

\$1.73 RATE FOR FRUIT TO EAST STARTS AUG. 3

Railroads of Land Revert to Former Rate, By Decision of High Court, and Automatically with Opening of Fruit Shipping Season.

Word has been received in local fruit shipping circles, that effective August 3 next, freight rates on eastern shipments from this district, will revert to the old rate of \$1.73 per hundred. The present rate—known as the Emergency rate—is \$1.60 per hundred.

The \$1.73 rate is effective upon all carriers, and was invoked again, by the action of all the carriers, and not the Southern Pacific alone.

To the shippers of this valley it means an additional estimated expense of between \$50,000 and \$75,000 per annum, though the routing of the fruit shipments via the Alturas Cut-off, as announced last week by J. H. Mulchay, general traffic manager of the Southern Pacific railroad, will lessen the expense slightly.

The new rate goes in effect automatically with the opening of the fruit shipping season, August 3. A few cars may be shipped the last days of July, as the Bartlett cars are ripening fast under present conditions. Preparations have been made by all the packing plants and kindred industries for the opening of the shipping season August 1. It is estimated the total carload shipments for the year will total between 4800 and 5000.

TRAFFIC COPS TO AID IN CURBING TOBACCO MENACE

SALEM, Ore., July 19.—(Special)—Acting upon instructions to be issued by Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss, the officers of the state state traffic department will henceforth cooperate with the state fire marshal department and the fire chiefs of the state in the enforcement of the state law making it a misdemeanor for anyone to throw away any lighted tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, matches, fire crackers, or other lighted material, on the public highways of the state during the closed season, which is from May 15th to October 1st.

Violations of the provisions of this section of the state statutes, section 12, chapter 388, laws of 1927, which also requires operators of public conveyances on the public highways to post a copy of the section in a conspicuous place in the smoking compartments of such conveyances, is punishable by a fine of \$75. This order will be issued in the form of a bulletin to the traffic officers, at the behest of Fire Marshal Lee, today.

In his letter to Secretary of State Hoss, soliciting cooperation of the traffic department in the enforcement of this law, Fire Marshal Lee states that reports are being received daily of fires starting along the highways from carelessly discarded cigarette and cigar stumps and lighted matches from passing autos which have communicated to and destroyed valuable properties. Reports of three grass fires were received in one day, one of which burned over 1,000 acres in Jackson county and destroyed grain, pasture and fences to the value of \$2,500; another destroyed buildings upon a ranch in Klamath county, loss not given, and a third burned over 10 acres along the highway between Medford and Klamath Falls.

The Oregon State Fire Chiefs association has under consideration the sponsorship of a bill making it compulsory for motorists to install receptacles in their motor cars for the disposal of lighted matches, cigars and cigarette stumps, and expect to present it to the 1931 session of the legislature for enactment," says Fire Marshal Lee in his letter to Secretary Hoss. In the meantime watchful care is necessary on the part of all concerned to prevent fires along the highways from this source, which constitute grave potential menaces to lives and valuable properties.

"I am having a bulletin sent out to all traffic officers calling attention to the law and asking their cooperation in its enforcement, and will also arrange to have the press and as many individuals as possible acquainted with its provisions," says Secretary of State Hoss in his reply assuring cooperation. "I note that you say that you will be glad to deputize our officers if necessary to enforce this act, but, under the general terms of the law prescribing the duties of the state traffic officers I find sufficient authority to carry out the work."

SALEM, Ore., July 19.—(P)—Two fatal accidents out of a total of 729 were reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending July 17. The fatal cases were Fred C. Miller of Portland, log scaler, and Frank Marche of Portland, powderman.

NATIONAL SPELLING WINNERS SEE PRESIDENT



These three young ladies and the young man, the best spellers in the national spelling bee in Washington, were received by President Hoover at the White House. Left to right: Mildred Bronn, South Bend, Ind., third prize winner; Helen Jensen, Council Bluffs, Iowa, first prize; President Hoover, Ruth Desjardins, Detroit, second place, and Winfield Yarnell, Carlisle, Pa., fourth place.

VALLEY DOCTORS STAGE A PICNIC

The annual picnic of the Jackson County Medical association, their wives and families, held last Thursday evening at Lithia park in Ashland was a very enjoyable and well attended affair, with the assemblage gathered from various parts of the county.

Included among those in attendance were: Dr. and Mrs. E. V. Pickle, Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Holt, Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Thayer, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Clancy, Dr. and Mrs. B. C. Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Shockley, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Sleeter, and two sons, and Dr. A. E. Dodson all of Medford, and Dr. and Mrs. G. F. Swedenberg and daughter, Genevieve and Eleanor, Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Brower, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Woods and son, Chester, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Mac Cracken, Dr. and Mrs. B. G. Barkhill, Dr. G. W. Gregg, Dr. Mattie V. Shaw, all of Ashland, and Dr. and Mrs. Dwight W. Gregg of Fossil, Oregon.

I. O. O. F. PICNIC AT ASHLAND FRIDAY

Next Friday afternoon and evening will be a big one for the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges of the valley, the occasion being the annual outing and picnic of those lodges to be held at Lithia park in Ashland, that location having been decided on last Friday night by the committee of Medford lodge, which organization has taken the initiative in arranging for the picnic affair. There will be a good program of speeches, games, music, etc.

