

MARKET EXPERTS ARE DIVIDED ON PRUNE OUTLOOK

Authorities on the prune situation are divided as to whether 25 per cent of the 1922 crop remains unsold or whether there is really a larger percentage now held by growers...

New York practically regulates the market for this country and the Journal of Commerce, published in New York city, recognized as authority on the dried fruit situation...

Market Holds Firm. Under date of November 29, the Journal of Commerce says: "There is very little buying of dried fruit at source, but enough backed by optimism of packers, to maintain prices..."

A few days later, the dried fruit situation in New York called for the following from the Journal of Commerce, under date of December 1:

"The prune market is quiet. In California independents are doing some offering. Independents say their prices are based on costs and there is nothing to warrant radical changes in either direction..."

New York Tendency Down. The prune situation remained about the same for a few days in New York, as the same financial paper, under date of December 4, carries the following comments on the dried fruit situation:

"The prune market is not a weak one, so much as it is a dull one. The New York tendency to lower prices being offset by firmness on the Pacific coast. Prunes are easier today due to boat arrivals, the stock being offered on the dock to save cartage and insurance..."

Buyers in Quandry. With the uncertainty of amounts of stock on hand on the Pacific coast, eastern buyers appear to be up in the air as to whether the market is due for any changes...

Under date of December 5, the Journal of Commerce says: "Wires and letters show no change in the dried fruit situation. Packers admit there is no heavy buying, but there is no weakness shown in California by independent operators..."

"While some interest has been shown in December and January trading, there has been a lull in this form of business."

CRUISER SEATTLE TO BE FLEET FLAGSHIP

Bremerton, Wash., Dec. 14.—To succeed the Connecticut, which is on her way to be de-commissioned, the cruiser Seattle will become flagship of the Pacific fleet trains under orders received at the Puget Sound naval station.

The Seattle has been idle here since doing convoy service in the world war.

WOODMEN PLAN BIG MEETING AT DALLAS

Dallas, Or., Dec. 14.—Friday evening, December 15, in the Woodmen hall in Dallas, will be held the big open meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America. Those having the affair in charge are expecting an extra large crowd to attend.

Getting Too Fat? Try This—Reduce

People who don't grow too fat are the fortunate exception. But if you find the fat accumulating or already cumbersome, you will be wise to follow this suggestion, which is endorsed by thousands of people who know.

COMPENSATION BOARD HANDLES SIXTEEN MILLION

Receipts of the Oregon workmen's compensation fund since its creation on November 5, 1913, to date total \$19,246,055.54, according to a financial statement issued by the industrial accident commission here.

During the same period there have been disbursements aggregating \$11,321,956.48 as follows: Pensions, \$1,909,145.49; for time loss, \$4,134,593.22; for permanent partial disability less than 24 months, \$514,234.29; for medical aid, \$2,271,888.59; for burial expenses, \$90,490.10; for vocational rehabilitation, \$102,534.60; arrearages paid, \$1,157,793.34; administrative expenses, \$1,141,346.85.

The expense ration, representing the proportion of the overhead cost of administering the fund, during the nine-year period has been 7.25 per cent.

The unassigned surplus of the commission as of November 30, as shown by the monthly financial summary was \$327,538.89.

SENIORS BEST OF SALEM HI FIVES

By defeating the sophomores yesterday afternoon, winners over the juniors the afternoon previous, the seniors of the Salem high school are the winners in the inter-class basketball.

The sophomores took the lead at the start and held it for the most of the first half. They could not stand the pace that they were forced to travel and the seniors with some excellent teamwork ended the period with the score 8-3 in their favor.

For the winners it can hardly be said that any particular person was the star. All played well and played team work. They were much taller and larger than the first year men and used their size to advantage.

The little fellows also played well but with opposing players towering over them it was a hard fight for them. They didn't slacken when they saw that they were defeated but fought to the closing whistle.

DALLAS HIGH ALUMNI PLAN ANNUAL BANQUET

Dallas, Or., Dec. 14.—The Dallas high school alumni association will hold their annual banquet in the dining room of the Gail hotel on some evening between Christmas and New Year's.

The chairman of the program committee is Miss Hallie Smith, with Miss Maud Barnes serving in the same capacity on the invitation committee. Miss Barnes being assisted by the following aides: Mrs. Charles Blyeu, Mrs. Doris Hatfield, Miss Ida Blodgett, Miss Miriam Hart, Miss Genevieve Coad, Ray Smith, Miss Grace Forrette, Miss Bessie Syron and Walter Craven.

Kidney and Bladder Troubles Have to Go

Clogged up Kidney Deposits are Dissolved and the Toxins (Poisons) Completely Driven Out. Druggists Told to Guarantee it in Every Instance.

"Your very life," says Dr. Carey, "depends upon the perfect functioning and health of your kidneys so whatever you don't neglect them."

