

DISTILLING IS STARTED AT EAGLE RIDGE

Distilling the mint crop of the Pacific Coast Mint Growers' company, in which Captain J. W. Siemens, G. W. Mattern and James Watkins, Jr., are principally interested, is under way this week at the company's farm at Eagle Ridge.

The new still was started Monday. The company has 40 acres of mint on the 2,200 acres purchased last year from Dr. W. H. Gaddes. The oil is turning out well and is expected to average 60 pounds to the acre.

On a part of the tract, planted April 15, last, there is an unusually good stand. Messrs. Sherman and Manning, two successful Willamette valley mint growers, visited the ranch last week and estimated that on this particular part the oil yield would run as high as 75 pounds an acre.

The promoters of the company, which is the pioneer in Klamath county mint culture, are confident that the experimental stage is now past and it is only a question of planting sufficient acreage to make Klamath county the mint producing center of the world. A production of 100,000 pounds of oil annually would assure this standing in mint culture.

Oregon oil is proven superior to eastern oils. It is the practice of eastern refiners to blend 10 per cent of Oregon oil with the eastern grades and, because of the larger menthol content, it raises the price of their product from \$2 to \$3 a pound, and makes a marketable commodity of oil which otherwise would be practically unsalable. If Oregon were in a position to furnish buyers with all the oil they could use.

The Eagle Ridge tract will furnish roots to plant 1,500 acres during the next year. It is the intention of the Pacific Coast Mint Growers company to plant at least 500 acres before the middle of next May on the land recently purchased from the Geary Investment company, part of the Caledonia marsh. In this purchase the company secured 1,300 acres of the finest marsh land in the country, which they consider highly adapted to mint growing. Eventually the whole tract will be planted to mint.

In the meantime it is producing grain and vegetable crops. Two hundred and fifty acres is in rye this year and the yield is averaging 65 bushels to the acre. Other crops and yields are: wheat, 50 acres, average yield per acre 50 bushels; barley, 50 acres, average yield 85 bushels. Flax, field peas, oats and potatoes are doing equally well.

BIG STILL FOUND IN THE LAVA BEDS

ALTURAS, Cal., Sept. 15.—Sheriff James Poore states four United States revenue men found some of the product of an illicit still out in the lava bed country a few days ago and captured quite a bunch of stuff, but the men running it had evidently gotten wind of the raid and disappeared.

The still was located in Siskiyou county, out in the Pyramids, not a great way from Captain Jack's stronghold. It was located in a cave, the top of which was about 60 feet in diameter. After going into the entrance, down a tree with cleats nailed to it, the cave extended under the ground for about 120 feet. There was water at both ends of the cave. The officers found 11 empty barrels, a 150-gallon liquid barrel, two 50-gallon barrels of mash, made from cornmeal and karo syrup, three 10-gallon empty kegs, and one 5-gallon keg filled with whisky. The still itself had been removed.

After making a list of all the things found, everything was destroyed by fire.

SUNFLOWERS PROMPER

TOLEDO, Ore., Sept. 15.—Sunflowers for silage, a new crop in Lincoln county, are showing up splendidly. In Linn county also prospects are for larger crops of these than of corn. Growing sunflowers is still in the experimental stage.

VETERANS ARE FOR JAPANESE EXCLUSION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Exclusion of all Japanese immigrants was urged in a resolution adopted unanimously by the Veterans of Foreign Wars in encampment here today. Abrogation of the gentlemen's agreement with Japan and amendment of the federal constitution so as to make children born in this country eligible for citizenship only if both parents are eligible, was also favored in a resolution introduced by Commander J. W. Jones, of Portland, Oregon.

LEGION DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT

The American Legion is planning on the last of its series of open air dances Friday, September 17. It will be given at the Klamath pavilion which has been operated all summer by Mr. Parker.

An augmented jazz orchestra will furnish the music and a big time is expected. The public is invited as the legion does not wish to keep all the big things to itself.

The legion is finding considerable difficulty in arranging for its lycium program the coming winter. A contract was made several months ago with the Ellison-White people for four of their best numbers but it was stated in the contract that fire in the Houston opera house would void the contract at the option of the legion. The legion wishes to put on the program and all theater owners interviewed so far are willing to do everything possible to help but the seating capacity of the houses is too small to accommodate the crowds expected. An announcement as to this program will be made in the near future.

With the coming of cool weather the legion is planning several feature entertainments, the biggest of which will probably be the Armistice day celebration. Details have not been arranged yet but will be announced soon.

KIDDIES ENJOY NEW PLAY SCHOOL

Sixteen of the most cherub-like beings, from four to six years old, appeared this morning at the Mary Ball play school in the basement of the Presbyterian church. From the opening hour, 9 o'clock, until noon one joyous romp was the order of the day. It was with difficulty that Miss Ball persuaded them that it would be nice to sit in a quiet ring on the floor and roll a rubber ball around without saying a word. They were in the midst of this game when the reporter appeared and gave them an excuse to break the silence with merry hellos.

