

Fruit Growers Meet Saturday

To Close Contracts for the Pack of this Year

GREAT PROSPECTS FOR INCREASED PRICES

High-grade Packing for First-class Fruit Will Build up the Market

The directors of the Marion County Fruit Growers' Union have been doing efficient work the past week to close contracts by which the strawberry, cherry, peach, raspberry and blackberry product of the members will, for the first time, go into the markets of the Northwest and California under favorable circumstances.

A competent local manager of shipments and having sufficient experience and warehouse room, and proximity to express office, railroad track and steamer landings, has been secured, and a strong, reputable distributing house at Portland, to ship and sell for that market, with a manager who will go into all the markets of the Northwest coast and establish sale for the Salem products.

The directors of the Union have made these arrangements, and are on the eve of closing contracts that will result in a great advantage to the growers of fresh fruits, and that will put the Salem products on the market under the most favorable circumstances possible. The disposition of products to the cannery have not yet been taken up by the board of directors.

Indigestion

is caused by trying to compel the stomach to keep too rapid a pace. It is

the bane of

the present age and is wrecking lives by the wholesale—a little assistance is needed by the digestive organs of

half the world.

That distressed feeling can be removed speedily by using Beecham's Pills and can positively be

cured by

taking a course of this excellent medicine. Your stomach will be kept sweet and clean and your general health will be perfect if you will use

BEECHAM'S PILLS

Sold Everywhere. In boxes, 10c. and 25c.

tors for the purpose of closing a contract, but arrangements are under way to that end.

Important Meeting Saturday.

The board of directors meet Saturday at 1 p. m. at the office of the president, to conclude these matters, and the entire Union meets Saturday at the police court room, city hall, to hear their report. All members of the Union, and fruit growers who expect to act with the Union, should be present at that meeting for the closing of these contracts.

The point has been reached where the price of these products can be increased one-half, if not more, by carefully packing them to certain standards and shipping them to the most advantageous market. All understand that this cannot be done by individual effort. Separate shipments by individuals only gives the commission men a chance to pit one shipper against another, and take commissions in proportion to the workableness of the individual. The fortunes built up by the commission men in the growers' product, when unprotected by intelligent co-operation, are the marvels of the age. It is stated that most of these fresh fruit products, and hay and potatoes cost the consumer double what the producer receives.

The Salem Fruit Union can be made a great success, as it has now about 50 growers in its membership. These growers control the choicest acreage of strawberries, other berries and cherries that is grown within a radius of five miles from this city. If their best product is packed according to the demands of the market, properly graded and labeled, with our train and boat facilities, it can be got into the Columbia river and Puget Sound markets ahead of any other fruit ripening at the same time, and will bring better prices. There is no good reason why our best shipping strawberries shall not net the grower \$1.50 per crate for the entire 1903 crop, and our other berries in proportion, and cherries 5 to 7 cents a pound, net, and our best peaches double what they have netted in the past. But this cannot be done without high-grade packing, firm, united pulling together, and keen and progressive management on the part of the board of directors. Let every member of the Union be prepared to back up such a program, and there will be an end to selling our fruit at one cent less than it can be brought here from California. Let every member of the

Union come to the meeting Saturday, prepared to back up the action of the board of directors. E. HOFER, President.

LEFT ESTATE TO WIFE

Will of Late W. G. Westcott Admitted to Probate

The last will and testament of the late W. G. Westcott was today admitted to probate, and, in accordance with the instrument, the wife, Mrs. Lenta D. Westcott, was appointed executrix of the estate, to serve without bonds. An estimate of the combined real and personal property of the estate is given at \$7500. W. T. Stolz, G. Stolz and Jos. Baumgartner have been appointed appraisers. The will was executed on the 8th of January last in the presence of J. J. Dalrymple and Al. Hopf. It provides that after the funeral expenses have been paid that the entire estate, both real and personal, shall become the property of the wife, who is the only heir-at-law, the same to be owned by her without any reservation whatsoever.

Burned in Tenement House.

