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## THE OREGON HOG BUSINESS IN PERIL

From figures recently compiled at the Portland Union Stockyards, it would appear that unless there is a radical change, on the part of the farmers, in the handling of the hog business, in a short time Oregon will be right back in the position occupied a few years ago—almost no breeding stock on hand, record breaking prices in the local market on account of the inevitable shortage of supply and another hurry call on the Middle West for brood sows to restock the empty pens. And this deplorable condition is being brought about by the abnormally high price of wheat, and also to the fact that a large number of hog raisers throughout the state neglect to grow the necessary feed on which to finish their crop of pork and on which the surplus stock can be economically carried through the winter.

During a period of seven consecutive days, ending the past week, 12,000 hogs were received at the Portland yards, only a small percentage of which were really fit for killing, the balance apparently having been shipped to avoid the expense of carrying them until spring. The certain result of these excessive shipments will be a ruinous falling off in values, a wiping out of the hog surplus of last fall. Oregon soil and climate is suited to the production of corn, field peas and alfalfa, all of which are splendid hog feed, and until the farmer plants more extensively of these crops and thus makes himself independent of outside assistance, the hog industry will be at the mercy of any influence which may affect the prices of wheat and other grains in the Northwest.

## DOUBLE BIRTHDAY PARTY

A party of friends and neighbors gathered at the John A. VanHandel home in Stayton, Saturday night January 30, in honor of the birthdays of Mrs. VanHandel and Mrs. John Kintz, which fall on the same day. Besides the usual refreshments and games, dancing was indulged in until a late hour.

Those present were: D. M. Doll and wife, John Kerber and wife, Frank Kerber, Ed Kerber, wife and sons, Wm. and Jake, Geo. Spaniol and family, Felix VanErmen and wife of Stayton, Mrs. Katie Hassler of Perham, Minn., Jno. Kintz and family, Kitty Benedict, Geo. and Andy Zimmerman, Jos. Zimmerman and family of Sublimity.

## FINDS PIG IN POKE

M. J. Crabtree, who carries the mail on Route 1 from Stayton, found a live pig by one of his boxes last Thursday as a present from one of his patrons. He is going to raise it as a pet and train it to work with Chris Mulkey's two-legged calves.

## WILL ATTEND OPENING

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wilbur started for San Francisco yesterday. Mr. Wilbur will attend to his business that calls him to that city, and also stay until the opening of the Fair on February 20. They will start home about February 24.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

A number of friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. John VanHandel gathered at the latter's home in Stayton on January 31, in honor of Mrs. VanHandel's birthday. Games, music, dancing and singing made the hours fly all too swiftly. Refreshments were one of the features of the evening. Those present were: Henry Senz and family of Mt. Pleasant, Nick Zimmerman and family, Geo. Zimmerman, Mae and Dorothy VanHandel of Sublimity, and the Laux brothers and sisters, Felix VanErmen and wife and John Lulay and daughter Mary and son Henry of Stayton.

## TAXES DUE AND PAYABLE

Taxes are now due and payable. Both the Stayton banks have a supply of inquiry cards on hand. You can get these at any time, fill one out and find out what your taxes are in a jiffy. Do it now.

## SALEM TO BEND RAILROAD IS AN ASSURED FACT

### OREGON RAILROAD COMPANY IS WELL FINANCED

After a Three Year's Fight to Get the Road Through, J. F. Mounce, the Promoter, Says That It Will Be Finished to Stayton By June 1, 1915

"After devoting three and a half years of my time and expending my own money in securing the right of way and other property between Salem and Stayton, encouraged only by the staunch support of the farmers, I can now safely say that my road is on an independent basis." This was the declaration last Saturday of J. F. Mounce, General Manager of the Oregon Railroad Company when asked as to the progress of the road by a Salem Journal reporter. Mr. Mounce had just returned from a trip out on the line with Chief Engineer Merrill and from camp No. 1, which has just been established seven miles out, where 60 men are at work.

"The farmers along the line are more than anxious to give all the subsidy that was asked and to meet all our requirements," said Mr. Mounce.

Portland men were here today and were shown over the line between Salem and Stayton. Among them were Charles Daley and I. E. McCauly who propose to take a half interest in the construction contract with Mike Lynott and to further finance the construction of the road.

"There is not a line that could be built out of the city of Salem," said Mr. Mounce, "that would command the amount of tonnage that the Oregon

Railroad Company has tributary to their line. We have the farmer's products, prune district, mines on the upper Santiam, waterfalls and power and timber in unlimited quantities. While the distance of our line to Bend is 110 miles, connecting with the Hill system, yet the mileage from Bend, Oregon, to Portland via Salem and the electric railway is less than half the distance by any other route."

Mr. Mounce stated that while the line had been delayed on account of his sickness for the past year, yet now everything was working harmoniously; that very few railroads build their own lines, most of them being constructed by promoters and engineers.

