

CROPS IN DISTRICT IN FINE CONDITION

Strawberry Yield Expected to Break All Previous Records This Year

GOOD PRICES INDICATED

Grains and Grasses Looking Good Survey Reveals; Average Farmer Will Prosper, Archerd Says

Wheat, oats, hay, flax and all grain crops within the trading area of Salem never looked better than they do today.

The strawberry crop will break past records and the price will be satisfactory. Even the loganberry crop, which was thought to be lost, is looking fine.

According to reports received by the Salem Chamber of Commerce, crop conditions within the Salem trading area are extremely encouraging.

Prune Men Suffer

The one cloud in the sky, speaking from the agricultural standpoint, is the prune crop. This crop will be short, although few localities report prospects of fair crops.

Harley O. White, who is in close touch with farmers in both Marion and Polk counties, reports prospects good for at least a 50 or 60 per cent cherry crop, notwithstanding a few reports that the crop was a partial failure.

Charles R. Archerd, who has just returned from a trip into the two counties, said: "I have never seen such fine grain and grass crops at this time of year. Everything looks like a very heavy yield this season."

In fact, with the exception of prunes and with cherries in a few localities, crop prospects are extremely encouraging, and what is also of importance, indications are for high prices all along the line.

More Money Seen

Indications are that more money from crops will be in circulation this fall in Salem than for years past. While the cherry crop will not be as heavy as a year ago, prospects are that more cherries will be shipped fresh.

It is a fact that while so much attention is given to the fruit and berry crops in Marion and Polk counties, these crops do not compare in value with other crops. And that while the prune crop will be short, the heavy grain and grass crops with the high prices, will by far offset any loss there may be in prunes, taking crops as a whole.

Value Estimated

About one year ago, the Salem Chamber of Commerce made an estimate of the value of various crops within the Salem trading area, using the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports as to crops and value. The report was on the 1923 crop.

The object of the report was to give the actual value of the various 1923 crops and then to show which crops brought the most money into the country.

GROCCERS WILL ORGANIZE INDEPENDENTS TO UNITE AGAINST CHAIN STORES

Independent grocers of the city have called a meeting for the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night to organize and fight the chain store competition.

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GENERAL MILES' PONY TRADED FOR OLD PLUG

FATHER'S BARGAIN DISAPPOINTS PATTON BROTHERS

Animal Not Kept Long; Exchanged for Toy Pistol Which Shot Hal in Hand

"Father bought the late General Miles' cavalry pony in 1880, just before he was transferred to the coast," Hal D. Patton, local business man, said yesterday. "But Cooke and I never got to ride him, because a farmer talked father out of the animal. He gave him a slow plug that would hardly move. The General's mount was a lively animal."

"When the boat brought the horse from Portland, we were on hand with Joe Albert to bring the military pony to our home, but when we rode the old slow plug, we had to shake a lot of cans behind him to get him started," continued Hal and Cooke.

"We did not have the horse very long; we traded it for a toy pistol. When the man took the plug to Mill Creek, the animal laid down in the water and nearly drowned. 'Hal took the pistol,' continued E. Cooke Patton, 'and he shot a hole in his hand. You can see the scar.'"

CHERRY MEN TO MEET FOR CONFERENCE HERE

PICKING PRICES TO BE FIXED TUESDAY NIGHT

Problems Concerning Growers Are to be Aired at Chamber of Commerce

Cherry growers of the Willamette valley are to meet Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Salem Chamber of Commerce, it was announced Saturday, by George Viek, prominent grower.

Practically every problem to be confronted by the cherry men, will be discussed—the matter of spraying, quantity of production, and the price to be paid for picking this year—are some of the problems to be discussed.

The black cherry men are to be on hand as well, and are to contribute their share of the discussion.

O. E. Brooks and Max Gahlher are calling the meeting.

GRANGE CONTEMPLATES CO-OPERATIVE SYSTEM

CHAIN SYSTEM USED IN WASHINGTON IS FAVORED

Resolutions Passed Oppose Salary Increase for Certain State Officials

A resolution is to be presented to the state grange by the Salem grange at an early meeting concerning a plan of co-operation, which is in vogue in communities of Washington. A number of chain stores are operated there and it is the plan of the local grange to institute a like system here.

