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BUILD UP A BIG ASPARAGUS INDUSTRY

Referring to the above heading, how can a big asparagus industry be built up in the Salem district?

It can be done by securing the cooperation of the canneries, we already have, or getting new canneries making a specialty of packing asparagus.

And this can be done by organizing the growers to guarantee a suitable supply at prices that will allow of canning at a profit.

It might be done through cooperative canneries belonging to the growers themselves.

The building up of a big asparagus industry here would be a good thing in several ways. There are two reasons that are worthy of especial mention:

First: This would give an early canning crop; beginning about two months before the next, gooseberries.

Second: There is no vegetable that lends itself so well for canning purposes; no other vegetable that, when not in prime and tender condition, is improved by the modern processes of canning—made more tender and appetizing.

We can grow the best asparagus—No one in any country ever raised better white asparagus than was formerly produced on the Miramonte farm of Muecke Bros., near Aurora—

And no one in any country ever produced a finer quality of green tipped asparagus than the supply that is now coming from the Lajish beaverdam lands near Salem to our local markets, and going out to wider markets.

The new "Washington" variety, originated by the United States Department of Agriculture, has been tried out in the Salem district, and it does wonderfully well here. It makes a product that the wide world cannot beat, if it can be equalled in another section.

There is no good reason why asparagus growing on an extensive scale should not be developed here in the Salem district. The growers here now who produce it commercially are doing well.

It is a safe crop. Using the rust-resisting Washington variety, there can be no danger of failure, under proper conditions of culture here, and on the right soil, so abundant in this district; and with the asparagus beetle kept out or its ravages controlled.

What Salem needs is cannery managers who will help to push asparagus growing here. And the organizing of our farmers to grow asparagus on a large scale. They can produce the white kind, to supply the market demand for that kind. And they can produce the green kind, which is a better flavored vegetable.

And there is a possibility of making a specialty of the latter product, to be put up in cans, with Salem as the center for the production of a superior article.

One of the next major developments for the Salem district should be a gigantic asparagus industry.

NOT SO IN OREGON

Three of the greatest states—New York, Illinois and Massachusetts—are in such condition that the criminal element practically rules them. The administration of criminal justice has broken down in this country and, in all but a few states, is a disgrace to civilization.

The above are the words of William Howard Taft, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

This is a sad condition—But it is not true in Oregon. Perhaps we are not sufficiently appreciative of the fact that we live in a state that is orderly; in which the laws of the land are enforced; in which the crime wave is absent.

Our penitentiary population is not as large proportionately as it was twenty years ago, before we heard of the crime wave. It is not half as high in proportion to our whole population as it is in Kansas, supposed to be a law abiding state. And this is not due to the paroling of our prisoners, either. They are serving on an average some 24 more days than they were before we had the present parole law. And we have a number of new crimes, too; incident in part to our automobile age and to the enforcement of our dry laws.

Let us be thankful that we live in Oregon, where the standards of honesty are proportionately high; where the great majority of the people are observant of the rules of order and decency—And where the proportionate number of the criminal and feeble minded and otherwise dependent classes is growing constantly lower, through the operation of wise and well administered laws, and the general trend for the better of wholesome public sentiment.

THE SANTIAM PASS ROAD

"Someone has discovered as an argument for the new Santiam Pass road across the Cascade mountains that the Santiam snow field is but five miles across while that of the McKenzie pass is 18. But it would be a road worth building, anyway."

The paragraph quoted above is from the editorial page of the Portland Journal.

If every one who ought to be interested will pull together for this road, connecting the Willamette valley with the central Oregon country, through the Minto pass, we will get that highway built—

And it will make a loop trip that will be used by thousands of tourists every year—

And it will join together in a close and mutual commercial union two of the greatest sections of Oregon in potential wealth.

General News Briefs

John Campbell Dies—A telegram received Friday morning by Bertha H. Masters, of the circulation department of the Oregon Statesman, told of the sudden death of her uncle, John H. Campbell of Roseburg, who passed away at 8:30 a. m. Friday.

Black Lily Blooming—The first Lily of the Nile to bloom in Salem this year is now to be seen at the J. W. Maruny greenhouse, 211 Miller street. The flower, with a bloom about a foot long by eight inches in diameter, is coal black in color, and is in the nature of a botanical curiosity. Mr. Maruny has invited all those interested to see the blossom.

