

TOMATO PRICES DUE FOR TUMBLE TODAY

Acting Mayor Takes Steps to Lower Costs on Market.

STORE PRICES ARE HIGHEST

Arrival of Portland's Carload of Army Tomatoes Expected Early Next Week.

The price of tomatoes is due for a tumble in the public market this morning.

Such was the announcement made last night by Acting Mayor Bigelow after having spent most of the day looking after details in connection with lowering prices of foodstuffs. How far quotations will fall was not indicated by the acting mayor.

"I am putting in considerable of my time going through the market," said Mr. Bigelow, "keeping check on prices with the marketmaster."

"The maximum price that is fixed each day by the marketmaster is for first quality of goods, and we are getting reports on those men who are holding an inferior grade of goods for sale at maximum quality figures. There will be suspensions as soon as we obtain the evidence desired."

Market Prices Below Stores.

A comparison of public market figures with those maintained by four Portland stores was made yesterday by an employee of the police department, who was transferred temporarily to Mr. Bigelow's department for the purpose. This agent does not know the marketmaster, and the marketmaster is not aware of his identity, so the comparison was made without consultation. These figures show the public market's quotations to be quite generally under those of the other retailers.

One of the most interesting comparisons yet made, however, is that of public market figures with wholesale prices, this showing the following:

| Commodity | Market | Wholesale |
|-------------|----------|------------|
| Cabbage | 1.62 | \$1.02-1.2 |
| Potatoes | 0.02 1/2 | 0.02-0.03 |
| Onions | .94 | .85 |
| Green beans | .06 1/2 | .07 |
| Eggs | .53 | .50 |
| Butter | .80 | .79 |
| Peppers | .13 | .12-1.2 |

Tomatoes Expected Next Week.

Portland's carload of tomatoes may arrive here the early part of next week, according to City Purchasing Agent McIntosh, who has received notice from H. R. Casey, lieutenant-colonel, quartermaster corps, and assistant zone storage officer, stationed at Fort Mason, California. The message said that Libby, McNeill & Libby had been instructed to ship immediately the 26,000 cans of army surplus ordered last week by Commissioner Fier.

Mr. McIntosh has telegraphed to the shipping point for car number and other data by which he hopes to hurry the delivery of the tomatoes to Portland dealers who have agreed to distribute the product free of charge. Portland raises have signed a pledge to co-operate in every way in facilitating movement of the crop.

IRRIGATION BUDGET MADE

Yakima Valley Betterments for 1921 to Cost \$2,215,000.

YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Estimates of R. K. Tiffany, project manager here for the reclamation service, for expenditures that should be made in the fiscal year of 1921 call for a total of \$2,215,000. About \$2,000,000 is recommended for construction of extensions to the present project. Maintenance costs in the Sunnyside project are estimated at \$125,000; on the Tieton, \$75,000, and \$15,000 is estimated for maintenance of the storage units of the project.

Included in new construction is the Granger siphon, which will bring immediately 6000 acres additional land under irrigation. The cattle water project started on one or more additional irrigation canals, according to Manager Tiffany's plan, and work would be partially completed on the Rimrock storage enterprise.

PURE-BRED CATTLE BOUGHT

Fourth Carload of Stock Reaches Ashland for Distribution.

ASHLAND, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—A carload of cattle, pure-bred and sired from the best thoroughbred stock, has arrived at Ashland. The cattle were purchased by D. M. Lewis, representing the Jackson County Livestock association, and Elton Benson, representing the county farm bureau. This is the fourth carload of stock that has been brought into the county by these organizations. The last carload was purchased from the Gibson ranch at Woodland, Cal. Frank Brown, president of the National Shorthorn association, passing on the animal's pedigree and testing the stock. The purchase was financed by the Citizens' Bank of Ashland and State Bank of Talent, which will also finance individual purchasers.

CENTRALIAN DIED AS HERO

Details of Last Hours of Lieutenant Hodge Are Received.

CENTRALIA, Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Further details of the death in action of Lieutenant Grant Hodge, a former Centralia high school athlete for whom the newly organized local post of the American Legion is named, are contained in a letter received by W. H. Hodge, the officer's father, from Miss Esther Farlow, a Centralia girl who went to France as a research worker for the Red Cross. The officer was wounded near Montfaucon on September 27, 1918, while fighting with the 29th Infantry. He died in a hospital without regaining consciousness. Miss Farlow enclosed a photograph of Lieutenant Hodge's grave in the cemetery at Souhesmes.

KELSO TO PAVE TWO MILES

Citizens to Vote on Bond Issue of \$22,500 for Work.

KELSO, Wash., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Organization of local improvement districts Nos. 27, 28 and 29 were completed by the council at the last meeting when ordinances Nos. 214, 215 and 216 were adopted by that body. At the same time ordinance No. 217, calling an election to vote \$22,500 in bonds for the city's share of the paving improvements, was adopted.

Kelso's policy in the past has been for the city to pay for paving the intersections. The proposed improvements will include paving of two miles of streets in the principal residence sections of town, and the construction of sidewalks and drainage sewers.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

MAYING PICTURE NEWS



Bryant Washburn in scene from "Love Insurance," novel photoplay which starts today at the Star theater.

