

# AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK NEWS

Up-to-date Information to Help Develop Progressive Farming

## FARM REMINDERS

Amount of spoiled silage at the top of the silo will be reduced by thoroughly tramping the top of the silo each day for several days after filling. —O. A. C. Experiment Station.

## Queen Bees

Queen bees for early delivery can now be ordered. It is well to place orders early as the queen supply is limited. Lists of northwest and southern queen-breeders will be supplied beekeepers upon application to the Extension Service.

Furrows plowed through fields of fall grain, vetch and other crops to allow surface water to run off will save much of the crop from drowning out. This practice is especially valuable on low, flat, heavy or white lands.

Cutting of late growth on alfalfa in the Willamette valley is a good practice. Alfalfa appears not to be troubled with stem rot where little growth is left.

Alfalfa land going into winter in eastern Oregon should be moist but not wet. Fields wet heavily late in the season often kill out before spring. This is less likely to happen with Grimm alfalfa and with alfalfa on sandy soils. Alfalfa on heavy soils receives greater injury from winter killing.

**Fall Potato Planting? Well!** "Shall we plant potatoes next spring?" is a question asked of the farm crops department at the O. A. C. Experiment Station. "If you do, plant whole, medium sized spuds five or six inches deep," is the reply. Spring planting is generally better, it is said, wherever land can be worked early in spring. The potatoes in the ground over winter are more subject to loss from rotting, and injury from wire worm, gophers and other enemies.

**Bulk Grain Handling Grows** Bulk handling and transportation of grain are steadily growing at Portland, says G. R. Hyslop of the state experiment station. As the conveniences and economy of bulking becomes better understood every important grain-growing district will want bulk elevators and bulk grain bins for farm storage. "Many a farmer's sack bill is as high as his taxes," says Hyslop. Sack handling is more expensive and laborious than bulk handling.

**Wheat Dusting Needs Machine** "No farmer should try to test out copper carbonate dust for wheat smut control unless he has rigged up some such dusting machine as a closed drum with projecting cleats inside, to pick up the grain and powder as the drum revolves and let them fall back again and again to insure that every grain is completely coated." This is the recommendation of H. P. Barris of the O. A. C. Experiment Station, who is recommending that initial tests with records of results be made of the new smut control treatment. The grain should be revolved slowly enough to permit it to fall from the sides, and for about two minutes for each batch. The proper mixture is two ounces high grade copper carbonate powder to one bushel of clean wheat.

## MEANING OF THE WORD VEAL

Department of Agriculture Frequently Called Upon to Decide Between Veal and Beef

There seems to be a marked variation of opinion as to what is meant by the word veal. Ordinarily, when one hears the word uttered, he thinks of the carcass or meat of a young bovine. In most cases this conception of the meaning of the word veal is sufficient and it can be dismissed from the mind without further consideration; but, when one is called upon to state just what constitutes veal, there may be some difficulty experienced in determining when a bovine carcass is or is not to be regarded as veal.

Departments of agriculture are sometimes called upon to decide whether or not a rather heavy carcass should be classified as veal or beef and the decision conforms to the conclusion of authorities on the subject, which is as follows:

Calf carcasses weighing less than 300 pounds, with comparatively light-colored, fine-grained flesh, are classified as veal.

## MISTAKE WITH BEEF CATTLE

Many Producers Handle Cows in Same Manner as High Producing Dairy Animals

The function of beef cattle is to convert cheap roughage into a product that can be utilized by man. Many men entering the business of beef production make the vital mistake of handling their beef cows in the same manner that a high-producing dairy herd is managed, and, because they fail to realize a profit, condemn the beef business generally. The same thing would happen, however, to the dairy business if dairy herds were subjected to the conditions necessary for profitable beef production. The only difference is that few dairy herds are ever placed under these conditions.

In managing a herd of beef cattle, the overhead expense in the form of labor, equipment and concentrated feeds must be kept at a minimum if a substantial profit is to be realized.

