

U. S. AID ASKED IN FIGHTING PINE RUST

Passage of Laws to Check Disease Is Urged.

CONVENTION IS AT END

Destruction of Black Currant Also Recommended—Industry of West Is at Stake.

Establishment by the federal government of a strict quarantine on the shipment of plants susceptible to the white and sugar pine blister rust, and the passage of laws by western states for the destruction of the black currant, a plant which carries the disease and transmits it to pine trees, were some of the outstanding recommendations made at the closing session yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce of the gathering of various interests looking to the eradication of the blister rust.

The meeting, which was held at the call of H. P. Bars, commissioner for the west on the advisory board of American plant pathologists and pathologists for the Oregon Agricultural college experiment station, not only outlined a program for conducting the fight on the blister rust, but also appointed an executive committee to take up with congress and the various state legislatures of the west needed legislation.

The federal government also will be asked for an appropriation, it was announced, for the conduct of the general campaign.

W. D. Humiston of Pocatello, Idaho, was chosen chairman of the executive committee. Other members are C. A. Park, president of the Oregon state board of horticulture, Salem, and H. P. Bars, C. S. Chapman, of the Western Forestry Conservation association at Portland, was chosen executive secretary of the committee.

Yesterday's session was devoted to reports of committees. One resolution urged that the federal board of horticulture establish a quarantine on plants susceptible to the disease, prohibiting their shipment from the section of Washington west of the Cascades. It is in this section and Vancouver island that the disease has made its appearance recently.

Continued Control Urged.

The same resolution urged the continuance by the office of blister rust control of terminal inspection of shipments of plants in order to detect any which might carry the disease. The various states also were urged to employ all facilities in the enforcement of terminal inspection in mails. The postoffice department was urged to establish special windows for the reception and delivery of plants sent by mail so that close inspection could be carried out.

The gathering adopted a resolution urging nursery men of the west to co-operate for the destruction of the disease by the destruction of all black currants and five-leaf pines and by discontinuing the growing and selling of these plants which are susceptible to the disease.

A campaign of scouting and education throughout the west with a view to the detection of possible outbreaks of the disease so that it could be controlled also was urged. It was suggested that schools, county agents and boy scouts co-operate in this work. This was said to have been tried out in Canada with successful results.

Committees Make Reports.

Committees representing various interests represented at the gathering brought in reports on the progress of their work. The desire to co-operate in every way in bringing about the destruction of the disease. Among the various interests represented by special committees were the transportation companies, nursery companies, public and private timber interests, forest fire organizations and state forestry, agricultural and horticultural departments.

After the adoption of the program for protection of an industry declared to be worth fully \$100,000,000 in the west, the meeting adjourned to meet next year at a date to be set later.

JURY HAS MURDER CASE

BRIBERY AND PERJURY HINT-ED AT TOY CHONG TRIAL.

Reputed Tong Gunman Declared to Have Bought North End Aid to Defeat Justice.

Thinly veiled accusations of bribery and perjury were made by Maurice E. Crumpacker, deputy district attorney, in his closing argument to the jury yesterday in the trial of Toy Chong for the murder of Wong Gee. He waxed somewhat sarcastic at the array of north end habitués brought in by the defense to counteract testimony of eye-witnesses produced by the state.

On the other hand, John A. Collier and Earl F. Bernard, attorneys for the defense, contended that the only truth came from the lips of defense witnesses, and that the prosecution's lineup of evidence was flimsy and false. The case went to the jury at 3:30 o'clock and it had not returned at a late hour last night.

Toy, alleged by the state to be a Suesy Sing gunman, was charged with killing Wong Gee, member of the Hop Sing tong, at Fourth and Davis streets, October 7. The two gunmen ambushed the elderly victim and rid- dled his body with high caliber bullets, captured fleeing from the scene of the murder.

Motor Vehicles to Be Barred.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 20.—The county commissioners of Whitman county have announced, according to reports received in Spokane, that automobile stages and freight trucks will be barred from the section of the Inland Empire highway in this county. Enforcement of the edict, it is said, would threaten the existence of stage lines between Spokane and Lewiston, Ida., and several south- eastern Washington towns. One stage company has announced its intention to fight the ruling.

Apple Shipments 23,087 Cars.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 20.—Wash- ington state shipped 23,087 cars of apples between July and December 2, according to figures announced by the federal bureau of markets. The Wenatchee district shipped 16,778 cars, Yakima district 8,995, Spokane district 2,374, Walla Walla district 1,314 and White Salmon 448 cars.

Orpheum matinee today, 15-25-50-Ad.