Four Candidates Filed—Four Marion county candidates filed with the county clerk Friday for the office of precinct committeemen. Those filing were E. A. Aufrance, for Salem; Frank Osborne, for Aurora; Almira A. Hoobner, for Breitenbush; C. H. Brewer, Stayton, for East Stayton; Arthur H. Moore, 241 North High street, for Salem No. 16. All are republicans.

Fishing Good—Three hussy salmon, the largest weighing 37 pounds, is the catch brought back to Salem by Elmer E. Myers, who is connected with the Salem branch of the Maytag company. The scene of the fishing was just below the falls at Oregon City.

Speeder Is Arrested—C. H. Kimball of McMinnville was arrested yesterday on a speeding charge by O. O. Nichols of the state traffic department. He was cited to appear in justice court. He was charged with driving 40 miles an hour.

Visit Salem—Mrs. F. E. Hagan of Woodburn was a visitor in this city Friday. Dr. Gerald B. Smith, also of Woodburn, was here Friday morning, having come to witness the hanging of Archie Cody.

Fire Reported—A fire broke out at the Cottage farm boiler house Friday. A spark is thought to have started the blaze, which was extinguished with equipment on the grounds. Damage is estimated at about \$600.

Petition Is Filed—City Recorder Mark Poulsen is in receipt of a petition seeking a 30-foot pavement on Norway between Capitol street and the Southern Pacific's right of way. The petition bears the signatures of 14 property holders.

Portland Students Here—Twenty-three members of the Portland school of social science spent Friday in Salem where they visited a number of the state institutions. Clinics were held at the Oregon state hospital, state home for the feeble minded and state tuberculosis hospital. The visitors were entertained at luncheon at the feeble minded institution and state industrial school for girls. The junket was made under the direction of the Marion County Health Demonstration bureau.

Fire Causes \$600 Loss—Fire which ignited from a spark Friday resulted in approximately \$600 damage to the boiler room at the cottage farm which is operated in connection with the Oregon state hospital. The fire was extinguished by the farm fire department.

Return to Salem—Chris Paulus and his son, Robert C. Paulus, have returned to this city after having spent several days in Vancouver, B. C. Compared to cities along the northern route, Salem is outstanding in building progress and in general prosperity, they declare.

Burglary Reported—C. P. Armstrong called the local police station late Thursday night and reported that his home at 1746 West Bush street had been broken into. Officer G. W. Edwards was sent to investigate. Investigation revealed that entrance had been gained through a window. Articles reported missing were an overcoat, a dark suit and a pair of shoes. No trace of the culprit was found.

Building Permits Issued—Two building permits were issued Friday from the office of the city recorder. E. A. Rhoten took out a permit to construct a one and one-half story dwelling at 1875 South High street at a cost of \$3350. O. R. Thompson was given a permit to erect a one story dwelling at 808 North Twenty-first street at a cost of \$3,000.

Exhibit Ends—Grant grade school's art exhibit, which lasted for a period of three days, came to a close last night. The attendance has been satisfactory, according to reports. The money raised by the exhibit will be used to purchase pictures for the school.

Bridge Built—The old bridge over the Mill stream that intersects Mission street has been replaced with a new wooden structure. The old bridge had fallen into such condition that it was considered dangerous for motor travel, the boards being very uneven.

Roberts—The Roberts station on the Oregon Electric has been painted cream color with green trimmings. John J. Roberts has just had completed a modern hog house on his farm here, and has purchased some pure bred Poland China stock. Mr. Roberts is also having a large well equipped poultry house built. A brooder house was built a few weeks ago.

Visit Corvallis—H. B. Van-Duser, chairman of the state highway commission, visited Corvallis Saturday. He was accompanied by Roy Naden, also of this city.

Robbins Visits—John Robbins, who is teaching school and coaching at Sisters, Oregon, was a visitor in Salem Saturday. He formerly resided in this city, graduating from Willamette university.

Contract Let—Mayor J. B. Giesy and City Recorder Poulsen entered into a contract with the Beaver Portland cement company of Portland Saturday to deliver to this city 40,000 barrels of cement. The cement will be used for paving of about 95 blocks of streets in this city.