Mr. Mounce felt that he had met with a great amount of opposition in Salem, although the railroad would be of great benefit. Mike Lynott has a contract with Mr. Mounce to complete the road to Stayton by December, but with average fair weather Mr. Lynott expects to have the 20 miles to Stayton completed by June 1.

"I feel greatly pleased," said Mr. Mounce, "that after a three year's fight to get the road assured and under way, that now the road is on an independent financial basis and that it will be pushed to completion without further delay."

## COL. M. W. HUNT: WELL KNOWN HERE: BURIED IN SALEM FEB. 3

Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—The funeral services over the late Colonel M. W. Hunt, an Oregon pioneer, who died at Berkeley, Cal., and whose body arrived here late last night, was held in the First Methodist Church here this afternoon, Rev. R. A. Avison officiating. He is survived by his wife, three sons, one daughter, a sister, Mrs. B. L. Steeves, wife of the ex-Mayor of Salem and a brother, J. T. Hunt, residing near Sublimity, Or. Interment was in the I.O.-O.F. Cemetery, the Masons conducting the burial services.

Colonel Hunt was raised in the Waldo Hills and when a young man enlisted in the U. S. Army, having heretofore belonged to the famous Waldo Hill militia, of which ex-Sherriff Frank T. Wrightman, of Salem was Captain for a long time. While in the regular army he was wounded when stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco, a rifle barrel exploding in his hand, shattering several fingers, and a young surgeon serving at the post at the time, Lieut. Leonard Wood, now Major-General Wood, of the U. S. Army, treated his

hand. After retiring from the service he studied law, and was appointed U. S. Commissioner in Alaska, and on his way to his station was wrecked at sea. He was saved but as a result of the hardships suffered his health broke down, and he returned to Oregon and resigned his position, entering the practice of law in Salem, where he was very successful.

For many years he served in the militia at Salem, and his military training made him a valuable officer. He had attained the rank of Captain when T. T. Geer became Governor, and was appointed a Colonel on the Governor's staff. Later he retired from the militia, gave up his law practice and he moved to Idaho, where he conducted several newspapers with great success. A few years ago he retired from all business, his health having become delicate as the result of earlier hardships, and went to Portland. He remained but a short time, removing about four years ago to Berkeley, Cal., where he established a home and lived in retirement.

## HICTING POST RACKS AGAIN AGITATED

The farmers of both Linn and Marion Counties are kicking for a place to tie their teams when they come to Stayton, and only expect to stay for a short time.

The city council worked on this proposition last year but did not get anywhere. It should be taken up again, and if no street can be used for that purpose, it would pay the city or at least the merchants, to buy a piece of ground for that purpose. Stayton can't live without the farmers.

## PARTY AT GEHLEN'S

A pleasant party was held at the Nick Gehlen home last Sunday night. Those present were: Andrew Rauscher and wife, Mike Fuchs and family, Jos. Etzel and wife, Peter Fiedler and wife, Mrs. Laux, Misses Dora Smith, Rose and Mary Rock, Elizabeth and Josephine Lambrecht, Sadie and Helen Staab; Tony Schindler and George Rehweim.

The evening was spent in playing cards and other games.

## BIG PREMIUM CONTEST CLOSSES FEBRUARY 24

The Stayton Mail Premium Piano Contest will positively close Wednesday, February 24. Now is the time to help your friends with that ticket of 2000 votes given with a year's subscription to the Mail.

A few thousand votes either way may make all the difference in the world. Someone will surely win those prizes. The last three weeks is the time to get busy. Just an extra half hour's work may land one of the premiums.

## NEW EDITOR

The Oregon Messenger has been taken over by R. A. Harris, former State Printer, and has come out in a new form. Mr. Harris says that he is going to run a strictly up-to-date democratic weekly, and has placed the subscription price at \$2.00 per year. We wish him all kinds of luck in his new venture. The publication is printed in Salem.

## \$10,000 PLUM DROPS

Editor Hornbrook of the Albany Democrat has entered into his just reward for the active part he took in the recent election in this state in behalf of Senator Chamberlain. Hornbrook has received the appointment as U. S. Minister to Siam at a salary of \$10,000 a year.

One cannot help wondering just how much Siamese the Albany editor knows, and what on earth the head of a country daily can possibly do with \$10,000 a year.

## INSTALLS OFFICERS AND HOLDS BRIDE'S SHOWER

Stayton Circle No. 142, Women of Woodcraft held their annual installation in their hall on January 27. The following are the new officers: Lucinda Miller, G.N.; Amelia VanErmen, P.G.N.; Octavia Kearns, Mag.; Dora Shreve, Adv.; Anna Riggs, Clerk; Hattie Smith, Banker; Ethel Malone, Att.; Imogene Huntley, L.S.; Charlotte Seigmund, O.S.

After the installation a miscellaneous shower was held in honor of the approaching marriage of Miss Sadie Staab.

