

## FRUIT SURVEY IN VICINITY OF ASHLAND IS RECOMMENDED

Many Hear Suggestions for Increased Production Made Last Night

### BELLVIEW FAVORS IT

Speaker Suggests Concentrated Effort Should be Made on Production

Recommending two surveys, one to determine the various kinds and amount of fruits grown in the Ashland vicinity and the other to determine local market conditions, Professor C. L. Long, at a meeting attended by many local business men and residents of the Bellview district last night, promised to return here next fall or winter and hold an economic conference for the purpose of determining upon a campaign to increase production along horticultural lines.

It was pointed out by the speaker that there are many kinds and varieties of small fruits being grown, which are not profitable and for which there is not a sufficient demand to pay for the time and expense involved in growing them. Apples were one of the fruits used for illustration, the speaker declaring that in his trip around Ashland, he has noticed some twenty or thirty varieties being grown. Five or six of these were making some money, due to the yield or market demands and the balance were not. He proved to his listeners that a survey would tend to weed out the unprofitable fruit and would allow a concentrated production program that would bring greater returns.

Other fruit was taken up and discussed along the same line, and the general result of the meeting was that Bellview men went on record as being willing to appoint a committee to assist in making the survey. Professor Long recommended that the Chamber of Commerce take the initiative in the matter and that some work be started immediately, so that by next season a definite program could be worked out.

The matter of local markets also came up for discussion in the proposed survey, the speaker showing how this was essential in meeting competition and in fostering the canning industry which he characterized as being the most important adjunct to the successful horticulturist.

Last night's meeting was the last to be held in this vicinity and was sponsored by the trade extension committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Homer Billings, chairman of the committee, introduced the speaker and told briefly of some of the work that was being done in an effort to bring the business interests of Ashland in closer relation to the farming industry.

## CHAMBER OFFICIAL TO SPEAK FORUM LUNCH

Manager of Western Division of U. S. Chamber to be Guest

Paul Clagstone, manager of the Western Division United States Chamber of Commerce, who has



been speaking to groups of business men in the state of Oregon during the last ten days, will speak tomorrow noon, Thursday, Mar. 31, at the Chamber of Commerce Forum luncheon on the subject "The World of Business."

The Chamber of Commerce extends an invitation to any strangers or newcomers to meet with them at the Forum luncheon tomorrow noon, Thursday, March 31.

## COUNCIL WILL WAIT FOR ADDITIONAL BIDS

Special Meeting Called for Five O'Clock This Afternoon

All members of the city council were present at a meeting which was held last night for the purpose of selling \$90,000 worth of bonds, for the improvement of the Ashland city water system; \$15,000 worth being Lathia improvement bonds and the remainder, \$75,000 being city water bonds.

A number of bids were read by Gertrude Biede, city recorder, but nothing definite could be decided upon as the bids were so nearly alike that it would require some time to determine which one was the best. A special meeting was called for 5 o'clock this afternoon for further discussion before the bids are accepted.

Next Tuesday, April 5, was the date set for the annual clean up day. Residents of this city are urged to clean up their yards and the city will provide for the disposal of all rubbish.

## FLYERS WILL ATTEMPT TO MAKE NEW RECORD

Will Make Effort to Remain in the Air Two Days and Nights

GARDEN CITY, L. I., Mar. 30. Two American flyers plan to attempt to remain more than two days and nights continuously in the air this week-end in an effort to wrest from France the world's record for sustained flight.

Leigh Wade, one of the around the world flyers, and Clarence Chamberlain, a commercial pilot, are to try for a new world mark of 50 hours in a stock Wright-Bellanca plane.

## Flood Swallows Few Small Towns

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Mar. 30. Swallowed by a wall of muddy water, a dozen small towns in Dosola county, Ark., today were almost completely under water, while frantic efforts were being made by workmen along the Mississippi to prevent further floods.

The levees at half a dozen villages in the area known as Lacoma Delta, were reported to have given away last night.

## GOVERNMENT'S POSITION IN CHINESE WAR IS EXPLAINED

Rising Cantonese Nationalists Are on Trial and Must Prove Ability

### GOES SLOWLY AHEAD

American Government is Proceeding on a Day by Day Basis Awaiting Outcome

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—This government's position in the Chinese situation is that the rising Cantonese nationalists are on trial and that American support can be given only if and when it is earned.

