

FRUIT MEN FACING BIG LOSS ON CROP

Public Service Commissioner Back From Yakima.

FREIGHT CUT HELD HOPE

Fred A. Williams Makes Statement Regarding Interstate Commerce Hearing.

SALEM, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—Nothing short of lower freight rates on shipments of Pacific coast fruits destined to the eastern markets, will save the growers of Oregon, Washington and other northwest states from heavy financial loss the present year, according to Fred A. Williams, chairman of the Oregon public service commission, who returned here today from Yakima, Wash., where he attended a conference of shippers and fruit producers.

The conference was held under the direction of the interstate commerce commission and was attended by representatives of the fruit interests from all sections of the northwest.

Mr. Williams was accompanied to Yakima by H. H. Cogson, who is a member of the commission, and H. E. Wiggins, rate and traffic expert. Arguments indicating the necessity of lower freight rates were presented at the conference by the growers and shippers of Yakima, Wenatchee, Hood River, Willamette Valley, Umpqua Valley and the Rogue river valley.

Crop Sold at Loss.

It was shown that the average cost of producing a box of apples during the past year varied from \$1.35 to \$1.55, not taking into consideration interest on the investment, depreciation on buildings and implements, or any other expense excepting the actual cost of cultivation, harvesting and packing the product for shipment. In some instances apples sold as low as \$1.25 a box, with the result that the grower lost from 10 cents to 40 cents on every box of apples consigned.

Reports indicated that the cost of this year's production would be reduced approximately 20 per cent. Based on this showing, the growers contended that the railroads should make a similar reduction in their charges and thereby place the producers in a position to dispose of their crop at a profit.

The berry and prune industries were particularly emphasized in the presentation of the case because of the fact that the producers were at present marketing their product at less than pre-war prices, and much of the crop is being lost to the middle west and east by reason of the heavy freight tariff.

With relation to financing, it was shown that it is impossible for the fruit industry to go farther in debt. It was reported that covering all of the Pacific Northwest from 15 per cent to 50 per cent of last year's loans to the growers were carried over. This was in addition to demands from the growers for advances necessary to handle this season's crop.

It was shown that the bankers were not favorable to further financing of the fruit industry due to the unstable condition of the markets. Evidence also was produced to show that the box factories are not producing the boxes that will be required for the harvest and marketing of this year's yield. This was due, they said, to their inability to obtain funds from the banks necessary to carry on their business.

FRATERNITY HEAD CHOSEN

Ramon Dimick Elected President of Sigma Tau at Salem.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—Ramon Dimick, a junior of Aurora, Or., last night was elected president of the Sigma Tau local fraternity to serve during 1921-1922. Dimick is a letterman in baseball and basketball and is president of the junior class. Verne Bain, a sophomore of Tillamook, Or., a football letterman and manager of athletics, was elected house manager at the same meeting. Other officers will be named after the beginning of the fall semester of school.

The Alpha Psi Delta local fraternity has also chosen new officers. Noble Moody, varsity tennis player of Spokane, Wash., is president; Howard George, a sophomore of Wenatchee, Wash., is vice-president; Fred Patton, a freshman of Forest Grove, Or., is secretary; and Elmer Strevey, a sophomore of Kennewick, Wash., is house manager.

LEGION TO OPEN DRIVE

Campaign for Veterans' Home Loan to Be Started at Once.

The campaign for approval by the voters of the state home loan or bonus bill for ex-soldiers at the election June 7 will be started immediately in Portland and Multnomah county. It was decided at a meeting of officials of Portland post, American Legion, and members of the campaign committee at post headquarters yesterday.

The campaign will include addresses in all sections of the county, moving pictures and war films to be shown in various moving picture houses and will close with a monster parade in Portland, it was announced by Manager Coffey.

Portland post has accepted the responsibility for carrying Multnomah county for the measure.

MR. MARKHAM MAKES HIT

Dean of American Poets Pleases His Medford Audiences.

MEDFORD, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—A distinct hit was made with Medford folk by Edward Markham, the dean of American poets, by his lecture of Tuesday night and the reception following it, and his appearance Wednesday forenoon before the high school assembly.

