

News of the Farmer and His Work

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The Diversified Interests of the Valley Agriculturist

Editor's Note

Mrs. Madeline Callin, Valley News editor of The Oregon Statesman, is 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.

MARKETS SHOW SLIGHT SLUMP

No Great Price Change but General Trend is Down

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15 — (AP)—Moving in a narrow range of prices, the general markets were inclined slightly downward here at the end of the week. There was no price change of any kind here at the end of the week. There was no price change of any great consequence, and although the fractional falling away of prices covered a wide range of commodities, whatever drop there was could be accounted for by ordinary market fluctuations.

Big Bend bluestem wheat moved downward fractionally, closing at 1.26. All other grades held firm, soft white and western white holding at 1.16. All other grades held firm, soft white and western white holding at 1.16, and hard winter, northern spring and western red selling at 1.14.

Oats held steady and unchanged at \$4.00 for No. 2, 38-lb. white.

Good steers, 1100-1300 pounds, sold at 11.00 @ 11.50, unchanged. Mediums were unchanged at 9.50 @ 11.00, but vealers took a drop to 10.50 @ 12.50 off two dollars.

Hogs were up from 25c to 50c. Heavyweights went at 9.50 @ 11.00, lightweights at 11.00 @ 11.50, and feeders and stockers at 10.00 @ 10.75.

Lamb prices dropped to 10.50 @ 11.00 for 84 pounders, good to choice, from 11.50 to 12.90 last week.

Butter was down an average of two cents. Extras went at 36c, standards at 35c, prime firsts at 34c and firsts at 32c. There was no change in whole milk which held at 23c per hundred for 4 per cent butterfat, and 24c for grade B. Buying prices for butterfat was 36c delivered at Portland; 34c on track, and 32c at station.

Hay was unchanged. Alfalfa went at 24 @ 24.50; eastern Oregon timothy at 23.00 @ 23.50; valley timothy 20.50 @ 21; clover 20; oats and vetch 20 @ 20.50.

Hops changed to 7 @ 10 1/2c for 1929 Oregon crop, from 5 @ 11 1/2c. Wool was quoted at 29 @ 33c for valley grade, and 20 @ 26c for eastern Oregon grade.

Italian prunes were being moved at 9 @ 10c.

MADRID FOOD RIOTS QUELLED BY POLICE

MADRID, Feb. 14 — (AP)—While police and civil guards suppressed food riots in Madrid today, the government prepared to quell disturbances that might develop elsewhere in Spain. The government of General Damaso Berenguer believes that political interests desirous of discrediting the successors to the Primo de Rivera dictatorship are inciting unemployed workers, republicans, radical groups generally and Catalan separatists to attempt disturbances.

This afternoon's food riots in Madrid followed yesterday's demonstrations of the jobless who marched to the royal palace demanding work. The riots occurred in the outskirts of the city, where the demonstrators broke into grocery stores and smashed shop windows to obtain food.

A number of heads were bruised before the demonstrators were broken up.

Madrid newspapers estimate that there are 25,000 unemployed in the capital, most of them from the building trades. Construction is almost at a standstill.

STUDENT RIOT WILL BE SUBJECT OF QUIZ

ALBION, Mich., Feb. 15—(AP)—A grand jury investigation of last night's student riot was ordered today as one of the Albion college students was sentenced to ten days in jail and fined \$50 and five others were held under bond.

Justice George M. Markle, who will act as a one-man grand jury in the case, imposed sentence on Clifford Whitney, 20 of Detroit, who pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct. Whitney was sent to the county jail at Marshall. He did not pay the fine.

Justice Markle refused a request of college officials that Whitney be released. Marcus S. Cochran, business manager of the college, furnished bond for the others.

The grand jury probe will start tomorrow morning.

HAVE VALENTINE PARTY LIBERTY, Feb. 15—A Valentine party was enjoyed by the pupils of Mrs. Russ Friday afternoon. Games were played and refreshments were served. The children also had a Valentine box. The committee on refreshments were Florence Copley, Alice Cunningham, Phyllis Manner, Rose Kitten. The committee on games and distributions of the Valentines were Lester Browning, Florence Copley, Elbert Jones, Chester Tucker and Fred Murhammer.

