

### CANNERIES NOW LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCTS TO CAN

One of the immense industries of the present times is the putting up of fruits, vegetables, fish, meat and milk in tin or glass cans.

Fifty years ago a firm in Baltimore experimented with oysters in tin cans, and from this beginning someone else tried peaches, then came tomatoes, peas and corn. As there was no patent to either, the canning industry fast developed into a commercial proposition. The consumer was suspicious for a few years, and warned of pisonium poison from the contact of the tin with the article canned, but this fear was short lived and canned goods became staple merchandise.

In 1911, 1912 and 1913 there were 4,000,000,000 cans of tomatoes, corn, peas, salmon and fruit canned, and it is stated by those who ought to know that there was not one well-established case of poisoning from any of these products. Add to the above named sardines, meats, soups, vegetables, milk, pork and beans, puddings and many other articles, these figures would be doubled, or something like 9,000,000 cans every twenty-four hours. The canning industry would increase faster than it does if it was not for the expense of the cans, and it is hoped tin cans will be cheapened by regulating the can trust.

#### New to West

This industry has been largely in the east, except one article—salmon, but the northwest is now fast getting into the canning business, especially in pears and loganberries. The Oregon Bartlett, though often disguised under a California label, is a favorite throughout the east and middle west, where the pear is not grown, or has been lost through blight. The same with the loganberry, with the Pacific northwest for its natural home, it has no other district in the world to compete against. When the east once has a taste of this splendid fruit or as a beverage bottled, the Rogue River valley will be taxed to the utmost to supply the demand, for its juice is more refreshing than that of the grape. This berry can be made one of the large assets of the valley because of its possibilities. It might be advisable to put the juice in barrels and ship to eastern points, where it can be made into heavy syrups for soda fountain trade. Concerning the yield, the average on three-year-old vines would be four tons to the acre, or a crate to a plant. One grower reported 124 crates to 125 vines. The price paid this year at canneries in the northern part of the state was \$80 a ton.

#### Local Cannery

This leads us to speak of the Rogue River Valley Cannery, or possibly better known as the Hoke cannery.

An article appeared recently in the Mail Tribune stating that "this concern had declared a 6 per cent dividend for its first season's operation, had some funds in the treasury and stock on hand."

In 1913 just a few people had their first taste of Mr. Hoke's pears. Loganberries, tomatoes and beans processed at his home, it lead the way to the organization and operation of the Rogue River Valley Cannery—not a large year, to be sure, about 1000 cans of loganberries (as sugar was out of sight), but this will be enough to have many more try a sample can; 1000 cans Bartlett pears, 2500 cans Kentucky Wonder Beans and 22,500 cans tomatoes. In talking with Mr. Hoke, he stated that he would buy every pound of loganberries offered next season and pay 3 1/2 cents; for Kentucky Wonder beans, 2 1/2c; for tomatoes, \$10 a ton. When questioned as to acreage wanted for tomatoes, replied thirty acres. He showed us his accounts with growers and it was seen that from \$75 to \$80 per acre was realized for tomatoes.

#### Wider Field

We were also informed that the cannery next season, in addition to the above mentioned articles, would process and can cider, apple butter, soup, vegetables, catsup, relishes and sauer kraut. This will probably mean the enlarging of the company's plant and several thousand dollars more will be paid out to gardeners and fruit men for products heretofore slow sale and unprofitable.

The State Horticultural society of Oregon holds a three-day convention in Medford, December 2, 3 and 4. On the 2d, Professor J. F. Hatcher of Hood River will give a report on the Spokane by-products convention now in session. Professor H. C. Atwell, manager of the Forest Grove cannery, will speak, and Mr. Rupert, manager of the Pacific Coast Products company, present plans for the handling of by-products, and it is desired by the local committee on arrangements that every fruit grower, farmer, gardener and ladies attend the first day session. Thursday will be irrigation

### PRELIMINARY STEPS TAKEN TO FORM IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Substantial steps toward the securing of long-needed irrigation in the Rogue River valley were taken at an enthusiastic mass meeting held in the public library Saturday afternoon. Unanimous indorsement of the establishment of an irrigation district followed.

Doubar Carpenter, S. Vilas Beckwith, W. A. Sumner and Bert Anderson, with a fifth member to be named this week by Colonel R. C. Washburn, who acted as chairman, was authorized by the meeting to draft a petition urging the county court to establish such a district and arrange the preliminary details. It was the opinion of the meeting that irrigation would be the salvation of the valley, the only argument being on the methods to be employed to secure it.

