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FARM WEEK BROKEN OFF

UTTER FUTILITY OF FURTHER
ENDEAVOR ADMITTED
BY DIRECTORS.

EUGENIC TESTS FOR
TOMORROW POSTPONED

Ability of Country or Townfolks to
Participate Forces Big Show Week
to Come to Abrupt End—Mrs. Bay-
ley Unable to be Present and Eugen-
ics Contest is Postponed.

Because Mrs. A. Bayley, under whose supervision the tests were to have been held, cannot reach the city by tomorrow, committees in charge of the eugenics contests in connection with Farmers' week, have postponed the feature. The distinguished eugenics head will be here as soon as possible, and the tests will be conducted at such time. Mrs. Richardson will keep the entries and committees intact until the tests are had.

Gritty to the last but finally kowtowing to the weather gods, directors of Farm and Homemakers' week today called a halt. After today's program the instructors will cease to instruct. "Farmers cannot come to town, the townspeople themselves cannot get out without risking their health, and the institution might as well close," thus spoke Director Hetzel today.

FALL CALVES ARE PROFITABLE

Notwithstanding the heavy snow fall an interested crowd was in attendance at the Farmers' meeting yesterday morning.

The first lecture of the morning was delivered by Senator Walter Pierce. His subject was "Cattle Raising and Spring Calves." First, he said, spring calves must have every care that will make a strong calf at weaning time in order to be strong enough to winter over in good shape and in order to be in good condition to make a profitable growth the following summer. He advocated breeding in such a manner that calves will not come in December, January or February. When calves are weaned they must have for a time plenty of fresh, clear water and the very best food obtainable. Fall born or October and November calves, prove to be the best values if allowed to run with their mothers until the first of July. Eight months old calves should weigh from 700 to 800 pounds, when raised under good conditions.

Alfalfa or clover after the first of July until the frost comes is the very best food. Calves properly cared for grows the grower an average of \$3 per month for every month of their lives. Good houses for bad weather is absolutely necessary for calves—these to be well bedded with straw. Keep your calves fat; it don't pay to feed poor or thin stock.

Hogs at 6 cents yield no profit to the owner. They cannot be produced at such a price. These remarks he supplemented with the statement that he had figures that would prove this beyond any doubt.

The cow and calf eat grass with no expense attached for feeding and they eat something that you cannot sell. The hog is all the time eating a product that is saleable and it takes time and money to keep the feeding and the care going.

Losses in cattle in various ways, by death, etc., amount to only an average of about 3 per cent. Forty per cent of the amount invested in cattle is an annual turnover of the original investment. That is, where you have \$10,000 invested you turn into money \$4,000 every year. March calves are usually very weak. The mother on grass gives milk more than the calf can take care of and the result is a fevered condition of the udder making a very unhealthy food for the calf.

When should cattle be marketed? At the age of twenty-four months, in November and December they realize the greatest profit.

Brush is no substitute for sheds. Cows are very timid and must not be confined in too small quarters when herds are quartered together without partitions.

From a strictly feeding standpoint

SNOW BANDS GRIP TIGHTER STUB TRAINS

OUR CARRIER BOYS

The final step in issuing a daily newspaper is the carrier boys who place the paper in the reader's hands, and it is a very important step, indeed. Right now, when strong men can hardly trudge three blocks to their places of business the carrier boy can hardly be expected to make a two mile route. Although scarcely expected to do so the boys are trying—they are doing their very best. As a result some people, who live close to the broken roads are snowed in and are not served.

We are going to do the best we can under the trying circumstances. The paper is printed every day and a goodly supply of extras will be run so that any subscriber can call at the Observer office on his way home and get his paper if he so chooses.

But to guarantee perfect carrier service while this storm is on is out of the question, and we believe our subscribers will be reasonable in the matter.

The Observer wants to serve you—but we think more of our carrier boys and their welfare than we do of a month or a year's issue of the paper.

Distressing as it is, the action taken is deemed to be the sensible one, and the only course open. Some of the instructors leave as soon as possible for Hermiston where an institute will be taken up next week. Others will remain over the week-end.

SEVEN CABLES CUT.

