

News of the Farmer and His Work

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The Diversified Interests of the Valley Agriculturalist

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.

MT. ANGEL FARM WINS PRIZES

Record Making Holstein Herd Has Been Built Up At College Farm

Five years ago just an ordinary dairy herd, today one of the leading herds of the northwest, with state champion cattle, is the accomplishment of the Mt. Angel college stock farm.

The herd was first developed under the management of Rev. Fr. Martin. In 1920 Rev. Fr. Joseph, O. S. B. took over the management and built the fine dairy barn which is now in use. He realized that an expert dairyman was needed if the farm was to reach the standard of which he dreamed.

In 1924 L. H. Thomas came to take charge of the farm and in the fall of that year the first animals for the foundation of the herd were bought. Among the lot was the present senior herd sire, Valdesa De Kol, now recognized as one of the greatest proven sires in America.

The following spring another group of fine animals was purchased, including the grand champion cow at the Oregon state fair in 1925, Tillamook Lillith Beauty. Nearly a year ago the bull Sir Walter Inka Homestead 2nd was bought. His sire was grand champion at the Oregon state fair for 3 years straight, 1924, 1925 and 1926. Sir Walter was grand champion at the fair in 1929.

There are now about 80 head of registered Holsteins at the farm. It is an abortion free herd and for several years has been accredited free from tuberculosis.

Cows capable of giving over 100 pounds of milk daily are found in the herd. To accomplish this is more than mere luck. No cow is kept in the herd that will not give over 400 pounds of butter fat. This rule applies even to heifers.

The utmost care in selection of stock, feeding and general care has been and is being exercised at the farm. Five men are employed who work under the direction of Lawrence Thomas.

Young stock, the heifers and in constant demand. More than \$5000 worth has been sold during the year, mostly young bulls. The demand for stock from this prize winning herd is constant.

PRIZE WINNERS FROM MT. ANGEL COLLEGE FARM



Top—Santiam Model Netherland—Oregon state champion, four year old. First prize, Junior A. R. O. cow at Pacific International Livestock Show in 1929. Her record is 29,294.9 pounds of milk and 1083 pounds of butter fat at four years of age.



MARKET RISE IS GENERAL

Wheat Leads Advance in all Prices Except Dairy and Produce

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Grain led the advance in the general market situation in Portland during the week and the increase in prices was reflected in nearly all markets except dairy and produce.

Big Bend Bluestem was quoted on a cash basis at \$1.38 at the close of the week, contrasted a close of \$1.34 last week. Soft white was sold at \$1.26, up four cents. Hard winter was quoted at \$1.24 along with western red and northern spring, these varieties showing a decline. Oats, however, registered a 50 cent gain for the week, quoted at \$35.50 for No. 2, 38-lb. white.

Hogs were about 25c up, with heavyweights offered at 8.75 to 10.25; lightweights at 10.25 to 10.50, and feeder stock 8.50 to 9.25.

Prices held steady in all livestock lines, however, with trade at the yards light. The bulk of hogs was shipped direct.

Low-grade cattle were dragging and prices were generally unchanged over last week. Sheep too, were unchanged.

The Farm Week in Washington

By FRANK I. WELLER, Farm Editor

Associated Press Feature Service WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Acknowledging the commendation of Secretary Hyde, American meat packers and wholesalers have settled during the week and since that we found the demand for our products—and this demand is growing all the time.

It is the first time the industry as a whole has come together to set out the things that are "unfair, wasteful and uneconomical" and pledge uniform opposition to them. The move was initiated by the Institute of American Meat Packers, inspired by theories of former Secretary Jardine and former President Coolidge as early as 1925.

Mr. Hyde, who asked the trade conference not to adjourn without adopting a code of practices, calls it an epoch-making agreement.

In fine, the meat industry takes a stand against secret rebates, secret concessions or secret allowances; attempts to obscure the price at which goods are sold or to discriminate unduly among the buyers; and against attempts to get business by giving premiums or coupons with packing house products, and "guaranteeing" customers against market declines or advances.

