

FUTURE OF BERRY INDUSTRY TO BE DISCUSSED HERE

The loganberry industry of this part of the Willamette valley, which is again facing a very uncertain future, due to low prices, will be fully discussed at a meeting called by berry growers of Oregon, to be held in the offices of the Oregon Growers Cooperative association, Wednesday, December 20.

The associations especially interested in the future of the loganberry and which will send delegates to the meeting include the Woodburn Cooperative Berry Growers, Springbrook Packing company, Producers Canning company of Salem, Willamette Valley Prune association of Salem, Oregon Growers Cooperative association of Salem and the Eugene Fruit Growers association of Eugene.

During the season of 1922, there was canned in Oregon, 243,629 cases of loganberries. Figured on a basis of 30 pounds to a case, this means that 7,309,170 pounds of fresh berries were used in the 1922 pack of canned goods.

In addition to loganberries canned, King's Products company evaporated 4,600,000 pounds. It is also estimated that in Oregon, there was barreled 2000 barrels of 385 pounds each, amounting to 1,115,000 pounds. It is estimated there was made into juice 200,000 pounds of loganberries.

Among those deeply interested in this great Oregon industry, it is felt that all will depend upon increasing the consumption of loganberry products. In other words, following the example of California growers in advancing the sale of raisins when the market was so low that the industry was about to collapse, something must be done to bring the merits of the berry before a larger consuming public.

Figures are not available as to the acreage of fruits for 1922 as assessors are obliged to make a report only every other year. Hence the 1921 reports on acreages in the state are the latest.

Based on the 1921 horticultural report of acreages in each county, the total loganberry acreage of the state for that year was 6253. In the central Willamette valley, the county acreage in 1921 was as follows: Benton, 100; Clackamas, 204; Linn, 167; Marion, 2869; Polk, 268; Washington, 319, and Yamhill, 423, a total of 5349 acres for this immediate section of the valley.

Comparing the year 1920 and the 1921 report, it is estimated that there was an increase of several hundred acres throughout the state. In the Willamette valley counties, there was a slight decrease.

Many growers claim that the industry cannot survive on a price of four cents a pound. Many are asking for six cents the coming season, but those who are familiar with the industry at both the growing and selling end, are of the opinion that if loganberry growing is to continue profitable, there must be a great increase in markets and a much greater consuming public.

MENLO TO EXPOSE SPIRIT MYSTERIES

Spirits, ghosts and spooks will be shown of their mysticism next Tuesday night at the Grand theater when Menlo, heralded as the master mystery man, stages a complete expose of the tricks of the spirit world. He will first present the various phenomena as presented by Alexander, Dr. Eddy, the Barry Sisters, the Davenport and various other mediums and then he will show exactly how these things are done.

He has announced that he will expose the various methods of obtaining spirit faces, voices and messages, the methods of getting table tipping, cabinet manifestations, messages from the dead, rope ties, illusions, ghost writings, etc. All of these mysteries will be first presented with elaborate stage setting and arrangements followed by a repetition with the curtains, etc., removed.

ENGLISH SHIPBUILDING SHOWS A DECREASE

London, Dec. 9—Lloyd's Register of shipbuilding returns for the quarter ended in September, 1922, show that merchant tonnage under construction in the United Kingdom on September 30 amounted to 1,617,045 tons. This represents a reduction of about 302,000 tons as compared with the total at the end of the previous quarter.

The total, however, includes a considerable amount of tonnage (419,000 tons) on which work has been suspended for some time. Dealing this amount for purposes of comparison with figures for normal times, the merchant tonnage actually under construction in the United Kingdom amounted to 1,198,000 tons.

ASTORIA FIRE

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Established by a swiftly organized committee of fifty business men. Last night beds were provided for all without them and hot meals were served at several stations.

Hundreds of homes have been thrown open to those made destitute by the blaze and all public buildings available will provide sleeping and eating quarters for the several thousand persons. Although not many residences were in the path of the flames, apartment houses, hotels and frame tenement structures were destroyed, and residents of Astoria who made their homes in these structures barely had time to escape with their lives.

Relief measures consisted of orders to commandeer all of the city's food supplies at once to be gathered together in the Lovell garage building, one of the largest unburned structures. From here the supplies will be distributed to the hungry populace upon written orders, issued by the relief committee, which has taken up permanent headquarters in the Y. M. C. A.

Difficulties of obtaining money for the thousands who have been deprived of banking privileges through the destruction of the fire banking institutions were taken up and a committee, headed by C. R. Higgins, president of the Astoria National bank, was appointed. Officials of the other banks will assist on this committee.

Word was dispatched immediately by this group to the Oregon Hotelmen's association in Portland, which telegraphed that it had contributed \$5000 to the relief fund to send the currency. Banking headquarters have been temporarily established in the Y. M. C. A. and from this point funds will be used as needed.

Long lines of hungry persons waited in front of the Y. M. C. A. where they were being fed with sandwiches and loaves of bread. Inside many of the buildings, including church buildings near the scene of the terrible blaze, women and men worked tirelessly in an effort to provide for those without a home. The problem of providing provisions for the hundreds of residents of the city now presents itself to the relief committee.

Several grocery stores and small markets in the outlying districts suffered an unprecedented rush and police authorities, by way of precaution, issued orders against any possible profiteering. As soon as systematic operations can be started by the relief organizations it will be possible to receive aid through the Red Cross.

