

SAYS "BOOM" IN CALIFORNIA ON DOWNWARD TREND

That "boom" conditions which have for a number of years characterized the growth of southern California, particularly Los Angeles, have come to a definite and permanent end was the opinion expressed by P. M. Geiser, of the Cherry City Mills, who spoke before the Marion-Polk County Realtors' association at its regular weekly meeting Thursday noon. Methods used by high powered salesmen in selling property have lost their force, Mr. Geiser believes.

"I believe we should all get back of a world fair at Portland in 1929," he said, "and do all we can to push Oregon to the front." The speaker talked at length on the subject of wheat growing and flour production. The crop of wheat in the United States during the year 1925 will reach a total of 775,000,000 bushels, according to his estimates. The average production to the acre in the United States is 15 bushels to the acre, but in the vicinity of Salem the average is nearly 30 bushels in normal years, he stated. The Chinese have the heaviest production per acre of any people in the world, the crop in some parts of China being more than 100 bushels to the acre.

He mentioned a flour mill in Salem, stating that it produces 200 barrels of flour a day, as well as numerous cereals. It has one of the largest assortments of poultry feeds on the Pacific coast, he maintained, 11 different kinds being produced, as well as five varieties of dairy feeds. The mill has a molasses feed machine which is the only kind of its type on the Pacific coast, according to Geiser.

COMMUNITY CLUB AT BROOKS MEETS

Brooks, Or., April 4.—The Brooks Community club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. B. F. Ramp. There was a good attendance and all voted it a snappy meeting. The main business discussed was whether the club should use funds already in their treasury or should raise a separate fund for finishing the concrete walk to the school house, or whether the job should be undertaken at all. It was finally decided to hold a special meeting, which was set for next Wednesday evening, April 8, at the school house.

Ice cream and cake were served and the dining room was decorated with pink hyacinths.

The play "Deena Dubba" which was given at Buena Vista, Wednesday night, by the Brooks Y. P. C. E. was well received, as many attending as at the first showing at Brooks school house.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fuller spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Savage, Mrs. Fuller's parents.

Rev. Mr. Simpson is attending a conference in Portland. Miss Ethel Harris made a business trip to Salem, Wednesday.

Rev. Simpson returned from Albany yesterday where he has been with his father who is quite ill. The doctors do not hold any hope for his recovery but say he may linger for several weeks.

Robert M. Munson and family and son-in-law, Martin Aicher, spent a busy week getting their household goods ready for shipment to Marshfield, which they will make their future home. They left Tuesday, intending to make the trip by auto.

GEORGE H. MASON DEAD

Mill City, Or., April 4.—George H. Mason, who has been a resident of Mill City for the past 19 years, passed away at his home here Friday afternoon, following several weeks of illness. Mr. Mason was born in Jay county, Indiana, April 11, 1851. He was married November 30, 1872, to Amanda Jane Cook at Belmore, Ohio, moving to Findlay, Ohio, in 1899, where he lived until moving to Mill City in 1904. He is survived by his wife and five sons—W. W. Mason, P. P. Mason, H. F. Mason and R. A. Mason all of Mill City and C. H. Mason of Salem—all of whom were with him through his last days. Mr. and Mrs. Mason celebrated their golden wedding here two years ago. Funeral services were held Sunday in the Presbyterian church, of which he was an elder, interment being made in the Fairview cemetery.

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A squadron of police, unequalled in the annals of court history, guarded every move of Gerald Chapman, notorious bandit, during his Hartford, Conn., trial for the murder of Policeman James Skelly, of New Britain, Conn. Walter E. Shean, son of a well-to-do family, will be the State's chief witness. He is said to have confessed that he and Chapman plotted the robbery of the New Britain store where Skelly met his death when he surprised two gunmen at work. A specially posed portrait of the so-called "master bandit" is shown above.

PLANS SHAPING FOR FINANCING BALL CLUB HERE

Definite plans are shaping for the financing of the Salem Senators for the 1925 season, according to Cuyler Van Patton, president of the board of directors. Letters are being sent out to the business men giving the schedule of the home games and explaining the present plans of the directors for the handling of the club.

Last year was the first year that the club has been worked on a business-like basis and the directors are planning to carry out the idea to a further extent this year. Those who are willing to assist the club this year are asked to get in touch with Joseph Adolph. A strict accounting of the funds collected and expended and the books of the club will be open to inspection.

