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CROPS SHORT IN ASHLAND THIS SEASON

Volume of Fruit Produced Is Approximately 56 per cent of Normal

PRICES ARE GOOD

Due to Fruit Shortage, Market Is Paying More Than Usual; Cannery Pears Shipped

Due principally to the unprecedented dry season, all fruit crops headed by the Ashland Fruit and Produce association will be about 50 per cent of normal, according to J. H. Robbins, manager of the Association.

"The peach crop this year is only about half that of former seasons," said Mr. Robbins this morning. "At this time last year, we had shipped several carloads of peaches. So far this year, we have not made any carload shipments."

The manager said that market prices were higher than usual this year, due to the shortage in the Rogue River valley, and northern orchard centers. Yakima, which at this time last year had shipped 1350 carloads, has shipped only 300 this season. In California, said Mr. Robbins, the crops are normal, or nearly so. Alberta peaches in Yakima are bringing \$1.00 a box, a price higher than usual. Ashland peaches are bringing from 65 cents to \$1.00.

Nearly all the peaches handled by the local Association are raised on the foothills near Ashland, and practically all the growers are affected by drought. Those who have managed to get a little water, and have held it by cultivation, will have good quality peaches that will bring top prices so that the fruit grower will get nearly as good returns as usual, but the average grower will not make much money.

The first car of cannery pears to be shipped from Ashland was sent out yesterday, and was sent to a cannery at Vancouver, Washington. Another car is expected to be shipped today or tomorrow.

Quality Good

"Although the crop is decidedly below normal, the pears are of a good quality, and the buyer is well pleased," Mr. Robbins said. "Considering the dry season, the quality is excellent. No. 1 cannery pears are netting the grower \$65 a ton, while No. 2 fruit is worth \$40 a ton."

The fall crop of pears, Mr. Robbins said, will be sent to Eastern markets.

This year all berry crops were short, and due to frost and poor pollination, there were not many cherries, but what there were brought top prices, and were of extra fine quality.

"Taking all fruit produce that will be shipped from the Association this year, I should judge that the volume will be about 56 per cent less than normal."

POPULAR STEPS FROWNED UPON

NEW YORK, August 14.—At the annual convention of Dancing Masters here, plans were outlined for the elimination of extreme forms of dancing.

When the plans are put into action, the "tiger tangle," "wildcat whirl," and "camel canter," will be replaced by the "whisper waltz" and the fast and jerky fox-trots will give way to the "Raggy Ann," described as a fox-trot in slow rhythm.

When he was asked whether or not he was the originator of the "Raggy Ann" fox-trot, Johnny Gruelle replied that he had never seen the dance, or heard of it, but doubted if it could be much worse than the present sensations.

SHERIFF GETS TIP ON ROBBERY AND TWO BANDITS ARE KILLED

SEATTLE, Aug. 14.—Two men are dead and two more are locked securely behind steel bars as the result of an attempted bank robbery at Tolt, a small town near here. The dead are D. M. Malon and Ted Lashe. Jack Bench and Wm. Sant, companions in the attempted holdup, are the two in jail.

Sheriff Startwisch obtained a tip that the robbery was contemplated and in company with six deputies awaited the quartet of bandits. At the opportune time the officers opened fire, with the result that two were killed outright and the other two surrendered.

The sheriff and his aides so surprised the bandits that they were all but helpless in offering resistance.

Special rates have been made effective for the week on all major railroads.

ASHLAND CITY WATER IS DECLARED PURE

Tests made of a sample of city water forwarded to the State Health Officer by Dr. F. G. Swedenburg reveal the gratifying fact that it is absolutely pure, according to a report received yesterday from Dr. Swedenburg's secretary.

Owing to the low stage of the water, some doubt has existed as to its purity, but the examination reveals that it is still A-1.

COMING ART EXHIBIT CREATING INTEREST

General Public Invited to View Work of Students of Art School

Interest in the exhibit of the work of the Summer School of Art to be held Friday afternoon and evening at the Civic Club House is growing to a marked degree and the display will be of such nature as to fully repay the many who plan to attend.

