

MARKET OPEN AT 14 CENTS FOR BERRIES

Contracts Being Written for Shipments East and Lower Figure Is Offered by Local Cannery

NEGOTIATIONS WITH ALBANY FIRM HALTED

Cannery Generally Are Reported to be Playing Game of Waiting

The strawberry market opens at 14 cents a pound. Contracts are now being written by a local firm at that price. The berries that are now purchased are to be shipped to eastern markets in large barrels under refrigeration.

The top price that has been offered for strawberries by Salem cannery this season, however, is 12 cents a pound. No trace of any sales having been made at that quotation could be found.

Albany Withdrawal Rumored

The loganberry situation remains the same as the last published report which stated that an Albany cannery was writing contracts in the Salem territory at 12 cents a pound. An unconfirmed report has it that the Albany cannery has withdrawn from the field temporarily awaiting further developments in the wholesale market. At least, one grower states that when he had offered his coming crop of logans to an agent of the Albany people at the 12 cent price the offer was refused.

Agents of the Albany concern state they have a fixed number of orders to fill on eastern accounts. As soon as they shall have secured enough berries to fill these orders they will withdraw from the market until new sales to jobbers are made. Cannery generally are playing a waiting game. They say the unsettled conditions of the peoples of the

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HOOVER'S NAME WILL GO ON OREGON BALLOT

OSWALD WEST SAYS PETITIONS ARE ABOUT COMPLETED

Signatures Necessary to Qualify Exceeded by 1000, Says Campaign Manager

PORTLAND, March 27.—While the Hoover Republican club of Oregon is circulating petitions to have Mr. Hoover's name placed on the Republican primary ballot, ex-Governor Oswald West has practically completed his petition to put the name of Mr. Hoover on the Democratic ballot.

"The petitions to place Mr. Hoover on the Democratic ballot are practically filled," declared Mr. West today. "I have received more than 1000 of the signatures necessary, and am now checking them over to see that they comply with the requirements of the law."

HOMES RAZED BY WIND AND RAIN

Panhandle Suffers As Result of Storm—Two Injured in Hotel Fire

AMARILLO, Tex., March 27.—Attaining a velocity of 60 miles an hour at times, a windstorm has raged over the Panhandle and northwestern part of the state for the past 12 hours, doing heavy damage.

EL PASO, Tex., March 27.—Houses were wrecked, roofs were blown off others, many windows were shattered by a desert gale which swept El Paso today.

J. L. Essinger of La Mesa was injured when a hotel fire escape was blown down. The wind reached a velocity of 55 miles an hour. Telegraph and telephone companies reported serious trouble to their service.

California Lawyers Form New Form for Lakeview

Lakeview will have a new firm of attorneys if the supreme court decides to admit the members of the firm to the practice of law in Oregon by recognizing their California certificates. The members of the firm are Oscar Gibbons, A. K. Wylie and Daly B. Robnett, and the firm name is Robnett, Wylie & Gibbons.

MANAGER OF HOSPITAL TO LEAVE POST

Pending Resignation of Miss Lillian McNary Made Known; Service of Many Years Is Commended

FUTURE PLANS REASON FOR RELINQUISHMENT

Necessity of Giving Up McKinley School Building Creates Emergency

That Miss Lillian McNary is to resign the superintendency of the Salem hospital in the early fall because of future plans and that the hospital board will face the problem of finding her successor is brought out in an interview given yesterday by H. S. Gile, vice-president of the board, in which he speaks in a highly commendatory manner of the service rendered by Miss McNary in the position she has held since February, 1911. Credit is extended her for maintaining the institution on a self-supporting basis and for her general success in its management.

Many interesting points are brought out in Mr. Gile's interview relative to the importance of continuing the institution in a new building when the present building no longer shall be available the coming fall. Mr. Gile shows that hundreds of thousands of dollars have been expended by the hospital with local firms for supplies and in expenditures necessary to maintenance. Because of the necessity of relinquishing the McKinley school building so it may be used for school purposes in September, Mr. Gile believes it will be necessary for Salem to do without the hospital for some time prior to completion of the new building.

