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What's New On The Market

New potatoes on the market to-
day are selling for the top notch
price of 15 cents a pound. One
shipment was received by a local
commission house some time ago
and condemned. Those on the
market today, however, are of fair
size and quality. Next week there
will undoubtedly be a greater sup-
ply.

Oregon spinach, selling for 15
cents a pound straight in some
stores and two pounds for 25 in
others, is in very good condition,
and fresher than the fancy Walla
Walla spinach received today.

Strawberries selling for 25 cents
are not the same kind as those sold
for 40 cents yesterday. The 40-
cent berries were from Los An-
geles, where a much better qual-
ity is produced than in the north-
ern part of California. There
should be a steady supply on the
Salem market next week.

Fresh tomatoes from the last
shipment are in good condition,
though only of moderate size. The
price still remains 30 cents a
pound. Fresh peas from the same
shipment are selling for 20 cents a
pound.

The wholesale price of poultry
has changed three times in three
days, without so much as a ripple
in the retail price as far as known
here in the markets. The market
for heavy hens went down one
cent on the pound today. It is only
speculative, but with the hens
still keeping up their record break-
ing egg-laying pace and 30 days
ahead of time, eggs are expected
to drop again next week.

Council Closes 2 Pool Halls At Special Meeting

The pool hall license of James
Ingalls was revoked, and a new
permit to operate sought by Jesse
Streator, another pool hall prop-
rietor, was refused by Salem
councilmen at a specially called
meeting held last night. Both
billiard parlors are located on
south Commercial street. Action
of the aldermen came as a result
of raids staged here last Saturday
night, in the course of which both
Ingalls and Streator were arrested.

Revocation of the licenses was
decided on with but little discus-
sion. Both Ingalls and Streator
were granted the floor, but their
utterances obviously carried but
little weight with the aldermen.
Resolutions, treating with the
matter were adopted immediately
after each man had made his
talk.

Mr. Ingalls, who already has
pleaded guilty to a charge of hav-
ing intoxicating liquor in his
possession, and who has paid a
fine of \$125, admitted that drunk
men frequently visited his place,
but insisted that this was not his
fault. He had, he declared, thrown
these inebriated individuals out
of the door on several occasions,
but said that they always re-
turned. The liquor found by of-
ficers, he stated, was in the basem-
ent and was not hidden.

It was not necessary for the
council to revoke the license of
Jesse Streator, as his permit ran
out March 31. Mr. Streator has
pleaded not guilty to a charge of
selling intoxicating liquor, for
which he will be tried in the ju-
stice court next Wednesday. A re-
quest made by Attorney Keyes
that the council defer action
against Streator until the out-
come of his trial is known, was
refused. City Attorney Smith
holding that unless the council
took action immediately the city
treasurer would be forced to issue
Mr. Streator a new license.

On motion of Alderman Baum-
gartner, the council decided to re-
quest the state fire marshal to re-
survey the city. The city recorder
also was instructed to advertise
for bids for painting certain parts
of the city hall.

**Nicaragua Gives
Up League Place**
Managua, Nicaragua, April 23.—
Nicaragua has given up its
membership in the league of na-
tions, this step being due to the
refusal of holding a place in that
organization.

Pensions For Ex-Presidents

Bills have been introduced at Washington providing for pensions for ex-presidents. The amount named is \$10,000 a year, payable in monthly installments for life.

The measure is opposed on the ground that it is un-American and establishes a dangerous precedent for a republic. At present, widows of ex-presidents are given a pension immediately after their husband's demise, so that a pension to an ex-president for the sake of the future of his wife, is declared unnecessary.

It is declared that abundant opportunity is offered for retired presidents to save sufficient money to keep them in old age. Their oratory and their writing is always in demand at fancy prices, if they prefer not to go back to their professions. The lecture platforms, the magazines and the newspapers compete against each other for their output, while their prestige insures a large income in whatever occupation they return to, while a pension would tie their hands.

