

News of the Farmer and His Work

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The Diversified Interests of the Valley Agriculturalist

Editor's Note

Mrs. Madeline Cahill, 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.

MARKET STEADY ON BUTTERFAT

Wheat Market Nervous and Poultry Shows Bad Slump

Trading in the butter market remains strong with the price unchanged, Salem buyers were still quoting butterfat at 26 cents with no immediate change in prospect. The Portland market was steady with consumers' demand good. The continued low prices on chickens have forced the farmers to discontinue offerings. The average producer refuses to sell chickens at a price lower than that of wheat beef.

The wheat market was steady slightly by the farm board move for a stabilized program. Faced with the first emergency, that of a wheat surplus and shortage of market, the federal farm board will meet Monday to decide whether or not it will take action in the matter. The recent farm board announcement that there would be no change in its loan figures for the rest of the season has only increased the hectic condition of opinion as to the market situation.

Local hay quotations varied widely. Offerings on oats, vetch and clover varied from \$18 to \$24 while alfalfa prices ranged from \$20 to \$30. Corn prices were strong while oats showed a slight gain over earlier in the week. A heavy unload of Yakima potatoes on the Portland market caused a slump during the week but closing markets showed a slight advance.

SOCIETY

National Club to Be Formed Here

Monday afternoon a new club is to be organized at the Salem public library. This is the Delphinian club and when organized will carry a charter membership role of about 50 of the prominent women of Salem. The motive of the club is purely cultural and along the lines of modern methods in adult education. Mrs. Leta Latham Goble, national director for the Pacific coast will be present for this meeting and will present the charter. Officers will be elected, a constitution will be adopted and a definite meeting date will be set. There are at present several chapters of the Delphinian society which are active in valley towns near Salem.

Silverton Dinner Party-Happy Affair

SILVERTON.—Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Livingstone entertained at a pleasant dinner Tuesday evening honoring those who had been in attendance at every one of the series of sermons recently given at the First Christian church of which Dr. and Mrs. Livingstone are pastors. The dinner was a surprise as no one was aware of it until the invitations were issued. Following the dinner hour an enjoyable social evening was spent. Guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rahn, Mrs. Rahn, Arleen Rahn, Mrs. Eva Wolard, Mrs. Carl Specht, Mrs. Mary Andrew, Miss Margaret Thomson, Mr. Nad, Mrs. H. J. Dolan, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hansen, Mrs. William Cople, W. H. Jones, Mrs. Kate Morley, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Talbot, and Mrs. Livingstone's mother, Mrs. Smith.

SILVERTON.—The Silverton Woman's club will hold its February meeting Monday at the home of Mrs. George Hubbs on Coolidge street. The subject for discussion at this meeting will cover the scenic beauties of Oregon. Papers will be given by Mrs. Glenn McDonald, Mrs. W. R. Tomlinson, Mrs. H. B. Latham, Mrs. E. V. Johns. The Rev. Thomas Hardie will give a book review and groups of vocal solos will be given by Mrs. J. C. Curry and Mrs. W. H. Tate. This will be an open meeting and the members of the club will be glad to welcome visitors.

Word comes from the University of Oregon that Phyllis Van Kimmell will continue to serve as the society editor of the Oregon Daily Emerald for the special edition which will be entirely put out by the women members of the Emerald staff. Miss Van Kimmell is the regular society editor.

Miss Van Kimmell has been prominent on the campus, having done the leads in the campus movie, and serving on many committees. She is a junior in English. She is a member of Kwama, sophomore women's honorary, Theta Sigma Phi, Journalism honorary, and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Federal Engineers Asked to Survey Willamette River

Senator Charles McNary has submitted a request to federal engineers at Washington for a survey of the Willamette river near Independence.

The request was made following a communication from Harry G. Keeny, president of the Independence chamber of commerce, who declared that the changing river channel threatens the water supply and valuable farm lands in the Independence district.

The engineers are asked to consider the advisability of authorizing an investigation of conditions and to report upon the situation.

