

Logan and all Other Markets Good, Is Report

Requests for fresh loganberries in lots of 20,000 barrels and over, is reported by R. C. Paulus, sales manager of the Oregon Growers association as one of the incidents of his recent trip to the east. The fresh fruit as shipped by the refrigerator process is very popular, he found. Mr. Paulus reports he was obliged to delay any action in accepting these proffers, because of uncertain estimates prior to blossom time.

His visit to the market cities of the central and eastern states impressed Mr. Paulus with two facts. One is that the frenzy of reckless spending prevalent in the east, augurs well for western fruit growers. The popular demand, according to Mr. Paulus' observation, is for luxuries of all kinds, fancy and staple fruits being one of these mediums.

The second observation made by the fruit salesman is that prohibition is aiding in the drive on the fruit markets. There is a terrific demand for raisins in all parts of the country, but especially in the eastern states. Observers attribute this to the Sahara slogan "Put a raisin in it." Although dried berries of all kinds are reported to be in popular demand by the home beverage makers, the raisin from the wine grape is the most popular of all. Mr. Paulus reports that the wine grape growers of California are jubilant over the ready market encountered. Another popular use for the wine raisin is in jelly and pastry manufacture.

Mr. Paulus states that the outlook for all varieties of berries is very good. Just how prices will materialize is a very uncertain factor at the present time. Another factor to be considered is the present crop, the sales manager asserting that this will play an important part in price establishment in all lines.

"The demand for the northwestern box apple is increasing rapidly from the east," states Mr. Paulus, "the line is as popular with retailers as with wholesale men and jobbers, the ultimate distributors find that the boxed fruit runs better as to quality and in variety of selection is easier to handle than the barrel product."

The Oregon Growers representative found the eastern prune market to be slowly recovering from a serious decline caused by the drop in foreign exchange rates. This slump had caused the unloading of large quantities of the fruit upon the New York market. However this was gradually absorbed in local channels and at the present time prunes are apparently regaining their former high level. Larger sizes in this line are advancing according to late quotations.

That the smaller sized grades are moving well is attributed by Mr. Paulus to the advertising campaign inaugurated about three months ago by California growers. In order to test their advertising mediums, a five pound package of the smaller sized fruit was placed upon the market. These were absorbed so quickly that the growers were compelled to arrange for other supplies in order to meet the newly aroused demand.

Judging from reports received since his return, Mr. Paulus states that he expects a good general fruit yield this coming season, present indications being that the first discouraging aspect of the unusual frost tends to warrant a more optimistic outlook.

J. S. Day of Jasper, Lane county, is exhibiting a flying squirrel, which he recently caught.

Salem Enters Big Contest to Keep Down Fire Losses

Salem, through arrangements made by Chief Harry Hutton, of the fire department, has entered into the Pacific coast fire prevention contest for the Thomas H. Ince cup. Mr. Hutton announced today. All principal cities in Oregon, California, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, British Columbia, Manila and the Hawaiian Islands are entering in the race, which will be staged between April 1 and 14. These two weeks are known as National Safety Weeks, and constitute the period during which the contest will be on.

The cup will be awarded to the city in which fire chief's report is shown the smallest fire losses, the fewest fire alarms and calls, the minimum actual fires, and the least loss of life from fires. Other requirements of less importance are cited in the rules of the contest.

How to Win Told

"If Salem wins this cup," Chief Hutton said today, "it must clean up. There is only one way to get it and that is to eliminate all fire hazards. Where there are no fire hazards," he added, "there can be no fire."

Chief Hutton strongly urged every business man to clean up his premises at once, and recommends that all citizens take unusual precautions toward fire prevention.

The size of the city will make no difference in the contest, according to the regulations. In fact, the smaller city has better chances of winning the cup than the larger one because of the lesser chances for fire.

Reasons are Shown

Advancing as a reason why the contest is being put on Fire Chief Hutton has received data showing the great amount of loss by fire in the United States in the past year. According to reports the total fire loss in the United States last year was \$390,000,000; or \$1400 a minute. The annual amount of money expended for teachers salaries in the United States is given as \$264,732,265, showing that fire losses cost the people of the nation more than is being paid for the education of young America. The statements assert that if proper fire prevention is observed the \$400,000,000 paid annually for the upkeep of fire departments would be greatly lessened.

Commercial Club Offers Prize In Planting Scheme

That the people of Salem might take a keener interest in the beauty of the city and lend a hand in the general movement to make Salem the City Beautiful, the Commercial club announced today that three pretty loving cups will be given as prizes for the best efforts made along this line. The decision to give the prizes was reached through an agreement with the City Beautiful society.

Although rules governing the contest have not yet been made it was said that tentative arrangements call for the "most beautiful, artistically arranged and permanent" improvement. Definite requirements and on what terms the awards will be made, are expected to be announced later.

The postoffice at North Bend, which has outgrown its present quarters, is to be moved May 1 to a new location in the building adjoining the First National bank.

Coquille Youth Held In Portland For Passing Check

Portland, Or., Mar. 30.—Gordon Nelson of Coquille, Or., is in the county jail here today charged with having issued a worthless check for \$175 drawn on the First National bank of Medford and cashed by the Northwestern National bank of Portland.

