

CANNERY TO BE BUILT UP HERE

Reid-Murdoch Firm Expected to Close Deal Early This Week, Report Says

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and ironing out the details incident to the clearing up the title to the property so that transfer can be made.
Reid, Murdoch & Co. is the only national wholesale grocery organization restricting its sales to independent grocers. It operates 11 selling branches. To serve these branches it has established canning and food processing plants in various parts of the country. The organization was attracted to Salem through the activity of the Salem chamber of commerce which energetically presented to the company executives the advantages of Salem as a fruit and vegetable packing center. Their own research department conducted the investigations which led to the selection of the West Salem plant as an experiment, leasing it for one year. While nothing could be learned as to the disposition of the plant, it is anticipated that it will now revert to its owners at the end of the year.

The report is that if the deal goes through for the purchase of the King Food Products plant, Reid, Murdoch & Co., will make it one of the largest food canning plants in the northwest. The plant is 500 feet in length, fronting on North Front street and has truckage connections with the Oregon Electric.

The King plant has had rather a checkered history. The first construction at the plant was about 15 years ago. The plant was built as a dehydrating plant, the machinery for the process being invented by King. Another plant of the concern was operated at The Dalles. The local plant carried on dehydration of loganberries, prunes and other fruits, onions and potatoes. In addition it operated a cannery.

During the war period the company launched a wide expansion program. It got into financial difficulties in connection with its stock flotation, and involved the Ladd & Tilton bank in Portland, being one of the causes of the bank's near-collapse. The Nassau company, liquidating company of the Ladd & Tilton interests, took over the property; and recently the title was taken through arrangement with Mr. Hicks who held tax certificates on the property.

Since the financial crisis in the company's affairs the plant has been operated by various lessees. Paulus Brothers ran the cannery part of the time. The past year different units of the plant, Libby, McNeill and Libby leasing part of it.
When the plant was active it provided employment for about 500 persons and was a heavy purchaser of local fruits. The passing of the plant into strong hands will mean its return to full activity in the Salem field, which is expected to mean much to fruit growers, laborers and business interests.

ATTORNEY GENERAL DELIVERS OPINION

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ated a new state tax commission, but based his opinion solely on that part of the constitutional provision relating to increased emoluments. "Chapter 466 amends sections of the Oregon laws which provide for the creation of the state tax commission, appointment of its members, their qualifications, term of office, appointment of assistants and compensation of the commissioners and assistants," reads the opinion. "A comparison of the language of the section creating the state

tax commission, before and after amendment, shows that there is no change in the creation of the commission. The principal change is the substitution of two appointive and salaried members of the commission instead of the three ex-officio officers who have heretofore been members thereof. The amendment provides the same requirements as to the qualifications of the additional appointive members as of the appointive member heretofore provided for. "The principal change in section 5, which is an amendment to section 4219, is to substitute the figures \$4800 for \$4000, relating to the maximum salaries of the commissioners. "The rule is well established by numerous decisions of the supreme court that where a statute or portion thereof is amended to read as follows or is repealed, and a new statute enacted containing some of the same provisions as in the old, all such provisions appearing in the new enactment are to be considered as effective from the date of the original enactment, and not as new provisions. There is, therefore, no state tax commission created by a tax commission created by the earlier statute.

MUSIC WEEK COMES TO SUCCESSFUL END

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Blumenberg Dalton, the chorus accompanist, was a joy to observe and hear in the Saturday night concert. Her solo numbers went far toward setting the right emotional tone in the audience.
Good music week has meant the expenditure of much time and thought. And it has meant growth in music thinking. I dare say that few who have been attending the music events this week will fail to feel the need for the American public centering much more attention on the subject of music than it has heretofore. It seems an obvious fact that the public will soon be ready to see that schools have time for music and have money to buy music. With time and made to develop real music material and a genuine endeavor made to develop real musical expression in children, music week as a national celebration will come to be a rare treat, as well as an honest and wholly commendable endeavor.
Much credit is due the Salem Music Teacher's association, its chairman, Mrs. Walter Denton, and cooperating individuals of Salem for the manner in which "national music week" has been promoted in Salem.

WASHINGTON TRACK STARS BEAT OREGON

STADIUM, Seattle, May 11—(AP)—By the overwhelming score of 82 to 49 the University of Washington easily defeated the University of Oregon today. A new world's record in the discus was announced for Ed Moeller, Oregon, weightman, when he heaved the platter 160 feet 1 inch. The world's mark listed in the record book is 158 feet 1 3/4 inches made in 1926 by Bud Houser of Southern California.

