

Over the Valley

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Having Fine Success— J. D. Hobbin of near La Grande reports having had splendid success with lambing operations this year this season.

Up For Convention— Mrs. H. C. Govey, Miss Ina Govey, Mrs. Thomas Gibbs and Ellwood Matenson of Halfway attended the Christian Endeavor convention in La Grande last week.

Fractures an Arm— Harold Zurbrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Zurbrick of the Moss Chapel district had the misfortune to break his arm last Sunday.

Shipping Spud— South McKennon, of near Alcega, is shipping out some of his potatoes this week having found a market for the greater part of his better grade stuff in Portland.

Mrs. Perry Improves— Mrs. Russ Perry, of near Imbler, who underwent an appendicitis operation at the Grande Ronde hospital last week is reported to be improving nicely.

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Make Farm Move— Mr. and Mrs. Willie Sanderson and family who have been living on the Charles Sanderson farm north of Summerville have moved to their own farm farther up in the Dry creek neighborhood.

Appreciates Friend's Appointment— Miss Minnie Holman, who lives near Island City was quite elated over the press dispatch carried in the papers recently which told of the recent appointment of Miss Mary A. Rokahr as the first federal extension specialist in home management to work in the United States Department of Agriculture.

Returns From Baker— Mrs. W. R. Ledbetter of near Alcega and her father, L. L. McKennon of La Grande returned today from Baker where they have been making a brief visit at the home of their sister and daughter, Mrs. Charles Wright.

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Summerville has returned to her home in Summerville. Mrs. Wagner met with an accident to her foot last September and is able to walk now for the first time without the assistance of crutches since that happened.

Entertains Club— Mrs. Hurbach was the hostess yesterday to the members of the Clover Leaf club. This club is composed of a group of ladies who live in the Clover Creek neighborhood near North Powder, meeting twice each month in very interesting sessions.

Entertains Friends— Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Shafer entertained a number of their friends recently at their home in Moss Chapel district. Three tables were surrounded for pinocle, high scores having been made by Mrs. Charles Morgan and Mrs. Irl Trainer and low scores by J. M. Shafer and Mrs. Frank German.

Have Dinner Guests— Mr. and Mrs. Homer Govey of Pleasant Grove had as their dinner guests Saturday Mrs. H. C. Govey, Miss Ivy Govey, Mrs. Thomas Gibbs, and Ellwood Matenson all of Halfway, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McKinnis and three children, Myron, Harold and Wayne from Dry Creek and M. W. Whitlock. The guests left for their home at Halfway Sunday after an enjoyable visit over the weekend.

Returns to Hospital— Mrs. Pat Rollins of Imbler was brought back to the Grande Ronde hospital yesterday and another operation was performed, this having been the third to which she had submitted within a comparatively short time.

Entertains Aid— Mrs. Ralph Morgan entertained the members of the Imbler ladies aid yesterday afternoon with a good attendance of the ladies. The meeting opened with devotionals followed by a short business meeting over which Mrs. J. A. Gaskill, the president, presided.

To Pendleton— Ed Jasper, of the Valeria district, went to Pendleton yesterday on business. Mr. Jasper reports that the sales of his locally made product "Health Nuggets" is quite satisfactory with a noticeable increase in the volume of sales this winter.

Returns Home— Mrs. E. Wagoner who has spent the winter at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leo Neddler in the Dry creek locality north of

1929 OUTLOOK FOR AGRICULTURE FAIR, GOVERNMENT FINDS

The agricultural outlook reports published annually by the federal government invariably contain much of real interest but also a good deal of information to the farming populace of the country and all those related in any way to that industry. It is claimed. The state college using the federal outlook report as something of a basis and adding to it supplementary information compiled by members of the college staff also issues a state outlook. From this report much of importance may be gained. In speaking of the general outlook for the year 1929, the state report has the following to say:

Considering conditions for production, probable demand and price trends, so far as these factors may be determined at this time, it appears that the average income of Oregon farmers in 1929 will be about equal to that of 1928 and the average of the past five years. It seems probable that the total cash income from agriculture will be slightly larger than in 1928 when it was estimated at \$120,000,000, but the number of farmers in the state is also increasing about in proportion to total income.

On the expense side, Oregon farmers on the average apparently face production costs about the same as in 1928. Costs of marketing are expected to be no lower. On the whole, the portion of the farm income available for the farm family budget is not expected to be greatly different from other recent years, except as state and national policies may change the outlook for the industry, or other unforeseen factors may affect it.

"For agriculture as a whole, total gross income (cash plus estimated value of food grown and consumed on the farm) will probably be about \$120,000,000 to \$125,000,000. The agricultural outlook for 1929 is for some improvement in the midwest and east, offset by conditions in other regions possibly not quite so good as in 1928."

"Prices in recent years have fluctuated largely in response to production changes and except for the changes that may result from national policies designed to increase the price level of farm products, the prices of the principal products may be expected to show their usual response to changes in production and in domestic and foreign demand. If the gradual reduction in the number of farms continues, the average individual income will continue to gain somewhat by reason of the fairly stable total being divided among a steadily decreasing number."

"In the western states dry land and grazing sections can look forward to a somewhat improved wheat price situation in 1929, continued high beef prices, and lamb prices at a profitable level, even if not up to the peaks of recent years. Irrigated sections that depend on alfalfa hay and dairy products can anticipate continued good demand for these products. Sections depending on specialized fruit and vegetable products face continued keen competition, with over-expansion and low prices in many cases. Developments in these sections and in other competing areas, and the probabilities as to over-production, should be most carefully considered before new commitments are made in specialized products."

