

Packing Polk's Prune Crop

ago when you ate the and much ridiculed care whether it was sunnysack or a box, been handled in a sanitary manner it had just been a container full of dirt. If you liked prunes you would not have bought them and if you didn't you didn't eat them. May be you were put up for you grocery store had something to do with the fact you didn't eat them most of you today consider a very delectable and appetizing fruit. The many ways of preparing this fruit may be partly responsible for your liking it now. You can't get away from the fact the way the prune is put up for at the present, that is the sanitary way in which it is packed and sold, has a whole lot to do with liking it. Like Uneda biscuits, prunes and baked beans, the way today is better than "the kind you used to make."

the past ten or twelve years men have been studying the habits of American people, and they found that Americans want the of foods, and want them put up in sanitary, tasteful packages. here is where the prune man has stepped into his own. He decided that people didn't want to eat prunes because they were packed into any kind of container, and when the man sold them over his counter, he had his customer a sticky, dirty mess something that didn't look good to eat. And the prune man immediately set to work to devise the method of getting prunes to the ultimate consumer in such a way that they would appeal to his appetite and create a demand for a product that was good on the market.

and succeeded. The packing is turning out a clean, dry fruit, thoroughly sterilized and free from contamination of any sort, put up in standard packages, neatly labeled, and the work for him, and today the public finds favor over all the civilized

years ago, through the activities of the Dallas Commercial club, the K. Armbury packing company was organized to put in a plant at Dallas to care of the county's fast increasing crop of prunes. This plant has been a pronounced success. It has sold several hundred thousands of dollars to prune raisers in Polk county for their fruit, and has made raising of prunes in this section the most important industry. It has sold thousands of dollars to labor in the plant and has given the city a reputation that a great deal of money has been spent for advertising could not have

the purpose of the packing plant is to afford the grower a place to easily dispose of his product and to provide a means of getting the fruit to the consumer in a clean, sanitary package. In this respect the Dallas plant ranks among the foremost of its kind on the coast. When the dried prunes come into the plant from the orchards in 100 pound sacks, they are first weighed and a test made on each fifth sack, to see how the fruit is grading. The grade of the fruit, that is the variation in size, is the basis for paying the grower. From the scales the fruit goes into elevators and is carried to the third floor where it goes through a grader which sorts out the various sizes. This machine sorts in sizes from an average of 30 prunes to the pound, down to 120's. Eight different sizes are handled and the fruit is automatically dropped into its respective bins. The Italian prunes (the most common commercial variety raised in Polk county) this year run from 30's to 120's, about 60 per cent of which are

From the grading bins the fruit is taken in sacks to another scale where it is again weighed, and a record made of each class. This record is used to check up an estimate which is made by the company early in the season when the fruit is still green. The company's sales are based on this estimate. After the second weighing the prunes are dumped into bins on the second floor where they remain until they are wanted for packing.

The most important operation in the plant is the processing, for which two processors are used. These machines are elevated to one of these bins, which contain clean water at a temperature of 212 degrees. It requires four minutes for the prunes to pass through this machine, which is a succession of 12 perforated disks, dumping one into the

other, and which allows the hot water to circulate freely among the prunes, thoroughly sterilizing them, ridding them of all germs and making them perfectly clean. These machines are automatically controlled, and are of the latest design having been put on the market but three years ago. The Dallas plant is the only one in Oregon equipped with them. From the smaller of these two processors the fruit is sent to a hopper from which it is taken by girls who are employed to face the boxes.

The facing operation consists of neatly laying two layers of prunes in the bottom of the box container. In the facing room nearly sixty girls and women are employed and they are able to average 75 boxes per day. For this work they are paid 3 cents per box. After the boxes are faced they are piled on trucks and taken to another hopper which is kept supplied with prunes from the larger processor. Here the boxing crew fills these faced boxes with prunes, presses them down and nails on a lid. This lid, however, becomes the bottom of the box, as it was turned upside down when it was faced by the girls. The local plant adopted a new plan of facing last year which was declared by New York jobbers to be more satisfactory than the former method, and which gave the Dallas prunes the reputation of being the best "pack" of 1915. This same packing method is being used this year. Each box holds 25 pounds of the fruit and those that are shipped to American markets are only end nailed. On the export boxes, nearly all of which go to England, the fruit is branded "Oregon Plums" instead of the usual "Oregon Prunes." Ordinarily speaking the English consumer does not know what a prune is as the fruit is called "plums" throughout the British Isles. The boxes going to England are also edge nailed to withstand the hard knocks of distant shipping.

