

The Oregon Statesman

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BIG PROJECT STARTED BY SALEM FIRM

Phex Farms Company Completes Setting Out Million Strawberry Plants on Newly Purchased Tracts

FOUR HUNDRED ACRES DEVOTED TO LOGANS

Publicity Throughout Nation Brings Inquiry From Prospective Buyers

The Phex Farms company has just completed setting 1,000,000 strawberry plants. These plants were all set with large kale planters. The company has nearly 800 acres which it is developing into small fruit tracts. The management is now starting to set 400 acres to loganberries. The company already has expended \$20,000 for strawberry and loganberry plants and the labor of setting them.

The Phex Farms company has advertised the fruit tracts extensively through the Saturday Evening Post and millions of readers in all parts of the world have read of the wonderful possibilities in the Willamette valley for growing the choicest fruits.

Over 200 prospective purchasers have submitted inquiries concerning the terms under which each of the 40 fruit tracts will be sold. Some of the letters came from foreign countries and Alaska.

Each tract contains 20 acres and, under the terms of sale, the company agrees to cultivate the plants during the approaching summer.

Sugar to Hold Steady for Two Weeks More

PORTLAND, Or., March 25.—Sufficient sugar to supply Portland for two weeks at the old retail price of 16 cents is on its way here according to a statement today by H. H. Haller, a member of the trade. Haller said that the announced advance had been caused entirely by an increased price of raw sugars in the New York market, a condition itself resulting from labor troubles in Cuba and the Hawaiian islands.

SHRINERS PREPARING TO RECEIVE CONCLAVE PATROL ORGANIZED IN SALEM TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC

McAllister and Meyers, Chosen Drill Masters—Fitz Wearers and Cherrians Join Forces

Salem Shriners are active in preparation for their part in entertaining the Imperial Conclave of the Mystic Shrine in Portland June 22, 23 and 24, and at a meeting Wednesday night organized a patrol and held the first drill. The patrol will have about 24 members, and if they can pass official inspection will participate in the marching program in Portland during the Shriners' convention.

Joe McAllister and M. L. Meyers have been chosen as drill masters. Drills will be held once each week and a second meeting will be held next Tuesday night. The two dozen men chosen for the patrol will be the best out of all who are available for the company.

At the next meeting of the Salem Cherrians they will be joined by the Shriners and a policy relative to the coming of the Shriners to Salem on one day of the convention will be decided upon. The Cherrians will participate in the Portland rose festival and probably in one of the Shrine parades.

BLOSSOM DAY IS APRIL 11

Time When Valley Will Be A-Bloom is Tentatively Set by Committee

Sunday, April 11, is the tentative date that has been set for Blossom day in Salem.

After conferring with the fruit men yesterday, Manager McCroskey of the Commercial club, who originated the Blossom day idea, and members of the committee, decided to fix the probable time for the event. It is the opinion of fruit growers that the valley will be beautifully a-bloom by April 11, particularly the prune orchards through which visitors to the city will be escorted on that day.

Blossom day will be widely advertised and it is expected that the city will be full of visitors on the appointed day, chiefly of people who are not familiar with the beauties and productivity of this section.

The committee will ask for the use of automobiles which public spirited citizens are expected to donate for the day. A motor car excursion will go from Salem through the Rosedale district and other parts alive with color at that time.

QUIET ONCE MORE REIGNS OVER SAXONY

Workers Are Capitulating and Strike Seems Near End Though Some Are Still Under Arms and Troublesome

SOVIET NEVER PLANNED BY GOTHA PROLETARIAT

Military Resisted in Protest Against Reactionary Revolt Under Kapp

GOTHA, March 25.—Order is slowly emerging out of the confusion and chaos of the last ten days in the industrial centers of Saxony. The workmen are capitulating and calling off the strike and the military are taking over control of the cities.

The strikers, who for several days held the upper hand in Gotha, laid down their arms today. The garrison of 50 men who were driven out of the city last week will return tomorrow.

Fighting has been going on here continuously since March 17. It is estimated that 90 persons were killed and several hundred wounded. Eighty workers were buried today.

A wall in the room of a leading hotel where the Associated Press correspondent is writing this dispatch, was pierced by bullets from the daily fusillade. The story of the happenings here, typical of the clashes in many places in Germany, makes an interesting chapter in the history of labor's protest against Dr. Wolfgang Kapp's attempt to establish a reactionary government.