"The present move on the part of our citizens to provide Salem with a modern hospital is, in my opinion, the best and about the most vital thing for the future of this community that could be undertaken," said Mr. Gile. "That our people have not been faced with the necessity of providing a hospital building long ago, is perhaps due to the efficient service rendered by the hospital in the building acquired from the Oregon Children's aid in 1899.

"Hospital Efficiently Handled." "At that time the Salem hospital had been in business four years, using a frame structure on Twelfth street, which had been secured through John H. Albert.

"This hospital association came into existence at the request of the medical faculty of Willamette university. Its first board of directors included the following well known persons: Mrs. J. J. Murphy, Mrs. R. S. Wallace, Frank E. Hodgkin, Gideon Steiner, A. N. Bush, George P. Litchfield, Will T. Gray, Frank Davey, H. T. Bruce.

"Its first superintendent was Miss Bowman from the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland, who received \$75 for her first four months services.

"In the beginning some help was received from charitable individuals, the churches and the lodges. A careful examination of the records of the hospital at this time show that during all these years the Salem hospital has been handled in the most careful manner by a board of our citizens, who have given their time freely and with no thought of reward other than to serve.

"Will T. Gray was the first secretary. Attorney W. T. Slater was the second and Charles A. Park, the present secretary, succeeded him in 1907.

"Institution Self Supporting." "By practicing the most careful economy, the Salem hospital has been self supporting, and, in addition, it has built up its plant and equipment very considerably, having spent thereon upwards of \$13,000, which came from its own savings.

"In addition to maintaining itself, the Salem hospital has acquired a considerable strip of land to the west of the original site and paid a considerable amount for permanent street improvements before the state condemned and acquired that part of the land upon which the building stands. On the whole, it must be admitted that the Salem hospital has made a wonderful record.

"An examination of the expenses from month to month of the various departments shows several hundred thousand dollars expended with Salem business houses for maintenance, supplies, etc. It has always maintained a good credit in the community.

"A very large number of patients have, been efficiently handled through the Salem hospital by Salem's physicians and considerable charity work has been done.

"Success Due to Miss McNary. "When the story of the Salem hospital's record is written, no other single individual should receive so much credit as Miss Lillian McNary, who has been its superintendent since February, 1911. She began as superintendent at a salary of \$25 a

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DEVERS' PLAN MAY SAVE STATE MONEY

PLANS COMMONWEALTH TO HANDLE CONTRACTORS' BONDS

Attorney in Charge of Highway Commission's Legal Work Prepares Bill for Legislature

Because of the alleged standardization of prices charged by surety companies operating in Oregon, J. M. Devers, assistant attorney general and in charge of the legal work of the state highway commission, proposes to prepare a measure for submission to the legislature at its next session whereby bonds taken out by contractors to insure the state against loss will be handled by the commonwealth and thereby save to Oregon thousands of dollars annually.

Under the present system, contractors are obliged to pay surety companies 1 1/2 per cent on the total amount of the contracts, while the state is insured to the extent of only about 50 per cent of the total sum represented in the improvements.

Mr. Devers believes that the state should take care of these bonds in order that the money paid for this insurance by contractors could revert back to the highway funds and be used in the construction and improvement of roads. At the present time the cost of furnishing these bonds is added to the original contract price by the successful bidders, and has to be paid by the state.

Mr. Devers estimates that under the system now in vogue it would cost the contractors approximately \$200,000 for bonds covering the work included in the present road program. This money, Mr. Devers says is practically wasted and should be used on the roads rather than be paid out without receiving corresponding benefits.

SERVICE MAN TO MAKE CAMPAIGN

Thomas Sweeney Will Oppose Pat McArthur For Seat in U. S. Congress

PORTLAND, March 27.—Thomas Sweeney, a major of army engineers in France during the late war, today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for representative in congress from the third Oregon (Portland) district in the forthcoming primary.

Representative C. N. McArthur recently announced his candidacy for renomination in the third district, and Eugene E. Smith, a representative in the Oregon legislature also is a candidate.

GOLF SEASON OPENS TODAY

Teams Will be Matched with Banquet Following Sunday at Stake

The golf season of the Illabe Country club will open today, weather permitting. There will be a team match between the club members for a dinner to be given at the club the following Sunday.

