

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

June 8, 9, 10—Union Live-stock show at Union, Ore.
July 21, 22, 23—State American Legion convention in La Grande.

At Home—

Mrs. George Clark in ill at her home here.

From Union—

Mrs. Bert Knight and daughter, of Union, spent yesterday in this city.

Visit Daughter—

Mrs. Gilbert Bryant left last evening for Umatilla where she will visit with her daughter.

Attended Conference—

N. W. Myers, of North Powder, was among those attending the economic conference yesterday.

Attended Vanities—

Mrs. and Mrs. W. C. Perkins were among the La Grande people who drove to Baker last evening and attended "Earl Carroll's Vanities."

Confined to her home—

Mrs. E. Jacobson is confined to her home because of a sprained ankle, which she received Tuesday.

Shopping From Hilgard—

Mrs. J. H. Staloff and daughter, Doris, were in La Grande on business matters yesterday from Hilgard.

Called to California—

Mrs. H. B. Mason left last evening for Strathmore, Cal., where she has been called by the illness of her mother.

Attended Show at Baker—

Mrs. and Mrs. William Houghan drove to Baker last evening where they attended the "Earl Carroll Vanities" at the Clark theater.

Home From Salem—

Mrs. H. T. Edwards has returned to her home here after spending the past two weeks at Salem where she was called by the serious illness of her father, who passed away Monday morning.

Reports Crops Fine—

W. A. Huddleston, merchant of North Powder, was here yesterday attending the economic conference. He reports that crops are coming fine and that North Powder is progressing all the time.

Expected Home From University—

Sheldon and Wesley Brownson, sons of Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Brownson, of this city, are expected home this week and from the University of Washington where they are attending school. They will spend the spring vacation here.

Attended Conference—

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Miller, of Union, were among those who attended the economic conference at the high school yesterday. Mr. Miller is a sheep man in the Union county.

Visited With Friend—

Miss Willis Lanergon and young son, Willis, of Portland spent yesterday here visiting with Mrs. Ruth Jackson. Mrs. Lanergon, nee Lois Gunn, made her home here for some time when she was employed by the post office and will be remembered by many.

To Make Home in Salem—

Mrs. Ed. Wright left last evening for Salem where she will make her home in the future with her son, John, who is employed in the mail service department in the Capitol building. Mrs. Wright made her home here for many years.

Return to Portland—

Mr. and Mrs. George Birnie returned home yesterday from Portland. Mrs. Birnie has been visiting there for the past few weeks while Mr. Birnie was attending a meeting of the state optometry board of which he is a member. The board conducted examinations during the session.

Has sprained Ankle—

Miss Katharine Wissler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Wissler, is reported to be better today although she is still unable to return to school. Miss Wissler tripped over a wire while on her way to take her music lesson Monday, suffering a sprained foot. She may be able to return to school tomorrow.

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SURPLUS TO BE LARGE, MELLON

March Collection of Income Taxes Expected to Reach 625 Million

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17. (AP)—Secretary Mellon believes the treasury surplus will pass the half-billion mark this fiscal year. The March collection of income taxes is expected to reach \$625,000,000.

While the secretary still holds the surplus does not necessarily mean that the revenue act of 1926 will produce sufficient revenue in the next year to warrant tax reduction, he said it would indicate successful operation of the act. The more optimistic tax reduction advocates are already figuring on how much Congress may lop off the tax payers' bills, taking the indicated surplus as a guide.

The surplus, accumulating this fiscal year, which will be increased by the failure of Congress to pass the second deficiency bill will be applied to the public debt.

The offer of the treasury to convert the second liberty loan 4 1/2 percent bonds into five year 3 1/2 percent treasury certificates is expected by Secretary Mellon to bring in at least one half of the outstanding bonds of that issue or a sum in excess of one and one-half billion.

Bonds aggregating \$1,148,000,000 were turned in at the close of business yesterday. The greatest conversion was in the New York federal reserve district where \$584,000,000 in bonds was exchanged for the certificates.

Count Ludwig's Divorce Suit Is Settled, Report

NEW YORK, Mar. 17. (AP)—Count Ludwig Salm von Hoogstraaten long drawn separation suit against his American heiress wife, the former Millicent Rogers, today appeared all over.

With the Austrian count and his countess both on the other side of the Atlantic and with trial of the case scheduled for resumption in supreme court here on Monday, his attorney was authority for the statement that the case had been settled.

Reports agreed that the countess would receive custody of their three-year-old son, Peter Salm, born in New York, and that the count would get between \$350,000 and \$400,000 of the Standard Oil fortune of his wife's father, Henry H. Rogers. There were also reports that the countess would get a divorce in Paris.

"Suit Is Settled"
Returning from abroad after interviewing both parties to the suit who are traveling in different parts of Europe, Herman B. Goodstein, attorney for the count said:
"In a few days it will be a matter of record. The suit has been settled."

