

FROST DAMAGE TO CALIFORNIA FRUITS SEVERE

**Apricot Loss in Santa Clara
Valley Is Estimated
at \$2,500,000**

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—The chief damage to California crops by frosts last week-end was to apricots, and the loss in the Santa Clara valley will reach at least \$2,500,000, according to General Manager F. G. Coykendall of the California Prune & Apricot growers' association, 90 per cent of the crop being ruined in many places.

Ninety-five per cent of the apricots on the east side of San Francisco bay are gone. It is stated by Fred Heulerger, horticultural commissioner of Alameda county, who places the loss of fruit and vegetables in this territory at \$2,000,000. His estimate is that 40 per cent of vegetable peas for early market are lost, 50 to 60 per cent of the new potatoes and 50 per cent of the currants. Strawberries were apparently untouched.

The state division of markets says, "The extent of damage by frosts in the bay section has not been definitely ascertained. The peas were hit ten slightly but dealers seem to feel that most of the fields will come out all right. Estimates on apricot damage in Santa Clara valley run from 25 to 100 per cent, but many dealers and growers seem to be of the opinion that it is more of a guess at the present time.

"Dealers would not attempt to estimate the damage to cherries, as they state it is too early in season."

SACRAMENTO BOOMS

**City Maintains Building Record
During Past Week**

SACRAMENTO, April 14.—Sacramento maintained its record as a community building center during the week ending Wednesday, permits for many dwellings and flats being issued by Building Inspector Ben H. Covell. The value of building for the week for which permits were issued totaled \$146,868, according to Covell, of which \$12,240 was for repairs and minor structures, while the remainder represented, for the great part, homes of the smaller type, ranging from \$1000 to \$7000 in price.

Fair weather conditions gave impetus to construction work with the result that considerable headway was made on buildings already under way. With promise of a break in the cold snap and clear skies members of the building crafts are preparing for one of the busiest seasons ever experienced in the Capital City.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES

The barometric conditions continue in an unsettled state. The Cyclone Stormograph at Underwoods Pharmacy recording alternate rising and falling of a few points today. As long as such conditions prevail no settled weather may be looked for, and sudden changes for better, or worse, are possible.

Forecast for next 24 hours: Unsettled weather, with brisk winds.

The Tycos recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures, today, as follows:

High 41
Low 27

ONE KILLED, THREE INJURED WHEN FIRE STARTS FROM EXPLOSION

WHITING, Ind., April 14.—One man was killed and three were injured, and ten oil stills of the Standard Oil company burned when an explosion in one still started a fire early today. Damage is estimated at between \$100,000 and \$250,000.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT AS BRAINY AS BABE RUTH IS HELD NEED

Famous Baseball Man Held Up as Model by Boston Educator Addressing Educators

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 14.—A university president as brainy as Babe Ruth is the need of America, Dr. A. E. Winship, editor of the Journal of Education, Boston, declared before the Kentucky Education association here today.

"Babe Ruth has a larger salary than any five university presidents," said Dr. Winship, "any ten state commissioners of education, any eight city school superintendents, and if he makes as many home runs as in 1921 he will have \$30,000 more than the president of the United States. His remuneration is not the result of trick work, he is not due to politics nor business combination. It is pure intensified brain power such as no other American equals.

"Ruth's mind accurately estimates when and where the ball that is coming like lightning will cross the plate. At the same time he has decided where to have his bat and the ball.

"America is waiting for an equally brainy university president to estimate what is best to equip students in college to give the best service in life."

DEBATE ON TONIGHT

Winner Will Be One Step Closer to State Championship

The debate to be held this evening in the high school auditorium between Grants Pass high school and the Klamath county high school on the question of the advisability of the graduated income tax for the state of Oregon, is said to be of utmost importance to the schools taking part, as it means one more step towards the state championship for the winning team. In a week the victors will meet the winners of the Roseburg-North Bend contest, which is also taking place tonight, to see which team will meet in the semifinals the winners in the northern districts. The victors of the semifinals will then represent western Oregon against eastern Oregon at Eugene on May 12.

