

PRUNE MARKET PROMISING AS PRICES RALLY

Slight but Steady Gain is Noted by Cooperative Manager in Salem

Forty per Cent Dried Crop Is Sold; Shipments of Last Week Heavy

By GENEVIEVE MORGAN
The prune market is now in the most encouraging situation of the season, with prices showing a steady if small increase the past two weeks and demand unusually promising, according to C. A. Ratcliffe, secretary and general manager of the Salem Cooperative Prune Growers.

Mr. Ratcliffe estimates that approximately 40 per cent of the prunes dried in Oregon this fall have been sold, which is far above earlier expectations on the market at this time of year.

Large Shipments Are Sent East
The local cooperative has been in operation the past two days filling an order for about 300,000 pounds for shipment to Hamburg and New York. The crew of 25 working now will be on the job tomorrow and perhaps a bit longer.

Fully 40 per cent of the 1,500,000 pounds placed in the cooperative packing plant here will have been disposed of when this order goes out.

The North Pacific Prune Growers' Co-op, with headquarters in Portland, handles sales for the Salem and seven other cooperative groups. The larger co-op had charge of sales of 9,000,000 pounds of prunes for the season and estimates that it would sell a third of this amount by January 1. Already 3,500,000 pounds have been sold, according to figures received by Mr. Ratcliffe.

Gain Noted Since November Slump
These sales run into almost 2,000,000 pounds since around November 5, when the prune market hit its lowest level. Since that date, the foreign market has shown consistent improvement. Men who have been watching the local prune situation say other local dealers have probably disposed of their holdings in about the same ratio as the co-op group has.

The foreign export through Portland for October this year totaled five million pounds, as compared to three million pounds for the same period in 1930. The entire prune crop in this country was cleaned up in January last year, with practically everything shipped out of the country before the end of February. The Oregon dried prune yield for this year totaled 54,000,000 pounds, compared to 51,000,000 a year ago, according to federal bureau figures.

Airmail Flier Crashes Earth At Full Speed

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The body of Norman W. Potter, Oakland-Salt Lake City airmail flier, was found in his wrecked plane today where he had crashed more than 24 hours before, within ten miles of his home airport.

VALUATIONS LOWER

KLAMATH FALLS, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Assessed valuations of Klamath county this year shows a loss of \$2,282,392, as compared to the 1930 assessed valuation.

COURT ADJOURNED

ROSBURG, Ore., Nov. 24.—(AP)—The November term of circuit court was adjourned here today because Judge J. W. Hamilton, senior circuit court judge of Oregon, became suddenly ill last night. Judge Hamilton is suffering from a severe cold which threatens pneumonia, physicians said.

FARMERS VETO IT

HILLSBORO, Ore., Nov. 24.—(AP)—Washington county farmers, about 2500 strong, met here

Mrs. Caraway Really First Woman to Hold Senate Seat



THE LATE MRS. REBECCA FELTON, and THE LATE SENATOR CARAWAY

In the loss of her husband, Senator Thaddeus H. Caraway, of Arkansas, Mrs. Caraway has gained an honor never before experienced by any American woman in the full sense that it is enjoyed by this country's 54-year-old astute feminine politician of Jonesboro, Ark. Appointed as temporary successor to her husband in the U. S. senate, Mrs. Caraway will take her seat when congress convenes on December 7 and hold the honor at least until January 12. On that date a special election will be held in Arkansas to determine who will complete Senator Caraway's unfinished term, which runs until March, 1935. Mrs. Caraway was preceded in the senate by only one woman, the late Mrs. Rebecca Lattimer Felton, of Georgia, who held her honorary seat for only a few hours.

BIG ALCOHOL HAUL MADE BY OFFICERS

Truck With 193 Gallons on Board is Captured and Driver Arrested

City police made the coup of the season last night when they captured an immense coupe load-hauler to the hubs with a 1600-pound cargo of grain alcohol, 193 gallons, in one and five-pound tins. Paul Satterwhite, alias Virgil Hall of Portland, driver of the car, was arrested and lodged in the city jail.

How the police obtained information leading to the arrest they refused to reveal. The north-bound spirituous cargo was captured at North Winter and Center streets.

According to Hall's own figures, the 193 gallons of alcohol are worth \$579 wholesale, or \$3 a gallon. The spirits were contained in 32 five-gallon and 33 one-gallon cans. The small tins were wrapped in San Francisco and Japanese newspapers.

A man, whose name the police withheld, was arrested along with Hall. It is believed he is not implicated in the transportation of the alcohol and according to police he probably will be released today by the municipal judge.