It insists that goods not be sold below a reasonable market value for the purpose of injuring a competitor, and that no unwarranted attempt be made to evade the fulfillment of an agreement to purchase or sell or to receive or deliver goods.

The code forbids misleading statements concerning the grade, quality, condition, quantity, nature, origin or preparation of any packing house product, and defamatory or untrue statements concerning a competitor, his business, his policies or his product.

FIVE ANIMALS SHOT BY COUGAR HUNTER

PORTLAND.—(AP)—Tacturn Elmer Miller, for nearly 25 years state predatory animal hunter, made a particularly proper and spectacular gesture on the eye of his resignation of nearly a lifetime in hunting down cougars in the underbrush of southwestern Oregon.

Miller bagged five of the wily cats, killing three in one day, hung up his rifle and called it a job well done. So did the state game commission.

Miller, born and reared in Curry county on a farm along the Pistol river, knows the hills like an open book, for he has hunted in them since boyhood. He has killed so many mountain lions that he can't begin to estimate the exact number. In one six-month period last year he killed 16.

The hunter's reports, short and sharp, bore a wealth of hunting material. One stated: "Left my ranch for Oak Grove at 7 o'clock in the morning. Rover picked up cougar trail and treed female. Prince treed female, Ring and Rover treed cougar." That was all, but it indicated how Miller worked and how his record for all predatory hunters in the state stood alone.

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FUTURE OF FRUIT GROWING FORECAST

Veteran Nurseryman Tells of Possibilities for Oregon Products

(A. J. Mathis, for 25 years proprietor of the Fruitland nursery here, gives a forecast of the fruit industry in the Salem territory.)

"The fruit industry is gradually trending toward more substantial profits for the grower. The return of prunes to a fair price has helped materially to bring about this situation. We find that the profits are very good on walnuts, cherries, filberts, pears, peaches and pears.

Naturally the growers in the community have many obstacles to overcome and will continue to have them until they cooperate in growing good fruit, with careful attention to spraying, pruning and quality of stock set out. Above all else the growers must cooperate in advertising Oregon produce. Through the labeling of Oregon fruit as such the public will be quick to demand Oregon fruit when buying. This demand for our products will naturally bring about steady profits and satisfaction for the growers.

VEGETABLE MARKET IS VERY ACTIVE

Movement of fresh fruits and wholesale market, was the heaviest in many weeks, last Monday and Tuesday.

Unofficial reports indicate potato storage holdings at the Klamath Falls district of 500 cars, and at Deschutes, of 75-100 cars. These storage holdings represent about 50 per cent of the total production of these two districts. Potato movement, which has been dull for several weeks, was not especially accelerated by the holiday trading which characterized most classes of fruits and vegetables.

Winter vegetable arrivals from Mexico appeared today, with a carload of tomatoes and green peas. Quality is very good and prices fairly high.

JAPS REACH ENGLAND LONDON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The Japanese delegation to the five naval disarmament conference arrived at their destination tonight after landing at Southampton in the afternoon.

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Machine Age Gives Leisure For 'Finer, Nobler Life' for Americans, Says Expert

Predicting an American renaissance in which the present trend of life will be regenerated and "lifted out of the turmoil of confusion," Henry James Forman, in an article to be published in the January Pictorial Review, declares that American women, given absolute leisure by the development of the machine age, will bring about a finer, nobler life for herself, her husband and her children.

The former magazine editor and author of "The Captain of His Soul," "The Enchanted Garden," and other books declares that, far from being the bogey some people picture it as being, the machine age will make the employment of leisure woman's problem of problems—"the most agreeable problem ever presented to womanhood since the Garden of Eden." He says, in part: "As one of the old superstitions are laid aside, exploded, laughed out of court, we create new bogies to take their place. Just now it is the machine age. It will enslave us, we hear; it will be the final death-blow to our civilization; it will mechanize us—deprive us of souls. In the end we shall all be a race of machine-tenders—slaves.

