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CANNERY RUNS AT FULL CAPACITY

PEARS AND TOMATOES NOW COMING IN QUANTITY.

165 TO 180 CASES PER DAY

Lack of Work and Storage Room Handicap on Season's Run, But Institution Proves Worth.

The local cannery is now running at its full capacity with the help available and under the present conditions, turning out from 165 to 180 cases of fruit a day. More could undoubtedly be accomplished with more help and better facilities for actual work, the present quarters being somewhat crowded for the resources at hand for such an industry.

The present output, however, may be considered as highly encouraging for the future of this institution.

Pear canning is now at its height and in a few days the Bartletts will be out of the way altogether. The pears have all been put up in the gallon cans in water, as pie pears and to all appearances they are first class stock, and much sweeter than the average grade of pears canned in this way. The estimated entire output of pears is about 700 cases, with 24 gallon cans to the case.

Tomatoes have been coming in fast the past week and will continue furnishing the bulk of work now till the end of the season. Many tomatoes are put up in the gallon tins, but the more are being canned in the small sized cans. Tomato growing is comparatively a new industry here and interest taken in caring for them is encouraging for further development in this line. It is estimated that there will be between five and ten thousand cases of tomatoes canned before the frost kills the vines this fall.

Peach canning will be on next and it is expected there will be some two thousand cases of this fruit, so there will be no lack of material to keep the cannery busy from now until the frosts set in.

The greatest trouble expected now is the lack of help, for when school opens many now at work will leave, and much trouble has been experienced getting help thus far. The present force numbers about forty. The lack of room is bothersome but has to be borne as well as possible, although the cramped quarters cut down the possible output of the cannery. "As matters stand, however," says Mr. White, the manager, "the community is saved a great loss, for much of the fruit brought here is of a grade that would have been unsalable, and therefore would have been a total loss to the orchardists. This," he says "further, shows the value of the cannery to the locality, and the bright prospects for development in this line in the near future, for the possibilities of our extensive orchards would assure full runnings for a cannery of many times the capacity of the present institution."

\$15,000 NOT EXORBITANT FOR DEATH OF FATHER.

Olympia, Sept. 11.—That \$15,000 is not exorbitant as a judgment granted a widow and two minor children for the death of the husband and father, is the decision today of the supreme court in affirming the judgment entered in King county against the Columbia and Puget Sound railroad company in favor of Mrs. Casale Hanson and her two children. Hanson was killed while employed as a switchman.

Washington, Sept. 11.—President Wilson will leave Washington this afternoon for Cornish, N. H., where his family is spending the summer. The president will remain away a week unless his presence is required in Washington.

BANTA ACQUITTED ON ASSAULT CHARGE

Harry Banta, on trial in the circuit court Tuesday on a charge of attempted criminal assault upon the person of Miss Elizabeth Galbraith, was acquitted of the charge by the jury after the twelve men had listened to the testimony, heard the arguments of the attorneys, and deliberated upon the verdict for six hours. The verdict was returned at nine o'clock Tuesday evening, the argument having been closed at three o'clock.

The evidence of the prosecuting witness was that Banta had come to her homestead cabin in the Illinois valley country to return some borrowed magazines, and that while he was there the assault had occurred. Miss Galbraith said that she had defended herself with a loaded revolver, though it had not been necessary to fire a shot. Banta took the stand in his own defense, and denied that he had been guilty of unseemly conduct.

Baldwin is Paroled.
G. A. Baldwin, who pleaded guilty to the charge of firing a shot with a rifle at an automobile passing along the road and injuring Don Belding, one of the occupants, was sentenced by Judge Calkins to six months in the county jail, but was paroled by the court.

Hogue Now on Trial.
Charles Hogue of Kerby is on trial in the court today on a charge of perjury, the complaint having grown out of a liquor case tried at the spring term of court at which Hogue was a principal witness. His brother, Everett Hogue, will be tried later on a charge of having incited perjury.

Cement Co. Gets Verdict.
Wednesday morning the civil case of the Cement Products Co. against Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Wheeler was heard, and the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for the value of 600 feet of cement pipe sold the Wheelers. The defendants contended that the contract for the pipe had been rescinded, but the jury held from the evidence introduced that the contract was of force and judgment was given accordingly.

