

OREGON STATE NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers

THE MARKETS PORTLAND

Wheat — Big Bend bluestem, hard wheat, 98c; soft white and western white, 81c; hard winter, northern spring and western red, 81c.

Hay — Buying prices, f.o.b., Portland; Alfalfa, Yakima, \$14.50. Butterfat—24 @ 25c. Eggs—Ranch, 20 @ 22c. Cattle—Steers, good, \$4.50 @ 5.65. Hogs—Good to choice, \$5.35 @ 5.50. Lambs—Good to choice, \$4.00 @ 6.50.

Spokane

Cattle—Steers, good, \$6.00 @ 6.25. Hogs—Good to choice, \$4.50 @ 5.00. Lambs—Medium to good, \$5.00 @ 5.25.

Seattle

Wheat — Soft white and western white, 76c; hard winter, western red and northern spring, 77c; bluestem 86c.

Butterfat—24c. Eggs—Ranch, 18 @ 20c. Hogs—Good to choice, \$4.50 @ 5.75. Cattle—Choice steers, \$5.50 @ 6.00. Sheep—Spring lambs, \$5.00 @ 6.25.

Cottage Grove—Approximately 500 men have been added to the lumber payroll here during the past six weeks, a daily additional payroll of better than \$100 a day. So far mills here have not adopted the 4-L scale of wages, but they have agreed to the code of wages and hours recently adopted by members of the West Coast Lumbermen's association. The W. A. Woodward Lumber company has announced a flat increase of 40 cents a day for all employees.

Roseburg—A special county election will be held in Douglas county in connection with the general election, July 21, to vote upon the creation of a county unit system of school management. A petition bearing 106 names, chiefly of residents of the Canyonville and Day's Creek districts, has been filed with the county court.

Hood River—For some unknown reason the driver of a gasoline truck and trailer loaded with gasoline ran into the bank on the Columbia River highway four miles east of Hood River last Thursday. The trailer turned over, and over 2,000 gallons of gasoline saturated the brush along the road.

Hillsboro—E. B. Sappington, who was treasurer of Washington county for over 20 years, has been appointed city treasurer of Forest Grove by the city council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of O. M. Sanford on account of ill health. Sanford had been city treasurer 14 years.

McMinnville—The election in the six districts composing the Dayton union high school, Yamhill county, resulted in the election of C. S. Lewis for the five-year directorship and a tie between Scott Edwards and John Trunk. This was decided by lot in favor of Edwards.

Moro—Wasco county will receive \$22,663 out of the \$1,600,000 to be apportioned among counties this year by the state highway department out of motor vehicle revenue. This is less than the county received under the old system.

Delake—Two big road signs near the highway near Taft have been erected by the Red Head round-up committee advertising the annual affair for August 13. The Red Head round-up is entering its third year.

Medford — Earl H. Fehl, county judge of Jackson county, under indictment for ballot theft, has asked for a change of venue on the ground that he cannot have a fair and impartial trial in Jackson county.

Milton—Cutting of wheat hay by most of the wheat farmers in this region has begun, a sign that harvest operations are not far off. The yield will be heavy, wheat men said.

Toledo—Nearly 600 pounds of gray squirrel poison has been distributed through the county agent's office this year, according to M. J. Conklin, Lincoln county agent.

Eugene — The Walters-Bushong Lumber company's sawmill in Eugene resumed operations recently after a shutdown since last fall, employing 50 men.

Turner—Mrs. Arleta Steele, Turner's oldest resident, observed her 94th birthday anniversary with a surprise shower. She has been married for a year.

Gateway—A fine vein of cinnabar was recently uncovered in the Ashwood district by Charles Swanson and son, who have some mines leased near Ashwood. The report on the ore from the assayer's office is that it assays 808 pounds of quicksilver to the ton. The best mines in the Prineville district are said to assay only 25 pounds to the ton.

McMinnville—Wheat growers of Yamhill county will meet at 10 a. m. July 22 in the chamber of commerce rooms to hear explanations of the new federal legislation, S. T. White, county agent, announced. Paul V. Maris, director of extension, and G. R. Hyslop of the department of agronomy, both of Oregon State college, will be the speakers.

