

Valley Prune Association Purchases Salem Fruit Union Building Here

REPORT REVEALS DEVELOPED SALES

Service to Growers Revealed in Statement of Increasing Business

The Willamette Valley Prune association has recently purchased the property on the southeast corner of Trade and High streets known as the Salem Fruit Union building.

This association has had much to do in a constructive way with the development of the Oregon prune business, especially its selling and distribution. This association was organized July 21, 1900, so that it is 26 years old today. Its first board of directors was R. J. Spencer, L. M. Gilbert, C. O. Constable, Capt. E. T. Smith and H. S. Gile, who became its secretary and manager and continued in that capacity until about 1913, when he was succeeded by W. T. Jenks who has efficiently filled that position until the present.

This association was organized with the purpose of creating a market for Oregon prunes. The original extensive prune plantings were coming into full bearing, a large percentage of the orchards were mortgaged for all that could be obtained on them and prices for fruit were very low as the subsequent figures will show.

The modest beginning of this organization reveals the scarcity of money at that time among those interested. The association was first capitalized for \$5000, there being 180 shares subscribed for at \$25 per share, and \$3 per share assessed which had been paid in at the time of the semi-annual meeting in December. On this small capital, impossible as it seems now, enough equipment was installed to handle 689,000 pounds of prunes, and on January 20, 1901, this first pool was ordered settled in full.

In August following, more than a year after the organization, an order was passed to pay the manager and the accountant \$250 each as salaries. The records do not disclose how they spent this sum of money, but it may be remarked here that the real spirit of mutual help and service, the ground work of true cooperation, was clearly in evidence.

On September 16, 1901, the stockholders were assessed \$4.50 per share making their stock half paid up. In the second year the association handled 3,064,000

pounds of prunes, and out of the earnings of the second year's business there was declared a 50 per cent stock dividend making the stock fully paid up.

Those prune growers who have steadfastly used this organization by pooling their prunes each year are undoubtedly ahead in their net returns of the general average obtained by those outside the pool.

Twice the capital stock has been increased. Its present capital is \$30,000 and the corporation carries a very comfortable surplus. The original stockholders have had two stock dividends and 16 cash dividends upon their investment of \$12.50 per share, or a total of \$138.75 per original share.

This is a refreshing review in the light of the more recent cooperative experiences. Could the plan on which the association was built have been made general throughout the northwest 25 years ago, the prune industry might be in a very different shape from what it is today, and growers should have been living on easy street, as many of them were previous to 1920.

The accompanying table will be of interest showing the prices obtained for the years designated:

Year	20/30	30/40	40/50	50/60	60/70	70/80	80/90	90/100
1900	4.91	4.80	4.55	4.27	3.26	2.70	1.83	1.00
1901	4.65	4.03	4.70	3.36	2.70	1.83	1.00	1.00
1902	4.88	4.07	3.39	2.92	2.12	1.00	1.00	1.00
1903	4.87	3.06	2.56	2.16	1.89	1.42	1.00	1.00
1904	3.88	3.18	2.81	2.12	1.64	1.00	1.00	1.00
1905	5.72	4.82	4.01	3.55	3.07	2.58	2.70	1.00
1906	4.76	4.36	3.77	3.23	2.85	2.17	1.88	1.00
1907	5.17	5.19	4.48	4.01	3.54	3.20	2.74	2.03
1908	5.86	5.21	4.65	4.27	3.88	2.66	2.15	1.66
1909	4.76	3.94	3.25	2.61	2.16	1.62	1.18	1.18
1910	7.71	5.68	5.11	4.23	3.89	4.01	3.19	2.32
1911	9.17	6.84	6.76	5.74	5.32	4.93	4.67	4.37
1912	6.37	5.92	5.31	4.21	3.95	2.57	1.62	1.62
1913	6.50	5.85	5.12	4.32	3.49	3.07	2.60	2.60
1914	6.89	6.79	7.00	6.57	5.57	5.57	5.57	5.57
1915	6.13	4.74	4.36	3.76	3.35	2.96	2.46	2.46
1916	7.78	6.88	5.87	5.45	4.99	4.41	3.75	3.43
1917	8.25	7.90	7.27	6.68	6.37	5.79	5.33	5.33
1918	11.62	10.62	9.25	8.75	8.12	7.25	6.75	6.75
1919	22.85	17.52	15.26	13.57	10.82	8.10	7.14	6.75
1920	13.48	11.78	8.79	5.21	3.11	2.83	1.84	1.84
1921	13.82	10.42	9.16	6.96	6.12	5.43	4.84	4.39
1922	9.37	5.53	3.51	3.19	4.09	2.85	3.36	3.36
1923	13.48	7.75	4.55	3.75	4.12	2.78	1.61	1.61
1924	14.61	8.61	6.05	4.71	4.20	3.75	3.17	3.17
1925	14.88	8.96	6.52	5.45	4.95	4.25	3.04	3.04

The association is being ably served by its present board of directors which consists of B. J. Miles, president, who has served in this capacity since 1914; H. S. Poisel, who was elected in July, 1911; T. Noot, elected in 1917; L. E. Hennies, recently elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of D. M. Crouse who had

FARM PROGRESS IS SEEN BY DEAL, GRANGE CHIEF

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lain of the national organization. After a bountiful lunch the program was opened with an address by Governor Walter M. Pierce, who was introduced by the chairman, Dr. J. W. Slaughter. The governor pleaded for votes for the income tax, the tobacco tax, and for the defeat of the Dennis resolution. He cited California as a state where the taxes are all paid by revenues from sources other than real estate.

