



The Frying Pan

Washington will celebrate the Fourth of July in Vancouver, B. C.

If some of the small boys see that the heavyweight prize fighters are to get \$200,000 and \$300,000 respectively for taking a licking July 2 they may want father to raise the price before retiring to the woodshed.

If the government published a list of profiteers and would-be profiteers it would include about 107 million names; all except mine and possibly, yours.

A Frenchman has invented an airplane that he flies without any engine. He must be a bird.

A staff of women has purchased and will publish the Zillah paper. And as is entirely right and proper the name of the sheet is the "Zillah Mirror."

The only real accomplishment in this world comes through accomplishment.

Eddie Hubbard, who carries the mail by hydroplane between Seattle and Victoria, isn't afraid of anything; he got married last week.

FIRECRACKER VERSE

To little Frank
This stone is lifted;
He lit the fuse
And on he drifted.

Not long ago a man lit a fire to burn out some hornets. The fire burned a little over a square mile of timber. Someone stung.

We could excuse the yelling of the new baby next door, but when the young father sings to it—Golly! Some things you just can't excuse.

The world is waiting for Ireland to wake up, but that isn't the kind of wake that is mostly in style there just now.

It isn't the aliens that are knocking at our gates that get our goat, it is those inside that knock at everything in sight.

Einstein has returned to Europe, but relatively few people knew it.

A place known as the Ash building up at Granite Falls was burned the other day; sort of Ashes to ashes.

When it comes to competition
On the Fourth day of July
Of a home town exhibition
In a state that's deuced dry
Or a chance inebriation
In Vancouver on the sly—
"What's the price of transportation?"
Is the population's cry.

A man named Harvey invented a way of making armor plating used by this government for its naval vessels, but it isn't anything like the crust on that other Harvey who recently broke loose in London.

WIN AGRICULTURAL RECOGNITION



For outstanding achievement in different lines of agricultural industry, Frank M. Rothrock of the Hercules Stock Farm at Sprague; A. A. Kelly, gardening specialist of Spokane; and Alexander Todd, a Yakima stockman, were awarded certificates of recognition from the State College of Washington at the commencement exercises at the college, Pullman, recently. The certificates were awarded in connection with presentation of diplomas to 226 State College graduates in engineering, sciences, agriculture and other applied arts and sciences. The three men receiving the certificates of recognition are shown in the accompanying picture. They are, reading from left to right, Mr. Rothrock, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Todd.

CAREFUL CANNING OBVIATES POISON

NUMEROUS SERIOUS CASES CAUSE CHECKING UP OF METHODS

Examine Contents of Jars Before Using Food, Then Boil at Least Fifteen Minutes

The numerous cases of "botulism" poisoning resulting from eating home canned vegetables and meats has caused a sudden checking up in the methods being used in the home canning and suggestions relative to the use of materials already canned. In the latter case inspection of the can and its contents are advised, first to see if the can has been forced out of shape as result of the formation of gases in the contents; softness or discoloration of the contents; turbidity of the liquid; odor of contents.

These suggestions are not always conclusive because some of the poisons do not develop any odor. Then

again in the case of canned peas the liquid is always turbid because the peas break down in the course of the canning process. But it is believed that, if the contents of the cans is brought to the boiling point for fifteen minutes before eating any bacteria will be made safe. In any case a careful examination should be made of the vegetable, or whatever the can contains and good judgment used as to its quality.

In regard to the future, experts are not prepared to state as to the advisability of the different methods of canning. There have been many cases of successful use of the cold pack and other methods. It is suggested that where possible, the steam pressure cooker should be used, but in other cases great care should be used in cleaning the cans and seeing that they are properly sealed before putting them away.

Fresh, clean fruit, vegetables and meat should be used in every case of canning. Do not try to save material by putting it in cans. Use only the very best.

Spilled canned food may contain the deadly Botulinus toxin. Take no chances. Burn the contents of a questionable can.

NORTHWEST CITIES TRIED BY FIRE

Seattle, Spokane, Ellensburg and Vancouver Suffered

FOUR BURNED WITHIN A FEW WEEKS

An American ambassador to a European court recently tried to decry the spirit of idealism with which the people of this country went into the war and he was immediately followed by President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes, who went as far as they could to contradict the impression that there was any weakening in that vital spirit of idealism which is the very essence of this country's foundation and life.

Perhaps there is no time that that same spirit comes so much to the fore as at periods of local or national disaster. The recent Pueblo flood is a case in point. The flood happens, people who are entire strangers to each other are placed in positions of danger and privation. The citizens of the nation rise to help them with everything from sympathy down to money.

There was a time in this state when there was a wonderful example of that spirit. It was in the year 1889.

Each year in June pioneer Seattle people turn out and celebrate the Seattle fire, but you have never heard any mention of the Spokane fire of that year, or the Ellensburg fire, or the Vancouver fire, and yet that same year fires occurred in all three of those cities that as nearly wiped them out as did the fire in Seattle.

The Seattle fire was on June 6. It started in a paint shop through the simple kicking over of a pot of glue. In a few minutes it was beyond control. In a few hours practically all that was business Seattle was a hot mass of glowing embers. Beginning at University street on the west side of First avenue everything between there and the south end of the town

clear to the water's edge was gone. On the other side of the street and the west side of Second avenue the burned area began at Seneca street where the Lumber Exchange building now stands. On the other side of Second avenue the part wiped out started below the Boston block, which is even now in the process of being torn down to make room for a new banking building. Up on Third avenue the fire started at James street. And everything from there south went, including warehouses, mills, factories, machine shops and a lot of buildings not as important.

A call for help brought a lot of hose from Tacoma, they had no fire engine, and a lot of men to help fight the fire. They got there in a little better than an hour on the train. In three hours the steamer Fleetwood came in with a fire engine from Olympia, an old Silsby engine. Victoria sent her engine of the same brand.

