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Portland Expert Tells Kiwanis of Importance of Local Industry

"Salem is the canning center of the northwest. More canned goods are produced in this city than anywhere else in the section," declared H. F. Davidson, prominent Portland canner, who addressed members of the Salem Kiwanis club recently.

To back up this declaration, Mr. Davidson quoted a few pertinent canning statistics. Last year approximately 5,500,000 cases of canned goods were produced. In Salem alone 900,000 cases were produced. In other words, better than a sixth of the entire output of the northwest was in this city.

Figuring that the average case is worth \$4, the total value of the canning industry to the northwest last year was about \$22,000,000. Of this amount, Salem received \$3,600,000.

Mr. Davidson figured that about \$2.50 from each case remains in the city, and vicinity. That is, such an amount represents labor, produce, and certain necessities that do not have to be purchased elsewhere.

To show with what astonishing rapidity the canning industry is growing in the northwest, Mr. Davidson pointed out that in 1919 only 2,500,000 cases were produced. It was even less in 1920 and in 1921 about the same. The output jumped to 3 million cases in 1922, expanded to 4,500,000 cases in 1924, and last year reached the surprising total of 5 and one half millions of cases.

Only the best quality is now allowed to go into cans. Mr. Davidson brought out:

"We used to sell the best and can the rest," he stated. "Now we have to can the best and dump the rest."

So efficient has become the business that the housewife can buy a quart can of fruit at the grocer's more cheaply than she can put it up at home, not counting the labor, even.

"The plan of canning fruit at home," said Mr. Davidson, "is getting out of fashion, just like knitting socks or spinning cloth."

ONE WAY PAVING TO AID TOURISTS

Astoria-Svenson Road to Be Constructed With Full Precautions

During the paving of the Astoria Svenson section of the lower Columbia River highway adequate facilities will be provided for handling the traffic, according to announcement made at the office of the state highway commission.

All paving will be laid one-half width at a time, which will necessitate one-way traffic on the units under construction. Watchmen will be on duty day and night to properly safeguard traffic and prevent unnecessary delays.

Roadside telephone service has been installed for the convenience of the watchmen. All paving operations have been carefully planned in respect to handling traffic, and the completed units will be opened as soon as possible, consistent with good engineering practice.

The contractors will be required to handle this paving contract with due regard to the rights and convenience of the public, employees of the highway department said.

PLAN CANOE FETE FOR MAY FESTIVAL

Festivities Will Be Held Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1

A canoe fete will be one of the principal features of the Willamette May Day festivities. It plans can be worked out successfully, according to Kenneth McCormick, May Day manager.

The festivities are to be held Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1. It was originally planned to hold them May 7 and 8, but because the debate between the high schools of Salem, Oregon, and Salem, Mass., is to be held May 7, the Willamette dates were moved ahead a week to avoid conflict in activities.

Heilig To Offer "Scandals"

Antia Bowles, shown above, is one of the many feminine beauties to be seen with George White's "Scandals," the revue of much splendor that comes to the Heilig Theatre on Tues. night, May 4.

A tennis tournament between Willamette and Pacific universities will be the sole athletic feature of the week-end. Neither the baseball squad nor the track team has had sufficient practice to put on an interesting contest.

On Saturday morning the traditional May morning breakfast will be held, starting at 7 o'clock and extending until about 10.

Because of the present condition of the campus in front of Eaton and Waller halls, it will be impossible to hold the May Day dances and coronation exercises in the customary place. The campus has been plowed twice and will be plowed again in the near future.

An effort will be made to obtain Willamette park for the occasion. If this cannot be done, the exercises will be held where they were in former years, between the gymnasium and the tennis courts. This location is considered last choice, however, as it is not large and the ground is far from smooth.

Just what will be the nature of the dances this year has not been disclosed. Some criticism was made of last year's dances, some individuals holding that unnecessary exposure of limbs was featured.

Inasmuch as no order has been given out, though, it is expected that "art will be given free reign" as in last year's dances.

ONE HALF MOTOR FEES TO BE ASKED

Judges Indicate They Will Urge Increased Return for Counties

County Judges and commissioners of the state at their annual meeting to be held in Portland next December, will probably go on record favoring legislation providing for the return to the counties each year one-half of the money contributed in motor vehicle license fees instead of one-fourth of the amount as provided under the existing laws.

