

Strange Disease in Logan Yards Puzzles Experts

By S. H. Van Tassell

During the past few months many loganberry growers in this section have complained concerning the failure of plants to send up the new annual crop of canes. In one of the best and most productive yards in the Salem section, 30 per cent of the plants failed to put out the new canes last summer and of these plants that did come, nearly 30 per cent show feeble and diseased growth this spring.

A peculiar fact in regard to the disease is that, while the crown of the plant dies and begins to decay, almost immediately, the roots in all cases so far examined, seem to be perfectly healthy.

In one case where a grower removed the dead crown last fall, the tap root developed a new crown and sent up a fine growth of healthy canes this spring.

The anomalous fact about the situation is that the well-cared-for yards, especially those growing on rich moist soil seem to be more susceptible to the injury than neglected yards growing on hill land. At the present time, little or nothing is known of the active cause of the disease.

Specimens of diseased hills have been shipped from Kiser Bottom for inspection at O. A. C. Lime and sulphur have been applied as a remedial agent by the grower. Theoretical causes for the injury have been suggested: frost, drought and excessive water in soil during winter months being the most prominent causes suggested.

Carranza Falls Into Rebel Hands Dispatches Say

Washington, May 10.—Capture of President Carranza by the Mexican revolutionists is announced by the Mexico City newspapers, according to reports received here late today.

Washington, May 10.—Ygnacio Bonillas, former Mexican ambassador to the United States, has been captured, according to reports in the Mexico City newspapers received here today.

Wheat Status In States Are Shown

Washington, May 10.—Acreage of winter wheat May 1 and the forecast of production based on May 1 condition and acreage (both in thousands, i. e., thousands omitted) by important states include:

Washington, 735 and 15,765.
Oregon, 693 and 14,345.
Production of rye is forecast at 79,789,000 bushels compared with 88,478,000 last year and 91,041,000 in 1918.

The condition of rye was 85.1 per cent of a normal compared with 86.8 on April 1, 95.4 on May 1 last year and 90.3 the ten years May 1 average.

The condition of meadow (hay) lands was 82.4 per cent of a normal, the expected hay acreage about 71,752,000 acres and the production forecast 111,431,000 tons compared with 108,666,000 tons last year.

Stocks of hay on farms May 1 were 11,375,000 tons against 8,559,000 tons last year on May 1.

Spring plowing was 60.1 per cent completed and spring planting was 50.2 per cent completed May 1.

Bluebeard Gets Life Sentence; Confession Aids

Los Angeles, Cal., May 10.—James P. Watson, who confessed the murder of seven women, was today sentenced to life imprisonment at San Quentin prison by Judge Frank R. Willis of the Los Angeles county superior court. The sentence followed Watson's plea of guilty to the murder of Nina Lee Deoney, entered last week. Sentence was pronounced at 11:25. Watson applied for a stay of execution until May 15 which was granted by Judge Willis.

The sentence was passed on the recommendation of District Attorney Thomas Le Woolwine, who told the court that conviction could not have been secured, a view in which the judge said he concurred. He complimented the sheriff and district attorney on their conduct throughout the entire case.

The defendant was so weak from his self-inflicted wounds and from his nervous tension that he was permitted to keep his seat throughout the proceedings.

Four alienists, two named by the court and two by the district attorney were heard. The court's experts expressed the view that Watson was not entirely normal mentally, but said he thoroughly understood what he had done. The other alienists said they believed he was practically normal.

The evidence presented at the hearing by Deputy Sheriff Counts brought out the complete published list of murders laid to Watson and added an eighth, Mrs. Marie Austin, who was said to have been drowned in Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. According to Counts' evidence, Watson told him he had thrown Mrs. Austin's body into the lake with a large rock attached.

In passing sentence Judge Willis said:

"Your crimes as recorded in this court are the most heinous in the annals of criminal jurisprudence. The reports made to me by physicians indicate you are physically and mentally unsound and that you are morally depraved."

Visitors Lose to Senators in Slow and Easy Contest

While Chet Hughes' Knights of Columbus team did not prove to be the wild, wild tigers anticipated, Sunday's game proved to be of more than usual interest to Salem fans, in that it proved that the Senators are getting into good shape. The score of 11 to 0 may be taken as a pretty fair indicator of the comparative strength of the two teams.

The visitors brought in one of the lowest quality twirling stiffs yet seen on Oxford field. Jacobberger, Barr, Van Hooson, Manning and Hughes were evidently the only baseball players with the visiting nine, and even these worthies, with the exception of Hughes and Van Hooson received error credits (?) Galvin pitched six innings for the visitors, facing 29 batters and retiring only six of these. When O'Dell replaced Galvin, the fans hoped for a lease of life, so far as first class play was concerned. However, the lengthy hurler let down the bars, letting in three runs and only striking out Nelson. Hubach was rushed in the eighth inning and the batter was given new impetus. All taken in one sad survey, the visitors' signal failed to satisfy Salem fans. Manager Biddle Bishop feels that the Knights of Columbus team should be given credit for a sincere effort to

make good despite the handicap of recent organization. "And best remember that the Senators are getting better all the time" is Biddle's sum-up.

