

EARLY HISTORY OF PRUNE INDUSTRY TOLD BY PIONEER

If you will look up the files of the Corvallis papers for 1858 you will find considerable discussion as to the advisability of planting commercial prune orchards, says Fred Lockley in the Portland Journal. One of the most ardent advocates of the prune industry at that time was Bob Johnson. The agitation of the leading men of the city is separate to plant a commercial orchard. The promoters suggested that 20 men take one share each at a cost of \$450, and that a 20-acre orchard be set out. So enthusiastic were the prospective prizegrowers that 16 men subscribed for 10 shares each, and it was decided to set out 160 acres. A choice quarter section midway between Corvallis and Albany was purchased, and a surveyor was employed to lay out the orchard so that the trees would be exactly 20 feet apart, making 105 trees to the acre.

First Prune Tree Planted.
A day or so ago I talked with the former secretary of the company, Bob Johnson, and asked him to give me the history of this orchard.
"We had more enthusiasm than knowledge of the prune industry in those days," said Mr. Johnson. "We purchased Italian prune trees at nine cents a tree and set them out. When the bill for the 17,280 prune trees came in, amounting to over \$1,500, we had an assessment of \$25 a share on our stock. As the payments for the land fell due we levied additional assessments. We hoped that we should never have to pay the full assessment of \$150 a share, but we were compelled to increase the price of shares from \$150 to \$200 a share to keep the enterprise out of debt. The first year we planted 100 acres of potatoes between the rows. We bought 500 bushels of seed potatoes at \$1 a bushel. We had a tremendous crop. Potatoes that fall were a drug on the market at 45 cents a bushel, so we didn't dig our potatoes."
"When the trees were five years old we employed Professor Lake, in charge of the horticultural department of the Oregon Agricultural college, to take charge of our orchard. We paid him \$150 a month. The following season we had a phenomenal crop. The trees were blue with prunes. Professor Lake traveled all over the Willamette valley investigating the various types of prune evaporators or dryers. He finally selected the Flickenstein, guaranteed to dry 100 bushels a day. We installed one, but because of our inexperience or for some other reason we were unable to take care of more than 50 bushels a day, the result being that the bulk of our crop rotted under the trees."

Shipped Fruit Green.
"The next year we decided to ship our prunes green and we realized \$400 a car for them. This, we thought, solved the problem. The next year we packed our green prunes in 22-pound crates, 1000 crates to the car, and shipped to nearloads and spent the next few weeks figuring where we could spend to best advantage the \$3500 we would receive. When the returns came we were told we owed \$324 for freight. In other words, we were out the labor and the crates and still owed \$324. That settled the question of shipping green prunes. We erected another dryer so as to be able to cure for our next year's crop. Hundreds of farmers had planted prune orchards and built dryers of all sorts. The result was that carloads of Oregon prunes were being dumped on the Eastern and Middle Western markets that were improperly dried. These shipments of messy, sticky, unsalable prunes gave the Oregon prune such a black eye that the price went down to 2 1/2 cents a pound and stayed there for several years."

Secured the Orchard.
"We had to levy an extra assessment on the stock of the company. The stockholders were fed up on prunes and refused to pay. We mortgaged the place to secure funds, and eventually the mortgage was foreclosed. For two or three years the orchard was neglected. I hated to see it suffering for

spraying, pruning and cultivating. I still had faith in the prune industry. I borrowed the money and bought it in 1911 for about \$100 an acre. They made me a low price because they figured I would have to grub out the prune trees before I could use the land. It has been money-maker from the start. In 1918 I made more than twice as much money on my crop as I paid for the place. "This fall I expect to have not less than 500,000 pounds of prunes, for which I will receive from 15 to 18 cents a pound. Pigs are pigs, and prunes are prunes, these days."

IN ENGLAND, H. C. L. ALSO MARKS BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS

London, March 4.—Wages continued to advance, hours of labor to shrink and the cost of living went higher than ever before in this country in 1919; according to the Labor Gazette.

"There was a marked reduction in 6,400,000 workers, with an aggregate reduction in weekly hours of 41,461,000," adds the paper. "This was an average reduction of six and one-half hours a week for each worker." Increases granted to 5,647,000 employees aggregated 2,111,000 lbs. a week.

There were in the year 1,413 trade disputes involving 2,570,000 workers, as a result of which they lost a total of 31,483,000 working hours.
The general level of retail prices at the end of 1919 for food, rent, clothing, fuel and light was 125 per cent above that of July, 1914, according to the Gazette. This was an increase of five percent in the year.
On January 1, 1920, food stood at 136 per cent above pre-war retail prices.