Protest Against Kapp

When the news of the military coup at Berlin was received, the workmen here, as elsewhere, immediately struck. Statements from both sides, substantially agree that this is what then happened: The workmen offered to co-operate with the police to guard the city, and posted notices that looters would be shot. Then they consulted the major commanding the garrison. He declared that the soldiers would support Kapp and proclaimed martial law. He sent to Erfurt, a few miles distant, where 2000 troops were stationed, for reinforcements.

The workmen from the munition plants in the outskirts began to converge on Gotha, having seized quantities of arms and several armored cars. The forces engaged in fighting after the workmen had killed two soldiers who interfered with a boy tearing down the martial law proclamation.

The workmen lacked organization but were strong enough to expel the small garrison. According to one leader they realized that they would be unable to resist successfully a massed attack by the soldiers coming from Erfurt and yielded in order to avoid further bloodshed.

Some Still in Arms

Their opponents admit that the workmen did not attempt to interfere with the municipal authorities or establish a government. There is no talk whatever of a soviet, although the conservatives assert that Bolshevik agents arrived and tried to induce the strikers to organize one.

The correspondent visited today every trouble spot between Leipzig and Gotha. There exists apparently only on issue, military control. The workers everywhere announce as their principal demands abolition of martial law and the creation of a civil guard composed of representatives of all classes to replace "Noske's reactionary army."

In the country districts there are still a few small bands of armed workmen who have not been rounded up. Such a one stopped the Associated Press automobile at Naumberg. It consisted of about a dozen uniformed men quartered at a wayside inn. Most of them were carpenters of Naumberg and nearby towns. They said they had heard that four of their number had been captured by troops and executed this morning because they refused to give information concerning the whereabouts of their comrades.

Property Damage Limited

Fifteen minutes later on entering Naumberg, the correspondent passed a squad of cavalry and a lorry with machine guns, leisurely setting out to clear up that band. Further on he overtook several soldiers bringing in two captive workmen whose hands were pinioned behind their backs.

Considerable fighting has occurred at Naumberg where the strikers entrenched themselves in the forests from which they were dislodged only after the garrison had been reinforced by troops from Weimar. Historical old Weimar itself did not witness the disorders. Several workmen were killed but there was little property damage. All is quiet there now.

The large number of troops at Erfurt prevented an outbreak there.

"KISS ME NOT UNTIL LATE THIS AFTERNOON"

THIS SHOULD BE THE MOTTO OF EVERY CLEVER VAMPIRE

Young Woman Systematically Car- ports With China Ware to Prove Danger of Morning Osculations

NEW YORK, March 25.—Kissing is unsanitary until sunshine and fresh air have sterilized the lips, according to Dr. Lawson Brown of Saranac Lake, who told the New York state medical society at today's convention that it's a good thing for the human race that courting is done at night and in the late afternoon.

"We selected a pretty young woman with a bad case of tuberculosis and had her kiss a sterile dish," said Dr. Brown in telling of a kissing test. "We found the morning kisses gave forth a few germs, but those in the afternoon and evening were a pretty healthy risk."

STATE LAW MAY DISFRANCHISE

Poll Tax and Registration Re- quirements May Not Allow Women to Vote

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Women in several states may be denied a vote in the coming presidential election despite ratification of the suffrage amendment before November, it is said at the headquarters of the National Woman's party here, unless changes are made in registration laws.

In order that women all over the United States may register for the coming November election under existing laws, ratification must be completed before May 1, 1920, on which date Georgia closes its registration. Excluding Georgia, the next date is June 30, when registration closes in Rhode Island. Registration in most other states does not close until September or October, by which time suffrage leaders are confident the amendment will be ratified.

Other requirements, however, beside the element of time may nullify the women's vote next November in certain of the states, especially in the south, unless the legislatures are willing to make necessary changes in the laws. Payment of a poll tax is required in seven of the states; in Florida and Louisiana the payment is required for the two years previous. Texas law calls for the payment of a poll tax on January 1, Alabama and Mississippi on February 1, and North Carolina and South Carolina on May 1.

Pressure will be brought to bear upon the legislatures, where necessary, to have registration re-opened and the laws modified, it is said here, but women political leaders hope the changes will be accomplished without difficulty. In states where women have not heretofore been given the privilege of fulfilling the necessary requirements, provision should be made for them to go to the polls this November if the amendment is ratified in time, they assert.

