

PORTLAND CENTER OF COPRA INDUSTRY IN UNITED STATES

South Sea Product Used as Basis for Output of Big Local Plant; Big Copra Importation Coming

To the average dweller in Western climes, copra is a mysterious substance produced in the South Seas which the natives gather when they are not busy playing ukuleles, diving for pearls, practicing the hula-hula or posing for moving pictures.

It will therefore probably surprise some Portland readers of Graugan and Frederick O'Brien to learn that this city is in the way of becoming the terminal for a large quantity of the romantic harvest of the ingenious islanders.

PRODUCT OF COCOANUT

Copra is nothing more nor less than the dried meat of the coconut. It is grown wherever coconuts grow and is shipped all over the world for conversion into products ranging from chicken feed to the better varieties of—here Romance shudders—soap.

For years the big iron wanderers of the Pacific have been bringing copra from the seven seas to the western shore of America. But, until a comparatively few years ago, they brought none of it to Portland. It all went to San Francisco, where there are mills with a capacity of 600 tons a day. Then C. A. Painon organized a company here. It prospered and, in 1917, was absorbed by the Palmolive company. In December, 1919, the mill—a big one of recent construction—burned, and Portland's copra career received a check.

Now it is about to start again—on a larger scale than ever before. The Portland Vegetable Oil Mills company, formed about a year ago with Painon as its president and H. H. Ward as financial director, has completed the buildings on a 20 acre site near the foot of Twenty-second street, and expects to be turning out copra products at the rate of 175 tons a day by October.

READY FOR REFINERY

The copra bins, a mill building and a meal building are all practically complete, according to an announcement made Saturday by Ward. Ground has been broken for the refinery building, where the crude coconut oil is converted into the finer product needed for table uses. A 10 ton crane, which will serve the plant both during construction and afterward, was installed last week. Sixty thousand dollars worth of machinery from the wrecked Palmolive plant has been installed and \$100,000 worth of additional machinery purchased in the East. A dock where the big iron freighters will discharge their cargo is almost completed. All machinery is to be installed by September 15. By October the crushing and grinding part of the mill is expected to be in full operation and by December the refinery plant is to be running at capacity.

Charles A. Edwards, a veteran copra buyer, who is a director of the company, will sail August 27 for the Orient to purchase the immense supplies of copra needed to run the new industry. Arrangements are being made by which it is thought the copra can be shipped on Portland ships which discharge their cargoes of lumber in the Orient.

MERELY A START

"We believe this is merely the first step in the copra business which Portland is awaiting it," said Ward. "We are building our present plant with the idea of enlarging it, and eventually of adding a soap factory. The possibilities are immense.

"The whole project is peculiarly a Portland one, of course, and the stockholders. Everything in the mill that could be purchased in Portland was purchased here. We will use Portland ships wherever possible."

"There is no question about the success of the project. The old mill always ran at a profit. In our plant we are installing machinery which will extract five per cent more oil from copra, and reduce the amount of labor required 40 per cent. And at that, running on three shifts, we will be able to offer employment to 75 men within a couple of months.

"More than three quarters of the million dollar stock issue is already floated. We said we would not start building until \$700,000 worth was sold, and we didn't. We already have tentative offers for the purchase of our product. Everything is in line for a successful development of the whole proposition."

At its estimated capacity of 175 tons a day, the mill will use \$3,000,000 worth of copra a year and turn out about \$4,000,000 worth of finished products. At first this will consist chiefly of special foods for stock, but fine cooking and soap oils are to be turned out as soon as the refinery can be constructed.

BOY SCOUTS TO CAMP

Ashland, Aug. 13.—The Boy Scouts of this vicinity to the number of 40 will leave Tuesday for their annual summer camp at Lake of the Woods under Scout Masters C. F. Koehler and John Riggs. Secretary, W. J. Jackson, county M. C. A. secretary, will spend a week at the camp.

