

## FIRE DEPARTMENT COVERED 342 MILES

Chief Hutton's Annual Report Shows Most of Equipment in Good Condition

The Salem fire department in 1926 traveled 342 miles in answering 34 alarms, 10 of them false, according to the annual report of the fire chief, H. Hutton, submitted to the city council last night. This is in addition to 97 miles traveled in answering seven alarms outside the city.

The loss on buildings destroyed by fire was \$11,206.43, of which \$8,779.13 was covered by insurance. Loss on contents of buildings destroyed was \$3800.95, of which \$2695.95 was covered by insurance.

This does not include the recent fire in which the Fraternal temple was destroyed, with a loss estimated at between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

In putting out fires the department laid 19,150 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose and 1900 feet of 1 1/2-inch

hose. It used 741 gallons of chemical fire extinguisher.

There are 7,000 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose in the fire department's possession, 6500 feet of it in good condition and the other 500 feet in fair condition. All the 750 feet of 1 1/2-inch hose is in good condition. Three hundred feet of the 450 feet of chemical hose is in good condition, and the other 150 feet in fair condition.

Of the other apparatus, a 1,000 gallon triple combination pumper, a 750 gallon pumper, an 85-foot aerial ladder and one car are in good condition, while two combination chemical and hose cars are in fair condition.

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## COMMISSION RULE ON LAUNDRY PASSED

Acceptance Made by Council in Spite of Protest From Mr. Hirsekorn

The city council last night adopted the report of the city zoning and planning commission advocating that permission to A. L. Hirsekorn for building a laundry at 15th and B streets be refused, in spite of a protest recorded by Mr. Hirsekorn in person, and seconded by Alderman Gallo-way.

W. Callison, a resident of the district in which Mr. Hirsekorn wishes to erect the laundry, asked that the petition be turned down, saying that the residents did not wish to turn the region into a "little Italy."

Only 25 per cent of the residents object to the laundry, Mr. Hirsekorn stated. Under the new zoning law, 50 per cent of the residents must object to enlarging a business already in existence in a residential district.

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## PRUNE GROWER SEEKS ACTIVE MARKET PLAN

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The Different Plans

In this article it is my purpose to show the relation of each of these movements to each other, and how they might be fitted together.

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the two forms of cooperative organizations now existing, namely, growers organized who pack and sell their packed product through their own selling agents to the public; example, the North Pacific Cooperative Prune Exchange for selling and several local organizations about the state for packing.

The second form is a group of growers organized for the purpose of packing only. When packed they are offered for sale to such interests as regularly buy prunes for resale and distribution.

It is Mr. Kipp's desire that all who wish to join with either of these groups and that the remainder will join into a third group for the purpose of pooling their ungraded prunes and selling collectively.

I have reviewed Mr. Kipp's plan for the reason that both the plan which I gave you yesterday and Mr. Drager's plan uses for a foundation this plan of Mr. Kipp's.

The Differences

In comparing the plan offered by Mr. Drager with my plan I find one major difference and two minor differences. I shall discuss the least of these first. First: Mr. Drager does not provide for any supervisory control. If, as I believe, such control is necessary, admittedly it could be supplied in his plan. Second: Mr. Drager proposes a meeting of packers with representative growers for the purpose of fixing the price. I reversed the order by having a grower meeting for fixing the price, to which the packers are invited for advice and counsel. Apparently only a trifling difference, but we must not lose sight of the fact that the growers only are permitted by law to organize to fix a price. These two are the minor differences.

The major difference is that he would have a marginal difference fixed between the price to the grower and the price to the trade, this margin to cover the packer's costs, the packer paying on delivery the stipulated price to the grower. I propose that the prunes be delivered to the packer for packing at a fixed packing cost per pound and sold on a percentage commission basis.

Wants Workable Plan

Mr. Drager's plan has this advantage: It sounds good. It will meet the approval of the grower

who would never cooperate, and that is the fellow we all want reached. I am in favor of any plan that will work. Any plan to work must be capable of being put into force and kept there. Perhaps his plan could be more easily put into operation. But would it work? I am really sorry to have to say that I do not believe that it would. Why? Why not? Because in the price fixing conference of growers and packers, the packers to work for their own interests (and who does not?) must of necessity advocate a low price on prunes. The growers naturally want a high price. The marginal difference between the growers' price and the trade price which would be the packers share would have to be somewhere between one and two cents. No need to try to fix that point definitely now. So let us say two cents. Then as a common size let us consider 40-50 prunes. Suppose the growers think they should have 6 cents, then the packers would need to sell at 8 cents. Would it not be much easier for the packer to sell at 6 cents and pay the grower four cents and as he is to pay on delivery the packer surely would want to risk as little as possible. And the less it is the less the packer risks, the quicker the sale, the less interest and insurance the packer pays and he gets the same 2 cents for himself. So plainly on that point there would be no unity of interest between the grower and the packer.

This Would Not Work

Then Mr. Drager proposes to buy one fellow's prunes and leave the other fellow the privilege of storing his prunes in his bonded warehouse, paying storage, insurance and interest on the money he can readily borrow. After a while he must take what he can get, which of course can't be helped. Fine for the fellow who sold his prunes and got his money. But how about the other fellow? What will he do? Just what any one would do. Cut the price and sell his prunes. And what will the packer do? He will buy these cut price prunes and in turn cut the price to the trade. And no agreement to the contrary can stop him. For it has been tried out in the supreme court of the United States. It has been decided that when a buyer buys an article he can sell it as he pleases

and no stipulation by the grower can prevent him.

I sincerely wish to see some plan for saving the prune industry put into effect. If I am wrong and Mr. Drager's plan will work, then let's have it. I suggest that as the United States department of agriculture has sent a man to Oregon to see what could be done, that we all meet with this government man and submit our plans. Out of some of them perhaps something can be evolved which will be satisfactory.

—C. A. Ratcliff.

(Mr. Ratcliff, who writes the above, and who wrote the outline of his plan which appeared in The Statesman of last Saturday morning, is, as was stated, a prominent prune grower. He was a director of the Oregon Growers Cooperative association and is still, for that association has not yet been dissolved. He is a director of the Salem Cooperative Prune Growers, and secretary-treasurer of this local unit of the northwest prune growers cooperative. So he is friendly to cooperative marketing, and has shown his friendship constantly.—Ed.)

## SULPHUR CLEARS ROUGH, RED SKIN

Face, Neck and Arms Easily Made Smooth, Says Specialist

Any breaking out of the skin, even fiery, itching eczema, can be quickly overcome by applying a little Mentho-Sulphur, declares a noted skin specialist. Because of its germ destroying properties, this sulphur preparation begins at once to soothe irritated skin and heal eruptions such as rash, pimples and ring worm.

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land, came the body of his friend James McKinley, 63. The two were carried to sea without food or drinking water during a storm, McKinley dying on the eighth day. There will be no inquest in McKinley's death, the coroner announced today, being satisfied that McKinley died from exposure and starvation.

Kelley admitted using the flesh of his friend for food.

Automobile accessories for Christmas gifts—appreciated because of their utility. Perfect gifts can help you select a suitable gift for "him." Malcolm's Tire Shop.

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The Eisnora: Douglas MacLean in "Hold That Lion."

Oregon: "Up in Mable's Room," with Marie Prevost, Harrison Ford Phyllis Haver and Harry Myers.

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