London, Feb. 3.—Seven cables to America have been mysteriously cut within the last two days, and the remaining wire is overburdened with a great mass of business between the two continents. Possibility of Europe losing all cables to America isn't remote.

It is rumored that a new submarine, equipped to cut cables, is at work.

ENTIRE VALLEY SQUIRMS TO FREE ITSELF OF THE FETTERS OF SNOWDRIFTS

With snow piled seven and eight feet high along the gutters, due to the accumulations from sidewalks, the next serious problem facing the city street crews is to get the gutters open. Preliminary to that, Manager Lafky and Street Superintendent Hendricks will turn loose a big force of men with shovels as soon as it quits blowing and snowing to open gutters. To attempt to haul the snow out of the gutters has been deemed impractical. A thaw would very certainly overtake the work. Officials believe that by merely opening the gutter for a foot or two and keep them open, the snow piles will gradually melt and run away. Should there be a sudden rain-storm, no agency of man could prevent a general flood anyway.

Four Plows at Work.
Four and six-horse teams were used again this morning on four different snow plows. However there was little occasion to use them on east and west streets, but the other directions were as hopelessly filled up this morning as yesterday.

Sidewalks have not been cleaned, nor will they be for some little time. Property owners have been appealed to in an effort to get passageways from respective homes to the center of the streets, where it is now possible to get about quite readily.

Smother is Complete.
Unable to cope with a situation such as this, the city, and the entire county is smothered. The milk supply is running low in both creameries. Both institutions report enough to last out today for normal demands, but most of the dairies were unable to get around to customers last night. They undoubtedly will reach a portion of the way tonight. Wood and fuel vendors are making distribution of small lots as best they can, but deliveries are made under great handicaps. The price has gone up.

Until sidewalks are opened up, and trenches are dug from the center of streets where snowplows have made foot traffic fairly possible, Observer carrier boys will work in double shifts, and go only as far as it is consistent with their own safety. Last night little Ernest Young stayed out delivering his papers on the North side until 9:30 and his relatives and others were much alarmed until he reported home. Carrier boys tonight have in-

structions to look after their own safety first, and delivery afterwards. By sending two boys together, a fairly good delivery can be made in the central residence districts especially.

Groceries and meats were handled with better success today than yesterday. However, North and South streets were badly drifted this morning and had to be dragged out before either team of man could make headway. East and west streets were kept clean by the wind that prevailed last night.

Shovels Grabbed up.
There isn't a snowshovel to be had in town—unless one steals it. School boys, on a vacation for the week, are seizing the opportunities to make some side money but the number put to work is limited due to the scarcity of shovels and scrapers.

This entire section is swamped with snow and there is little difference in the general situation as between localities. Some places there is a little wind while it is quieter in others and this situation easily reverses itself so that in the outcome the conditions from their porches to the center of the streets, there will be no serious trouble for any delivery man or boy. The most unusual known in years—are about the same all over.

There was some attempt made yesterday to keep the country roads broken open, but this was almost wholly abandoned today. Those who are compelled to go either on horseback or flounder through the drifts on foot.

There was a heavy snow in Union this morning, but there has been no wind since yesterday.

In Cove the snow is still coming and it snowed nearly all of last night. There is no wind. All pioneers agree that it is the heaviest snow storm they have ever seen.

It is both snowing and blowing in Elgin today. In some places buildings are almost buried out of sight in the snow.

At Enterprise the new snow fall since Monday is eighteen inches; during the same period there was 22 inches at Wallowa, about the same at Lostine and from 18 to 20 inches at Joseph and in the Imnaha. It is also snowing down on Snake river, something quite unusual.

SIDELIGHTS ON FARM WEEK AND STORM

One meat shop yesterday afternoon inaugurated a horseback delivery, handling some outlying points in that way.

While most people were indoors last night reading Whittier's "Snow-bound" or otherwise toasting their feet, officials and employees of the O.-W. were out on the works. There is little sleep but plenty of cold toes and ears for the officials in trying times like these.

Snow shovellers out on the branch line get 40 cents an hour straight time and their board too.

Dr. M. K. Hall was a bit alarmed about his roof and sent a man up to shovel it off. The report got out that his roof had caved in as a result.

