

MOTOR PRICES TO STAY UP

OREGON MAN, HOME FROM DETROIT, EXPRESSES OPINION

State Manager for Fordson Tractors in La Grande Yesterday—Discusses Future of the Tractor.

There is little or no prospect of a quick fall in the price of automobiles, in the opinion of George F. Vick of Salem, Ore., who was in La Grande last night on his way home from Detroit, where he had been called for a conference of Fordson tractor distributors. In his judgment, only in such isolated cases as where there are peculiar circumstances attending, is it possible to buy steel and other material to any advantage in quantity lots, and as makers turn their attention to production for the civilian clientele, they find wages high with no prospect of early reduction, and all material extremely scarce.

"These conditions preclude early reduction in the price of the average car. Where no contracts with the government have existed, and where great quantities of pre-war material are still on hand, it is different, and such cars are able to reduce, but they are distinctly in the minority," explained Mr. Vick.

The Salem dealer is state manager for the Fordson tractor and while here held a prolonged conference with L. C. Smith, the local distributor.

"The tractor has become a vital factor in soil tillage," declared Mr. Vick. "The hour of the tractor is here and the only question now debatable, is the time and style. A great wave of traf-

tor selling is sweeping over the country. I was told by Henry Ford & Son while at Detroit, that the Fordson must be made to function on a small tract or big tract—that complete outfits for the use of soil tillage are being turned out as rapidly as possible by other concerns. The mower, the drag, the seeder, the combine, the plow, the irrigation pump; in fact, every bit of farm machinery commonly dragged or hauled by horses will very shortly be remade so as to follow the light tractor, and become useful and efficient on the small or big tract of land.

"England bought thousands of tractors during the war, and is now distributing them among the agriculturists for use in restoring highest production from the soil. In England and France, the United States, and in fact everywhere, the demand is growing for a light tractor that can haul medium loads and that can do it rapidly, easily and with dispatch."

Some interesting discussion along this line was heard last evening from a representative of agricultural tool makers, W. E. Wheeler, who represents the Roderick Lean lines of farm implements.

"Various companies who have become specialists in their lines, have been selected to make and adapt certain lines of farm machinery to be drawn by these tractors," Mr. Wheeler said. "The Fordson tractor is now being equipped with a double action, two-rang disc. It is automatically adjusted from the seat of the Fordson and we are the sole makers of this disc. Our harrows—tooth and spring—are also made for the Fordson. Factories of all lines are rapidly revamping their products to fit tractors, rather than to be drawn by horses."

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DRAINAGE VALUE SHOWN OREGON

PRODUCTION OF WEALTH MAY BE MATERIALLY INCREASED

Exceptional Fertility of Overflow Lands Along Columbia Declared by W. J. Kerr.

Drainage as an element in materially increasing the production of wealth in Oregon was forcefully presented to delegates to the Oregon State Drainage Association, which met in annual session at the Imperial hotel at Portland. In his annual address, Samuel Brown, of Gervais, president of the association, reviewed the progress of the past year in general phases of development related to drainage projects. That the association has proven of value in stimulating reclamation will be of greater worth in bringing concerted effort to obtain needed legislation, and that it will ultimately add greatly increased wealth to the state of Oregon, were the conclusions presented.

Columbia River Lands Rich
W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural College, informed the delegates that along the Columbia River between Portland and the sea is an area of overflow lands of exceptional fertility and possible of very large production when properly drained by diking. Speaking of "Reclamation and State Building," he pointed out that drainage is not confined to any one section, and that wherever irrigation is practiced drainage becomes equally necessary.

Jay Upton, president of the Oregon irrigation congress, which convenes today, spoke on the "Relation of Drainage to Irrigation." R. P. Teele delivered an address on "Extent to which drainage can be avoided by careful irrigation."

Progress Made on Plans.
At the afternoon session W. H. Crawford, secretary of the Oregon Land Settlement Commission, was the first speaker. Mr. Crawford laid out progress made in working out plans for locating settlers on Oregon farms under such preparation of the lands and farm management plans as would go far towards assuring success of the colonists. He reported briefly upon the results of the trip to Washington, D. C., of Whitney L. Boise, chairman of the commission and Professor H. D. Sandler of the department of farm management of the Oregon Agricultural Department in place before Secretary Line of the Interior Department and Secretary Houston of the Department of Agriculture the details of the plan.