Earlier in the meeting resolutions were passed by the Salem grange opposing increases in salaries of certain state officers, which were authorized at the recent legislature. The matter of increasing the salaries should be referred to the people of the state, according to the resolution. Supreme court judges and district attorneys were the ones for whom the salary increases were objected to.

Another resolution considered was making it unconstitutional to increase a state officer's salary during his own term of office. It would prevent a state officer from securing the benefit of an increase unless he was re-elected to succeed himself.

Mrs. C. F. Bates and C. B. Stover were initiated Saturday while S. H. Van Trump, county fruit inspector, gave the general lecture.

SECURES NEW GARAGE

P. A. Eiker has assumed the management of the H. H. Harris garage on Liberty street. He plans to remodel in part and join the business building to the one of his own at present.

Saturday in Washington

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Nine debtor nations, with aggregate obligations of more than seven billion dollars, were advised that the United States would be pleased to take up funding negotiations.

WINDS, RAIN AND FIRES DO DAMAGE

Mid-West Swept by Storms; Communication by Wire Is Interrupted

PROPERTY DAMAGE HIGH

Heavy Storm Takes Toll of Several Hundred Thousand Dollars; Zero Weather Is Reported

CHICAGO, May 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Heavy rains, high winds, hail and forest fires swept sections of the middle west last night and today caused a property loss that will run into several hundred thousand dollars.

Oklahoma and Missouri were hardest hit by the storm which interrupted wire communication in certain parts of these states, greatly damaged crops and caused a heavy property loss. While rain in the northwest did some damage, it also proved a blessing for it aided in putting out forest fires in northern Minnesota and helped crops in the southern part of the state.

Cold weather followed the storm in the middle west and frost was predicted for some of the more northerly sections tonight. Only a few smoldering fires were reported burning in the forests of northern Minnesota tonight. From Jamestown, N. D., came reports of ice coated streets following a rain with the temperature at 24 degrees above zero.

Norman, Okla., 20 miles from Oklahoma City, was cut off by the storm for a time and three houses in this town were destroyed and heavy damage was done to wire and rail communications. Tribbey, a little town of 300, was also cut off by the storm last night and reported heavy damage. Several other small towns in Oklahoma were damaged, while from Columbia, Mo., came reports of an estimated \$100,000 property damage from the storm, and Booneville, Mo., estimated its damage at \$50,000.

In the world of sport, mank baseball games were abandoned today because of the rain and the downpour at Louisville almost wrecked the Kentucky Derby and completely wrecked thousands of dollars worth of women's finery.

TAKE COIN FROM THROAT

DALLAS YOUNGSTER RUSHED TO SALEM FOR SURGEON

Dorothy Holmes, age 3, was rushed to Salem from Dallas Saturday in order to receive surgical care that saved her life. A five-cent piece had lodged in the cardiac orifice of the esophagus and the Polk county physician was afraid to remove the obstruction. The coin was removed by a prolog by Dr. M. C. Findley. The little girl is the daughter of Oscar Holmes.

Earlier in the week another youngster was rushed to Salem from near Dallas after a peanut had lodged in its throat. Surgical treatment was not given in time and the child died.

MRS. GILBERT IS CALLED

MOTHER OF STATE OFFICIAL PASSES AT 85 YEARS

Mrs. Mary L. Gilbert, mother of L. M. Gilbert, superintendent of the boys' training school, died May 15 at the age of 85 years, 3 months and 2 days. She was the daughter of Phineas and Hulda Lamb, and was born February 13, 1840, in Hancock county, Indiana, May 21, 1862.

To this union were born nine children, seven of whom are living. These are Levi M., Salem; Daniel J., Marysville, Calif.; Abigail Pinkerton, Indiana, Penn.; Olive Elliott, Newberg; J. Gurney, Damascus, Ohio; Emily Binford, Newberg and Belle Finley, Los Angeles. Mr. Gilbert passed away about two years ago.

For almost 60 years these two Godly people maintained a home in which the Christian virtues were cultivated, a home which stood for truth, honesty and upright living.