The Senators have joined the inter-state league and Salem baseball fans are in for a big treat this season as they will be assured of some of the best games yet seen on the home lot. The locals will play eleven out of fifteen games at home, as the Luckenbach and Vancouver teams are both road clubs. Considerable good material has been lined up so far and the prospects for a first division club, if not a pennant winner, are bright. A tentative lineup has been selected but nothing definite is known as yet. Several players will be out for the different positions Sunday afternoon, when the Senators will have a thorough workout. If there are enough players out, the Senators will have a five-inning game. If the weather or field is bad practice will be postponed. Work on the diamond has been progressing and the infield will be in good shape by tomorrow.

An error in the announcement of the tentative lineup was made. The announcement had "Speck" Keene on first base. If Keene is with the Senators this year he will play in the outfield and "Cack" Blanchard will perform on the first sack. Curtis Coleman will be on third base. The men who will probably be with the club are Edwards and Barr, catchers; Barham and Ashby, pitchers; Blanchard, first base; Proctor, second; Cole-

man, third; Miller, shortstop; Steers, Keene, Shackman and Barr in the outfield. Several other additions may be made after the new material is selected. Those desiring positions on the club are asked to see or phone "Frisco" Edwards, playing manager.

The home games scheduled for the playing of the inter-state league are announced as follows: April 12, Canas; April 19, Vancouver; May 3, Luckenbach Ship Co.; May 10, Hillsboro; May 24, Vancouver; May 31, Crown-Willamette; June 7, Luckenbach Ship Co.; June 21, Canas; June 28, Vancouver; July 5, Crown-Willamette; July 12, Luckenbach Ship Co.; July 19, Hillsboro.

The inter-state league season closes on July 19 but the Senators are planning to schedule games for later dates with several independent clubs.

Brooks News

Brooks, Or., April 4.—Robert Hackett has sold his place near Hopmore and as soon as he can get his other place on the opposite side of the road and nearer Brooks in order he will move.

J. S. Miller of Salem, who bought the place, will probably not move on to it until later in the summer.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sturges, Sunday afternoon, were Mr. and Mrs. F. Shanks of Salem.

Mrs. Kenedy of Salem is visiting at the home of Malcolm Ramp. Miss Marie Dunlavy, who had a sinking spell yesterday, is reported better this morning.

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FIGHTERS HARD AT WORK FIXING FOR NEXT BOUTS

A large crowd attended the nightly workout of Frankie Lewis of Salem, who is to meet Charles Dawson of Eugene in the ten-round main event at the armory, April 19. The fans are in for one of the biggest fight treats yet shown at the armory if Lewis is able to show as much stuff against Dawson as he has been displaying at the armory each night.

Lewis went through several rounds of shadow boxing, dummy punching and rope skipping. He is quick and has a powerful punch which is liable to put Dawson away for the count. Lewis has a mighty sweet left punch but also carries a good wallop in his right. He received the decision over Dawson in a former fight and he is working hard to get more than a decision. Dawson signed a contract to be here to meet Lewis on this date. Dawson stipulates that Lewis must be down to 135 pounds for the battle, but Lewis is down to 140 and will surely be able to be down to the required weight by the time of the fight.

Billy Gardeau of Portland, who has not been in the ring for some time on account of the death of his mother, will be here that night to challenge the winner. Lewis fought a ten-round no-decision match with Gardeau.

Harry Plant, matchmaker, has signed Kid McCormick of Oregon City to meet Billy Robbins of Portland in the semi-finals. The Kid was scheduled to meet Robbins on the last card but was injured and his brother was substituted. Robbins will weigh in at 107 and McCormick at 105. The Kid's brother lost the fight to Robbins and the family honor will be at stake in this bout. Two snappy preliminaries have been arranged.

Another handsome reduction in the ringside tickets has been announced by Harry Plant. The best seat in the house can now be obtained for the same price as general admissions have formerly cost.

Lewis is working out at the armory at 7:30 o'clock each evening.

New Corporation
A permit to operate in Oregon was issued to the Continental Oil company, a Colorado corporation with a capital of \$12,000,000. Grant S. Presbrey of Athens is attorney-in-fact for Oregon.

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