Advocates of the measure claim that it is beneath the dignity of a man who has occupied such an exalted position to have to hustle for a living, to embarrass and humiliate himself by practicing law before judges, he has appointed or have as clients those whose affairs he has indirectly controlled or otherwise to commercialize his activities by chasing around the country lecturing, and that his energies should be conserved so that the public will have the benefit of his ripened experience, advice and wisdom.

The fact of the matter is that the presidency has become such a strenuous job that it completely exhausts the most robust and our presidents go out of office literally worn out. The strain was too great even for a Roosevelt, while Wilson is a physical wreck. The least the nation can do is to provide for the declining years of the few it has delighted to honor and who have in return given the best that is in them to the republic.

Eastern Loss Western Gain

There is no great loss without some small gain—and the loss of the eastern fruit crop by freeze and frost spells gain for those portions of the west whose fruit has so far escaped serious damage, though there is no telling what a freak season like the present may yet bring forth.

With the California, Oregon and Washington fruit prospects the fairest in years and with those of other fruit sections most gloomy, western growers and canners are preparing for a prosperous season. All sections report a heavy setting of fruit and the few regions damaged by frost have only suffered slightly and the remaining fruit will consequently be better sized and flavored.

While prices will probably not be as high as in the past few years, neither will costs of production and the season promises to be a most profitable one to both producer and processor, even if the reported losses in the east and south have been exaggerated—as they usually are.

All of which calls attention to the superior climatic advantages of the west, particularly of the northwest, over the rest of the country for the fruit industry, already one of the largest and destined to be the largest of northwestern industries.

The county court, which objects to paying for a public health nurse on the grounds of economy, has no scruples against paying the anti-saloon league seven dollars a day, board and expenses, for "as many men as needed" to do the work of peace officers already on the county payroll. The expenditure was not provided in the budget and those demanding and receiving it, not tax-payers, and the authority of the court to pay doubtful, but the tax-payers are expected to foot the bill.

Rev. Heber Votaw, an Adventist missionary, has been appointed superintendent of federal prisons, to succeed Denar S. Dickerson, whose resignation was asked for and duly offered. To make the appointment possible, the president issued an order taking the position out of the civil service. His qualification for the job goes without saying—he is the husband of President Harding's sister.

Nebraska has passed an anti-alien land bill and the administration doesn't seem to be embarrassed. It begins to look as if the California Jap potato king and his associates were the only ones embarrassed by the proposed Oregon law.

The German-American alliance is now attacking the American Legion as an unpatriotic organization because of its censure of the revival of German propaganda. Evidently the only real American is the officious interfering hyphen.

The house has passed the emigration restriction bill with a clause admitting those aliens who are victims of religious persecutions, so there will be no cessation in the flood of Yiddish pouring into New York.

The Portland Spectator suggests as a peaceful solution of the American-Japanese dispute that the Island of Yap be left to the Yaps, entirely too sensible a solution to appeal to the diplomats.

Expectations Of Large Apple Crop This Year

Hood River, April 23.—Present indications point to the full bursting of apple blossoms here about the middle of next week. Sunday, May 1, will probably be one of the best days for viewing the sea of pink-and-white orchards of the district. A fair sprinkling of trees of early varieties, such as Gravensteins, will be sights of beauty by next Sunday, but the visitor here on that date will not be permitted the rare joy of motoring through acre after acre of blossoms, loading the atmosphere with their rare perfume.

The apple trees of this district were never more loaded with buds, the delicate pink of which is now showing. H. F. Davidson, who made a close inspection of places owned by himself and allied companies, says their orchards will have a bloom indicating 30 percent more apples than in 1919, when the valley harvested its record yield in excess of 2,000,000 boxes. Other orchard sections may not show indications for so heavy a crop but the prospects justify

the estimate of a yield in excess of the 1919 crop.