Philadelphia, April 8.—A woman and two children were burned to death in a Hebrew tenement house fire this forenoon. Two others were badly burned, and several others slightly.

Unless some change is made in her plans America's famous poetess, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, will pass through Salem on her way to Portland next Sunday afternoon. She wrote, among other things: "All things come to him who waits," and if you will go down to the depot and wait, even Ella herself will be there.

Salt Rheum

It may become chronic.

It may cover the body with large, inflamed, burning, itching, scaling patches and cause intense suffering. It has been known to do so.

Do not delay treatment.

Thoroughly cleanse the system of the humors on which this ailment depends and prevent their return.

The medicine taken by Mrs. Ida E. Ward, Core Point, Md., was Hood's Sarsaparilla. She writes: "I had a disagreeable itching on my arms which I concluded was salt rheum. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and in two days felt better. It was not long before I was cured and I have never had any skin disease since."

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Promises to cure and keeps the promise. It is positively unequalled for all cutaneous eruptions. Take it.

PUBLIC DRINKING FOUNTAIN

To Be Erected by Wealthy Citizen

Will Not Wait Until Departing From World

Salem is to have a public drinking fountain, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Werner Breyman, pioneer residents of this city. It will be located at a point on Cottage street, midway between State and Court streets, and will face the federal building, and will be an ornament to the city. Different societies of this city have been contemplating the erection of such a fountain, but the necessary funds or plan of action was lacking, and the fountain failed to become other than visionary.

In offering the gift to the city, the donors addressed the members of the city council in the following terms:

"Gentlemen: We, the undersigned, pioneer citizens of the city of Salem, Oregon, actuated by loyalty to the home-spot we chose many years ago, and have cherished for the span of nearly half a century, in honor of the city that we have seen grow from a village, and that has been the center of those innumerable episodes of joy and sorrow that go to make the sum of life, and to mark, even by limited expression, the gratitude we feel for the honors and blessings that have been wrought in our careers by the friendly associations and business opportunities that have been ours, do now, and here, tender to the city of Salem, Oregon, in perpetuity, a public drinking fountain for man and beast, and pray that the same shall be accepted by the said city as a gift from us; that the city shall locate and maintain the same, together with water and light, at a point in the center of Cottage street, equidistant from Court and State streets, to be here kept, forever, for the comfort and pleasure of all who may seek it.

"All plans and specifications will be duly submitted to your honorable body, or to any committee to whose charge you shall assign the matter. With respect we are your fellow-citizens."

Burrows' motion that the city thankfully accept the gift received the unanimous support of his colleagues, as did also a motion directing the appointment by Mayor Bishop of a committee of three from the body of the council to co-operate with Mr. and Mrs. Breyman in the details of the work incident to the installation and dedication of the fountain. Mayor Bishop named the committee as follows: Burrows, Stolz and Hubbard. Stolz then moved that the council give a rising vote in appreciation of the generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. Breyman, and, as in the preceding motions on the same subject, the vote was unanimous.

The character of the design and the details of the fountain have not yet been disclosed by the donors, but enough is known to justify the statement that the fountain will be a distinct credit and honor to the city, and a lasting monument to the memory of

THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME Are Never Without Peruna in the House for Catarrh, Coughs and Colds.



MR. AND MRS. PETER HOFFMAN, KYLERTOWN, PA.

MR. PETER HOFFMAN, Kylertown, Pa., writes:

"I was deaf for five years and could find no help. I was completely deaf; was afflicted with shortness of breath, bronchitis, trouble in the throat, so that I was in misery. Through one of Dr. Hartman's almanacs I decided to try Peruna, and bought a bottle.

"I took three bottles and now feel real well; my hearing is good again; I can breathe without difficulty; my throat is no longer inflamed. I followed all the directions, and can now say that Dr. Hartman's Peruna has cured me.

"I recommend it to all suffering with catarrh. I am seventy-one years old, have an appetite again and can work. I feel ten years younger."

When old age comes on, catarrhal diseases come also. Systemic catarrh is almost universal in old people.

