

### JOHN F. WHITE ELECTED HEAD OF EXCHANGE

A Salem boy, John F. White, was elected general manager of the North Pacific Prune Exchange at a meeting of the directors in Portland Wednesday. The Capital Journal forecast his selection several weeks ago immediately after the resignation of M. J. Newhouse as manager became known. White, who was secretary of the association, has been connected with the exchange since its inception and was prominently identified with the old Oregon Growers under Newhouse when it had its headquarters in Salem. He has been connected with prune marketing since 1919.

For some time he has virtually handled the affairs of the North Pacific Prune exchange and will act as both secretary and general manager under the new management. It has been no secret among directors that White's unflinching energies in handling the heavy work of the association has been one of the biggest factors in making it possible for it to show such a low percentage in overhead costs.

Directors representing the eight local cooperative prune packing organizations attended the meeting and reported growth in grower membership of the several associations during the year. Optimism over the marketing situation prevailed. Of the big crop of around 75,000,000 pounds of Italian prunes, less than half the output remains unsold, and about the same percentage of the California crop has also been moved. With the southern state's production only 50 per cent of normal, high prices have naturally been realized by Oregon prune growers. Another favorable development of the season was the opening up of new markets for Oregon prunes. Because of the scarcity of the California article, many markets, both domestic and foreign, that were not acquainted with the distinctive quality of Oregon prunes were introduced to them for the first time, and officials of the exchange are confident that these new outlets will be retained.

The market at the present time is quieter, as is usual just before the holiday period, but a stronger demand is expected after the first of the year. Coast supplies are much smaller than customary on this date, which is also a strengthening factor.

Mr. Newhouse, who made a survey early in the year of the European prune situation for the department of agriculture, is now connected with the federal farm board and is investigating the prune industry in California. On completion of this work it is expected he will come to Oregon and make a similar investigation of the prune industry for the board. Prune growers of the northwest are in line for government aid when they have completely organized the industry under the plans of the farm board.

barren wastes of snow and ice that lay before us.

Compared with the lightning-like pace we maintained in our plane and later with Santa in his magic sleigh the speed at which we traveled on our way to Nome seemed like that of a snail. Because of a biting cold—sometimes it was as much as 40 degrees below zero—and the winds that beat almost constantly in our faces we were able to travel only a few hours at a time, and at that very slowly.

Much of the time we were fighting against a blizzard, and when we stopped and threw up our temporary shelter of reindeer skins it would be but a few moments before the drifting snow was banked deep against the shelter. This, of course, made it warmer and in our heavy fur clothing we were able to rest fairly comfortably around our little portable oil stoves and prepare hot tea, which greatly refreshed us.

Days and days of this kind of travel had nearly exhausted us, and had it not been for Santa's constant jovial mood and cheerfulness we would likely all have given up and laid down to be frozen to death. But Santa kept reminding us that we just had to keep on and not disappoint the little children of Salem and the Willamette valley.

Once when a dog sled turned over and was dragged over the rough ice for perhaps a quarter of a mile we feared that our moving picture films of Santa and his home had been ruined. But when we finally righted the sled and recovered the strong box in which the films had been packed we found that they had not been damaged in the least.

When we finally did reach Nome the relief airplanes had not yet arrived there, but there was a wireless message from the editor of the Capital Journal saying that it was on its way. I have already told you in previous dispatches about the arrival of the plane at Nome and the refusal of the pilot to take any of us except Santa back to Salem with him. I don't expect that with Santa Claus actually in Salem and traveling about among you that you will be interested in what we do about getting the rest of the expedition back home. We will probably be here several days, perhaps weeks, before we are able to get out.

Before he left us Santa told me

### JOHN D. WINTERS IN FLORIDA



John D. Rockefeller alighting from train at Ormond Beach, Fla., where he will spend the winter on his estate. He was impatient to get to the golf links to practice for a match with his old friend, Gen. Adelbert Ames.

he was going to spend most of his time in Salem helping the Elks and the Capital Journal find the good little boys and girls whose names for one reason or another were not on his big book. He also said that he was going to tell the readers of the Capital Journal all about his visit to the Willamette valley. His own stories will, I suppose, be printed every day in the Capital Journal from the time this, my last, dispatch about our expedition is printed until he leaves again just before Christmas.

Woodburn—Home Rebekah lodge No. 58 entertained members and their friends Tuesday night following the regular session with a Christmas tree and program, at which about 80 people were present.

The program opened with "Silent Night," sung by the entire group. Readings were given by Miss Marjorie Wright and Miss Mamie Lenhardt, a vocal duet by Misses Lindred and Katherine Howe; readings by Miss Nona Oljen, Harold Livesey and Roy C. Gibbons, Jr.; a piano solo by Miss Kathleen Ellis; a reading by Miss Charlotte Mae Livesey; and closing with the hymn "Joy to the World."

A present and a sack of candy were given to each child present and the members drew numbers for which they received gifts. Candy was distributed to all and a social hour enjoyed.

Amity—John Umphlette and G. O. Skelton are in McMinnville this week where they were called to serve as jurors in the circuit court.

### YULETIDE TREES BEGIN TO MOVE TOWARD HOMES

Boston (AP)—Down from the green New England hills the army of Christmas trees has begun its annual march.