Players may arrange with their opponents to play the matches any time during the day.

The invitation is extended for any one not listed to appear at the links anyway and matches will be arranged.

The schedule today follows: Men—Hutchison vs. Olinger; Griffith vs. Smith; McDonald vs. Locke; Roberts vs. Farrar; Thielsen vs. T. B. Kay; Cox vs. Baker; Rahn vs. Livesley; Mangis vs. Dyer; Gabrielson vs. Plimpton; Spears vs. Cross; Edwards vs. Burghardt; Gardner vs. Keene; Olcott vs. Young; Paul Staley vs. Leffingwell; Lantis vs. Paulus; Abst vs. O. Myers.

Women—Mrs. O. C. Locke vs. Mrs. Edward Gillingham; Mrs. E. L. Baker vs. Mrs. Kay; Mrs. John Farrar vs. Mrs. Mangis.

Hairs in Hand Clew to Leading Light in Murder

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 27.—A few hairs, which, according to the theory of detectives, were torn from the head of her slayer, may clear up the mystery of the finding of the body of Mrs. Ruby Reed last night in her apartment. The hairs were found in Mrs. Reed's hand.

Grants Pass Banker Is Killed by Own Revolver

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 27.—John D. Fry, a director of the First National bank of Grants Pass, Jr., was killed here this afternoon by a bullet from a revolver which he held in his hand. Fry, who had been visiting here with his wife, was found dead on the water front near the scene of a baseball game. The shot was heard only by two small boys, who, after seeing the man fall, told some of the spectators of the game, who notified the police.

One of Fry's sons, Thomas, is cashier of the Grants Pass bank.

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MUCH LAND IN COUNTY IS WASTED

Thousands of Acres Ready to Produce, as Soon as Cleared and Drained

FRENCH PRAIRIE IS PARTLY RECLAIMED

Effective Method of Rooting Out Stumps Soon to be Demonstrated

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, March 27.—Marion county, with a population of 46,900, is almost identical in size with the state of Rhode Island, which supports a population of approximately 600,000.

With the development of natural resources of the county which are more varied and more abundant than in the eastern state, how many millions will Marion county support?

Less than one-fourth of the total area in forests. Surveys show approximately 190,000 acres undeveloped which could be made productive by clearing and drainage.

Prairie Land Reclaimed. The department of soils of Oregon Agricultural college, co-operating with the school of engineering, has assisted in reclaiming 2,400 acres on French prairie. The cost of this work averaged \$6 an acre. Another project at Sydney bottom was recently completed under college advisement.

The service of testing soils by laboratory methods which show the presence or absence of elements required for growth of certain crops, vegetables and fruits is free to farmers and growers of the state.

Clearing is Urged. Approximately 175,000 acres, or nearly one-fourth of the total land area, is logged off and lumbered land which would be productive if cleared.

Present methods of land clearing make the cost prohibitive. A char pitting process, aided by a portable furnace and other mechanical devices has been worked out by Professor H. D. Scudder of the department of farm management.

The larger the stump the more effective is this method. The cost of clearing land is reduced fully 50 per cent. One man can easily clear 10 acres in one winter. A bulletin fully illustrated, showing every stage of the work, is nearly ready for publication.

Demonstrations Promised. It is the plan of the extension service to give demonstrations of land clearing every winter in sections where there is much land to be cleared.

Wisconsin has appropriated \$17,000 for land clearing experimental work. This station with an annual fund of \$150 has not been able to give demonstrations extensively throughout the state.

Lantern slide illustrated lectures and motion picture reels are ways by which Professor Scudder plans to demonstrate the practical and economical methods of land clearing if funds are available.

Livestock Tenders Strike For Higher Wage Schedule

CHICAGO, March 27.—Wealthy cattlemen and packing house officers fed cattle and cleaned pens at the stockyards today after 400 members of the live stock handlers' union struck for a wage advance of \$30 a month. Fifteen hundred other members of the union threatened to strike if demands were not granted.

The men now receive \$130 a month. The strike was said to be in violation of the wage agreement arbitrated before Judge Alschuler.