For the present the Coolidge administration appears to be favoring going ahead on a day by day basis. But eventually it must either recognize or refuse to recognize the nationalists. That decision will depend on how the Cantonese handle themselves and partly on the outcome of the struggle of powerful forces working.

First, of course, it remains to be seen what the Chinese nationalist movement will develop into, whether the moderates or the extremists win, whether the foreigner will be driven out by the sword or whether China will, through negotiation, gradually win back her full sovereign rights from the powers.

But aside from that a sharp decision of political pressure on the American government, both for and against the nationalists has appeared.

The American government will take these influences into consideration also.

In favor of the nationalists are these:

- 1—The missionaries in the field and the churches at home. Missionaries own \$75,000,000 in property in China, as much as American business has invested there. Church organizations in the United States have adopted many resolutions favoring abolition of the unequal treaties and concessions as demanded by the Chinese nationalists.

- 2—Sentiment in congress. The house shortly before adjournment, adopted the Porter resolution favoring granting of nationalist demands; in the senate Borah and other liberals have supported the principle of the Porter resolution, though no formal actions has been taken.

- 3—Traditional policy. The open door policy laid down by Secretary of State Hay sets up a sympathetic background for the Chinese. One of the big achievements of the Washington arms conference was the wiping out of the Lansing-Ishih agreement by which Japan's special interests in China were recognized. The conference also wiped out the famous 21 demands of Japan on China and definitely turned the Japanese penetration at least temporarily.

## Mexicans Held On a Liquor Charge

The Ashland deputy sheriff and constable and the Southern Pacific railroad policeman went up to Viaduct on the Siskiyou mountains Saturday night and arrested the following four Mexicans for having liquor in their possession: Jose Ramerz, Luis Covarrubias, Jesus P. Cervantes and Augustin Vagus.

They were found guilty in Justice L. R. Roberts' court were fined \$25 apiece and received a 30 day jail sentence in the Jackson county jail.

### BEER MEN TO MEET

Steps will be taken to combat "American Foul Brood," a malady that has been bothering beekeepers in Jackson county for some time at a meeting to be held in the Medford Library, Saturday afternoon at 2:30. It is thought that a county beekeepers association will be formed at this meeting and all men who own bees are requested to attend.

## IN THE BIG LEAGUES

This is one of a series of articles by the United News dealing with the Major League Baseball Teams

**Brooklyn Robins**

1926 lineup: Jacobson, rf; Carey cf, Felix lf, Hermann lb, Marriot 3b, Butler ss, Boheme 2b, O'Neill or Deberry c.

1927 lineup: Staats lf, Carey cf, Hendrick rf, Hermann lb, Barrett 3b, Patridge 2b, Corgan ss, or Butler ss, Henline or Deberry c.

Uncle Wilbert Robinson has decided to develop a new team in Brooklyn this year, relying upon his splendid pitching staff to carry through what must at times prove a decidedly wobbly machine in the experimental state.

In fact the general manager of the Robins is no too sanguine over his chances for making the first division this season. Yet it would not be altogether surprising if the Brooklyn club proved the "dark horse of 1927," filling the role played by the Chicago Cubs, for instance, last season.

Although outside his seasons battery men Robbie will rely

chiefly upon new blood the team has lined up for the opening game having demonstrated during the past week that it can play big league baseball of the winning kind.

Barrett and Partridge obtained from Memphis and Nashville respectively, have fitted into the infield and have been hitting hard in the exhibition games of late.

**Outfielders Good**

Staats and Hendricks look like big league outfielders, and Robbie has also Irish Meusel to call upon, as well as Felix.

The Brooklyn Robins are by 50 per cent a stronger ball club than they appeared at the start of the spring training season. No other club has made such manifest improvement during March.

That intangible asset known as morale favors the Robins, this year. And then there is the pitching staff—Dazy Vance, Jess

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## HENRY FORD INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Pushed Off the Road While Driving One of His Own Coupes

DETROIT, Mar. 30.—Henry Ford is in his own hospital a victim of an automobile accident. The accident occurred last Sunday night while the automobile manufacturer was driving a Ford coupe alone. The car was crowded off of Michigan boulevard and the machine toppled down an embankment. He remained unconscious for some time, then pulled himself together and walked home.

