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THE WEATHER OREGON: Tonight and Sunday rain west, rain or snow east portion; fresh southerly winds. Local: Rainfall 1.51 inches; max 42; min 35; cloudy; river 5.4 feet.

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PRICE TWO CENTS

ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

THINK ASTORIA FIRE SET

ALL UNSOLD PRUNES ARE HELD HERE

Dallas and Salem Growers Still Have 6,000,000 Pounds; Are Holding For Higher Prices.

Six million pounds, practically all of the unsold prunes of the 1922 crop in the northwest, are in the hands of the growers in the Salem and Dallas districts and are being held for a further advance in the market, which growers look for soon after the first of the year.

With the undetermined amount still in the hands of brokers who bought for speculation, these prunes constitute the entire supply of northwest prunes that will be available to buyers when the domestic market, now dormant because delayed deliveries have prevented buyers from checking accurately the amount now actually in their possession, again becomes active.

Of the 6,000,000 pounds, two-thirds, or about 4,000,000 pounds are in the hands of large growers around Dallas, and the remaining 2,000,000 pounds is being held in the Salem district. All of the prunes are small sizes.

Dallas growers, who are always among the last to sell, have held on even longer than usual this year and since the early season have been predicting that there would be a marked advance in the market during the late winter and early spring. One group of five Dallas growers holding more than 1,000,000 pounds are holding in anticipation of a 10-cent basic price early in the new year.

The general strength of the prune market this year has been demonstrated by the fact that only this small amount of the 50,000,000 pound Italian prune crop in the northwest remains in the hands of the growers. With the exception of perhaps 40 or 50 tons of the entire Clark county (Washington) crop has been sold, and all of the prunes in the southern Oregon, Sheridan and Newberg districts have passed out of the hands of the growers.

The latest market activity in this section is reported from Dallas, where a buyer representing the Salem King's Products company appeared this week with instructions to purchase 300,000 pounds, if available, at 6 and 7 cents. Yesterday it was reported that he had secured about 150,000 pounds.

ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS UPHELD

The eligibility of Reese Baughman and Ashur Neff as members of the Medford football eleven was upheld by the board of control of the state athletic association in session here today.

The eligibility of the two players was protested by Ashland and resulted in the cancellation of the Thanksgiving day game between the two schools. Ashland's protest was based upon the fact that Baughman and Neff, who are part time students, were not in full attendance upon the Medford school.

In upholding the eligibility of the players the board of control pointed out that they were carrying four full subjects, attending classes regularly and were in every way complying with the rules of the association.

Members of the board here today were C. W. Bosticher, superintendent of schools at Albany; H. M. DuBois, superintendent of schools at Enterprise, and W. J. Misher, superintendent of schools at Grants Pass. The session was held in the office of J. A. Church, state superintendent of public instruction.

Is Refused Contract



Mary Miles New York, Dec. 9.—The Fashion announced today that the contract for the Minter, one of the most prominent renewed after she finished a picture. No reason was given.

ers-Lasky corporation, which she is in the stars, would not be in which she is engaged.

Red Cross Here Awaits Word From Astoria But Work For Fund Kept Up

Awaiting Astoria to command it—for either clothing, food or funds—the Willamette Red Cross chapter, of which Mrs. Arthur Benson is chairman, today pointed out that money is greatly needed for such emergencies as the one existing at Astoria and urged residents of the community to renew their memberships in the local organization.

Today Astoria had not answered Salem's telegrams proffering aid of any nature. Should clothing or food be needed it was learned, on good authority that, in all probability, the goods will be handled by at least one railroad free of charge.

Lack of solicitors has been the chief problem facing the local Red Cross chapter, according to Mrs. Benson. Only five persons have this year volunteered their services and these have collected in Salem only \$500. Last year Salem alone contributed approximately \$1500, while Marion and Polk counties gave a total of \$3700. Marion's share of this was about \$1350.

This morning \$28 was received from Sublimity—an offering which, Mrs. Benson felt, indicated wholehearted support from that community.

Persons willing to give their services as Red Cross solicitors should get in touch immediately with Mrs. Benson. Red Cross headquarters are located on State street, east of the First Methodist church.

The downpour was so great that many of the street drains were clogged by leaves which had been washed there. On the southeast corner of Cottage and Court streets this was the case and the water had backed up over the curbing and as far back as the sidewalk. Several men walking to work this morning between six and seven o'clock did not see the water until they had splashed into the water on the sidewalk.

One man said, "I just thought that the water was a little puddle standing on the sidewalk and kept right on going. Just then I stepped down over the curb into about eight inches of water."

When residents of an apartment house on Cottage street between Court and Chemekeeta streets, arose this morning they found that part of their wood which had just been hauled yesterday, had floated down to Chemekeeta street.

The river reading this morning was 5.4 feet and reported to have fallen some in the 12 hours preceding. With the rain during the night and the continued downpour this morning the reading will likely be near the six foot mark tomorrow morning.