From the packing crew the prunes are taken to the storage rooms on the first floor where they are again weighed and piled up to cool. The piles are air spaced, and after 24 hours they can be loaded into cars. In shipping a minimum number of 2000 boxes is placed in a car, the floor of which has been spread with a thin bed of straw to keep the boxes clean. All boxes for domestic shipment are branded on ends, 30-40, or otherwise, according to the grade of the fruit therein, while the export boxes have the grade brand on the side. The boxes are also marked with the various brands the company turns out, which include "Columbia," "Quail," "Sun-Kist," "Argo," and "Armsby." Of these brands the "Columbia" and "Quail" are most popular. A ten-pound box is also packed, under the "Sun-Kist" brand, for use of the holiday trade.

This season the plant will handle over 4,000,000 pounds of prunes, which will fill approximately 100 freight cars. It will require from now until the first of the year to complete the pack, and if cars are available they will soon be going out of Dallas at the rate of two earloads per day. Of the season's pack 30 cars will be shipped to English jobbers in London, one car will go to France, seven to Canada, and about 60 cars will be marketed in eastern United States markets. The wages paid employees for packing this fruit will average more than \$2500 per month while the plant is in operation, and this year the growers in this immediate vicinity will receive \$75,000 for their dried fruit, the price at present to the orchardists being about 6 1/2 cents per pound. Over one-fourth of the prunes packed are raised in the immediate vicinity of Dallas, the balance of the fruit coming from Sheridan and other Willamette valley points.

Nor is the financial return the only benefit that Dallas receives from this big industry. Each and every box is branded on the end with the following wording "Packed by the J. K. Armbury Company, Dallas, Oregon," and the Dallas prune has already become a household word in many markets of the country. The former method of using highly colored box labels has been discontinued because of the fact that pasted labels would not stay on the boxes. The local plant is managed by A. C. Peterson, J. C. Tracy is superintendent. These men are operating one of the most efficient of the entire string of Armbury packing houses in Oregon, Washington and California and their progressive methods have been responsible for making the Oregon prune a standard food for the American consumer.

Man Sells Prunes.
Chapman has sold his 1916 crop of prunes to Mason, Ehrman company of Portland.

Johnson Operated On.
Old Johnson, 80 years old, was operated upon Wednesday by Dr. Johnson at the Dallas hospital.

of the employes at each of the various institutions is skilled in operating the projector. The films are secured from a Portland agency and go the circuit each week and in this way afford entertainment for the inmates. The subjects of the pictures embrace animal life and comics and about three reels are given in each evening's program. The pictures are enthusiastically received and the privilege of seeing them is a reward for good behavior.

Churches

Evangelists Draw Good Crowds.

The Kellems Brothers company, "Sunshine Evangelists," are opening a splendid meeting at the First Christian church. The meetings started last Sunday morning with a good crowd and the audiences have been growing nightly. Already, Mr. Homer Kellems, director of music and soloist for the company, has from thirty-five to fifty in his chorus and each evening sees more of the Dallas singers joining this splendid organization. Mr. Kellems expects to have at least a hundred by next Sunday evening and is inviting every singer in Dallas to come and sing with the already great chorus.

The Kellems Brothers company is acknowledged to be the finest evangelistic body now working on the Pacific coast and during the past year have led more people to Christ than any company in the west. They are evangelists of the conservative type and do not believe in sensational methods of evangelism. Mr. Kellems' sermons are of the highest order and are worthy of the great amount of praise accorded them.

These popular young men have just finished a splendid meeting at Sunnyside, Washington and are billed for the biggest churches on the Pacific coast this season.

Both of the Kellems spent their summer vacation in New York City taking special education along the lines which they are following. Homer Kellems specialized in music while Evangelist Jesse R. Kellems studied for his Ph. D. degree. These young men carry their own pianist with them and deem themselves fortunate in having Prof. C. Blanchard Smith, a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston. Mr. Smith is known as the finest evangelistic pianist on the coast and is certainly a wonder at getting music out of a piano. Both Professor Smith and the song leader, Mr. Kellems, are composers of exceptional ability and have written a great many songs which have become very popular. Among some of their best known songs are "Memories," "When God Turns on the Lights," and "Shall We Know Our Friends in Heaven?" Also their gospel hymns have attained wide prominence and among their best ones are: "When we meet the King," "Glory in His Cross," "Warriors for the King," and "We'll Rally 'Round the Throne." All of these and many of their other songs will be used in this meeting and already the great chorus is practicing some of them.