NOTED GOLFER WEDS

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Johnny Farrell, national open golf champion in 1928, and Miss Catherine Hush of old Greenwich, were married today in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church in Bronxville.

COUNTY CLERK DIES

PENDLETON, Ore., Nov. 24.—(AP)—Robert T. Brown, 61, Umatilla county clerk, died here today after an illness of three weeks. He is survived by his widow.

RECOVERY LIKELY

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Nov. 24.—(AP)—Kramer Deal, 50, Florence barber who was shot and seriously wounded last Friday, appeared today to be on the road to recovery, hospital attendants at North Bend reported today. He was unable to identify either of two men who were arrested here last Friday in connection with the shooting.

JAPAN STARTS DRIVE AGAINST BANDIT HORDES

Will not ask League's Help To Persuade Chang to Withdraw Forces

First American Observer Is At Mukden; Fighting Is Not Extensive

(By the Associated Press)
A drive against 12,000 bandits southwest of Mukden, started by Japanese airplanes and troops yesterday morning, cleared out the area, Tokyo was informed.

Japanese dispatches said the bandits were driven west of the Liao river.

Military authorities in Tokyo deny the offensive was aimed in any way at Chinchow, where 50,000 Chinese troops are reported to have been massed.

The Tokyo government decided not to ask the League of Nations to persuade Chang Hsueh-Liang, deposed governor of Manchuria, to remove a threat of future conflicts by withdrawing his forces from Chinchow as it had intended.

Colonel McIlroy Arrives at Mukden
Colonel J. G. McIlroy, the first American army observer to reach the scene of the Manchurian conflict, arrived at Mukden with other Tokyo military attaches.

An encounter between Chinese and Japanese troops at Ching-shan originally reported by Japanese army headquarters to have resulted in heavy fighting, turned out to be a minor affair.

Shankhal learned that a Japanese cruiser, with fresh troops and a Japanese troop at Ching-shan, on the gulf of Liaotung, just south of the Manchurian border.

A Chinese dispatch said the Japanese were planning to sever communications between Peiping and Manchuria.

Radio Story Of Big Game Now Assured

Arrangements for a play-by-play broadcast of the Willamette-Whitman northwest conference championship football game were completed late yesterday in Portland.

KOIN will broadcast a complete account of the game beginning promptly at 2 p. m. Arthur Kirkham, sports editor of KOIN, will personally conduct the broadcast, the reports coming direct from the field at Walla Walla. College band music and songs will intersperse the program and between halves a talk on Willamette university will be made.

The broadcast is being arranged for by alumni leaders of the school. In Portland Robert C. Notson, president of the Willamette Alumni association, is in charge, with Dr. Carl Hollingsworth Kirkham, sports editor of KOIN, will personally conduct the broadcast, the reports coming direct from the field at Walla Walla.

Chairman Stone Reveals Facts On Farm Board

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The farm board bared its operating secrets today in a battle for its life before the senate agriculture committee.

The spectacular story of a two-year effort to help the farmer by gigantic stabilization operations and cooperative marketing was unfolded by Chairman Stone to justify the board's existence.

The quiet-mannered chairman delivered facts and figures on the board's operations in the form of an annual report to congress.

Three Relief Shows Billed Late Tonight

Each member of the staff of each theatre is giving his services free of charge for this matinee and from advertising to ticket printing the work has been done free of cost, and the running expenses for the pictures is being borne by the theatres.

Seven thousand tickets were printed and it is hoped that they may all be sold. Relief organizations and high school students have been presenting them to the public and a large number are still available today. The public is urged to purchase the tickets and thus swell the funds so much needed in the city, and appreciate the effort of Managers Rice, Schmidt and Stumbo.

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DAIRY COUNCIL FOR OREGON IS FORMED

Sidney Miller of Woodburn President; Others of This County Named

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 24.—(AP)—Representatives of every branch of the dairy industry in Oregon effected tentative organization of a state dairy council at a meeting here today.

The chief objective of the council will be to promote increased consumption of milk. Sidney Miller of Woodburn, Ore., was named president of the group which as yet has neither name nor constitution. Miller heads an executive committee of 12 men selected from a statewide committee of 100.

Will W. Henry, of the Dairy Co-operative association, was chosen secretary and E. L. Williamson, G. F. Warden, H. C. Raven and Martin Rostvold are members of the executive committee of 12.

The state-wide committee of 100 includes: Coos Bay district: George Hampton, of Argo; Rogue River valley, J. R. McCracken, Ashland; Douglas county, Fred Goff; Lane county, E. H. Row, Jr.; Linn county, Hector McPherson.