The question in full is, "Resolved: That a graduated income tax should be made a feature of the state system of taxation in Oregon," and its discussion is held of equal importance to the people of the state for the benefit that may be derived by the taxpayers in valuable information with regard to state tax systems in general.

Klamath county high school will uphold the affirmative and will be represented by James Manning and Albert Moorland. Corlyss Courtney and Lulu Garrett will take the negative for Grants Pass.

It was announced yesterday that Principal John W. L. Smith of the Malin high school and Don Newberry and B. F. Linds of Medford would be judges. Wires were received from Smith and Linds late last night, however, stating that they could not act. Principal Geetz reported this morning that Principal J. B. Hatch of Bonanza and Principal Fred Peterson of Merrill has been secured to take their places.

FILE WATER PETITION

Confirmation of Contract With Two Districts Is Sought

A petition for confirmation of Langell Valley irrigation district, and affecting certain water contracts with the Horsefly district and the United States government as to joint usership, was filed in the circuit court this morning. Circuit Judge C. F. Stone signed an order setting the date of May 23, 1923, at 2 p. m., as the time of hearing, which will be in the circuit court. Notice of the hearing as required by law was also issued by the clerk of the court.

RUSS PROBLEM BRINGS CLASH AT GENOA MEET

**Differences of Opinion
Arise at Conference of
"Big Four" Nations**

GENOA, April 14.—Differences of opinion over Russia were reported to have developed at a meeting today of the "Big Four" for discussion of the Russian problem.

Participants were Lloyd George, Vice Premier Barthelemy of France, Foreign Minister Schanzer of Italy and Foreign Minister Jasper of Belgium. The Italian delegation afterward confirmed the report that the document drawn up by the allied experts in London, dealing with the Russian question, had not been endorsed by the various allied governments. The Italian expert disapproved these clauses of the report which, if put into effect, would humiliate Russia.

Lloyd George favored the Russian proposal to grant Russian an indemnity for damages sustained as a result of military operations against the soviet regime.

EDUCATORS TO MEET

Interest in National Problems to Be Subject of Convention

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The growing interest which officers of the National Education association declare is being manifested in national problems of education both by teachers and the public, will be the central theme of the annual meeting of the organization in Boston the first week in July, it has been announced.

With the program grouped around the general subject of education and the democratic awakening, it was stated that education would be discussed "in its relation to the new world outlook, with special reference to the far-reaching results of the arms conference." Other themes to be considered include training in citizenship, professional training of teachers and the equalization of educational opportunity in rural districts.

The membership of the association is more than 100,000 it was announced.

TARIFF GETS PREFERENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—The president was declared at the White House to believe the tariff should be given preference in the senate over the soldiers' bonus.

NO RESULTS FROM CONFERENCES AT MILLS, IS REPORT

Eight-Hour Day Question Proves to Be Stumbling Block; Neither Side Willing to Yield

Reports at 3 o'clock this afternoon were that no agreement was reached at the group conferences between employers and employees which would permit a return of the men to work and a resumption of the mills.

At 3:30 conferences were still on at the Pelican Bay Lumber company and the Ewanna Box company. At the Klamath Lumber & Box company and Big Lakes company it was stated that the men demanded the eight-hour day, which the employers were unwilling to concede. The Algoma Lumber company was reported to have had no success.

Men returning from the mills said little was accomplished toward a solution of the problem.

A late report from the Chelega plant was that the men and employers had failed to agree.

At 3:45 it was reported that the Pelican Bay Lumber company conference had ended without an agreement, the men holding out for the eight-hour day and the employers for the nine-hour day.

STILL SEEK RUSSIAN

Gregorie Semenovoff Eludes Clutches of Deputy Sheriffs

NEW YORK, April 14.—General Gregorie Semenovoff, alias of the Cosacks, was still at liberty this afternoon although deputy sheriffs had been hunting him in the city all day at the request of the surety company, which went on his \$25,000 bonds last week.