Upon arriving home he related his story but every word of it was closely guarded. Yesterday physicians, who remained with Ford constantly, decided that hospital care and a minor operation, the exact nature of which was not disclosed, would be necessary. So last night the billionaire was bundled into an ambulance and was taken to the Honey-Ford hospital, where the operation was performed.

At noon he was pronounced resting easily and assurances were given by the attending physicians that no serious complications were expected.

Enterprise — Charles Phillips, Nebraska Shorthorn breeder, brings herd of 65 cattle.

## Commission Lets County Contracts

PORTLAND, Mar. 29.—(UN)—The state highway commission meeting here Tuesday afternoon, awarded the following contracts:

Jackson county—Grading approaches to Gold Hill bridge, C. F. Rhoades, \$13,501.

Furnishing 15,565 cubic yards maintenance material, Medford Prospect section Crater Lake highway, John Hampshire \$2,543.

## WANT GOVERNORS TO CONSIDER WATER PLAN

Utah Governor Would Hold Conference on Colorado Project

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Mar. 30.—(UN)—A conference of all the governors of the Colorado river states with a view to settling the differences over the development of the river has been proposed by Governor Dern of Utah.

Letters suggesting conference have been sent by Governor Dern to the chief executives of California, Colorado, Arizona, Wyoming, Nevada and New Mexico.

The Utah governor expressed the belief that such a conference would result in agreement upon a definite program of development which could be included in the Swing-Johnson bill and put into operation under a pact by the seven states interested.

## SAPIRO AND REED MATCH WITS IN FORD DAMAGE SUIT

Attorney's Income From Representing Cooperatives is Given

IS NEARLY \$400,000

Greatest Amount Was Made in 1920, When Profits Were \$61,000

DETROIT, Mar. 30.—(UN)—A spirited battle of wits between Aaron Sapiro, Jewish attorney and Senator James A. Reed, defender of Henry Ford, enlivened Tuesday's session of Sapiro's million dollar libel suit against the billionaire automobile manufacturer.

Every time Reed began a question in his slow Missouri drawl, the dapper little plaintiff would ruffle up like a gamecock and by the time the senator had completed his query Sapiro would be shooting back his reply, brisk and incisive.

Even before taking the witness stand for cross examination Reed had succeeded in breaking in on the testimony long enough to demand that Sapiro submit his income derived from the cooperative marketing enterprises through which Ford claims he mulched the American farmer of millions of dollars.

The attorney who started life as a San Francisco newsboy testified that at the peak of his activity in 1920 his fees as counsel for cooperatives amount to \$61,531.31. His total profits between the years of 1916 and 1926 amounted to \$398,892.69.

Sapiro spent hours explaining every detail of the "contracts" he had drawn up for wheat and tobacco growers in various parts of the country. Then came the break. Sapiro suddenly butted in with a question about the witness' income. That started the spectacular matching of wits that continued throughout the balance of the day, and which will be resumed at the opening of court tomorrow.

Senator Reed declined to reveal how long he will keep Sapiro in the witness chair.

"He'll have to stay there until I get through with him," the senator said. "I all depends on what evidence I am able to get."

## RICH GOLD STRIKE IS MADE IN OREGON

Half Million is Taken From Mine at Grants Pass

GRANTS PASS, Mar. 30.—(UN)—The Robertson gold mine in the Galice district, near here, may not be as well known to the world as the recent finds in Nevada, but nevertheless, one family removed nearly half a million dollars from it last year.

Today John Robertson, his wife, daughter and four sons were preparing for another clean up as they will start the 1927 seasonal run Friday of this week.

There is no "fool's gold" catch about this mine. It is a real producer, as is proved by the Robertson financial rating. The Robertsons have brought gold into Grants Pass in quantities varying from \$28,000 to \$100,000.

William Robertson, son of John, discovered the mine in 1916. The find was not followed by a torrent of humanity and Grants Pass is far from being a "gold camp." One reason was that the Robertsons did not talk much. The mine was idle for several years. No one, not even its owners, realized its value. Then a tunnel was driven and the rich ore, almost half gold in some instances, was uncovered.