AGED MAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

BEND, Ore., May 16.—Instead of boarding the train for Roseburg tonight to enter the Douglas county poor farm Jerry Haley, 75, of Bend is near death at a hospital here. Haley cut his throat in a hospital here where he was a county charge, when he learned he was to be sent to Douglas county.

CAVORTING ON CAMPUS CAUSE OF CRITICISM

WILLAMETTE MAY DAY DANCERS ARE HELD SHOCKING

Outraged Patrons and Friends of University Express Their Disapproval

What was intended to be a beautiful spectacle of young men and women turned out to be a burlesque upon many things that should otherwise have been symbolic of high ideals, according to a petition to the board of trustees and faculty of Willamette university, sponsored by J. J. Nunn and signed by a large number of patrons and friends of the institution, who were shocked at the sights presented in the name of art on the college campus May day.

Willamette university, be it understood, forbids its students to sponsor any dance, and in the words of the rules and regulations "throws upon" their attendance as individuals.

"We respectfully protest against the repetition of exercises in such a manner as those recently held on the Willamette university campus during the May day exercises. We find no words adequate to express to you our sense of outrage and indignation when viewing the antics and improper conduct of the participants in that alleged May day exercises.

"What should have been a beautiful spectacle of young men and women, whose ambition to render lives of service led them to Willamette, turned out to be a burlesque upon many things that should otherwise have been symbolic of high ideals.

"We sincerely believe that such activities were not in accordance with the traditions of old Willamette, founded upon the sacrifices and devotion of Christian men and women, and we must earnestly and insistently voice this protest and pray that in the future no exhibition such as that witnessed last Friday shall again be tolerated under the auspices of that worthy institution, the Willamette university."

OLD FRIENDS WEEK SET

OBSERVANCE STARTS TODAY AND ENDS ON MAY 24

Beginning today, the week ending May 24, is designated as Old Friends' week in Oregon by a proclamation issued by Governor Walter M. Pierce.

"It is my hope that during this time as many old friends as possible may gather together to talk of old times, perhaps to sing old songs and to recall once more the joys of other days," the proclamation reads. "May we all stop for a moment in our busy work-a-day lives and think of those old friends both near and far who mean so much to us in the journey of life."

EVERY HONOR TO BE PAID TO WARRIOR BY COUNTRY

ARMY AND NAVY WILL TAKE PART IN LAST SERVICES

General Nelson A. Miles to be Accorded Honors Reserved for Highest

WASHINGTON, May 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Every honor marked in the solemn military ritual for obsequies of an army commander will be paid next Tuesday to the late Lieut. General Nelson A. Miles.

The army will be in charge, but the navy and marine corps will join in the services designed to commemorate the career of the last and greatest guardian of the western trek.

Hoofbeats of the cavalry he left on the Geronimo trail and rumble of caissons will bear the time of his cortege in the last march from the home, within a stone's throw of the war department to the family mausoleum at Arlington, where veterans of three wars in which he fought await him. Bugle and rifle shots will ring his requiem.

Mounted on the carriage of a field piece, the flag draped coffin will be placed by high officers of the army and navy and followed by contingents of various arms. Major General Rockenbach, commanding the Washington department, will command the march, attended by his entire staff.

Final approval of the funeral plans await the arrival of General Miles' son, Major Sherman Miles, who is due here Monday from Constantinople. They include religious services at St. John's Episcopal church at 2 p. m. Tuesday, before the march to Arlington across the Potomac river.

Acting Secretary Davis today apprised the far-flung army posts of the death of General Miles in a special order which recounted exceptional record. General Pershing, once under General Miles' command, also issued a statement attesting his personal sorrow.

STUDENTS HAVE LIQUOR

TWO PINTS AND TOO MUCH SPEED LEAD TO ARREST

Kenneth S. Perry and E. K. Hunter, students at O. A. C., were arrested by Officer Edwards last night and charged with possession and transportation of liquor. Two pints and a bottle of ginger ale were found in their possession. Attention was drawn to them by the excessive speed they were traveling down South Commercial. Sid Brownell, a resident of Salem was lodged in the city jail by Officers Smart and Thomason on a charge of drunkenness.

