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Editor's Note

Mrs. Madeline Callin, Valley News editor of the Oregon Statesman, is also in charge of the market news of this paper. Each Sunday on this page she will portray the agricultural news of interest to valley farmers. Contributions of merit are invited.

PRIZE BEEF NETS \$8.25 LB.

4-H Club Winner Sells Prize Bull to J. C. Penney for \$7,837

The highest price ever paid for "beef on the hoof" was paid by J. C. Penney, founder of the J. C. Penney Co. and noted breeder of purebred dairy cattle, when he paid \$8.50 a pound for the grand champion beef steer of the International Livestock Show at Chicago.

The prize winning animal which brought this record making price was bred and shown by El-Hott Brown, a 20-year old 4-H club boy of Rose Hill, Iowa. It was a black Aberdeen Angus which the fortunate young breeder had named "Lucky Strike." The total price paid for him was \$7,837. Young Brown says that he will use part of the money to help his father pay off the mortgage. He will use most of the remainder to pay the expenses of a course in animal husbandry at the Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa, where, he states, "I hope really to learn how to raise prize winning livestock." What ever is left he plans to invest in more stock to raise.

Mr. Penney has donated the steer to the United Charities of Chicago, who plan to sell it again to increase their Christmas fund.

This is the second year in succession in which the grand champion beef steer has been raised by a 4-H club boy and the second year in which Mr. Penney has bought the animal in the spirited bidding which marks the sale of the winner.

Last year, the grand champion was "Dick", a white-face Hereford bred by Charles Goetze, a 4-H club boy of State Centre, Iowa. The price paid to young Goetze, who was only 16 years old, was \$7 a pound, but "Dick" weighed considerably more than the winner this year and the total amount of money paid for him was \$8,950. Goetze also is using part of his money to pursue a course at the Iowa State Agricultural college.

"Dick" was cut up into steaks just before Christmas last year and distributed to the poor through the Bowery Mission, operated by Mr. Penney through the publication Christian Herald of which he is president.

Other notable contributions to the spirit which is keeping the 4-H club in a steadily ascending rate of activity, were the purchase of Florentine's Eastern Lydia, champion 4-H club Guernsey heifer, by Mr. Penney early this year from a club boy at Chester county, South Carolina, and the donation of the Penney-Hall, a club house built by Mr. Penney for club boys and girls in the grounds of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition at Portland, Oregon.

Florentine's Eastern Lydia was one of the most uniform winners in her class at leading state fairs and dairy shows this year and was twice made grand champion.

HOOD RIVER WILL TAKE FRUIT CENSUS

HOOD RIVER, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A complete census of the fruit industry of the Hood River district including a detail record of the number of trees, variety and age, will be undertaken by County Agent A. L. Marble. The project has the support of the growers organizations, traffic associations and chamber of commerce. In announcing the census, Marble stated that every important fruit district in Washington and Oregon except the Hood River section has taken a census. He predicted that records of the number and age of trees would be valuable as a guide for future plantings.

DALLAS, Dec. 21.—Walter Williams, Dallas banker, en route to Portland, early Tuesday morning, encountered ice on the bridge across the Yamhill river north of Whitson, and was unable to avoid running into another car on the bridge who was also in difficulties over the icy condition. Aside from bent fenders and bumpers, there was no serious result.

Oregon Wins National Honor for Third Time



Oregon's three consecutive national Moses trophy winners greeted by Dr. A. B. Cordley, veteran dean of agriculture at O.S.C. From left, Edgar Grimes, Linn county, 1928 winner; Lois Bailey, Lane county, with trophy won this year; Alex Cruickshank, 1927 champion, and Dean Cordley.

Oregon State College, Corvallis.—The celebration at Eugene December 21 makes the third year in succession that Governor L. L. Patterson, President W. J. Kerr of O.S.C., and other official dignitaries of Oregon have been called upon to take part in ceremonies honoring national boys and girls club champions.

Though Oregon has but 13,000 club members directed by the college extension service out of some 700,000 in this country, this state has been grabbing this 50 to 1 chance with phenomenal regularity. First Alex Cruickshank of McMinnville won the coveted championship two years ago. Next Edgar Grimes of Harrisburg repeated the feat and now Oregon's first entry in the girls division of the Moses leadership contest, Lois Bailey of Eugene, makes it three straight.