No opposition to the operation of the suffrage amendment in strongly anti-suffrage states, similar to tactics employed in the south, to limit the negro vote after the passage of the fifteenth amendment, is considered likely by suffragists here.

TURK BUTCHERY YET UNCHECKED

Tartars Massacre Armenians at Instigation of Young Moslems

LONDON, March 25.—Tartars recently massacred 17,000 Armenians within the boundaries of the new Armenian state at the instigation of the Young Turks in the Azerbaijan government, according to Archbishop Kholn, an Armenian from Erivan, who arrived here to confer on behalf of the Armenian republic with allied authorities regarding the situation in Armenia.

Three thousand persons are being herded in Tartar villages and portions of the Armenian frontier are being held by the Tartars, he declared. He says that in December the Tartars murdered 14,000 Armenians at Akoulis, in Azerbaijan, on the pretext that Tartars had been massacred in Armenian territory. He said also that many massacres since the armistice day were declared to have been due to the fact that the frontiers between Armenia and Azerbaijan were not clearly defined.

Once Drove Oxen to Oregon; Answered Call of Death

McMINNVILLE, Or., March 25.—Funeral services were held here today for Wayman C. Hembree, 91 years old, who died at his home near here several days ago. He was one of Oregon's oldest pioneers, having driven an ox team across the plains to this state in 1843. He was a member of the Oregon Volunteers, who fought in the Yakima Indian war, his captain being killed by the Indians. Six children survive.

RED ADVANCE ACCORDING TO CAREFUL PLAN

Krupp Works at Essen Re- ported to be Making Am- munition for Red Army Which Holds German Towns

BELGIANS OBJECT TO STRAY SHELLS

Promise Speedy Interference If Occupied Territory Is Further Molested

COULLENZ, March 25.—(By the Associated Press)—Wesel was being bombarded today by artillery. The Reichswehr troops were reported to be confident of holding out there, although the red pressure against the town was declared to be increasing.

Dinslaken is in the hands of the reds. The red line extends from Friedrichfeld, nine kilometers north of Dinslaken, through Dorsten, in the direction of Munster.

The Krupp works at Essen are reported to be manufacturing ammunition for the reds.

The military situation in the Ruhr region is said to be favorable to the reds. Additional government troops are arriving north of Coesfeld.

In Thuringia the revolt is extending to the Harz mountains.

Russia Active in Germany

ROTTERDAM, March 25.—The Spartacan movement in the Rhine provinces has long been organized with the cooperation of Russian aid and the offensive Poland, with the joint object that Trotsky, Russian Bolshevik minister of war, would be at the gates of Berlin at the beginning of July, according to a Munster dispatch to the Courant. Russian army officers, says the correspondent, are already directing the German Spartacans, whose army is being rapidly organized and armed on the exact model of Trotsky's. The revolution was originally planned for May first, but the leaders believed that the Kapp government gave them an opportunity to hasten their plans, which included the capture of Munster and Wesel.

According to the Telegraaf, the Dutch government is taking steps to prevent real activity.

Reds Made Careful Plans

LONDON, March 25.—The Munster Anzeiger gives further details of the plans for a Spartacan movement in the Rhine provinces on May 1, according to a Rotterdam dispatch to the London Times. It says that a conference held by three Russian officers decided on March 13 that the time had arrived to start a red mobilization in Germany, which had been prepared up to the smallest details.

It is said the workers were to be armed, the government troops disarmed. An army was to be organized on the Russian plan. 100 Russian officers having been distributed in the industrial provinces for the purpose. The workers, who had already been selected as eligible for enlistment were to plunder in munition stores and then march on to Munster. Wesel was also to be taken and a strong red army was to guard the Rhine. The program was carried out more or less according to schedule.

More Fighting at Wesel

WESEL, Rhineland Prussia, March 25.—(By The Associated Press)—The fighting at Wesel which ended at 10 o'clock last night, began again this morning at 10 o'clock and lasted for an hour and a half. Both forces then took a long and comfortable luncheon and hostilities were renewed at 2 o'clock. They were virtually finished at 4:30.

Traffic across the Rhine is still at a standstill because the workmen last night directed their fire toward the eastern end of the bridge at Wesel and continued today their intermittent shelling and also covered the exposed highway and the small city bridges leading into the town.

At the first German outpost it was possible today between shell bursts to mount the heights and watch from the city the shelling of the workmen's new position and the repeated advance of the government armored train as the workmen were cleared.