County Court Is Not Favorable To Power Firm

The Marion county court is looking with disfavor on the application of the Molalla Electric company for a franchise to build power lines in any and all parts of the county at any time, subject only to the occasional approval of the court. The application is looked upon as in marked variance with the present law requiring a public utility to secure the county court before building each specific line.

STUDENTS RIOT HURLING ROCKS

Trustees Take Refuge From 150 Irate Young Men of University

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The general interpretation accorded the action in campus circles was that it involved, in part, a long standing modernistic-fundamentalist dispute at the institution.
Fireworks Start When Two Trustees Resign
Yesterday the board was called to consider requesting the resignation of Dr. T. T. Shields and Miss Edith Rebnan, as members of the board. The meeting was said to have been instigated by Dr. Wayman, who previously had refused to follow suggestions of Dr. Shields that seven members of the university faculty be discharged.
Dr. Shields was said to have held that Dean A. E. Bennett of the college of education and Prof. E. L. Grimes were guilty of indirect modernistic utterances. The board today, however, instead of requesting the resignation of Miss Rebnan and Dr. Shields, vindicated them and ousted Dr. Wayman and his entire faculty. "Spy" System Charged By Professors
James H. Sperry, a member of the board contended the entire controversy revolved about an attempt by Miss Rebnan to control all departments of the university. Charges that she sent students into classrooms to "spy" on professors were made by deans of the university.
Students, led by Cedric Peterson, passed a resolution endorsing President Wayman.

DR. POUND AGAIN HEADS P-T GROUP

SILVERTON, May 11.—(Special)—Dr. B. F. Pound of Salem was re-elected president of the Marion county council of parent-teacher associations, at its meeting here today. Mrs. T. W. Abbott was re-elected vice president and Mrs. R. L. Wright secretary. Both of these officers are also residents of Salem.
Principal addresses of the meeting were delivered by Robert Goets, local superintendent of schools, and Mrs. C. C. Ross, an officer of the Multnomah county parent-teacher council.
A luncheon served by students under the supervision of Mrs. Hartley, home economics instructor in the local high school, drew favorable comment from many of the visitors.

PROBE OF EXPENSE MONEY IS ORDERED

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of control more than a year ago indicated that some state departments had operated state-owned machines as low as 3 1/2 cents per mile. This especially was true of the state labor department, which keeps a careful check on all automobile expenses. The cost of operating some other state-owned cars was 10 cents per mile. The average probably would not exceed 5 cents, Governor Patterson said.
Secretary of State Hoss declared that if state-owned cars could be operated under five cents per mile, there was no valid reason why the operation of privately owned machines should be charged against the state at the rate of 10 cents per mile. The secretary of state said an arbitrary ruling with relation to the allowance for privately owned cars operated by state employees would save his office considerable embarrassment, and save the state a large amount of money annually.
The question of automobile expense came before the board in connection with a letter from the state board of health. In this letter the board was asked the maximum amount it would allow a state nurse who was scheduled to make a trip in her own automobile. The trip was classified as official business.
Regardless of any rule that is adopted by the board of control in connection with the operation of privately owned cars by state employees, the allowance for trips between Salem and Portland will be limited to railroad and bus fare. This is \$2.50 for the round trip. It was reported to the board that some state employees have been charging the state at the rate of 10 cents per mile, which would be \$10 for the round trip.
State Treasurer Kay said such a charge was exorbitant, and that he would refuse to honor any such claim were he the secretary of

CITY CHAMBER ASKS INCREASE

Encouragement of Scutching Mills in Willamette Valley is Sought

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on flax straw, on tow, and on hauled long flax—the item of rough flax fiber being overlooked entirely.
The increased rate on flax straw is of no consequence, because no flax straw is imported. The spinning tow rate is important, and it was increased a little, but not enough to afford the protection needed. A cent and a half a pound would help.
Rough Long Flax Fiber Overlooked
The rough long flax fiber item was overlooked, and hauled long line fiber got an increased rate from two to three cents a pound. This would not help local farmers, nor encourage the building of independent scutching mills, for the hawking process is an operation of the spinning and weaving mills.
However a duty of three cents a pound would help every farmer who can grow flax, because it would lead to independent scutching plants. It would make the flax growers and the owners of threshing, retting and scutching plants in a measure independent of the home demand from linen mills. They would have the benefit of the world market for flax fiber; and more especially the eastern markets in this country, where many thousands of tons of flax fiber, largely of an inferior quality, are used.
Three Cents Per Pound Considered Necessary
With three cents a pound protection, the advantage of growing a better quality fiber, and with the use of improved machinery, the farmers of the Willamette valley can compete in the world markets in the production of flax fiber, with the help of independent primary plants to bring their product to the rough long line fiber stage; and the same may be asserted of spinning tow, with a cent and a half a pound protection.
The Portland chamber of commerce is cooperating, at the suggestion of the Salem chamber of commerce. Other commercial bodies are urged to help, by wiring at once. Other interested organizations and individuals in the Willamette valley, as well as of western Washington and northwestern California sections, are also interested for their fiber flax can be successfully grown on a commercial scale.