The record of the Salem boys for this game can be briefly summarized. At bat, 41; runs, 17; hits off Galvin, O'Dell and Hubach, 10 each; putouts, 26; 19 assists; one error by Nelson.

Cole pitched good ball, striking out nine K. C. willow widders. In his batting, the Salem pitcher made a good showing in common with Hayes, Proctor and Miller. These three landed on the sphere each time up. Davis and Burton supplied, the latter passing on base playing.

Conductor Puts Blame of Wreck Upon Engineer

Portland, Or., May 10.—Blame for the collision of two Southern Pacific electric trains near here yesterday which caused the death of eight persons and the injury of 35 others, five of them serious, was placed upon Motorman Silas K. Willett of the inbound train today by Austin Pharis, conductor of the same train. Pharis, swathed in bandages at a hospital, said that his train did stop at Bertha station, according to orders and that Willett knew of the order to meet the other train at the siding. Willett was killed in the wreck.

Pharis' statement is corroborated by three persons living near Bertha station, who say they saw the train stop, two of them declaring passengers boarded the train there. The siding is only a few hundred feet beyond the station and Pharis could not explain why Willett had continued past when he failed to see the outbound train on the sidings as has been the custom.

Coroner Karl Smith announced today that an inquest would be held tomorrow and would be in the nature of a joint inquiry, the Oregon public service commission participating. Of those injured, one was reported to be in a precarious condition today.

Sheriff Spoils Pretty Romance; Girl Too Young

Dallas, Or., May 10.—When Roy Hillard, of the Pedee country presented himself before the county clerk Saturday morning, accompanied by his bride-to-be, and asked for a marriage license, he found that it is not always smooth sailing for the little winged god. Previous to the arrival of the young couple, Sheriff Orr had informed the county clerk of their intentions and had given strict orders

Olcott Swamped With Pleas for 'Juice' Relief

Appeals for relief from the gasoline shortage are flooding the office of Governor Olcott today. A telegram from Astoria signed by seventeen business firms urges the governor to act immediately in supplying relief by discontinuing enforcement of the gasoline gravity law until the legislature meets next January. Astoria has less than five days supply of gasoline now on hand the message states. Fishing and canning industries are threatened with a tie up unless the three thousand fish boats and cannery tenders can be supplied.

"Our tractors are laid up for lack of gasoline and plowing is being held up," wires T. A. Sams, Jr., of The Dalles, member of the state board of horticulture. "We are better off with low gravity gasoline than without any."

Dr. C. J. Smith of Portland telephoned the governor this morning that a half dozen tractors which he was operating in eastern Oregon were laid up because of the lack of gasoline and prays for relief.

Governor Olcott stated this morning that he was agreed to any solution that might be reached at the Portland conference. State Treasurer Hoff, who is entrusted with the enforcement of the specific gravity test, he declares, is entirely familiar with his view of the situation and his decision will be agreeable to the governor who is inclined to the belief that some arrangement similar to that made last winter when a limited supply of low test gasoline was admitted

Dreadnaught Sent to Mexico To Keep Order

Washington, May 10.—The Dreadnaught Oklahoma was ordered today to proceed from New York to Key West, Fla., for possible duty in Mexican waters.

The ship will stop en route at Philadelphia to take on a full company of marines from the League Island station. She is expected to arrive there tonight.

Estimates of the state department place the number of Americans in Mexico at between 6000 and 7000, including radicals and draft evaders who crossed the border to escape the law. The department had no additional advices today from any of its agents in Mexico.

The Oklahoma should reach Key West several days ahead of the transport Henderson which is now en route to League Island to take on an additional force of 1200 marines.

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Trustees Escape From Wood Camp Sunday Evening

At Meadors and W. J. Jenkins, trustees employed at the state prison wood camp near Annapolis, made their escape late Sunday night. Meadors was sent up from Umatilla county in 1914 for a term of not to exceed thirteen years for forgery. In 1918 he was conditionally pardoned and was re-committed to the prison October 28, 1919, for a violation of his pardon, being implicated in the robbery of a store at Astoria in connection with Frank Wagner, who is now doing time for the crime. Jenkins was sent up from Union county last January for a term of not to exceed ten years for forgery.

Commenting on the escapes this morning Warden Compton stated that the escapes would have no effect on the policy of the prison with reference to the management of the wood camp. The contract under which the camp is being operated was entered into several years ago and is already several years late. It was explained and it is absolutely necessary that the camp be maintained. The employment of guards at the camp is altogether impractical, experience having proven the present policy much more effective, and only the best risks are selected for work in the camp. Only four men have attempted to escape from the camp since its institution last November and of these one was returned within two days leaving camp.

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Hussein Darwiche, the minister of works, struck his automobile as he was motoring homeward from his office Saturday evening. The minister was unhurt, but his chauffeur was slightly injured. A university student standing near the scene was mortally wounded.

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