The city is quiet. Business is normal and there is plenty of food.

The military authorities have placed a censorship on the telegraph and telephone lines and the correspondent had to cross to the Belgian side of the Rhine in order to telegraph.

Belgium Becomes Involved

BUDERICH, Rhineland Prussia, March 25.—(By The Associated Press)—Colonel Preous, command-

ing the Belgian forces, has received word from Brussels that the Belgian government has decided to send a force to the Rhine to prevent further advances of the reds.

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KAY URGED TO RUN FOR LEGISLATURE

FORMER TREASURER OF STATE MAY ACCEDE TO REQUEST

Long Public Service and Wide Knowl- edge of State and County Affairs Cited as Reasons

Friends of Thomas B. Kay, former state treasurer, are urging him to become a candidate to represent Marion county in the legislature. Mr. Kay is said to have the question under consideration, but has not yet given a reply.

Mr. Kay served eight years as treasurer and prior to that time served eight years in the legislature. His knowledge of state affairs coupled with his activity in Marion county affairs, it is held, would make him an ideal representative. He is widely popular.

Mr. Kay's service in the legislature was two sessions in the house and two in the senate. He was elected to the house for the sessions of 1907, re-elected for the session of 1909, and was elected senator for the sessions of 1907 and 1909.

Norblad Might Enter Race Against Salem Congressman

"If I had time I might take a shot at it," remarked State Senator A. W. Norblad of Astoria yesterday after inquiring whether Representative Hawley is likely to have opposition for the congressional nomination.

Senator Norblad said he had been visiting a number of Willamette valley and western Oregon towns on personal business.

Whether the personal business was to feel out sentiment with a view possibly to coming out against Mr. Hawley was information Mr. Norblad did not divulge.

He was in Salem a few hours.

SCOUT COUNCIL GIVEN BANQUET

Salem Troops Hosts at Dinner and Program at Armory Last Night

The members of the Salem Boy Scout council consisting of 30 businessmen were the guests of the Salem Boy Scouts at the armory last night. Members of the council were presented with gold emblem pins signifying their association with the Boy Scout movement.

After a talk by Scout Executive Harold Cook and the roll call the members of the Salem council were presented with the pins, made in the form of the Scout emblem. Of the 30 members of the council 22 were present, most of them accompanied by their wives. Following the presentation President E. A. Kurtz of the Scout council gave a message of thanks to the Scouts.

Members of the council were highly pleased with the showing the five troops made. First the council was introduced to some of the Scout yell. A representative was taken from each of the troops and a "dress" race ensued. The boys exhibited their deftness in donning their apparel in a hurry.

The first Boy Scout of Salem to be classed as a first class Scout was given his insignia last night. Arthur M. Hamilton was decorated. Six others were commended as second class Scouts and received pins.

The leading troop in each city is entitled to have its possession in the headquarters flag, which bears the Scout emblem. The troop that leads in Scout activities is allowed to keep the flag until surpassed by some other troop. Troop three under the direction of Scoutmaster Zimer was presented with the flag last night. This is the first troop in Salem to receive the award.

The Scouts exhibited their knowledge in giving first aid to the injured. Four Scouts were used as injured men. Their comrades attended them with bandages and carried them away on improvised stretchers.

E. A. Kurtz, president of the council, announced that in the near future the Salem Scouts would give a dinner to all the Scouts of the city.

McCroskey's Idea Is Now Followed All Over Oregon

The plan of rural development through the organization of a community federation in each county is proving popular in Oregon.

The movement was organized by T. E. McCroskey, manager of the Salem Commercial club. So successfully has it been operated in Marion county that other sections of the state have caught the idea and are now following the lead of this county.

Community federations are now organized in Clatsop, Benton, Yamhill, Multnomah, Klamath and Clackamas counties.

Strike of British Miners To Be Averted by Agreement

LONDON, March 25.—There seems to be a possibility tonight that the miners' strike will be averted. Negotiations have been resumed with the government, which has submitted slightly modified offer.

While this is considered not likely to affect the miners' views, it indicates a spirit of conciliation and negotiations will continue tomorrow.