The mine is worked by the Robertsons who use small equipment and operate in a makeshift way. They resist suggestions that their scope of operations be enlarged.

## FISHING SEASON TO OPEN MIDDLE APRIL

Deputy Game Warden Predicts Some Excellent Sport This Season

It will soon be time for local fishermen to get out their fishing rod and hip boots for the fishing season opens Friday, April 15, with a six inch limit on trout.

Children between the ages of 14 and 18 years will be permitted to obtain a county license which will cost \$1.50. Women will be compelled to have a license this year.

According to Roy Parr, deputy game warden, all the streams in Jackson county will be open after April 15. These streams are reported to be in excellent condition with good fishing. Salmon fishing is good now, in the Rogue river.

## GOLD HILL PLANS ON PLAYING HERE

Neighboring Community is Willing to Have Home Games in Ashland

Gold Hill evidenced a desire to play their home games of baseball in Ashland this coming season, according to members of a committee from here who met with representatives from Gold Hill at Medford last night. The meeting was held for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of the two communities joining in the promotion of a team, and the hearty response committee members met from the Gold Hill representatives leads them to believe that some good baseball will be played here this summer.

There are a few details that have to be worked out before definite arrangements are completed, and another meeting will be held Friday night for that purpose.

## LITTLE HOPE HELD FOR TRAPPED MEN

JOHNSTON, Penn., Mar. 30.—With three hundred and fifty men still entombed at one-thirty, in Mine Number three, of the Pennsylvania Coal company at Ehrenfield, fears were held that at least two hundred and fifty were in the area wrecked by the explosion. No one has come out of the mine since the blast, which damaged houses one hundred yards away.

## AMERICANS ARE STONED BY A CHINESE MOB

Catholic Mission at Fuchow Has Been Looted, With Some Damage

### AMERICANS LEAVING

Cantonese Troops Continue to Fire Upon Refugee Ships and Destroyers

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—The American Catholic at Fuchow in the Kantung province was reported today to have been looted at its Fathers have fled to Kchow. Other missionaries leaving Nanking were stoned.

Admiral Williams reported this to the Navy department today adding that the evacuation of Americans from the upper Yangtze river was continuing satisfactory. The Cantonese, however, have continued firing on destroyers and refugee ships.

### Shots Fired

SHANGHAI, Mar. 30.—A Chinese mob stoned 47 Americans and British who were evacuating Nanking aboard the U. S. Hurlbert, a dispatch said today. The Nationalist troops have occupied the Standard Oil company building at Chinkiang without damaging it.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 30, 11:30 p. m.—While the guns of Chinese river forts menaced foreign ships, Great Britain and France tonight ordered additional troops to Shanghai.

From Hong Kong and French Indo-China word of new movements reached the city.

As the nationalist government held its first meeting since capture of Shanghai anti-foreign sentiment in Yangtze river towns and in others further inland increased. Following a slight engagement between British sailors and Chinese at Changsha, the Chinese minister of foreign affairs demanded that British sailors involved in the clash be surrendered "to permit us to take drastic action."

An indemnity of approximately \$87,500 from the British authorities who fired on the city was demanded by the Chinese commander Wuhu.

The demand was made in the form of an ultimatum. It stated that the British must pay \$2,500 for each of 35 Chinese drowned many weeks ago when a British merchant vessel struck a launch, otherwise, it warned, the captain of the steamer would be seized.

Changsha became the point of chief anti-foreign demonstration Tuesday. Immediate evacuation of all British nationals from that place, which is in Hunan province on the Siang river, was ordered by the authorities. The Chinese

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## PROCLAMATION Notice of Clean-Up Day

In conformity with instructions by city council, I hereby designate next Tuesday, April 5th as annual spring clean-up day and urge every resident that all property owners have cans and other rubbish in burlap sacks, boxes and barrels of a size and weight convenient to handle stacked in their park-ways close to street curb at least by the evening before.

Large crates and large boxes, bed springs, couches and such bulky pieces may be rejected at the discretion of the street department in charge of this free hauling.

The public can co-operate very nicely by being reasonable in its offering of bulky materials which properly should be hauled at individual expense.

C. N. PIERCE, Mayor.