Looters Arrested
Frantic efforts by telephone and electric light workmen had partly restored the lighting facilities of the city here last night, but throughout the remaining district a heavy guard of soldiers and special policemen had been established to prevent looting the destroyed area of the city. Chief of Police Leeb Carlson said 14 men had been arrested by his officers during the confusion and that all were attempting to carry away articles from stores within the district.

Fire fighting apparatus was all working at full speed at a late hour and will be kept constantly on the job until all the embers have been extinguished.

Wire Service Restored
Despite an almost complete destruction of their local lines and centralized equipment, both the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company and the Western Union Telegraph company reported today that reconstruction at Astoria was already under way and that by this afternoon they would be in a position to handle all business offered.

The Western Union before the flames had halted, had opened a temporary central office in the Spokane, Portland and Seattle passenger depot and was operating two wires. Linemen and additional equipment arrived here on the special relief yesterday afternoon and the work on emergency installation went on all of last night.

The loss in equipment and lines is estimated at not less than \$100,000. All files were destroyed and though this does not represent financial loss, it is a serious inconvenience to the company.

Phone System Rebuilding
Though temporarily paralyzed by the destruction of its Astoria lines, the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company resumed service in this city yesterday afternoon. For a time its wires were the only source of communication with the outer world. Losses are estimated to be between \$100,000 and \$150,000. The steamer Astoria, chartered by the company, arrived here early today from Portland with equipment and relief crews. The Astoria carried fifty linemen, switchboard experts and instrument men who will at once begin the work of reconstruction.

Rail transportation to Seaside was interrupted for only a few hours, owing to the hose across the tracks. Passengers were transferred around the fire from all early trains, but normal service was resumed yesterday afternoon. No damage to trestles was sustained and but slight damage to tracks resulted.

The Pacific Power and Light company of Portland, which supplies service to Astoria was unable last night to estimate the extent of damage to its line.

MUTT AND JEFF

The Little Fellow Gets the Air



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THERE HE IS NOW!



TEE HEE!



MUTT, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



YOU MUTT, YOU KNOW DARO WELL I AIN'T GOT A GAS MASK!

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Troops Bring Supplies.
Officials of the Oregon national guard sent 75 officers and men with a quantity of supplies here from Portland. The supplies included 1000 cots, 2000 blankets, rolling kitchens, cooking and food supplies. The latter equipment would be sufficient to feed 3500 persons, in emergency; it was stated, although it was estimated the demand would not be that great. Adjutant General George White arrived here to superintend the activities of the guard.

Major Joseph V. Schur is in active charge of the detachment and the materials, with Lieutenant E. H. Galien assisting him.

The rolling kitchens were put to work immediately after the trains pulled out from Portland, and by the time the train had arrived in Astoria a piping hot meal was ready, which was served to hundreds of the hungry and homeless Astorians.

A vigilant watch was kept against the sale of moonshine. It had not been entirely successful. An occasional soldier stood about directing the smart traffic. Forty men were detailed from Camp Stevens for the purpose. Candles were resorted to in many homes in areas where power lines were down. Scores of loggers and drifters left the stricken place by the last train out last night.

When flames threatened the city hall in the basement of which is the jail, the doors were opened and the 14 men arrested for looting, together with a score of other prisoners were released. The jail docket disappeared sometime during the day and no record of malefactors could be found. It was stated that Sven Lomborg, city alderman, made three arrests in the course of the night. His prisoners could not be located.

Public sentiment was bitter on this score and there were many who would not believe the reports of the thievery. Prisoners from the county jail were released when flames seemed to threaten that structure. Three convicted men said to be awaiting transportation to the state penitentiary aided District Attorney Erickson in removing lawbooks and furniture from his office. Indications were that all his prisoners can be found at any time by Sheriff Slusher.

During the progress of the relief committee meeting yesterday, windows in the council chambers where it was held were shattered by the force of dynamite explosions outside. The business was not disturbed, perhaps after 12 hours of similar thunder, such occurrences seemed trifles.

Residences on the heights back of the city presented a peculiarly

Minister Seeks to Disprove Poison Allegations



Rev. and Mrs. W. Griffith Cowley.

Rev. W. Griffith Cowley, of Selon Springs, Wis., is seeking for evidence to disprove intimations that he is responsible for the death by poisoning of his sixty-five-year-old bride.

disheveled appearance last night. Furniture was piled in hopeless tangles over the lawn and porches. Curtains had been torn from windows and everything was in preparation for immediate evacuation.

Boy Scouts Assist.
Hundreds of refugees were quartered in whatever places were

available. Many wandered about the streets aimlessly until through sheer exhaustion they went to sleep in the corridors of the Y. M. C. A. building, the city hall and other available sheltered spots. With their worldly possessions tied in a towel or table cloth, many of them were taken in by more fortunate residents whose

homes were untouched by the flames.

A corps of Boy Scouts, numbering the six active troops, and all ex-scouts who have been members of the organization since 1916 were on duty throughout the night under the direction of Scout Masters Bjorlie and Stefens for guard duty, messenger service and errands.

E. C. Sammons, assistant cashier of the United States National bank of Portland, arrived yesterday and offered aid to local bankers on behalf of the Portland banking interests. Local bankers informed Mr. Sammons that the vaults in the four banks would probably not be opened for two weeks because of the danger of premature opening. It is generally believed that the contents of the vaults are undamaged.

Three churches were in the direct path of the flames but none was burned. In each case the fire was either checked just before the church was reached or veered around and by the house of worship.

Everyone was barred last night

from the burned area after 5 o'clock, soldiers from Fort Stevens and sailors from the cutter stationed in the harbor aiding the police in patrol work. Even newspapermen with police passes were required to take the path that led over the hills in the residential district.

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