The next day Seattle started to rebuild. There was several thousand dollars in the town that had been gathered to send to the victims of the Johnstown flood. A vote was taken to see if it should be kept for Seattle sufferers. It was sent to Johnstown.

And then the country round about began to help Seattle. That something which the ambassador said wasn't working began to bloom. Tacoma women erected a tent in Seattle and in the few weeks following the fire before all were cared for they served 41,000 meals. Allan C. Mason hired all of the bakers in Tacoma and had them work nights making bread to ship to Seattle. Money and so on came from every point in the country. In less than a month the thing was

repeated in Ellensburg. Like the night before Waterloo there was a dance. The whole town was enjoying itself at the end of a successful Fourth of July celebration. Word came up to the dancers that a grocery store was on fire. The waterworks, as usual, was not adequate. The fire was soon out of control. Before morning all of ten blocks and parts of three others were burned. The entire business district and part of the residence section was gone. Not a timber was left standing. The loss was over \$2,000,000 and the insurance was less than ten per cent of that.

The relief story of the Seattle fire was repeated. Seattle sent its scant funds and materials and cities all over the northwest did the same. Men went and worked for nothing helping to clean up and get the Ellensburg citizens started again.

Thirty days later the same story was written about Spokane. Beginning up near the Northern Pacific railway station the fire in four hours wiped out thirty blocks of the very heart of the business district. Going north it crossed Railroad avenue, First avenue, Sprague, Riverside, Main and Front streets to the river, and from Lincoln street it burned to Washington, crossing Post, Miller, Howard and Stevens streets. It started about six o'clock in the evening in a bunch of frame buildings and the wind which was blowing a gale carried it along. One man was killed. The loss was estimated from \$15,000,000 up to twice that figure.

The same night the mayor of Spokane got a wire from the mayor of Ellensburg to call on him for \$1000

and any other material aid that could be sent. "We know how to sympathize with you," was the closing phrase of the message. Seattle sent \$15,000. Tacoma sent \$1500. Port Townsend sent \$1750.

These fires proved a benefit to all of the cities involved. In a few weeks they were growing toward larger and better things. Fire limits were extended and a better class of buildings erected. Street grades were changed for easier ones and the cities emerged from the trial in every way improved.

This era of fires was longer coming to the northwest than to many of the eastern sections, the wooden portions of which were swept a decade before. The fires marked a step forward in building construction and in a territory where opportunity bloomed on every hand brought no great privation. The places that escaped this change, like San Francisco, only put off the dread day by not intentionally destroying the old wooden part of the city which was out of date and a menace to the newer structures.

PICK AND PACK BERRIES CAREFULLY FOR SHIPMENT

If a grower wishes to ship blackberries by parcel post, he should exercise care in picking and packing the berries. Carelessness in picking and handling blackberries sometimes causes more injury to the fruit than does the treatment given while in transit, say specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. Success in shipping blackberries is dependent largely on favorable weather conditions and the way in which the fruit is handled in transit.

The shipping weight of a 16-quart crate of blackberries is from 27 to 30 pounds, and the charge for postage to points within the first and second postal zones is from 31 to 34 cents. The cost for crate and postage on a 16-quart crate of blackberries will vary, therefore, from 58 to 64 cents. It may be possible at times to ship more than one kind of berries in a crate, such as a combination shipment.

MILK PRODUCERS TAKING LOSSES

DAIRYMEN ON SAME BASE AS STOREKEEPERS AND MANUFACTURERS

Startup Butter Maker Says He Is Losing Eight Cents a Pound. Feeds Skim Milk to Porkers.

Merchants selling at a loss in these days of declining prices and manufacturers facing the high cost of labor and supplies have nothing on the average dairy farmer, according to H. L. Bartlett, who runs a 280-acre ranch on the bench above the Skykomish river at Startup. The barn cost of butter fat at the present time is 36 cents a pound, he says, and in return for this little investment he gets handed 28 cents a pound. In other words, every time he turns out a pound of butter fat—and with eighteen Jerseys working overtime he turns out several—he makes some one a gift of eight cents.

That is not the worst part of the story which Mr. Bartlett tells. That 36 cents is the barn price and does not include his overhead. When you mention overhead to him he does not look as pleased as he does when he talks, for instance, about his prize herd sire, Hogus Proseur. Overhead—including such items as insurance, taxes, upkeep, depreciation, interest on the investment and other little sums—would put the cost up to a figure which Mr. Bartlett says he does not care to contemplate and hence does not put on his books.

He has two ways of getting some of his money back, some of the money included in the overhead. One of them is that he handles about a third of his product over his own counter in a store that he runs in the town of Startup, and the other that he puts the skim milk—into hogs which he fattens for the market. With pork at the present rate and the fact that he has to buy some of the corn he uses to harden them before putting them on the market the skim milk scheme is not what it might be, but it is the best thing in sight.

Mr. Bartlett has plenty of pasture at this time of the year, but in order to keep his herd doing what they should, and he believes in making all of his ranch produce all that it will all of the time, he feeds them about eight pounds of mill feed along with the pasturage. Another thing he works for is to have his cows coming in fresh in turn so as to keep a general average on his production. If anything he has more of them coming fresh in the fall and early winter than at any other part of the year, basing his reason on the higher price for milk and butter fat at that time of the year as against the possible high milk production rate on cows that freshen or the spring pasture.

FEDERAL FUNDS FOR FOREST PROTECTION THIS YEAR

It is officially announced that the state of Washington will receive \$21,000 and Oregon will receive \$25,000 of Federal funds for the protection of their forests from fires during the fiscal year beginning July 1, according to advices just received at the local offices of the U. S. Forest Service.

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