The warm slow rain that prevailed Sunday night was of inestimable value to orchards and berry acreage, according to growers. The rain prevailed at an opportune time for strawberries, and, according to Leroy Childs, superintendent of the experiment station, was of great value to newly-set tracts of cane berries. More than a half-inch of precipitation prevailed.

Rate Complaint Results In Cut

The Fischer Flouring Mills, through action taken by the Oregon public service commission, has obtained a freight rate of 5 1/2 cents per 100 pounds on flour and feed and 5 1/4 cents per 100 pounds on grain from Corvallis to Northern California points. Under the old rate the company was compelled to pay freight charges on their products ranging from \$1.02 to \$1.37 per 100 pounds. The Fischer Flouring Mills complained to the public service commission that the freight rate was discriminatory in favor of Portland flour manufacturers, with the result that the commission laid the matter before the railroad officials. The voluntary reduction in rates followed.

Alicia Hammersly A Woman Who Wouldn't Remarry

By Idah McGlone Gibson
The Noted Writer

Helping Mother Hammersly.
The first mistake I made with my mother-in-law—and I made many—was in trying to come to some sort of an understanding about my duties in the house over which she presided.

Mother Hammersly had always worked alone. She was incapable of giving orders or of appreciating any work that was not done in just her way.

"What would you like me to do about the house?" I asked.

"If you can't see what is to be done, Alicia," she answered, "it would hardly do any good for me to tell you."

"Suppose I keep the front rooms in order."

She hesitated a moment and then said, "You may try that if you wish. Today is my cleaning day."

I attacked the living room right away. It was spring and the weather was still raw, but I was glad to have an excuse to open all the windows because the air in that room was sodden and heavy. One

felt sleepy after a half-hour in it and it gave me the shivers just to go into it. Up went the windows, and out went the rugs in the back yard. I felt better already. The mere fact that I was doing something made me more content.

Mother Hammersly came in just as I was down on my knees going over the floor with a rag dampened with cool oil—she had no floor mop or floor oil.

"What are you doing?" she exclaimed irritably.

"Cleaning the floor."

"But you don't have to open all the windows to clean the floor. I haven't had those windows open all this winter." I couldn't help thinking of the mothers who sewed their children up in their undereclothes at the beginning of cold weather, and an irrefragible smile curled round the corners of my lips. Then she continued: "It will take an extra bushel of coal to heat this room up again. Where did you get that coal oil? I never put oil on the floors, and where are all the rugs?"

By this time I was losing my temper. I was doing work to which I was unaccustomed and, my arms were aching, my knees were sore, my breath coming fast from the exertion. My back seemed about to break, but I knew that room was going to get a good airing even if it took a ton of coal to re-warm it.

I wanted that room sweet and clean when I had finished, and, girl-like, I wished that Mother Hammersly would give me the slightest bit of encouragement.

Instead, she caustically continued, "You are making more work, spending more time and money cleaning up this room than is necessary."

I said nothing because I knew that if I spoke I would be sure to say something that I would be sorry for. Instead I went on steadily working.

Mother Hammersly stood watching me for a moment and then went out of the room. In her very walk there was disapproval.

Introducing Our New Senators.



FRANK R. GOODING
(Republican)
Former Governor, Now U. S. Senator from Idaho, Succeeding Mr. Nugent

MR. READER:
Meet former Governor Frank R. Gooding, of Idaho, who several months ago succeeded Mr. John F. Nugent as United States Senator from Idaho.

Senator Gooding is a short man, inclined to both stoutness and baldness. He is quiet and unobtrusive. He is reputed to be a very wealthy man. Politically, he and Senator William E. Borah, his Idaho colleague, have been unopposed with each other.

Senator Gooding was born in England, but his parents brought him to this country when he was a boy. He lived first at Paw Paw, Mich. He was fifteen when he journeyed to California. Six years later he went to Idaho.

