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## DANGER TO OUR ROYAL ANN CHERRIES

The interview with Hon. W. H. Paulhamus, president of the Puyallup & Sumner Fruit Growers Canning Co., published in The Statesman of this morning ought to command the immediate and persistent attention of all of our people, whether they raise Royal Ann cherries or are merely interested in the prosperity of Salem and the Salem district and of the whole country.

Italian cherries are being shipped into the United States in barrels and sold for maraschino manufacture at prices so low as to make it impossible for our growers of Royal Ann cherries to compete.

Under the present Democratic Underwood free trade tariff law, fruits "not advanced" are admitted free of duty.

In the parlance of tariff law administration "not advanced" means not advanced at all in the process of manufacturing.

These Italian cherries, even under the present Democratic free trade law, ought to pay a duty of 1 cent a pound. They would have paid a duty of 2 cents a pound under the Payne-Aldrich tariff law that was in force up to the time the Underwood law took effect, Oct. 3, 1913.

That is, they would now pay 1 cent a pound and would have paid 2 cents a pound duty under the Payne-Aldrich tariff law.

With a favorable administration—  
 With an honest administration—  
 With a view to the protection of our own growers instead of a view to favoring the foreign growers and shippers—

For there was a clause in the Payne-Aldrich law and there is the same paragraph in the present law covering "Fruits, edible, when dried, desiccated, evaporated or PREPARED IN ANY MANNER, not specifically provided for."

These barreled white Italian cherries are prepared in some manner not specifically provided for—

Or they would not keep; they would spoil in the process of shipment and storage before they were advanced into the maraschino form of manufacturing.

There is a big difference in the administration of any tariff law, as to whether it is administered in a manner friendly to the interests of American capital and labor, or in the interest of foreign capital and labor.

There is a difference of millions in one schedule or one item—millions in revenue derived—  
 And still more difference in protection to American labor and capital—

A few years ago, a promulgation of the United States Treasury Department was to when a skin became a hide—when a calf became a cow—cost the United States \$7,000,000 a year in revenue, for several years—

And, by the same sign, cost American farmers that much of protection against foreign competition—

And did not one any good; excepting only the shoe manufacturing trust of New England.

At another time, when attempts were being made to build up a diamond cutting industry in the United States, and when raw diamonds were admitted free (under the McKinley law) a single black mark on diamonds subjected them to a tariff duty, under an honest administration of the law—

And it transferred to the United States a great group of the highest paid workmen in the diamond industry.

The black mark was the mark of cleavage, and men in Europe who made the mark were receiving what was considered there at that time fabulous wages.

Another instance: All the wool on the sheep skins was coming to the ports of this coast free—the skins coming in as "shearings," also under the McKinley law. An honest ruling made the wool on the camouflaged "shearings" pay the 11 cents a pound duty, and gave the United States Treasury large sums of money—

And protected our American wool growers against ruinous foreign competition.

Mr. Paulhamus is right. Italian cherries, "prepared in any manner," ought now to be paying 1 cent a pound duty.

And the duty ought to be raised to 2 cents a pound, as it was under the Payne-Aldrich tariff law—

And higher than that, if that is not enough to give full protection to our Royal Ann cherry growers.

The right kind of a response on the part of our people will bring this about—

And, thanks to the voters of the United States, there will be a Republican administration after March 4th, clear down to the last examiner in the offices of the Appraisers of the United States—

And there will be sympathetic administration of the right kind of a tariff law passed by Congress—

And the sympathy will be for our own people, and not for the profiteering importers or the laborers of foreign countries who are receiving wages so low that our laborers would be pauperized if they were obliged to compete with them.

It was high time this country had a Republican administration. Almost half-past high time.

Salem's football teams played in hard luck yesterday. But they did fine work, nevertheless.

Italian cherries are crowding our Royal Anns. It was high time we elected a Republican president and congress, believing in protection to American industry.

But after all, John D. should be warmly commended for giving away sixty-three million dollars on Thanksgiving day. Why, he

could have bought enough turkey for the whole Rockefeller family dinner with that much money.

Chicago has declared war on the saloons. We thought that war was fought and won years ago. Backward Chicago. Wonder if they know yet that the World War has ended?

And most of us were thankful over our Thanksgiving goose or pork roast this year.

There is one great flaw in Vincent Grey's suggestion that Ireland be left to fight it out. The Irish never tire of a stout fight, and thus the fracas might go on forever.

Turkey and Russia have united to liberate India, Egypt and Morocco. Sounds like an offer of financial succor from a pauper.

The Thanksgiving turkey sale was reported the smallest in years. Strange. We thought the new crop of war millionaires at least would all plunge on turkey this time.

Since Rockefeller has given another sixty-three million to charity, no doubt we may look for gasoline to go up another point or two.

The sum of \$682,808 sliced off the state budget by the board of control doesn't mean, however, that the economy surgeons of the next legislature have nothing left to operate on.

Duty on wheat is sound practice, as upon other vast products of American labor and production. That is, if we expect to keep up decent standards of existence for producers and laborers in America, which can never be done if they are brought into direct and unrestricted competition with the oppressively cheap conditions of production and labor in some other countries.