BRAKEMAN ASSAULTED BY HOBO ON S. P. TRAIN.

Brakeman Riley, of the west bound morning freight, was brought to the South Pacific hospital in this city Tuesday morning suffering from a severe scalp wound on the back of the head given him by a hobo aboard the train near Tunnel 8, in Cow creek canyon, at about three o'clock in the morning. The attack on the part of the hobo was unprovoked on the part of Riley, the blow being dealt just as he was climbing upon one of the freight cars. It is supposed that the hobo mistook Riley for the conductor of the train who had earlier in the night fired some of the gentry off the train. The brakeman was struck with some heavy club or "blackjack," and was knocked senseless, later being found upon the car. He was able to give the officers a good description of his assailant, and a hunt is being made for him. One hobo who rode into town aboard the train answered the description in a general way, and was arrested by the local police, but when Riley was brought to see him he said that he was not the right man.

Riley's injuries were attended by Dr. Loughridge, and the injured man will leave for his home at Roseburg this evening.

SPECTATORS TO CENSOR NORTH YAKIMA MOVIES.

North Yakima, Wash., Sept. 11.—The spectators themselves are constituted a board of censor of motion pictures displayed in this city by an ordinance today passed by the city commission. The ordinance provides that if any citizen can prove that a picture theater has displayed any objectionable film, the license of the offending theater shall be revoked.

An attempt at censorship by a municipal board was abandoned as being unsatisfactory.

CONTINUE GRADE WORK ON NEW R. R.

FUNDS TO BE PROVIDED TO CARRY ON OPERATIONS.

WILL CALL NEW ELECTION

City Accepts Proposition Made by Dr. Reddy and Road Building Will Be Continued.

There will be no cessation in the work of grading for the new railroad because of the decision of the supreme court which held that a new election would be required to validate the bond issue, but pending the new election funds will be made available through the issuance of warrants which Dr. Reddy will cash. This much was made certain at the joint meeting of the council and the public utilities commission Friday evening, when the two bodies by a unanimous vote except for the usual opposition from Mr. Everton, endorsed such action and accepted the proposition made by Dr. Reddy.

Rescind Helm Contract.

The commission at a previous meeting had rescinded the contract made with Mr. Helm and his associates for the construction of the municipal unit of the coast line, that contract having been based upon the validity of the bond issue. This action would have meant that work must stop until the bonds had again been voted had not Dr. Reddy come forward with the offer to place sufficient warrants to continue the work in the meantime, and the council, on the recommendation of the commission, ordered that work continue on that basis. Warrants were ordered drawn, to be redeemed from the proceeds of the bond issue.

To Call New Election.

That the bonds be made available at the earliest possible date, the council authorized the drawing of the amendments to the charter, and the holding of the election as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made. A representative of the firm of Teal, Minor & Winfree, Portland attorneys, will be called to Grants Pass to assist in preparing the amendments and arranging the details for the new election. This firm is a recognized authority on bonding matters, and the local people are watching every step in the present proceedings so that there will be no debatable points after the next election.

Dr. Reddy's Proposition.

The contract made with the California people for the construction of the municipal unit of the road provided that they were to accept the \$200,000 bond issue and to build the road to Wilderville, or ten miles out. In view of the abrogation of this contract, which was based upon the contingency of the decision of the supreme court being favorable, Dr. Reddy proposed to assume the responsibility for the continuance of the work if warrants were issued him, and under the proposition the city will continue the work. Operations will continue as heretofore, under the direction of the city, and the road will be constructed as far as the \$200,000 will carry it. Under the Helm contract the road was to be built only as far as Wilderville, the contractors to have the bond issue for that work. The city engineers have now figured that they can build some distance beyond Wilderville, as they are making excellent progress with the grade, and are moving the dirt at a less rate than had been estimated.

Sentiment is Unanimous.