The line of work to be exhibited will include that of landscape, craft work, design, water color, poster work, lettering, and pencil sketches.

Under craft work, word-block-printing, tie-dyeing, batik, stenciling and stitching will be shown.

The event is being sponsored by the Women's Civic Improvement club and the Chamber of Commerce and hostesses will be present to direct visitors in viewing the display.

The Summer Art School being conducted here is under the direction of the Pratt Institute of Brooklyn which is recognized as being one of the leading art schools of the new world. The exhibit to be made Friday will reveal better than words the excellent character of work performed under their instruction.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to view the exhibit either during the afternoon or evening, or both. Interest shown in the coming display will exert a healthful influence in making the school a permanent institution in Ashland.

THOSE WHO HEAR CONCERT GO DRY

The concert given last night by the Ashland Concert Band proved a pleasant attraction for a fair sized audience. The attendance was not up to the standard, due to the event not being announced until a comparatively late hour.

A number from out of town attended the concert, and, as is their usual custom, visited the lithia and soda fountains with the expectation of quenching their thirst, but were doomed to disappointment. The fountains were as dry as the proverbial bone, and many were those who dropped their coins in the cup vendors and left the fountains with their cups filled only with disgust. Local people were among the disappointed and the comments of some would not look well in print.

BUM FINDS NEW WAY OF RIDING

A new device to persuade motorists to give floaters a lift was discovered yesterday by a Tidings representative. Driving South, he saw a grease-smeared figure walking down the road, carrying a Ford front axle over his shoulders.

The man was given a lift, and was asked how far down the road his wrecked car was.

"This ain't part of no wrecked car," said the hobo. "When people see me carrying this, they stop and pick me up. It don't weigh very much, and I never have to carry it over a quarter of a mile before someone asks me if I want a ride."

1,500 MERCHANTS TO BE PORTLAND'S GUESTS

Annual Buyers' Week is Magnet Attracting Businessmen of Northwest

PORTLAND, Aug. 14.—Portland is preparing to welcome, entertain and display her goods to 1,500 merchants from cities, towns and communities of twelve western states who are expected here for the 12th annual Buyers' week, opening next Monday. The largest attendance since the origin of the week is planned and extensive preparations are made to entertain the visitors.

Tuesday night the visitors will spend their time at Council Crest, which commands a splendid view of Portland. "The Devil's Frolic," the nature of which is being kept secret, will be presented Wednesday night. Luncheon Wednesday noon will be served at Washington park, and speakers of national reputation are to appear. Tickets will be provided for any theatre in Portland Thursday evening and on Friday there will be a large banquet.

Special rates have been made effective for the week on all major railroads.

BOOZE WAVE IS ATTACKED AT CAPITAL

More Than 100 Drunks Arrested Within Last Few Days

AGENTS SCANDALIZED

Officers Wear Tuxedos, Starched Shirts and Diamond Studs to Effect Arrests

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—A rising tide of liquor has hit the nation's capital, and officials from Commissioner Haynes down are scandalized.

UP-TO-THE-MINUTE BULLETINS

LA FOLLETTE NOTIFIED OF LABOR ENDORSEMENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—The American Federation of Labor, through the labor committee, formally notified Senator La Follette that it had endorsed his presidential candidacy. La Follette will issue a formal reply soon.

FLIERS DELAYED ANOTHER DAY

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Aug. 14.—Lieutenants Smith and Nelson, who have been delayed here several days in their flight around the world, were unable to depart from Greenland today due to ice conditions along their route. The aviators hope to take off tomorrow for Angmagssalik, their next objective.

GERMANY ACCEPTS PROPOSAL FOR RUHR EVACUATION

LONDON, Aug. 14.—After a day of intensive conferences when it seemed that the allied reparations conference was on the verge of collapse, the German delegation announced its intention of accepting the French proposals for the evacuation of the Ruhr. The proposals give France and Belgium a year to withdraw their troops. The agreement of the Germans was made with some reluctance.