Grain Market Weak and Unsettled; All Prices Take Drop During Last Week

Grain markets continued unsettled during the week ending December 14, influenced by large stocks of wheat in store in commercial channels and continued liberal offerings from the Southern hemisphere, according to the Weekly Grain Market Review of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Wheat prices tended downward and were a depressing factor in the market for feed grains. Marketing of corn, however, was restricted by bad roads and offerings of other feed grains were light. Price declines were less marked because of a fairly active inquiry from feeders, shippers and industries.

Market Weak
The general wheat market situation continued weak with large market stocks apparently overshadowing the smaller total supply. Around 190,000,000 bushels of United States wheat are still in store in domestic markets, while Canadian market stocks in North America have been increased to nearly 227,000,000 bushels, of which nearly 77,000,000 bushels are in eastern Canadian or United States markets, readily available for overseas shipment.

Domestic Wheat Down
Domestic wheat markets followed the decline in world markets, which was apparently led by Winnipeg, where wheat for December delivery was quoted December 13 at \$1.35 1/4, compared with \$1.42 a week ago. Domestic cash markets, however, were relatively firmer than futures with mills moderately active buyers of good milling wheat. Receipts at the principal markets were slightly larger, but a fairly large percentage of the arrivals were being applied on contracts for December delivery at the principal futures markets. Test weight rather than protein commanded the best premiums at Minneapolis, where No. 1 Dark Northern, 12 percent protein, was quoted 2c to 4c over the December price of \$1.24 7/8, and 13 percent, 14 percent and 15 percent protein, at 3c to 5c over the December.

Premiums on Hard Winter wheat advanced slightly during the week at Kansas City, where daily receipts were being readily taken by local mills, elevators and shippers. Ordinary No. 2 Hard Winter was quoted in that market December 13, at \$1.18-1.19, with 12 1/2 percent protein bringing 1c to 2c premium, and 13 percent

2 1/2c to 3c over the ordinary types. Pacific coast wheat markets reflected the weakness in eastern markets and also the slow export inquiry from both Oriental and European buyers. Milling demand was also of only moderate volume and prices declined around 5c per bu. for the principal classes of wheat. The breaking of the drought in the Pacific northwest and in California, together with cheaper offerings of coarse grains lessened the demand for feed wheat. While the limited export inquiry for flour restricted mill demand, receipts at Portland, Seattle and Tacoma were of moderate volume, but arrivals at Portland and Tacoma were only about half as large as for the corresponding week last season, while receipts at Seattle were slightly larger. About 50 percent of this season's crop remains in farmers' hands in Washington and Oregon, according to trade estimates, but it is not being offered freely at current prices. Big Bend Blue-stem was quoted December 13 in Portland at \$1.38 and at Seattle at \$1.37 per bushel. No. 1 Soft and Western White wheats were quoted at Portland at \$1.24 and at Seattle at the same price. No. 1 Western Red, Hard Winter and Northern Spring were quoted at Portland at \$1.22, while No. 1 Western Red sold at Seattle at \$1.23. No. 1 Dark Northern Spring from Montana with 14 percent protein was quoted at Seattle at \$1.31 per bushel bulk.

California mills were taking only scattered lots because of the limited demand for flour. Prices on milling wheat from the North and Inter-mountain States were reduced slightly, but were still above quotations on local grain.

Corn Price Declines
CORN: The corn market declined slightly, influenced largely by the weakness in wheat, since bad roads were restricting marketing and daily offerings at most markets were only about sufficient for current demand which continued moderately active from feeders, shippers and mixed feed manufacturers. Old and dry corn

sold readily but high moisture corn, receipts of which have been fairly large since the recent rains and snows, was in slow demand at most markets. Bookings of new corn to arrive were rather small at Chicago, as county shippers were generally holding for from 1/2 to 1c higher than current sales.