The meeting Friday night was largely attended by business men of the city, and when opportunity was given many of them voiced their approval of the Reddy proposition. H. L. Gilkey, of the commission, said that there seemed neither moral nor legal objection to the action, the people by voting having approved

PUBLIC MARKET URGED FOR GRANTS PASS

The public market was given a thrashing out at the regular meeting of the Commercial club Monday night, and many speakers advocated its establishment in this city. It was stated that Ashland, Medford, Roseburg and in fact all the cities of consequence in the state, had established such markets, and that they were operated with success. Mr. Lundberg said that the public market gave the grower a cash market for his produce and the consumer was assured of a better class of goods by making purchases direct. Mr. Voorhies made a plea for the market, noting the fact that the competition of display in a common market was an incentive to a better grade of goods and to better service. The president of the club, however, thought that the handling of produce should be through the agency of the Growers' association, and that time was too short to get action at this season, and there the discussion rested.

Grants Pass Movies in the East.

The club received notice that the moving pictures that had been taken about a year ago would be exhibited throughout the east this coming winter. President Kroh had written to the Southern Pacific officials who had had the pictures made that if they were not to be used this winter that he would like to use them in the middle west himself, but the general passenger agent said that arrangements had been made for their exhibition with a competent lecturer in New York and other eastern states.

To Invite the Veterans.

County Treasurer Peterson said that the city had not entertained the old soldiers and sailors of the Southern Oregon Veterans' association for seven years, and on motion it was unanimously decided to invite the organization to hold its 1914 encampment here.

The coming county fair came in for an extended discussion, the individual members advocating the assistance in every possible way of the exposition. It was the general opinion, however, that a year-round campaign should be inaugurated for future fairs, and that the continued success of the annual event would be assured only by concerted action twelve months in the year.

The action of the directors in transferring to the treasury of the club the funds left over from the Fourth of July celebration was endorsed.

HOGUE JURY NOT AGREED ON VERDICT.

The jury that was deliberating upon the verdict in the trial of Chas. Hogue, for alleged perjury, was discharged this morning without having arrived at a verdict, the discharge coming because of the death of a child of Geo. W. Meek, of Murphy, one of the jurors. The jury had been out all night, but could not agree upon a verdict. It is understood that on the first ballot the vote was evenly divided as between conviction and acquittal, the last ballot taken showing that three of those who had first stood for conviction had changed to the acquittal side.

Wheeler Osborn has returned from Pendleton,

the expenditure of \$200,000 for the purpose of building the railroad, and the vote on the next election would without doubt be just as unanimous as was the vote last December. A dozen other speakers voiced the same sentiment, and applause from all present greeted each.

Dr. Reddy stated that there was no question about the building of the line through to the coast and that it was nearer actual construction now than ever before. He said that if the Californians came forward with the cash and still wanted to carry out the contract with the city, that the arrangement made with him need not stand if the city desired otherwise. He said that he wanted work continued and completed on the municipal unit of the road because it was essential to the building of the balance of the line.

COUNTY ASSESSED AT \$11,282,096

INCREASE IN VALUES OVER THOSE OF YEAR 1912.

LEVY OUTSIDE IS 18 MILLS

Grants Pass to Pay 30 1-2 Mill Levy, Including Nine Mill City, and 8 1-2 Mill School Tax.

The tax roll completed for the year 1913 shows some interesting figures, the total of taxable property within the county being given at \$9,105,555 exclusive of public utility corporations which in 1912 were valued at \$2,176,561. With the same valuation upon these public utility corporations as last year the taxable value of all property within the county would be \$11,282,096. This total is \$116,425 greater than the total of last year notwithstanding that there was allowed exemptions of \$140,000 on household goods this year. This indicates that there is a gradual increase in taxable property in the county, the valuations having been made no larger than on previous years.

The roll shows that there are 21,356 acres of tillable land and 429,415 acres that are not tillable in the county. The value of improvements on deeded lands is \$375,490, and of improvements on city lots \$1,011,395.

There are 1879 head of horses and mules in the county with a valuation of \$103,685. The 3,490 head of cattle were valued at \$60,155, the 442 sheep at \$905, and the 1093 goats at \$2,225. The swine numbered 1,296, of a value of \$6,210, while the 194 dogs are worth \$1,105.

The rate of taxation within the county at large is 18 mills, exclusive of school tax, which differs in the various school districts. This 18 mills is composed of 13 mills state and county and five mills road tax. With the city of Grants Pass the levy is 30 1-2 mills, of which 13 mills is state and county, nine mills city and 8 1-2 mills school tax.

CHINA PHEASANTS LIBERATED IN COUNTY.