CONFERENCE REPORTS ON FILE TODAY

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Had "Moral Duty"
"The independent has a circulation of approximately 500,000 largely by among farmers. It therefore was in a situation where it had a moral duty to print anything regarding agriculture. And if there were anything oppressing or defrauding the farmers, it felt it a duty to tell the public of it."

"These articles about Mr. Sapiro were printed in good faith. Every effort was taken to ascertain the truth of the articles."

"Mr. Sapiro was born in a city, grew up in the city, knowing nothing of a farm, never was in any way connected with practical farming. He never did anything that warranted his activities with farm organizations."

"He was admitted to this bar as a lawyer in 1911 and became associated with an industrial accident board. He was made secretary and held that position for two years."

"From 1913 to 1915 he practiced law and I believe evidence will show he had little practice in that line."

"Sapiro was later named secretary to Harry Weinstein, state director of markets in California. The farmers had discovered their plan of cooperative marketing didn't work and wanted some help."

"Through Mr. Weinstein, Mr. Sapiro got the job of drawing up articles for the California Farmers' and Grocers' association. "I believe evidence will show you that about this time Sapiro gained the conception of controlling the farmers and fruit growers for private gain. It was about then that he conceived the idea of buying before farmers a plan for marketing whereby they would be able to control the markets and prices."

Accuses Sapiro
"In this way they could increase their profits, could grow rich, educate their children in colleges, ride in automobiles, live in fine homes and be generally prosperous."

"He conceived the idea of organizing local associations into state groups and then national organizations. Not content with that, he reached a Thesis to control at least the wheat market."

"Then he conceived the idea of one attorney advising all the organizations—Aaron Sapiro. And he was not a farmer, nor any of his people."

Representative Coming
The U. S. department of agriculture will have a representative here this year and every two years following to make field surveys in connection with this disease study in other states. The O. A. C. experiment station should cooperate in this study in Oregon.

Some good Markton oats seed has been developed in Union county, according to the report and should be given careful trial on different sections of the county as indications are that it may profitably be substituted for all other oat varieties.

Trebli barley is at present the most productive spring variety in the county and should largely replace other varieties. Hanneken barley may be grown for chicken feed as a substitute for corn.

Recommendations
The report recommended that farmers interested in the eradication of wild morning glory should get in touch with the county agent and arrange for demonstration trials with Carbon Bisulphide and a new chemical known as K. M. D.

The flax crop was not successful in 1924, 1925 and 1926, and is recommended for trial only on irrigated or subirrigated land.

Wisconsin 25 corn has exceeded Minnesota 13 in grain and fodder yields on the C. P. Edverson farm, Minnesota 23 has made good grain on the William Anson farm.

Potato growers were recommended this year to collect samples

U. S. Navy Is Active in Protecting American Interests in the Orient

LONDON, Mar. 17. (AP)—Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, commander in chief of the British fleet, has been active in looking out for American interests in China.

A dispatch to the Westminster Gazette says American marines at Shanghai recaptured two Standard Oil steamers which the Chinese had seized.

The Daily Express Shanghai correspondent, in reporting the taking over by northern forces of the Kiangnan dock yards where several American vessels are being built, says Rear Admiral Williams of the American fleet, immediately dispatched a warship there.

General Philip Chen, the local commander of the northern forces, took a regiment with him when he seized the dock yards with the ostensible purpose of repairing several northern war vessels.

Branch Widening
Dispatches indicate a widening in the breach between the soviet and China Tso-Lie, the Manchurian war lord, and the possibility of an armed invasion of Southern Manchuria.

They also tell of heavy fighting west and northwest of Shanghai between the northern and southern forces and of a series of local battles in Shanghai growing out of daily murders of workmen who oppose calls to go on strike.

The labor unrest in Shanghai is accentuated by the machinations of the 150 "expert" industrialists from Hankow, who are carrying out propaganda for a general strike if and when the Chinese forces arrive to take over this city.

Nanking Menaced
Nanking still remains menaced by the Chinese forces.

of seed and arrange for trial plantings in Union county seed in Idaho potato growing sections to encourage development of a possible seed market. Certified seed was recommended for planting whenever available at not too high a cost. Growers wishing to produce certified seed should rogue out diseased and weak plants at least three times each year. Summer cultivation should be very shallow during the latter part of season.

Land plaster to seed potatoes after cutting is found profitable.

Field Peas a Success
Field peas have been grown successfully at the Union experiment station, indicating that farmers of the county are neglecting an important leguminous forage and seed crop.

Livestock feeding demands in the county are now close to the total production of alfalfa hay. The crop affords more profit per acre than grain growing and should be increased at least to provide a dependable supply for local feeding.

