FARM OUTLOOK IN OREGON GOOD

General Improvement Is Seen in Agricultural Situation over the State

O. S. A. C., Corvallis, Feb. 17.—General improvement in the agricultural situation in Oregon but with many lines of production impractical for expansion at present is shown in the comprehensive economic outlook report just issued by the conference here consisting of extension and experiment station specialists and county agents from all parts of the state.

The report which will be immediately edited will be ready for general distribution in abridged form to any citizen of the state, either direct from the college or through the various county agents. Committee reports based on federal, state and local statistics and first hand observations of specialists were made on the general economic condition, farm crops, livestock, dairying, poultry, and horticulture. A condensed summary follows.

Improved Generally

The general agricultural situation in Oregon is improved, the gross far mincome being higher than at any other time since the peak in 1919-20. There is increased activity in farm lands and an increase in number of farms. With increased efficiency and adjustment of production to market demands, gradual increase of farm income is indicated for some time.

Local markets on Pacific coast, where population is increasing twice as rapidly as in the nation as a whole, will probably tend to improve. Domestic markets generally are expected to continue about the same as in 1927, while foreign markets appear a little less favorable than a year ago. Credit conditions are favorable for the farmer now, and although labor rates are still 70 per cent greater than for the pre-war period 1910-14, a better supply is likely to be available.

Commercial potato acreage in Oregon is likely to remain about the same as in 1927 but it appears that material increases are intended in all states from Nebraska to Maine. Regions of high acre yields and low freight will suffer least from overplanting.

Wheat Expansion Seen

A world expansion in wheat area is in prospect. A three per cent increase in winter wheat is in sight for Pacific coast states. Justification for spring planting exists in the Blue Mountain region and parts of the Willamette valley, though in the latter flax, barley or oats may be more profitable. Increase in general barley acreage is warranted because of local and export demand. Increase in corn is justified.

Cattle prices are expected to remain fairly high for several years, but new operators are cautioned in starting at present high prices for breeding stock. Sheep are increasing throughout the world, but market demand is expected to be good except in occasional years. Efficient production is essential to continued profit. Only 249 stallions were in public service in Oregon as compared to 1051 in 1912. Hogs are still produced below state requirements, but probably to the capacity of waste feed available, which is the economic basis here.

Dairy Situation.

The dairy situation is favorable with increasing demands for products, without corresponding national increase in production, though high quality of butter must be produced. Little alarm need be felt over shipment of cows from state, as they are being fully replaced with better ones.

Surplus eggs of this state comprise but a small percentage of the total production. National volume will be little affected if Oregon production is doubled or trebled. The poultry business in this state is fundamentally sound, but depends as much on safe management as on current egg prices.

Apples at Peak

Apple production has about reached its peak in the northwest. Larger unit production at low cost is vital to profits. Little if any increase in Bartlett pear acreage is warranted. Peach production can be improved in quality and grading with profit, though no great acreage expansion is warranted except under exceptional growing and marketing conditions.

No increase in acreage of brambles can be recommended except on localities of exceptional cultural conditions and market facilities. Vegetable growing for canneries is on the increase in Oregon, having expanded more than 300 per cent since 1920. Walnut markets are being affected somewhat by fluctuating production in competing areas. Filberts are remaining more stable.

The complete report contains detailed figures and trends on which recommendations are based.

OUT OUR WAY By Williams

ALICEL PERSONALS

ALICEL (Special)—H. G. Avery county agent, was in this vicinity visiting the different sheep owners and studying the disease which is affecting so many sheep over the valley. Mr. Avery is trying to find out the cause and is also suggesting a few remedies.

Glen Ledbetter left Monday for Caldwell, Idaho with the Willamette university basketball team.

The entire community was shocked to hear of the death of Wm. Glenn, an aged resident of this section.

A. L. Taylor is confined to his home with a severe attack of tonsilitis.

Mrs. Lawrence Graham, who teaches the Alicel school and has been residing here during the bad weather has moved back to her home in La Grande and will drive back and forth from now on.

Mrs. George Gray was a visitor at Alicel Tuesday.

E. F. Brown is spending his third spring in the Butter Creek section near Echo in the lambing season.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Randall, of La Grande, spent Sunday night at the home of her mother Mrs. E. F. Brown.

Joe Taylor was called to his home at Elgin Wednesday on account of sickness in his family.

W. R. Ledbetter had the misfortune to lose one of his pure bred barcs, known as Princess, one day last week. She was a very valuable animal and had won many ribbons at fairs and stock shows.

Mrs. Reed Taylor is spending a few days visiting her sister at Dayton, Wash.

The mayor of an Ohio town wants to fight "Rossy" Gillis of Newburyport, Mass. Maybe Mr. Rickard could promote an elimination contest for mayors.

BEFORE the MIKE

SATURDAY'S PROGRAMS

The National Broadcasting company program for Saturday night follows: 8 to 9, R. C. A. hour; 9 to 10, Philco hour; 10 to 12, dance orchestra.

