

Cold-Pack Fruits Put Up in Larger Quantities During '31

OTHER OUTPUT IS HELD DOWN

Seven Canneries Feel Their Share of General Depression of Year

Salem's seven major packing companies, canning fruits and vegetables, all showed a decrease in production for 1931 under the total pack of 1930, but all are looking for a revival during the spring and summer of 1932. The major companies are Cleary and Hillman, West Salem; Hunt Brothers, 195 Division street; Oregon Packing Co., 285 South 11th street; Paulus Brothers, High and Trade streets; Producers Co-operative Packing Co., 1935 North Commercial street; Reid Murdock and Co., Front and Market streets, and Starr Fruit Products Co., Church and Mill streets.

While all of the companies showed a decrease in cold goods, one-eighth to one-quarter over last year's amount, the majority of the concerns showed an increase in the cold-pack, which includes fruit up in barrels and 30-pound tins.

Barrelling on Increase Paulus Brothers were among companies to show a substantial increase in barreled strawberries and maraschino cherries. All operators report that the cold-pack products have been enjoying a greater demand each year. Preserving companies in the east are among the larger buyers of this type of fruit.

Sale of the 1931 pack has been steady but slow. None of the canneries had a great carry-over of the 1930 pack. The canning business, operators report, like all other businesses is feeling the slump. While none would venture a quick recovery in business, all were of the opinion that the decreased production during the past two years will cause any surpluses to be used up, thereby increasing the demand for 1932. Prices for fresh fruits is still problematical, canners report. Thus far, there has been little canned goods contracted for. With no futures bought, they report that it is impossible now to set anything in the way of definite price. All agree, however, that prices will level on about 1931, or even better.

LOAN FIRM GOES ON PAY STEADY RETURNS

A mark hard to hit at has been recorded during the business recession by Hawkins & Roberts, local investment company, leaders of which declare the type of investment the firm handles has shown no depreciation.

During the first 11 months of 1931, the firm paid out to investors approximately \$126,000 in interest and dividends. Growth from nothing at all to an institution employing 25 people and having offices in Salem and Eugene is the record of the concern during the past 17 years. During those 17 years this firm has represented the Vermont Loan and Trust and the Prudential Life Insurance companies, making farm and city loans. In conjunction with this representation Hawkins & Roberts have built a business for conservative investors with a clientele of 700. Hawkins & Roberts recently acquired the W. C. Dyer Insurance agency of Eugene. The Emory Insurance agency of Eugene. They employ a surety bond expert which places them in a position to handle all classes of insurance service.

A real estate department with membership on the Salem Realty board, because of connection with insurance and loan companies, is able to offer real estate values. Another feature of importance to investors is the effort to maintain a market for local securities. Hawkins & Roberts is the only firm which does this, in Salem.

Miller's Store is Remodeled; Job Large One of '31

In downtown Salem the most important construction work was the remodeling of Miller Mercantile company building. This work which was very extensive was carried on with a minimum of disturbance to the handling of regular trade. In the fall a grand opening was held.

Changes included interior remodeling and redecorating. New fixtures were installed, departments rearranged, and the entire store modernized. New entrances to men's department, to the basement and new stairway leading to second floor ready-to-wear department were put in. Offices are relocated on the mezzanine floor of the main store room.

Marion county ranked first in the state in 1931 in its crop plantings with a total of 34,406 acres and the yield was 35 1/2 bushels to the acre. Linn county ranked in 1929, second in the state with 34,546, with an average of 35.1 bushels to the acre.

The oat acreage in Marion county was about 6,000 less than in 1924.

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Improvements Noted at Silverton During Past Year

Several Buildings Erected; saw Mill has Steady run; Flour Shipped to China

SILVERTON, Dec. 31.—There isn't a town clock at Silverton. If there were its hands would have, when poor, struggling 1931 goes out to meet the more smiling 1932, considerable of interest to add to the annals of Silverton history. And the story would be one of beauty and courage, of courage and cowardice, of success and failure—with perhaps more beauty and courage and a wee bit more success than sordidness, cowardice and failure.

One cannot pass over the old year—much as one would like—without a mention of the murder on May 2 of H. J. Iverson, Silverton's night patrolman. In that story alone, were the clock to talk.

BIG PAPER MILL RUNS STEADILY

Output in 1931 Tops Year Before; 4 Machines run 3 Shifts Daily

Despite reversals and slumps in other lines of business during 1931, the Oregon Pulp and Paper company, Salem's largest single industry, has shown an increase in production, Karl W. Heinlein, resident manager reports. The daily capacity of the mill is 220,000 pounds, which has been averaged throughout the year.

The increase in production has been made possible through the running of four Froudinier machines, Heinlein declared. About 400 men have been employed daily, working in three shifts. The annual payroll amounts to approximately \$600,000.