The government owned Bank of America Samoa operated at a profit of \$3,000 last year.

Singing Rooster Goes by Airplane to Broadcast Over KOIN



Lloyd A. Lee and his brother Paul Lee with King Leon, the "Singing Rooster." King Leon, directed by Paul Lee, will broadcast over station KOIN of Portland at 7:30 this evening. At the same broadcast Lloyd A. Lee will talk on Electric Brooding.

CARE OF FILBERTS DEEMED IMPORTANT

Lack of Attention Declared Cause of Poor Quality Of Crop

At the meeting of the Salem cooperative nut growers held during the last week there was much discussion as to the means of improving the quality of Oregon walnuts and filberts. Both growers and salesmen were ready to admit that the Oregon walnuts are far superior in quality to those of California and letters were read from eastern buyers supporting the contention.

However, the filbert crop frequently fails to come up to the standard and all were agreed that this is due entirely to the lack of proper care on the part of the grower. Experienced growers of first quality filberts were invited in their contention that in order to secure the best quality of nuts they must be artificially dried. In the past the growers have simply spread the nuts out on a barn or shed floor, stirred them occasionally and allowed them to dry for a time, then marketed them. Nuts treated in this way never have the flavor or keeping qualities of kiln dried nuts, according to other experts.

There were four reasons why the 1929 filbert crop was a failure in so many places, according to T. Dundee, grower. These were: First, that the trees were not pruned in the winter. Too much wood is a sure detriment to a filbert tree. Second: they were not cultivated enough and late enough in the season. For this reason they did not have sufficient moisture to carry them through the maturing season. Filbert trees should be harrowed late in the summer.

Third: the soil was not deep enough and a lack of moisture resulted. Sub soiling was advised. Fourth: aphid did great damage in many orchards. One grower reported that he had previously been fairly crawling with aphids. If growers will avoid these four difficulties and then see that their filberts are properly kiln dried Oregon filberts may compete, as to quality, with any in the world.

Oregon to Grow More Potatoes

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Oregon potatoes in storage for sale January 1, 1930, were estimated at 1,558,000 bushels, according to a report of the United States division of crop and livestock estimates released through Oregon's federal state crop reporting service. On January 1, a year ago, the potato stocks in Oregon were almost twice as large, the revised estimate being 2,974,000 bushels.

An unusually poor potato crop in heavily producing areas of the state last season accounts chiefly for the big decrease in January 1 potato stocks, the report stated. 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 1,000 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 January 1, 1930, in the 19 northern states are estimated at 74,207,000 bushels compared to 110,482,000 bushels a year ago and 85,693,000 bushels on January 1, 1928.

Fat Steers Bring Average of \$125 Each at Dayton

DAYTON, Feb. 15.—J. A. McFarland, living four miles south of town, shipped 20 fat steers to Portland recently. They averaged him \$125.00 apiece.

Mr. McFarland is the only farmer near Dayton that feeds and sells fat cattle in car load lots. He was successful in the cattle business some years ago in Iowa, so knows just how it is done.

Yamhill Herds Keep Record Up

MCMINNVILLE, Feb. 5 (Special)—Dairy herds of Yamhill county failed to show a decrease during January in spite of the freezing and stormy weather. The report of the Dairy Herd Improvement association shows. Butterfat yields were normal in almost all herds included in the association report.

Spring Lake Farm at Gaston reports an average butterfat yield of 42.96 pounds in the division of over 20 cows. August Nielson, Amity, also with a herd of over 20 cows, reports an average of 34.03. J. J. Sechrist of Ballston reported the highest herd production average of the month. His herd of between 12 and 20 cows averaged 45.98 pounds.

An average yield of 44.68 lbs. was reported by W. E. Moe, McMinnville, for his herd of under 13 cows. J. C. Heidinger, Dayton, averaged 43.16 pounds in this same classification.