"In making long-time plans, western producers should consider the possible future down-turns in the beef and sheep price cycles, and continued heavy foreign competition in wheat, general stability in and growing demands for dairy products, and the tendency for demand for fruits and vegetables to increase somewhat faster than population."

Demand— The local and state demand situation appears favorable for Oregon farm products, and the demand outlook is generally favorable for those commodities which are consumed on the Pacific coast. Products which must be shipped to eastern states and for which prices are easily affected by changes in business and industrial conditions, may meet a less satisfactory market situation toward the last of 1929 or the first part of 1930. Economic conditions in Great Britain, Germany, Japan, China and other countries which buy Oregon farm products indicate that foreign demand may be about the same in 1929 as in 1928, on the whole, although prospective demand is better for some commodities and not so good for others.

The Pacific coast area is also increasing in population about twice as rapidly as the whole country. Oregon agricultural products which are consumed mostly within the state, or in nearby states include dairy products, beef and pork, feed grains and hay.

"Judging from recent trends in general business activity, commodity prices, and the financial situation, observers feel that business activity is likely to be maintained near the present level through most of 1929 but there may be some recession in the latter part of the 1929 or early part of 1930 similar to the recessions of 1924 and 1927. If the anticipated slackening does appear, the domestic demand for the farm products of 1929-30 will be reduced somewhat below that of the current season."

"Farmers should interpret the present business situation as holding its store of two possibilities."

ties, other a continuation of the recent fairly active demand for farm products during most of 1929, but weaker during the first half of 1930; or else that during the last half of 1929 and the first half of 1930, demand for farm products which are sensitive to business conditions may not be quite so good as during the 1928-29 season. On the whole, the latter appears somewhat the more probable of the two possibilities."

"The fact that industrial conditions are now at a high level, with some increase in prices of building materials, wages, and interest rates, suggests that farmers who are planning new construction may profit by postponing it until peak prices are passed and costs are lower. Similarly, producers of dairy products, cotton and flax, and the higher quality meats and vegetables, should make their plans with due regard to the possible effect of decreased domestic demand on the markets for their products."

Commodities which are shipped to eastern United States markets by rail or water include apples, pears, fresh and dried prunes, broccoli, cauliflower, celery, onions, potatoes, flour and wheat, hops, eggs, hides, lamb, mohair, wool, canned goods, and seeds.

"In general economic conditions in Europe are now better than they

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

Southern Corn Sticks 1 cup cornmeal, 1 cup flour, 1 cup sour milk, Small 1/2 teaspoon soda, 1 tablespoon drippings, 1 tablespoon sugar, 1 egg, Pinch of salt. Beat very well and bake in a hot oven.

were a year ago" but "Foreign competition in general continues to increase." "From present indications the purchasing power of foreign consumers generally should be as good as in the present season" and "Foreign demand for our agricultural products of 1929 probably will be about the same as for the products of 1928."

Oregon farm products which are marketed abroad include wheat and flour, barley, flax fiber, rye, hops, seeds, fresh and dried apples, pears, dried prunes, canned milk, canned goods, (cherries, loganberries, pears, plums, prunes, raspberries, strawberries, etc.), pickles, peppermint oil, honey, hides and horse meat. The United Kingdom, Germany, Japan and China are the most important foreign markets.

"In Great Britain there is no evidence of a material improvement in purchasing power of the consumers of our agricultural products during 1929. Registered unemployment on December 31 totaled 1,521,000 against about 1,200,000 a year earlier. Activity

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Fruit Worth More Than \$300,000 Shipped From Valley During Year

There were shipped from different points in Union county over \$300,000 worth of fruit during the season just closing, according to figures given out from state authorities and verified by local receipts to producers of cherries for the year. On these shipments which have gone out, Haskell Andrews, federal inspector of horticultural products, has made 327 inspections on apples.

With Imbler as the strong shipping point, about three cars having gone out from that place to one from all the other points combined, a total of 373 cars of apples have been shipped from Union county, distributed as follows—Imbler, 274 cars, La Grande 59 cars, Elgin, 45 cars and Union 4 cars. Approximately 15 cars are still to be shipped. Counting 756 boxes to the car, this calls for 282,328 boxes of apples, on which, we are told an average price of 85 cents per box was realized. This brings the value of the apple crop, distributed practically to the four corners of the globe, up to \$249,282.80.

Of pears, there were shipped 11 car loads, Union leading with 7 cars, La Grande with three cars and Imbler with one. Pears run about 570 boxes to the car, this amounting to 5,730 boxes produced here. The average price received was \$1.59 for Bartlett pears and \$2.50 for Anjou pears. It will be remembered here that one car load of Anjou pears topped the

market bringing the very highest price reported anywhere, or \$2.75 per box.

One hundred car loads of prunes went from Union county, with Union as the big shipping center, having had all the prunes shipped from the valley but two which went from La Grande. Union shipped out 100 car loads. Each car carrying approximately 1500 boxes or crates of prunes, 122,400 boxes make the shipments. The average price received was given as 40 cents per box, thus bringing the total sum realized, up somewhere near the \$50,000 mark. This seems very high when the situation of last year is taken into account, it is said.

The figures on cherries are not given outside the fact that the average price was \$1.50. Of the potato crop it was reported that only two car loads had been shipped from the county up to March first.

A New York bookshop advertised that a film star would be on hand to autograph copies of Joseph Conrad's "The Rescue." There's an idea. Why not whoop up sales of the Bible a little by having Clara Bow sign copies?

A report from Ottawa, Kan., states that no wolves were shot in the big wolf drive this year. That doesn't seem like news, but the story also said one hunter was shot.

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