Several varieties of paper are manufactured by the local plant. They include watermarked and unwatermarked bond, bleached and unbleached sulphite, posting ledger paper, glassine and grease-proof paper, and many light-weight specialties. In addition to providing employment for many family men in Salem, the Oregon Pulp and Paper company keeps many busy in the county supplying raw material. It is estimated that approximately \$1,500,000 is spent annually for raw materials, chiefly wood. The mill is one of the units of the Columbia River Paper company. Other plants are located at Vancouver, Washington, and Los Angeles, Calif. A number of Salem residents are investors in the securities of the company.

The products of the local plant are sold in all parts of the United States, and exported to Asia, South America, Australia and Europe.

No major improvements in the local plant are anticipated during 1932, Mr. Heinlein said. The annex, long planned for the local plant, will not be built on a portion of Trade street vacated for that purpose by the city council, the company decided late last fall. When it does build, it will build on property of its own, the company decided after the council ordered construction by a certain date.

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would be unfolded sordidness and cowardice in those who sought rob and ended in murder. But also there would be a greater story of beauty and courage in the manner in which Officer Iverson always carried out his work while on duty, and how Silverton's officials, unmindful of their own danger, have unflinchingly sought to bring to justice the perpetrators.

Park Recognized The Clock would rejoice with Silverton that a dream long dreamed has now become a reality and the beauty of the Silver Creek Falls area will not be destroyed for individual gain but will be unmolested for those of the present and the future as it has for those of the past. For in 1931 the Silver Creek Falls country was made a State park.

The Clock might comment on the success of the Silverton chamber of commerce—a success which includes among its outstanding events of the year a community picnic in the Silverton park, a corn and poultry show, and the securing of the 1932 state convention of granges for Silverton.

All of these things are among the events that even the second and the minute hands, in their rapid passing would have time to notice.

Service Station Built But the hour hand, in its slower and more precise movements, would have noticed many of the smaller things. A grocery store went out, it would tell you, in December another came to take its place. A super-service station was built on East Oak street and P. Nofsker greatly improved his garage on North Water street. A small coffee shop was opened on South Water street and a restaurant on the corner of First and Oak streets. A garage was opened in a building standing idle for sometime. The sawmill has run as long as it did a year ago.

Fischer's Flouring mill has been filling a portion of the north-west's order of flour for the Orient. The Warehouse Service Corporation has shipped considerable hope to England. Approximately 50 farm properties in the Silverton country have changed hands. Silverton's Isaac Walton League has received considerable attention for its work in caring for and releasing pheasants. A former Silverton school boy—Lloyd Haberly—has received international recognition for his poems published in England—and so on and on.

And with every tick of the clock, which is said to go too slowly for those who wait and too rapidly for those who fear, Silvertonians are glad that they are not in the Dakotas or in Manchuria—or most anywhere else.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
1932
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LOWER-PRICED FRUITS CANNED

Hunt Bros. Blacks Output By 52%; Coldpack up bit From 1930 Production

Hunt Brothers Packing company, 165 Division street, one of Salem's largest canneries, showed a 25 per cent decrease in production in 1931. W. G. Allen, manager, reported. The plant here is one of many located on the coast, with the company's main offices in California. Allen is northern ern division manager; other plants being located at Sumner, Wash., and Albany, Ore.

Of the three northern canneries, the Salem plant puts up more berries than the rest. During the past year, however, a considerable decrease was made in the canning of berries, Allen said. The tendency was, he said, to cut down on the canning of any of the higher-priced fruits and put up more of the lower-priced varieties. Hunt Brothers was one of the few canneries showing an increase in the number of cases of prunes canned.

As with other Salem canneries, the production of coldpack remained the same, if not a little better than in 1930. The volume of business for this type of canned fruit is steady, Allen said.

Plans for 1932 do not call for any new construction or installation of machinery, the manager said. It is hoped that the spring and summer will see production back to normalcy, he declared. The plant will re-open in May with the canning of gooseberries.

NEW LIGHTS BRING 'MILLS' PLEASURE

By MRS. W. T. HOGG SCOTTS MILLS, Dec. 31.—Scotts Mills like many other localities has not thrived a great deal. Several new families have moved in, some coming from the east.

Ingvald Edland of the Monitor feed mills, has put in a feed store this fall, with Russel Moberg in charge, and is a great convenience to the farmers in this vicinity, as before they had to go to Silverton or Mt. Angel for feed or to have chopping done.

The electric light line has been extended one mile toward Crooked Finger, serving three more families.

B. L. Schmidt has built an addition on to his house, which makes it a very modern home, and has also built a new goat shed.