Mr. Markham was a surprise to his audiences with his likeable personality, humor, wit, learning and philosophy, as shown in his almost conversational style of informal talk introducing the reading of his poems and between the readings.

BOOSTER CLUB ORGANIZED

Crook County Irrigators to March in Re- Festival Parade.

IRVING, O. R., May 12.—(Special.)—The Crook County irrigators, a marching club of boosters, has been

organized here. It is an aristocratic coterie, consisting of a king, who reigns under the cognomen of alfaifa, and his satellites of princes, dukes, barons and knights. Officers elected were: President, King Alfaifa, P. McEl, Fulter; secretary, Baron Stockyard, Asa Battles; treasurer, Baron Cream Can, George Nicolai; attorney-general, Prince Water Rights, Jay H. Upton; prime minister and surgeon-general, Baron J. H. Rosenberg, Duke of Chittum Bark and Earl of Juniper.

Every district in the county is represented by some branch of the nobility and the irrigators start out with a membership of over 100 and expect to reach the 500 mark. They will attend the Rose Festival at Portland in a body and march in uniform at the parade, accompanied by their retinue of nobles.

The organization contemplates visiting all the big fairs and attractions held in the northwest this year.

PRESS CONTROL BILL LAW

FAILURE TO PROVIDE FUNDS SAID TO NULLIFY ACT.

Japanese Press in Hawaii Incensed Over New Requirements for Alien-Language Papers.

HONOLULU, T. H., May 12.—(Special.)—The press control bill, on which there has been so much wrangling in local political and business circles, is now being considered by the territorial legislature and signed by the governor. It originally was introduced by the American Legion of Hawaii, with the idea of controlling the foreign language press of the territory.

The principal provision of the act is that publication in any form or any language of articles tending to inflame racial prejudice or incite the commission of violence, sabotage, rioting, incendiarism, sedition is prohibited, but such publication constitutes a misdemeanor. The penalty is \$1000 fine, or imprisonment for not more than a year for the first offense, and for the second offense within five years \$5000 fine, and one year imprisonment or both.

Publishers of foreign language papers and like publications are required to file a copy of each issue with the attorney-general. Failure to file a correct and truthful translation shall be construed as perjury, says the new law.

The Japanese press is very much incensed over the law. The attorney-general has stated that failure by the legislature to provide funds to carry out the law practically kills it.

EARWIGS TO BE FOUGHT

Park Commission and Experiment Station to Attack Pests.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 12.—(Special.)—A pitched battle will be waged on earwigs this year in Portland, by the combined forces of the city park commission and the Oregon agricultural college. A conference between Walter Gerke, city arboriculturist, and authorities at the station resulted in the plan of campaign. R. B. Fulton, scientific assistant in entomology, will go to Portland this week to begin investigation work on the earwig, which has proved to be a serious pest of Portland's flowering plants.

No practical method has yet been devised to control the spread of the insects. They were first found in Portland in 1917, and multiplied to an alarming extent in 1920. The insect resembles a cockroach, is brown, and about one-quarter inch long. It attacks flowering plants, raising petals by means of a cutting mouth.

COMMERCE CLUB ELECTS

Corvallis Students Choose Portland Man President.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 12.—(Special.)—Myron L. Westerling of Portland was unanimously elected president of the College Commercial club for next year. John M. Richardson of Portland and John Lane of Corvallis were nominated for editor of the college directory. O. W. Irwin of Oakley, Kan., was nominated for vice-president.

Nona Becker and Edith Anderson, both of Portland, were nominated for secretary of the Commercial club, and Benjamin Schumacher of Portland and C. F. Johnson of Hood River, for treasurer. Vida N. Rich of Seward, Alaska, was unanimously elected sergeant-at-arms.

Six essays selected from more than 100 sent in on "Why Oregon Products Should Be Used by Oregonians" were read before the club to determine the three winners of prizes.

