

Publication of 1890's Reflects Hard Times, Rock Bottom Prices

Hard times in the Willamette valley in the 1890's are graphically reflected in an old issue of The Northwest Pacific Farmer, a weekly farm newspaper published in Portland and circulated widely in this area.

The issue is that of Aug. 10, 1893. It contains a number of references to the "hard times," over the nation. One full page ad is for a sale of damaged dry goods from a clipper ship. The ad banners scream "Banks Busted! Hard Times!"

It goes on to list such bargains as "ladies fast black drop stitch hose, 9 cents per pair; ladies fancy colored seamless hose, 19 cents per pair; French woven corsets, 35 cents per pair; ventilating summer corsets, 45 cents; ladies sets collars and cuffs, 5 cents per set; curling irons, 7 cents each; men's fancy negligee overshirts, 35 cents, and men's silk four-in-hand ties, 15 cents."

Other ads praised "double chloride of gold tablets," guaranteed to cure the "tobacco habit, drunkenness and morphine habit." Another display featured an "improved surprise steam fruit drier."

The produce market accounts showed Oregon fancy creamery butter at 22½ to 25 cents per pound and eggs at 20 cents per dozen. Another item says "Pacific coast hops hold at 19 to 22 cents in New York. A few bales of new hops are reported from California at 18 to 25 cents per pound."

A food ad showed five pounds of coffee selling for \$1.15; 10 pounds rolled oats, 40 cents; a can of salmon, 15 cents and 10 pounds rice, 50 cents.

Other items in the papers showed that Oregon fruit growers were up in arms because California growers were labeling Oregon fruit as their own; that 1,000 white hop pickers were wanted at Butteville; and that Oregon farmers were greatly occupied with fruit-raising.

A number of references to the hard times, is made. One article said "things point to a prosperous fair considering the financial stringency." An editorial warned the citizens that when times are hard, "they should not squander their money on traveling circuses" but should clothe their children and pay their debts.

One of the results of the hard times was, the inability of poorer farmers to get wheat sacks. "One closing out sale listed double barrel breech loading shotguns at \$8 and new model Winchester rifles at \$10."

Truman Accepts Bruce Resignation

WASHINGTON, April 19—(AP)—President Truman "reluctantly" accepted today the resignation of James Bruce as expeditor of the European arms aid program, reviving speculation that the wealthy businessman—diplomat may be recalled later for a top ambassadorial assignment.

The White House announcement made no reference to Bruce's future plans, saying merely that he will quit as military aid director May 1.

PORTERFIELD HURT

BOSTON, April 19—(AP)—Bob Porterfield, New York Yankee who was hit in the left shin by a batted ball yesterday, was hobbling on crutches today. First two X-ray pictures failed to show a fracture but Porterfield, out most of last season with arm injuries, complains of considerable pain.

New Medicine, Terramycin, Cures Nineteen Different Diseases; Surpasses Penicillin

By Howard W. Blakeslee
Associated Press Science Editor

BOSTON, April 19—(AP)—The new medicine, terramycin, tried on its first 300 sick persons, has cured 10 different diseases.

This record was reported to the American College of Physicians today by Dr. Chester S. Keefer, Boston. It was compiled from records of doctors in various parts of the country.

Terramycin is the newest of the antibiotics. Penicillin was the first of these medicines. The newest is a relative of streptomycin, and it comes from a thread-shaped fungus.

In the first tests this new antibiotic seems to cover a wider range of diseases than penicillin. The 19 diseases are not all for which ter-

Battered Tug Taken in Tow

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19—(AP)—Pitching from side to side, the battered tug Omar was towed toward San Francisco today.

The crew was in high spirits after a battle with mountainous waves that knocked out their engines and lost them at sea for nearly nine days.

The whole superstructure of the 60-foot tugboat was at times under water during the storm Monday last week, which interrupted the Omar's voyage from Honolulu to San Francisco.

The six crew men told coast guardsmen on the towboat—the Cutter Chautauqua—they could not sleep below decks, because of the water, which had to be pumped out by hand.

So they took turns sleeping in the pilot house between meals of soup and other liquid refreshments—all they had the last five days.

The Chautauqua was moving east at eight knots.

The tugboat is owned by the Columbian Supply Co., of Portland, Ore. It and the cutter are expected to arrive here Friday.

Colorado Claims Concrete Example Of a Ghost Town

FLORENCE, Colo.—(INS)—Colorado has one concrete example of a ghost town.

Concrete, Colo., built on the banks of the Arkansas river near Florence in 1903 was supposed to last 100 years.

The buildings have now gone 47 years of their century span, but since the 1920s the structures have been populated only by memories.

Each building from roof to floor, was built of concrete by the United States Portland cement company. Structures in the town included mills, batching tanks, elevators and homes.

The ideal cement company soon bought a controlling interest in the firm, including the town.

This solidity was supposed to last as a concrete community for some one hundred years, but along came the Sherman anti-trust act.

Uncle Sam decided the ideal company was a monopoly and ordered the firm to sell Concrete, Colorado.

There were no bidders for the plant and it was closed in 1927.

Machinery remaining in the buildings at the beginning of World War II was sold as scrap or moved away. Some of the motors and other equipment were moved to the ideal company's plant at Portland, three miles to the west to aid in producing war materials.

At that time, some of the homes, built of concrete blocks, were pulled down to furnish construction materials elsewhere, but other structures, built of reinforced concrete will continue to stand for a long time.

Politicos Rap Hall; Speaker Post Centered

PORTLAND, April 19—(AP)—Two political candidates slung arrows at former Republican Governor John H. Hall today.