FUEL CONTRACT OF SCHOOLS IS MADE

When bids for next year's fuel supply for the Salem schools were opened at the board meeting last night, the contract was awarded to Allen Bellinger, who submitted the low figure. His bid of \$2.89 per cord for 800 cords of second growth fir was 6 cents lower than the high bid and 58 cents lower than the district paid him for the present year's fuel.

Although called for, no bids on slabwood were submitted.

The board agreed to the proposal of R. R. Boardman of the Y. M. C. A. to have the Parris high school gymnasium for practice by the church league basketball teams. Under the terms of the agreement, the Y. M. C. A. will be responsible for the use of the gymnasium and pay the janitor and special man for the evening work.

With 122 pupils graduating from the junior high schools in January, the high school, now crowded, will be even more congested. Superintendent George Hag reported. The board authorized the supplies committee to call for bids on as many more armchairs for the high school as will be needed to accommodate the incoming class.

After considering other minor business matters, the board adjourned.

White Russians And Japan Plot, Moscow Report

MOSCOW, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Moscow newspapers today published a Peiping report that Japanese and Manchuria planned to seize the Chinese eastern railway and set up a buffer state in the far east.

GRAND JURORS START VIEWING EMPIRE AFFAIR

Carson, Goldstein and Mott Appear Before Tribunal; Will Take 2 Weeks

Coshow and Clancy Release Statements Relating To Firm's Status

By SHELDON F. SACKETT
Salient developments yesterday in the Empire Holding corporation's situation were these:

1. Grand jury investigation starts here. District Attorney Carson, Special Prosecutor Goldstein and Corporation Commissioner Mott appearing before jury at Marion county courthouse. Carson announces that investigation will be vigorously continued next Monday and that two weeks may be needed to complete the probe of the Empire's affairs.

2. Judge O. P. Coshow, president of Empire, releases a statement to all stockholders in his corporation, saying the "whole trouble is Dr. R. W. Clancy, the corporation's secretary, and pleading for stockholders to attend the December 7 meeting in Portland. The Statesman today prints Judge Coshow's letter in full.

3. Dr. R. W. Clancy releases a letter to all Empire Holding corporation stockholders, declaring "It is a mortal shame that we are in the position we now find ourselves." Clancy declares "the company is over-officered, over-salaried, over-equipped and over-occupied. Clancy bids all stockholders be present at the December 7 meeting of the company. Clancy's letter is reprinted in full in today's Statesman.

Temporary delay in the grand jury investigation is to be made to permit that body to complete certain investigations now before it including the one regarding Rhea (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

LEGION WILL BACK HEALTH MOVEMENT

Reductions in the budget of the county health unit will be fought by Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, the members decided at last night's meeting. To urge against the reductions before the county court and the city council, a committee was appointed consisting of Arthur Bates, Dr. B. F. Pound, Oliver B. Huston, Brazier C. Small and R. S. Keene. This committee also will draft resolutions on the matter to be presented to the court and the council.

Returns in the post membership drive last night showed a total of approximately 190 men who have paid their 1932 dues. Onas Olson's team still was in the lead.

Profits on the post's Armistice day celebration will amount to from \$750 to \$800, a sum at least \$250 in excess of what had been expected after the two days of events were concluded, according to a report made by Chairman L. P. Campbell.

By vote of the post, all permanently disabled World war veterans in hospitals who formerly belonged to Capital Post No. 9 will be given membership cards free of charge, at the post's expense.

Reduced Light Rate is Asked

The light committee of the city council probably will meet today to consider obtaining a contract for reduced rates, Chairman F. L. Wilkinson announced yesterday. Aldermen George Averett and S. A. Hughes are other members of the committee.

Thanksgiving Services Planned, Five Churches

Union Thanksgiving services in five churches in convenient sections of the city have been arranged for Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock sharp by the Salem Ministerial association. Services will be held at the American Lutheran church, Church between Chemeketa and Center, with Rev. Hugh B. Fouke, Jr., of Jaxon Lee church presiding on "Thanksgiving." The "Praise for Thanksgiving" will be given by Rev. F. W. Erikson, the pastor. Special music will include: "My Heart Ever Faithful" (Each) by Mrs. Albert J. Sholest; and anthem by choir, "We Thank Thee", William McElchrist, Sr., directing.

For West Salem residents, services will be held in the Ford Memorial church there, with Rev. B. F. Shoemaker of the Court street Christian church talking on "Thanksgiving." Mrs. Guy Newgent will be the soloist and Mrs. Lyle Thomas accompanist.