Smith To Attempt One-Day Flight Of Pacific Coast

Seattle, Wash., March 4.—Major Albert D. Smith, United States army aviator, today received permission from Washington, D. C., to attempt a one day flight from Camp Lewis, Tacoma, to San Diego. Major Smith, who is at Camp Lewis, will over the telephone today that he would start at daybreak tomorrow.
Stops will be made for fuel, oil and water at Eugene, Red Bluff, San Francisco, Fresno and possibly Los Angeles. Arrangements will be made for quick service at the stopping points.
Major Smith will attempt the flight in a DeHavilland plane. In a recent flight to Seattle from San Diego he used a Sopwith machine. In coming north he was seven and one-half hours in the air between San Francisco and Seattle.

Public Forum

Editor Journal:
On behalf of dog owners and friends of animals I wish to thank your paper for consideration shown our campaign for better laws on regulation of dogs. I am fighting for the rights of the poorest child or family to have a dog or other pets, without unreasonable dictation from a legislature or city council or intruding the rights of other people. There are a few rich people and large land owners who want no one should have a dog. They have a right to their personal views, and to not keep a dog if they see fit, but they have no right to dictate to others in this matter. The old sneer of the poorest people having the most dogs was completely answered by the Saviour in the parable of Lazarus and the rich man. Lazarus was a friend of dogs and in his greatest poverty when abandoned by all human beings, his dog stayed with him and licked his sores. But he was taken up to Abraham's bosom and the rich man remained in torment. With five laws governing the keeping of dogs and the new state law the most vicious of all, one would think we were living in an aristocracy

of aided gentry, where the poor man or woman had no right to exist, or to keep a dog unless he could hire him led about on a leash. Under our city laws no poor man can keep a dog for his family. He and the dog are outlawed unless they keep the animal constantly chained. Under our city and state law no sportsman can keep a bird dog for shooting in season. That royal privilege is reserved for the wealthy land owner. Yet in the city of Portland \$695 dogs pay a city license and have their freedom, and Portland hunters range over the entire valley in pheasant and duck shooting season. If the cruel state law is upheld by the courts, which requires that a dog shall wear a steel muzzle the moment he is off the owner's premises, no one in the state can use a hunting dog. Those who want Salem a closed town to dogs can go to any large city in the west, or to any state and find no such cruel legislation. If the present city law stands and the state law recently enacted by the legislature is upheld, night as well as day a fence around Salem and write on it in big letters—dog owners and lovers of sports not wanted in the Capital City.
—COL. E. HOEPER.

THRIFT ENDS IN SUICIDE

San Francisco, Mar. 4.—Charles Peterson, an elevator operator who committed suicide here recently, left to relatives in San Francisco and in Sweden an estate of \$40,000, the accumulation of a life time of thrift.

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Conference Report On Deficiency Bill Accepted Today

Washington, March 4.—After a stormy debate today the senate voted 33 to 27 to accept the conference report on the urgent deficiency bill. The conference eliminated a number of items from the senate bill, including \$3,000,000 for the repair of naval vessels.

Democratic senators vigorously opposed the conferees' action in yielding to the insistence of the house against the naval items. Senator Gay, democrat, Louisiana, said elimination of the appropriation was "false economy" as many dreadnaughts, cruisers, and smaller naval craft were out of commission because of lack of funds to repair them.
Senator Phelan, democrat, California, declared the cut would throw 14,000 skilled navy yard workers out of work and would scatter them throughout the country ruining navy yard organization and efficiency. The report already has been adopted by the house.

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OUR STATEMENT

No. 58.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

Salem Bank of Commerce

At Salem, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business February 28, 1920.

Resources.	
Loans and discounts	\$334,223.88
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	3,705.84
Bonds and warrants	283,574.54
Banking house	24,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	2,400.00
Due from approved reserve banks	168,294.56
Checks and other cash items	6,500.39
Exchanges for clearing house	5,095.36
Cash on hand	42,269.14
TOTAL	\$870,963.70
Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	560.39
Individual deposits subject to check	646,760.09
Cashier checks outstanding	19,532.49
Certified checks	248.18
Time and Savings Deposits	143,762.56
TOTAL	\$870,963.70

State of Oregon, county of Marion, ss.
I, H. V. Compton, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
H. V. COMPTON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of March, 1920.
ROY F. SHIELDS, Notary Public.
My commission expires June 17th, 1920.

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