This was announced here Saturday by J. E. Smith, Marion county commissioner, following a conference with C. P. Barnard, county judge of Lane county, who is president of the county judges and commissioners association. Mr. Smith is secretary of the organization.

The 25 per cent of the license fees now returned pro rata to the various counties is in lieu of a direct property tax. Commissioner Smith alleged that as a result of the marked increase in the number of motor vehicles in the state there could be returned to the counties 50 per cent of the amount they contribute in automobile license fees without endangering payment of the bonds and interest resulting from highway construction and maintenance.

Figures obtained from the state department showed that during the period from March 15, 1925, to March 15, 1926, the state highway commission received from motor vehicle license fees a total of \$4,162,500. Of this amount \$1,387,500 was redistributed to the counties. License fees received by the state from motor vehicle owners in 1925 aggregated \$5,550,000, with the prospect that this amount will be increased 20 per cent for 1926.

"It is not our intention to cripple in any way the state highway commission," said Commissioner Smith. "Our plan would not hurt the commission for the reason that increasing license fees would provide as much money as it receives under present conditions. The counties deserve the added revenue, however, and are entitled to it. We have been satisfied with 25 per cent of the total for the counties, but market road development has advanced to such a stage that more money is required for local improvements."

Commissioner Smith expressed the opinion that the judges and commissioners would endorse the proposal.

Nile Club to Meet—The Salem branch of the Daughters of the Nile will hold an all day meeting Wednesday in the club rooms in the Masonic Temple. A business session will be held in the morning and sewing will be done in the afternoon. Mrs. E. H. Kennedy is president of the Salem club.

State acquires 25-acre ocean front park site on Roosevelt highway in Coos county.

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Civic Music Club Closes With Concert Last Night at First Methodist Church

Lawrence Straus, distinguished tenor, proved treat to good-sized audience; J. Hutchinson accompanies.

By AUDRED BUNCH
A tremendous treat was Lawrence Straus just as the Civic Music club management announced. Mr. Straus, the internationally known tenor, was presented last night at the First Methodist church as the final attraction in a noteworthy series of artist-events brought to Salem by the Civic Music club.

Mr. Straus, a man with superb vocal endowments, gave four groups last night, representing the French, German and English languages. Opening the program with the aria from Poldi's "Suzanne," Mr. Straus' voice became a thing of laughter and flowers. Pessard's "L'Adieu du Matin" warmed the audience while a characteristic Debussy fantasia entitled "Queer Figures" was so exquisitely done that the audience demanded its repetition.

Mr. Straus closed his first group with Piere's "The Wind Mill," and opened his second with Mendelssohn's magical classic "On Wings of Song," sung in the German.

Schubert's "Die Forelle," a pictorial number for one type of the sportsman, was followed with a second Schubert choice, "Love a Lie Hath Spoken," which was sung with such a poignant sweetness it was pain—but a sweet pain the audience begged to undergo a second time, and would willingly have heard the third and fourth.

Brahms' "Gypsy Song" was vigorous and colorful, for contrast. Notable in Mr. Straus' final group—all sung in English—was the Cecil Sharp arrangement of the ballad "Lord Rendal," which Mr. Straus delivered as a miniature drama. The ballad, dating as far back as the 14th century, is an authentic tragedy.

Hagemann's "Do Not Go My Love" was another peerlessly interpreted number which the audience insisted upon hearing a second time. Numbers by Tom Dobson, Arthur Bliss, and the folk song, "My Father Has Some Very Fine Sheep," added further interest to an extremely fine program.

Mr. Straus added as encores the Negro spiritual, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," and a melodious song entitled "Stairway." J. Hutchinson, as Mr. Straus' accompanist, won the admiration of the entire house for the artistry and authenticity of each accompaniment.

Oregon Roads Rate High State Contrast Reveals

"The highway system of Oregon is as excellent as those of most states and far in advance of any state of the same size in population and capital," declared H. B. Van Duser, member of the state highway commission, in an address Monday noon before members of the Salem chamber of commerce.

