

INCREASE IN CAR SUPPLY REQUIRED

Demand for Northwest Products Grows.

BUSINESS IS BRIGHT

Favorable Conditions Reported at Meeting of Advisory Board at Spokane, Wash.

Spokane, Wash.—Increased demand for Pacific northwest products and need for a larger freight car supply were forecast at the quarterly session of the Pacific northwest advisory board here Saturday.

More than 500 railroad men, shippers and farmers heard reports from 21 commodity committees on conditions in the basic industries of the district. Generally improved conditions were forecast.

A switch in dates was made to get the northwest meetings in line with those of other advisory boards. Meetings will be held in March, June, September and December, with the next meeting in Tacoma in June. Facts assembled at the meetings throughout the nation can be obtained at the same date and readily combined for a general survey of conditions.

Virtually all of the committees reported favorable conditions in the Pacific northwest and the railroads reported purchase of millions of dollars worth of new equipment, including thousands of refrigerator cars to be in service by next fall. Double-tracking, extensions and straightening of lines was also reported.

The board decided to employ assistant secretaries at Spokane and Portland to give attention to the territory tributary to those cities.

The following telegram was received from Herbert C. Hoover, secretary of commerce:

"The accomplishments of your organization have proved highly valuable. Advance information concerning demands for cars permits preparation by the railroads for the service required. I heartily approve the basic principle upon which your organization is built, including a common ground between buyer and seller. The law of co-operation is flexible and far more practical than statutes."

Elasticity in increasing the number of commodity committees of the board to eliminate the necessity for revising the bylaws each time a new committee is added, was provided for in an amendment adopted by the board.

An optimistic view of the business and agricultural situation in the Pacific northwest was presented in the report of the committee on banking and insurance, of which D. W. Twoby of Spokane is chairman.

Apple Exports Decline

Washington, D. C.—Exports of boxed apples from the United States, commerce department figures show, fell from 6,718,872 boxes in 1924 to 4,922,140 last year, while sales declined from \$15,739,661 to \$12,787,495. Barrel apples also decreased, exports in 1925 amounting to 1,704,916 barrels worth \$8,275,536 as against 1,880,775 valued at \$5,547,442.

Commercial apple production increased, the 1925 figure being 31,969,000 barrels as against 28,053,000 the year before. The state of Washington led all others with New York second, Michigan and Idaho tied for third place and Virginia, Oregon, Illinois, California and Pennsylvania following in order.

Ground Emits Smoke

The Dalles, Or.—A stream of smoke bearing a pungent odor of sulphur is coming from a fissure in the hillside near McLennon's station, on the O-W. Bend branch, railroad men reported Saturday. The smoke is pouring from a crack varying in width from 4 to 20 feet, according to Conductor Hamilton, who investigated the phenomenon. He found the edges of the fissure caked with sulphur. The earth crack is less than 100 feet from the railroad tracks.

Cinders Used in Posts

Walla Walla, Wash.—Cinders, heretofore a waste product at the penitentiary, are being utilized in the making of fence posts, the cinders being combined with cement and reinforced with iron. Twenty-five posts a day will be poured until 500 are completed. The cost is 8 cents less than wooden posts of the same size, according to C. E. Long, superintendent. Boundaries of the prison farm are to be fenced, using these new posts.

Train Hits Auto, 6 Dead

Corunna, Mich.—Six persons were instantly killed here late Sunday when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a westbound passenger train on the Grand Trunk railroad. The dead: J. L. Smith, 40, a farmer living near Corunna; Mrs. Pillsbury, Smith's mother; Marion Smith, 7; Billie Smith, 3; Wayne Smith, 1, and Florence Hemingway, 11.

Don't Overreach Yourself.

"It's easier to build two chimneys than maintain one in fuel.—Benjamin Franklin.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

February fires cost Portland \$54,878.20. There were 167 alarms, and losses were sustained in 23 fires, according to the monthly report of Edward Grenfell, fire marshal.

Silverton.—Silverton will have a community fair this year, sponsored by Delbert Reeves post, American Legion. Although the exact date has not yet been set, it is understood that it will be held in September.

Salem.—The month of March, 1926, with the exception of March, 1892, has been the driest of any March in the history of Salem weather observatory. The rainfall up to the present time this month is .62 of an inch.

Pendleton.—Little difficulty will be encountered in the formation here of a national guard company, it was announced Saturday by Charles Vinler, chairman of a special committee appointed to organize the company.