Nelson, according to information in the hands of the sheriff, has passed spurious checks in several Oregon towns.

Germans Further Propaganda Here By Asking Help

Furthering an insidious propaganda, for which they were noted during the world war, even during peace times, Germans are sending pitiful appeals to all parts of the United States for aid. This became known here with the receipt today by City Recorder Race of a letter, addressed "To the Magistrate of Salem (State of Oregon), U. S. of America" today. Another letter, the text of which is similar to that received by the city recorder, the only difference being that it was typewritten, has been received by the German Baptist church here.

In the opinion of Mr. Race, and others, the Germans hope, through touching the hearts of America by their pleas, to bleed the financial resources of the country. Attention to their requests is being strongly discouraged.

The text of the letter received by Mr. Race today reads:

"Hamburg, 3rd March, 1920.—Dear Sir: I come as a beggar to you. And deeply I feel ashamed about this. But the whole Germany is a beggar now and only America can help us. I am sure, in your city there will be a good-hearted family that likes to help a poor honorable German family in misery, but has no dress. I myself do not know anybody in the U. S. A. and so I take the liberty in troubling you.

"Only the dreadful condition of my small children lets take me heart to appeal to your big-heartedness in helping us. You believe me, dear sir, if I declare, its too hard for parents here, to see how their children are weeping with hunger and cold and you can't give them a bit of bread or anything. And please, look for this, how it is to make 4 persons of my family to live by 4 pounds of potatoes and 8 pounds (German weight) of bread the whole week. This is, you can get on your cards. Milk and eggs and other necessary things my children have't got in years. There is no grease, no butter to be paid.

And now about clothing! I am not able to buy anything, because prices rush from day to day and the price of a complete suit of clothes is about marks 2500-3000, a pair of boots costs marks 300—now and so on.

During the whole war time I could not buy any a piece and so we are ragged—now! The prices for every matter have reached a fantastical height and are still rising.

For the whole winter I have got on my cards only 10 hundred-weights (German) of bad brickets (not coats) and I paid an exorbitant price.

But we have no warmth.

A good word says: "He who gives sir, I heartily beg you and your friends send some parcels with ailments quick, will give double." And so, dear (food) or send some few dollars in bank-bills, because I was told, one dollar is worth about marks 30 here and so you can bring great help with small money.

I know, the American people is big-hearted and lends its ear and its hand to the appeal of suffering people and so I hope, your help comes not too late and thankfulness will fill our hearts, that there are still good people in the world.

Hoping I did't do a vain request I have the honour to be very respectfully, sir,

Yours truly,
H. KUSTER,
Hasselbrookstr. 2W., Hamburg, Germany."

Patriotism Given As Deportation Cause On Stand

Tombstone, Ariz., Mar. 30.—In explaining his principal motive in deporting the 1,185 striking copper miners and their sympathizers from Bisbee, July 12, 1917, Captain Harry C. Wheeler, at that time sheriff of Cochise county today told the jury trying Harry E. Wootton on a charge of kidnapping in connection with the deportations that he would have been willing to "sink the entire Bisbee district to the bottom of the sea" for his country.

FEW ORIENTALS BECAME CITIZENS OF CANADA

Ottawa, Mar. 30.—Only 106 Japanese and 25 Chinese have become Canadian citizens by naturalization, although the immigration of the two nationalities has been fairly steady since 1911, according to information furnished the house of commons by the secretary of state. The last census showed that 9021 Japanese and 27,774 Chinese resided in the Dominion.

CONFERENCE TO SETTLE STRIKE SET FOR FRIDAY

New York, Mar. 30.—A conference to settle the longshoremen's strike that has tied up shipping along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts has been called by Secretary of Labor Wilson to meet Friday morning in Washington.

Jack Johnson Is At Line Ready to Enter The States

Valexico, Cal., Mar. 30.—Jack Johnson, former world's champion heavyweight pugilist, arrived at Mexicali, adjoining Calexico but across the international line in Mexico, early today. Johnson was accompanied by his wife, his nephew and his wife's maid. He came direct from Mexico City and was carrying a passport purporting to have been issued by the United States embassy at Mexico City.

Johnson began negotiations today for a fight at Mexicali in the near future. He also signed an agreement today to give an exhibition boxing match at Mexicali next Sunday at which time members of the Elks from many cities are expected in Calexico to attend the dedication of a new lodge building. Johnson said he expected to return to the United States and "get squared" with the federal authorities soon.

Johnson said he expected to go direct to Chicago when he re-entered the United States and endeavor to have the charges against him disposed of. He said he would then take up his former occupation of boxing and would sign to spend the rest of his life in the United States.

After starting negotiations for a boxing match here, Johnson arranged to go to Tijuana next Monday where he hopes to meet J. W. Crofford, fight promoter and sign for two or three

boats in Lower California to be put on before he goes across the line.

Los Angeles County To Increase Wages

Los Angeles, Cal., March 30.—The supervisors of Los Angeles county have named a committee of five county officers who will prepare a new salary schedule for all employees of the county to enable the workers to meet increased living costs.

Tentative estimates were that about \$5,000,000 annually will be added to the pay rolls, of which about one-half will be allotted to increased salaries for teachers.

Cook county has received a check for \$122,141 in payment of back taxes on forfeited timber lands.

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