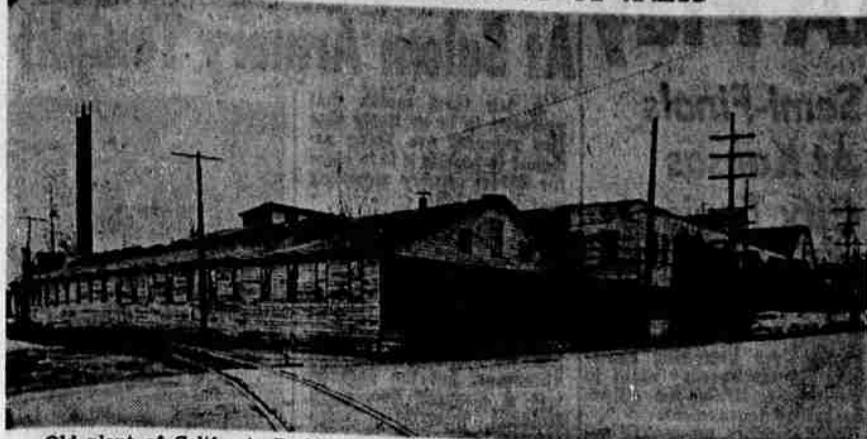


INDUSTRIAL LANDMARK TO BE RAZED



Old plant of California Packing Corporation on South 12th street, now abandoned and soon to be razed, dates from 1895 when the Oregon Packing company occupied the premises. Salem Canning company's plant, dating from 1890 and the first in Salem, originally occupied the site. This plant burned in a spectacular fire November 8, 1905.

Old Calpak Plant on 12th Distinguished Landmark

By BEN MAXWELL

When California Packing Corporation dismantles its old canning plant at South 12th and Trade streets, the event will mark the passing of a landmark that replaced Salem's first cannery following a disastrous fire on the night of November 8, 1905.

Oregon's canning industry started in 1889 when John West & Co. established a packing plant for salmon at Westport on the Columbia 84 years ago.

Capital Journal reports the ground breaking for Salem's first cannery on February 4, 1890. Four days later Salem Canning company was incor-

ported with R. S. Wallace, president; Charles S. Weller, vice president and A. Bird, manager. Capital stock amounted to \$20,000 and the elite of Salem was on the subscription list.

Salem Canning company's plant was located on the approximate site of the old Calpak plant on 12th street. W. G. Allen, pioneer Salem packer, and his father, W. K. Allen, operated Salem Canning plant about the turn of the century. Oregon Packing company acquired a half interest in the enterprise in 1901.

At 11:20 o'clock on the evening of November 8, 1905, a

passerby saw heavy smoke issuing from the canning factory. He turned in an alarm and Salem Fire department responded with its old Silby steam fire engine. In crossing a street railway track a valve was jarred loose and all of the hot water in the boiler escaped. When the engineer discovered this misfortune he sent the team back to the fire station to bring forth the 22-year-old La France engine.

Meanwhile fire in the cannery roared out of control and spread into property and sheds of the adjacent Oregon Nursery company. Cans heated to an explosion point popped like artillery, embers wafted by a strong northwest wind threatened homes in the vicinity. A growing crowd of spectators were witnessing the most spectacular fire seen in Salem for many a year. Firemen saved office records from both cannery and nursery headquarters and then stood by waiting for their horse drawn fire engine to arrive.

And when it did come they were immediately no better off. The La France started out with a boiler filled with cold water. Ten minutes of coddling and industrial stoking were needed to steam the old La France. By now the fire was hopelessly out of control and the canning factory, amid a tumult of internal explosions was beginning to disintegrate. When firemen finally got the hoses into action they contented themselves with dousing the edges of the inferno.

Oregon Canning company was then Portland owned and George W. Holcomb, manager, appeared in Salem a few days later to state that the plant would be rebuilt on a larger scale and in a thoroughly modern manner. Manager Holcomb said the old plant had a value of \$10,000 and was covered by \$5000 in insurance. Stock destroyed had a value of \$20,000 and was insured for \$16,500. An evaporator associated with the old plant was not rebuilt.

Shortly after the canning factory fire, C. J. Jackson, formerly associated with the Oregon Packing company, appeared in Salem with a carload of canning machinery and a proposal to build a cooperative packing plant here. Salem Mutual Cannery association was organized in 1906 and employed about 100 hands during the peak of the season in 1907. The enterprise was short lived.