As they are gradually trained to be with their little companions and to regulate their play to certain hours, all sorts of kindergarten work will be taught and nicest of all, they are to have a story hour and lessons in simple manual training.

S. F. ORGANIZATION OFFERS FIRE AID

T. L. Stanley, secretary of the Klamath county chamber of commerce, has just received a letter from the American City bureau of San Francisco offering their help as well as anything that could be done from San Francisco to relieve the suffering during the terrible disaster of the last week. This co-operation shows the splendid standing of the Klamath county chamber of commerce.

ASSISTANT CATHOLIC PASTOR IS ASSIGNED

Rev. V. J. Molloy, lately of the United States army, has been assigned to Klamath Falls as assistant to Rev. Father Marshall, pastor of Sacred Heart parish. Father Walsh, who had been assistant for the past year, has been transferred to Elgin, Oregon, as pastor of the Catholic parish there.

ANOTHER SUIT CRANE-RAHN TIMBER TANGLE

Another suit in the litigious tangle that envelops the affairs of the Crane Lumber company, whose mill at Swan lake burned recently, appears in a suit filed in the circuit court by the Oregon Life Insurance company against F. G. and Nellie Mathison, Edith and Louis Rahn, H. E. Crane, the Crater Lake Box company, the First State & Savings bank and others, the prime object of which is to foreclose a mortgage executed August 13, 1917, by the Mathisons, predecessors in ownership of the Rahn ranch at Swan lake, to plaintiff for \$22,000.

The mortgage was secured by notes, due annually September 1, in installments of \$1,500 for the first two years, then \$1,000 yearly until September 1, 1927 when the unpaid residue was to be paid in a lump sum of \$1,200.

Plaintiff alleges that the \$1,500 due September 1, 1919, and the \$1,000 due September 1, 1920, are unpaid, and declares this default renders the entire unpaid balance, more than \$18,000, due and payable.

A covenant in the mortgage forbade waste of any property on the premises. Plaintiff claims that the Rahns and Crane, in their milling operations, breached this covenant. The Crater Lake Box company contracted for the mill's output and plaintiff alleges that it received some \$1,600 worth, on which recovery is asked.

The First State & Savings bank is supposed to have deposits of money from defendants in which plaintiff claims a right, because it came from sale of timber, etc., that was security for the mortgage.

McCann, Bronaugh & Thompson of Portland are plaintiff's attorneys. Judge Earl C. Bronaugh, formerly on the Multnomah circuit bench, is here in the interests of his client.

NEW DRY DOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 15.—The first of five pontoons for the new drydock being constructed for the public dock commission has been launched. With the great pumping capacity specified in the plans it is estimated that a 12,000 ton ship can be lifted in less than 30 minutes after the blocks have been set.

COUNCIL OVERLOOKED ERROR IN ORDINANCE

Mistakes are oftentimes laughable, sometimes serious, often perhaps the cause of inconvenience to the victim. It would be hard to tell whether the man who parked his car in his accustomed stall on the west side of Fifth street yesterday laughed, when he found a card inviting him to pay the police judge a visit for parking on the wrong side of the street.

It appears that in amending the traffic ordinance the word "west" was somehow substituted for "east" and parking is now prohibited on the west side of Fifth street between Klamath and Main where formerly it was permitted. The victims of the new order were many yesterday through this misunderstanding.

Officials feel that it is clearly a clerical error that caused the mix-up, because if parking is to be allowed on Fifth the logical side would be the west.

The reason for keeping the street partly open is that it is the thoroughfare by which the fire truck leaves the station for uptown fires. Naturally the east side of the street is the side that should remain clear.

Traffic officer Wynn reports six arrests yesterday.

FELLOW EMPLOYEES HELP FIRE VICTIM

A surprise shower for Miss Myrtle Griffin, of the Golden Rule store, was given by the Rebekahs Monday night. The purpose was to replenish as far as possible her "fit" diminished wardrobe.

Miss Griffin, who is one of the best shown and well liked dry goods clerks in town, had an apartment in the Heidrich building and lost nearly everything the night of the fire. As she is a member of their lodge, the Rebekahs are doing everything in their power to make her loss easier if possible.

Miss Griffin and her mother are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Vanice, but they expect to rent the W. B. Johnson home as soon as it is vacant.

SPECIAL SERVICES TAKE PLACE OF PRAYER MEETINGS

Prayer meetings in all the churches will be adjourned tonight on account of the special meetings that are being held by Dr. Reed.

That Stuff May Go in Ward Politics, but Not Here



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FRENCH PRESIDENT TO QUIT; HEALTH BROKEN

PARIS, Sept. 15.—Paul Deschanel, president of France, will undoubtedly be obliged to resign on account of ill health and the question of a successor is to be taken up by a cabinet meeting Friday, according to a semi-official communique.

Alexander Millerand, premier and foreign minister, is prominently mentioned as the next president. Some of Millerand's friends declare he will refuse to become a candidate but may accept the position if it is offered unanimously.