Only another month or six weeks and congressmen must go back to work after a brief six months rest. It may sound like a long vacation, but the public needed it badly and has enjoyed it immensely.

An association has been formed in New York to make a nationwide drive to stop "commercialization of the Sabbath," including baseball, movies and automobiles. No hint is given in the plans as to the probable fate of the contribution plate.

### SOMETHING TO CHEW ON.

Washington gossip hints that the new owner of Catalina is being groomed for an ambassadorial position under the new administration. It takes gum to keep the laws going. Bro. Wrigley stands highly with the new regime and can have what he chews. We will say that he would make a fine director of the mint.—Los Angeles Times.

### SAVE YOUR SKUNKS.

The department of agriculture doesn't exactly urge the adoption of the skunk as a family pet, but it does assert that the fragrant polecat is the best wild animal friend the farmer has.

Furthermore, the department favors the breeding and raising of skunks as a necessary measure to stabilizing the fur market. There are two or three skunk farms in the country that have been highly profitable, and the furs are undeniably more valuable and attractive than the name implies.

A maid arrayed in skunk skins may be quite fascinating. Likewise her cloak may have set grandpa back several hundred. The plumage of a well-seasoned skunk is not fit decoration for a hard-times party. It is fit for our oil-tank millionaires.

The department urges judicious conservation of the nation's skunks for the further reason that the animal lives largely on field mice, gophers, white grubs and other pests of the farm and field. If the farmer will keep his poultry behind a skunk-proof fence the animal is capable of doing vastly more good than harm and can be made of real value to the ranch. Respect the skunk's own lair and approach him with tact and he may be made into a

### FUTURE DATES.

November 11 to 25—Red Cross roll call.  
 November 25, Thursday—Football, Williams vs. Whitman college, at Salem.  
 November 25, Thursday—Football, Salem high school vs. The Dalles high school, at The Dalles.  
 November 25, Thursday—Thanksgiving day.  
 December 1, Wednesday—Entertainment by Great Shirley Concert company at armory, under auspices of American Legion.  
 December 6, Monday—Special school election.  
 December 7, Tuesday—Annual election of Cherrians.  
 December 8, Wednesday—Annual election of Commercial club.  
 December 10, 11 and 12—Western Oregon Older Boys' conference, Salem.  
 December 14, Thursday—Annual election Salem Business Men's league.  
 December 15, Wednesday—War Mothers' bazaar at armory.

valuable four-legged citizen, to say nothing of the value of his pelt when he is snuffed out.

But it is not advisable to accost a skunk in a boisterous and exuberant manner. He should be handled gingerly. He is extremely sensitive and it isn't even safe to stick out one's tongue at him. He is rather quick to resent an insult and it makes him peevish to disturb his slumber by swatting him over the nose with a poker.

Neither should he be mistaken for the family cat. To be suddenly picked up and coddled is foreign to his liking. He likes to move about in his own way and on his own time, and a person who attempts to pen one of them up on the screen porch with a saucer of milk does so at his own risk.

A skunk farm may be a fine thing, but we hope no one starts one on the next forty to ours.

### TWENTY-NINE SALEMS.

Some of the careless telegraphic editors of the country have been bringing Salem, Oregon, into unenviable notoriety.

In Salem, Ohio, an epidemic of typhoid fever has been raging. An Associated Press dispatch in The Statesman of Wednesday said the total number of cases there had reached 829; but that only seven new cases had developed the day before, and the epidemic was on the decline.

Some of the telegraph editors have been giving the news concerning this epidemic the Salem, Oregon, date line.

Salem, Oregon, has had no cases of typhoid for a number of years, excepting a few that were brought in from the outside.

In looking up the Salems of the United States, in tracking down the libel on Salem, Oregon, that was going the rounds of the newspapers having careless telegraph editors or wielders of the grape-vine scissors, it is found that Salem is a popular name for a city. There are 29 Salems in the United States. Each of the following states has a Salem:

Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Then there is a Salem Station in North Carolina (Winston-Salem).

Then there are Salem Chapel, Salem Church and Salemburg, North Carolina, and Salem Depot, N. H., Salem Center, N. Y., and Salemsville, Pa.

Salem, Oregon, is the second largest Salem in the United States, with 18,000 or over people; Salem, Mass., being the largest, with 42,000. The third largest is Salem, Ohio, with 11,000.

There are twelve Salems in the United States that have one or more newspapers. They are the Salems in the following states: Arkansas, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, South Dakota, Virginia and West Virginia.

### MR. BURTON THE FIRST INSURGENT.

Congressman-elect Theodore E. Burton of Cleveland, Ohio, has announced that, while he has no inclination to take issue with the next administration on any party policy, he will oppose in the next congress legislation designed to carry into effect the plank in the party's platform demanding preferential treatment for American vessels in the Panama canal. Mr. Burton was a senator from Ohio when the tolls repeal act was passed and he stood with Senator Elihu Root in favor of that measure. Like Mr. Root, he believes that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty forbids discrimination in tolls, but he also sees in preferential treatment of American shipping in the canal a cause of international friction dangerous to the friendliest international relations.