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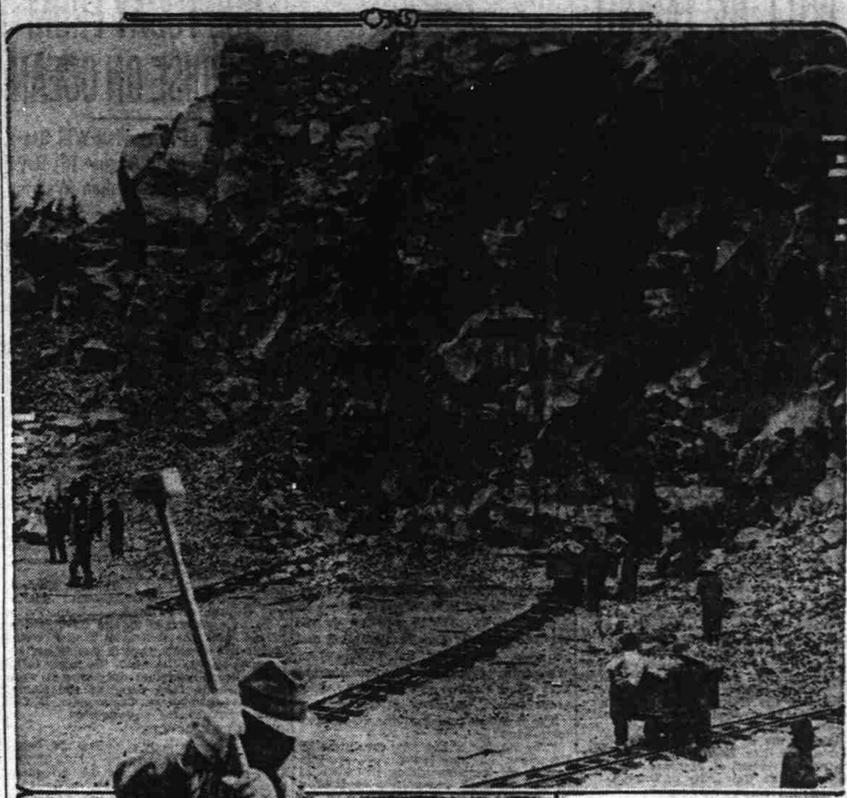
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View of Kelly Butte rock quarry, where county prisoners help in highway construction by "making little ones out of big ones" for county road crew. Sheriff Hurlbut took party of city and county officials and newspaper men to view recently-completed rock-crushing facilities and give idea of hard labor in store for undesirables. Lower picture shows one of unfortunates manfully swinging sledge to earn his daily bread.



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U. OF O. MILITARY UNIT HEAD IS SUED

Former Wife of Sergeant Reid in Complaint Asks \$20,000, Alleging Defamation.

Eugene, Aug. 13.—Demanding \$20,000 damages for alleged defamation to her good name, Edna S. Reid filed suit in circuit court today against Major Raymond Baird, U. S. A., commandant and professor of military tactics at the University of Oregon. She accuses Major Baird of being responsible for her husband divorcing her, the loss of her good name, and a chance to remarry.

Mrs. Reid alleges that prior to 1920 she was happily married to James C. Reid, first sergeant, coast artillery corps, stationed at the University of Oregon. She declares that last year Major Baird preferred charges against a fellow officer, caused his trial by general court-martial, and that he charged that the officer had been intimate with Mrs. Reid. The officer was not convicted, but her good name was damaged, she alleges.

Big Camp Meeting of Methodists Opened

Cottage Grove, Aug. 13.—The Methodist camp meeting opened at Cottage Grove, Thursday. Bishop Meade of Denver preached Thursday evening. Many people are arriving and the tents are being filled. Next week will be the big week of the meeting. Rev. T. L. Jones, 86 years old, arrived Thursday from Portland. Rev. S. A. Danforth is superintending the meetings.

ASHLAND FRIENDS GRIEVE

Ashland, Aug. 13.—The tragic death of John Jakway brought sorrow to Ashland friends. The Jakways were former residents of Ashland, where Bernard Jakway, his father, was on the staff of the old Ashland Record. Mrs. Almira Averill of Garfield, lost in the wreck, was an old-time friend of the O. H. Johnson family of Ashland.

New York Man Is To Fill Vacancy in Willamette Faculty

Willamette University, Salem, Aug. 13.—Professor C. M. Panunzio of New York City has been selected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Professor Franklin, who has been appointed librarian. Professor Panunzio has done graduate work in Harvard university, Columbia university and the University of New York, specializing in sociology, social ethics and immigration questions. He has been assistant in Boston University School of Theology, a professional lecturer at Hunter college, New York City, and superintendent of Social Service Institute of Boston. During the war he was Y. M. C. A. director on the Italian front. Since then he has been superintendent of immigrant labor division of the Inter-church movement.

The summer school, which has been attended by nearly 50, will close the last of next week.