SWIMMING WEEK TO BE OBSERVED HERE

Prevention of drowning through teaching every child to swim is the aim of the campaign to be started at the Y. M. C. A. May 20 under the sponsorship of the public schools. May 20 to 24 inclusive constitutes "National Swimming Week," a campaign to lower the number of deaths by drowning from 8,000 yearly.
Louis Anderson of the high school physical education staff, will be in charge of the training courses, and will instruct the boys' classes. An instructor for the girls will be chosen later.
Boys will swim on Monday and Tuesday and girls on Tuesday and Friday. The groups will be conducted from schools to the Y. M. C. A. by leaders. Consent of parents will be required before children will be permitted to enter the classes.

Abrams Will Go East To Attend Buyers Meeting

Carle Abrams, secretary of the state board of control, has asked permission to attend the annual convention of the state purchasing agents of the United States to be held in Buffalo in August. Mr. Abrams said the expense of the trip would not be charged to the board of control for the reason that he expected to escort an insane patient to his eastern destination.
State Treasurer Kay said that while he was opposed to state junkets, he would not oppose the request in case the board of control did not have to bear the expense.

WILLAMETTE PLAYS PACIFIC THIS WEEK

The rivalry between Willamette university and College of Puget Sound, evident in all collegiate sports from season to season, will have its inning again Thursday when Cac Hubbard's baseball team will meet the Bearcats on Sweetland field.
It so happens that in the current school year, Willamette has won every contest so far except women's tennis, which ended in a tie. The Bearcat football team upset all the dope in the bucket to

Chamber To Hold Open Forum Here

An open forum in which all members will be given an opportunity to air their ideas on mat-

ters which the Salem chamber of commerce might adopt for the benefit of the community, is scheduled for the organization's Monday noon luncheon. Speakers will be limited to three minutes each.

BOWLING SERIES TO BE DECIDED MONDAY

Salem's "little world series" in the realm of bowling will be decided Monday night when the Capital City Bedding Co. and Man's Shop teams, respective winners of the city league race, will bowl for the city championship. The same evening, the Lions and Nelson Druggists will bowl to settle the tie for second place in the Club league.
Awarding of some special prizes in the recent city handicap tournament is also to be decided Monday night.
On Tuesday night, a "fathers and sons" series of matches will be played.

SELLS INTEREST IN STORE

SPAYTON, May 11.—Dr. G. F. Rorinck has disposed of his interest in the Farmers Feed and Seed store to J. E. Barry. Mr. Barry recently moved to town, purchasing the Effie Matter property on the Stayton-Sublimity road.
A FITTING GIFT
A suggestion has come to the Statesman concerning a fitting way to celebrate Mother's Day. People are urged to send a check to the secretary of building fund of the Old People's home, Mrs. E. J. Swafford, and have part in payment of the \$6000 debt. By enough so doing the home would be freed from debt for its 20th anniversary, October, 1929.

Clough-Huston Co's History of Salem and the State of Oregon

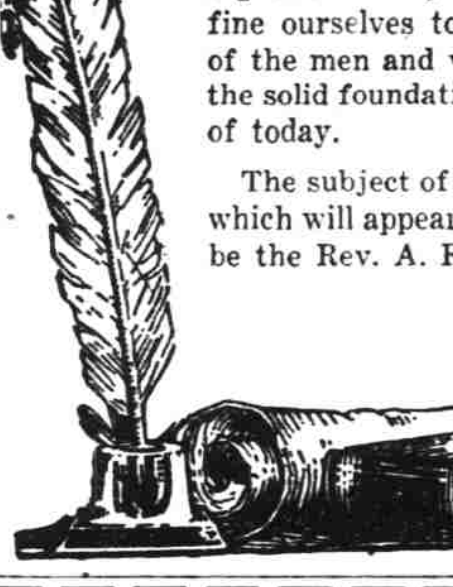
No Doubt

After one has experienced our service, he has no doubt as to its high quality.
After he has paid us, he realizes that the best need not cost more.

THE history of a frontier settlement is quite largely history of the early settlers who carved it from the native forest, and hence we shall, in delineating the history of Salem, confine ourselves to brief sketches of the men and women who laid the solid foundations for our city of today.
The subject of our first sketch which will appear next week, will be the Rev. A. F. Waller.

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