

A GREAT ALFALFA CROP IN 3 MONTHS

Time Near When Forage Crop Will Be Increased 100 Per Cent or More

Frank Durbin, Jr., has been conducting an experiment in crop culture on the dairy ranch owned by Durbin & Son two miles from Salem, the results of which are of vital interest to the agriculturist of this valley. The crop is alfalfa.

Two acres on the low river flat of the ranch which is overflowed for a short time in spring was sowed to alfalfa the latter part of May, just three months ago. The flat was inspected by a party of interested persons yesterday, and all were enthused with the result.

Crying for Water
The soil is a sandy loam, in some places gravelly and far from being the best soil on the ranch. No fertilizer was used. No attention was given the crop after sowing.

After the first two hot spells of the season and just at the beginning of the last hot spell, Frank went to look at his alfalfa, and it seemingly was withered and dying. He heard the call for water and extemporized a pumping plant with a Fordson for motive power, got some cheap sheet

iron pipe for a conduit, and gave the tract a thorough irrigating. The crop responded with a bound.

Water Worked Wonders
Today there is a thick stand all over the field averaging over six inches high, and many plants over 12 inches high. Two plants 12 were dug up. On one plant the tap root was 18 inches long and the other had six stocks above ground and a root system with a tap of main root 24 inches long and several feelers 12 inches long. Few plants had tap roots less than six inches long.

Mr. Durbin feels sure it was the water that gained the day. Without the water it would probably have died.

Alfalfa must have both heat and water. Heat without water is death. Much water without heat is nearly as serious.

Large Acreage for 1928
Mr. Durbin is figuring on a large acreage of alfalfa for next year. Also he is nursing on the effect on the balance sheet with a forage crop double the tonnage per acre, and a better feed for dairy stock than clover and vetch now being fed.

It might be of general interest, in this connection, to speculate on the general effect it will have on the prosperity of the valley as a whole, when alfalfa is a crop of general culture and our forage yield is increased a hundred per cent or better.

But when that comes the era of irrigation will have come to the Willamette Valley—and both



GREEN PRUNES SHIPPED EARLY TO EAST COAST

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They have printed laced scalloped paper for lining, to make them attractive, the paper being furnished by the Western Paper Converting company here. The printing is, "No. 1 Oregon Italian Prunes, Packed and Shipped by Hurst-Hoyle Packing Co." This company does the packing in this district for the Denney concern also the place of shipment.

At the Canneries
The Hunt cannery is working parts of two days a week on blackberries. Will start the big run on Bartlett pears next week.

The West Salem cannery taking in pears. Will commence canning them next Wednesday.

The Starr cannery is full up on evergreen blackberries; plenty of them, and of high quality. Will not can pears here. But will can prunes. Their pears will be canned at their Portland plant.

The Producers Cooperative cannery is on blackberries. Is taking in some pears, and will begin canning them the latter part of next week.

The Oregon Packing company is on blackberries at the 12th street plant and beans at the 13th street plant. Will put up on pears here, and no prunes. Will make a big pack of pumpkins here.

Northwest cannery putting up some pears now, from southern Oregon. Will have a full supply soon.

The Paulus cannery is on evergreen blackberries. They will come for perhaps two or three weeks yet; as long as the crop is such as it will pay to pick. Will start on pears from Medford the latter part of next week.

Mr. Paulus says Royal Ann cherries are in good demand. Pears are also active. Other canned goods not active. Green fruit shippers at Yakima and Wenatchee have run up pear prices till the canneries cannot afford to pack them.

Mr. Paulus says prunes for canning will come in about three weeks.

INJURED YOUTH RECOVERS
SILVERTON, ORE., AUG. 24.—(Special)—Howard Jorgenson, who was injured several days ago in an automobile accident, was able to leave the hospital Tuesday evening. For a short time after the accident his recovery was thought doubtful.

FIND NO TRACE OF LOST SHIPS ON ROCKY SLOPE

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ington saying:
"The department assumes that the area westward and eastward of the Hawaiian islands has been thoroughly searched for the missing Dole fliers; otherwise, the department desires that this be done. The department is receiving numerous requests that the search be continued beyond tomorrow. Such action is authorized if you think that conditions warrant."

Admiral McDonald declined to comment upon the instructions, and it was not known whether the navy's search would be discontinued tomorrow night, as previously ordered from Washington. Search has been made twice by the navy of the entire water area about the group of islands.

SAN FRANCISCO, AUG. 24.—(AP)—Naval officials here were checking their charts of the Pacific ocean today to ascertain whether territory uncovered in the navy's search for the missing Dole air racers warranted an extension of the "zero hour" originally set for Thursday night.

Admiral Eberle, chief of naval operations authorized in Washington today Admiral R. H. Jackson, in charge of the search for the missing aviators, to use his own judgment as to how long the search should be continued.

From the local naval communications office came word that charts were being scrutinized closely. If a likely unexplored area is discovered, the navy may alter its orders to terminate the search tomorrow night.

In the meanwhile destroyers and naval planes searched the seas near the great circle shipping lane about 2,000 miles west of San Francisco for some trace of a wrecked plane or life rafts containing the crews of the missing racers Golden Eagle and Miss Doran, or of the volunteer rescue plane Dallas Spirit which hopped off from Oakland last Friday with Captain Erwin, pilot, and A. H. Eichwald in the navigator's cabin.

The plane Miss Doran, carrying Miss Mildred Doran, the "flying school teacher" of Flint, Mich., John Augy Pedlar and Lieutenant Vilas R. Knope, and the monoplane Golden Eagle, piloted by Jack Frost and navigated by Gordon Scott carried green and red flares as a part of their emergency equipment.

