

FRUIT AUCTIONS NOT CONDUCTED BY FEW

Combinations to Keep Down Prices Prevented by Bitter Clash of Races.

GROWERS HAVE ADVANTAGE

Bidders Can Take 20 Boxes or Any Multiple, So Big Concerns Are Forced to Compete With Pushcart Venders.

The seventh anniversary of the clash between the Russian and Greek buyers of fruit in the public salesroom on Erie pier, New York, has come and gone again. Considering the common political nature of the fact or the daily sales, it is surprising that all runs along as smoothly as it does.

The melee of seven years ago rose over a personal dispute between a Greek and a Russian. Their friends came to the next public sale with concealed arms, in full preparation for a fight. A Russian slashed a Greek and the latter belabored his assailant with the arm of a chair. Fortunately, the two gangs were jammed so close together that they could not bring their weapons into play.

Two policemen were called, who, with drawn pistols, cleared the auction-room and so thoroughly intimidated the disputants and their friends that there has been no trouble from that day to this.

All Bids Recognized. In a public salesroom, one man's bid is as good as another's. Whether he is the owner of a string of pushcarts and is hovering in the back of the auditorium or is the representative of the largest commission-house in the city, the auctioneer recognizes his wave of the hand and knocks down the fruit to him if he is the highest bidder.

The buyer to whom a sale is awarded must take at least 20 boxes if there are that many in the line offered. Unless the auctioneer at the request of the representative of the grower, who always sits alongside, withdraws the privilege, the successful bidder may take any multiple of 20 boxes that the line or group of boxes that has been bid upon contains.

Some of the largest buyers who daily attend the public sales are unknown, rather solid-looking foreigners. They may not be able to read English, or even to speak it passably well, but they understand the value of fruit and follow the auctioneer without a word. The Italians and Greeks are natural-born fruit men. They can take a basket of fruit and make it attractive where other races fail.

The fruit auction business, which first became established during the Civil War, has witnessed a succession of wars among the buyers. When the first fruit arrived from New York, Boston and Philadelphia from Sicily and Spain by sailing vessels the Irish were the fruit merchants and the peddlers. It was the Italians who eventually replaced the Irish. The Italians, despite their natural ability as fruit handlers, in turn had to yield to the Greeks, who, with their greater energy and shrewdness, came into ascendancy.

Russians Bid for Trade. The Greeks are now having a nip-and-tuck fight with the Russians. During the war the Greeks had a large number of the Greeks returned to defend their native land. This gave the Russians a chance and when the soldier returns he is usually a better man. However, the Greeks again seem to be holding their own, from the standpoint of numbers.

Although the Greeks and the Italians are no longer the leading races in the fruit business there are still a number left. These lend greater variety to the general mass. As yet so many from New York the percentage of foreigners in the fruit business dwindles. In New York many of the buyers for the commission houses leave their new American friends are willing to endure. Their day's work begins at midnight on the vegetable docks, and during the proper season on the docks where the cantaloupes are sold. Before 8 o'clock they must inspect the cars of delicious and citrus fruits from Florida and the Pacific Coast that are on display on Erie pier or in the display room of the auction companies in the Fruit Exchange building.

Apples Only Sold Privately. At 8 the public sales in the auditoriums begin. These continue until 2 or 3 in the afternoon, during the rush seasons. After the public sales, if the buyer still has time and energy, he must seek out one of the jobbers who have apples to sell. The apples are the only fruit from the Pacific Coast that are still sold at private sale. After adding up his day's purchases he sleeps for four or five hours and then begins another day. Many of the buyers sleep in their stores on week nights, going to their homes only for week-ends.

The buyers in attendance at the daily public sales in Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and other smaller cities do not lead as strenuous lives as do the fruitmen of New York, but they all have a long day.