Vernonia.—The Rock Creek Logging company was fined \$50 by Justice Weed for dumping chemicals and garbage in Rock creek, from which the city of Vernonia receives its water. William Brown, deputy warden, signed the complaint.

Hood River.—Contract for construction of a \$90,000, four-story, concrete, refrigerated warehouse was awarded Friday by Maynard & Child, New York apple merchants, to L. M. Bentley, local contractor. Excavation will be under way Monday.

Hermiston.—December 2, 3 and 4 will be the dates for the annual meeting of the Oregon Bee Keepers' association in 1926, according to W. G. Rodda of Hermiston, president of the state body. The convention this year will be held in Dallas.

Hood River.—A crew of men was busy Friday finishing up the oiling of worn-out patches on the Mount Hood loop highway in this county. Oiling of the Columbia river highway, in the Heppner Junction vicinity, will begin the coming week, it was stated.

Salem.—Ballot titles for initiative measures providing for old age pensions in the state of Oregon and repeal of the so-called motor vehicle registration title law enacted at the last session of the legislature were completed by the attorney-general here Saturday.

Salem.—Building permits in Salem for this month up to Saturday night aggregated \$217,870, which established a new record for March since 1922. A majority of the building permits were issued to persons who contemplate erecting homes and small business structures.

Mill City.—New lumber carriers to be placed in use by the Hammond Lumber company were received here Thursday and will be started to work as soon as a number of necessary adjustments have been made. These two carriers will replace approximately four jitneys formerly used.

Newberg.—Fire and dynamite destroyed two-thirds of the long constructed row of workers' apartments at the A. J. Ray & Son hopyard near here Friday. When discovered the flames were breaking through the roof of the building. To save the rest of the building the men dynamited the building near the center.

Silverton.—A mother sheep upon the birth of her first offspring absolutely refused to have anything to do with the lamb. Instead, she looked through the flock, selected one more to her liking and now, after a few days' trial, seems to have adopted it. Sheepmen say this is almost unheard of. The sheep belonged to the Joe Eldson herd in south Silverton.

Astoria.—That the vast majority of the Finnish inhabitants of Astoria and vicinity have no sympathy with nor interest in communist principles was manifested beyond doubt at a mass-meeting held here Wednesday night when 95 per cent of the Finns of Astoria adopted a resolution roundly condemning the beliefs of the little group of radicals who endorse soviet theories.

Grants Pass.—With the driest March on record following a winter that also established a record for lack of moisture, the Grants Pass irrigation district opened its irrigation season Saturday, though the stated season does not open until April. The big 30-inch centrifugal pump driven by a 125-horsepower turbine was started at 2 o'clock this afternoon, starting the flow in the south high line.

Salem.—With the new strawberry acreage in the Salem vicinity estimated at 1600 acres, the 1926 production promises to keep all Salem canneries in full operation during the strawberry season. Some canners have expressed the opinion that it may be necessary to ship part of the product to other cities for processing. It was estimated that there are now 5000 acres of strawberries in the Salem vicinity.

Eugene.—A series of fertilizer tests on soil in the vicinity of Elmira, 14 miles west of Eugene, will be conducted by authorities of Oregon Agricultural college, according to O. S. Fletcher, county agent. E. L. Powers, head of the soil department at the college, and Dr. Stevens, associate in that department, went over the soil in that locality in company with Mr. Fletcher and gathered samples of the soil for study. The fertilizer tests will be started in the fall, it was stated.

DOES IT HIT YOU?

We recently read the following editorial in the Christian Recorder and it is so in keeping with what we have been preaching for lo, these twenty and more years, that we pass it along to our readers and ask them what they think of it? The editorial strikes us as hitting the nail on the head or in other words, it is a racial self revelation that should cause us to think and act differently from now on.

The title of the editorial is: "The Negroes' Handicap." "We read a great deal about the handicaps of the Negro, but it is time that we should sit down and go over carefully and dispassionately the things which hold our people back as far as they are held back. It is not a popular thing for one to say any thing which lessens the emphasis upon race prejudice. Race prejudice is one of the greatest drawbacks to all social progress and enters as a distinct handicap to our race's progress.

"If we are to sit down the things which deter the Negro most, we should say:

"1. Ignorance. Ignorance is the greatest obstacle against all civilizing processes. What the Negro needs is more intelligence, more education. Scores of things we could do if we only knew how to do them. Many things we lay to door of race prejudice are the result of pure ignorance more than anything else. Race prejudice hits us so hard because we are ignorant.