The people of Dallas need no recommendation of the work of the Kellems Brothers for many in this city know Mr. Kellems personally and know the high order of his messages. Mr. Kellems is a wonderful speaker, having studied oratory ever since childhood and holds his audiences in the iron grip of interest from the beginning of his sermons until he delivers the very last word.

With the aid of Howard McConnell, the efficient pastor of the church, it is expected that great results will attend the efforts of this company of earnest workers.

Presbyterian Church.

At the Presbyterian church Sunday morning, a grand rally of all the departments of the church will be made, with special emphasis upon Sunday school work. The service will open at 10:30 o'clock. The pastor will speak on the subject, "Loyal to your own church school." A second service will be held at 7:30 p. m., at which time the pastor will give an address on the theme, "Go to school is training for real life." The choir will furnish special music.

The value of the fall rally day in the Sunday school is universally recognized. It revives the enthusiasm, develops new interest, and gives an impetus to all the activities of the school. The missionary department of the Presbyterian Sunday school board has published an order of service entitled, "The Light of Life," containing a choice selection of songs which are familiar to pupils of the local school. The program committee announce the following outline of exercises, to be given at the Presbyterian church Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Opening song, "Stepping in the Light;" scripture reading from Old and New Testaments; prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer in concert; song by the primary department; ex-

ercise, "The Three Graces," by the primary graduating class; song, "We Rally Today," by the school; exercise, "Jesus Loves Me," by the beginners; song by the primary department; exercise, "Jesus Reigns," by Sarah Toev's class; song, "Honor Bright Band," by Mrs. MacKenzie's class; exercise by intermediate girls, "Holy, Holy, Holy," by Mrs. Bicknell's class; graduation of baby roll to beginners; graduation of beginners to primary; graduation of primary to juniors, with presentation of certificates and testaments; song by the school, "The Royal Banner;" message by the pastor; offering and notices; closing song by the school, "The Light of the World is Jesus."

C. E. Society Met Monday.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Christian Endeavor society of the Christian church was held Monday night at the church. Supper was served at six and then the committees were addressed by Evangelist Jesse Kellems, Rev. McConnell and Blanchard Smith. Miss Ethel Van Nortwick presided at supper and the general meeting.

Evangelical Church.

Foreign Mission day will be observed at the Evangelical church next Sunday morning. "A Day of Good Tidings" will be the theme of the pastor's sermon in the morning. In the evening the subject will be "Shirking Responsibility." Rev. Erskine will also preach at the Bridgeport appointment at three in the afternoon.

Rev. Wall Has New Church.

Rev. Orin Wall, for the past two years pastor of the Buena Vista Methodist Episcopal church is now in charge of his new church at Sheridan. The Wall family left Buena Vista Monday. Rev. Atkins, Mr. Wall's successor, is now in Buena Vista.

Rev. Brown Expected.

Rev. J. M. Brown, new pastor of the Dallas Methodist Episcopal church, and family will be at home here shortly. Mr. Brown will preach his first sermon Sunday.

Says Coast Is For Hughes.

William A. Gilmore, a delegate at the last Republican convention, has reported to western Republican officials at Chicago that the coast is for Hughes and Fairbanks.

"I have just returned from a trip through Oregon, Washington and California," said Mr. Gilmore, "and I am certain that the old breach of 1912 has been practically healed and that the Republicans and Progressives will enthusiastically support Hughes and Fairbanks."

Notice!

To whom it may concern: Whereas, the Chinese (torquatus) pheasants of and in the State of Oregon are being threatened with extinction from excessive shooting and otherwise, and

Whereas, the State Board of Fish and Game Commissioners of Oregon is desirous of protecting the Chinese (torquatus) pheasants of and in the State of Oregon.

Now, Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given by said State Board of Fish and Game Commissioners of Oregon, that the open season for the shooting of Chinese (torquatus) pheasants is hereby closed to shooting of any kind in the said State of Oregon on and after sundown, October 15th, A. D., 1916.

And it is and shall be unlawful to hunt or shoot Chinese (torquatus) pheasants anywhere in the said State of Oregon on and after said date.

Anyone found violating the provisions of this order will be prosecuted as by statute provided.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 30th day of September, A. D., 1916.
State Board of Fish and Game Commissioners,
By James Withycombe
By C. F. Stone
By I. N. Fleischner
By Marian Jaek
F06-013 By F. M. Warren

CITATION.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk.