GRID GAMES FOR 1923 ARE SCHEDULED

Coast Conference Deadlock Broken; Season To Open October 19 and Close December 1.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 9.—Breaking a deadlock which had existed since yesterday between representatives of the various colleges, the Pacific coast conference today finally adopted its 1923 football schedule. The season opens October 19 with a game between the University of Idaho and Washington State college at Pullman and closes December 1, with the University of Oregon-University of Washington "traditional" contest at Seattle.

The Northwest conference schedule was to be taken up at a meeting this afternoon. The Pacific Coast conference schedule follows:

University of California: October 20—Oregon Aggies at Berkeley; October 27, Washington State college at Portland; Nov. 10, University of Southern California at Los Angeles; Nov. 17, University of Washington at Berkeley; Nov. 24, Stanford at Berkeley.

Stanford University: October 27, University of Southern California at Palo Alto; Nov. 10, University of Oregon at Portland; Nov. 17, University of Idaho at Palo Alto; Nov. 24, University of California at Berkeley.

University of Southern California: Oct. 20, University of Washington at Seattle; October 27, Stanford university at Palo Alto.

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ARTHUR BURCH DECLARED SANE

Los Angeles, Dec. 9.—Arthur C. Burch was today found sane by the Los Angeles county lunacy commission and his discharge from custody was ordered. Burch had stood trial three times on an indictment charging him with murder of J. Belton Kennedy, each trial having resulted in a disagreement. After the third trial the indictment was dismissed by the district attorney.

BOARD DENIES PARTISAN STAND

Emphatic denial that the Oregon public service commission has taken any partisan stand in the fight centering about the proposed unmerging of the Central and Southern Pacific lines, now the subject of a hearing before the Interstate commerce commission at Washington, D. C., is made by the commission in a letter to the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. The letter is in reply to charges of partisanship on the part of the commission and particularly on the part of H. H. Corey, member of the commission who is representing the commission in the hearings before the Interstate commission.

"Commissioner Corey was authorized to present and protect the interest of the commission... and we have no sufficient reason to believe that he has done otherwise, believing that he has either been misunderstood or misquoted with reference to taking partisan stand in favor of any particular railroad," the commission's letter declares.

Fisher is Witness

Dr. E. E. Fisher went to Corvallis this morning to testify in the suit brought by the estate of J. H. Thompson against the city of Philomath. Some time ago Mr. Thompson fell, due to a defective sidewalk in Philomath, receiving injuries which it is claimed ultimately caused his death.

FARM CREDIT EXTENSIONS ARE PLANNED

Two Proposals Added To Plans Already Before Congress; Both Endorsed by Farm Bureau.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Two more farm credit plans were added today to the dozen or more already before congress.

One bill amending the farm loan act to provide additional credits was introduced by Senator Norbeck, republican, South Dakota, and Representative Strong, republican, Kansas, while another, introduced by Senator Norbeck and Representative A. P. Nelson, republican, Wisconsin, would authorize the war finance corporation to make loans to foreign purchasers of American agricultural products.

Both Bills Drastic Both of the bills are endorsed by the American farm bureau federation and go beyond the administration proposals in the recently introduced Lenroot-Anderson bill.

Increase from \$10,000 to \$35,000 of the maximum loan which could be made to an individual farmer by cooperative farm land banks is one of the principal features of the Norbeck-Strong bill. Senator Norbeck said that this change would "give local cooperative associations a better chance to compete with the joint stock land banks."

Such loans also under the new bill would be available for security on machinery and other debts of borrowers and not limited, as under the present law, to land and buildings.

Another provision of the Norbeck-Strong bill would change the composition of the 13 regional land banks by having a "fifty-fifty" directorate, half of the directors to be appointed by the federal board and half by national farm organizations.

The bill also provided for voluntary liquidation of local farm loan associations and for appointment of agents where cooperative banks do not exist. The latter provision would make it possible for farmers to obtain loans where local associations have not yet been organized.

Asks Revolving Fund

The Nelson-Norbeck foreign loan bill would create a revolving fund of \$250,000,000 to negotiate sales of American products. It is designed to increase exports of farm products by advancing funds to foreigners. The bill authorizes the war finance corporation to purchase drafts or other instruments of credit against the grain shipments abroad, to be drawn against and gathered by good, reputable foreign importers, and then gathered by the foreign government where the grain is shipped.

ESPEE HEARING SET FOR JAN. 25

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press)—The federal court today set January 25 next for arguments in the government's case to effect a severance of the Southern Pacific and the Central Pacific on the grounds that they are competing lines. Arguments were scheduled for today, but were deferred, it was explained to give counsel for the Southern Pacific, which controls the Central, time to study the government's line of argument.

RAIN NEXT WEEK, FORECAST

Washington, Dec. 9.—Weather outlook for week beginning Monday: Pacific States: Normal temperature, considerable cloudiness, occasional rains.