Two dozen China pheasants were received by express Wednesday morning from the state game farm at Corvallis to be liberated on the lower Applegate river, one dozen on the McKinstry farm and the other dozen on the Lovelace farm. The birds were received by Mr. McKinstry, who went out to the Applegate to liberate them. The state game commission has appropriated a hundred pair for liberation in the Grants Pass district, and they will be sent here as fast as arrangements can be made with property owners to create game preserves of their farms. Where these birds are liberated it is necessary for the farm owner to sign an agreement to not permit hunting on the premises for a term of years, and these agreements are being obtained from a number of farmers, and other pheasants will be forwarded.

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT BY PARCELS POST.

A. H. Eddy is putting the parcels post under its new regulations to practical use, and is making daily shipments of fruit and vegetables as far away as Marshfield. Peaches, tomatoes and various other products of the Rogue that do not grow in the Marshfield country are sent in twenty pound packages, the postage to Marshfield being but 24 cents for a package of that size. The distance from Grants Pass to Marshfield comes within the 200-mile zone, of which distance 163 miles is by stage. The shipments made by Mr. Eddy have reached their destination in excellent shape.

MAYOR GAYNOR OF NEW YORK IS DEAD

New York, Sept. 11.—Succumbing to the effects of an assassin's bullet, which, two years ago, lodged in his neck, Mayor William J. Gaynor of New York, is dead today aboard the steamer Baltic, which will reach Queenstown, Ireland, tonight on its voyage from this city.

Mayor Gaynor died yesterday. His son, Rufus, who was with him, immediately sent the news by wireless to Queenstown, whence it was cabled here. The immediate cause of death was constant coughing caused by the bullet which wounded him and which since has been lodged at the base of his tongue.

Immediately upon the liner's landing at Queenstown, the body of the dead mayor will be shipped back to New York.

The country was horrified in August 1910 when Mayor Gaynor was shot down on the deck of a steamer on which he was about to sail for Europe. For weeks his death was looked for and it finally came from the effect of the assassin's bullet, which was never removed, but stayed lodged in the base of the tongue.

APPOINT SENATOR SMITH ON THE COMMISSION.

Dr. J. C. Smith, senator from this district, has just received a letter from President Mairarky of the state senate, notifying him of his appointment to the commission provided by the last legislature to investigate the power of the Columbia and near Cello. The commission is composed of two senators and three members of the house of representatives, and is to act in conjunction with the state engineer, who is to make a complete survey of the river in the district named for the determination of the power available there. The legislature appropriated \$15,000 for the expenses of the survey.

MYSTERY OF DEATH OF COWS IS SOLVED.

The cause of the mysterious death of four cows of the herd of six on the Stinebaugh-Hair ranch within two nights has apparently been explained. By accident nitrate of soda that had been used on the premises for fertilizing purposes was put in the salt box, its appearance having caused it to be mistaken for salt. A quantity of this was put out the day before the first three cows were found dead, and while there is a difference of opinion regarding the effect of the nitrate, it seems now to be generally accepted that the quantity eaten was sufficient to cause the deaths. Mr. Hair had just concluded the purchase of the cows along with the other personal property from Mr. Stinebaugh the day before the death of the cows, and he did not know that the nitrate was on the premises, and so permitted its use as salt. To quiet whatever suspicion may have been occasioned, Mr. Hair has furnished the following statement for publication:

"The mystery surrounding the death of the cows from our dairy herd has been solved, at least to the satisfaction of all interested parties. We were almost certain the cows had died from some manner of poisoning but from what source was a mystery.

"The theory that it was to be found in the feed or the result of over-feeding was not acceptable as the feed both as to quantity and kind was identically the same as for some weeks previous.

"The trees among which the corn grew had not been sprayed since the corn was planted wherefore poisoning from that source was impossible.

"Our investigation for poisoning, however, led us to a box of nitrate of sodium or salt peter, which we thought to be common coarse salt. We had directed that some of this be fed to the cows thinking it to be, of course, common salt.

"While an analysis of the contents of this box has not yet been made we are satisfied beyond any reasonable doubt that this was the cause of the death of our cows.

"I assume the whole responsibility of the loss and am glad to make this statement that there may be no suspicion resting on innocent parties and remove any doubt as to the loss of the cows."