KGO—Oakland (384.4m-780kc) 6, dinner concert; 7, book chat; 8 to 11, N. B. C.; 11 to 12, dance orchestra.

KOIN—Portland (319m-940kc) 6, dinner concert; 7:15, orchestra; 11 to 1 a. m. Webfoot Merrymakers' frolic.

KFI—Los Angeles (468.5m-640-kc) 6, musical program; 7, orchestra; 8, N. B. C.; 11, midnight frolic.

KPO—San Francisco (422.3m-710kc) 6:30, dinner dance hour; 8, N. B. C.

KFOA—Seattle (447.5m-670kc) 7, Boy Scout program; 8 to 11, N. B. C.

KPRC—San Francisco (454.3m-660kc) 6:30, Cecilians; 9 to 12, dance music.

KOMO — Seattle (306m-980kc) 6:15, program; 7, concert orchestra; 8, N. B. C.; 10, musical program.

KEX—Portland (239.9m-1250-kc) 6:30, studio program; 7, orchestra; 8, good citizenship program; 10 to 12, dance frolic.

KGW—Portland (491m-610kc) 6, dinner concert; 7, KOMO concert; 8, N. B. C.

KHQ—Spokane (370.2m-810kc) 6, concert orchestra; 7, auto show broadcast; 8, N. B. C.; 10 to 12, dance music.

KJR — Seattle (348.6m-860kc) 6:30, dinner concert; 7:30 to 10, varied studio programs; 10 to 12, dance orchestra.

KGA — Spokane (260.7m-1150-kc) 6:30, musical program; 10 to 12, dance music.

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MEDICAL SPRINGS PERSONALS

MEDICAL SPRINGS (Special)—Another snow storm—about two inches, fell here Tuesday night.

Joe Wirth, wife and baby, Buster Harrison, wife and babies, from Wallowa were weekend visitors at the Wirth home here. Mr. Wirth took his son and son-in-law back to their camp Sunday.

The Women's club gave a play last Friday night. The proceeds go toward the community hall.

A dance was given at the school house Saturday.

L. S. Wirth traded two cows recently with Frank Whitten for three yearlings.

Bob Wanker was called to Baker Sunday on business.

Mrs. Udell Lay, who has been very ill in the hospital for the last four weeks, returned home Wednesday. The trip tired her some, she is doing nicely now.

PERSONALS

LOWER COVE (Special)—Winter has come again with two inches of snow and the thermometer six above zero.

Baby lambs are arriving daily at the Becker farms.

L. J. Chadwick sold a big load of fat hogs Tuesday.

Claude Burford is visiting his sister, Mrs. Hazel Lindsey, in Baker this week.

Mrs. Oscar Johnson is visiting her parents this week at Union.

Annie and George McClosing have enrolled at Frosty school. They make their home in what is known as the J. M. Gassel farm at Lower Cove, now owned by Mr. Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Chadwick were La Grande business visitors Tuesday.

C. D. Johnson left for Portland last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Johnson attended the Pioneer meeting in La Grande Tuesday evening.

Warner Bean visited at his home here Sunday and Monday.

R. H. Daniel is building a new garage.

Troy and Robert Becker spent the week end with their parents Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Becker.

The teacher, Miss Ida Roberts, and pupils of Frosty school enjoyed a Lincoln program on Monday and a valentine party on Tuesday.

The Ladies' Aid met for an all-day session at the home of Mrs. George McIsaacs on Wednesday.

PITCHING MACHINE?——NIX

AMHERST, Mass.—To the showers with new-fangled pitching, Hank Gowdy, Amherst college coach, who caught the best of the big leaguers, has ordered pitching machines off the field. Without a windup he finds them of no practical value.

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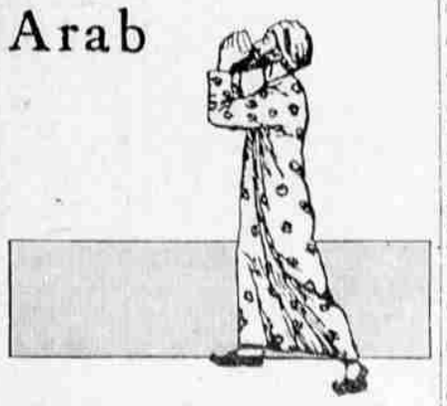

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5 Lb. Tin 89c
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Vegetables

Lettuce
Imperial, large 4-doz. size
Head 5c

Celery
Large, crisp Chuluvista.
2 Heads 25c

Cauliflower
Nice, plump, solid white heads.
Each 15c

Carrots
Nice, fresh, large bunches.
2 Bunches 15c

Potatoes
Grande Ronde Valley Netted Gems.
20 Lbs. 25c
100 Lbs. 89c

Bananas
Nice, firm, golden ripe fruit
2 Lbs. 19c

Oranges
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2 Dozen 89c

Grape Fruit
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Pound 25c

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Pound 19c

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