DAIRYMEN TO MEET IN SOUTH

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 3.—(AP)—Oregon dairymen will have an opportunity to see cattle grazing in green meadows in February when more than 200 members of the Oregon Dairy association gather in Coos county February 25 and 26 for their annual convention. Announcement of the dates for the meeting were made here this week.

The decision to hold the meeting on Coos Bay was made at the Medford convention last year, the exact dates being left to the executive board. P. M. Brant, head of the state college dairy department at Corvallis, is secretary of the association. The program as tentatively outlined will include talks by prominent state and local dairymen, including C. C. Dixon of Shed; N. C. Jamison of Marshfield; Alton Kay of Riverport and Harvey Hale of Coquille. The program also calls for visits by the association to prominent dairy ranches in this district.

In announcing the dates here, Coos County Agent Harvey Hale said: "This should be a most interesting meeting in more ways than one. State dairymen will have a chance to see local dairy herds on green grass in February, a sight unusual in America. Many of the Coos county dairymen keep their herds grazing outside during the entire year, adding to their grazing only a moderate amount of hay and other feed."

Dallas.—Members of the Thursday afternoon club were guests of Mrs. E. W. Fuller at her home February 6. Serving was the diversion of the afternoon following which refreshments were served to the following: Mrs. J. E. Crowther, Mrs. W. V. Fuller, Mrs. Oscar Hayter, Mrs. J. R. Algood, Mrs. Willis Silmon, Mrs. H. A. Woods, Mrs. J. R. Craven, Mrs. C. Stant, Mrs. J. C. Uglow, Mrs. U. S. Loughary, Mrs. G. L. Hawkins, Mrs. E. A. Hamilton, Mrs. George Fuller of Hickreal, who was a guest, and the hostess.

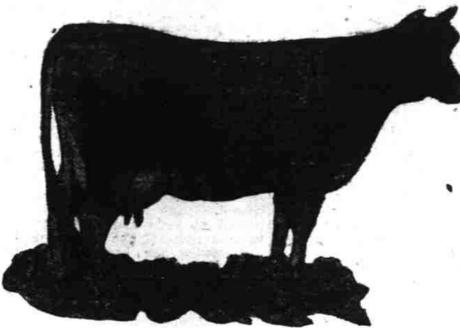
Dayton.—A delightful quilting party was held at the home of Mrs. Orr C. Goodrich Wednesday. The day was spent by the following ladies: Mrs. Mary E. Goodrich, Mrs. H. Ray Berry, and Mrs. J. R. Craven, Mrs. J. P. Dorsey, Mrs. Clair J. Reid, Mrs. James Reid, Mrs. Ann Yocum, and Mrs. J. H. Grimes. A full course dinner was served at noon.

Jefferson.—Mt. Jefferson Rebekah lodge held its annual installation Tuesday evening in their lodge rooms. The retiring G. Genevieve Wied was installed as acting P. N. G., and the following officers were installed for the coming year: N. G. Flora Thomas; V. G. Bernice Skelton; recording secretary, Dora Humphrey; financial secretary, Bertha Curt; treasurer, Grace O. G. Keith Smith; L. G. Stella Hart; chaplain, Laura Thomas. The remaining officers will be installed at the next meeting. After the business session a delicious lunch was served.

Mrs. Luther Stout was hostess for a Firemakers' luncheon with covers placed for 14 girls Monday at her home on Madison avenue. Mrs. Georgia Mills was a special guest and taught a lesson in hand draft. Later in the afternoon Mrs. W. J. Minkiewicz and Mrs. Mae Gingrich came in to instruct the girls in a group of songs and a play which they present before the Salem woman's club soon.

Members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the First Methodist church will meet at the church at 2:30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. J. M. Cane will have charge of the program. Mrs. H. P. Shanks will lead the devotions and Mrs. A. A. Uehli will have charge of the special music for the afternoon.

SHE BROKE THE OREGON RECORD



VIOLA'S RINDA FANCY

Viola's Rinda Fancy, owned by M. N. Tibbles of Independence. She won the honor of making the highest senior two-year-old butterfat production record of the Jersey breed. In a 365-day official test she produced 836.96 pounds of butterfat and 12,738 pounds of milk. Twenty-five supervisors from Oregon, Washington and Idaho supervised her test. Records kept by Mr. Tibbles show that during this period she produced a net profit of \$285.