OATS: The oats market was also weak and slightly lower, although receipts were light and were readily taken. Oats for May delivery at Minneapolis declined 1 3/4c during the week, and No. 3 White oats were quoted in that market December 13 at 42-42 1/2c at Chicago at 44 1/4-44 3/4c, and at Kansas City 45-46c per bushel. Demand for oats has been of only moderate volume and market stocks have accumulated until they are now over twice as large as a year ago, and total around 30,000,000 bushels.

The barley market weakened somewhat during the week ending December 14, with liberal offerings both in domestic and foreign markets, states the Weekly Barley Market Review of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Rains early in the week broke the drought in the Pacific northwest in California, reviving pastures and improving conditions for seeding the new crop. Holders were offering barley more freely but demand was only of moderate volume and prices tended downward. Increased offerings of Russian barley in European markets were a weakening factor in the foreign situation and quotations on competing barleys were lowered 3c to 10c per 100 in English markets.

ENDORING THE POTATO LAW
The Columbia County Potato Growers' association, at a special meeting held at Goble a short time ago in connection with a potato show, heartily endorsed the new potato grading law, believing that it is working to the advantage of Oregon farmers, and commended the State Market Agent for his preliminary steps taken to enforce the law. They advocated the vigorous enforcement against the absence of proper branding in connection with the sale of Yakima potatoes which come to Oregon under a brand which is not recognized by the law of Oregon. Clackamas county growers are also giving strong endorsement for the strict enforcement of the law.

DEMAND FOR APPLES HEAVY

Activity Slight in Potato and Onion Markets, Cranberries Drop

Demand for Extra Fancy apples, mostly Delicious and Spitzenberg, for the Christmas trade, is showing greater activity than has prevailed all season, prior to the current week. Unclassified stocks, selling at cheap prices are also in good demand. Intermediate grades, as Fancy, C Grade, and Combination grades, are slow in moving, being high-price in comparison to the ungraded lots, and hardly fine enough for Christmas gift purposes. The "Give a Box of Apples for Christmas" idea seems to be gaining in popularity in Portland, as in eastern markets, probably due in part to the active advertising campaign sponsored by the Northwest's Boxed Apple Bureau.

Final production estimates of potatoes for this year, of 357,451,000 bushels, for the entire United States, shows an increase of 3,500,000 bushels over the November 1st estimate. "Although the actual percentage of increase is very slight, a certain psychological effect is noticed promptly, in which lack of buying activity predominates. Both carrot and onion lines is extremely light, this week.

Western cranberries, which have held steady at \$6.50 per 1-3 bbl. crate, were dropped to \$6.00 this week by some jobbers, on account of large supplies, and slow movement. Eastern cranberries, in bbls., have undergone a similar 10 per cent reduction, from former \$20.00 levels.

W. CRAWFORD FARM IS BEING IMPROVED

ZENA, Dec. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Crawford, prosperous orchardists and berry growers are making numerous improvements at their home "Sunrise farm" in this neighborhood. The spacious, modern home is being renovated. The beautiful grounds surrounding the house are dotted with flower beds and shrubbery. A spot of additional beauty was added recently when Mr. Crawford and a crew of men built a 33 foot lily pond in triangle shape. A connecting annex is to be planted to water hyacinths where gold fish will be spawned. "Sunrise farm" is ideally adapted to raising strawberries, gooseberries, cherries and prunes and a very creditable vineyard has also been started there.

Mr. Crawford is up-to-date in all of his methods of caring for his crops. As a side line he raises hogs. "Gooseberry King of the Northwest" is the title which W. F. Crawford has held for many years.

STATES TESTING NEW SAFETY LAW

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now in effect in the following 12 states: New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, California, Iowa, Maine, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Vermont, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Minnesota.

It should be said in fairness that sufficient time has not yet elapsed to permit clear-cut conclusions. To date, however, the experience of those responsible for the administration of the law is most encouraging. Not one state has taken a backward glance while several states are seriously considering the enactment of additional provisions of the legislation and the strengthening of some provisions already in effect.

New Hybrid Wheat Being Tried Out Near Pendleton

PENDELTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A new hybrid wheat variety that has the high yielding characteristics of Federation, enough hardiness to make it safe for fall planting, is being developed at the state college experimental station and is being tried on a larger scale in this county. This wheat, a cross between Federation and Fortyfold, out yielded all other winter varieties on the new Pendleton branch grain experiment station this season.