POST SUPPORTS OFFICIAL ACTS

After full discussion of all angles of the Upper lake storage question and the legion's stand therein at last night's meeting, a resolution was unanimously passed to the effect that Klamath post unalterably opposed any attempt to control the waters, or take any part of them for other purposes, until irrigation of all lands in the Klamath basin had been amply provided for.

The resolution further sustained officers of the post in any independent action they had taken in the past in opposing the building of the Link river dam by the California-Oregon Power company, according to official report of the proceedings.

There was an unusually large crowd present, it was said. Views were expressed freely but with little dissenting opinion against the course thus far pursued by the legion.

About 15 members were taken into the post last night. About 125 members were in attendance.

HERALD STAFF IS ENLARGED

O. H. Trompeter of San Francisco has joined The Herald force and will have charge of the advertising department, succeeding J. P. Kelley, who will be identified with the editorial part of the paper.

It is the aim of The Herald to create an organization that will be second to none, and additions will be made as fast as the development of the city and the financial resources of the paper will justify.

Mr. Trompeter will visit the business men of the city, no matter where located nor how extensive their business, and explain the new Herald policy, that has for its purpose the publication of a newspaper to fit the needs of the city.

CRATER LAKE DRAWS MORE TOURISTS

In spite of the shortage of gasoline Crater lake was one of the popular resorts and tourists' objectives during this season. Up to and including September 6, 1919, the total number of cars to visit the park was 3,880, the number of tourists being 14,484. This year up to and including September 6 the number of cars amounted to 4,739 or almost 1,000 more than last year during the same period and the number of tourists this year amounts to 18,256.

When the highway is completed and people learn of the beautiful parts of the Klamath country this will become one of the most famous touring objectives in the United States.

PRESBYTERIANS GATHER AT MEDFORD FOR CONFERENCE

A. M. Collier, Bert C. Thomas, Fred Fleet and the Rev. E. P. Lawrence left today at noon for Medford to attend a conference of the men of southern Oregon Presbyterian churches. They will return tomorrow.

A banquet will be held this evening at the Medford Presbyterian church. Dr. Walter Van Nuys, of Chicago, western district secretary, will address the meeting.

RATES WILL RISE UNLESS RISK IS LOWERED

"If steps are not taken to carry out the recommendations of the state fire marshal, I can see no way to avoid an increase in insurance rates for Klamath Falls," was the statement made yesterday to the Herald by Ormond Rankin, representing the Oregon Insurance Rating bureau. "The preceding customary under such circumstances," continued Mr. Rankin, "is that the companies will wait a reasonable length of time and then if nothing is done the rating bureau will be asked to come here and re-rate the city, and once this is done it will be a difficult matter to have any change made in the new rating until everything suggested by the fire marshal has been complied with."

"The time was when this city had a splendidly equipped department. But that is not true today, simply from the fact that Klamath Falls has grown very rapidly in the past few years. There is one thing that must keep pace with the growth of the city—a little ahead of it in fact—and that is the fire department. From now on the cost of the department for Klamath Falls will increase from year to year, and every resident should see that it does, for it is the one thing that stands between him and death by fire. The first thought about a fire department is that it is to protect property. This is the wrong idea. Its first duty is to protect life, then property. In the recent fire the loss of life would have been greatly lessened, if not entirely eliminated if your fire chief had men enough to permit his getting away from headquarters to make inspections: His main work is to prevent fires starting."

"Non-taxpayers pay little attention to their fire department, when they are just as vitally interested as anyone else. It is maintained to protect their lives and their property, their clothing, furniture, and personal effects, just as much as to protect the property they are renting. Too many non-property owners carry no insurance on their personal property and consequently are doubly in need of fire protection. For these reasons it is to be hoped that there will be a 100 percent support of the fire department, the carrying out of its directions, and the adoption of the recommendations of the state fire marshal."

CORDELL TRAINING FOR REED BOUT

"I'd fight Bill Reed if he weighed a ton," said Jack Cordell, lightweight, light heavy and heavyweight champion of the Orient today, "but if we can equalize the weight somewhat it will be a protection to the public and the fans will feel better about it."

That is the reason Cordell says he insisted yesterday in a talk with Reed that the big fellow make 174 pounds at 5 o'clock on the day of the bout. Reed was willing, he says. Cordell says that he can enter the ring at 168 and still be in the best of condition. He said Reed agreed to post a \$100 forfeit that he would train down to 174 pounds.

Cordell is going ahead with daily training in expectation of landing the bout. He works out daily at 3 o'clock at the open air pavilion.

Contrary to the report that was current at the Monday night council meeting, the Warren Construction company is anxious to get all the paving possible finished this fall and will begin the Conger avenue paving tomorrow. Washington is well under way, and Conger will be rushed through as quickly as possible.

SHOULDER INJURED

W. D. Regan, while building an oil house at Christy's camp, this morning, received a dislocated shoulder when the ladder on which he was standing slipped and threw him to the ground.