Mandamus Complaint Attacks Employee of Mott; Answer Given

Pantages Jury Locked up With No Verdict Yet

Purpose is to Force out Building and Loan Supervisor

Prudential Officials are Plaintiffs in Portland Case

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 24.—(AP)—A jury which at 6 p. m. today began deliberating the case of Alexander Pantages, theatre magnate accused of a criminal attack more than two years ago on Eunice Pringle, young dancer, was locked up for the night at 10:20 p. m.

The jurors spent two and one-half hours in actual deliberation. At 10 p. m., the usual time for removal of a jury to a hotel in prolonged consideration of a case, they asked for more time and a verdict was expected, but 20 minutes later they said: out word that there was no hope of agreement tonight.

BEARCAT SPECIAL TRAIN IS ASSURED

Willamette Group Going is As Large as Contingent Sent to 1929 Game

The drive to find sufficient people to go to Walla Walla for the Whitman football game, met with success, and Tuesday the excursion was definitely assured with the prospect that even more might decide to go.

The number of students going is as large as it was last time, due principally to the fact that over half of the expenses of band members is being paid for them. A large number of students were forced to remain home on account of finances, but they plan to do their part by staging a big sendoff for the team at the train tonight.

The train loads up at Lausanne hall, leaving from there at 8 o'clock, but not leaving from the S. P. station until 8:34. Portland and the university band will disembark and play some of the Willamette songs. A number of students and friends of Willamette will be at the Portland station to see the special train and (Turn to page 10, col. 2)

Free Turkey If You Catch It, is Offer

Live turkeys, free if you catch 'em.

The Salem Ad club, which is sponsoring "Open House" for Salem stores on Friday night next, announces "free turkeys" as one of the stunts of the occasion. A number of white turkeys will be released, has proceeded far enough to convince me that the complaint of the law as they existed, and that the whole transaction which is the basis for the complaint, was at that time, approved by the legal (Turn to page 2, col. 8)

Posse Mushing Through Snow; Bandits Sought

OROFINO, Idaho, Nov. 24.—(AP)—A sheriff's posse tonight mused through deep snow searching for two men who robbed Charles G. Johnson, lumberjack, shot him six times, and escaped. Johnson's condition was said to be critical.

Johnson were asleep in their cabin a half mile from Pierce when the men entered. Hornlund said he was forced out into the snow in his underclothing, while the two men robbed Johnson of \$100. Then one of the robbers, Hornlund said, emptied a pistol into his partner's body.

Late Sports

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 24.—(AP)—Paddy Sullivan, of Los Angeles, outpointed Harry Ketchell, Tacoma, to win a six round main event fight here tonight. They weighed each 124 pounds.

Sullivan's boxing superiority was marked but Ketchell fought gamely. He was unable, however, to connect with his famous right hand.

CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Gus Sonnenberg, Boston heavy-weight wrestler, defeated Karol Zbyzsko, Poland, in the main event of a card at the Chicago stadium tonight, when the latter was unable to come up for the final fall after being bounced out of the ring by Sonnenberg's flying tackle.

Oregon Briefs

Judge Hamilton is Ill

County Road tax Beaten
Snow Hinted at Dalles
Florence Barber Better

yesterday and refused to approve a county road tax.

Many of those present failed to receive ballots on the 2 1/2-mile levy, while others had several ballots. Chairman L. M. Hesse declared the balloting illegal and no effort was made to count the votes.

FIRE WAGON HITS AUTO; NO DAMAGE

Sent north instead of south on an erroneous fire call, the central station squad wagon, driven by W. D. Edwards, struck a rear fender of an automobile operated by Mildred Fordgard, 565 North 18th street, at Center and North High streets yesterday evening.

The Fordgard car spun around and struck the parked automobile belonging to Robert Newberg. Little damage was done to the three cars.

The fire alarm, given as North High street, should have been 2165 South High street, where an automobile was afire. Youth pouring gasoline into the vacuum tank on the car ignited the fluid when one of them struck a match. The flames went out before the fire truck arrived. No damage was done.

Stock of Used Cars Good; Prices Are Lowest Ever

A survey of the used car now in possession of the Salem dealers show that they have a very fine selection of cars at remarkably low prices.

One dealer made the statement that he had just gone through his stock and reduced prices from \$10 to \$125. He also said that he had more motor car for the dollar than ever before in the history of his business.

Just turn to the classified page today and look over the list of cars advertised. Of course they are not all listed here, but some of the most attractive buys may be found.