In the Matter of the Estate of Isabel Alderman, Deceased.

To Wesley Alderman, William Alderman and Winnifred Morris, and all persons unknown interested in the above estate, Greeting:

In the Name of the State of Oregon, You are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk, at the court room thereof at Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, on Monday, the 30th day of October, 1916, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day of the October, 1916, term of said court, then and there to show cause, if any there be, why an order of sale should not be made by said court in the above entitled matter authorizing James K. Sears, administrator of the above-named estate, to sell the right, title and interest of the estate in the following described real property as in the petition of said administrator on file in said matter prayed for, and for a decree

of confirmation of such sale when made, and other relief in said petition prayed for, to-wit:

Northwest quarter of Northeast quarter and Southeast quarter of Northeast quarter and Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 13 in Township 6 South, Range 4 West of the Willamette Meridian in Polk County, Oregon, containing 120 acres of land.

This citation is served upon you by order of The Honorable J. B. Teal, Judge of the above entitled County Court, said order bearing date the 14th day of September, 1916, directing that this citation be published in the Polk County Observer, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in said county, for four weeks, the date of the first publication of this citation being the 15th day of September, 1916, and the date of the last publication thereof being the 13th day of October, 1916.

Witness The Honorable J. B. Teal, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk with the seal of said Court affixed, this 14th day of September, 1916.
BS15-013 A. B. ROBINSON, Jr., Clerk

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk. Department No. 2.

The Chas. K. Spaulding Logging Co., a corporation, Plaintiff, vs. B. Goldberg, Anna Gumbert, Celia Goldberg, Bernard Goldberg, Eva Goldberg, Samuel Goldberg, Harry Goldberg, and Abraham Goldberg, being all of the heirs at law of Rosa Goldberg, deceased; C. L. Tice and L. A. Whiteomb, co-partners doing business under the firm name and style of Tice & Whiteomb; Hawthorne Bracket Co., a corporation; Fred Oberson and Ed. Oberson, co-partners doing business under the firm, name and style of Oberson Bros., Defendants.

To the above-named defendant, Bernard Goldberg.

In the name of the State of Oregon, You are hereby notified to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and cause within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons and if you fail to appear and answer said complaint, plaintiff will apply to the Court for a judgment in the sum of \$226.80 with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 3rd day of May, 1915, until paid and for the sum of \$1.80 for filing and recording a notice of a lien against the following described land which you are interested in, to-wit: Lots Nos. 3 and 4 in fractional Block 4 in E. A. Thorp's town of Independence, Polk County, Oregon, as the same is shown by the plat thereof on file and of record in the County Recorder's office of said County and State and the building thereon, and for the sum of \$75.00 attorney's fees for foreclosing said lien in the case the proceedings terminate in the above entitled Court and \$100.00 in case it is necessary to prosecute said suit to the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon.

For the sum of \$152.05 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 29th day of April, 1915, until paid and for the sum of \$2.60 for filing a lien for said amount against the above described property and a decree foreclosing said liens and \$50.00 attorney's fees for foreclosing said lien in case the proceedings terminate in the above entitled Court and \$100.00 in case it is necessary to prosecute said suit to the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon, and will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in Plaintiff's said complaint.

II.

As shown by plaintiff's complaint the above claims have been incurred on account of labor performed and material furnished for the construction and repair of a dwelling house upon the above described premises and the construction of a cement sidewalk thereon and in connection therewith and that liens have been duly filed and recorded as provided by law and subject to be foreclosed. The plaintiff asks that the above lands and premises be sold by the Sheriff of Polk County and that the purchaser be put into immediate possession thereof and that plaintiff have judgment for any deficiency that may remain after the proceeds of said sale are applied as provided by law, and for such other, further and different relief as to the court may seem equitable.

You are notified that on the 29th day of September, 1916, the Hon. H. H. Belt, judge of the above entitled Court made an order at the City of Dallas, Oregon, authorizing and directing this summons to be served upon you by publication thereof once a week for six successive weeks in The Polk County Observer, a newspaper published at Dallas, Oregon and that the first publication of this summons was made on the 29th day of September, 1916, and that the date of the last publication thereof will be made and the same will expire on the 10th day of November, 1916.
WALTER L. SPAULDING,
PS29-N10 Attorney for Plaintiff.



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