California Fruit Cannery association acquired the Salem plant in 1911 and thereafter it had a complex corporate history until passing under control of the California Packing association about 1926. During

Law to Sever Cemetery Knot

Lebanon — Condemnation of the pioneer cemetery on Dodge street, and its eventual reconstruction approached reality Thursday when the Oregon senate unanimously passed S. B. 224, relating to abandoned cemeteries which have become community eyesores. The bill also provides for condemnation of the property.

Sen. Warren Gill of Lebanon introduced the bill which was drafted by two Lebanon attorneys, Kenneth Wilshire, city attorney, and William Thomas.

The bill now goes to the house which will delegate it to a committee for final disposition. A favorable recommendation is expected by interested parties.

If the house passes the bill, it will be given the governor for his signature and will become effective 30 days after legislative adjournment, City Attorney Wilshire noted.

Following this, the bill requires a petition signed by at least 10 percent of the city's registered voters asking the city council for a public hearing on the question. A two weeks' period of advertising of the hearing is required.

Providing the hearing brings out facts sufficient to prove the ground is in need of condemnation, the council can decide if the area is endangering the health and welfare of city residents. The city then proceeds to bring suit in circuit court for the purpose of declaring the cemetery abandoned and seeks a decree from the court vesting title to the municipality.

The city will be required to pay reasonable costs to the court for possible damages, and the city must remove all graves into a suitable place.

The original bill, drafted by Thomas and Wilshire, was first referred to Ray Colter, attorney for the League of Oregon Cities, and to Alex Brown, Salem city attorney, who aided in redrafting the measure before it was introduced by Gill. It will be applicable to a number of other Oregon cities having a similar problem.

Lebanon's pioneer cemetery has been unkempt for years and is a tangle of weeds, brush and debris. If title is gained by the city, plans call for extending highway 20 through the west fringe of the plot to connect with the route again at a location near Crown Zellerbach mill. At present the route makes two 90 degree turns just south of the cemetery, causing traffic congestion and potential hazards.

Reorganized LDS Church Meetings

Woodburn — A series of missionary meetings began Sunday evening, March 15, at the Reorganized church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Woodburn with Missionary Elder Donald Landon as the speaker.

The meetings will last two weeks and will be held Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7:45 o'clock, closing with a meeting on Friday, March 27. The public is invited.

the peak of production some 345,000 cases of fruit and vegetables were packed here in a single season.

East Salem Extension Units Study Homemakers' Helps

East Salem—Two East Salem home extension units have had project demonstrations the past week that were of special interest to homemakers who still do "spring housecleaning," or those who are planning on purchasing new furnishings, and the still larger number who take care of cleaning needs any day in the year.

Miss Ermina Fisher, county extension agent, gave the demonstration "Care of Rugs and Upholstered Furniture" for both Lansing Neighbors unit meeting at Grace Lutheran church and Swegle unit meeting in the home of Mrs. Mary Swingle on N. 18th street in Salem.

Members attending were asked to decide if they belong to the 56 per cent that consider only color when buying; the 27 per cent that consider pattern and texture of most importance or the 5 per cent that consider if the material will wear well, is easy to take care of and will "show soil."

Miss Fisher first discussed types of soil and then demonstrated methods to use in removing all types. At the business meeting of Lansing Neighbors unit Mrs. M. A. Neeson, Mrs. Earl Hampton and Mrs. Henry Torvend were appointed as nominating committee for new officers for the coming year.

This unit will exhibit braided rugs at the spring festival

U. S. Aid to Nats Gaining

Taipei, Formosa (AP) — There has been a notable increase in the volume of American military aid to the Chinese Nationalists since the first of the year. An expanded training program has been recommended also.

This was disclosed today in a report by the headquarters of Maj. Gen. William C. Chase, chief of the U. S. Military Assistance Advisory Group MAAG. It said Chase had urged an increase in American military personnel which is some 760 officers and men here.

The volume of U. S. military aid to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces before Jan. 1 was considered by Chase to be "less than satisfactory," the report said.

But in January and February, 23 ships brought such essentials as aircraft, artillery, machine guns, ammunition, general purpose and combat vehicles, and naval and engineering equipment.

The report said more ships bearing similar cargoes would arrive by the end of March.

IKE AVOIDS CONTROVERSY

Washington (AP) — President Eisenhower indicated no concern Monday about senate controversy over his nomi-

ation of Charles E. Chapin to be ambassador to Russia. Congressional leaders reported he did not even bring it up in his weekly conference with them.

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