Reports upon various drainage districts was a feature of the program at the afternoon session. R. H. Brown reported from the Peninsula district; H. C. Campbell on the Sun Dial district; J. C. Elrod on the Multnomah district; John Cunningham on the Malheur district; George T. Baldwin on the Klamath county districts, and T. A. H. Teeter on the Santia's and Deer Island districts.

W. L. Powers, secretary of the association, read a paper on "Improvements of Marsh Lands in Western Oregon." He estimated that the 150,000 acres of marsh, tide, overflow and beaver-dam land of Western Oregon would provide homes in 40-acre units for 3750 families. This land, when drained, will carry a cow to the acre throughout the year. The paper dwelt with the steps essential to scientific development of the lands in order that expenses for its reclamation may be wisely incurred, and that the maximum result may be attained.

The committee on resolutions ap-

HOUSE DELAYS RELIEF MEASURE

BILL FOR \$100,000,000 FAMINE FUND HELD UP.

Opposition Given on Ground That Congress Is Not Sufficiently Informed Regarding Needs.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11. Although their efforts to have the house rules committee report a rule for immediate consideration of the bill appropriating \$100,000,000 for famine relief in Europe failed Thursday, administration leaders announced that they had not given up hope of early consideration of the measure.

Another attempt to get the committee to report out a rule will be made soon, it was said, and if this fails, the bill will be offered as an amendment to some other measure before the house. In the meantime the famine bill, passage of which has been requested by President Wilson, remains on the house calendar, and its opponents said it would stay there until the administration explained more definitely where and how the money is to be used.

Republicans on the committee opposed the rule on the ground that congress was without sufficient information for action, and a similar view was expressed by other members of the house and by Democratic senators who continued their conferences on the measure.

SALAD KILLS FOUR

Colored Hosts and Guests at Boise Dinner Succumb.

Boise, Ida., Jan. 11.—The tragedy in the asparagus poison case is growing. The fourth to die as a result of the eating of asparagus salad Tuesday night was Mrs. Eleanor Ridge, following the death of Mrs. Clara Schurkard Hubbard, which occurred Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, at whose home the dinner party was given, died Wednesday afternoon.

All were well-known colored people of Boise. They were invited to the Smith home for dinner and ate home-canned asparagus.

Rare Bank Note.

A rare English bank note is in the possession of a Mr. Vesey Holt. The note is dated 1821 and is the issue of the Bank of England. After the Napoleonic wars England was short of gold, and as a temporary expedient the Bank of England put a number of five dollar bank notes into circulation, until the gold reserve was restored. In appearance they closely resemble a twenty-five dollar note, and bear no likeness to the English paper money of today.

Hugo's Description of Rhine.

"The Rhine is a stream of varied aspects. Victor Hugo, who wrote who was perhaps the finest article ever written about it, said: 'The Rhine is unique; it combines the qualities of every river. Like the Loire, it is rapid; broad, like the Loire; ennobled, like the Meuse; serpentine, like the Seine; limpid and green, like the Somme; historical, like the Tiber; royal, like the Danube; mysterious, like the Nile; spangled with gold, like an August river; and, like a river of Asia, abounding with phantoms and fables.'"

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Teutons in History.

The term Teuton is of Latin origin. In ancient times the part of Europe now embraced in Germany was called Germania, and one of the principal tribes of the country was called the civilized Romans Teutons, just as we speak of the Apache Indian. Being a fierce and warlike people they gave the Romans a great deal of trouble, and as they were the dominant tribe of that region the name of Teutons gradually came to be applied to all the people occupying what was called Germania. It has survived in the form of Teutons.

It is a Little Strange.

"This is a funny world," said the facetious fellow. "Nothin' ever said when a railroad man switches cars, or a musical case beats time; and a newspaper guy kin pound a typewriter till it shrieks for help and a bank clerk ain't worth shucks unless he strikes a balance every evenin', but jest let a feller tap a till real gentle like and without disturbin' nobody an' there's the darndest row that ever was."—Indianapolis Star.

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Scene in an American Red Cross warehouse in New York, where Christmas packages for American prisoners in Germany are received and sorted. Job Printing, The Observer, Main 37.

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