BOYS' CAMP NEEDS FUNDS

\$200 Required to Continue Outing During August. The boys' camp at the Cascades will have to close in a few days unless further subscriptions come in. To date, \$417 has been received and \$225 expended, with practically all July bills paid. The receipts are subscriptions with the exception of \$75 paid by some of the boys at the camp or by charitable organizations sending them. The association owns a fine outfit, consisting of several large army tents, blankets, cooking utensils and comfortable cots. It is estimated that the camp can be kept open during August if subscriptions totaling \$200 are secured. Subscriptions may be sent to Wells Gilbert, room 1090 Lewis building. A few commission and grocery houses contribute fruit and supplies. These may be sent via steamer to Moffatt's Landing.

"DANCING AROUND" IS BIG NEW YORK SUCCESS

Winter Garden Extravaganza Production First of New Type Show to Visit Portland—Al Jolson Is Star.



Kitty Doner



Mary Robson

"DANCING AROUND," with Al Jolson, which comes to Portland next Sunday, is the 11th production of the 13 made at the famous New York Winter Garden. It is curiously the case that this Winter Garden, in this country devoted to a distinct type of entertainment, a producing house after the style of the Gaiety Theater, London.

At the Winter Garden at least three extravaganzas are presented each season. For this purpose it has a staff of songwriters, composers, stage managers, dancing teachers, electrical experts and others who are employed the year round. No sooner is one piece under way than another is begun, it requiring about three months to weld one of the surprising shows. About 500 people are kept in constant employment.

The Winter Garden opened on March 26, 1911, "Le Belle Pares" being the initial attraction, and in this production Jolson made his bow at the Winter Garden. Then came "The Revue of Reviews," to be followed by "Vera Violetta," with Gaby Deslys. In the Spring of 1912 came "The Whirl of Society," followed by "The Passing Show of 1912," succeeded by "Broadway to Paris," after which came "The Honeymoon Express." The next production was "The Passing Show of 1913" and in the Fall of this year came "The Pleasure Seekers" and six months later "The Whirl of the World."

"The Passing Show of 1914" was put on in May of last year, after the run of which came "Dancing Around," with Al Jolson. After Mr. Jolson's long run at the Winter Garden "Maid in America" was produced and the new show now at the Winter Garden is "The Passing Show of 1915." Mr. Jolson will go into the new Winter Garden show the next October. These Winter Garden shows are really something new in theatricals, being a combination of musical comedy, farce, travesty and extravaganza. Each Winter Garden show makes use of about 100 people.

Al Jolson's father was much perturbed when he discovered that his son had no intention of following in his footsteps and that the pride of his old age ultimately ran away and joined a circus was a severe blow to his pride. Now that Al is a star of the first rank, Jolson senior has become reconciled and points with pride to his offspring's achievements. From the standpoint of young Jolson eventually got into the minstrel business. From that phase of theatrical life he graduated into vaudeville and finally achieved stardom via the New York Winter Garden spectacle. Like most professional men whose duties are very exacting, Jolson has a hobby and it is motoring. Two years ago he made a record-breaking run from New York to Frisco, taking numerous photographs en route, many of which were used to illustrate the story of his trip, which was published in a magazine devoted to motoring. Jolson's love of automobilism may account in a measure for the numerous jokes about the Ford car, several of which are told at every performance of "Dancing Around." Boxing is another sport which the actor loves and he can give a good account of himself in a squared circle, weighing in at the ringside 133 pounds.

Jolson is an entertainer rather than an actor, although his powers of impersonation are remarkable. His stories, jokes and witticisms are garnered from a multitude of sources and all is grist that comes to his mill. In addition to Jolson the Winter Garden company of 100 or more has two members of interest to Portlanders—Kitty Doner and Mary Robson. Kitty Doner made a great hit here in "The Candy Shop" and last season became a permanent member of the Winter Garden company. Kitty Doner began her career in San Francisco and when "Dancing Around" was lately presented at the Cort Theater, of that city, she achieved a veritable triumph. Mary Robson came to America from the Gaiety Theater, London, two years ago, and appeared here with Al Jolson in "The Honeymoon Express." This brunette beauty, while the prima donna of the company, has several comedy scenes with Jolson which have been spoken of as being highly hilarious.