Gold Beach—Delmar Colgrove Sr. of Brookings has been selected to assume charge of the collection of uncontracted wool which will be pooled, samples submitted and sealed bids solicited from wool buyers. It is estimated the pool will handle about 100,000 pounds of clip from Curry county, which may be sold in one lot.

Canyon City—The wool pool controlled by the Grant County bank at John Day sold last week at prices ranging from 20 cents a pound to 27 1/2 cents a pound for the top three clips. This was the largest pool of free wool left in eastern Oregon. The average price for the 160,000 pounds was 25 cents.

Redmond—C. B. Nelson has 4500 turkeys near Redmond which he is taking to Swamp ranch on the Metolius, where they are expected to feed on the grasshoppers that so suddenly hatched on the lands of that ranch. The grasshoppers are small and dark and are said to hop only about 18 inches.

Pendleton —The largest banking connection ever enjoyed by Pendleton and Umatilla county became available here last Monday when the United States National bank of Portland opened the doors of its branch institution. Pendleton had been without regular banking facilities since last October.

Gervais—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cutsforth have an acre of sweet peas now in full bloom on their place a mile south of Gervais. These are being grown as an experiment for the California Seed company, which has warehouses here, and is the only plot in Oregon now being grown for seed.

Ashland—The Bing cherry crop in the Ashland district was damaged 25 per cent by a cloudburst that literally beat the fruit from the trees. Even with the 25 per cent loss, the crop will be large. Lamberts and Royal Annes were but slightly damaged by the terrific downpour.

Albany — Since high school transportation was defeated in Linn county, the directors of the Lacombe, Salt Lake and Green Mountain districts are considering voting special taxes for the transportation of their high school children to Lebanon in a bus operated by themselves.

Glendale—A tract of 160 acres has been donated by the Rev. J. K. Howard of Glendale as a building site for a permanent location for the Young People's conference work of the Presbyterian church of Southwestern Oregon.

Albany—Depositors of the two restricted banks at Albany have voted to invite the United States National bank of Portland and the First National bank of Portland to enter the Albany field with branches.

Independence—Percy J. Dickinson of this city, who has served for 30 years as a rural mail carrier on route 2, out of Independence, has retired from active service and will receive a pension of \$100 a month.

Medford—The city council of Medford will apply under the national industrial recovery act for funds to construct two new units of the sewer system, at a cost of \$70,000.

Scio—Thousands of dollars have been distributed in the Scio region for berries during the present season and more money is expected from products yet to be marketed.

Albany — Fred E. Callister, vice president of the First National bank of Albany, has been appointed federal conservator of the institution by the comptroller of currency.

Grants Pass — A 2 to 1 ballot against high school transportation by taxpayers of non-high school districts in Josephine county is announced by the county boundary board.

Grand Island—C. Badger of Grand Island expects to harvest 20 tons of cherries from his Royal Anne orchard. The orchard is well loaded. Picking has begun.

Ashland—G. F. Billings has celebrated his 50th anniversary as one of the business men of Ashland. He is still active in business.

Roadside Stands Sell Many Foods

Customers Are Attracted by Quality of Articles and Prices.

By Prof. W. C. Hopper, New York State College of Agriculture.—WNU Service.

Almost any sort of farm produce which is used for food can be sold at the wayside market. Fruit is well adapted to roadside selling; vegetables come next; while fruit juices, honey, eggs, poultry, baked goods, flowers, jams, and jellies have all been sold successfully.

City residents like to buy directly from the farmer, which is one reason for the increase in the number of roadside markets. Another reason is that wholesale prices to farmers have been so much lower than retail prices that farmers have made money from direct selling. However, the best way to discourage buyers is to charge unreasonable prices. It is unwise to charge as much as the city retail price, but farmers must receive more than the wholesale price to afford to operate a stand.

Prices should also vary with the grade. It is always desirable to separate produce into different grades, for there are buyers for each quality. Prices may be set according to the prices in the nearest city, with due allowance for distance buyers must come, the grade of produce, and the size of the container. The most profitable roadside market business comes from repeat customers, who also are willing to recommend the stand, the produce, and the proprietor to their friends and neighbors.

Tree Windbreak Saves Soil Blowing Damage

Severe damage to farm lands by strong winds that sweep great quantities of valuable top soil from fields may be materially reduced by planting windbreaks of trees, or by early spring or fall listing.