More than 7,000,000 trees are starting out this year for families scattered all over the nation, according to an estimate by officials of the Boston and Maine railroad, along whose lines the Christmas trees grow.

Firs and spruces will find their way as far west as Chicago and Kansas City, far to the south—to Dallas, to New Orleans—while the great eastern metropolitan centers about New York, Philadelphia and Boston will absorb hundreds of thousands.

The Green mountains of Vermont are contributing more than 2,000,000 trees; Maine is shipping 4,000,000; New Hampshire has started 800,000 on their way, and western Massachusetts adds 300,000 to the total.

Preparing this "happiness crop" is a tremendous task. For weeks the ring of axes has echoed through the forests. All sizes and shapes of evergreens are felled.

Some are tall and stately spruces destined to go to schools, churches, hotels and other public places. Down the line they go, to the tiny fir that will adorn tables in apartment houses.

The crop this year, woodsman say, is especially good, well-bought and attractive.

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### THE SECRET OF MOHAWK POND

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"Soon's I put these in the kitchen, I'll take you back with me."

"But I must return to Stone Tower—"

"It's bad going over Mohawk pass after last night's rain," broke in Obadiah, quickly. "Besides, Debby said your brother left word he'd be back."

"In that case," Chase turned to Peggy as Obadiah disappeared into the pantry; "I'll go with Mr. Evans. I'll get in touch with you without fail. Don't worry," he held her hand in a firm clasp, "and above all, keep your own counsel."

The advice was given in little above a whisper and Obadiah failed to catch it on reentering the room.

"I'm ready, now, Mr. Evans," and snatching up his hat Chase accompanied the farmer out of the front door.

Peggy watched them go, giving but a mechanical reply to Obadiah's last words, then closed the door. Half across the room, she stopped and picked up the slip of paper found in her uncle's safe deposit box.

"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the Lord."

Suddenly her head fell forward on the desk and her overcharged feelings found vent in a burst of tears—her inheritance was but a house of cards.

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### IN GUARDIANSHIP FIGHT



Harold McCormick and Anita McCormick Blaine, brother and sister, whom Mrs. Katherine McCormick (inset) is fighting to oust as guardians of her husband, Stanley McCormick, incompetent millionaire, in Santa Barbara, Cal., superior court.

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### HUNGARIAN WINS MATE, DOWRY WITH LOTTERY

Berlin, 6P.—In Budapest there lives a young woman, recently married, whose husband cost her exactly one pengoe or approximately 18 cents. Moreover, with the marriage contract there went a dowry of 20,000 pengoes that had been hopefully contributed by 19,999 other women, each of whom thought she would find herself in the place of the bride when the ceremony was performed.

Imagination and a rather frankly literal philosophy of life on the part of the man who was to become the husband brought about this, to say the least, peculiar arrangement.

Obtaining the somewhat reluctant cooperation of the advertising department of a Budapest newspaper, he announced to the world in general and to the unmarried women thereof in particular that he was offering himself as the chief and only prize in a bona fide marriage lottery. Tickets were to be sold at one pengoe each; the proceeds were to go toward

making up the dowry; the holder of the winning ticket was to marry him; there were no consolation prizes to be offered. In face of the warning of the newspaper managers that he might draw an ugly or an uncouth or a very stupid wife, the literal-minded young man refused to alter his plan.

Scarcely, however, the man realized that he knew very well what he was about. "After all," he said, "marriage even at its very best is only a lottery."

So he took the winning girl—as to whose beauty, personality or intelligence nothing has as yet been reported—and married her.

### YEAR'S WORK TOPIC OF SCIO AID GROUP

Scio—Plans for the current year's work were started at the meeting Wednesday afternoon of the Ladies Aid society at the farm home of Mrs. John Sumanek. On account of unfavorable weather several members failed to attend the meeting and the plans were continued for the next meeting.

A basket is to be filled for the boys' home at Turner, and those desiring to make donations may leave them at the Gill store in Scio. The basket is to be packed Saturday of this week.

A lunch was served. The next meeting will be announced later.

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### SANTA AND PARTY NEARLY DIE ON TRIP

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ahead to carry your news dispatches to Salem, and if I do not go along with you to guide you, you may get lost and perish in one of the terrible blizzards we experience here at this time of the year.

"Yes, I will return with you."

We told Santa that "Sourdough Charlie" was going to arrange to send a plane after us so that we might arrive in Salem in plenty of time for Christmas, and then prepare to start on our long journey by reindeer sled and dog team for Nome, where we expected the relief plane would be waiting.

Santa said that we would not be able to take his magic sleigh and reindeer further with us, as we would have to send them back to Santaland so that they would be all rested up for the strenuous trip around the world on Christmas eve.

We had brought along a lot of supplies and equipment in the plane when we came north that we would no longer need, so we called all of the Eskimos who had been so helpful and courteous to us together and distributed all of the surplus things among them.

Our extra guns and ammunition were particularly welcome to them for they meant food and oil to them.

So eager were they for some gift to remember us by that we all stripped ourselves pretty thoroughly of personal things that we had and would not probably need during the rest of our trip.

Then we loaded our sleds and shouting farewells to our Eskimo friends, headed out into the great

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