Water Company Income—The Coos Bay Water company, with headquarters at Marshfield, had net operating income of \$31,334.25 during the year 1925, according to the annual report of the corporation filed in the office of the public service commission Saturday. The operating revenues of the company were \$88,195.32, while the operating expenses aggregated \$45,138.14. Taxes totaled approximately \$11,000.

Good Window Display—An attractive window display has been placed in the Patton Book store window by the Oregon Gravel company. Two houses are pictured, one burning up, the other shingled with fireproof materials resisting the live sparks that are falling on the roof. Value of fireproof roofing is well demonstrated.

Visit Institutions—The various state institutions in this city were inspected Saturday by a group of 23 students from the Portland school of social service, which is a branch of the university of Oregon extension division. Clinics were held at the state hospital and at the school for the feeble minded. Elnora Thompson of the Marion county child health demonstration and several of the staff nurses accompanied the students through the institutions.

Four Licenses Issued—Four marriage licenses were issued Saturday by the county clerk. They were applied for by Stanley Praybylski, car inspector, and Ella Jackson, both of Portland; Cecil O. Green, Yakima, and Adeline Ghilda, 869 Electric avenue, Salem; Edward A. Gent, farmer of Eugene, and Geraldine Horning, Woodburn, rt. 1; Floyd Myers, 670 Eighteenth street, and Mertie Foster, Salem, route 4.

Girl Is Born—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crawford of 1659 Court street received a daughter April 7 and have named her Barbara Jean.

Traffic Violation Charged—Harry Steinboch of 565 North High street was arrested Saturday by Officer W. O. Edwards for having driven his car with improper license plates. The police blotter bears the information that Steinboch was using California instead of Oregon license plates.

Bishop Doing Well—Bib Bishop, student of Salem high school, has successfully undergone an operation on his leg, according to word reaching here Saturday. Bob was injured while playing with the Salem high school football team against Moran school of Seattle. He has been forced to use crutches for over a year. The operation was performed at Boston. Chauncy Bishop, his father, was present at the operation. Complete recovery is considered probable.

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Attila in a work shirt and overalls and with his sleeves rolled to the elbows, Cecil O. Green of Yakima, Wash., appeared at the offices of Justice of the Peace Smalshere Saturday and informed the judge that he desired to get married.

The judge then was introduced to the bride-to-be, who gave her name as Adeline Shields, and her residence as Salem. The wedding ceremony followed. A few newspapers and court loungers acted as witnesses.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Mr. Green handed a small bouquet of white narcissi to his bride and they sauntered out of the office. Judge Small said the wedding probably was the most informal of any he has witnessed.

TRIBUTE IS PAID TO RUTH MATTHEWS

Victim of Accident Laid to Rest Following Beautiful Service.

QUINABY, Or., April 15.—Services for Ruth Matthews, the six year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matthews, were held at 2:30 Wednesday at the Webb chapel at Salem and were attended by a large number of people. The tragic death of the little girl Friday evening at which time her mother received severe injuries in an accident at the Quinaby crossing of the Oregon Electric, aroused the sympathy of the entire country, letters and telegrams from remote places are finding their way to the stricken family, while the floral offerings were so numerous that a special car was required to carry them.

The Rev. G. L. Lovell, presiding elder of the Evangelical church, preached the sermon, and Miss Naomi Phelps sang two songs. The little white casket was borne to the grave by four beautiful young girls, Ethel Harris, Edith Larsen, Thelma Bianchi and Fay Fennell. The Perkins school was dismissed for the day in respect to the child's memory.

Interment was made at Hayesville cemetery, beside the little girl's grandfather, the late George S. McMunn.

Stayton

Miss Viva Davis left Wednesday for Salem where she has employment as nurse girl in the Holt home.

Mrs. E. D. Crabtree has been quite ill the past few days suffering from throat affection.

Word reached this city today of the death of O. L. Weddle, a former Stayton man, and a brother of W. A. Weddle of this city. The body will be brought here for burial Thursday. Mr. Weddle lived at Oregon City.

A. E. Roy and family of Portland, J. F. Mack and family and Wm. Smith and family of Salem were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Roy.

Mr. Hurd and family moved here this week from Newberg. Mr. Hurd is a mechanic of some ability and is employed in the local Chevrolet garage.

Mrs. T. C. Crabtree and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Townsend came over from Salem Wednesday to attend the funeral of Alvah Davis who was a nephew of the two women.