Portland To Hold Down Rise in Sugar Tariffs

PORTLAND, March 27.—Portland sugar prices will not be allowed to advance unless the price at the refinery goes up, United States Fair Price Commissioner Will H. Daly announced today on the application of retail grocers for permission to advance the price of sugar one cent a pound.

Grocers asked yesterday for permission to boost the price on the grounds that a decline is likely to follow the recent advance of two cents a pound in the wholesale price.

They said the retailers will have to absorb the loss themselves in such an event.

"Old stocks must be sold at the old prices," Commissioner Daly said. The proposed increase would have allowed a margin of three cents between the retail and the wholesale prices.

PHIL METSCHAN DEAD AFTER LONG ILLNESS

FORMER SALEM MAN KNOWN IN ALL PARTS OF STATE

Owner of Imperial Hotel Prominent in Political and Civic Activities

Phil S. Metschan, former state treasurer and one of the most widely known Oregon pioneers, died at his home in the Imperial hotel, Portland, yesterday at 5 p. m., just three days after he had celebrated his 89th birthday by having more than 20 children, grandchildren and relatives with him on Wednesday. Mr. Metschan was the father of Mrs. L. F. Griffith and Mrs. Frank Meredith of this city who, with his other children, were with him at the time of his passing.

From the time when he entered the office of state treasurer in 1891 he with his family lived in Salem and were prominent in the activities of the city.

Mr. Metschan was born in Germany and came to America when he was 14 years of age, living for a time in St. Louis, Mo., later in California and coming to Portland in 1854. He lived in Portland for several years before going to Canyon City where he resided until 1891. While there he served as county judge, county clerk and numerous other county and city offices.

At the expiration of his term of office as state treasurer he moved to Portland where he has since owned the Imperial hotel, also being its president. He spent two years traveling in Europe, visiting his former home and places of interest in Europe. He was well known over the state as one of the leading men in his community.

Wednesday he was 80 years old, and many of his relatives were in Portland to help him celebrate the event.

He is survived by his widow, four daughters, Mrs. L. F. Griffith and Mrs. Frank Meredith of Salem; Mrs. J. E. Flanders of Portland, and Mrs. George Cattanch of Canyon City, and by five sons, Frank, Phil Jr., Otho, Tony and Edward, all of Portland. All were with him at the time of his death.

Mr. Metschan was a past grand master of the Masonic lodge and the Odd Fellows lodge. He was a member of the Episcopal church.

As yet no funeral announcements have been made.

SPUDS HOARDED BY MONEY HOGS

Seattle Man To Assist in San Francisco Trials

SEATTLE, Wash., March 27.—Ben L. Moore, assistant United States district attorney here, has been appointed by Attorney General Palmer to assist Bert Schlessinger, San Francisco, in prosecuting cases involving alleged frauds in the Pacific coast shipbuilding program. It was announced today. Mr. Moore had previously resigned from the district attorney's staff, effective next Thursday.

Federal Officers Take Hand in Game to Deprive Consumers and Profiteer

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 27.—Thousands of sacks of potatoes are hoarded in California warehouses, according to a report made today following an investigation by the office of District Attorney Matthew Brady.

In Stockton warehouses there are approximately 200,000 sacks of potatoes, the report said. In one warehouse, the investigator reported that employees had told him only 200 sacks of edible potatoes could be secured out of a lot of 1,600 sacks. Only 300 were fit for human consumption, the report stated. Potatoes in the warehouses have been rotting for three months, the investigator said.

PUGET SOUND WINS DEBATE

Negative Side of Mexican Question Prevails in Forensic Battle

W. U. WINS AT TACOMA. Information reached Salem late last night that the Willamette team won the Tacoma end of the Dual debate with the College of Puget Sound by a 2 to 1 decision. The Willamette team was Bernard Ramsay and Frank Bennett. The supported the affirmative of the same question that was debated in Salem.

The intercollegiate debate last night at the First Methodist church between the College of Puget Sound and Willamette university was a victory for the visiting team who supported the negative on the question "Resolved, That the United States should assume a mandatory control of Mexico."