## CITY COUNCIL STANDS PAT ON COUNTY ROADS

The city council met in regular session Tuesday evening of this week with all the members present. The usual grist of monthly bills was run through the hopper and very little real work was done except to order the recorder to prepare a plat of the city's water system in every detail, and have the same blue printed and placed on file as one of the city's records.

The reports of the various committees on licensing drays, erecting a powder house, etc. were received and same were laid over until the next regular meeting in March.

It was decided to stand pat on the improvement of county roads and bridges inside the city limits until some one really found out whose duty it was to improve the same. Adjournment was made about 9:15.

Valentines—  
At Brewer's Drug Store.

## CURRENT COMMENT AND OTHER THINGS

Europe will see America first in the matter of many household necessities when Europe returns to sanity.—Chicago News.

The fact that the Monroe doctrine does not prevent it from being universally regarded as a high grade product.—Washington Star.

Given time, says a New York doctor, the medical profession will end its existence by diminishing disease. We move that the doctors be granted all the time they need.—Detroit Free Press.

A St. Louis packer rises to predict cheaper meats in the not remote future. But the other packers unfortunately seem to be all "from Missouri" on that particular proposition.—New Orleans Times-Picayune.

Strange Symphony.

A certain clergyman was the guest of the Rev. Edward Everett Hale overnight. In the morning he came downstairs with a look of pleased surprise on his face.

"What a delightful custom you have here," he said, "of chiming the bells at midnight! I got up and leaned out of the window to listen. It was a pretty air they played, although I did not recognize it."

"This," said Dr. Hale, telling the story afterward, "was the first time I ever heard of a fire alarm being taken for a symphony."—St. Joseph News-Press.

In Doubt.

Ethel—Oh, dear me! I don't know what to think! Algy asked me last night if I wouldn't like to have something around the house that I could love and would love me. Edith—Well? Ethel—Well, I don't know whether he means himself or whether he is thinking of buying me a dog!—Puck.

Bull Racing in Burma.

A form of sport very popular in Burma is bull racing. These contests are largely attended by the natives, who bet considerable sums of money on the result. A native sportsman who owns one of these bulls values it at \$12,000, and it is said to bring him in yearly from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

Modern Education.

"How is your little boy doing at school?"

"He gets a good mark in the toothbrush drill and stands first in the breathing class, but he doesn't seem able to learn arithmetic."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

## ENTERTAINED AT KINTZ HOME

A party was held at the John Kintz home near Sublimity Sunday January 31, in honor of Mrs. Katie Hassler of Perham, Minnesota who is here on an extended visit with relatives in Sublimity and Stayton.

About ninety-five persons were present. The crowd enjoyed the day in music, games and a generous supply of eatables. Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Cleveland and two daughters, Ida and Jennie, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Algen and baby came up from Salem to attend.

## W. F. KLECKER STARTS OFF BIG SALE TODAY

The Big Unloading Sale at W. F. Klecker's General Store started with a rush today at 10 a.m.

The stock, which has all been marked at attractive prices, has been nicely arranged and the clerks have been busy all day wrapping goods. The Mail will have a full page ad next week advertising this sale.

## ENTERTAINS Y.P.S.C.E.

The Y.P.S.C.E. held their regular monthly business meeting at the Ward Holford home last Friday night.

Besides the business part, which was completing arrangements for paying for the church piano, the society was socially entertained by Mrs. Holford in a number of specially prepared games.

Among these were: Consequences, Lawyer and Silhouette. Singing was also one of the features of the evening. Ice cream and cake were served as a luncheon.

## WILL LECTURE AT WEST STAYTON

Earl Kilpatrick of the Extension Department at the University of Oregon, will lecture on "Some Ideals in Education" in the school house at 7:30 o'clock February 5.

The lecture will be free to the public and will be under the auspices of the Parent Teacher Association.

W. E. Thomas was over from Salem on business the first of the week.

# Oranges are Cheap!

The System Requires Fresh Vegetables in Winter Months

**Oranges, 10c-13c-15c-20c-30c a doz.**

**Lemons, 25c a doz.**

**Fresh Celery, 7c a bunch.**

**Large Head Lettuce, 2 for 15c.**

**Bananas, . . . . . dozen, 25c**

TO OUR PATRONS:

We are taking this form of announcing a change in our credit arrangements. Owing to the fact that we are trying to operate our business as economically as possible we find it necessary to eliminate extended or long time credits.

After February 1st all of our outstanding bills will be due and payable the first of March. So in justice to all concerned, if you should be owing us anything and you receive a statement requesting payment, we ask you not to become offended or feel that we are picking you out in particular. On February 1st we will mail to every one owing us, a statement, respectfully requesting payment as soon as possible, thereby conforming with our new policy of going on a cash basis, which will begin on March 1st.

We are publishing this notice at this early date in order to make it convenient for all concerned.

In starting out on this basis we are going to make prices that will compete with the lowest. This way of doing business may be a little more trouble on your part, but the saving will more than repay you. Watch for our price list later.

Produce accepted as cash.

# Thomas-Mayo Co.