

# CANNERS SCRAMBLE TO BUY STRAWBERRY PACK

## FRANTIC BUYING OF STRAWBERRIES ORDER OF DAY

Frantic buying of strawberries has marked the last few days in this section with a situation different than anything ever before seen here.

Canners suddenly awakened to the fact that if they wanted any local strawberries to can that now is the time to get them, because a waiting game would be disastrous for their pack.

Baker, Kelly & McLaughlin apparently outfoxed them all on the strawberry deal this spring, starting out over a month ago on a quiet, but at the same time speedy campaign which has resulted in their signing up an enormous tonnage.

While canneries undoubtedly were aware of the operations of the McLaughlin people will be staged, although negotiations have been under way with the Capital fee & Storage company for rooms in their new plant.

Indications are for a good strawberry crop and there is apparently no particular reason why there should not be one this year.

There is unquestionably it will be one of the biggest years ever experienced by growers here as seemingly every berry will be swallowed up in the demand that has arisen.

## WHEAT HIGHER CORN FOLLOWS

Chicago, Feb. 21.—The wheat opening, which varied from unchanged figures to 1 1/2c lower, May 11.34 to 11.34 1/2c and July 11.53 1/2c to 11.53 1/2c, was followed by material declines all around and then by rallies which, however, failed to last well.

After opening at half to 1 off, May 11.25 to 11.24 1/2c, the corn market underwent an additional rise and then recovered somewhat.

Higher quotations on hogs gave a lift to provisions.

## ABANDON TAX ON COSMETICS KEEP TOBACCO

(Continued from Page One) the service commission. Today is the fifth day the service commission bill has lain on the governor's desk and he told the committee last night he would veto it unless his wishes were acceded to.

He and the committee agreed that the bill would be withdrawn today. This will be done on motion of Representative Gordon, chairman of the house ways and means committee.

Occupational Tax The committee last night gave some consideration to an occupational tax, which was proposed by A. S. Peterson of Portland, president of the National Association of Retail Druggists, in lieu of the excise taxes. The committee however did not adopt it.

Other Recommendations The committee voted a favorable report on the Beasly bill for branch normal schools, appropriating \$125,000.

The Corbett bill providing for an irrigation and drainage commission was tabled. Claims presented by the citizens of Malheur county for flood damage, which they attribute to state negligence, were tabled.

The Staples budget commission bill was reported adversely and all bills providing for armories will be withdrawn.

## Tells How Rich Women Are Robbed



Mrs. Charlotte King Palmer, Mrs. Edith Bobe, Mrs. Hugo Schoellkopf, Mrs. Herbert Wilson.

The amazing confession in a Los Angeles, Cal., court of Herbert L. Wilson, notorious ex-minister and admitted bandit, that he had been approached by Jack Elerick, who said he knew a wealthy New York divorcee, Mrs. Charlotte King Palmer, who was "thrilling Broadway" with her lavish display of jewelry, and that he, Elerick and Charles Stahl, burglarized Mrs. King's home and stole \$320,000 worth of jewelry.

Wilson, who is now serving a life sentence in San Quentin, Cal., prison, admitted Mrs. Palmer's ankle was broken in her fight with the thieves. Detectives had previously had no clue to the Palmer robbery.

## HOP MARKET DROPS A CENT WITH FEW SALES

Portland, Feb. 21.—Laying power in the local hop market has dwindled during the past week and while growers are still holding for 17 cents or better, actual sales have been around the 14 cent level.

Most growers are still bullish with the general belief that dealers are trying to bear the market to get hold of the few bales remaining unsold in this state.

On the exchange extras and standards are up another cent to the 4 1/2 cent level. Prime firsts advanced four cents to 45 cents.

Country dressed meats closed steady with choice light veal at 16 1/2 to 17 cents and choice light hogs at 15 1/2 to 16 cents.

## LIVESTOCK

Portland, Feb. 21.—Cattle market active; receipts none; steers good \$7.50@8.00; medium \$6.50@7.00; common \$5.50@6.50; canner and cutter steers \$4.50@5.50; heifers, good (\$50 pounds up) \$6.50@7.75; common and medium, all weights \$4.50@5.50; cows, good \$5.75@6.25; common and medium \$4.50@5.75; canners and cutters \$1.50@4.50; bulls, good (beef yearlings excluded) \$4.00@4.50; common to medium (canner and bologna) \$2.00@4.00; calves medium to choice (150 lbs. down) \$5.00@11.00; cull and common (150 lbs. down) \$6.00@7.50; 250 lbs.) \$7.50@10.00; medium to choice (250 lbs. up) \$6.00@7.50; cull and common (150 lbs. up) \$4.50@6.50.