The general is still registered at the Waldorf-Astoria and his attorneys declare he is in town.

"POP" ANSON DIES

CHICAGO, April 14.—Adrian J. Anson, veteran baseball player, known as "Pop" Anson, died today.

Big Barn Blown Bjoioie Cow Calmly Chews Cud

WOOSTER, Ohio, April 14.—A cow munching a reflective cud, tethered to a manger which apparently was built in the middle of a field, was a sight at Georgetown, east of here, after a violent windstorm had swept by.

The barn was whisked away from the cow. Manger and cow were unharmed.

Two other barns were torn from their foundations and wrecked by the storm.

POLITICS BOIL IN CAPITAL AS TIME EXPIRES

**Many Candidates Rush to
Make Filing for State,
Legislative Offices**

SALEM, April 14.—Rush of state and legislative candidates marked the closing of filing time today. Filing time for county offices closes on April 19. Up to noon no new candidates for governor appeared.

The list of republicans includes Bean, Hall, Lee, Olcott, Patterson and White.

For democratic nomination, Price of LaGrande has filed. Starkweather of Portland is expected to file today.

SALEM, April 14.—Phil Withycombe, brother of late Governor Withycombe filed this afternoon for republican nomination for governor.

FATTY HELD INJURED

Jury Says Great Injustice Done Comedian; Acquittal Not Enough

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—A group of jurors headed by Foreman Brown issued a statement late yesterday which said:

"Acquittal is not enough for Roscoe C. Arbuckle. We feel that a great injustice has been done him.

"He acted in a manly manner and told a straightforward story."

Mrs. Arbuckle expressed her thanks to McNab by giving him a resounding kiss. The jurors held an informal reception with Arbuckle in the jury room while newspaper photographers armed with flashlights took many pictures.

SHRINERS MEET APRIL 23

REDDING CALIF., April 14.—A river will leave its course at the famous old mining camp of Shaast, near here to accommodate northern California Shriners, who will hold their annual ceremonial at Redding, April 23. For the entertainment of the visitors, real gold will be panned from the bed of the diverted river, as in the days of long ago.

Shaast itself for one day will assume much of its former glory, even though the extent of gambling in the old gambling hall and the power of the "biker" sold over the club bar will be slightly curtailed.

FLOODS DRIVE PEOPLE TO UPPER FLOORS OF HOMES IN ILLINOIS

BEARDSTOWN, Ill., April 14.—Three-fourths of the population in this city of 8,500 have been driven from their homes or are residing on the second floors as a result of the continued rise of the Illinois river. Half of the city is under water.

UTOPIANS AT MEET DREAM OF UNITED STATES OF EUROPE

Possibility of Idealistic Government Magnified by Commemorative Proclamation

GENOA, April 14.—Among the varied types of visitors at the economic conference are many Utopians who dream of seeing one day a United States of Europe. This is much magnified by the wording of a proclamation issued by a committee organized for commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the death of Giuseppe Mazzini, Italian patriot.

The proclamation addressed to the peoples and governments of the world declares that Mazzini, besides working for the liberty and independence of all peoples, foreshadowed the foundations of the United States of Europe.

REVIVAL IS SUCCESS

Christian Church Minister Reports Good Progress for Week

The "home force" revival at the Christian church has proven to be greater than had been expected, and the audiences have been very large, considering the activities of the week, according to Rev. A. B. Bristow. Many have made the good confession, he says, and more are expected to do so.

"During the past week emphasis has been made in the sermons dealing with man's conversion at taught in the New Testament. Sunday evening service will also deal with the same line of thought.

"The Christian people are awakening in Klamath Falls, as has been proven by the revival recently closed at the Methodist church and the results that are already noticeable in the Christian church."