State Rep. Gerald Wade, a candidate for the state legislature from Lincoln county, charged that Hall was attempting to "dominate" him.

Howard Morgan, Monmouth, democratic candidate for state labor commissioner, contended that Hall was supporting Democratic Candidate Walter Pearson for the governorship.

Wade said Hall offered to support Wade's candidacy if the latter would not support State Rep. Giles L. French as speaker of the house.

"I regarded the letter as an effort to dominate me," said Wade. "I haven't answered it, and I am supporting French."

Hall said frankly that he had written "Beat French" letters, but denied a report that he was supporting Rep. John F. Steelhammer of Salem for the speakership.

(Steelhammer said at Salem 18 representatives already had pledged their votes. Thirty-one would be required.)

"I'm not supporting anybody for the speakership," he said. "I'm just out to beat French. I've served with French, and I don't think he's the man to conduct a harmonious session."

The night before, Morgan declared that State Treasurer Pearson "is openly being advocated and supported for governor by the John Hall wing of the republican party and the Tom Mahoney wing of the democratic party."

We cannot let (our party) become the tool of such factions as these," Howard himself favors Pearson's opponent, Austin Flegel.

Cherryland Fete Queen Selection Set

Salem's 1950 Cherryland Festival queen will be chosen tonight at the annual Blossom ball sponsored by the Salem Cherrians at the Crystal Gardens ballroom.

The queen, who will succeed Patricia O'Connor, Sacred Heart student who reigned last year, will be picked from the Cherryland princesses court which was selected last week in ceremonies at Salem high school.

Princesses include: Marlene Hartmann, St. Boniface high school at Sublimity; Patricia Mae Kirk, St. Paul; Martha Storruste, Silverton; Dwyann Anne Herberger, Sacred Heart academy of Salem; and Nancy Miller, Salem high school.

The queen will be selected between 10:45 p. m. and 11 p. m. Judging will be mainly on appearance, poise and personality.

In addition, new Cherrian officers will be installed at the dance. Claude Bird's orchestra will play.

The average person walks the equivalent of twice-around-the-globe in the course of a lifetime.

Fisherman's Luck?



Ten-year-old George Mittelholz of Omaha, Neb., holds back the tears as he watches a doctor (name unavailable) remove a fishhook from his hand but "Goosh, it'd make a big man cry." In 20 minutes of fishing at one of Omaha's municipal park pools George hooked one fish and himself. At the county hospital where the hook was removed George announced he was giving up fishing for a while now that baseball season is here. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Budenz Flies to Capitol on Eve Of Test Hearing Before Senate

WASHINGTON, April 19—(AP)—Former communist leader Louis F. Budenz flew to Washington today on the eve of a heralded "stand or fall" test of Senator McCarthy's charges of communism in the state department.

Budenz is scheduled to testify tomorrow before a senate subcommittee, headed by Chairman Tydings (D-Md), which has been looking into McCarthy's sweeping allegations.

McCarthy has billed Budenz as a star witness and said Budenz will swear he knew Owen J. Lattimore, a longtime state department consultant on far east affairs, to be a member of the communist party.

Lattimore is expected to be on hand tomorrow to reply after Budenz testifies.

Now a Johns Hopkins university professor, Lattimore has sworn he was never a communist and has denounced McCarthy as a liar for calling him the No. 1 Soviet spy in the United States.

Meanwhile, informed aides at Capitol Hill indicated that J. V. Huber of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., who says he worked as an FBI undercover agent in the communist party's top circles from 1938 to 1947, is one of two secret witnesses McCarthy wants subpoenaed.

McCarthy asked the Tydings committee yesterday to summon the two men, whom he described as former FBI operatives.

The republican Wisconsin senator refused to disclose the identity of either man, but he is known to have studied a transcript of Huber's testimony last fall before a senate judiciary subcommittee.

Meanwhile, the hubbub over alleged reds in the government boiled over into the house today with these developments:

1. Rep. Dondero (R-Mich) told newsmen he is prodding the government to find out whether 202 state department employees who left that agency in the midst of a security probe have been hired in other federal jobs.

2. Rep. Miller (R-Neb) urged the house to tack a special " rider" on a pending bill to authorize summary firing of persons regarded as bad security risks—including homosexuals.

First Forest Fire Follows Heels of Melting Snow

BEND, April 19—(AP)—With the snow not yet gone, the forest fire season was upon central Oregon today.

The year's first fire was reported in the Cascade range five miles west of Bend. It swept 150 acres of young pines.

Only last week snow covered the entire area. In fact, the fire started near the present snow line, although cause was not determined.

DAV Chapter to Hear Employment Discussion

Employment placement of Marion county disabled veterans will be discussed by Charles Peterson at tonight's meeting of Salem chapter 6 DAV.

In addition, Jacob Ferder, chairman of the parks and recreation committee, will report to the chapter. The meeting is scheduled at 8 p. m. in the Salem Woman's club, 460 N. Cottage st.

Fish were shipped frozen in blocks of ice in 1868.

Baseball Tonight Salem Senators vs. Tacoma Tigers 8:15 P. M. Waters Field Box Seat Reservations Phone 3-4647

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LIBERTY NOW! OPENS 6:45 P. M. Jeanne Crain—Color "APT. FOR PEGGY" Donald O'Connor "Ferdin", "Fuzin", "Fightin'"

PIRATES OF CAPRI LOUIS HAYWARD Co-Hit! Is It Fact Or Fiction!

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