MAJESTIC TOMORROW

THE GOOD-BAD WIFE

Girls Wanted

Wanted—Girls from 18 to 25 years, to learn typewriter. Firms are calling for finished operators.

short. Course costs you \$40. For a small time you can pay \$10 upon entering and \$5 per week until you have paid \$40. See MISS COLLINS, 215 MORGAN BLDG. This is the only typewriter school in the state of Oregon.

WM. A. BACON, Solliciting Agent.

CHEMIST ARRESTED ON MURDER CHARGE

Medford Man Held Responsible for Wife's Death.

EPILEPSY CAUSE DOUBTED

T. W. Gruetter Held Under \$20,000 Bail as Result of Developments Since Woman's Death.

MEDFORD, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—Because of circumstances surrounding the death of his wife of two months, T. W. Gruetter, chemist and assayer of this city, is under arrest charged with responsibility for her death at their home near Agate, a suburb of Medford, May 3. Death previously had been ascribed to epilepsy.

His preliminary hearing was postponed in Justice Taylor's court this afternoon until next Wednesday. Gruetter asserted he was innocent of the crime charged. He was held in bail of \$20,000. His attorneys are

O. S. Blanchard of Grants Pass and John H. Carkin of Medford.

The case has a number of peculiar features, one of which is that the affidavit for the warrant charging murder was signed by James S. Bomgardner, well-known Josephine county miner living about 15 miles west of Grants Pass, who is a former husband of the woman. When the warrant for arrest was issued by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Coddling yesterday it was supposed that she was still the wife of Bomgardner, but that the couple were separated. Today it developed that the former Mrs. Bomgardner had married Gruetter at Chico, Cal., about two months ago.

Investigation Is Expected.

The circumstances surrounding the death are such that it is probable that the body will be exhumed and a post-mortem examination made to determine the cause of death. It seems that about 20 years ago Mr. and Mrs. Bomgardner were married, and after living together for some time were divorced. Then she married a man named Ames, who died, and it is said that five or six years ago she went back and lived with Bomgardner. Several months ago they separated and in their agreement to part, it is said, Bomgardner gave her about \$2500 and his automobile.

About May 3, last, Dr. Dow of Medford was summoned to the Gruetter home and there found Mrs. Gruetter in bed, unconscious and in convulsions. Gruetter was there, also his mother, who was visiting the home. Dr. Dow worked over the patient and then left, as she showed signs of improving, although still unconscious.

The next day Gruetter telephoned Dr. Dow that his wife was dead and asked him to come out and view the body. On examination the physician declared he was not prepared to give

the cause of death and asked to be allowed to make a post-mortem examination of the body. Gruetter refused to permit this, the physician said. Gruetter said his wife had been subject to epileptic spells.

Bomgardner Urges Inquiry.

About this time a sister of Mrs. Gruetter arrived from eastern Oregon and she told Dr. Dow that although she had not seen her sister for many years she remembered of her having suffered one such attack years ago. The doctor therefore assigned epilepsy as the cause of death.

Later, when Bomgardner heard of his former wife's death, he reported the matter to Sheriff Terrill and asked that an investigation be made. Then followed conferences between Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Coddling, the sheriff, Deputy Sheriff McMahon, Bomgardner and Dr. Dow, after which the arrest warrant was sworn out. The warrant charges the murder of Minnie Bomgardner, as at that time it was not known that she had married Gruetter.

Kelso Legion Rears for Play.

REHEARSALS for the American Legion musical comedy, "The Whirl of Tin Town," which will be presented at the city auditorium May 17, are being held under the direction of Harry H. Williams, director for the Evans Bros. producing company. About 70 will be included in the cast and choruses in addition to a large orchestra. Those in the cast are R. W. Welch, Erma Grevelle, Fay Wortman, Ernest Grevelle, Reva Bloyd, Rex Watson, Gertrude Upton, Tom Foster, Raymond Pitter, Burleigh Carothers, Mrs. Chester Leichhart, Arthur Tohill, Mac Elliott, Walter Bacon, Dr. A. N. Pearson, Margerite Turner, Opal Fay.

that year Mrs. Phelps sued for divorce in Paris, charging cruelty. In her husband's suit here she alleged she had signed the 1888 agreement under duress, and solely to regain possession of her son, whom she accused her husband of kidnapping.