"2. The Slavish spirit. Next to ignorance is the spirit of slavery. Many Negroes do not believe in their people. They actually believe Negroes are inferior and they give their own people every disadvantage instead of every advantage. This is, of course, a result of ignorance to a large extent. And yet it is not the same as ignorance, for we sometimes find the slavish spirit strongest in the so-called educated. Often we find those who should be the leaders, the slowest to cooperate and the most active in tying the Negroes to the bondage of the white man.

"3. Internal Jealousies. In so many places the Negro is held back by the jealousies of leaders. This is the result of both ignorance and the slave spirit. We see two leading preachers dividing the people into two different factions; the two doctors teachers, et al doing the same. Baptists wont co-operate with Methodists and the 'yellows' snub the 'blacks' and 'browns'. If a so-called leader is not the head of a movement, or was not 'consulted' he tries to break it up. More time is given in some communities by Negro leaders talking and working against worthy projects than in doing something constructive.

"4. Lack of Organization. You hear the orator tell of the number of shoes it takes to shoe our race's feet, the number of hats we have, the amount we spend for food, etc., and he wonders 'why we don't have more factories.' We lack organization in business, in finance, in politics, etc., chiefly because of internal jealousies, which shrewd white people encourage and thus keep us apart."

WHIP'S INDICTMENT FIZZLE

The report of the Chicago Whip, and the news item carried by a number of Negro papers that Chandler Owen and A. Philip Randolph, General Organizer of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, have been arrested, is absolutely untrue. This is nothing more than some cheap, cowardly Pullman propaganda, engineered through its agent, the Whip, in order to injure, if possible, the movement to organize the Pullman porters. But it will fool nobody. The porters are launching it. The Whip is desperately trying to make a publicity bluff stunt do duty for its failure to produce arguments and facts in answer to the devastating and smashing expose which Chandler Owen has been making in a series of articles entitled "Neglected Truth," in the Messenger Magazine.

Have you ordered your book of Negro Spirituals?

Special Edition Of 48 Pages

The East Tennessee News of Knoxville, Tenn., owned and edited for 20 years by Webster Porter, will come forth in a special edition on April 20th with 48 pages, six sections of eight pages each. The work is now going forward under the supervision of expert News Paper Men.

Editor Porter began the publication at the age of 18, and almost single-handed and alone, he has made it not only the largest and best Race paper in that part of the country, but one of the most substantial financially, owning a \$25,000 Printing Plant and the large building in which the paper is printed.

Porter is prominent in church and fraternal circles and a leader in political and civic affairs.

Delegation From National Ministerial Alliance Calls On President

Washington, D. C. Mar. 26.—Measures to stop lynching and for enforcement of all portions of the Constitution were requested of President Coolidge by a delegation of ministers representing the National Ministerial Alliance, composed of all the Negro denominations of the country.

Mr. Coolidge agreed to examine a memorial left for his attention.

The delegation told the President that depriving Negroes of the franchise in the Southern States and elimination of the race as a political unit has been injurious to the entire country because it has bred disrespect for the Constitution.

"We suffer, being deprived of our political birthright," said the memorial. "The American people suffer in being a party to the great injustice and in treating their Constitution as a meaningless, worthless thing. Thus it appears that this nation has been sowing injustice and wrong for five unbroken decades and today we are reaping a whirlwind of contempt for the Constitution and out-laws are rising among all classes of the body politic."

"Our people, in parts of this country, when accused of crime, are too frequently denied that right of every American citizen—trial by due process of law, the safety of one who is uncondemned, until he is legally convicted, to be punished according to the law, by officers of the law, and not murdered by infuriated mobs."

NOTICE

The Organization for the Promotion of the Welfare of the American Indian meets every Tuesday night at 7:45, Public Library, 10th & Yamhill Streets. See Directory for Room number. Everybody welcome.

TACOMA NOTES

Myrtle Washington, Reporter
2110 Jefferson Av., Tacoma, Wn.

The City Federation of Women Clubs held its March monthly meeting last Monday at the home of Mrs. E. M. Hollowell 1613 South J. St. The Federation unanimously voted to join the National Association of Colored Women, this year. The President of the City Federation will be the delegate to the National Convention at Oakland in August.

Mrs. Rachael Saddle was the hostess, Monday afternoon, for the Independent Mothers Club. All the club members were present and a good business session was had. Money was voted out to help a worthy sick man in the community. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Booklovers Club met Tuesday afternoon at the Everglade Apartments with Mrs. Florence Robinson as hostess. The reading hour was devoted to the reading of "The Grift of Black Folk" by DuBois. At the conclusion of the reading a musical and literary program was rendered as follows: "Star", Mrs. Cream; "Opportunity", Mrs. Asbery; "Sure Cure For Love", Mrs. Saddle. Mrs. The hostess served a lunch to all. The guests were Mrs. O. Adams and Mrs. P. Callwood.