Testimony was given by a number of speakers on their conversion to irrigation. Colonel Washburn of Table Rock was one of these. He said he had come to the valley prejudiced against irrigation, but experience had taught him its worth. W. A. Sumner, manager of the Palmer orchard interests; Manager Lowery of the Bear creek orchards; J. A. Westlund, president of the Monitor orchards; Welborn Beeson, William Barnum, S. Vilas Beckwith of the Rogue River Valley Fruit & Produce association; J. A. Perry of the Producers' association, and other large land and orchard holders, spoke in favor of the project. Attorney A. E. Reames explained in detail the legal phases of the contract and district systems.

Much interest was manifested in the meeting, and owing to the smallness of the hall many could not secure admission. There seemed to be a revival of the old-time progressive spirit, and the display of a determination to march ahead. Professor Reimer, head of the state experiment station at Talent, in a speech said it was a crime for this section to be without water, when it was all that was lacked to round out and make complete one of the great sections of the west.

The committee appointed to further the irrigation movement will take action at once, and the irrigation campaign will be in full tilt by the first of the year.

### STAR THEATRE CHANGES OWNERSHIP

K. L. Bernard, who was manager of the Page theatre a few weeks ago has taken over the lease of the Star theatre, took charge Sunday and will operate the house as a first class family moving picture theatre. Mr. Bernard will make some important changes in the house.

Two new picture machines will be installed immediately and the lighting system will be changed. The picture screen will be enlarged and arranged so as to give a clear life like reproduction.

Seven reels of pictures will be shown and the price of admission will always be five and ten cents with the exception of tonight and tomorrow night when the boys of the high school have taken an interest in the receipts of the house and for this engagement the price of admission was fixed in a contract before Mr. Bernard, took charge and will be 10 and 15 cents.

### BOOKINGS FOR THE PAGE THEATRE

A. L. Noyes, manager of the Page theatre, returned Saturday morning from a business trip to Portland where he has been rearranging the film service for the Page Theatre, and made bookings for the next 90 days. He was fortunate enough to secure a large number of the very best and latest features from the different exchanges. This theatre at the present time, is taking the most attractive productions from three of the largest film exchanges in the northwest, namely, the General Film company, Universal Film company and the Alco Service. Mr. Noyes will at different intervals make these trips to Portland to secure personal bookings, and also to see many of the first run pictures, in order that he may keep up the high class features for the Page theatre.

day, with an automobile trip through the orchard district in the afternoon. Friday, an address by A. B. Cordley, dean of O. A. C., and Dr. E. P. Geary, will talk walnut growing in the Rogue River valley.

### LOCAL ASSOCIATED CHARITIES ORGANIZED AS RELIEF BUREAU

The above organization was formed last Saturday night at a representative meeting held in the public library. In a day or two further notice will be given in our city papers as to office hours and the work to be done by the society. That it will appeal to every public spirited citizen goes without saying. Its object is to meet the needs of the deserving, honest poor, regardless of color-line, sect or party. It will prevent a lot of trouble on the part of business men, and charitably inclined people, by a careful, impartial and thorough inquiry into the condition and needs of every case appealing to the society for help.

**Call Issued for Help**  
Winter is upon us, and what we intend doing must be done quickly and generously, and in the spirit of Him who said: "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward."

The poor we shall always have with us. The responsibility resting upon us is great. We are stewards of time and money. In proportion to what we have so richly received from His hands we should as willingly dispense to our more unfortunate brothers and sisters. As a society it shall be our aim to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and to bring sunshine into desolate homes, after being satisfied that such cases are worthy, and, as president of the society, I promise that careful and impartial inquiries shall be made without delay and red tape work.

#### Supplies Needed

The society will need money, clothes, shoes, bedding, wood and whatever may be needed to make families comfortable that otherwise would feel the awful grip of want and cold. It will expedite the work of the committee appointed to take charge of this work, and more quickly meet the needs of the hour, if those who are interested in the object of the society will send, without further appeal, their contributions, as above stated. Packages will be called for and promptly delivered if those who wish to contribute have no means of delivering the same. Mr. Gates has kindly offered to deliver, free of charge, all packages left with the society for distribution among the poor. We urge upon all to heartily co-operate with us, as by so doing the greatest good will be accomplished in the shortest time.

Let there be no jealousies, no fault finding, no unkindly criticism seeing that those in charge of this work are giving their time without pay, and will give of their means as generously, as those I have appealed to, to make the work of the society a success from the start.

Notwithstanding that our churches and fraternal organizations look after their poor members we feel sure that they will be willing to give their time towards meeting the needs of those who, unfortunately, have no such affiliation.

#### Making the Ideal City

We are anxious to make this work the envy of other towns and cities, and by so doing shall be doing much towards making Medford an ideal city one in which the cry of honest poverty shall not be heard in vain.