State Grange Master Palmer spoke briefly, emphasizing the duty of voting. He gave out the startling information that one-half of the voters asked recently to sign the petition for filing the grange income tax bill were not registered. He declared the purpose of the "offset" income tax bill to be to defeat the grange bill.

The differences between the two income tax bills which will be on the ballot this fall were explained by C. E. Spence and Dr. Slaughter.

Chaplain W. W. Deal, in his address, praised Oregon for her progressive movements for the income tax and public ownership of

Charley Chaplin Is Coming



Charlie Chaplin, the king of all comedians on the screen, is coming to the Oregon theatre Saturday in "The Gold Rush." The picture will be shown in Salem for an entire week.

hydro-electric power, stating that in matters of this kind this state is more advanced than his own. And for this progress he credited grange vision and effort.

The speaker declared that there must be a new alignment of and a new program for agriculture. "Farm conditions are so bad in some rural districts that there are not enough land owners to fill the positions of school directors," he said.

Three remedies were proposed for inclusion in the new program for successful agriculture: first, make the farm appeal to the boys and girls so they will continue to farm the lands of their parents; second, equip the homes with modern conveniences and thus relieve the burdens which now drive the girls from farm to city homes where there are generally more modern conveniences which help lighten the daily toil and permit more recreation; third, organize and obtain fair profits from the products of toil. Through proper organization the producers may

obtain fair profits for himself and sell his products to the consumers at the same prices as now.

SEE LAND OF APES

Dr. Scofield and family with Professor Harding, wife and family, formerly of Corvallis, climbed to Mt. St. Helens recently and camped at Spirit lake in the land of the apes. They asked the guide about the apes. He declared they were still there but that none had been captured. Spirit lake is just four miles from Mt. St. Helens, and 50 miles east of Castle Rock, Wash. The party started Saturday evening and returned Monday reporting a wonderful time. Mrs. Scofield and son, Edward, will visit with her mother in Castle Rock for the remainder of the month.

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FRANC SLIDING SWIFTLY

FRENCH COIN IS NOW WORTH APPROXIMATELY 2 CENTS

PARIS, July 20.—(By Associated Press).—The franc's drop to sensational low levels is marked by a corresponding rise in the temper of the Paris population. It went to 49.33 to the dollar today and after the close of the bourse the dollar flirted with 50 francs but the franc never quite got down to two American cents.

Deep anxiety prevails in business and financial circles, made evident by numerous manifestations of crowds in the street. Parisians are still seeking for those to hold responsible, they hoisted the deputies in front of the chamber after the fall of the Briand cabinet and they jeered M. Herriot, the new premier, when he called on President Doumergue. But foreigners, especially Americans, appear fair game for the populace to vent its spleen. Thus far no foreigners have been injured, the manifestations consisting largely of hoots, cat-calls and insults.

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SHIPWORTH TO TRY CASES IN AUGUST

Frank Bramwell Controversy to Receive Attention Early in Month

Judge G. F. Skipworth of Eugene has written the county clerk here that he would arrive in Salem August 4 to try a number of cases in which the local judges are disqualified.

It was expected that Judge Skipworth will try the case filed by George Putnam, local newspaper publisher, to compel Frank Bramwell, state superintendent of banks, to maintain his offices in Salem instead of in Portland.

Judge Skipworth sometime ago held that under the law it was incumbent upon Mr. Bramwell to have his main office in Portland, but that it was a question of fact to determine whether Bramwell was maintaining his main office in Salem or Portland at the present time.

Mr. Bramwell is defending the suit on the ground that the law gives him authority to conduct a

branch office in Portland. Mr. Putnam contends that the main office is now in Portland.

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ALBANY IS HIT BY FIRE

\$50,000 BLAZE IS SECOND IN FOUR-DAY PERIOD

ALBANY, Or., July 20.—(By A. P.)—Fire tonight destroyed the \$50,000 stock of merchandise of M. Sternberg & Co. The stock loss is complete, with insurance estimated at less than 50 per cent.

A \$30,000 stock of leather, manufactured by the Albany Tanning company, which was destroyed by fire last Saturday, was stored in the basement of the store. This was damaged by water, but the extent of the damage is not known. Albany Elks lodge suffered several thousand dollars loss to their building in which the store was housed, but the loss was covered by insurance.

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Regularly sold at \$12.00, most all sizes, both Cuban and spike heels, all the late things to pick from **\$8.95**
they all go at

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See Our Windows

The Store With the Friendly Spirit

ROLLING FLAMAE ARE BATTLED IN FOREST

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District Forester Fred Morrell estimated that 60,000 acres already had been devastated. A third of this area is in the Kaula, and the rest in the Pend O'Reille, Blackfoot, Coeur d'Alene forests.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—The state board of control, declaring the present forest fire situation to be more serious than in 1924, today augmented the fire fighting funds of the state board of forestry with an appropriation of \$20,000 from the state emergency fund.

The money will be used to pay bills incurred during the last two weeks in combatting fires that have caused heavy losses in several counties.

It was indicated that other appropriations would be made, the forest service's fund of \$90,443 for timber and watershed protection having been virtually obligated.

A force of nearly 8,000 men fought fires burning in various sections of the state tonight. Shasta county continued to be one of the major centers of fire fighting activities with two large fires burning between Redding and La Moynes. State Forester M. B. Pratt left here tonight for Redding. More than 1,000 men battled a fire which was moving through the hills toward Napa and Sonoma counties after having started during the day in Capay valley, Yolo county. Hundreds of tourists traveling from Yosemite were halted for several hours in Sonoma county to help combat a threatening blaze which finally was controlled.

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