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FEED GROWING SCARCE BECAUSE OF LONG WINTER

HAY SELLING FROM \$12 to \$35; GRAIN \$35 to \$40

Reports From All Eastern Oregon Show Same Condition—"A Million Dollars' Loss to Baker and Union Sheepmen If Snow Is Not Off Ground by April 1," Says One Flock Owner—"No Remedy in Sight," Writes Another—Even Now Cattle Are but Barely Keeping Their Own, Not Fattening.

Union Not Pinched Yet. Union, Ore., Mar. 16.—(Special)—The danger of hay and feed shortage has been successfully averted in this community. From the reports of prominent stockmen and farmers of the vicinity there will be no immediate danger of a shortage of hay, as all are well supplied with feed to winter their stock successfully, providing the anticipated break of winter comes before the first of April. Hay is selling in the stacks at a price ranging from \$12 to \$20 per ton and can be shipped at \$16 a ton.

Several car loads have been shipped in, not because of actual need, but to be used as choice feed for prize stock. But should the present condition of weather prevail it would be necessary to depend on shipments from outside places.

Canyon People Discouraged. Ladd Canyon, Ore., Mar. 16.—(Special)—A number of farmers out this way who have always had enough hay to last through the winter, have been forced to purchase more, owing to the extremely long, hard winter. There is so much snow on the hill pastures there is no telling when stock can be turned out to graze. Consequently hay had to be procured. The price a ton is \$15.50.

Joseph Shipping In Hay. Joseph, Ore., Mar. 16.—(Special)—Stockmen here say that although hay and grain are very short no one is without, for people who do not have it on hand are shipping it in. The price for hay is between \$16 and \$20 a ton. Grain is between \$35 and \$40 with much grain moving now.

Enough Feed For Six Weeks. Mt. Glen, Ore., Mar. 16.—(Special)—The farmers in this vicinity have sufficient feed for a month or six weeks. There is still some surplus hay. Alfalfa and grain hay is offered at \$16 to \$18 a ton and timothy about \$2 higher. There are many horses being fed here, but few cattle, and less hogs, are left in the neighborhood.

Enough Hay at North Powder. North Powder, Ore., Mar. 16.—(Special)—Feed is getting scarce here but ranchers say they will have enough to carry them for the rest of the month by being economical. A number are mixing in straw to help out the hay. Loose hay is selling from \$12 to \$15 per ton with none for sale. Baled hay sells from \$15 to \$20 with quite a stock still on hand. However it is being shipped to interior points as fast as they can get cars. Plenty of straw on hand and selling at \$1 a load. Stock are in good condition considering the long, cold winter and everyone has some feed. If the spring comes by April 1, so that the stock can be let out, even for a short time, there will not be any stock suffering for food in this section. Farmers have had a shortage on feed last year and took precaution this year to lay in an extra supply, and the long hard winter did not find them unprepared as it has other years.

Hot Lake Situation Serious. Hot Lake, Mar. 16.—(Special)—Stockmen in and around the Grande Ronde valley are now face to face with a very serious proposition in regard to obtaining feed for the thousands of head of cattle which ought, by this time of the year, to be almost self sustaining; that is, the snow should by this date be of such small dimensions that cattle should be able

Portland Livestock Market Quotations

Portland, Ore., March 15.—After last week's run of cattle which totaled around 2300 head which filled the present needs of packers, this week's market opened with about 1400 head. Trading was slow in getting under way and prices broke from 10 to 25 cents on all beef steers while cows sold steady at 15 cents lower. Bulls were steady to 25 cents lower on the bulk. One load of prime beef steers sold at \$9.70 with a number other loads from \$9.50 to \$9.65. There was not as large a supply of prime cattle here as there were during the past few weeks. Good steers brought from \$9.00 to \$9.35 with very good steers selling at \$8.75 and \$8.90. Medium kinds brought around \$8.50 with ordinary dairy type steers from \$7.50 to \$8.00. Best cows brought \$7.50 to \$8.00 with but very few good enough to get over \$7.75. The bulk of the cow stuff here yesterday sold from \$6.50 to \$7.25. There was a fairly good call from small killers for cow stuff but packers demand was slack. One prime heifer sold at \$9.00 with sales ranging from \$6.50 to \$8.00. Good heavy bulls sold mostly at \$6.50 and \$6.75; with a top of \$8.00 for one prime bull.

Hogs. Hog prices continued their climb yesterday by jumping 50 to 75 cents over last week's strong close. There was but a light supply of 1600 head. Three loads sold at \$14.35 with a few at \$14.25. The bulk of the early sales being made at \$14.00 and \$14.10. Closing prices were the highest of the day. Pigs were in good supply with an excellent demand. Best pigs sold from \$13.00 to \$13.35 with the bulk realizing \$12.75.

Sheep. Sheep supplies were light and prices steady. One load of good wool ewes brought \$9.75 with a load of shorn weathers at \$10.00. No lambs have made an appearance since a week ago and prime lambs are bringing from \$12.90 to \$13.10.

ert Withycombe and J. F. Hutchinson; races and sports—G. W. Benson, Robert Marr, J. W. Spencer, G. S. Levy and E. O. Zeck.

The management and plans for the show are well in hand and things are in shape so the prospects for this year's show are greater than ever before.

Tests of various kinds of concrete and cement mortars under way in Germany will extend over a period of 30 years.