"Now the truth is there has always been a machine age—ever since man became inventive. The wheel, the loom, the printing press, the steam engine, the dynamo—the machine, in short, has always been of the most tremendous help to us, or we would not have gone on inventing it. And its recent, almost fabulous, development is of supreme interest to all of us, and especially to women. To women because steadily, it is freeing them, and will free them yet more completely, from the last vestiges of their age-long subjection to drudgery.

"Never, in all history, have American women stood on the verge of so much freedom and leisure. But few, comparatively, have been able to bring themselves pass over that verge. So take it all in all, in the light of a long chain of precedents, the tremendous struggle of women from the most primitive drudgery, when she was cook, housekeeper, spinner, weaver, and beast of burden, as well as mother and wife, is very nearly at an end. Why then, does she hesitate?

"The answer seems to be habit—habit ingrained during a million years. The point of the whole matter is, not only has woman nothing to fear from the machine age, but for her own and her family's sake she had better welcome it with open arms and as speedily as possible.

"So soon as woman has accepted the machine and its age she will be ready for her next great step—nothing else than to indicate to mankind—to ingrain—to breed into it—the right use of leisure. For, however much leisure the American woman now possesses, compared with her grandmother, she will soon have infinitely more. In the very near future the employment of that leisure will be the problem of problems—the most agreeable problem ever presented to womanhood since the Garden of Eden. And just as surely as women are completely freed, they will think even more boldly, farther into the future."

MORE PLANES SENT MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Commander Mejanov of the Soviet military air force announced this evening that an additional Russian expedition of three airplanes would be sent shortly to join the search for Carl Ben Eldson and Earl Borland off the Siberian coast.

OREGON CROPS IN 1929 VERY GOOD

The total value of Oregon's 17 most important field and fruit crops in 1929 is \$92,859,000 compared to \$82,153,000 last year on an increase of 14.2 per cent, according to the December summary of the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service. This increase is due chiefly to a large oats crop, a potato crop worth over 20 per cent more this year than last although only 60 per cent as large; an increase of over five and a half million dollars in all tame hay valuation and a corresponding increase in wild hay. Among Oregon's principal fruit crops pears show a 98 per cent increase in value over last year and the dried prune crop is worth approximately six times what it was a year ago. These increases more than offset the drops the value of which show decline from a year ago. Most important of these are apples where the 1929 valuation of total crop is slightly less than two-thirds of the 1928 valuation.

Preliminary estimates of production of Oregon crops remained as published from month to month during the past season with the single exception of apples. The last estimate of total apple production based upon the November first condition figure was 5,320,000 bu. which was manifestly too high although this figure was a decrease of approximately 15 per cent from the 6,034,000 bu. on July first. The December revised figure is 4,000,000 bu. as shown in the following table, summary of principal Oregon and United States crops is contained in the table.

Coods are outnumbered almost two to one by men at the University of Missouri which has 4,935 students. Its greatest enrollment. A Wisconsin judge held an undertaking prior to be a nuisance.

Clean-Up of Odds and Ends

CHRISTMAS... then what?— INVENTORY!

We have had an unusually good year—We have sold a lot of merchandise and as the time for taking inventory approaches, we find a number of odds and ends in our stock that must be disposed of. To do this we are offering exceptional values throughout our entire store. Here are a few:

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- Corner Cabinet—\$27.75 (Colonial corner cabinet in mahogany—\$37.50 for)
- DINING ROOM SUITES—\$152.50 (8-Piece Italian Renaissance Dining Suite in blended walnut, tapestry upholstered chairs—\$247.50)
- 6-PIECE DINING SUITE—\$123.50 (American walnut—\$199.00, for)
- 6-PIECE SPANISH DINETTE SUITE—\$67.50 (Consisting of refractory table, chairs upholstered with red mohair—Regular \$122.00 for.....)
- 3-PIECE DAVENPORT SUITE—\$167.50 (Covered in fine mohair with silk and wool tapestry—verse, carved mahogany frame. Regular \$309.00 for....)
- 3-PIECE COLONIAL DAVENPORT SET—\$69.75 (Covered in tapestry—Regular \$126.00 for.....)
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Tillamook Lillith Beauty, grand champion cow Oregon state fair, 1929