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## BEST METHODS OF CANNING ARE DEMONSTRATED

Expert from Agricultural College Addresses Crowd Here—Trip Has Aroused Large Interest in Processes.

A very successful demonstration of modern methods in preserving fruits, vegetables, and meats was given in Springfield last evening under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural college and the Southern Pacific railroad. Over 150 attended the lecture here and witnessed the demonstration of the operation of the various devices.

"You can can anything if you use the right process," declared Prof. F. L. Griffin of the college extension department, who had charge of the demonstration car. "There is no such thing as bad luck in canning; it is usually bacteria."

Mr. Griffin explained that the secret of successful canning of fruits and vegetables is the securing of a sterilized product in the can, with the can so sealed that it cannot be contaminated. There are three processes, he said, all good, but some requiring more time than others. The hot water bath method is the simplest, in which the cans, filled with the fruit, are placed in water up to the neck, and allowed to boil for the time required.

The steam bath method puts the fruit in its cans in a steamer. The third method provides for cooking the fruit or vegetables with steam under pressure, which, by reason of the greater temperature, allows the work to be completed in shorter time.

This is the method used in the commercial canneries, and is now available for home use by the manufacture of small sized steam pressure cookers.

Professor Griffin advocated the use of the steam cooker in the home for, in this way, the very best, prime fruit and vegetables would be preserved. His plan is to preserve the fruit or vegetables as they become ripe, a few each day, instead of waiting for large quantities, when the work of canning becomes a task.

Fully half the fruit grown in Oregon, he declared, is wasted because it is neither shipped to market nor canned. And this is the very best quality of fruit, too.

In the course of his talk Professor Griffin explained why it is that vegetables require longer cooking than do fruits.

Following the lecture the people were taken to the baggage car and there shown the different types of machines used in canning, the different styles of cans and exhibits of Oregon canned products. Circulars giving canning receipts and tables of the time required to cook various fruits and vegetables were distributed.

The trip of the demonstration car, which will be completed tomorrow, has been a very successful one, the attendance running up to 300 in places. At Coburg Tuesday night there were 131 in attendance, and a number came again in the morning before the car left for Brownsville. The cars were taken to Eugene this morning for a demonstration there.

## UNIVERSITY BULLETINS ARE SENT TO HOLLAND

Dutch Farmers Get Word of Results of Oregon Study of Potato Industry and Send for Copies for Themselves.

University of Oregon, Eugene, July 25.—The Potato Bulletin, recently issued by the Department of Industrial and Commercial Survey of the University School of Commerce, and widely distributed among potato dealers and shippers in Oregon, is now

meeting with a large and insistent demand from outside the state.

The Bulletin dealt principally with Oregon problems, but in order to handle these with a proper basis of comparison, Prof. H. B. Miller, who compiled it, made a thorough study of world-wide conditions in the potato industry, and it is this that is causing a world-wide demand.

The latest foreign request comes from Holland, through the American Vice-Consul at Rotterdam. Bulletins are asked for by the following societies which represent more than 165,000 members: Nederlandsche Landbouw Comité, Nederlandsche Tuinbouwraad, and Nederlandsche Maatschappij voor Tuinbouw en Plantkunde.

## S. P. COMPANY TAKES OPTION ON CORVALLIS LOTS

That the Southern Pacific Company intends to establish a downtown station in Corvallis for its electric trains after that portion of the west side line between Whiteson and Corvallis is electrified, is evident from the fact that an option has been taken by the company on a valuable piece of property near the business centre of the city, according to a Corvallis man interested in the property, who was in Eugene yesterday.

The report is in circulation in Corvallis, says this resident of the O. A. C. city, that when the work of electrifying the Whiteson-Corvallis division is completed, which is expected to be by the first of the year 1916, the work will be continued on up to Eugene.

The property upon which the S. P. company has taken an option in Corvallis is the half block bounded by Sixth, Monroe, Fifth and Madison streets. No deeds have yet been recorded, the option hinging upon what action the city council will take relative to the proposed franchise of which the company has applied. At the present time the west side line enters Corvallis over Ninth street, but with a line and depot on Sixth street the passengers will be allowed to alight and board the train several blocks nearer the main business street of the city.

## LOCAL MEN LAND SUB-CONTRACTS

George Vallier this week secured the contract to supply all the sand and gravel required and to haul all structural material for the construction of the new bridge across the Coast Fork of the Willamette between Goshen and Pleasant Hill.

Howard Parsons received word last evening that he had been awarded the contract for pouring the concrete, and he went to Portland this morning to sign up the contract.

Hauling of material is to begin a week from today, and the actual construction work is expected to begin a week from Monday, on August 2.

The steel required for the tie rods and other parts of the bridge will be shipped to Goshen and hauled from there. The timbers are to be supplied by a Cottage Grove mill.

The contract for the bridge was awarded Monday by the County court to the Portland Bridge Company, at \$9450, or but \$37 lower than the next best bid. The highest bid was \$12,885.