J. H. Blumestein, who writes jingles with ease, had time last evening to dope out "a few random thoughts about yesterday's paper and that which was in it." Listen:

The difference between the two poems published in yesterday's issue is that one contained more truth than poetry and the other more poetry than truth.

I would suggest the following slogan for Farmers' and Homemakers' week:

For you the snow's
Piled up in rows.

For my individual use this one will do:
For me the snow's
Up to my nose.

I think a slight mistake was made, this ought to be drift day instead of thrift day.

There will likely be no long distance communication with Portland for three or four days. The Home Independent company reports little or no trouble with its own system, hav-

ing handled more calls yesterday than any time in its history.

The Western Union still has a wire to Salt Lake, fairly groaning with Commercial business. The dispatchers have a wire into Umatilla.

Such sporadic dashes of United Press as drift in from the west, are carried by messenger from the Portland office to Oregon City, there dispatched to San Francisco, Salt Lake and finally back to La Grande.

This is no stretched imagination; Many of La Grande women have donned the garb usually worn by the sterner sex. Several were brave enough to go shopping yesterday in their husbands' trousers, but last night the theatres were accustomed, before the evening programs were over, to see ladies appear dressed like men. Some even wore high top boots to add to the comforts of the occasion.

No Commission Meeting.

The storm last evening stopped the city commission meeting. President Gardner was marooned on a train somewhere out on the line, and no man with good judgment would attempt to walk as far as Recorder Warnick would have had to in order to attend this meeting. Therefore there was no meeting.

Early Edition Today.
In order that the carrier boys may get as far as possible with the papers tonight and serve all, if within their means, the Observer went to press at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Local news is curtailed accordingly. Except for the morning assignments the day's press reports missed the edition.

Populace Orderly.
Extremely little to disturb the peace and quiet of the police station has been occurring of late. Offenders are missing, on the whole.

CANADIAN LASSIE FEELS THE KNIFE

SNOWBOUND FAMILY SENT TO
HOSPITAL.

Sleigh Hauling Invalid Girl Upsets in
Snow-drift—All Seems Well Now

Being snow bound when one's health is good, and isolated in an overland passenger train when steam pipes, electric lights and other comforts are free and within easy access, may be a little disagreeable, but Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Scott of Talbot, Canada, and their two children have undergone some real harrowing experiences in La Grande. The family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Scott, and a nine-year old girl and a baby in arms, had been visiting friends in Parma, Idaho, when the girl was taken sick with appendicitis. Dr. Waldrop of Parma started with the family to Spokane where an operation was to be performed. They were unfortunate enough to get aboard the first train to be stalled in the snow. They reached La Grande night before last and during yesterday the girl suffered great pain. Finally it was determined that the operation should be performed here, as the case was an urgent one.

To get a conveyance to the hospital yesterday was next to impossible. Taxis were stalled, and there was no relief. By sheer good luck they fell upon an opportunity to have the mother and girl hauled to the Grande Ronde hospital but the sleigh upset and threw the occupants in the snow. Persistence generally wins out, however, and in due time the girl's appendix was removed and she now gives every indication of being on the road to recovery.

PORTLAND SORELY CRIPPLED.

Portland, Feb. 3.—Portland is shut off from the outside world. So is the entire northwest. This morning the last method of communication directly out of Portland snapped when wireless instruments were put out of commission by the storm. The entire east side is without lights or telephones. The rain which began yesterday has ceased falling. Trains are held here indefinitely and there is no commercial activity whatever.

Telephone and telegraph wires are paralyzed.

After the rain quit it started to snow and there is 10 inches on the ground today. Eastern Oregon reported by wireless that nearly two feet fell—then the wireless snapped, and there is no further news on the storm situation elsewhere. Conditions are the worst in history here.

No change is predicted, and it is now blowing with easterly winds.

Herbert Wild dropped dead of exhaustion while battling with the driving snow to reach his home last night.

FIRE ALARMS ALARM

Bell Harks Back to Days of Old Hand
Carts and Buckets.