Lumber Rate Reduced. The Southern Pacific Railroad has published a new tariff, effective September 1, making the rate on rough green fir lumber and lath from Portland, East Portland and Portland (Jefferson street) to San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, Marysville, Redding, Weed and Cole, Cal., and points intermediate 2 1/2 cents to the 100 pounds, this being a reduction from 35 cents.

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Resolution Gives Thanks. "We, the undersigned, pilgrims on the imperial special of Damascus Temple, wish to express to you, and to Mr. Owen and Mr. Sutliff, conductors, in charge of the dining-cars, our sincere appreciation for the most excellent service and for the many courtesies that have been extended to us.

Imperial potentate, Frederick R. Smith; imperial high priest and profect, E. Jacoby; imperial potentate guard, C. V. Dykeman; past potentate, E. S. Osborne; past potentate, Emil H. Schmitt. Conductors Owen and Sutliff as well as a number of the other conductors on the Shriners' dining-cars themselves are Shriners. Conductors Shields and Steiner, in charge of the Fort Worth (Texas) Shriners' special, received handsome diamond mounted cuff buttons from the members of their party in recognition of their service. To handle the unusual movement of dining-cars more than 150 employees were required and they served on the same trains on the entire run from St. Paul to Seattle. The food for such a service was measured by the ton and the Shriners and their families, it is reported, got away with all of it. The great big baked potatoes were the biggest that could be procured, some of them weighing as much as seven pounds apiece. None weighed less than three pounds. An interesting fact in this connection is that many of these monstrous "spuds" were procured right here in Oregon. Attractive menus suggestive of the movement were issued by the Northern Pacific. They were made in the shape of a fez, the kind that the Shriners wear, and just as red as the regulation Shriners' millinery. In each dining-car on the buffet, as sort of a decoration, was placed a floral piece in the shape of a fez, which proved a beautiful and unique recognition. When all the trains arrived at Seattle the conductors were photographed with Mr. Titus and the "big baked potato" float that was used in one of the Shriners' parades. Rain Delays Valley Grain Crop. OREGON CITY, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—The North Willamette Valley grain crop has been much delayed by the rains of the last week, commission men and dealers here have learned. Although the continued changes of weather has interfered somewhat with the threshing it is expected that the wheat will average nearly 30 bushels to the acre. Up the valley threshing began early in the week but was delayed one or two days because of the rain. CATHOLIC DELEGATES DUE. Portland Party to Join Knights of Columbus Train for Convention. Delegates to the convention of the Knights of Columbus in Seattle will arrive in Portland tomorrow morning in special cars from New Orleans, on the Southern Pacific, and will leave that night over the Northern Pacific. Portland Knights of Columbus will arrange for the entertainment of the visitors during their stay in Portland. The main delegation from Portland to the convention will leave today in two special cars. Between 150 and 200 will go in this delegation. E. H. Holt Opens New Piano Store—Has Severed Connection With E. H. Holt Piano Company. E. H. Holt, formerly president of the Holt Piano Company, has severed his connection with that concern and opened a piano sales room at 325 Alder street, Oregonian building, under the firm name of E. H. Holt. Mr. Holt has long experience in the piano business, and has made many business friends in Oregon through his reliability and knowledge of the line. He has made arrangements to carry Emerson, M. Schulz and other well-known makes of instruments. The store at 325 Alder street, Oregonian building, has been remodeled and fitted up as an ideal piano salesroom.

FURNITURE SALE EXTRAORDINARY

Our great Mid-Summer Sale of Furniture, Carpets, Rugs, Draperies and Household Necessities is an event of more than usual importance. This is a sale of strictly modern goods without flaw or blemish, at prices usually asked at fire and water damage sales which happen from time to time. Our reasons are twofold, a dull Mid-Summer and too much stock which we will not carry over to the next season IF LOW PRICES are of any avail. Call and see for yourself. The goods, plainly marked, speak more eloquently than words.

