. J. Moll and F. Moraca.

Robert E. Mantell, who is working under the direction of J. Gordon Edwards in Jamaica British West Indies, is rehearsing a cast of native West Indians who are anxious to present 'Home and Juliet.' It will be the first time that any of Shakespeare's plays have been done by a black cast.

Myrle Stedman spends her spare moments sewing for the Belgian refugees.

William D. Taylor has had hard luck making the Pallas feature, 'David Crockett.' The star, Dustin Farnum, was sick for two weeks. Later the

company got snowbound in Bear Valley, and had a hard time getting back. Since then two horses used in the production were accidentally killed, while another horse fell with his rider, breaking the man's leg. And half of the picture is still to be made.

Almost \$1200 was obtained from the Fine Arts players for the actors' home in New York.

Johnny Sheehan, the American comedian, thinks that he would be a good tragedian. In 'Jealousy and Jeopardy' he plays a hotel man with theatrical ambitions and has a chance to do a bit of 'Hamlet.'

Norma Talmage soon will be seen in 'The Deserted House,' a play written by Ray Somerville.

Kathlyn Williams, featured with Wheeler Oakman in 'The Ne'er-Do-Well,' will soon appear in a railroad play, 'No. 13, Westbound.'

'The Wall Between,' the new Bushman-Bayne vehicle, will present 500 regular soldiers and 1500 negroes.

Mademoiselle Valkyrien, who appears in the Mutual masterpiece, 'Bliss Marner,' was pronounced the most beautiful girl in the Danish kingdom at a National beauty contest in Denmark when she was 17 years old.

Olive Trevor has organized a basketball team among the girls at the Gault studios.

Gladys Hanson, of the Esanay Company, was leading woman for Lou Tellegen last season.

Mary Fuller, now working in the Wallace Irwin story, 'Thrown to the Lions,' has real lions to play with at Universal City.

Maudie Fealy, for 'The Immortal Flame,' had to take a plunge into the Hudson River on the coldest day of the winter.

Ned Reardon, Universal actor, who appeared with King Baggot for two years, died in New York early last month.

George Fitzmaurice, directing Pathe's 'Big Jim Garrity' in Georgia, was arrested and fined \$25 for 'hunting on Sunday,' because he practiced shooting at a mark in the backyard of his hotel one Sunday morning.

Mack Sennett, the Keystone director, distributed the number in the first building for Keystone comedies, torn down to make room for a new plant, the Los Angeles pool.



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Hero and Sweetheart in the Thrillingly Dramatic Production of

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WATERS ARE SET FREE

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