The Greater Medford club has thrown itself heartily into this work, as it has done in everything which means a Greater Medford, and because of this it will succeed, but we want, and invite, everybody to take an unstinted and active part in the work so that the joy and reward of doing His will be shared by all.

By tomorrow we hope to be able to give fuller particulars for launching this work, the location of office, the hours which will be given to hearing of cases which will, from time to time come before the society. There will be no publicity. No deserving case will appeal to us in vain, but the professional beggar will be dealt with accordingly.

DR. J. LAWRENCE HILL,  
President of Medford Associated Charities.

### GERMANS MAINTAIN WIRELESS IN CHILI

LIMA, Peru, Nov. 23.—It is declared here today on supposed good authority that the Germans have been maintaining what is described as a naval station outside of Valparaiso, Chile. Here they brought together a number of vessels having on board coal and provisions. Chilean papers reaching here say that the government is determined to stop these breaches of neutrality, even at the cost of war.

### ASHLAND HIGH AGAIN DEFEATS MEDFORD 12 TO 0

Any doubt existing as to the superiority of the Ashland football team was dispelled Saturday afternoon, when they defeated the Medford high school before the largest crowd that ever saw a football game in this section, by the score of 12 to 0. The score does not begin to tell the difference in ability between the two teams.

In team work, line plunging, general playing and fighting spirit the visitors showed their class. Their victories this year have been the fruit of conscientious training, going to bed early and no cigarette smoking. Their chief aim was to conquer Medford, and to do it they sacrificed social obligation and habits. The Ashland attack had force behind it, and seldom failed to make their yardage.

The Medford team possessed plenty of fighting spirit, but could not concentrate it. They went about to defeat their rivals, using the same tactics that lost them the first game. In the second half Captain Plymale started a kicking game, and outplayed the visitors. Then all of a sudden he returned again to the old style, praying that Ends Howard or Pelouze would get away for a long run on a forward pass. The Ashland team, however, watched these two players too closely for sensational results. All of Ashland scores were made in the first half.

A feature of the game was the display of school spirit by both sides.

### ALFALFA RANCH ROSS LANE SOLD

O. Wilsey has just sold his 20 acres of alfalfa on Ross Lane to C. J. Dunten of Central Point. Mr. Dunten turns in as part payment 140 acres located seven miles south of Jacksonville near the Sterling mine. Mr. Dunten will make his home on Ross Lane and the two Wilsey families have removed to the stock ranch and will commence improving it at once.

With 50 head of cattle and 25 hogs to start with Mr. Wilsey says he hopes to have quite a herd in five years time. The consideration was \$10,000. C. A. McArthur made the deal.

### GRIPPING SOCIAL DRAMA AT IT NEXT THURSDAY

At the It theatre Thursday will be shown that much talked of film feature, "New York Society Life and Underworld." This is the picture that is causing so much talk everywhere shown and if the picture lives up to the favorable reports from all the large cities, it is sure to attract a capacity crowd at the It Thursday. This wonderful picture is enacted in four reels and throughout the entire production there is never a dull moment and interest never lags from the start to finish of this unusual feature.

The scenes are laid in the Chinatown of New York and gives one a keen insight into the underworld conditions as they actually exist today in New York. One of the leading characters of the picture is "Chuck Connors," who was known as the white mayor of Chinatown. It is advisable for all to go to the first show, the matinee, as the playhouse is sure to be taxed to its fullest capacity as the picture only runs one day. Five reels, 10c always 10c.

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### MYSTERIOUS MAN ARRIVES IN TOWN

A Maxwell man walked into the Medford hotel yesterday with a long, black, mysterious looking handbag, which he handled very carefully, and as though it were very heavy. When the boy, after a struggle, lifted it, he remarked: "Boss, that snail ain't heavy. What you got?" His eyes and ears opened and he dropped the bag when he was told: "That bag contains five of the Maxwell motor car plants, three of the highest California mountains, the Indianapolis speedway and part of Grant Park, in Chicago."

The boy came back with: "I snail has got some lead in head, ain't it? And you talk like you had some lead yourself."

As a matter of fact, the bag contained over a mile of motion picture film, devoted to the above and many other subjects, and the Maxwell man had just arrived to exhibit the film before the public in that town free of charge. The pictures are most interesting and instructive. They portray the automobile industry from start to finish and are made keenly alive by the thread of human interest which runs through them. They will be seen at the Page theater free of charge tonight.

The Russian government has placed an embargo on all kinds of lumber, to prevent its exportation; walnut lumber, including Circassian walnut, much prized by American furniture makers, is specifically mentioned.



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