Tonight will be heard a sermon, "The Conversion of Mr. Moral Man" and a trio by three girls of the church. There will be a pantomime Sunday evening.

WARN DISABLED VETS

Agencies Declared Defrauding Men Having Disability Claims

SEATTLE, April 14.—Disabled war veterans should beware of private agencies claiming to be able to secure immediate favorable action on pending compensation claims against the government, according to L. C. Joseph of Seattle, northwest district manager of the U. S. Veterans' bureau. No such agency has any influence or "pull" with the veterans' bureau, and retainer fees ranging from \$10 to \$50 paid such agencies by war veterans are lost to the former service men, he stated.

"The thing to do to secure favorable action on a war compensation claim is to build it up to come within the law, if this is possible," said Joseph. "The personnel of the veterans' bureau and officials of ex-service men's organizations and the Red Cross are in far better position to assist in building up claims and thereby securing the desired action than any private agency because they are more familiar with the kind of affidavits needed. The claimant should think twice before paying out these retainer fees."

ROAD BIDS OPENED

Aggregate Is Estimated at \$250,000; Costs Prove Higher

PORTLAND, April 14.—A higher cost of highway and bridge work was revealed when the highway commission opened bids today for 20 projects for grading, macadamizing and paving, and 13 bridges. The aggregate was estimated at about \$2,500,000. Figures are being tabulated and awards are expected tomorrow.

From six to over a dozen bids were made for each contract.

WOMAN FARMER WOULD WIN SEAT IN CONGRESS

ALBANY, Ala., April 14.—A woman farmer of Albany seeks a seat in congress "to show lawmakers what farmers are up against." She is Mrs. Lelia Seton Edmundson, candidate for a seat in the lower house from the Eighth Alabama district.

Mrs. Edmundson, in her announcement declared that "there is imperative need for more real dirt farmers in congress." She is the owner and boss of a 1,600 acre Morgan county farm, where "every thing but sugar and coffee" are grown.

AGREEMENT FOR LOWERING FIRE RISK IS MADE

**Conference Results in Plan
for Additional Water
Mains for City**

Insurance rates will be decreased from 10 to 15 per cent while water rates will be increased 50 per cent as a result of the hearing which was concluded here last night. This is providing, however, that the application for rate increase by the California Oregon Power company is approved by the public service commission.

The situation as brought out at the hearing was that insurance rates would be raised \$20,000 annually unless better fire protection was provided in way of additional water mains. These improvements, it was estimated by the California Oregon Power company, would cost not to exceed \$60,000.

It developed that regardless of whether the improvements are installed the power company would probably be granted a rate increase as the eight per cent allowed earning has not been realized during recent years. In that event, it was pointed out, the city would have both the water and insurance rate increase and would be lacking adequate fire protection. With the required improvements, insurance rates on business property would be lowered approximately \$6,000 a year from the present level.

It was brought out in the hearing by J. N. McCune of the insurance rating bureau that the fire loss here during 1920 was \$14 per capita, an amount he said was higher than most cities in the state.

Approval to the plan for additional fire mains was given by all present, according to Secretary T. A. Stevenson of the chamber of commerce, including Councilmen West and Smith, Mayor Wiley, President Gordon of the chamber of commerce, J. N. McCune of the insurance rating bureau, Fred Williams of the public service commission, chairman; Horace Sykes, assistant state fire marshal; Paul B. McKee, general manager of the California Oregon Power company; C. F. Wagner, engineer for the rating bureau; C. H. Green, engineer for the public service commission and others interested in the problem.

RESTAURANT WAGE SETTLED

An agreement for a wage scale for the period between May 1, 1923 and April 30, 1923, was reached at a conference last night between restaurant owners and the culinary alliance.

AID FOR DISABLED

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—The bill authorizing an additional \$7,000,000 for hospital facilities for disabled ex-service men passed unanimously today by the senate. It now goes to the president.

THE OLD MASTER TAKES ON A NEW PUPIL