DEFENSE LAWYERS FAIL TO BREAK PATRICK'S TESTIMONY

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—Several hours of cross examination by defense lawyers utterly failed to break down the opinion of Dr. Hugh Patrick, psychiatrist, that Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb were mentally sound and normal when they kidnapped and killed Bobby Franks. The defense endeavored to prove that the state's alienist made only a hurried examination of the two murderers following their confession.

COULDING TO ACCEPT FORMAL LEADERSHIP TONIGHT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—President Coolidge will formally accept the titular leadership of the republican party tonight. Twenty-two, The ceremony will be staged in beautiful Continental Memorial Hall, which will be bedecked with flowers. Frank Mondell, presiding officer at the Cleveland convention, will make the notification.

CORONER SAYS MANY PERISHED IN FIRE

Search Delayed by Heat; Be- lievs All Bodies Will be Cremated

KNIGHTS LANDING, Calif. Aug. 14.—Probably eight or ten bodies are being slowly consumed in the vast pyre formed of the ruins of the River Farms mound barn, which early yesterday proved to be a death trap for an unknown number of men who were sleeping in the large wooden structure when it was swept by fire. This was the statement today of coroner Ross C. Wilson, of Woodland, who is in charge of the investigation.

Although more than thirty hours have passed since the fire took its toll of human lives no effort has been made to check up on the total number who failed to escape from the seething inferno.

One body, which lay revealed near the edge of the ruins, was recovered yesterday. Search for others, Wilson says, has been held up by the heat from the smouldering hay, with which the barn was filled.

Robert Geer manager of the River Farms Company, which owned the barn, does not think the number of men who lost their lives will ever be established. He believes the remains will be cremated in the burning hay and the ashes will be indistinguishable.

Geer has received a number of telegrams from all parts of the state from relatives of men who were known to be working in this vicinity. In answering, Geer has called attention to the fact that the structure which burned was not a bunkhouse of the company, but a storage shed for hay and implements, used as sleeping quarters by hobo and unemployed. He does not believe that any employees of the company were in the barn when it burned.

LOCAL RESIDENCE BURNED TO ASHES

Fire of undetermined origin which broke out about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon burned the James Putman residence on Holly street to the ground. The house is all but a total wreck, and very little furniture was saved.

By the time an alarm was turned in, the structure was a blazing inferno, and efforts of the fire department to check it proved ineffectual.

The building was a seven-room house, and was covered by insurance. It was completely furnished, and had many modern improvements.

DEATH CAR DRIVER GOES TO PRISON

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 21.—Felix Jelinek, the first driver of a "death automobile" convicted here in ten years, today was sentenced to a term of three to ten years in the state penitentiary by Judge Chapman. He was convicted of manslaughter for having run over Christ Christensen, a logger, June 6.

The state proved that Jelinek was intoxicated at the time of the fatal accident.

VERDIANS READY TO SEEK SAFETY

VARDI, Nev. Aug. 14.—Verdi, almost to a man, was packing its possessions today, preparatory to fleeing before the advance of a forest fire which just before noon today was two miles from the town. Only a shift in the wind, fire-fighters say, can save this Nevada lumbering center, which is directly in the path of the flames.

The blaze has invaded heavy timber near the Dog Valley grade and is spreading toward Hunter Creek.

TIENTSIN AND PEKING ENDANGERED

Resurgence of Flood Waters Occasions Widespread Alarm

SHANGHAI, Aug. 14.—Widespread alarm is felt for the safety of Tien Tsin and most of the district surrounding Peking as a result of the resurgence of the flood waters which yesterday devastated Chihli province.

Fifty towns are known to be completely submerged in the Tien Tsin district. Thousands of soldiers, in fact all the available military forces tributary to the district have been ordered out and put to work building and hope of holding farther losses to a minimum.

50,000 Believed Dead. Although much confusion exists the dead at not less than 50,000, the figure announced in yesterday's dispatches. Several hours have passed since the first great flood hit the stricken districts, time in which to make an estimate of the loss in human lives. It is estimated that at least 4000 persons lost their lives in Kaizhan district, as a result of the breaking of the dykes.

Millions Face Famine. Millions have been made homeless and as many are facing famine and pestilence. The government is extending every possible aid, but it is believed that in spite of all that can be done many will die from exposure and hunger.