Planting cross windbreaks of one or two rows of trees at quarter-mile intervals at right angles to prevailing winds is suggested by Fred R. Johnson, regional forest inspector of the forest service in Denver, and State Forester W. J. Morrill at the Colorado agricultural college.

Such windbreaks would be in addition to shelterbelts around farm buildings. Cross windbreaks at quarter-mile intervals would furnish protection against soil blowing for a distance of about ten times the height of the trees on the windward side and about 15 to 20 times on the leeward side. Investigations have shown. As the trees grow taller they would provide protection for gradually increasing areas.

Buckwheat Mids for Pigs

In studies looking for a good protein supplement for pigs, Longwell of the West Virginia station found that buckwheat middlings have proved equal to or slightly better than linseed meal and cottonseed meal. Protein supplement mixtures consisting of two parts tankage, one part linseed meal, and one part alfalfa meal; the same proportions of tankage, cottonseed meal, and alfalfa meal; and tankage, buckwheat middlings, and alfalfa meal, have all given excellent results when fed as supplements to corn. Equally good results followed the replacing of tankage with fishmeal. But those mixtures containing buckwheat middlings resulted in more rapid gains and required less feed to produce gains.

Dutch Hog Control

An example of an attempt to control production by law is reported from Holland. An emergency hog act was passed last July. Its purpose is to maintain domestic hog prices at a level that will represent at least the cost of production. The act is now in effect. A tax is levied on practically all hogs slaughtered in the Netherlands, to support a stabilization fund. Hogs killed for consumption by the owner may likewise be taxed.

An import duty is imposed on all hogs and hog products brought into the country. An organization engaged in the hog industry has exclusive monopoly on hog exports, which include one-third or more of the total production of pork.—Indiana Farmers' Guide.

Post Timber

Many farmers in the Ohio valley, looking for supplies of fence posts at less cost, are asking the state agricultural colleges about the best species of trees to plant, according to the United States forest service. Farmers are showing unusual interest in preserving and developing farm woodlands to maintain supplies of lumber, fuel, and posts for farm use, and in this way keeping down the cash outlay for these materials. Among the species recommended for planting for post timber are black locust, mulberry, Osage orange, and red cedar.

POULTRY

FRESH RANGE FOR GROWING TURKEYS

Poultry Expert in Warning Against Blackhead.

When young turkeys have reached the age of from eight to ten weeks, move them out to range shelters on clean ground which was free of all poultry, turkeys or poultry manure during the previous year. A good range will afford plenty of green feed, shade and fresh clean water.

"At this season of the year, growers usually begin to have trouble with their poulters," says C. F. Parrish, poultry extension specialist at North Carolina State college. "Blackhead begins to develop and this comes, in most cases, from laxity in sanitation. Success with turkeys is dependent upon careful management of the growing poulters. Fresh range is essential."

Parrish says much attention must also be given to supplying the right kind of feed. In general, poulters have the same nutritive requirements as chicks. A complete growing ration is necessary for best results. Such a ration will include animal protein, grain, milk, green feed, minerals and water. Milk is useful during the first six weeks.

The same commercial feeds recommended for chicks may be used with poulters. However, one mash hopper five feet long is needed for each 75 poulters. Two one-gallon water fountains are also needed for this number of the birds. Place the mash hoppers and water fountains on wire covered frames made from 2 by 4 timber.

It requires about 60 pounds of feed, exclusive of green feed, to fulfill the requirements of a poult during the first seven months of its life. By that time, the poult should weigh from 12 to 14 pounds. Always keep turkeys and chickens separated, he advises.

Variety to Choose From in Finding Good Layers

The selection of a breed is often perplexing to a poultry novice. Usually the poultry enthusiast does well to select the one that most appeals to his own fancy. The lightweight Mediterranean breeds are primarily adapted to egg laying. This class includes eleven varieties of Leghorns, five of Minorcas, Single and Rose-comb Anconas, White-Faced Black Spanish, Blue Andalusians and Buttercups. The American class contains the middleweight breeds. Those admitted to the American standard of perfection are seven kinds of Plymouth Rocks, eight of Wyandottes, Black and Mottled Javas, Single and Rosecomb Rhode Island Reds, Rosecomb Rhode Island Whites (Single Comb Rhode Island Whites were not admitted to the standard because of a too close resemblance to White Plymouth Rocks), Buckeyes, Chanteclers and Jersey Black Giants. The Asiatics appeal to many fanciers on account of their large size and profuse, soft feathering. The standard lists three varieties of Brahmas, four Cochins, Black and White Langshans. The English division includes three kinds of Dorkings, four of Orpingtons, three Cornish, three Sussex, besides the Australorps developed from English Black Orpingtons in Australia.