STEIGER IS WOUNDED BY GUN SHOTS

Well-to-do Farmer in Serious Condition After Attempted Murder at Farm on Pacific Highway

OFFICERS HUNTING FOR JESSE MULLINIX

Bullet Pierces Chest of Victim and Two Others Enter Flesh of Legs

MULLINIX ARRESTED

Jesse Mullinix, whom T. W. Steiger declares shot him last night, was arrested shortly before midnight in a local rooming house. He denied knowledge of the shooting, though grilled for two hours by the officers.

Steiger asserted he was not mistaken in the identification. He had opportunity to view his assailant at close range, for he caught the man and tried to hold him after the shooting. The clothing worn by Mullinix when arrested conforms to the description given by Steiger.

No formal charge has yet been lodged against Mullinix. Steiger was resting well at the hospital early this morning.

T. W. Steiger, well-to-do farmer living about one mile north of the Salem city limits on the Pacific highway, was shot and seriously wounded while milking his barn, about 100 yards from his residence, shortly after 8 o'clock last night. Steiger declares the shooting was done by Tom Mullinix, formerly employed by him. After the shooting the attempted murderer made his escape. Steiger is about 60 years old.

Four or five shots were fired, three of which took effect, one piercing Steiger's body above the heart. After being shot he staggered about 20 yards toward his residence. His cries aroused Mrs. Steiger, who came to his aid. Her phone being out of order, she hastened to a neighbor's home and Sheriff W. L. Needham and a physician were notified.

Shooting Almost Fatal

Upon examination, it was found that three of the bullets had taken effect. The most serious was the one that penetrated the left chest just above the heart. Had this bullet entered the body an inch lower, death would have been instantaneous, according to the attending physician. Mr. Steiger was removed to the Salem hospital as soon as first aid was administered. He was slightly delirious on the road to the hospital. The last report from the hospital stated that he was reviving.

One bullet entered the flesh of the thigh near the groin and the other made a less serious wound in the leg. Jesse Mullinix is being sought by the authorities. He was employed at the Steiger farm until two years ago and it is believed he sought Mr. Steiger's life because of an old grudge. Mr. Steiger, when questioned last night, stated that he positively identified the man as Mullinix. The only disagreement that Steiger says he remembers was about the way Mullinix handled the horses. This was in April of 1918. Shortly after the incident Mullinix said he was going to quit and asked for his pay which is said to have been given him and the trouble apparently closed.

Neighbors Hear Shooting

Neighbors in the vicinity of the Steiger farm say they heard four or five shots. Some said they were undecided as to the number, but were positive that at least four shots were fired. They paid little attention because they thought the reports were from small torpedoes fired on the railroad track nearby as train signals. Reports were said to have been heard about the corresponding time the night preceding the shooting.

Sheriff Needham and deputies are searching for Mullinix. Inquiry has revealed that until five days ago he was at work on the Holmes farm, owned by T. A. Livesley, south of Salem. A large force of men under the direction of Sheriff Needham was combing the city and surrounding country last night.

Mullinix was reported to the sheriff to have been seen around one of the local cigar stores since he left the Livesley farm. Sheriff Needham said last night that any information as to the whereabouts of Mullinix before or after the shooting will be welcomed and might lead to his arrest.

Mullinix is described as about 40 years old, of dark complexion and weighing about 140 to 150 pounds, wearing a dark hat and overcoat at the time of the shooting.

Steiger says his assailant did not utter a word as he attacked him. His appearance at the barn was sudden and unexpected.

"And She Wore a Ribbon In Her Hair"

Spring Time, Easter Time, Ribbon Time!

Words of similar meaning—expressing the same idea. For what is Easter time to the miss without a new spring frock and what's a new spring frock without a Bit of Ribbon?

For the last time, Barnes' Cash store announces Fashion's edict. Many, many seasons have passed since Ribbon has played such an important part as it will this spring and summer. There will be ribbon vests for the early spring frocks and suits, ribbon blouses to be worn with short coats, ribbon for lingerie.

FOR THE HOUSEHOLD

Ribbons for complete boudoir sets, couch pillows, all kinds of small articles made of Ribbon for household ornamentation, and, of course,

EASTER GIFTS

are made of ribbon. Little girls must have new hair bows and sashes for Easter. And, the Easter Bride, to be in style this spring, must have ribbons galore.

Where may all these Ribbons be found?

Right here is a splendid, high grade, line. Plain colors and plenty of novelties—beautiful Ribbon! Not so low priced as before the war but not nearly so high as the markets indicate, besides, our retiring from business sale allows 10 per cent discount.

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