The decision of the supreme court here was in favor of the husband.

RICH FATHER SUES SON

BIG SUM ALLEGED DUE UNDER AGREEMENT WITH WIFE.

Livingston Phelps' Reply Demanding Gems Worth \$150,000, Echoes Marital Troubles.

NEW YORK, May 7.—(Special.)—Harris Phelps, who gave up his law practice and went to France to live after he married Eleanor Livingston Pell, daughter of John Augustus Pell, and whose domestic troubles with his wealthy wife were the subject of publicity in two continents a few years ago, is suing his son, Livingston, in the supreme court here to compel him to live up to the terms of an agreement the father entered into with his wife in 1912 in settlement of their differences.

This was revealed through the filing of an answer by Livingston Phelps in which he accuses the latter of withholding from him jewelry worth \$150,000, formerly possessed by his mother. In addition the son demands \$50,000 damages.

When Miss Pell married in 1878, she was rated one of New York's richest heiresses. Her father bitterly opposed her marriage and in his will left her a fortune on condition that she divorce her husband or failing that, remain in Europe. She broke the will.

A suit filed here in 1911 by her husband, revealed that in 1888 his wife had agreed to pay him half the net yearly income from her inheritance, about \$40,000 a year. He alleged she had stopped payments in 1910. In

PROFESSORS IN DEMAND

University Savants Will Address High School Graduates

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, May 12.—(Special.)—Many university professors were being booked to speak at high school commencements throughout the state. Dr. John Straub is now away from the campus, and St. Helena high school is included on his trip.

E. C. Robbins, dean of the school of business administration, was planning an extensive trip to begin the first of the week, which will include the high schools at Hood River, The Dalles, Redmond, Bend, and Prineville.

Frederick Dunn, professor of Latin, will deliver the commencement address at Nehalem in Coos county, which city is always visited by extension division representatives. Professor Steaton is now on an extended trip to the coast.

Eagle's Nest Discovered.

ALBANY, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—An eagle's nest containing two young birds was found on the limb of a large fir tree felled by wood-cutters on the farm of William Evans, five miles north of Lebanon. One of the birds was killed when the tree fell but the other was captured.

CHINESE NARCOTICS VENDOR CAUGHT WITH MORPHINE.

Packet Disappears, Oriental Taken Violently Ill and Emetic Restores "Exhibit" to Police.

With a bland smile on his face, Ah Louie, son of the celestial kingdom, but contaminated with the vices of the occident, walked down North Fourth street yesterday.

At the corner stood a youth whose propensities were inclined toward morphine, and who previously had met Ah and ordered a package of the forbidden dream food.

Still smiling, Ah was about to pass the contraband when Patrolmen Burdick and Shaffer stepped from the shadow of a near-by building and laid heavy hands upon the arm of the Oriental purveyor.

The smile vanished and so did the tiny bit of paper with its contents. Ah still remained with the bland expression which Bret Harte made so famous.

Thirty minutes later Ah lay violently sick upon a cot at the police emergency hospital. He had swallowed, intact, the package, and straightway was rushed to the hospital, where an emetic was administered. Up came the package, as Ah groaned and writhed upon the cot.

"If I die, I kill you," threatened Ah as he rolled over and saw Patrolman Shaffer standing by his side. But Ah did not die. With his health recovered, he will face Judge Roseman in police court this morning on a charge of selling morphine.

New Chevrolet Prices Effective May 7th, 1921

"Four-Ninety" Models

Touring Car	- - - -	\$ 645
Roadster	- - - -	635
Sedan	- - - -	1195
Coupe	- - - -	1155
Light Delivery Wagon	- - - -	645

All prices f. o. b. Flint, Michigan

CHEVROLET MOTOR COMPANY

East Sixth and Ash Streets
PORTLAND, OREGON

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The offer to refund \$70 to purchasers of "Four-Ninety" open models and \$100 to purchasers of closed models is hereby withdrawn. Certificates issued under this plan are redeemable at face value at office indicated on certificate.

More than 4000 Dealers, Retail Stores and Service Stations in the United States and Canada