By the time the team had gotten back from its first call unable to locate the fire, an alarm came in from the extreme north end of town, North Second and Z avenue. The fire, according to telephone reports at press time, had destroyed the home of "Chuck" Taylor, on Division street. The team of horses was practically exhausted from its first run, and reached the fire with difficulty.

The fire bell rang this afternoon—very inopportunist. Down at 1808 Eighth street, or some such a number, there was a fire. His Nibs, Fire Chief Benham seized a hand grenade, or what is better known as a hand chemical, and with a battalion of bystanders at his heels, started through the drifts for the fire. In the course of a minute or two, the emergency department consisting of a team of horses and a sleigh with hose supplies, dashed by like the days of old when Joe Jones used to haul the cart with his piano van. The auto truck wasn't moved for there was no use.

STUB TRAINS RUNNING NOW

THROUGH TRAIN SERVICE
FROM PORTLAND INDEFIN-
ITELY DELAYED.

TRAINS FROM EAST COME
WEST BRINGING MAIL

In La Grande the Stalled Overlands
Are Moving Away, and Hope to
Make The Dalles Without Much
Further Effort—Rotary Escorts
Two Trains Over West Mountains
Today.

THE TRAIN SITUATION TODAY.

A stub train left La Grande last night for Baker.

The trains which left Pendleton for La Grande last night were turned back unable to negotiate drifts at Duncan.

No. 5 night before last's fast mail held at Baker yesterday, arrived here early this morning, and consolidated, left for Pendleton behind the rotary at 10 this morning. It hopes to reach The Dalles.

Train No. 19, arriving here night before last, left immediately after the fast mail for Pendleton.

A stub train made up and left here about 4 o'clock for Baker. There is no storm of consequence east of the Rockies. Salt Lake is isolated at Cameron Junction. The Butte line is stalled.

No trains are moving out of Seattle, Spokane or Portland.

Some estimate it will be a week before terminal movement begins. Two stub trains left Pendleton shortly after noon today headed for La Grande. They should arrive here early this evening.

The crew shoveling out the branch line reached Elgin last night and continued down the canyon today, hoping to meet the relief crew coming from the North end somewhere in the vicinity of Vincent tonight or tomorrow. No trains running on the branch for the third successive day.

Yesterday's No. 17, last night's No. 19 and today's No. 17 are being consolidated at Huntington and left there about noon today.

Not an overland train is moving in the Pacific Northwest this afternoon. Seattle, Portland, Tacoma and other terminals are completely isolated, and silver thaw has crippled the wires in Portland until it is a long tedious task to even communicate by telegram with that center. The stub trains moving on the mountain division today are about the only ones rolling in the entire northwest. When Portland trains will arrive, no one knows—some think by Saturday, others guess a week. Because of comparatively little trouble in the east, eastern mail and eastern passengers will continue to come this way, in fact the mail congestion is already being relieved from that direction.

SUBMARINES STILL BUSY.

Fifty-Eight Craft Have Fallen Before German U-Boats Is Claim.

New York, Feb. 3.—Germans have submerged 58 allied ships. The tonnage is 215,000. This list goes back only to the beginning of the Balkan struggle.

Conscription Is Signed.

London, Feb. 3.—The King has signed the conscription bill.

No Meeting Tonight.

Owing to the storm the Woodman will not meet tonight.

WILSON DEMANDS RESPECT

St. Louis, Feb. 3.—In a stirring address to 8000 people jammed in the coliseum this morning, Woodrow Wilson said he intends to make the administration's record "genuine and not pretended neutrality."

"I am ready to make allowances to both sides. I have tried to think as far as possible from the other side's viewpoint, and I know how my heart would burn and my head whirl if I saw my country in danger."

Speaking of a navy adequate to protect the costs, he said:

"I think it should be the greatest in the world—unconquerable."

He reiterated the dangers of maintaining trade and said: "A commander of a submarine choosing his own interpretation of international law, might set the whole world afire. Every nation will enjoy our respect of their rights as long as they respect ours. America desires nothing but free field and no favor. It isn't selfish to claim her rights."

At breakfast at the Businessmen's league Mr. Wilson said peace was the only way to keep business in the present prosperous channels.

He left for Washington at noon.