The senior play at the high school auditorium Friday night, was exceptionally well rendered, and enjoyed by the large crowd which the school plays never fail to bring out.

J. L. Tweedie who has been operating the "Good Eats" restaurant on high street for some months past, has disposed of his interest to Bob Hagsted who assumed charge of the business the first of the week. For the present the new management will conduct the business at the same old stand.

F. F. Foster lost a horse which he valued very highly, Sunday. The animal has long since passed its usefulness, but was kept by the family as a pet.

Wednesday was the warmest day of the season so far, thermometer about town registered 83 degrees during the warmest part of the day, which was an unusual temperature for April.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Darby of Ashland were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lesley. Mr. Darby and Mrs. Lesley are cousins.

Joseph Fisher has been improving his residence property by pulling a new roof on the house.

Tangent

Mrs. Parker, an old resident of Tangent, more recently of Albany died on Monday and was buried on Wednesday, the funeral was held in the Methodist church here. Rev. Mr. Pendleton preaching the funeral sermon.

Mrs. Howard Jenks, who has been in the hospital at Albany, undergoing an operation, has recovered sufficiently to return to her home.

Miss Unice Griffith, who has been dangerously ill with pneumonia, and was tended in the Albany hospital has been able to return to her home; but will not be able to take up her school duties at once.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fox, who have been visiting in the home of the parents of Mr. Fox, will move to Albany, where they will make their home. Mr. Fox is engaged with the Chevrolet automobile dealers.

The county assessor has been busy in his official work in this locality the last few days.

James Hensley, a former resident of Tangent, who has spent the last year in California, has returned to Tangent, fully satisfied that Paradise is not south of Oregon, and that this locality is just about right.

On Tuesday afternoon Tangent, again was obliged to yield the laurel to the Shed high school team.

Mr. Kees, field secretary for the Epworth League addressed the local chapter here on Sabbath evening.

Farmers, on every hand, have made good progress with their field work and spring seeding as a result of the splendid weather conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Fox were business visitors to the Hood river country on Monday. They were accompanied by their daughters, Grace and Laura, and their son, Lawrence.

MISSING FLYER FOUND

SPANISH AVIATOR RESCUED IN SYRIAN DESERT

LONDON, April 15.—(A.P.)—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Cairo, Egypt, says Captain Esterce, one of the aviators in the Spain-to-Manila flight has been found. He has been lost in the Syrian desert since last Sunday.

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HOME INSURANCE SAFEST; WARNING

Will Moore, Commissioner, Cautions Against Mail Order Offers

Residents of Oregon who have contemplated taking out an accident insurance policy offered by the United National Life Insurance company of Kansas were advised against such action in a statement issued here Thursday by Will Moore, state insurance commissioner. The insurance corporation is now circulating the state in an effort to obtain policy holders.

"There are two primary causes for mail order insurance," said Mr. Moore. "One is to escape the payment of the tax, and the second is to avoid restrictions placed upon licensed companies for the protection of persons desiring insurance."

"In purchasing insurance of any kind it is advisable to patronize only those companies which are licensed to do business in this state, as these companies are under the supervision of the state insurance department and are amenable to all of the laws of the state of Oregon."

UNIVERSITY RAISES ENTRANCE STANDINGS

Only Students in Upper Three-Quarters of Class to Be Admitted

Eugene, April 15.—(Special.)—As a further step in raising the scholastic standards of the University of Oregon, the faculty has just passed a ruling that hereafter only the upper three-quarters of the classes of the various high schools will be admitted with full student standing.

High school graduates whose grades have placed them in the lowest quarter of their class will be accepted where other requirements are filled, but only as students on probation. To avoid possible unfairness to smaller high schools a special exception was made of those graduating classes of less than 15, in which cases the university will examine separately into the individual records.

SHIPPING BOARD PLAYED BID, \$600,000 HIGHER IS NOT CONSIDERED

WASHINGTON, April 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Representative Wood, republican, Indiana, resuming his attack on sale of the Admiral-Orizental line to the Dollar interests by the Shipping Board declared today a bid of \$500,000 higher had been ignored "because it arrived one minute too late. He added the board had a right to reject all bids and receive new ones and should have done so rather than "give this line to the Dollar interests."

"I want to repeat," he said, "that the shipping board is not serving the best interests of the merchant marine."

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Rickey

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Van Cleave