Viola's Rinda Fancy was bred by H. S. Fortwood of Monmouth and sold to Mr. Tibbles a few weeks before she was started on test. She was started on the test at the age of two years and 10 months and her yield is the equivalent to 1,171 pounds of butter and 5,924 quarts of milk.

SALEM MILK PRICES SHOW WIDE RANGE

Salem milk consumers are not a little amused over the recent agitation over retail milk prices. With the general price of 12 cents per quart that prevailed during the winter many consumers had been buying grade A milk for 10 cents a quart while one local grocery sold the same milk at 8 cents a quart.

Since the announced cut to 10 cents the same retailer is still selling grade A at the usual 8 cents per quart. Obviously there is no uniformity in milk prices even now.

The farmers are much concerned over the situation, declaring that the present price is below cost of production and that the cut is most unfair. Buying prices of all kinds of hay have dropped since the cold weather and pasture is beginning to develop but is not yet good. Feed prices continue steady with no recent changes.

Mrs. Evelyn Naderman and her committee, Belle Carlson, Ida Hochstetler, Eugenia Slegmund, Laella Engstrom, and others will entertain with a 6:30 o'clock pot luck dinner Monday evening for the winning side of the membership contest teams and for other Rebekahs and their families. The degree team will practice under the direction of Gertrude Cummings, captain, following the dinner hour.

Mrs. Ney will be hostess to members of the Woman's Home Missionary society at her home Wednesday afternoon beginning at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Emma Roberts will have charge of the devotions and Mrs. Maude Polton will direct the lesson. All ladies of the church and community are invited to this afternoon meeting.

Because of illness of both leaders and members there will be no meeting of the study classes of the Salem Woman's club at the city library Monday afternoon. The groups will meet for their next regular meetings at the library February 24 with Mrs. J. C. Nelson and Dr. F. G. Franklin as leaders.

Miss Ruth Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Sanders of Salem, and Clair Huff, also of Salem, were married in a quiet ceremony read by Rev. H. S. Riechard in the Presbyterian manse in Portland, Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Huff will leave for an extended trip through California.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mills and children are spending the weekend at Neakowin at their cottage. Mrs. L. W. Gleason will be hostess to members of the Friday Bridge club and their husbands at her home for a Valentine party Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds were in Salem Friday having been called here through the death of Mrs. J. O. Goltra.

More Apple and Cherry Orchards Urged in Union

LA GRANDE, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP)—Among the recommendations voiced at the seventh annual economic conference which just closed here, was one that Union county fruitmen increase their apple and sweet cherry orchards. Four grades of apples were mentioned that do particularly well in this locality—Delicious, Rome Beauties, Winter Bananas and Jonathans.

The economic conference, more or less unique in the west, is a three day series of meetings of farmers, college experts and business men at which time problems are attacked in a concrete way and solved wherever possible. Various groups hold meetings during the conference and at the conclusion make recommendations for certain phases of the agricultural industry.

One of the features of the discussions this year was the home market survey, sponsored by the chamber of commerce, the Oregon state college and the government, completed last summer in Union county.

The survey showed that in many cases local products were not being used as heavily as "imported" products in spite of similarity in quality, time of marketing and other phases.

OAK POINT.—The Ladies Service club met at the clubroom Friday. A lively business meeting was held with Mrs. Gwin, president presiding. This was followed by a program. Mrs. John Walker and Mrs. Roy Houck were hostesses for the day. Members present were Mesdames Rex, Segard, Black, Jess Walker, John Walker, G. A. Peterson, Sr., R. Houck, Leonard Peterson, G. A. Peterson, Jr., Gwin, Alderson, Foster.

The Tamilways Camp Fire girls met Friday afternoon at Leslie school with their guardian, Mrs. Floyd Speer, for a business meeting. Janice Murray, and Margaret Gillette came in as new members.

Mrs. Floyd Speer, guardian, will be hostess for a Valentine party at her home, 895 South 12th street. It will be a supper party between the hours of 6 and 9 o'clock.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Sponsors for the Camp Fire girls Wednesday evening at the chamber of commerce at 7:30 o'clock.