Advertisement for Montgomery Ward's department store, featuring an illustration of the store building and the text 'We Sell Over the Counter to You'.

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of Ed. Norgard and others against the city of Astoria. The assessment was levied on all the property in an extended district and the plaintiffs contended their property received no benefit from the improvement. The court held that under the charter the council has the authority to fix the benefits as it sees fit and unless fraud is charged or is apparent the court cannot interfere.

PRAISE GIVEN LAND BILL

Reclamation Proposal Greatest Since Homestead Act, View.

Passage of the McNary-Smith reclamation bill by congress will mark the greatest piece of constructive legislation since the homestead act was passed after the civil war.

This was the opinion expressed yesterday by Will R. King, ex-democratic leader in Oregon, now practicing law in Washington, D. C., who will pass the holidays with relatives and friends in this state.

"I feel sure that the McNary-Smith bill will be made a law by congress within the next six months," he said. "The bill has been reported on favorably by committees in both the senate and the house."

The newspaper recalls the fact that the executive secretary and the Seattle agent of the Northwest Wheat Growers' association held a meeting in this city early last summer with chamber of commerce representatives, the port commissioners, bankers and business men, at which they urged a better co-operation of all Seattle interests with their enterprise, and gave notice that their headquarters must soon be re-located at a north coast seaport city.

"What happened?" demands the newspaper, and it answers its own question: "Nothing, absolutely nothing. If any move was ever made by any Seattle group to bring this great wheat exporting business to this city, it was not of such momentum as to cause a rattle on the placid surface of Seattle's midsummer business quietude."

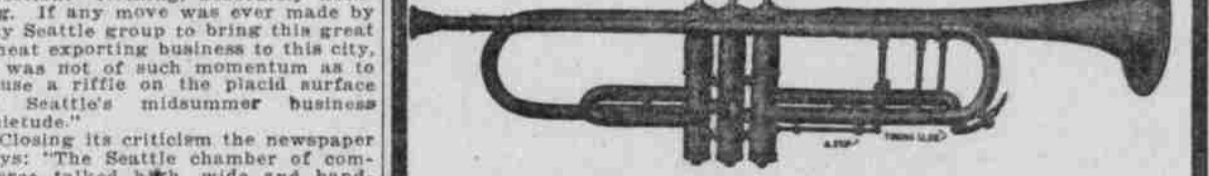
Closing its criticism the newspaper says: "The Seattle chamber of commerce talked h&h, wide and handsome. Talked, that's all. Portland got the business."

STAGES WILL BE HEATED

Washington State Orders Owners to Make Patrons Comfortable.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 20.—Notice was served on one motor transportation company here today by E. V. Logging Camp Closed.

KALAMA, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special)—The logging camp of the



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Street Levy Held Lawful.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special)—Assessments in the sum of approximately \$75,000, levied to defray the expense of improving Seventh street between Niagara and Olney avenues, were held valid today by Circuit Judge Eakin, who sustained the contention of the defendant in the case.

"A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED PHYSIC"

Foley Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome physic, thoroughly cleanse the bowels, sweeten the stomach, tone up the liver. For indigestion, biliousness, bad breath, bloating, gas, or constipation, no remedy is more highly recommended. Wm. O. E. Bielke, Hancock, Mich., writes: "I have given Foley Cathartic Tablets a thorough trial and I can honestly recommend them as a mild but sure laxative. They work without gripping." Give stout persons a free, light feeling.

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Large advertisement for DAVIDS jewelry store, featuring 'How Opportune! AND ONLY 4 Days Left!' and 'HURRY TO THIS BIG BARGAIN EVENT—USEFUL AND SEASONABLE XMAS PRESENTS IN'. Lists various jewelry items like watches, brooches, and silverware with prices.

Mountain Timber company, which has been operating in the hills west of Kalama, has been closed until January 1.

School Director Resigns. TUALATIN, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special)—J. G. Thompson, president of the school board, has resigned on account of leaving soon to take up special work at Monmouth. A special meeting of the school board has been called for December 22 to elect his successor.

Pythian Sisters Elect. RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special)—Riverview temple, No. 45, Pythian Sisters, of this place, chose the following officers for the next term of six months: Elizabeth Thomas, most excellent chief; Clara Bales, excellent senior; Victoria Rows, excellent junior; Jennie Thomas, manager; Beattie Spencer, mistress of records and correspondence; Cora Jones, mistress of finance; Hilda Keller, protector; Beattie Akin, guard; Edith Hoyt, past chief, and Leona Hollock, trustee, one year. The installation will occur in January. Edith Hoyt, past chief, will have charge.

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