Says Accident Made Her Grow Fat; Sues Railroad for Damage

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 9.—A jury in federal court must determine whether an injury which Mrs. Lorene Caldwell, 22, asserts she suffered in a railroad crash, is responsible for her excessive weight. She asserts that she weighs 375 pounds.

Mrs. Caldwell is suing the Chicago and Alton railroad company for \$50,000 damages. She claims that one of the railroad's switch engines struck a motor car in which she was riding and that an injury to an endocrine gland caused excessive obesity. She asserts that she weighed 160 pounds at the time of the accident, December 21, 1920.

MORATORIUM IS ARRANGED

French Reported to Have Agreed To Grant Respite To Germany Upon Certain Conditions.

London, Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press)—Premier Poincare towards the close of the first session of the conference of allied premiers here today is understood to have said that France would consent to a moratorium of two years for Germany if certain economic guarantees accompanied it.

In the opinion of the French, their nation would only control the Rhineland along economic lines during the term of a moratorium collecting taxes and running the railroad lines as a guarantee of Germany's promise to carry out the reforms that would insure payment of her bill.

It is generally believed that the London meeting will be confined to a discussion of a moratorium for Germany and for the guarantees which France demands. Premier Poincare believes that the attitude of the United States prevents Great Britain from cancelling the French debt.

MOUNTAIN ROAD TO BE BUILT SOON

Cooperation with the secretary of agriculture, the Marion county court in session yesterday afternoon signed an agreement providing for the survey, plans and estimates for the construction of a road between Niagara and Detroit, at an estimated cost of \$100,000 to be met by the government and the road district.

The cost of this will be in excess of \$4000 and the county agreed to pay \$1050 of the expense. This money does not come from the general fund of the county, but from the road district between Niagara and Detroit. This district for several years has been deservng a fund for the construction of the road and now has in its treasury \$27,000 for this road building.

The proposed road is over the old Minto trail from Niagara trail, 13 miles over the mountain. The greater part of the road is in the national forest reserve.

133 ARRESTED IN NOVEMBER FOR SPEED

A total of 133 arrests for violations of traffic laws were made by members of the state traffic squad during November, according to the monthly report of T. A. Raffety, chief of the state squad. In addition to motorists arrested 757 others were warned against repetitions of minor infractions of the law. A total of \$3,066.45 in delinquent fees was collected through the activities of the department and fines aggregating \$876.05 were imposed upon those haled into court by members of the squad.

AUTHORITIES PROBING INCENDIARY REPORTS FOR POSSIBLE CLEWS

Work of Reconstructing Devasted City Begins At Dawn Today; Full Extent of Disaster Revealed As Dying Flames Permit Close Survey of Burned Area; Fire Chief Delirious From Injuries.

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—Amid the smouldering ruins of the city's business district relief activities and preliminary work toward reconstruction began at dawn today. A thousand fires scattered about the devastated area burned during the night, and in the flickering light from these flames could be seen firemen still at work, sailors with bayonets fixed guarding the vaults of the burned banks, and numerous soldiers and volunteer relief workers distinguished by red bands about their arms, the improvised insignia provided by the local police for persons authorized within the fire lines.

The spectre of the firebug rose from the ashes of the wrecked city, and there were many rumors which authorities were attempting to run down.

Representatives of the state fire marshal's office, Deputy Marshal H. H. Pomeroy and L. B. Davis today were working with Chief of Police E. L. Carlson and Fire Chief E. S. Foster in an attempt to learn the cause of the fire which started yesterday morning shortly after 2 o'clock and if the hours wiped out the business district. One report was that the fire broke out in a pool room at one side of the Beehive department store and shortly afterwards another fire was discovered on the other side of that store. Investigators today said this might be accounted for by the flames spreading under the piling on which the building was erected.

Business men today held a meeting to plan establishment of temporary business places to supply the people of Astoria with necessities. A meeting of the general relief committee also was held.

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TIGER ISSUES LAST PLEA FOR AMERICAN AID

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—(The Associated Press)—George Clemenceau, speaking today in the city where America's declaration of independence was signed, urged that America come back to Europe and help spread independence throughout the world.

He was given a long ovation as he appeared on the platform of the Academy of Music. The academy, profusely decorated with the Stars and Stripes and the French Tricolor was packed.

Thousands of Philadelphians were disappointed at their inability to hear Clemenceau deliver the last important address in his tour of the United States. As a partial relief for their disappointment they thronged the streets through which the octogenarian statesman was scheduled to pass on his way to Independence Hall and the Academy of Music to catch a glimpse of him.

The arrangements called for only a brief visit. Actually he was to be here about ten and one half hours, but officially several hours less than that. He slept in his private car in the railroad station about four hours before he was due to make his official appearance at 10 o'clock.

BELL PRESIDENT OF LOCAL SHRINE CLUB

At the meeting of the Salem Shrine club, held last evening in the Maconite Temple, officers for next year were elected as follows: William Bell, president; Fred S. Lamport, vice president; Carl Pope, secretary and treasurer. Executive committee, William McGilchrist, Jr., Fred S. Lamport and William Bell.