

FARM YEAR IS SUCCESS IN COUNTY

Increased Profits and Greater Yields Reported by Avery

HIGHER TYPE OF PRODUCTS RAISED

Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars Saved Farmers During the Past Season.

Increased profits for Grande valley farmers during 1925, greater yields in acre of potatoes, the raising of more certified seed and a general trend toward more profitable farming are progressive steps largely due to the efforts of H. G. Avery, county agent, and the O. A. C. extension service, in Union county this year.

High lights of the agent's annual report reveal that yields of potatoes have been increased from about 60 sacks an acre to about 115 sacks an acre, an increase of more than 90 per cent.

Two cars of seed were purchased and sold to farmers at cost by the La Grande National Bank in cooperation with the county agent, the report reads. "The resulting crop ran from 100 sacks up to a yield of 215 sacks. This is the most profitable crop several years ago when the price of potatoes was at a high price. Forty-seven growers bought some of this seed and a number of orders could not be filled."

Profits increased. Profits from savings or increased yields where measured totaled \$15,820.50, as a result of the application of some six cars of land plaster and one car of nitrate of soda during the year.

Hard Federation wheat yields increased on an average of five bushels an acre, representing a total increase in value of \$11,250. Twenty cars of seed wheat from \$1.25 in 1924 to a bushel although the majority of the wheat raised went at a dollar rate.

Besides successful applications to grain fields, commercial fertilizers were used in the orchard section of timber with favorable results. Eight farmers who have tested land plaster as a fertilizer on alfalfa in that community for the past three years report greater yields and profits.

Leonard New Grange Head At Wallowa

Officers for the Ensuing Year Elected at Special Meeting—Five More to Be Named.

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Wallowa grange No. 693 held a special meeting here recently at which time officers for the ensuing year were elected in part as follows: J. H. Leonard, master; A. W. Johnson, overseer; the Rev. G. H. Pease, chaplain; Elynn Reed, steward; G. L. Martin, assistant steward; C. H. Thorp, treasurer; G. C. Meek, secretary; T. G. Johnson, H. M. Pfeiffer and A. W. Johnson, executive committee.

The names of those who will fill the posts of lecturer, gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora and lady assistant steward, have not been learned at this time.

Christmas Boxes Sent To Soldiers' Families

Dependent families of ex-service men confined in the state hospital at Portland were remembered this week in a large Christmas box shipped to headquarters for distribution through the bounty of the La Grande Legion auxiliary.

DeMolay Members Will Entertain Their Dads

La Grande order of DeMolay will tomorrow evening in regular session at the Masonic hall.

Charles Ash Planning Journey to Australia

A trip to Australia is in prospect for Charles V. Ash, who is home from San Francisco to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ash, 1191 O avenue.

Black Marble Quarries Discussed At Banquet

The newly-opened black marble quarries and their relation to the future of Joseph emposed the theme of most of the talks given last night at the annual banquet of the Joseph chamber of commerce, for which nearly 150 persons gathered at the Jennings hotel.

Senator Bruce Dennis and Earl C. Reynolds represented the Union county chamber of commerce and took prominent parts in the program.

Find Still



Prof. Dabney Horton, instructor in English at Ohio State university, Columbus, O., is under arrest on charges of possessing a still and owning liquor, and a sweeping investigation has been begun by order of Governor A. Vic Donahay. Horton is shown above, with the still that was found in his home, below.

Hunter Preparing to Issue Old Trail Books

It is announced by John H. Hunter, of The Park, east of Union, that he will shortly begin issuing his souvenir edition of Old Oregon Trail stories, written by him.

GOLD DEMAND LESS IN WEST

There can no longer be any doubt about it. The old west is passing. And hand in hand with the vanishing Indian and the cowboy goes the westerner's devotion to mining gold.

Operetta Profits Are Announced at \$200.00

Net profits of the two-night production of "The Belle of Barretona" Dec. 4 and 5 will amount to about \$200, according to Claire McKennon, who as business manager of the high school student body, had the ticket sale and production expenditures in charge.

La Grande Lads on Way Home from Idaho

CALDWELL, Ida. (Special)—In search of a warmer climate, two La Grande, Ore., youths left here early Tuesday afternoon for home.

They told the county attorney that in their opinion the temperature had suddenly dropped about 40 degrees when the railroad policeman grabbed them. After partaking of a meal here Tuesday through the generosity of the county, the two left promising that they would immediately "hit the grit" for La Grande.

LAD ADMITS MURDER OF WOMAN, TOT FIGURED IN THREE ACTS OF VIOLENCE

Arnold Comer, 13 or 14, in Jail Today at Yellville, Arkansas

Trail of Death, Robbery, Injury, Left on Route Discontented Youth with Pistol Followed.