Southern Pacific Employees Frolic At Annual Picnic

Salem, Or., Aug. 13.—More than a thousand employees of the Southern Pacific railroad, Oregon division, made merry at the State Fair grounds here today on the occasion of the annual picnic of the S. P. club, the first since the country entered the world war. Official lines were entirely eliminated in the day's program and superintendents and other bosses vied with the boys of the rank and file for honors in the athletic and sporting events, which formed the feature of the afternoon's jollification. Two special trains brought the picnicers here from distant parts of the state.

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HUSBAND CAUSES ARREST OF WIFE AND HER 'FATHER'

Tells Strange Story of How Andrew Cramer Claimed to Be Uncle; Then Parent of Woman.

The story of Joseph Edwards, dejected husband, who believes he has been robbed of his wife by an old faker, led to the arrest Saturday evening of Mrs. Edwards and Andrew Cramer, who are alleged to have been living together since Wednesday. The man and woman are being held in the county jail in lieu of \$1000 bail each.

Edwards told a weird story to investigators of the district attorney's office, which would indicate that Mrs. Edwards was misled by blandishments into the belief that she was the daughter of Cramer, who is 25 years her senior.

ALL LIVED TOGETHER

Edwards said that he and his wife became acquainted with Cramer when all were living at the Alexander apartments. From conversation with Mrs. Edwards Cramer learned much of her history and later, so the husband averred, had shown her what appeared to be a telegram reading "Mary Etta is your legal niece. Letter with full particulars follows."

BRITISH EDITOR PRAISES PRESS OF UNITED STATES

Says Papers of United Kingdom Have to Be More Careful Because People Are Sensitive.

Fundamentally the newspapers of America and the newspapers of England are operated on the same basis, although those in the United Kingdom have to be more careful than those in this country because of a more sensitive attitude on the part of the public, said H. Wickham Steed, editor of the London Times in an informal talk at a luncheon held in his honor at the Multnomah hotel in noon Saturday.

Steed is head of the most influential newspaper in Great Britain and is thoroughly familiar with the American newspapers. He told the Portland men that he did not have a fault to find with the American press and praised its enterprise and methods.

"The London Times employs 1500 persons," said Steed, "and the building, which is of the older group of buildings in London, has such extensive ramifications that new reporters sometimes get lost in its long corridors and connecting rooms."

"During the war the Times voluntarily increased its circulation from 170,000

Edward W. McGraw Dies at Oakland

From Oakland comes word of the death of Edward W. McGraw, first United States attorney for Oregon and fire chief of the Portland volunteer fire department. McGraw, aged 84, died at his home in Oakland, August 1. The body was shipped to Port Orford for burial in the family cemetery.

BOY DECLAMATION CHAMPION

Centrals, Wash., Aug. 13.—Ray Sowers, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Sowers of Ford's Prairie, won a gold medal declamatory contest, holding the championship of Lewis county.

Clinical College Of Surgeons Will Meet Here Aug. 29

With eminent surgeons and specialists from all parts of the United States as lecturers, the Oregon section of the Clinical Congress of the American college of surgeons will convene for the second annual session August 29. Headquarters of the congress will be at the Multnomah hotel.

During the two-day session papers will be read and clinics held in the various hospitals by Dr. Franklin H. Martin, secretary general of the American College of Surgeons; Dr. Allen E. Kama, professor of surgery at Northwest-ern college; Dr. Mark S. Polak of New York city; Dr. Malcolm T. McEachern of the Vancouver, B. C., general hospital; the Rev. Charles B. Moulner, president of the Catholic Hospital association of Milwaukee, and others.

Under the direction of the local officers a meeting of the section will be held at the Chamber of Commerce on the night of August 29. The civic clubs of Portland have been invited to attend the banquet.

Local officers of the college are: Dr. Andrew C. Smith, chairman; Dr. Joseph A. Pettit, secretary; and Dr. Ernest F. Tucker, councillor.

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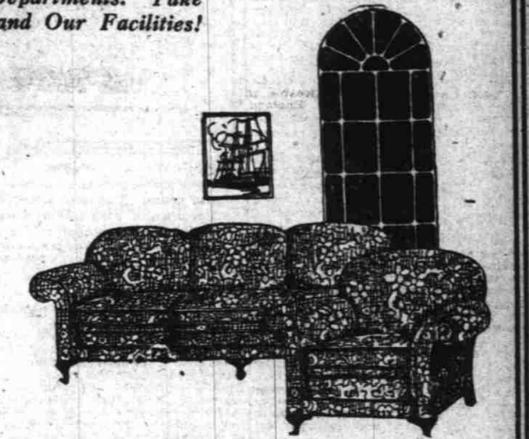
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