## TO ESTABLISH COLOR GRADES

Samples Are Being Submitted by Beekeepers to Establish Rank of Extracted Articles

Samples of honey are being received by the United States Department of Agriculture from beekeepers in all parts of the country in connection with the work of establishing reliable color

grades for extracted honey. A new type of spectrophotometer will be used in this work, which will be done by agriculturists of the department in cooperation with the division of grades and standards of the bureau of agricultural economics.

## ALFALFA CROP OF MANY USES

Leads as Forage—Unsurpassed as Hay—His High Carrying Capacity as Pasture

No forage crop cultivated in the United States is used successfully in so many ways as alfalfa. It is more nearly a perfect forage than any other crop grown in this country. It is unsurpassed as hay for general feeding and has a high carrying capacity as pasture. With proper handling good results can be obtained with it as a silage crop. It makes excellent silage and when ground into meal is a good and easily handled feed. Alfalfa is so highly regarded as forage that some persons have attempted to create a demand for it as human food. Enthusiasts have tried to show that it has medicinal value. However, it cannot compete as food with other staple crops and, so far as known, it has no special medicinal properties.

Alfalfa is not only valuable as a forage crop, but also as a soil improver. It is not well adapted to short rotations, but the cropping plan on most farms can be arranged so as to handle the crop conveniently.

## MOLALLA

Mrs. A. D. Cow

At a meeting held last week by the irrigation company, the farmers seemed to be undecided as to whether or not they wanted irrigation. No definite plans were adopted.

Lester Burkholder has moved to his farm on Beef Creek.

Henry Nofziger, Emma Rugey, Glenn Hépler and Emma Schultz went to Hood River on an outing trip, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kennedy and family returned, Sunday, from Hood River, where they have been working in the apple orchards.

Mrs. Walter Olson, who has been in St. Vincent's hospital, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis, has returned home.

Rev. D. H. Leech, superintendent of the eastern district of the M. E. church, was a Molalla visitor, Sunday. He preached in the Methodist church Sunday morning.

While the Olson children were driving to school, Friday, the horse became frightened and ran away. The buggy wheel struck a pile of ties, throwing the children out, but fortunately none of them were seriously injured.

Mrs. Hale of Crescent City, Calif., is staying at the James Love home. She is nursing Mrs. Love, who is quite ill.

The Misses Vera and Annie Farr, of Oregon City, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Farr.

Ross Sawtell arrived from the east, Wednesday, where he has been during the past year.

Beatrice Park, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Park, who has been quite ill for the past week, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Sawtell returned from Washington, D. C., Wednesday.

Ray Pirtle has sold his pool hall to G. C. Calavan of Portland. Mr. Calavan has taken possession.

Mrs. Keniston and daughter Mallissa returned from Hood River, Sunday, where they have been picking apples.

Mr. Picher and son Lester returned recently from a trip through California. Mr. Picher and family came from Denver, Colo. Mrs. Picher and daughter Bernice stayed in Molalla with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Duchet. They are looking for a location on the coast.

Mrs. Burch, who is teaching the Mt. Hope school, went to Portland, Saturday, to spend the week-end with her parents.

Merton Love of Ashland, Oregon, recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Love, of this place.

At a caucus, called by the city council, on Tuesday night, the following men were nominated as candidates for the coming election: Ror mayor, Ralph Holman; for councilmen, Arthur Farr, S. A. Knaapp and O. W. Robbins; for treasurer, G. Blatchford; for recorder, Wm. Everhart.

## STAFFORD

M. A. Gage

Mrs. M. A. Gage was pleasantly surprised last Tuesday, October 7, when the members of the Ladies' Circle met with her, to honor her eighty-seventh birthday. There were forty ladies present besides her six children, who are: Mrs. Swoek, Corvallis; Mrs. Agnes Howard, Burns; Mrs. Olive Holton, Fulton; Arden Gage, Sheridan; John Gage, St. Helens, and Henry Gage, Stafford. The Circle presented Mrs. Gage with a beautiful blossoming plant and many other lovely gifts were given her. A delicious luncheon was served at two o'clock. Mrs. Gage came here from Missouri in 1872, and in 1873 she taught the first Stafford school. She has had ten children, six of whom are still living, and twenty-eight grandchildren. Her life has been long and useful and she still enjoys the best of health and hopes to still be able to perform many useful duties for her family and the community. The people of Stafford present heartiest wishes to Mrs. Gage for many more happy years and birthdays such as this one was.