Members of the Canton of the Odd Fellows lodge and the ladies of the auxiliary enjoyed a basket dinner in Lithia park last Friday night. There were approximately 70 persons in attendance from Medford, Ashland and neighboring towns. The dinner was followed by a general social hour.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 19.—(P)—Jack Leslie, 45, drowned in the Willamette river here last night when his closed automobile plunged from a dock after striking an obstruction. He was a watchman for the Union Oil company and the accident occurred on the company dock.

OAKLAND, Calif., July 19.—(P)—Nan M. Halterey, postmistress of Toiyas, Calif., and R. D. Champan, post office employee of Pendleton, Ore., both attending the postmasters' convention here, will be married today in an air liner 3000 feet above the earth. The couple plan an aerial journey.

BALTIMORE, July 19.—(P)—Charges against the two midshipmen escorts of a ship of the Washington society girls, who were smuggled into the naval academy mess Sunday night in the garb of middies, have been referred to the navy department following a preliminary investigation by Capt. C. P. Snyder, commandant of midshipmen.

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HEAVY GAIN IN BUSINESS NOTED LAKE O' WOODS

The ever-increasing popularity of southern Oregon vacation resorts is evidenced by the marked increase in patronage at Lake o' the Woods this season, where nearly 50 per cent more business has been noted over any previous year. This resort is proving popular, not only local vacationists from Medford, Ashland and Klamath Falls but scores of people from San Francisco and other California cities. One good example is that of a party from the bay region who planned on a two weeks' stay at Lake o' the Woods liked the resort so well they extended their visit to six weeks.

Many improvements have been made by the resort management during the past year, including the completion of a beautiful new lodge building. The new lodge contains a large lobby and lounge with a big fireplace and plenty of easy chairs where patrons may rest in comfort. Then there is a club room for cards and dancing, also equipped with its own fireplace. The lodge is all newly furnished and is proving a popular meeting place for guests at the lake. A large porch which surrounds the building on every side affords a splendid view of the lake and Mt. McLaughlin.

The resort grounds have been greatly improved, all roads and trails having been oiled to eliminate dust. The grounds have also been landscaped and beds of flowers and native shrubs are to be seen here and there between the towering trees for which Lake o' the Woods is noted. The huge pines and firs are a source of never failing delight to out-of-the-state visitors. The cabins are nicely located between the big trees, which insure plenty of shade at all times of day. The roads leading to this popular resort show a marked improvement this year and it is now possible to make the drive from Medford via Butte Falls and Fish Lake in two and one-half hours, and by Dead Indian road in three hours.

CHICAGO, July 19.—(P)—Egg prices are now at the lowest in ten years, President H. H. Field of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange says. Today's wholesale quotations were about 10c a dozen lower than those of a year ago, about 6c under a 10-year average, and nearly 20c under high marks set in July, 1929. Present prices on produce markets range from 19 to 23 cents a dozen.

SALEM, Ore., July 19.—(P)—H. D. Langille of Portland yesterday filed with the state engineer an application for authority to construct a dam and reservoir on Leon Lake, Douglas county, to store 6,232 acre feet of water from Lake creek, a tributary of the Umpqua. The cost is estimated at \$13,680. The application does not reveal the purpose of the development.

CANON CITY, Colo., July 19.—(P)—Three hangings left the Lamar bandit pack with only one member alive today.

TOKYO, July 19.—(P)—Death today claimed Field Marshal Count Yasukata Oku, last surviving army commander of the Russo-Japanese war. He was 84 years old.

AIR EXPRESS TO START AUGUST 1

The inauguration of the air express service line along the coast by the Aerial Express Corporation Ltd. will not take place tomorrow as originally planned, the postponement to August 1 being due to delay in finishing the four Ryan planes which are to be used on the route, as explained by Alfred Mailing of Los Angeles, president of the corporation.

However, the plans for the route, the service to be of an all-express character, operating between Los Angeles, San Francisco, Medford, Portland, Chehalis, Tacoma and Seattle, are being rapidly shaped up.

GRANDE RONDE, Ore., July 19.—(P)—Officials of Oregon highway department representatives, good road advocates from all parts of the state, and hundreds of Oregon's citizenry were here today for the celebration marking completion of the Salmon river cut-off, a \$600,000 project that has opened a new automobile route to the ocean.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 19.—(P)—Bernard Thompson, 26, surrendered to the police early today and confessed to the slaying of his aunt, Mrs. K. Edith Wight, a veteran state detective, in her Saugus, Mass., home, last Tuesday.

Speaking of plastic surgery isn't there some way to transfer bone from a statesman's head to his back?—Brooklyn Times.

COPCO PICNIC ON ELK CREEK BANKS

Plans are being made by the Copco Forum, employees club of the California Oregon Power company, to hold the annual Forum picnic at Elk creek next Saturday. Swimming in the well-known Elk creek swimming "hole" promises to prove popular with young and old, and there will be a "kitten ball" contest, and other athletic events during the day. Each family is expected to provide a basket lunch and the Forum will furnish ice cream and waters, lemonade and coffee.

In the evening there will be a big dance at Rogue Elk pavilion, overlooking the Rogue river, with music by a local dance band. Light refreshments will be served during the intermission.

All indications point to a fine time for the many Copco employees and their families who will attend from all parts of "copco-land." The affair is in charge of a special committee directed by J. C. Hambrick of the advertising department.

CHICAGO, July 19.—(P)—The prominent John H. Roemer, wealthy clubman and well known corporation lawyer, was shot and probably fatally wounded early today by a policeman in the busy uptown section of Sheridan road, Broadway and Montrose avenue.

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- GROUP NO. 1: Hats that formerly sold at \$8.95. **\$1.00**
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