Limbert's Holland Dutch Arts and Crafts Furniture

To the Dutch the furniture industry of America owes much of its importance and success today. Not only for the examples of their famous cabinetmakers, but more especially for the skill, perseverance and fidelity of the Dutch workmen. In Grand Rapids the majority of workmen in all the factories making the better grades of furniture are Dutch, and it is mainly due to these Holland Dutch that Grand Rapids has earned its reputation as a furniture center. One great advantage of Limbert's furniture is that one motif or style characterizes the entire line of patterns. Any combination of patterns can be selected to suit the taste of the buyer, yet the pieces will match and present harmony and continuity in style and finish. For this reason it is a simple matter to select the proper sizes and designs to fit the space and needs of any room. We are the exclusive agents in Portland of this substantial and handsome line of furniture. It is moderate in price and suited alike to the cottage or mansion.



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Axminster Rugs, size 9x12, beautiful Oriental and floral designs. Regular price \$25.00. Special \$19.85. Axminster Rugs, 36x72 inches. Regular price \$4.50. Special \$3.25. Scrims, in plain borders and fancy patterns. 16c. Odd patterns. Regular 35c and 25c, at..... 16c.

Aerolux Porch Shades, a Luxury, Reduced

The cold, backward season makes it imperative that the price-cutting in this department must go the limit. Hence, tomorrow, Aerolux, the Porch Shade that will outlast any shade, may be purchased at practically your own price. Glance at these reductions: 8x7 ft. 6 long, regular \$1.50, \$2.00. 10x7 ft. 6 long, regular \$2.75, \$4.35. 12x7 ft. 6 long, regular \$4.50, \$6.10. 16x7 ft. 6 long, regular \$7.50, \$9.05.

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Solid oak, golden wax finish, size of top 24x36 inches. Regular price \$35.00. This sale \$17.25. Solid quarter-sawn oak, heavy plain top, size of top 24x36 inches. Regular price \$18.00. This sale \$13.85. Very heavy Gothic design, selected quartered oak, size of top 30x48 inches. Regular price \$18.30. This sale \$13.00. Solid quarter-sawn oak, polished finish, size of top 24x36 inches. Regular price \$9.25. This sale \$7.00. Magazine Library Table, golden wax finish, selected stock. Regular price \$35.00. This sale \$14.25. Dutch Design Arts and Crafts Table, fume finish, solid quarter-sawn oak, size of top 30x48 inches. Regular \$20. This sale \$16.75.

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FOOD WINS SHRINERS

Conductors Are Thanked for Service on Long Trip.

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED

More Than 150 Employees of Northern Pacific on Same Trains for Entire Run From St. Paul to Seattle to Handle Cars.

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DINING-CAR CONDUCTORS WHO PROVIDED SERVICE FOR SHRINERS' SPECIAL TRAINS AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SERVICE.



Back Row—L. K. Owen, Jno. Scantlan, E. C. Taylor, H. W. Scheele, A. H. Sawyer, A. E. Francis, Francis Falls, N. H. Kimball, A. V. Annette, Henry Walter. Front Row—S. T. Sutliff, F. J. Renning, L. H. Goethe, George W. Lawrence, W. B. Strub, J. A. Kirby, O. E. Pahey, A. H. Beck, Harry Ferry, Ernest Leighton. Insert—Hansen J. Titus, Superintendent.

They require a superior article of food. Hansen J. Titus, the dining-car superintendent of the Northern Pacific and the man who invented the "great big baked potato," knows this and therefore contrived to make good on both the quantity and the quality of his service.

As evidence of the fact that he succeeded in making good Mr. Titus proudly displays a letter from Frederick R. Smith, the imperial potentate of the Shriners, of which the following is a copy: Resolution Gives Thanks. "We, the undersigned, pilgrims on the imperial special of Damascus Temple, wish to express to you, and to Mr. Owen and Mr. Sutliff, conductors, in charge of the dining-cars, our sincere appreciation for the most excellent service and for the many courtesies that have been extended to us.

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