STEPS ARE TAKEN TO COLLECT DEBT

United States Institutes Move to Settle War and Post War Fund

ALL NATIONS NOTIFIED

All American Diplomats Asked to Bring Matter to Head in Respective Countries; French Debt Huge

WASHINGTON, May 16.—(By Associated Press.)—After more than three years of waiting the United States has initiated steps to obtain funding settlements from its foreign debtors. The powers to whom the nation made war or post war loans, have been made acquainted with American opinion that some move should be made by them toward liquidation.

Although officials of this government insisted they held no desire to press unduly for payments, they feel (and France, Italy, Belgium, Rumania, and Czechoslovakia have been so advised) that the American government is entitled to have fund proposals submitted. The other principal debtors, Jugo-Slavia, Estonia, Latvia and Greece are also aware of Washington's view, but it was not made clear tonight whether American diplomatic officials in those countries have been asked to convey settlement suggestions. France has been informed by Ambassador Herrick that the American government would be pleased if a French commission would be sent to discuss a funding proposal. Inasmuch as France is now the largest debtor, this phase of the general debt problem.

ORIENTAL STILL SEIZED

JAPANESE IS FINED \$100 FOR MANUFACTURING SAKI

U. Saiki, a Japanese, living across the river from Independence was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 in the justice court yesterday, when he entered a plea of guilty to the manufacture of saki, the Japanese equivalent of whiskey. It was evident that he was making it only for his own use.

The still used in the process is declared to be the smallest yet seen by officers. It consisted of a small gasoline can, a miniature coil, and a small bucket into which the liquor was drained. In no sense could it have been used to manufacture liquor on a commercial basis. Besides the still, a small quantity of saki was found, together with some rice mash, from which it is made.

LINEN MILL REPORTS TO CONTINUE MONDAY

ENTIRE AMOUNT EXPECTED TO BE REACHED THURSDAY

Thirty-one Names Added to Original List of Subscribers Last Week

It is felt that the report of the linen mill workers Monday noon at the Salem chamber of commerce will put the finishing touches on Salem's quota for the new proposed \$640,000 linen mill, according to reports made yesterday.

By Thursday noon it is expected that the job will be done, and that the finishing touches will be given by the end of next week. The workers have been consistently at the job of securing funds, despite the apparent lulls that occurred in the work.

The several small subscriptions that the workers have been getting brought the totals closer to the desired mark. With the finish of securing Salem's quota and the raising of the Portland quota of \$175,000, articles of incorporation will be filed with the state, it is declared.

Since the last report, May 5, the following have subscribed for stock in the linen mill. This brings the total subscribers up to 409. Alderin, George D. Benner, Joe, Bertelson & McShane, Blatchford, Dr. B. Brown, Dr. Walter H. Cochrane, Donald R. Durkheimer, Mrs. H. M. Findley, Dr. M. C. Finseth, P. A. Harold, Christina M. Hein, C. F. Hillman, Grover, Horgan, John A. Hummel, H. C. Kay, E. W. Kuhn, V. E. Linquist, Mrs. A. E. McReynolds, Mary, Meredith, Frank. Patterson, I. L. Patton Brothers, Penney, J. C. Co. Query, C. D. Ralston, Louner, Reeves, W. A. Rittmann, A. F. Roberts, J. J. Schreiber, Mrs. Bertha, Sestak, Joseph, Strong, Ada. Wassan, Quay M.

PRINCIPALS OF COUNTY MEET HERE LAST NIGHT

DECIDE DATE FOR ANNUAL DECLAMATORY CONTEST

Schools Are Grouped Into Three Classes; Other Matters Are Considered

Many important details for the coming year were arranged by the Marion county principals' association, following their banquet at the Gray elle last night, when they met at the Marion county court house.

One of the important changes for the coming year was the declamatory contest, which is to be staged the third Friday in January, while separate track and field meets are to be given for the high schools and grammar schools of the county. The date will probably be the last Saturday in May of 1926 for the high school meet, with the grade meet one week earlier.

The schools hereafter will be entered as individual units, with the grade schools classified in three divisions. One-room schools are in class A, two-room schools in class B, and the larger schools in class C. Each class will contest against the units within that class.

There will be two divisions in the high school, while the baseball games of the grammar and the high schools will be played on separate days.

It is also planned to alternate the different events to various parts of the county.