This explains why Peruna has become so indispensable to old people. Peruna is their safe-guard. Peruna is the only remedy yet devised that meets these cases exactly.

Such cases cannot be treated locally; nothing but an effective systemic remedy could cure them. This is exactly what Peruna is.

the glivors, whose public spirit and enterprise is therein evidenced.

A Pioneer Monument.

In discussing the fountain to be erected, Mr. Breyman says the design for the fountain contemplates a life-size representation of an Oregon pioneer standing with his hand shading his eyes and gazing toward the West. At his feet will be two spread eagles, and on one side of the base will be the head of a buffalo, from the mouth of which spurts the sparkling water. The fountain will be so located that it will furnish drinking water for both man and beast. The statue is of bronze. The whole structure will be 15 feet high, and the cost will be several thousand dollars.

ACKER'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS

cure Dyspepsia and all disorders arising from indigestion. Endorsed by physicians everywhere. Sold by all druggists. No cure, no pay. 25 cents. Trial package free by writing to W. H. Hooker & Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. Peter Hoffman also writes:

"I was sick for many years; suffered with the liver, stomach and kidneys. I had seven doctors, but none could cure me, as they did not know what ailed me.

"Every one who saw me said that I could not live very long. I began to take Peruna and grew better every day. The severe pains in the stomach have disappeared. I am now well and have a good appetite. I am seventy years old and can do my work without getting tired.

"Peruna is the best medicine in the world for catarrh. Your good Peruna has saved my own and my husband's life."

Mr. Robert Metters, of Murdock, Bas Co., Neb., Box 45, writes:

"I had catarrh from my head all through my system. I took Peruna until I was entirely cured. I am eighty-three and a half years old, and feel as young as I did ten years ago.

"I visited recently among some old friends, who said I looked as young as I did twenty years ago."

Address The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O., for a free catarrh book.

The young lady at Albany, who in the prohibition contest on *oatmeal* and song, softly warbled: "Mother, Dear, Mother, Where's Father Tonight?" evidently had not caught onto the fact that her mother long ago gave up trying to keep cases on the old man's geography. The only thing to do in such cases is to count the saloons and figure up the chances as to which one.

Bed Time

I take a pleasant herb drink, the next morning I feel bright and my complexion is better. My doctor says it acts gently on the stomach, liver and kidneys, and is a pleasant laxative. It is made of herbs, and is prepared as easily as tea. It is called Lane's medicine. All druggists sell it at 25c and 50c. Lane's Family Medicine moves the bowels each day. If you cannot get it, send for free samples. Address, Orator Woodward, LeRoy, N. Y.

White Help Only.

At Strong's Restaurant you get the finest meals in the city for the money, and white help only is employed. Hours from 6 a. m. to 1 a. m. at night.

WE GUARANTEE A FIT

Top Coats \$14, \$15 and \$16



Another Line of Swell Top Coats Just Opened

No other clothing store within a radius of 25 miles of Salem is equipped with its own tailor shop. It is easily seen therefore, that the man who buys a suit in our store has a better opportunity for securing a fit than is afforded anywhere else in this part of the valley.

This fact, considering also that we carry the largest stock of Men's and Boy's Clothing in Oregon outside of Portland, makes it decidedly to the advantage of intending purchasers to see our suits before buying.

We have Slim Suits for long waisted, long armed and long legged men, and Stout Suits for the "bay-window" gentry and short chunky fellows.

In the slims, the patterns are calculated to broaden a man out, instead of making him look more than ever like a bean pole, while in the stouts the patterns make the short man look taller.

Our sales last year were the largest in our history—yet during the first three months of this year our sales showed an increase of 60 per cent over the same period of last year. The reason for it? Simply this—we have the goods, the styles are correct, the prices are right, and we guarantee satisfaction.

Spring Suits \$10.00 to \$25.00



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For all the year round. Coolest in summer and warmest in winter and non-shrinkable. The most cleanly and sanitary under garment known. Costs more than wool or cotton but its worth it. Ask for pamphlet containing scientific proofs of above claims, or better still try a suit yourself.

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