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GRANGES WILL STUDY MARKETS

Exchange of Market Information Planned by Fred A. Goff

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 8.—(AP)—A plan for exchange of market information by granges in the states where Oregon products are sold is being worked out by Fred A. Goff, Roseburg, chairman of the Oregon state grange. It is planned to use the information secured in a market study to increase sales provide a more attractive product, better advertising and a reduction of intervening costs besides eliminating competition between Oregon counties. Goff is communicating with the masters of state granges in practically all of the midwestern states and several eastern states. He is asking that each subordinate grange examine markets of the principal cities and list the Oregon products that are offered for sale. Particular attention of all commodities bearing Oregon labels is asked.

In those cities where sufficient Oregon products are being handled to warrant a more extensive survey the granges will be asked to appoint a committee to supply the Oregon state grange with such information as the retail price, appearance of the products in the retail markets, attractiveness of labels and advertising materials and adverse or favorable criticism from consumers. An effort will also be made, wherever possible, to determine the counties from which the produce came. At a later date it is hoped to locate as near as possible all of the Oregon markets with a view to expanding into new territory.

From the information received the agricultural committee, Goff says, plans to make a careful study, checking particularly the effectiveness of labels, improvement of appearance and more completely meeting customer demands. Price information is also expected to result in elimination of at least a portion of the middle profits, enabling the farmers to realize more for his produce without increasing the price to the consumer.

Where it is found that Oregon counties are competing on the same market, an effort will be made to bring about cooperative action in marketing a standardized product, using a common label and perhaps utilizing in developing a wider market. The Oregon grange is asking for cooperation of granges in other states in the project and is offering reimbursement for making similar surveys for states marketing farm products in Oregon.

Growers Urged to Plant Alsike Clover Instead of Red

Growing of alsike clover instead of red clover is being urged over the valley, pending restoration of good strains of red clover seed. There is an abundance of good alsike clover seed, stated H. H. White, of D. A. White & Sons, seed merchants of Salem, and under prevailing conditions it seems wiser to seed alsike rather than red clover.

Through co-operation of the college a new supply of red clover seed is being imported from Ohio, after being carefully selected and tested. This is being distributed over the valley. Mr. White said an effort was being made to obtain another crop, but it was not known if this would be successful.

Market for red clover seed from last year's crop has been very much restricted. Mr. White said, there being a limited outlet in Virginia and some of the border states between north and south. The central states have raised the bars against Oregon red clover until its quality is restored. That is the purpose of importing a fresh store of the seed.

Turkish Filbert Stock Defended

The Statesman has published several letters recently from filbert growers and nurserymen respecting types of filberts which were proving successful in this territory. With reference to the assertion by some of the contributors that the use of Turkish root stock had been discarded, Irvin Shatto of Shaw nursery, a letter from the Carlton Nursery which counters the assertion of other authorities respecting the Turkish root.

That letter is as follows: "We are glad to hear from you again and note that you are interested in Turkish filberts."

"Whoever the party told you that they were discarded evidently is misinformed. The Turkish root stock has proven to be the greatest step in filbert culture in the industry. Orchards planted of our own produced many nuts of superior quality last season, only two years old.

"Other plantings older than ours have been equally as prolific and truly successful. "One having experience with the old type can well appreciate the graded stock on Turkish root."

"Very truly yours, "Carlton Nursery Co. "G. K. McDonald." Mr. Shatto has a small tract set to filberts last spring.

CROP MARKET BALANCE GOOD

Increased Production Offset By Expanding Market Outlet

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 8.—Somewhat of a race between rapidly expanding production and increased consumption is seen in the final installment of the 1930 agricultural outlook report covering farm crops and horticulture issued today by the extension service.

In a great many instances of field and tree crops in which Oregon is particularly interested production has advanced rapidly and yet an expanding market has absorbed the increase. Just how long this situation will continue is a problem tied up with general increase in consumption by the public, points out L. R. Breithaupt, extension economist, who has compiled the report in cooperation with departmental specialists. Peas, cherries, canned berries, celery and nuts are particularly mentioned as being horticultural crops in the situation referred to, while among field crops wheat, flax fiber and some of the seed crops are roughly in that category. Oats, barley and corn are pointed to as grains in which Oregon has a larger home market than it has local supply in spite of there being a surplus through the country as a whole.