YELLEVILLE, Ark. (By the Associated Press)—Arnold Comer, about 13 or 14 years of age, sat in jail today brooding over a week full of desperate adventures, while residents of the Buffalo community near here gave thanks for the end of a series of violent deeds.

COVE DISTRICT VOTING TODAY

Lower Cove residents will vote this afternoon on the question of a two-year high school for the district. E. A. Sawyer, county superintendent, will assist with the election.

JUVENILE RED CROSS FORMED

The Junior Red Cross society was established in Union county last evening when senior members, at their annual business meeting in Judge Hugh E. Brady's office, voted to appropriate sufficient funds to pay first-year dues for all school children.

Added City Coverage

During the last three months the circulation of The Observer in the city of La Grande has shown a net increase of 11 per cent—a most gratifying growth considering the very high cost of advertising that has always existed in the city.

Indigestion Causes Death of F. I. Fuller

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Franklin I. Fuller, vice president of the Portland Electric Power company, one of the oldest railway executives on the coast, died today after an illness of two days. Death was caused by acute indigestion.

Belgium made the first payment of interest on her post-armistice funded indebtedness to the United States, amounting to \$277,427, in cash.

Radio Sends Dance Music To Europe

Thousands in London and Berlin Step to Syncopated Strains Broadcast From America.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Thousands of persons in Europe early today by "European radio" danced to strains of "jazz" broadcast from the United States.

DEAF MORE THAN 7 YEARS, GIRL HEARS IN RADIO TEST

ARRON, Ohio (By the Associated Press)—Deaf for more than seven years, Pauline Fenton, 12, last night heard intelligible sounds of a human voice.

Ex-Service Men Apply To Legion For Work

Four or five ex-service men have applied to the American Legion for assistance in finding work.

Robert Lytle to Speak At Hall Dedication

Robert Lytle, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias in Oregon, who will be the principal speaker at the dedication of the new K. P. hall at Wallowa this evening, stopped in La Grande on his way to Wallowa from Vale, Ore., today.

Seven Governments Make Payments to U. S.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Payments aggregating \$92,255,000 were made to the treasury Tuesday by seven foreign governments which owe money to the United States as a result of wartime loans.

Earthquakes Visit Jugo-Slavia Today

BELGRADE, Jugo-Slavia (By the Associated Press)—Earthquakes occurred today in many parts of the country.

San Francisco (By the Associated Press)—Four men were buried and crushed to death when a one-story brick and frame building at Eighth and Mission streets suddenly collapsed late yesterday afternoon.

Baby Is Drug Addict



"Baby Jack" of Los Angeles is only seven weeks old—but he's a dope fiend. Policewoman Minnie Barton, shown above holding him, was trailing a drug peddler and found the child's mother was an addict.

OLD RESIDENT DIES AT LAKE

J. M. Mitchell, 77, one of the earliest pioneers in this section, who was taken at Hot Lake yesterday in an unconscious condition, died there this morning at 9:30 o'clock from uremia.

Subpoenas Issued

SALISBURY, Ore. (AP)—Subpoenas are being issued by the state banking department upon Will B. Haines, president of the Portland National bank, and about a dozen other persons, to compel their attendance at a hearing on the attack made upon Superintendent of Banks Bramwell at an informal conference with the banking judge J. E. Knowles in circuit court.

GREECE WILL PAY BULGARIA

ATHENS, Greece (By the Associated Press)—Greece, in a note to the British minister, says that it accepts unconditionally the league of nations award in the Greco-Bulgarian incident.

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MITCHELL DENOUNCED BY WEEKS

Cabinet Member Classes Colonel as Lawless and Unfit

LETTER IS READ AT COURTMARTIAL

Gives for First Time War Department's Side of Story of Mitchell's Transfer to Texas.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Both the prosecution and defense rested their cases today in the Mitchell court martial. The court will hear arguments tomorrow.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—A letter written by John W. Weeks, an secretary of war, describing Colonel William Mitchell as "lawless, unfit for a high administrative position, and possessed of a desire for publicity at the expense of others" was presented in evidence today at the Mitchell court martial.

Writing to President Coolidge Weeks gave his reasons for refusing to recommend Mitchell's reappointment as assistant chief of the army air service.

A War Department's Side of the story of Mitchell's transfer last spring from Washington to a Texas post.

"General Mitchell's whole course has been so lawless, so contrary to the building up of an efficient organization, so lacking in teamwork, and so indicative of a desire for publicity at the expense of everyone with whom he is associated that his actions make him unfit for a high administrative position he now holds," Weeks wrote.

The secretary said he wrote the letter with great regret because he is a gallant officer with an excellent war record," adding that "this record since the war has been such that he has forfeited the good opinion of those familiar with the facts."

JAPANESE TO PROTECT CITY

TOKIO (By the Associated Press)—A government spokesman today stated that troops had left for Mukden, Manchurian capital, and that additional forces would leave tomorrow after which no fighting would be permitted within six miles of Mukden.

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