The bridge, which is to be of wood spans, supported by two concrete piers in the river, will require two or three months for construction. Between 20 and 30 men will be employed.

## Demonstration Train Helps

A great revival in the fruit canning and fruit preserving industry, so far as the practice in the home is concerned, has followed the O. W. R. & N. Company's series of demonstrations now being conducted in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

## SPRINGFIELD DOG ORDINANCE MAY GO BY DECISION

Local Regulation Differs Little From One Passed on by State Supreme Court—Attorney Awaits Rehearing.

Not having read the Supreme Court's decision in the case of the Salem dog ordinance, City Attorney J. H. Bower did not wish to say what effect the court's action would have on the Springfield ordinance.

"Apparently it invalidates our ordinance," said Mr. Bower, "for our ordinance differed from Salem's only in requiring that the dog be kept four days instead of three, as I remember it."

"It seems to me, however, that Salem people would ask for a rehearing. With a part of the state quarantined for rabies it would seem as if the rights of citizens generally to be safe from disease should outweigh the property rights of a few dog owners. A man who does not miss his dog in three or four days can not care very much for the dog, it seems to me."

Chief Stanger stated he had no instructions not to enforce the local ordinance, but that practically all the loose dogs have been taken care of. Since the Springfield ordinance went into effect he has disposed of 22 dogs, many of which were strays that no one claimed.

The dispatch from Salem announcing the supreme court's decision, says:

Salem, Ore., July 20.—Killing of impounded dogs when not redeemed within three days is unconstitutional in the state of Oregon, the supreme court declared here today. Dogs are personal property, the court held, and summarily killing them would be a violation of the constitutional provision that no person should be deprived of his property without due process of law. The decision was rendered in a suit brought against city officials of Salem to restrain them from enforcing a dog ordinance which provided that no dogs should be on the street save under leash.

## SCHOOL BOARD BUYS 80 CORDS OF SLABWOOD

The Springfield school board at an adjourned meeting Monday evening opened bids for furnishing wood for the schools, and awarded the contract to James Laxton, who will furnish 80 cords or more of slabwood at \$2.50 a cord. There was a tender of body fir at \$3.50, but the vote of the board was for the slabwood.

## SWIMMING IN POND AND RIVER CROWS POPULAR

The warm weather of the past two days has increased the interest in swimming, and each evening large numbers line the banks of the river for plunges in the cooling water. Many are going to the Booth-Kelly log pond, which is safer, not being swift like the river. Where the logs are dumped, the water is deep enough for all sorts of fancy diving.

## NEW RULES FOR USERS OF THE PARCELS POST

Receipt May Be Had Upon Payment of One Cent—Size of Package Increased—Rate is Higher Where Route Indirect

Heretofore in sending packages by parcel post the post-office issued no receipts but on and after September 1st receipts will be given on the payment of an additional fee of one cent which must be affixed to the parcel, according to information given out by Postmaster H. M. Stewart on new regulations made by the postoffice department. The name and address of the party to whom it is being sent shall be written in the receipt by the sender.

There has also been an important change in the size of the bundle that may be sent by parcel post. Heretofore the limit in size was 72 inches in length and girth combined, and this has now been increased to 84 inches. A third new ruling is that packages addressed to places in zones one and two carry an additional rate if they travel more than 300 miles to reach their destination. The rate is one cent a pound additional. For instance, if a package is sent from Springfield to Central Oregon points, it will travel nearly 400 miles but the distance by all lines by which the postal "zones" are measured is not over 100 miles. The new rate is made to fit such cases.

## MAY ERECT BILL BOARDS HERE IN SPRINGFIELD

Paul Kelty of Portland, who has a string of billboards in a number of cities of the Willamette valley, was in Springfield Tuesday looking up locations for signboards which he wishes to erect here. He investigated, also, the matter of local regulations governing the erection of signboards.

The boards he is erecting are of steel face, bounded with a molding, and are neatly painted. None but clean paper is allowed on the boards Mr. Kelty controls.

## S. P. ROADMASTER ACTS FOR P. E. & E.

F. W. Schultz to Have General Supervision Over Tracks of Electric Road.

A change in the management of the street car lines in and around Eugene took place during the past few days, following the officials taking over of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern by Southern Pacific. The street car tracks in the city will be looked after by F. W. Schultz, the same roadmaster whose duty it is to care for the tracks of the Southern Pacific.

George Towner, who as superintendent of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern in Eugene, will now control only the operation of the street car systems, and not the maintenance as in the past.

Mr. Schultz's new territory embraces not only the line to

Springfield, but also the P. E. & E. line to Corvallis. He has placed C. B. Johnson, assistant foreman in charge of the Eugene tracks extending as far east as Judkins' Point. He was formerly track walker between Eugene and Walker station. Mike Bower, of Springfield, will have charge of the Springfield line east of Eugene.

## THOMAS J. MORRISON IS CALLED BY DEATH

Thomas J. Morrison of Eugene, died in Springfield last evening, July 21, after an illness of two weeks, following a stroke of apoplexy. He was 57 years of age.