Don't wait until tomorrow to begin the use of this wonderful prescription now obtainable in both liquid and tablet form if you have any of the above symptoms. Kidney and bladder troubles don't wear away. They will grow upon you slowly, stealthily and with an aching certainty.

Brooklyn Man Wins Radio Championship



Joseph G. Smythe won the radio championship held during the Boston Radio Show. There were three contests, the operator appearing to best advantage in all three being declared victor.

Dallas Merchants Attract Buyers By Free Picture Show

Dallas, Dec. 14.—Dallas business men will give a free picture show Saturday afternoon, and John C. Uglow, manager of the Majestic theatre, where the picture will be shown, promises that it will be a good one.

The matter of putting on such a show was brought to the attention of C. L. Crider, a progressive local merchant, who said that the way to bring it about was to get out and hustle for the necessary money.

This is the second experiment that has been made in the giving of free shows in Dallas. The first occasion was when the show was given in connection with a Dallas dollar day.

These free shows are for people from the country. It is easily possible for Dallas people to fill the theatre, but if they do the good effects of the movie is lost.

The student body will give their usual Christmas dancing party on Saturday evening, December 16. Local friends on the normal's social list are cordially welcome to this party.

Dublin.—Lord Glenavy, in pre-war days a strong supporter of the Ulster policy, was elected president of the Free State senate.

Havana.—One hundred workmen were killed or injured in a boiler explosion in a large sugar mill near Camaguey.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS GONE! EDNA WALLACE HOPPER

—IN PERSON— The Rejuvenated, Diminutive Musical Comedy Star of "Floradora"

GRAND THEATRE Tomorrow and Saturday

SPECIAL—LADIES ONLY—MATINEE SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

At the matinee The Wonder Lady will go through her morning routine—Bathe, Exercise and Dress for the street; then step into the audience and gladly answer your questions.

Special Feature Picture "REMEMBRANCE"

On Same Program

18,000 BOOKS IN SALEM LIBRARY ON DECEMBER 1

On December 1, 1922, there were 18,129 books in the Salem public library, according to the report presented to the directors of the library by Miss Flora M. Case.

During the month of November, 91 books were added by purchase, three by gift and 85 through the bindery, making a total of 179 new books placed in the library during the past month.

People insist upon reading more books of fiction than standard books on information, according to the report. A total of 2744 works on fiction were called for last month by adults, while 1052 were non-fiction books.

Children average as high as adults in reading standard books, as of the 2152 books circulated in November among children, 1190 were fiction and 962 non-fiction.

During November, the circulation of all books from both the main library and the Highland branch, amounted to 5463. One year ago the November circulation was 6888 and two years ago 6520.

Borrowers numbered 8453 last month. Adults who had not previously registered, but who became patrons of the library for the first time in November, numbered 166, while there was 140 children who registered for the first time, in order to secure books.

November 18 was the most active day in the circulation of the Salem public library, as on that day 446 books were issued.

MOTHER SICK

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In large quantities and are being forwarded to the man who will make every effort to see that these little boys and girls are not forgotten. Only cases of needy persons will be investigated, however, and those children in families who do not require assistance will naturally not be visited by those making the survey.

There are children in Salem who are not even expecting a Santa Claus this year. Such a view is scarcely conceivable to the average individual and yet many youngsters will rise on the morning of December 25 without a single present unless Salem people respond to the requests of the persons active in the movement.

Bill Wants 60 Cents. Some of the youngsters whose letters have been received are "cockiness" personified. All of the notes do not tell of the darker side. There is young Bill, who

printed his letter in capitals nearly an inch in height, and suggested that a train and a wagon and 60 cents in cash would not go amiss. Jimmy, whose been looking for a dog for a couple of years now, sent Mr. Claus a note also.

"Dear old Santa Claus," writes a little girl, "just a few lines to let you know what I want for Xmas. I am a girl 10 years old. I live in the country and want a dolly and some hair ribbons. My little sister 3 years old wants a dolly too. I have lots of brothers that would like to have some toys or something. If you please good old Santa Claus."

In the meantime the Elks, the Salvation army and the Capital Journal are spending many hours each day in an effort to make the Christmas program a success. Persons willing to assist should leave parcels at the Elks lodge.

AMUSEMENTS

Salem Theatre News As Seen by the Press Agents

Oregon. The days of the fashionable cafe have been preserved in the remarkable Goldwyn production of "The Sin Flood," which will be shown at the Oregon theater for two days, beginning today.

New York.—Owners of National league baseball clubs announced that the 1923 playing season would open on April 17, a week later than usual.

Dr. KING'S PILLS - for constipation. Purify the blood. Image of a pill bottle.

It Cost One and One-Half Millions

"When Knighthood Was In Flower" 13 weeks in New York 8 weeks in Chicago 7 weeks in Los Angeles Portland Now playing third week and going big.

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