In some sections no semblance of order has been restored and many of the victims are frantic and helpless to aid themselves.

WOMAN, 105, DIES AT KLAMATH FALLS

KLAMATH FALLS, Aug. 14.—Mrs. Rebecca Stewart, aged 105, died here last night at the home of her son, L. L. Stewart, of Klamath Falls. She was born in London, England, August 17, 1819, and came to the United States in August, 1861.

Mrs. Stewart is survived by four of eleven children, the eldest of whom is 73.

IS FAVORABLE TO BAKER PROJECT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Dr. Elwood Mead, Commissioner of Reclamation, who returned after a recent tour of investigation of various irrigation projects, indicated his friendliness to the Baker project, for which appropriations have been made.

The data on the Baker project will likely be completed before congress meets, he said.

PAPAL DRESS UKASE ENFORCED IN ITALY

ROME, Aug. 14.—Ecclesiastical authorities throughout Italy are rigidly enforcing the Pope's decree against the attendance in churches of scantily clad women.

Many churches have notices at their doors pointing out admission is forbidden to women thus dressed, and preachers are warning their congregations that henceforth women wearing very low-necked and sleeveless dresses will not be allowed to partake of Holy Communion, or be admitted to the confessional.

It is on record that women have been obliged to leave church on appearing in the forbidden dress, and some have been publicly admonished.

Although many protests have been made, the Pope is very firm in his decision to enforce more austere fashions. He has established a rigorous etiquette for those asking audiences of him, and no woman is even admitted to the precincts of the Vatican if garbed in the forbidden clothes.

The order has severely depleted many church congregations, the women apparently preferring to give up going to church rather than be out of fashion.

MINE EXPLODED TO KILL SEALS

GARIBALDI, Ore., Aug. 13.—Because they had assembled further up the bar than usual today, a portion of the herd of seals here survived the explosion of a mine set by Captain Hunter, seal executor. Another mine will be laid in an effort to exterminate the remainder of the animals.

Sixteen gallons of gelatin were touched off today when a party including representatives of the Dupont Powder company of Portland, Tillamook photographers and several newspaper men visited the seal grounds. Hundreds of the animals were killed.

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WOULD AID IN HANGING KID M'COY

Former Mate of Murdered Woman Denies Suicide Charge

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 14.—Kid McCoy will be indicted for the murder of Mrs. Mors, District Attorney Keys said, saying that enough evidence had been secured to justify legal proceedings. Defense lawyers have sealed McCoy's lips, Keys stated.

SAY M'COY CONFESSED

Believes Refusal to Accept Him in Marriage is Motive for Crime

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 14.—"I want to see Kid McCoy hang. I'd like to spring the trap that sends him into eternity. He killed my wife, she could not have committed suicide." This was the startling statement made by Albert Mors, wealthy former New York manufacturer, who last Thursday divorced Tera Mors, who was found dead in her apartment shortly before Kid McCoy, whose real name is Norman Selby, was captured in the park with a smoking revolver in his hands.

Says McCoy Confessed. Mrs. Jessie Thomas accompanied Mors to the district attorney's office and police claim that Mrs. Thomas, who is a sister of McCoy, is authority for the statement that McCoy confessed to her the killing of Mrs. Mors.

Accepts Police Version. The district attorney says that he accepts the police version of the tragedy that McCoy killed Mrs. Mors because she refused to marry him, then started on a murderous shooting rampage, wounding three others.

Police believe McCoy will make (Continued on Page 4)

IMPROVEMENT CLUB HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

Out of Town Guests Entertained; Splendid Program Is Rendered

(By Mrs. Gordon McCracken) A very pleasant time was enjoyed by those who attended the Ashland Women's Civic Club's "open house" Tuesday afternoon. Many who had out-of-town guests took advantage of this opportunity of showing them the club house and having them meet the ladies of the club, this being the idea back of the summer meetings. It not being possible to have the club house open at all times during summer months, the doors are opened one afternoon a week, offering some social activity especially to those who are strangers in our midst.