Individual production reports show that the highest yield of butterfat was given by "Blonde," a cow over five years belonging to J. R. Kraus. She produced 65 pounds. "Gertie," belonging to C. Stug and also over five years, gave 64.3 pounds.

Other yields reported were: Cows four and five years old: "Spot," Dick Keyne, 59.5 pounds; "No. 2," N. C. Apperson, 58.9 pounds. Cows three and four year old: "No. 34," Spring Lake Farm 64 pounds. Heifers two and three years old: "No. 24," Spring Lake Farm, 61.5 pounds. "No. 29," Spring Lake Farm, 61.5 pounds.

TURNER CHURCH TO HAVE PROGRAM

TURNER, Feb. 15—A group of young people from the Leslie church of Salem will have charge of the evening service at the Methodist church next Sunday evening. Miss LaVerne Hewitt is leader of the gospel team; the service will begin at 7:30.

Dr. Walter Myers of Eugene will give the evening sermon at the Christian church; he will be accompanied by Misses Gladys and Lertis Elliott, who will have a part in the service.

President Hoover worked for 340 a month in 1893 as assistant state geologist in Arkansas. He was carried on the payroll as "Bert."

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ONION MARKET DULL POTATOES ERRATIC

Oregon assumed a position of greatest importance in the Northwestern onion trade, with 80% of the shipments originating in this district. This state will continue to be the dominating factor during the remainder of the onion shipping season. The week closed with daily loadings from this state of 9 to 11 carloads, whereas Washington and Idaho onion stocks are nearly depleted. Onion supplies are liberal through out the United States however, and the market is dull, with apparently slight hope for immediate improvement. Oregon's storage holdings of onions of about 400 carloads is apparently coming out of their customary frost-dried condition in very good shape.

The potato market has been very erratic during the past week. Terminal markets and many eastern shipping points show comparative little excitement. Through out Oregon and Washington, however, growers have been very bullish and prices advanced during the week, with Yakima growers realizing generally \$37-\$40 per ton for their Netted Gems grading 60% U. S. No. 1. Washington loaded 537 cars of potatoes during the first two weeks of February, of the 18-2600 cars (according to various unofficial estimates) still available for shipment from that state on February 1. Idaho's potato loadings average about 100 cars daily and the week closed with the market rather dull at Southern Idaho points.

FUTURE WHEAT PROSPECTS DISCOURAGING

The U. S. department of agriculture says of the future: There is little in the wheat situation in the United States and other countries to indicate that prices for the 1930 crop of the United States will be much different from those prevailing for the 1929 crop, unless fall-sown wheat suffers severe winter damage or the spring wheat acreage is reduced. World stocks will be somewhat reduced by July, 1930, from those of July, 1929, but the world acreage may not be materially changed and yields are not likely to be so low as in 1929, when they were below average. World production of wheat is keeping pace with increasing demand, so there is little prospect for a general upward trend in prices for some years to come. Farmers of the United States must expect to meet continued keen competition in export markets from Canada, Australia, Argentina and later on, possibly Russia.

DAIRYMEN TO DECIDE Contagious Abortion Causes Heavy Loss Here EXHIBIT RULE IS ASKED

Oregon dairymen are seriously considering the question recently put by the state fair board as to whether or not the 1930 Oregon State Fair should demand that all cattle exhibited be abortion free herds.

Portland has recently passed the ordinance that all milk sold in the city must be from abortion free cows. It is anticipated that other cities will follow Portland's lead.

Recent figures given out by the state veterinarian's office show that in 1929 37,364 abortion tests were made in Oregon and that of this number 3,924 animals reacted and 31,189 were free.

Experts are agreed that the present test used is not infallible but that in the majority of cases they are satisfactory. If the state fair refuses to accept exhibits from any but abortion free herds it will undoubtedly cut down the number of exhibits to a marked degree.

The Pacific International Livestock show will await the action of the state fair board and then attempt to send out the sentiment of the cattle owners before making a ruling.

Under present conditions dairymen who have accredited abortion free herds will not exhibit at the state fair because to do so would expose their cattle and they would lose the certificates which it takes 18 months to get.