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.
 Majestic—Mabel Normand, "A Perfect Day."
 Columbia—Lila Lee, "Rose of the River."
 Peoples—Elsie Ferguson, "A Society Exile."
 Star—Bryant Washburn, "Love Insurance."
 Liberty—Robert Warwick, "Secret Service."
 Strand—Peggy Hyland, "Cheating Herself."
 Circle—William S. Hart, "The Silent Man."
 Sunset—Mary Pickford, "Miss Helyer."
 and Fatty Arbuckle, "A Desert Hero."
 Globe—Marguerite Clark, "Miss George Washington."

pel, resident manager of the Seattle exchange, were in Portland yesterday. Mr. Koepel has returned to Puget sound, while Mr. Aronson left last evening for San Francisco. The pictures for which they were arranging are from the pens of Rex Beach, Gertrude Atherton, Mary Roberts Rinehart, Gouveneur Morris, Basil King and other authors, who have lately banded together in an effort to have produced on the screen real literature in a manner by which it is better interpreted and not marred.

Alice Joyce has rejoined her company after a severe illness due to exposure in a rainstorm during the filming of an important scene, and has gone to Nyack to finish exterior scenes on "The Winchester Woman."

J. A. McGill of the U. S. A. Theater company, Vancouver, Wash., left a few days ago for the east, where he is working on a production project that is expected soon to be undertaken in southern California. Mr. McGill has been associated with John Kriggins, former mayor of Vancouver, in theatrical enterprises in that city for several years.

Marie Walcamp, who has starred in serials for several years, is engaged in production of a series of two-reel western features, adapted to her riding and athletic ability, under the title of the Tempest Cody series.

Bert Lytell will be starred in the screen version of "Lombardi Ltd." and will have Alice Lake as his leading lady for the third time.

Marshall Neilan is negotiating with the owners of dramatic rights in "Ben Hur," with a view to producing a screen version of it.

Harry Houdini has completed the final scenes of his serial "The Grim Game" and will return to New York for his theatrical tour in his handcuff work by which he won his first fame.

Anthony Hope's book "Captain Dieppe" is to have Major Robert Warwick in the star role in the film version.

James J. Corbett is in the east on a vacation after completing his serial, "The Midnight Man," but will return soon to California to begin work on feature productions.

BY the author of "The Seven Keys to Baldpate," Bryant Washburn's newest feature, "Love Insurance," will open today at the Star theater. Needless to say—having mentioned Mr. Washburn's name—the picture is a comedy.

The story is that of a young man who was sent by his insurance company to promote the wedding of an American heiress and a titled Englishman. His company having insured the nobleman for a large amount should the heiress fall to marry him, it is necessary for the agent to hasten the marriage if possible. But unexpected developments occur when the insurance company's representative, himself, falls in love with the girl. The role of heiress is taken by Lois Wilson.

The cast for "Love Insurance" includes several notables in addition to Mr. Washburn. A prominent part is taken by Edwin Stevens, who won fame on the legitimate stage first in comedies and later in vaudeville. Eddie Sutherland, just mustered out from the service and fresh from France, is also in the cast. The production is under the direction of Donald Crisp.

Screen Gossip.

To arrange for the distribution of photoplays soon to be released through Edwyn by the Eminent Author's association, A. L. Aronson, special home office representative, and J. A. Koer-

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ROAD WORK IS GOING ON

LINCOLN COUNTY COURT SUPER-VISING CONSTRUCTION.

Much Grading Is Done, and Gravel Will Be Laid Next Week—Big Tractors Prove Economical.

TOLEDO, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—A gang of men and teams began construction work on the third mile of the Newport-Corvallis highway under direction of the county court this week. It is probable that a considerable portion of the Lincoln county grading work will be done by the county itself, as it is believed that it can be done more economically in this manner. The first work to be done on this road was started a week ago by Contractor Clyde McMillan, who was awarded the grading contract at 75 cents a yard. The road has been definitely located

and preliminary surveys made on almost the entire route with the exception of the sector between Chitwood and Toledo. Here two routes have been proposed—one by way of Simpson creek, which is the present traveled route, the other a proposed water grade down the Yaquina river. The difficulty at present in connection with the water grade seems to be the building of a bridge at Toledo.

Work on the Toledo-Siletz road is progressing nicely, a good portion of the grading being done. It is expected that they will begin moving Siletz gravel onto the road next week. The county court has purchased better than \$17,000 worth of road ma-

chinery this year. Included in this equipment is one Hall and one Federal dumper, a couple of graders and much miscellaneous equipment, such as frames, slips and minor equipment. The use of the tractors for grading as compared with the old method of horse grading is more economical.

Tacoma to Have Parking Stations. TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—In an effort to clear up the traffic situation in the downtown districts the Tacoma council is having prepared an ordinance to permit the construction of parking stations on vacant lots. The

ordinance provides for corrugated iron roofs for the parking stations which may be built for temporary or permanent use. Traffic congestion and frequency of automobile theft made such an ordinance imperative, city officials said.

Hotel at Mineral Ready. CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—The Mineral Lake Lumber company has just completed a new hotel at Mineral, in eastern Lewis county. Another improvement at Mineral is a new hospital being erected by Dr. A. V. Bridge of Eatonville.

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