DREAD DISEASE GAINS

Three Cases of Infantile Paralysis Now in Marshfield

MARSHFIELD, ORE., Aug. 24.—(AP)—A third case of infantile

paralysis was reported here today, on south First street, where two other children have been ill in different homes. The case reported today was that of a two year old daughter of O. Rhine. The latter case was not reported until several days after the child had taken ill.

The health authorities are taking strictest care in the quarantine but feared there would be other cases.

PARTIES CALL MEETINGS

Committeemen Will Consider Resolutions to Hold Convention

PORTLAND, AUG. 24.—(AP)—Calls were issued for meetings of the republican and democratic county central committees, by their respective chairmen, the republicans to meet tomorrow night and the democrats a week from tomorrow.

A resolution will be presented at the republican meeting by John L. Day, county chairman, calling a convention to nominate the party candidate for congress at the election Oct. 18. The suggestion will be before the committee, which will convene as the congressional committee, to call the convention for Sept. 1.

WENATCHEE (14) COUNTY—

NORT HOWELL, AUG. 24.—(Special)—Louie, the full blooded Wenatchee Indian, who is helping the Steinbergs in revival services at Silverton, preached at North Howell last Sunday. Louie also preached at the city park at Silverton in the afternoon.

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COL. BARTRAM TO TALK OVER RADIO

TO Tell of Flax Industry and Prison Work Over KEX at 8 O'Clock

Col. W. B. Bartram, by special invitation, is to talk over KEX, Terminal building, Portland, at 8 o'clock tonight, broadcasting on the subject of the flax crop for 1927.

He will incidentally talk about the prison labor problem and the part the Oregon state penitentiary is taking in the development of the flax industry of this valley.

He will be able to inform his great audience concerning the wonderful progress that is being made at the prison flax and lime plants, which are turning out some \$10,000 to \$12,000 worth of products this week, adding that much cash to the state treasury.

LEAVES STATE POSITION

J. D. Beebe to be Employed by Salem Water Company

J. D. Beebe, employed as electrical engineer by the public service commission since 1920, Wednesday accepted a position as manager of the Salem plant of the Oregon-Washington Water Service company. He will assume his new duties September 1.

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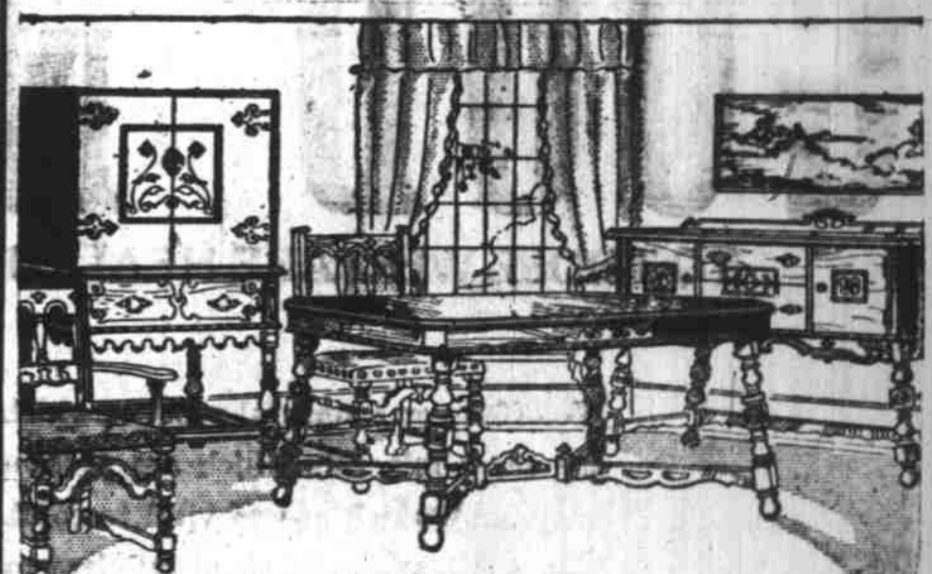
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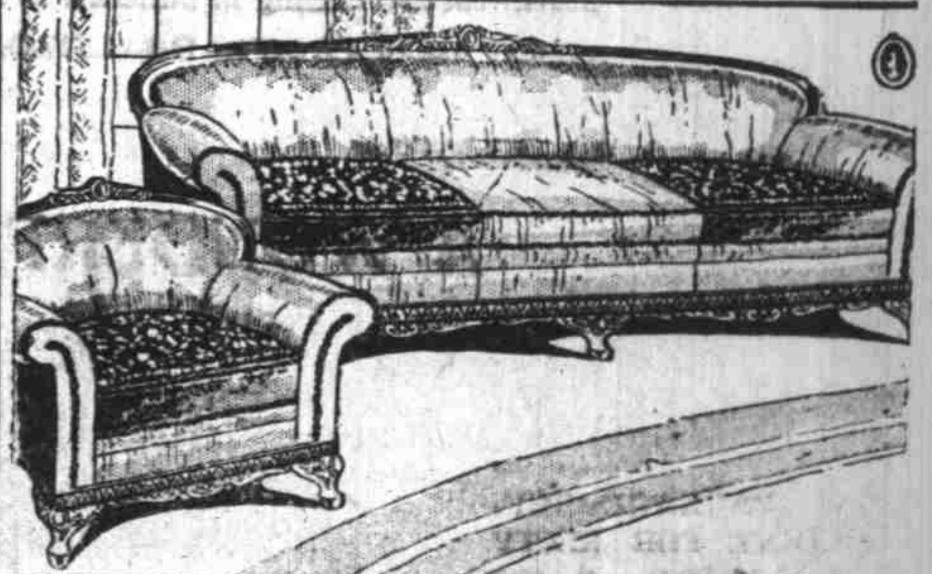
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