Petitions have been circulated in Lane county asking that a section in the Coburg district be set aside as a contagious abortion control area. Sentiment seems to be in favor of the move. It will be done by the state livestock sanitary board on the petition of the owners of 60 per cent of the cattle in the district. The expense must be carried by the owners.

At the meeting of the Oregon Jersey Cattle club which will be held in Salem on March 1, the members will be asked to express their desire as to whether or not the state fair board should rule that only abortion free herds will be allowed to exhibit in 1930.

SCULPTOR WINS IN LAWSUIT IN COURT

NEW YORK, Feb. 15—(AP)—It was Robert Aitken's opinion, as a sculptor designing a memorial statue, that the Hollanders who settled New Amsterdam (now New York), were of a hardy peasant stock, and a jury in the state supreme court agreed with him today, to the extent of \$5,850.

The society of Daughters of Holland Dames commissioned Aitken in 1923 to make a memorial statue to stand in Battery park. He fashioned a clay model of a family group—father, mother and two children—in coarse peasant clothing. The Daughters of Holland Dames were horrified.

So Aitken dressed his Dutch peasant in their Sunday clothes, but the daughters still disapproved. Their ancestors, they affirmed, were not peasant, but patricians.

Aitken sued for \$5,000 and the jury gave him \$4,800 but the appellate division of the supreme court reversed the verdict because of a technical error in the charge to the jury.

So he sued again. This time the jury, after deliberating two hours, awarded the full amount—plus interest.

LONDON (AP)—The labor party government, finding that children below school age get little attention from the British state, have asked towns and boroughs to provide public medical care for babies.

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PRUNE PRUNING TO BE SHOWN

Polk County Growers to Have Series of Demonstrations

Pruning of prunes to make larger fruit will be demonstrated in a series of three meetings scheduled for next week in the West Salem, Dallas and Falls City districts of the county. These meetings are being arranged by County Agent J. R. Beck to supplement the ones in January that were spoiled by the heavy snow fall.

The demonstration in the West Salem district will be Tuesday morning, February 18, at 9:30 in the Andrew Vercler orchard. The Vercler orchard is about a half mile above the Schindler dance hall.

Wednesday morning at 9:30 the demonstration will be in the S. H. Crowley orchard about one mile west of Rickreall and four miles east of Dallas. This will be the beginning of an entirely new demonstration. From this orchard those that are interested will be taken to the Crider orchard where the pruning work of this type has been carried on for three years already.

The third meeting will be in the W. W. Harris orchard one mile north of Falls City. This is another one of the orchards in which this work has been carried on for a period of years. Like the other meetings this will also begin at 9:30 on Thursday morning, February 20.

A chart has been made showing the results in each of these three orchards from the harvesting of last year's crop and it provides an interesting exhibit of the effects of this type of pruning.

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Mrs. Carl Burns, 975 Norway St., Salem, Oregon. Carl E. Burns received injuries in an automobile accident which resulted in his death.	1000.00
Mrs. H. N. Bolger, 921 N. Winter St., Salem, Oregon. Injured when car in which she was riding plunged into ditch.	55.36
Harry P. Gustafson, 975 Norway St., Salem, Oregon. Injured when car plunged from highway.	44.28
F. H. Bell, U. S. Bank Bldg., Salem, Oregon. Injured when car overturned.	25.71
H. D. Hubbard, 116 Marion St., Salem, Oregon. Injured when struck by an automobile while crossing street.	185.71
Mrs. Nina B. Murdick, Brooks, Oregon. Injured when car in which she was riding was struck by railroad train.	80.00
Maxine Graham, Route 2, Salem, Oregon. Injured in car collision on S. Com'l. St., Salem, Oregon.	10.00
Ises Welty, 1845 Fir St., Salem, Oregon. Injured in automobile collision 17th and Market, Salem, Ore.	11.07
Harold L. Cook, Tigard, Oregon. Injured when car ran in ditch on Pacific highway.	18.50

Other claims are constantly coming in, and settlements are being paid as soon as disability is proven.

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