Sand for Young Ducks

To hatch a brood of ducks with a hen has always been an interesting stunt with young poultry keepers. The ducklings themselves are most engaging in their ways, and the concern of the mother hen over their taking to the water is amusing. In many cases the pleasure of the owner is spoiled by what seems an unaccountable mortality among the ducklings. Fed the same as young chickens they are apt to collapse within a day or two. The common cause of this is that the feed is too rich for them. They are voracious feeders, and when they fill up with a grain mash are apt to have acute indigestion. The usual method of preventing this is to put coarse sand in the mash the first few days. A good big handful to a quart of mash is sufficient. Mix thoroughly and let the ducks eat all they want.

Weight of Pullets

At six months of age Rhode Island Red and Wyandotte pullets should weigh five and a half pounds; Leghorns, three and a half pounds; Plymouth Rocks, six pounds. They should come into production during the sixth month. A too early maturity is likely to result in small birds and small eggs. While Leghorns usually mature earlier than the heavier breeds, there is evidence that the best of them do not and that the rate of maturity is the same as that for Rhode Island Reds.

Housekeeping Art Needs a Revival?

Good Chance to Recreate Perfect Housewife.

Writing in the New York World-Telegram, Gretta Palmer, woman's page editor, has this to say of the "dignity of housekeeping":

"It is too bad that there cannot be friendship between the generations who are divided by a century or so of time. Think, if your great-grandmother were able to drop out of the skies to spend the day with you, what a tremendous, Eighteenth century kick she would get out of the improvement which science has contributed to the noble art of housekeeping."

"Imagine her delighted appreciation of the mechanical refrigerator, the stove with its oven regulator, fired by a turn of your wrist, the pots and pans which require no more scouring than so many bits of porcelain. You might not seem a domestic improvement to your great-grandmother, but she would love your kitchen."

"For it is one of the enigmas of women's history that as soon as housekeeping became reasonably easy, on the physical side, they very largely lost interest in its artistic possibilities, and that today, if we wish to find a 'housewife' who is ready to pour her soul into the perfection of a soufflé, we must go to those countries where the copper pots and pans still require energetic polishing, where the water must be lugged up from the well and the stove kept going with coal or wood."

"The peasant women of France, Italy and Germany look upon housekeeping as a pursuit every bit as serious and honorable as the efforts of their husbands to raise the best grapes in the district, or the finest cows. The middle and upper class women of Europe feel that the ordering of a gracious household is as dignified and difficult an accomplishment as those their husbands claim in the professional and business worlds. What is more, their husbands think so, too."

"But in America and, to some extent, in England the woman whose primary interest in life is her home is often regarded with pity. She doesn't win tournaments at bridge. She doesn't run a dress shop at a slight loss. She doesn't sit on committees. She merely counts the linen and fills the house with flowers and sees that her family and guests are served the most savory meals for miles around."

"Why this type of woman should be rated lower than her sister who goes in for politics is one of the mysteries of the Anglo-Saxon or delicatessen-dining world. But she is."

"And it is just possible that the cool contempt with which other women view her may be traced to the fact that it was in these countries—England and America—that the feminist movements were most successful. Our perfect housewife represents a survival from an age upon which modern women cannot look—even now—without a faint sense of alarm."

"Hers is the serene, well-defined life against which American women only recently most fiercely rebelled. She is the wife whose contentment with her lot established a norm for the whole sex, so that the occasional Bohemian, the rebel, the woman with a flair for other activities, was forced to submit painfully to an order which insisted that every woman be a homemaker. The perfect housewife was a menace to the pioneers who first insisted that all women were not contented as they were."

"But she is a menace no longer. The women who are fitted to struggle outside the home have established their right so to do so firmly that no one is apt to dislodge them."

"Couldn't the rest, at this late date, take the risk of restoring proficiency and art to the home? Isn't it safe to admit now that for most women housekeeping would be the greatest of adventures if they would simply let themselves fall into their great-grandmother's mood?"

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