

**GENERAL MARKETS**

PORTLAND, April 8.—Hay—Buying prices: Valley timothy, \$20@22; ditto eastern Oregon, \$21@22; alfalfa, \$19.50@20; clover, 16; oat hay, 18; cheat, 16; oat and vetch, \$20; straw, \$8.50 per ton. Selling prices, \$2 a ton more.

PORTLAND, April 8.—Wheat: Hard white, blue stem and Bart, April and May, \$1.50; soft white,

April and May, \$1.50; western white, April, \$1.48; May, \$1.50; hard winter, April, \$1.49; May, \$1.50; northern spring, April and May, \$1.48; western red, April and May, \$1.43.

Corn—No. 3 early shipment, April, \$2.50; May, \$4.

Milium—Standard, April, \$2.95; May, \$2.95.

Butter: Extras, 43c; standards, 42c; prime firsts, 41c; firsts, 28c; Eggs: Extras, 29c; firsts, 28c; pullets, 27c; current receipts, 25c.

**HUNGARIAN VETCH HAS BECOME ONE OF OREGON'S OUTSTANDING LEGUME CROPS**

Resistance to Cold Weather and Adaptability to Poor Lands Has Brought This Vetch to the Front—Good for Hay, Silage and Pasture—Seldom Attacked by Disease

Resistance to cold weather, and adaptability to poor lands has made Hungarian vetch one of the outstanding legume crops of Oregon. Being a legume it has the ability of increasing the amount of nitrogen in the soil. It is an excellent forage crop, producing hay, silage, and pasture equal in palatability to that produced by any other legume.

Having the ability to withstand adverse soil conditions, makes this vetch of importance to farmers whose places lack sufficient drainage to grow other legumes. Lands that are heavy, white and sour will often produce crops of this vetch where other vetches fail.

Because of its winter hardiness it is coming into prominence as a green manure crop, especially in orchards. It has not been winter killed at temperatures at which other vetches were severely injured.

Hungarian vetch is seldom attacked by disease and insect pests. In years when aphids practically destroyed other farm crops this vetch was injured comparatively little and produced practically normal crops of seed and

forage. Inoculation is required with Hungarian vetch the same as with any other legume. Land that within the last two years has produced a crop of common vetch will ordinarily have enough bacteria in the soil. Apparently the same bacteria are found on the roots of both varieties.

HOMER SETTLEMEIER, Corvallis, Or., April 7, 1925. (Mr. Settlemeier writes from the department of industrial journalism of the Oregon Agricultural college.—Ed.)

**TRAFFIC PROBLEMS OF DAY DISCUSSED**

Chief Traffic Officer Raffety Considers Law Enforcement at Rotary

The motor vehicle traffic problem was presented to the Rotary club members yesterday by Chief Traffic Officer Raffety. The problem of enforcement of the traffic laws rested with the individual, he declared the speaker.

"The rules of the road are based upon the Golden Rule and it is upon this principle that the highways are used by the numerous autos traveling here and there," continued the speaker.

"The abuse or failure to use the arm signal upon the highways has resulted in many accidents. It is important that these signals be used, because oftentimes it means life or death for some of the travelers. Last year 66 people met death upon the highways, and a total of 20,000 people died in the United States from carelessness of the motorist," he said.

"We have to return to the fundamental fact of law observance, in order to retain our leadership in world affairs. The change must be sooner or later, but the sooner the better."

"Pedestrians are just as unruly as the drivers of automobiles. However, the benefit of the doubt must be given them. Altogether it is a job of co-operation in order to secure the best results in the use of the highways," declared the speaker.

In the introductory part of the talk Chief Raffety stated that a man who was born in Oregon, oftentimes failed to appreciate the beauties of his state.

A short discussion of traffic rules and regulations followed the address of the speaker.

**Typhoid Fever Epidemic Threatens; Water Cause**

LONGVIEW, Wash., April 8.—Puget Island, in the Columbia river near Cathlamet, Wash., is threatened with a typhoid fever epidemic, according to information received here. Five members of one family and three others are afflicted, it is reported. Ninety seven persons on the island have treated with anti-toxin, it is said. Drinking of unpurified water is believed a probable cause for the disease.