After a time spent in visiting a short program was rendered. Mrs. Ernest A. Woods, at the piano and Mr. Harvey Woods, with the violin, played "The Meditation from Massenet's 'Thais'" and responded to an encore with "Elysium" by Spalding.

Mrs. Josephine Forney, Portland, who is en route home from West Baden, Ind., where the Federation of Business and Professional Women's club meeting was held, gave a description of her summer work in southern Oregon, which consists of writing special descriptive articles of our section for the Morning Oregonian. Mrs. Forney spoke of the aim of the organization, whose meeting she recently attended, and paid a glowing tribute to Mrs. Adelta Pritchard, Portland, who was reelected national president.

Miss Louise Chapman, of Santa Ana, sang very beautifully a group of three songs, "The Star," "As in a Rose Jar" and the "Banjo Song."

Tea Is Served. The tea table looked very pretty and inviting with its great cluster of gladioli, its dainty service and colorfully laid small cakes.

Mrs. William Meyer and Mrs. Gordon MacCracken presided over it and were in charge of the afternoon's entertainment.

Among those present from out of town were: Mrs. Forney, Portland, Mrs. Woodbridge, San Francisco, Mrs. Sweet, Santa Rosa, Mrs. Ross, Colorado, Mrs. Goings and Miss Goings, Illinois, Mrs. Jarnigan, Coburg, Oregon, Mrs. Eby, Wisconsin, Miss Chapman and Miss Louise Chapman, Santa Ana.

E. J. ARANT GETS MILLS STRUCTURE

At a business meeting of the directors of the Lithian hotel company Tuesday noon, bids for the removal of the "Mills" home from the new hotel site were opened, and the house sold to E. J. Arant.

The house is now being wrecked, and Mr. Arant plans to use the material in the construction of a home. The bid for the removal of the stone wall around the property and the removal of the house foundations was awarded to C. L. Smith, who will use the material in constructing a retaining wall at the front of his lot on Almond street. Bids for the excavation will be opened next Tuesday.

Forest Grove — Cedar Canyon farmers meet with Chamber of Commerce to plan for new Inland Loop-highway.

NIAGARA CHURCH DYNAMITED; RESULT OF PASTOR'S FIGHT

NIAGARA FALLS, Aug. 15.—The First Baptist Church of this city, whose pastor, the Rev. Amerec, has been engaged in a vigorous and persistent campaign against vice in various forms, was mysteriously dynamited last night.

Every window of the splendid edifice was shattered as a result of the force of the explosion. Plaster was ripped off the walls

TIDINGS WANT AD GETS QUICK RESULTS

H. L. Sayles, proprietor of the East Side Grocery, found a large ring of keys Wednesday morning. He advertised this fact Wednesday in the Daily Tidings and Thursday morning called up and said the owner had claimed the keys.

TIDINGS WANT ADS BRING QUICK RESULTS! *****

WIFE WAS UNTRUE

SACRAMENTO, August 14.—Containing the charge that his wife, Mrs. Sue E. Harris, was untrue to him and that she "lived with Iven E. Crombach," the will of Charles B. Harris, well known local attorney, who died at the Sutter Hospital on July 30th last, was today filed for probate in the superior court.

Harris made no provision for his wife whatever and his reason for so doing is given in the following language in his will: "I do not devise or bequeath anything to my wife, Sue E. Harris, sometimes known as Sue E. Harris, because she has been untrue to me, in that she has cohabited with and committed adultery with one Iven E. Crombach, for a number of years last past."

"There is no question in my mind about her unfaithfulness. I have made a thorough investigation, and am convinced that she has been untrue."

The address of Mrs. Harris is given in the will as 1410 Franklin Street, Oakland. Neither she nor Crombach could be reached today for a statement. About eight months ago Mrs. Harris was granted a divorce in the Alameda County superior court. Harris did not contest the divorce,

and much other damage sustained. The entire neighborhood in the vicinity of the church was rocked and many people were thrown from their beds.

It is suspected in many quarters that the dynamiting was either executed or instigated by members of the underworld, against whom the pastor has been waging an unrelenting fight.

ATTORNEY HARRIS LAWYER CUTS HER

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