For many years he was a mining company contractor, but for the last twenty years he has devoted himself to stock raising and farming. Besides being the owner of one of the largest flocks of sheep in Idaho, he has to his credit a farm of several thousand acres in his home state.

Voters Slow To Register

Voters of the county are taking little interest in state matters to be voted in June according to a statement made this morning by County Clerk U. G. Boyer.

"There has only been approximately 250 registration of voters since the registration books were opened this year," stated Boyer.

"Newcomers have failed to show any interest in the state matters which will be on the ballot in June. About 4000 cards of those who registered but did not vote in the last two years, have been removed from the files according to law. It will be necessary for those people to register before they can vote in June."

The registration books close May 7, one month before the June elections.

Accident to Engineer.
Oregon City, April 23.—U. S. Civil Engineer Reed, who is in charge of the construction of the Oregon City locks, and navigation work, met with a severe accident which caused blood poisoning. The Doctors Mount operated on him Wednesday, and at last reports he was resting easier.

Flax Men Plant At Own Risk

Marion county flax growers who sometime ago contracted acreage to the state, Friday afternoon were informed by Governor Olcott that if they proceeded and harvested this product for the state for the year 1921 they would do so on their own responsibility.

Governor Olcott, speaking at the meeting attended by about 50 of the growers, said it had been necessary to issue the warning for the reason that the state would not have sufficient funds to pay for the flax upon its arrival at the prison plant. Assurance upon the part of the officials that if the flax was delivered to the state every effort would be made to wipe out the obligation dollar for dollar appeared to satisfy the growers, and a majority of them expressed a willingness to put in this year's crop.

At the outset of the meeting the governor issued the following statement:

"The flax industry is on a basis upon which no private business could survive. There is no appropriation giving it liquid assets through which the handling of the crop may be financed. While it has assets in the way of plant and fixtures, it cannot hypothecate these as securities to obtain money to float its current business. While it has officers, they have no authority or legal status giving them power to contract indebtedness to meet obligations on its flax contracts. We have power to enter into these flax contracts in the way in which to pay the farmer save through working up the unfinished product into the finished product. Obviously that takes time. In the meantime the farmer must wait for his money. I wish to be perfectly frank with you and make plain by cold, hard facts the situation which confronts all of us. We wish to see this industry succeed and so do you. We are held down by limitations not imposed upon a private business. We must face the facts as we find them and meet and overcome the difficulties the best we may."

"We wish your co-operation and we will give you ours. Every effort will be made to pay you 40-50 cents per bushel for your crop."

Whitman And Willamette Tie In Debate Meet

The Whitman college of Walla Walla and Willamette university debate last evening on the immigration question resulted in an even draw, each institution having won a unanimous decision on the home floor. The question was: "Resolved, That the United States should prohibit immigration from South Europe."

The negative team on the home floor presented a well outlined case, basing their arguments on the qualities of the percentage basis and regulation of immigration to this country rather than the prohibition of all immigration from that section of Europe. The speakers told of the terrible conditions under which these people come to this country and the affirmative undertook to show that these people are a menace to the United States.

The debate last evening concludes one of the most successful seasons which the university has ever had. Debates have been held with several institutions in Oregon and also with the Morningstar college at Sioux City, Iowa, one of the biggest teams the Willamette has ever been privileged to meet, and with this strong opposition the local team made a remarkable showing. After one more debate with the Washington college women, the women's varsity team will close their season May 12. The same question will be at issue.

The girls debated Pacific, McMinnville and College of Puget Sound at Tacoma, winning the latter 3 to 2 at Tacoma and winning 2 to 1 here.

The judges at last night's debate in Salem were Dean John R. Straub, dean of men at the University of Oregon; Frank Hilton, attorney of Portland, and Judge Lawrence T. Harris.

Occasional Rain Forecast.
Washington, April 23.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are: Pacific states—temperature near or somewhat normal, fair in California and occasional rains in Washington and Oregon.