Urged to Try Clover
Farmers who are growing seed are recommended to try red clover. Trial plantings of sweet clover will be greater this year than any crop ever produced here. Farmers asked to cooperate in reporting number of stock each year feeding, and in furnishing comparative yields and samples for testing protein content of wheat grown after sweet clover.

Ladino clover is recommended for trial on irrigated and subirrigated land for pasture.

Root crops are recommended for dairy, sheep and poultry feeds as well as for other livestock. Experiment station results at Union are favorable to the growing of turnips and carrots. Roots are especially recommended for sheep feeders.

Bors' Girls' Report
Frank McKennon, chairman of the boys' and girls' club group submitted an interesting report showing the total number of children

in the county and the total membership of the club group during the work. He also gave an account of the various club exhibits.

The committee recommended that the work in the different communities be handled in a similar manner as the Cove community which this year has organized its club work under the auspices of the Cove chamber of commerce, with a selection of a community chairman on club work and a committee of business men to keep in touch with the club conditions. It further recommended that community organizations continue the support they have been giving, and which is appreciated by the conference.

Home Economics
The report of the home economics group recommended that study of beautification of houses and farm home entertainment should be continued, the former to also include improvement of grounds about the house. Next year's conference will include a course in landscape gardening, open to both men and women.

Cooperation between parents and schools with the view of furthering the parent-teacher relationship is also urged. The group voted to lend its cooperation toward this end.

Cooperation in general is held as a big factor in the valley's prosperity and the women of the county are urged to take an ever increasing part in civic and community projects.

The home economics section recommendations also an industrious propagation of the precautionary measures against botulism poison which was explained by Dr. W. T. Phy in his address to the home-makers. These spores may be killed by canning in a pressure cooker at 240 degrees Fahrenheit for three hours. Danger in eating canned food, not so prepared, may be eliminated by boiling for 30 minutes after they come from the can. There is no danger in fresh vegetables.

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strongly the expansion of the dairy industry in Union county, although a sudden increase is not favored, rather a gradual one. At the same time production of feed—legumes, hay and necessary grains—should also be increased to keep pace with additional head of stock.

The committee chairman was authorized to appoint a committee to confer with the county agent relative to the organization of a co-testing organization. The group also highly commended the chamber of commerce and Dr. W. T. Phy for the pure-bred sire exchange projects, which is now being practiced. The bureau of animal husbandry, U. S. department of agriculture, and its agent here, Dr. W. E. Thistlewaite, was commended for the freeing of this county from bovine tuberculosis. Dairy men were urged to continue to give support to this work.

Dairy men are urged to continue their study of marketing and production problems and are commended for results already obtained along this line.

Prunes
The prune committee recommended encouragement of better development by better pruning and fertilization. "Get quality even if necessary to sacrifice on quantity," the report reads.

Commercial canning of prunes has materially increased of late and an investigation of possibilities for getting a cannery in this section should not be overlooked, the report says.

Fresh prunes for Eastern shipments might be increased in this locality owing to lateness of ripening sometimes leaving at that time a bare market," was the concluding paragraph.

Cherries
The cherry group recommended that the cherry growers practice more shallow yet thorough cultivation as the means of moisture and weed preservation. That soil fertility and soil drainage needs more attention. That tree trunks should be whitewashed each fall.

That spraying for fruit fly or cherry maggot be made 100 per cent. That planting of Black sweet cherries be increased to a maximum of 600 tons, as far as to be more economically handled and to better hold the attention of eastern markets to this cherry belt. That growers of this section cooperate with other growers and growers organizations to pass some adequate tariff protection on Royal

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Berries
Heavy planting of strawberries over the northwest is held to indicate lower prices soon. "To take up the surplus at the peak of our season until we can ship in car lots might be accomplished by harvesting and freezing this surplus. The present acreage should be maintained," the report reads.

Acreage of black raspberries may be increased as local markets seem to be not entirely supplied. In case of over-production the berries can be easily dried and marketed.

The same recommendations may be applied to red raspberries as to strawberries in reference to harvesting and canning, the report says.

Cattle Situation
The livestock report touched upon the cattle situation first, estimating the number of cattle in Oregon as being less than in 1925. "Consuming demand for beef and consequently the demand for slaughter cattle is expected to continue good during most of 1927." Snow in the mountains is held to indicate good feed this year. There is a more optimistic note in the cattle business in reference to the price outlook and increasing prices are forecast. The group recommends raising cattle enough on the farm to consume rough unmarketed feed.

Hog Outlook
The hog situation is viewed as quite favorable and more swine are expected this year. The price on hogs will probably be maintained about the same as last year, it is said. The group does not recommend too much of an increase for fear of overstocking.

Sheep and Wool
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Wool prices are below those of last year and the group does not recommend an increase in sheep unless properly prepared to care for them, and with sufficient range to carry them.

Horses and Mules
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