ARTICHOKES PROVE PROFITABLE CROP

Linn County Farmer Gets \$180 Per Acre From Four Acres

Farmers all over the state are interested in the increasing production of artichokes and a large acreage is expected for next year, although the industry is still in the experimental stage.

The first carload to be shipped out of Linn county was shipped by the Schuler Bros. of Crabtree recently. The four acre plot on this farm yielded more than 12 tons to the acre and the gross return of the crop amounted to \$180 per acre.

The Schuler planting was one of nine similar demonstration test plantings arranged by William L. Teutsch, assistant state leader of county agents of the Oregon State college extension service. The tubers produced on the Schuler farm were of excellent quality, according to Mr. Teutsch, as well as producing a yield that was highly satisfactory. Thus far five of the nine demonstration plantings have been harvested and the yields have varied from 9.11 tons per acre to as high as 14.17 tons per acre.

The tubers were shipped to the Pabst Dietary Products, Inc., at Santa Rosa, Cal., where they are being processed as a food for diabetics.

The crop was harvested with a power driven potato digger which proved highly satisfactory. The tops were removed from the field before harvesting. After being dug the tubers were picked up and run through a field grader, thus being graded into large and small sizes. As a result of these successful demonstrations, according to Mr. Teutsch, it is hoped that a new industry will be established in Oregon providing an additional cash crop for a limited number of Oregon farmers. The extent of production will depend upon the demand and this will be determined by the extent to which diabetics use the artichoke product for food. Medical research has definitely proved the value of artichoke products as a diet for the diabetic.

DRIED APPLES SOLD

LA GRANDE, Ore., Dec. 21.—The second carload of dried apples to leave La Grande for eastern markets and for export to Europe left last week. Farmers received \$6 a ton for culls which formerly rotted on the ground or was fed to stock.

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Polk County Agricultural Agent Reports Various Activities Among Farmers

DALLAS, Dec. 21.—Good pastures are the cheapest milk producers according to Professor P. M. Brandt who spoke before the dairymen of this county this week. "We think it a good idea to sow grasses with Ladiro clover for dairy cow pasture for the reason that it should tend to keep down bloat," stated Professor Brandt.

"Our Ladino clover pasture under irrigation supported 3.2 cows per acre for 155 days the past summer" stated Brandt in discussing this phase of dairying.

A few acres of fine pasture will replace many acres of the ordinary pasture of this county. It is entirely possible that alfalfa and grass under irrigation would be everything that Ladino clover is. Alfalfa will grow without irrigation and Ladino clover will not so far as practically every acre of this county is concerned.

Testing for infectious abortion is taking greater strides. Five communities are now working together to have the test applied to their herds. Hundreds have already been tested.

At the recent dairy meetings Andrew Van Otten of Perrydale, Dick de Jong of Ballston, George Dickenson of Parker and G. A. Peterson of Oak Point all signified their willingness to help group testing started in their community. By this method there is a considerable saving in costs to the individual.

R. F. Dodge of Bridgeport has

already listed 11 cow owners of that community that are anxious to have their cows tested. The applying of the test is done by county veterinarian M. D. Peterson.

Wallowa County Herds Improve

ENTERPRISE, Dec. 21.—(AP)—An increased production of 976 pounds of milk and 26 pounds of butterfat per cow over last year is reported by the Wallowa county dairy herd improvement association in its annual report just issued through County Agent N. C. Donaldson.

This increased production, the report says, has resulted in an average increased profit per cow of \$18.19 over the previous year. The average profit per cow above feed cost in 1927 was \$82.93. This year it is \$101.12.

Elimination of "boarder" cows and better feeding practices were the two reasons given for the profitable business by County Agent Donaldson. In 1928 members of the cow testing association eliminated only 35 "boarder" cows while during the past year 142 were sent to the block. Records were kept and tests made on 35 herds with a total of 563 cows in the association this year. The association has just completed organization for another year's work under the supervision of the state college.

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