This meeting will probably be the last of the association for the year. Robert Goetz, principal of the Silverton high school, is president of the association, with W. W. Fox, rural school supervisor of Marion county, secretary.

SIX MEN HURT IN CRASH

ONE MAY DIE, RESULT OF A HEAD-ON COLLISION

HOQUIAM, Wash., May 16.—Six men were injured and one of them, Jack O'Brien, is likely to die with a fractured skull, as a result of a head-on collision between a speeder on which they were riding and a logging locomotive of the Donovan Corkery Logging company, about 25 miles north of Aberdeen tonight. The men, all employed by the Donovan Corkery company, were coming to Grays Harbor to spend Sunday, and had been informed that the locomotive would move to a siding and take water while they passed. The collision occurred when they were about a mile from camp on a sharp turn. Fourteen other men who were riding on the speeder or two trailers behind it jumped to safety. The locomotive was undamaged and its crew uninjured.

STATE'S GASOLINE BILLS VERY HEAVY

Private Automobiles Used for Official Business Prove to Be Costly

PRIVILEGE BEING ABUSED

Charge \$2.60 for Round Trip Between Portland and Oregon City When Regular Fare Is 50 Cents

Thousands and thousands of dollars contributed by the tax payers of the state, are being needlessly expended by private automobile owners engaged on state business that could be saved if the generous 10 cents a mile allowance for gasoline and oil would be eliminated and the vehicle owners, of they desired to take their own machines, be compelled to keep their expense account equal to the charge on the railroad or the automobile stages.

There are some instances in which business is transacted that could not be looked after unless the representative of the state had an automobile at his disposal, but there apparently is little excuse for a state employee driving from Portland to Oregon City, for instance, a round trip of 26 miles, and then turning in an expense account for \$2.60 when the trip can be made by interurban electric or stage for 50 cents a round trip and service every 15 minutes of the day and the greater portion of the night.

Vouchers on file at the office of the secretary of state show that L. D. Curtis of the hatchery department, in April made five round trips to Oregon City at \$2.60 each; seven to Corbett, a round trip of 40 miles, at \$4 per trip, when the railroad or stage fare is 75 cents each way, while other numerous trips were made to Cascade Locks, Multnomah Falls, Washougal, Wash., and other points all easily accessible by stage or rail.

P. S. King, made a trip to southern Oregon, stopping at all the principal cities between Salem and Ashland, including a side trip to Tillamook, Nehalem and Jewell. He was gone the entire month and checked up 1023 miles, between cities, for which he turned in a bill of \$102.30, which was duly approved.

The practise apparently is general and the accepted system, for

LEGION ENDOWMENT TO BE OBSERVED BY CITY

Quota of \$4000 to Be Raised in CIAL WEEK MAY 25-30

Quota of \$4000 to Be Raised in 48 Hours; Campaign National in Scope

Mayor J. B. Giesy has issued a proclamation designating May 25 to 30, inclusive, as American Legion Endowment Week. During this period the local Legion post will undertake the task of raising \$4000 for the fund, this amount being Salem's quota. Preliminary plans for the campaign are now well under way among local Legionnaires and they expect Salem's full quota to be subscribed within 48 hours after the campaign opens.

The Legion endowment campaign is national in its scope and has been under way in various sections of the country for several months past. Everywhere the general public has responded spontaneously, grasping the significance to the nation of such a movement.

The object of the campaign is to raise a permanent endowment or trust fund for the care of disabled veterans and homeless orphans of veterans thus guaranteeing a solid financial basis in perpetuity for the programs of disabled men's rehabilitation and child welfare.

The American Legion has pledged itself to find a home for every homeless orphan of a veteran—a home where health, education, affection and character building shall displace disease, want, ignorance and the easy paths which lead to lives of crime and vice.

The Legion, therefore, has gone before the public asking its assistance in the creation of an endowment or trust fund of \$5,000,000, the interest only from which will be expended.

The Legion has been planning the raising of this fund for three years, but has been unable to put its plan in execution because it lacked the money to do so.

Local Legionnaires feel that Salem citizens need only to understand the motive and purpose of the endowment campaign to respond readily and cheerfully to it.

SPEAKING OF BULLET-PROOF VESTS, THIS PARTY SEEMS TO HAVE A WHOLE SUIT!