A new stove has been put in the gymnasium which improves it considerably. Hundreds of cords

Outlook Held Bright for Linen Mills; Both Working Regularly

Miles Plant on 3-Shift Basis; Salem Mills, Reopened, Going Two Shifts Daily

A note of keen optimism was sounded by F. J. Gilbraith, manager of the Miles Linen company and Salem Linen Mills, when asked by The Statesman what the 1932 prospects were for Salem's flax and linen industries. Prospects for the Salem Linen Mills were particularly bright, he said.

The Miles Linen company is running 24 hours a day, employing three shifts for a total employment of 70. Present conditions indicate that this schedule will be maintained for the next several months, at least, Mr. Gilbraith said. The Salem Linen Mills have been running two shifts in the weaving department and one shift in the others.

Production capacity at the Miles plant is 200,000 pounds of finished product annually.

It takes about two pounds of fabric to make one pound of finished goods. Mr. Gilbraith said. The 1931 output of Miles showed a slight increase over the 1930 figure. Capacity of the Salem Linen Mills is considerably larger, being placed at 1,000,000 pounds annually. Since the company was re-organized and operations resumed July 1, about 100,000 pounds have been spun. Orders being received lead Mr. Gilbraith to predict within the next six months, the Salem Linen Mills will be running up to full capacity, which will mean the addition of many more employees.

Every product manufactured at the two plants is 100 per cent flax and 100 per cent Oregon flax. The majority of it being grown in this vicinity. The output of both mills are sold through brokers and direct. Four principal products are made, yarns, twines, toweling—both crash and duck—and drapery cloth. During the Christmas season just past, many hundreds of guest towels and luncheon sets were sold for gifts, all manufactured at the Salem Linen Mills' plant.

In addition to the re-organiza-

tion of wood has been cut in this vicinity and most of it hauled to Salem.

W. T. Hogg sold some alder and maple to Portland to a furniture factory.

LIKE MISSISSIPPI The prairie districts of the Willamette valley resemble in soil and general appearance the prairies of the Mississippi valley.

JEFFERSON REGION MAKING PROGRESS

Large Acreage set out to Strawberries; Some of Buildings Replaced

By NETTIE REEVES

JEFFERSON, Dec. 31.—In looking over the year 1931, we find that the city of Jefferson and surrounding community, have made some progress in spite of the depression.

A number of farmers in this district have set out large acreages in strawberries, and other berries as well. Some of the above named farmers are: A. A. Miller, Walter Kihns, W. H. Bell, Joe Yagelski and Hubert Conn.

In town, a number of dilapidated buildings have been torn down and replaced with new ones.

The old Raife building on Ferry and Main streets has been razed and Knight Bros. have begun the erection of a new and up to date garage and service station. On the corner of Hazel street and the highway, the Cobb Manufacturing Co., is erecting its new plant, and the frame work is practically completed.

Frank Glaser's new house near the north city limits of Jefferson is nearing completion. It is built of brick, is of English type, and modern throughout.

Three new pumps have been installed at the Terminal Service station, by McKee Bros. Another service station and garage has been built during the year, near the north city limits, by Mr. Wilson of Portland.

Another old house on Ferry street, near the river will soon be razed and a modern new house of stucco will take its place.

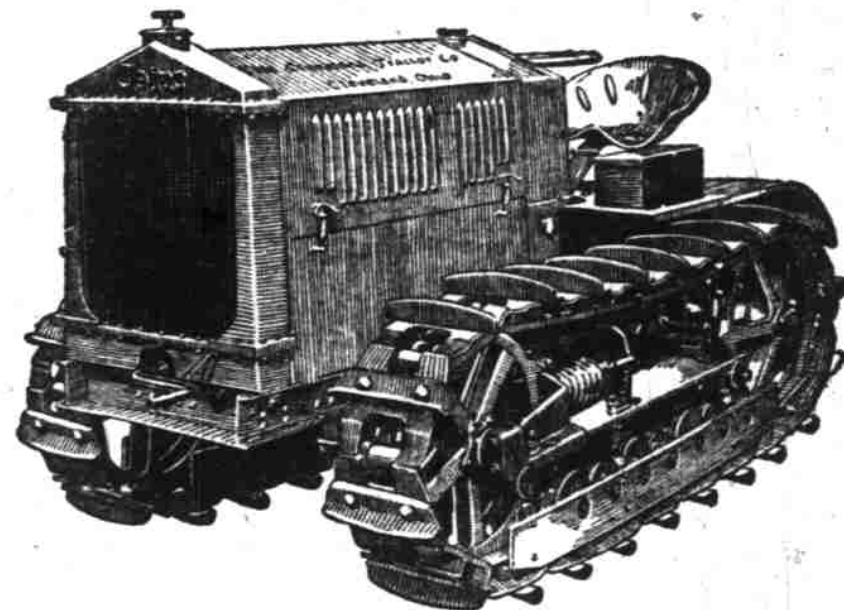
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