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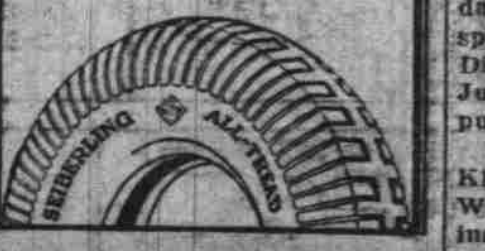
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**BLOSSOM DAY IS AT ITS AVERAGE TIME**

When Prune and Cherry Blossoms Have Come in 1924 in Salem District

Gideon Stolz has been keeping record of the dates of the coming into full bloom of the prune and cherry trees in the Salem district since 1914; but he had skipped 1923 and 1924. So he brought his record to the Statesman office, and it will be made complete by what one of the reporters found in the files. The complete record follows:

1914. Prunes and cherries were in full bloom as early as March 29.

1915. In full bloom on March 24.

1916. Blooming was well started April 4.

1917. Full bloom came very late, May 1.

1918. Blossoms were beginning to come along well on April 10.

1919. Some trees were in full bloom April 9, when there came a heavy frost.

1920. Prunes and cherries in full bloom April 23.

1921. In full bloom April 4, when there was a heavy frost.

1922. Blossom day was May 7.

1923. Blossom day was May 6.

1924. Blossom day was April 13. It was first fixed for April 20, but was dated back to the 13th, on account of the trees coming into full bloom.

1925, as every one knows, Blossom day will be next Sunday, Easter Sunday, the 13th of April.

So the reader will observe that the time this year is about the average time for the full bloom of prune and cherry trees. It is neither very early nor very late.

**FEDERAL CONTROL NOT FAVORED HERE**

Oregon Capable of Managing Own Affairs Governor Advises Newspaper

Sentiment is rapidly growing in Oregon against federal interference in local affairs, Governor Walter M. Pierce has sent word to the New York Evening Graphic, which requested the information.

"Over one-half of the area of our state is now under federal control through forest reserves," the message continued. "We feel the encroachment of the bureaucratic government at Washington in almost every activity. We are perfectly competent to govern ourselves. We will earnestly resist all future attempts to increase federal authority encroaching upon our powers of self-government."

"Agree with Senator Borah and fully endorse his patriotic utterances feeling that states' rights are being encroached upon to a dangerous degree. The attempt seems to be to change the whole form of our government. We believe in local government and not in centralized bureaucracy."

**State Food Inspector Visits P-T Meetings**

SILVERTON, Or., April 8.—(Special to The Statesman.—J. D. Mickle, state food and dairy inspector, was present at the Parent-Teachers' circle meeting Tuesday afternoon. Following the speech, three folk dances, "Age of Diamonds," "Minuet" and "Seven Jumps," were given by the grade pupils in costume.

Mrs. E. A. Booth, Mrs. R. E. Kleinsorze, and Miss Clema Whitcher were elected as a nominating committee for the election of officers at the May meeting. As a good sale committee, Mrs. Ira Steward and Mrs. E. Lyle were appointed to serve.

A fire escape demonstration will be held next week for the benefit of the Parent-Teachers' circle. A new fire escape, made by the Silverton Blow Pipe com-

**Boy Scouts Will Assist In Traffic Regulations**

Salem Boy Scouts are to assist in directing traffic on Blossom day, according to information advanced from the Scout offices yesterday. Practically every Scout in the city is to be on duty to act as directors of traffic at the intersection of streets and along the main arteries of traffic which will be taken by the many visitors to Salem.

Many of the Scouts will assemble at Scout headquarters after they have attended Sunday school. Friday morning, members of troop No. 2 will hike to the Peila county hills for an outdoor test of cooking, camping, tracking and other activities. The troop will be accompanied by Rex Sanford and Harold Ware, local Scout executives.

**TAXPAYERS BALK ON WATER ACTS**

Remonstrance Signed by 100 Silvertontians Presented to Council

SILVERTON, Ore., April 8.—(Special to The Statesman).—At the regular meeting of the Silver-ton city council held Monday evening, a remonstrance signed by 100 Silvertontians protesting against certain acts done by the water commission was filed. In their remonstrance the petitioners complained that the water commission had increased the salary of the superintendent from \$150 to \$200 a month, when a competent man could be had at \$125 a month. The petitioners also stated in their petition that the present water superintendent had been negligent of his duties. The petition had been offered at a former meeting of the council but had been ruled out of order on the ground that it should have been presented directly to the water commission.

The attorney appearing as counsel for the taxpayers, in his argu-

**ment to the council, called its attention to a certain section of the city charter which made it the duty of the city council to fix the salaries of all officers provided for in the charter. The attorney also directed the attention of the council to the provisions of the charter which made it the duty of the commission and also giving the council the sole right to remove the commission. And for this reason, argued the attorney at the Monday night meeting, it was the duty of the city council, upon receiving notice of transgression in office on the part of the water commission, to investigate such charges, and, if necessary to protect the interest of the taxpayers, to remove the commission.**

As the water commission is a separate body from the city council, the council could not act on the matter but referred it to the city water commission. Alfred O. Nelson appeared as attorney for the petitioners.

No other matter of importance came before the council Monday night, and after the completion of the regular business the council adjourned.

Jack Smith was arrested Thursday afternoon and will face a charge of selling beer in police court this morning.—Vancouver Sun.

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