An aeroplane with seven planes arranged in a semicircle is claimed by its French inventor to be perfectly stable.

BUTTER WRAPPERS for sale at The Observer Office.

Union Livestock Show Prospects Are Good

Union, Ore., March 17.—(Special)—A rousing meeting of the Union Live Stock association was held in this city Wednesday night, at which many new plans for additional features and departments were discussed. President M. S. Levy has appointed the following committees: Publicity—W. H. Vogel, R. A. Marr, Walter Cook; classification book—David Cooper; finance—T. D. Smith, T. T. Cook, and L. Z. Terrall; transportation—R. H. England, Edw. Evenson, and D. Cooper; selection of judges—Robert Withycombe and Geo. Benson; grounds—C. L. Cadwell, Rob-

Fashion

BY MARGARET MASON (Written for the United Press) Belinda's garments button up. Likewise they button down. Some button together; The question is whether She's hooked all the buttons in town.

New York, March 16.—"Button, button, who's got the button?" has ceased to be a thrilling interrogation. It must needs be relegated to its proper place among Goldberg's Foolish Question. The answer is so plainly and unanimously obvious: Everybody's got it. Not one measly, lonesome little button either; not even "one, two button my shoe," but three, four and then heaps more.

There's a perfect epidemic of buttons. Like the measles or a Spring rash. Every coat, suit, frock, blouse, cape and sweater is rashly broken out with them. No one has an eye for a hook any more. We are all just looking to buttons as a means of fastening on fashion.

ent popular coat gowns and chemise frocks are just pie for buttons. They are buttoned up one side and down the other. Some are putting their best buttons forward and others, turning their backs on them, use them nevertheless to back them up. The long, tight sleeves are often trimmed in odd small buttons from the elbow to the wrist, while those that are widely cuffed have two or three large and unique buttons fastening the cuff.

Shawl collars, roll collars and just any kind of collars at all bristle with buttons. They flaunt them openly and above board and not at all in the usual erstwhile retiring and effacing manner of all good little old-fashioned and useful collarbuttons. To be sure collar buttons did used to be a bit bone headed, but some of them were pearls among buttons and indeed quite a few were even pure gold. Anyway, they knew their place and performed a mission in life and a neckband whereas these present day collar buttons wander all over the place and the only thing that is really attached to them is fashionable importance.

Then there are pockets as another great breeding place for buttons. Positively the pockets are all so full of buttons that you haven't any place

any more to pocket your pride. If this dissertation on buttons has brought nothing before your mind's eye save round, flat discs with two or four perforations for sewing them on you must immediately get busy and brush up on the newest buttons or else you will be quite overcome when they burst on you in all their divers shapes and glory. They will burst on you too as "Peggy" in "David Copperfield" often demonstrated.

Now the new buttons are square, hexagon, octagonal, oblong, oval and almost anything but plain round. They are concave, convex, cubic and spherical. They are carved, dyed, enameled, hand-painted, darned, crocheted and metallized and made of wood, bone, pearl, jet, gunmetal, ivory, china, silver, gold, brass, silk, worsted, enameled or hand-painted tin, leather, lacquer, glass, straw, or any other little odd thing you happen to have about the house.

They are made in vivid contrasting combinations of color and weird and distorted shapes. They bloom with flora and disport as funa. Cameo buttons are very smart. Monogrammed ones are good also.

An old charm string of buttons that my mother made when she was a little girl has fascinated me from childhood with its quaint and charming effects. If my offspring should start a charmstring with the buttons of today her children would no doubt be thrown into fits when confronted with the weird shapes, hectic colors and animated animals that now adorn us.

But be that as it may, we simply must be buttoned even if we are not buttoned simply. Already a most up to date young person I know has sewn 185 wee ones on a Georgette crepe blouse. So button your buttons while you may and just think how jolly and convenient it will be when waiting long hours for Peggy to come home from the club to play "richman, poorman, beggarman, chief; doctor, lawyer, merchant, thief" with yourself to determine your next fate after you have divorced him.

SPRAYING PRUNES FOR BROWN ROT CONTROL

Loss in Oregon About \$150,000 Annually; Demonstrations by O. A. C.

Corvallis, Ore., March 16.—(Special)—Faced by an annual loss of about \$150,000 annually from brown rot of prunes, growers in different parts of Oregon have planned demonstration spraying under the auspices of the Agricultural College Extension Service. A series of these demonstrations was conducted in the Roseburg district last year with very favorable results, and will be repeated this year in the Dallas district.

The first spray of the series will be applied as the young buds are pushing out and turning white, probably about March 31. N. S. Guy has promised to lend an outfit for the work, and sprays will be applied to the orchard of R. L. Chapman as necessary throughout the season.

Growers of prunes and other stone fruits subject to brown rot are working hard for the success of these demonstrations. W. S. Brown, who is in charge, conducted the demonstrations last year, and is devoting much time to the study of this disease, which is growing worse and calls for careful attention.

Japanese Ambassador to Address Pittsburg Press Club.

Pittsburg, Mar. 17.—(United Press)—Ambassador Sato arrived here from Washington today to attend the banquet of the Pittsburg Press Club, at which he will be the guest of honor. Whether the Japanese diplomat will touch upon Japanese-American relations is not known.

Sir Gilbert Parker, the Canadian novelist, Roy W. Howard, president of the United Press, and Senator Warren Harding have accepted invitations to deliver after-dinner speeches. About 650 are expected to attend the dinner.

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