"There are now 4,463 miles in the state highway system. Of this number 900 miles are paved. All of the remainder except about 1,000 miles is either in macadam or gravel. The 1000 miles is yet to be completed."

Mr. Van Duser stated that the highway from The Dalles to the California line will be completed by the end of this year. At present Oregon has three highways bisecting her. One extends from the Idaho line to the Pacific ocean, the other is the John Day highway, and the third is the highway from The Dalles to the California line.

It is of prime importance to the state to have the highway between Klamath and Lakeview completed, he held, as it will open up Klamath county. He recalled the former slogan of Klamath county: "This is the county Oregon for." Except for a few overhauled Pacific highway is completed. Tourists have wondered why these overhauled have not been completed. The overhauled are at points where it has been found feasible to go above a crossing. The counties must pay a part of the construction and the highway commission is ready to go ahead with them as soon as the counties can handle their share of the financing.

NESTUGGA CLOSING TO BE DISCUSSED

Salem Rod & Gun Club Will Meet Tonight to Talk Problem

The question of the desirability of closing the two Nestucca streams located in Tillamook county to commercial salmon fishing will be the leading topic of discussion at the regular meeting of the Salem Rod and Gun club to be held in the Commercial club rooms at 8 o'clock this evening. Due to the general interest among the sportsmen of the locality regarding the proposed move the meeting will be opened to the public so that anyone interested may attend.

The local club's interest in the wide interest aroused among the matter comes as a part of state sportsmen through a movement started by a number of fishermen to have the streams closed to commercial netting and used for sport fishing exclusively.

The arguments favoring the proposal center around the contention that the value to the state of the two streams would be increased if closed because of the attraction they would be for tourists from out of the state and the analogy was drawn with the famous Rogue River of southern Oregon that is famous throughout the nation for its steel head fishing.

It is also pointed out by a number of sportsmen who have fished the streams that they could never furnish satisfactory sport fishing as long as they were open to commercial netting because of the interference the nets cause the sportangler.

The present value of the streams is shown by game commission statistics to be fairly well represented by showing that some \$43,000 worth of fish were taken from them by the commercial

fishermen during the past season. This catch was divided between some fifty men which makes a total season of less than 1,000 apiece to each man.

The arguments opposing the measure are that the fishing industry is important in Tillamook county, ranking third among the commercial activities and that the move would be an unwarranted interference. It is also contended that the proposal would be unjust to a large number of men now engaged in the commercial industry. According to the fish commission statistics the fish taken in the two streams represents about 10 per cent of the total catch taken in Tillamook county.

It is expected by members of the local club that the organization will go on record as either favoring or opposing the move at the meeting to be held tonight.

Pringle

Mr. Propet and family dined with the Tolberts Sunday.

A gospel team in charge of Mr. Peebles of Salem conducted services at Pringle Sunday at 11 a. m. T. E. Meeks sprayed his apple trees the first of the week.

J. M. Coburn and family visited relatives in Albany Sunday. E. C. Whitaker and O. J. Hull of Salem called at the Crystal Springs farm Sunday evening.

Pringle and Pleasant Point schools played ball at Pringle on Friday afternoon. Pringle school won, 36 to 10.

Miss Ruth Wright is out of school because of sickness. With trees in full foliage, roses in bloom, her self covered with carpets of green and adorned with all manner of lovely flowers, Mother Earth seems to smile and be glad.

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GEISER PROPERTY OPTION OFFERED

Small Cash Deposit Asked to Insure Favorable Action of Voters

As indicated in the Statesman on Sunday P. W. Geiser has renewed his offer to dispose of the tract owned by himself in South Salem for school purposes, and declares his willingness to renew the option until May 15, in case there are definite steps taken to bring the matter once more to vote.

This announcement has developed interest in South Salem among those anxious to secure the larger site for the new school building. Because lots have already been laid out and plans made for sale of the property to home owners in the near future, the new option will not run till June 21, date of the regular election for school directors.

A small cash deposit to be forfeited unless the tract is accepted by voters at the next ballot.

was held probable, yesterday, with the indication being that private citizens may make up the sum in case the school board is not in position to post it at once.

Present indications point toward definite action within the next few days, as the election must be advertised 21 days in advance of the day set for vote.

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