It was announced by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at its National Office that the Detroit mob violence cases growing out of the attack last September by a mob upon the home of Dr. Sweet at Detroit will be retried. The new trials commencing on April 1st. This information comes to the N. A. A. C. P. from chief council, Clarence Darrow. Mr. Darrow and Walter White spent two days in Detroit this week making final arrangements for the new trials. Robert M. Toms, younger brother of Dr. O. H. Sweet will first be tried. Separate trials have been demanded by defense counsel. Though this will make the trials much longer it is felt that this procedure will more surely result in fairer trials for all the eleven defendants.

Colored and white people all over the country will watch closely the new trials. The fair treatment of the case by the press, especially by the white newspapers of Detroit, has changed sentiment somewhat towards the defendants but the opposition of the Klan has been increased because of the magnificent defense made in the first trial, which, it will be remembered, resulted in a jury disagreement.

WOULD ABOLISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Capital Punishment League is carrying on a campaign to abolish the death penalty in Oregon. The members feel if each one helps a little the burden of expense will not fall on the shoulders of a few. Therefore a coupon is being issued which will give all those who are interested an opportunity to contribute a small amount towards carrying on this worthy cause and help place it on the coming election in November. Fill out the enclosed coupon and mail with the amount to "The Civilization League," in care of 312 Macleay Bldg. Portland, Oregon.

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DYER FLAYS WILLIAM B. MCKINLEY'S ACTS

(By Focus)
Panic is beginning to show in the camp of senator William B. McKinley, due to discovery of a recorded speech, made by Congressman L. C. Dyer some time ago in which he flayed denounced Senator McKinley for the failure of the Dyer Anti-Lynch Bill and in which he said:

"I denounce Senator McKinley of Illinois for gross dereliction of duty toward his colored constituency in particular and the nation in general. If he had made any effort in behalf of my anti-lynching bill, the measure would have passed the last session of the senate and would now be a law."

This speech was made at Quincy, Ill., in the home state of Senator McKinley and publication of its utterance has caused the McKinley managers to despair of getting sufficient votes from the colored people of Illinois to make the large "slush fund," of which they are accused, worth while.

Nailing His Coffin

As true politicians point to the fact that the unearthing of this speech is the final nail in the coffin of the senator's political hopes so far as his colored constituency is concerned. They say that the definite assertion of the father of the Dyer Bill accusing McKinley of dereliction is the one thing that is needed to prove that his present sponsorship of the Dyer Bill is a matter of political expediency and an insult to the intelligence of the voters whom it was calculated to deceive.

One speaker from a public platform flatly declared: "The true purpose of the introduction of the anti-lynching bill by McKinley is too transparent to fool anybody. It is much like his death-bed repentance in connection with relief for the farmers."

Disatisfaction Shown

In the communities where colored people live, the constant expressions of disatisfaction with the record of the present aspirant are growing louder and more vehement in their force. Thinking people are heard to declare that they are not concerned so much in the world court of which Senator McKinley is sponsor, as they are in the Supreme Court of this country in which all of their civic and political rights are at stake.

The ever increasing indictment is being made against the senator that during his entire six years as United States senator he has not made a single appointment to a person of color, and it is further explained that these important appointments are now being regarded by the colored people not as tributes to the individual, but rather as tokens of recognition to the great constituency of colored people whose suffrage means so much to the success of the party which they support.

These are some of the things that show a great defection of the colored voters from the standard of McKinley and tender to show that he will never exist a noticeable majority of the colored voters on primary day, Tuesday, April 13th.

THAT BABY YOU'VE LONGED FOR

Mrs. Burton Advises Women on Motherhood and Companionship.

"For several years I was denied the blessing of motherhood," writes Mrs. Margaret Burton, of Kansas City. "I was terribly nervous and subject to periods of terrible suffering and melancholia. Now I am the proud mother of a beautiful little daughter and a true companion and inspiration to my husband. I believe hundreds of other women would like to know the secret of my happiness, and I will gladly reveal it to any married woman who will write me." Mrs. Burton offers her advice entirely without charge. She has nothing to sell. Letters to Mrs. Margaret Burton, 226 Massachusetts, Kansas City, Mo. Correspondence will be strictly confidential.

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