Pear production has increased on the Pacific coast almost 100 per cent in less than 10 years until now about 70 per cent of the total United States production is in these three states, the report says. Sales promotion measures are tending to keep consumption boosted, but whether demand will keep up to increased prospective supplies from young plantings is problematical.

Apple Market Stable Future apple markets are predicted to be more stable than in recent years, with northwest growers in more favorable position than others over a period of years because of increased export demand coupled with reduction in young plantings. Additional commercial plantings are not advised except where high quality may be combined with low production costs.

Fruites are another crop centered on the Pacific coast, which has three-fourths of the world dried prune production. Though European production is decreasing, it is likely that with average weather conditions world production will be as large in the next few years as in the immediate past, the report says. Potatoes are due for another violent swing downward if present nation-wide indications to

plant carry through to the predicted 6 per cent increase. Early potato growers are expected to increase plantings even more than that.

World demand for wheat is said to be increasing in about the same proportion as increase in production, though prices for the coming year are not expected to be better than in 1923, with growers of hard spring wheat in the least favorable situation.

Flax fiber market depends on contracts arranged in advance of planting. This industry has grown steadily in Oregon from 260 acres in 1915 to 4500 acres or more in 1929. Some increase is expected in 1930. It is predicted that expansion of this industry up to 50,000 acres is warranted by the long-time outlook provided processing can be done cheaply enough to maintain profitable prices to growers.

Both horticultural and farm crops sections of the outlook report discuss all major phases of these branches of agriculture in Oregon. Complete copies may be had from the college or from any county agent.

Potato Stocks Show Decrease

Oregon potatoes in storage for sale on January 1, 1930, were estimated at 1,558,000 bushels according to a report of the United States Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates re-issued through Oregon's Federal-State Crop Reporting Service. On January 1, a year ago, potato stocks in Oregon were almost twice as large, the revised estimate being 2,974,000 bushels.

An unusually poor potato crop in heavier producing areas of the state last season accounts chiefly for the big decrease in January 1 potato stocks. Oregon potato acreage in 1930 will be 43,000 acres if the expressed intention of Oregon growers is fully carried out. This is an increase of one thousand acres over the acreage dug in 1929.

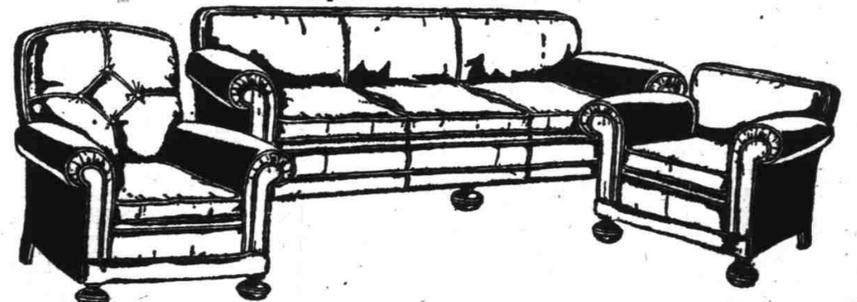
In the 19 northern potato producing states the intended acreage is estimated at 2,296,000 acres, which compares with 2,192,000 acres harvested last year and 2,474,000 harvested in 1928. This estimate is based on intentions of growers in these states as of January 1, 1930. Potato stocks for sale Jan. 1, 1930, in the 19 northern states are estimated at 74,207,000 bushels, compared to 110,492,000 bushels a year ago and 88,932,000 bushels on January 1, 1928.

For the 35 late potato producing states growers' intentions indicate an acreage of 3,144,000 acres in 1930. There were 3,290,000 acres of potatoes in these states last year and 3,091,000 acres in 1928. Merchantable stocks in these states on January 1, 1930, were estimated at 83,754,000 bushels compared to 130,944,000 bushels on January 1, 1929.

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