The marriage of Alvie Wanker of Stafford and Gertrude Kennedy of Jennings Lodge, came as a complete surprise to Mr. Wanker's many friends in Stafford. The young couple were married Friday evening, October 20, at the White Temple in Portland, and after a short honeymoon at the beach, will reside in Stafford.

## CARUS

John Lehman

Herman Smith is surely building a splendid home. Erick Fisher is erecting a barn.

Miss Erma Caseday and Maude O'Leary were business callers in Oregon City, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Spangler made a trip to Portland, Sunday. They were guests at the Cummings' home.

Mrs. Herman Fisher was on Oregon City shopper, Friday.

Herman Fisher and sons, Ray and Albert, just returned from a week's hunting trip in southern Oregon.

Charner Jones and Dick Davis spent Saturday and Sunday in Portland.

The Misses Ruth and Paula Fisher, Lena and Mary Schmeisner, left Friday for Dallas, Oregon, where they will attend the Lutheran League. They returned home Monday.

## A WOMAN'S BACK

The Advice of This Oregon City Woman is of Certain Value

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# Taxes and the Governor

When a candidate for the high office of governor bases his candidacy on certain claims and promises as to what he will do if elected, the public is entitled to have his claims analyzed and examined.

In this campaign, Walter Pierce has gone about the country melodramatically tearing tax bills in two by way of illustrating what he will do to taxes if elected.

The voter, then, should analyze the tax matter to the extent of becoming informed as to just what part the governor plays in imposing or reducing taxes.

In the first place, the voter should know that the total levy in Oregon for 1922 is \$40,473,906.

This is a reduction of over \$1,500,000 from last year, so that it will be seen the high cost of government following the war is already receding.

Of this 1922 levy of 40 million, over 31 million was for county, city and school district purposes, over which the governor could have no possible control whatever.

Of the remaining 9 million for state purposes, only 3 1/2 million are taxes over which the legislature has any discretion, and of this amount, only 2 1/2 million are for the actual expenses of state government and might, therefore, in even the remotest degree, be charged to the methods employed by the governor in administering the state's affairs.

In passing, it should be noted that this state levy is an increase of 41 per cent, since 1916, and not several hundred per cent, as stated on various occasions by the democratic candidate.

It should also be noted that less than half of this 41 per cent occurred during Mr. Olcott's administration. This ability to keep down the cost of the state government to so small an increase, when living expenses in the ordinary home in the same period increased over 100 per cent, is a most creditable showing.

**MR. PIERCE'S TAX RECORD**

It is proper at this point to examine Mr. Pierce's own record on taxes and see if past actions as a legislator square with his words.

Of the \$9,376,289 of state taxes for 1922, which include the millage taxes, MR. PIERCE SPECIFICALLY HAS APPROVED OF \$6,894,039, or 73 per cent. He had no chance at most of the other 8 per cent.

Of the 1922 state taxes, Pierce introduced bills accounting for \$1,459,128, or 15 per cent.

In addition to this, he voted for tax bills introduced by others to the amount of \$8,114,

109, and he has given his public approval on numerous occasions of measures passed since he was returned from the legislature causing taxes amounting to \$1,020,804, making a total of state taxes approved by Pierce of \$8,564,038, or 82 per cent of the total 1922. There is no telling how much of the remainder he might have approved if he had had a chance, and it may be significant that the state taxes have decreased over 11 per cent since Mr. Pierce was retired from the State Senate.

Mr. Pierce has always been a consistent tax booster. He voted against only three per cent of all the appropriations of the 1919 session of the legislature and voted for all the appropriations of the 1920 special session.

In 1917 Mr. Pierce introduced a bill to exempt money, notes, mortgages and accounts from taxation. Yet he poses as being anxious to take the burden off real estate!