The mystery of the canal tolls plank in the Republican national platform has yet to be cleared up. It was adopted by the convention before Mr. Harding's nomination had seemed possible. Any other nominee would have been obliged to face it. The fact that Mr. Harding believes in it sincerely is a mere happening throwing no light on the plank's origin.

A writer in the Springfield Republican thinks the increased prominence and power of Hearst suggests a partial explanation of the preferential tolls policy which Mr. Harding now stands for. He says the plank was inserted in the Republican platform as bait for the Hearst press. No one in the country fought the tolls repeal act six years ago more bitterly than did Hearst. In his view, the Wilson administration and congress surrendered American rights to England; in his view, also, the

Hay-Pauncefote treaty was a scrap of paper. Mr. Hearst found it easier to support Mr. Harding on account of the tolls plank in the platform and he will now expect Mr. Harding's administration to "deliver the goods."

The disruptive character of the proposed preferential tolls legislation is apparent in Mr. Burton's announcement. Party lines could not be maintained on either the Republican or the Democratic side, judging by President Wilson's experience in 1914. Both Champ Clark and Mr. Underwood fought the Democratic president on the issue. President Harding would doubtless be able to force the legislation he desired through both houses, in view of the overwhelming party majorities he will have to lean upon, but there will be a powerful public opinion ranged against him and it will find exponents in both parties in congress.

The influence this issue will have on the selection of the Republican secretary of state is already attracting attention. It may necessitate the elimination of Mr. Root. That the framers of the Republican national platform did not decide to avoid raising the canal tolls issue and let a sleeping dog lie now seems most unfortunate.

### BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Hope you enjoyed it.

And have not the dark brown taste in your mouth.

Some will be thankful that it is over.

Sure, we will have a way to protect our Royal Ann cherries, under a Republican administration, if we will act promptly, and in concert.

Ford cars will go anywhere—excepting over a locomotive engine.

If we are to have a cold storage plant in Salem in time to do any good in preventing losses next season, we will have to bestir ourselves.

If you are going to buy them early, it is time to get busy.

There will have to be drives and going over the top, as long as there are any starving children in the world.

Nobody has yet referred to President-elect Harding as the Marionette.

With the advance in passenger rates the local clairvoyants are not so often finding that a boob "is being on a long journey."

Jack Dempsey's press agent says he is ready to fight anybody who cares to be accommodated. Of course, this cannot include the Germans, for Jack had a chance at them and flunked.

Another thing, if the same car was exercised in choosing a life partner as is considered essential in selecting a business associate the divorce problem would, in a large measure, settle itself.

Pancho Villa is buying large quantities of farming implements in El Paso. Of course, if there should be several failures of the crop Pancho can go back to the old guerrilla game. He knows that trade if he is a bit rusty as a farmer.

Dempsey and Carpentier are to be paid \$500,000 for their coming fight. Half a million dollars invested at 6 per cent would mean an annual income of \$30,000. How many clinics for the study and relief of disease might be established out of such a perpetual fund! How many babies might be given proper food and care on \$20,000 a year! Is anything wrong?

When Frank B. Willis of Ohio takes his place in the United States senate he will be one of the youngest men ever elected from that state to the position, for Willis will not be 50 years old until next year. There are now but

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two ex-United States senators from Ohio living—Theodore S. Burton of Cleveland, elected on November 2, to the house from that city, and Charles F. Dick of Akron, who is out of politics.

One of the first jobs before the new congress will be a consideration of the tax situation, not only with a view to lifting some of the burdens from the people, but making a law that the ordinary man can understand without expert advice. Secretary Houston is of the opinion that the nation will face a continuation of the annual-tax bill of four billion dollars for at least three years. The situation is not encouraging.

Three sons of former presidents have been elected to state legislatures—Russell B. Harrison, son of Benjamin Harrison, a representative to the Indiana legislature from Marion county; Robert Taft, son of William H. Taft, in the Ohio legislature from Hamilton county; and Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., to the assembly of the New York legislature from Nassau county for a second term. Young Taft is spoken of as the probable speaker of the Ohio house.

### McKinney Brothers Buy Purebreds at Big Show

J. W. McKinney and Mayo McKinney of Turner arrived home from the Pacific International Livestock exposition at Portland with their two carloads of purebred Herefords, on the night train on Tuesday night—just ahead of

the ill-fated train of Wednesday night. J. W. McKinney brought home a 2-year-old \$400 cow from the Thiessen herd of Pocatello, Ida. Mayo McKinney brought home a \$400 2-year-old bull from the Edwards Brothers herd, Fossil, Ore., and a \$150 yearling heifer from the same herd. J. W. McKinney said the Pacific International showed the best aggregation of livestock ever assembled west of Chicago.

### RANCHER ELECTROCUTED

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Nov. 25. Charles Haase, a rancher living near Polson, was electrocuted today when his hand came in contact with a barbed wire fence carrying a 11,000 volt current of electricity. Investigation revealed that a high tension line had fallen across the fence two miles from the accident.

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