Mr. Morrison was born in Iowa and came to Oregon when he was three years of age. He lived in Yamhill county until he was ten years of age and then moved to Polk county, where he lived for 25 years. For the past nine years he has resided in Eugene.

He is survived by his wife and five children: E. E. Morrison of Springfield, Mrs. W. O. Hill of Heppner, Mrs. Jack Littell of Portland, Mrs. Eva Sutton of Springfield and Carol Morrison of Portland.

The body will remain at Walker's undertaking parlors until Friday morning when it will be taken to the family home at 1595 Franklin boulevard, Eugene, where the funeral services will be held by Rev. William Parsons. Interment will be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Eugene.

## MUCH IMPRESSED WITH KLAMATH'S POSSIBILITIES

Isaac Stevens returned Saturday from a trip into the Klamath Falls country. He was very much impressed with the possibilities of the country in stock raising, and declares were he a young man he could make a fortune there.

There is some mighty fine land in that section, he says, especially in the Indian reservation. The only drawback he noted was the fact that there are some landholders who have more land than they can handle profitably.

## "INDUSTRIAL DAY" PLANS IN MAKING

A number of the members of the Springfield Development league met Tuesday evening to consider plans for holding an "Industrial Day" celebration the latter part of August. Some interesting plans were advanced, but final decision was deferred until Friday evening of this week when another meeting will be held.

## WENDLING MILL CLOSES SIX WEEKS FOR REPAIRS

The Wendling mill of the Booth-Kelly company was shut down last evening in order that a new dam may be constructed and general repairs to the mill be made. Operation will not be resumed for probably six weeks.

After working on a 12-hour basis for ten days, the planer department of the Springfield mill returned to the ten-hour basis yesterday. The extra time was required to clean up some stock that had been brought from the Coburg yards to be planed.

## SPRINGFIELD PEOPLE BEFORE MOVIE CAMERA

A number of Springfield people participated this week in a moving picture drama staged among the society folk of Eugene, for reproduction at the Oregon theatre, in which J. J. Bryan of Springfield is interested. Elmer a Pine, a Eugene banker, posed as a hobo in a number of thrilling escapades which ended in his capture and incarceration.

Those from Springfield who took part were Mr. and Mrs. Al Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Welby Stevens, Harold Peery and Mrs. Edessee Cox. The film will be shown shortly.

## FENWICK FAVORS SELLING GRANT LANDS AT VALUE

Only Way to Keep Out Speculator—Would Have Federal Government Direct Sales and Apportion Profits.

That the railroad lands involved in the government's forfeiture suit, in which lands the railroad has an equity under the recent supreme court ruling, should be taken in charge by a federal commission and sold to settlers and mill men, is the belief of Representative M. Fenwick of Springfield, in a letter just sent Governor Withycomb. Mr. Fenwick writes:

"In response to yours of July 3rd, asking the opinion of the several representatives comprising the Oregon Legislature, I beg leave to make the following suggestions:

"That the general government should take charge of the railroad land and sell it to settlers and lumbermen. The timber lands to be sold in quantities of not less than forty acres, nor more than five sections, to any one individual or corporation. Mill men should be allowed to purchase to this amount for the reason that before erecting costly machinery, they must know that raw material is on hand and obtainable in sufficient quantities to keep the machinery so built, in operation for a lapse of time sufficient to insure a profitable business, and thus encourage the general business of the country by building up and maintaining permanent pay rolls, which, by the way, is the life blood of prosperity—from the humblest cot of the poor man to the towering mansion of the millionaire. Should those lands be sold at their actual cash value, they would pass into the hands of bona fide settlers and those wishing to embark in the milling business, for the reason that speculators are always looking for investments in snaps and not real cash values.

"The mill men in western and southern Oregon within the limits of the land grant have always up to this date been seriously handicapped by being unable to purchase the odd sections—all this useless expense falling on the laborer in the form of decreased wages.

"The farming or agricultural lands should not be sold in quantities to exceed 160 acres.

"I would further suggest that, after the railroad had been paid to the value of its ownership in the land, and all legitimate expenses incurred by the government in making said sales, the remaining portion of said money be divided in four equal parts,—one-fourth to be paid to the irreducible school fund of the state; one-fourth to be paid to the state irrigation fund; one-fourth to the state road fund; and one-fourth to the county in which the land is located, the same to be used for road and school purposes only.

"I would further suggest that it would only be right and equitable, where the railroad company has built mills and had them in operation, and said mills were shut down by the government when it started the suit for cancellation of the grant, the company should be allowed to buy timber land on the same footing as any other individual or corporation, and thus start their mills to operating as soon as possible, as idle machinery never fills the dinner pails of the working people, nor brings trade to the merchant.

"Very respectfully yours,  
"MELVIN FENWICK,"  
Representative from Lane County.

\$3,000 will be spent surveying Yaquina bar with view of obtaining 25-foot channel.

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