The affirmative was upheld by Sheldon Sackett and Howard George as representatives of Willamette, the negative by Harry Earle and Harold Hong of C. P. S. Dean George Alden presided. The judges were Hopkins Jenkins of Jefferson high school of Portland, H. W. Stone of the Y. M. C. A., Portland, and Rev. Wallace Lee, dean of Albany college.

Both teams did excellent work and presented clever arguments, as was evidenced by the opinion of the judges who rendered a 2 to 1 decision.

A piano solo was played by Miss Ruth Bedford and a vocal solo by Miss Loriel Blatchford.

LOWDEN PUTS BORAH BLUFF UP FOR TEST

Candidate for President Says He Is Ready to Place Cards on Table at Washington on April 5 or 6

PUBLIC PROBE URGED BY GOVERNOR LOWDEN

Illinois Man Says Prompt Congressional Inquiry Into Expenses Is Due

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 27.—Governor F. O. Lowden tonight telegraphed an answer to the dispatch of Senator Borah today suggesting that he would be glad to meet Governor Lowden's campaign manager in Washington, April 5 or 6, and would read into the congressional record any statement as to campaign expenditures which the Lowden manager cared to make. The governor asked for a completed congressional investigation of campaign expenses of all presidential candidates.

The governor, however, in his reply, stipulated that he will consent to this plan only on condition that the representatives of other Republican candidates be present at the same time and make similar accounting of campaign funds. If not, Governor Lowden suggests prompt congressional investigation. His telegram follows:

"Your telegram received. I stand by the proposition made in my telegram yesterday. My manager can be in Washington April 5, the date suggested by you, if the managers of all other candidates will be there at the same time and be prepared to give full details of all contributions and expenditures. If the other candidates are unwilling to join, I suggest prompt congressional investigation."

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Gleason Charged With Robbery of Scio Bank

PORTLAND, Or., March 27.—A warrant for the arrest of Lee M. Gleason charged with participation in the robbery of a bank and post-office at Scio, Oregon, early this month, was issued by United States Commissioner Drake today. Three men have already been placed in custody for alleged complicity in the robbery and have been released on \$5000 bonds each.

British Cabinet Will Consider Wage Demand

LONDON, March 27.—Premier Lloyd George has summoned a special cabinet meeting for Sunday evening to consider the government's answer to the demands of the miners' federation. The miners' executive will receive the reply at a conference at Downing street at 11 a. m. Monday.

Medical Experts Testify in Dakota Murder Case

DEADWOOD, S. D., March 27.—Medical experts occupied the attention of court all day today in the trial of Mr. and Mrs. George Searle, charged with the murder of Mrs. Searle's mother, Mrs. Hilda Neamy, whose body was found in the furnace of the Neamy home at Lead, December 7 last.

Valley Fruit Conditions Better Than Expected

EUGENE, Or., March 27.—Fruit conditions throughout the Willamette valley are good, excepting where trees and vines were winter injured. J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit-growers' association, said today.

He has just returned from an inspection throughout the valley. While he found many trees and vines killed by the extreme cold weather in December, in general he found conditions favorable.



Retiring From Business

A sale of vast importance—meaning that the price of everything in the store is reduced at least ten per cent. Many Broken Lines reduced very much more.

For Easter

SILK HOSE—Splendid line in black, white and colors ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$2.25 a pair, Less 10 per cent.

Yet, a pretty new lace, organdie or Georgette Collar does help ever so much, 50c to \$5.65, Less 10 per cent.

And don't forget the Ribbon. Girlie must have a new hairbow and sash for Easter. There is a lovely assortment here, all 10 per cent off.

Colored Thread
Full line Colored Thread. Buy all you want. No limit.
Spool.....5c
Dozen.....54c



THOMSON'S "GLOVE-FITTING" CORSETS.

Perhaps First of All We Should Have Mentioned Corsets

The all important foundation for a perfect fitting Easter Frock.

Thomson's "Glove Fitting"

You know it is the only corset name that really means something. We have sold thousands upon thousands of these Corsets to Salem women. We still have a good line but soon, right soon, you may be unable to get your size in your favorite model. All Less 10 per cent.