Hogs steady; receipts 163; heavyweight (250 to 350 pounds) medium, good and choice \$10.50@11.75; medium weight (200 to 250 lbs.) medium, good and choice \$11.00@12.00; lightweight (150 to 200 lbs.) common, medium good and choice \$11.75@12.25; packing hogs, smooth \$10.00@10.50; packing hogs rough \$9.50@10.00; slaughter pigs (150 lbs. down) medium, good and choice \$10.00@11.00; feeder and stocker pigs (70 to 150 lbs.) common, medium, good and choice \$8.50@9.50; soft or oily hogs and roasting pigs excluded in above quotations.

Sheep steady; receipts none; lambs, light and heavyweight, medium to choice \$14.50@15.50; heavyweight (\$2 pounds up)

medium to prime \$13.00@14.50; all weights, cull and common \$11.00@14.50; yearling withers, medium to prime \$10.50@11.00; weathers (2 years old and over) medium to prime \$9.00@11.00; ewes, common to choice \$8.00@11.00; canner and cull \$5.00@8.00. (Above quotations except lambs on above basis.)

## PUGH BEGINS CONSTRUCTION OF MANUFACTORY

Actual work of manufacturing started yesterday at the plant of C. J. Pugh on 21st street, the plant being just completed recently. This promises to become an industry of some magnitude from the outlook on orders and the immense possibilities of fruit development in the northwest.

The first work will be on graders to fill orders. The Pugh grader has proved so highly successful in every cannery where it has been used that there is reason to believe it will become of general installation in practically every northwest cannery.

In addition, he contemplates manufacture of cookers, exhaust fans, upright trucks, sizers and other canning machinery as the business advances.

"We are not very big yet, I'll admit," states Mr. Pugh. "We have three men and our 30x20 plant, but this business will be an evolution and when we get into it we hope to have a steady growth which will mean something to the community as well as to ourselves."

## BACK FROM AUTO SHOW AT EUGENE WITH CARS

R. N. MacDonald, the Marmon dealer, has just returned from the auto show at Eugene with Mr. Bronaugh, of Bronaugh & Pond, grass, the Marmon agents in Portland and reports a very satisfactory show was held there from Tuesday, February 17, until Friday.

They have brought with them three of the newest models of Marmons which are on display here and delivered a Marmon coupe to Fred Stensloff, of the Valley Packing company, today. Mr. MacDonald also reports that Max Hofer took delivery of his 7-passenger Marmon sedan two days ago at the factory in the east.

## LOCAL CANNERS HEAR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Many canners went to Portland today to attend a meeting of the Northwest Canners association to meet E. F. Treago, the newly elected president of the National Canners association, who is in Portland today and has been in Seattle looking over the northwest situation. Canner developments have been so marked in the northwest that the region has become a decided factor in national canning operations.

Mr. Hutchings of Corvallis, head of the Western Packing corporation with plants at Forest Grove and Corvallis, was among the canners stopping off at Salem today en route for Portland for the canners' meeting.

## RYAN PLANS TO REFRIGERATE AS WELL AS PACK

The new Ryan Fruit company plant to be erected at Trile and Cottage streets by David Pugh, under contract to be completed by April 1, will be so constructed as to give refrigeration advantages throughout the entire plant.

The plant itself, it is estimated, will cost \$6200 and about \$4000 worth of refrigeration machinery is to be installed, under present plans.

The move of the company is taken to indicate that it contemplates continuing in the game of shipping fresh fruits, such as cherries, grapes and apples in season. The Ryan Fruit company's operations are not exceptionally well known here and few people realize the magnitude of the firm which is spreading all over the coast.

The operations of the concern have constantly become larger in its scope, not only here but in all of its field of operations. The present plant of the Ryan Fruit company in Salem is on Trade street just off from High, across from the Gile plant.

## DENNEY SIGNS UP FOR 350 CARS OF LETTUCE

Denney and company has signed up over 350 cars of lettuce in western Oregon with a good chunk of it from the Lake Labish company, according to information received here. The Denney people banked a great deal on their Idaho lettuce deal, but after three or four seasons of virtual failure there have turned their eyes toward the coast and it is their plan to develop an immense lettuce shipping industry out of this section.

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