

The Valley Agriculturist and His Work

Markets -- Crops -- Farm Home -- Livestock

The Diversified Interests of
Willamette Valley Farmers

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 she writes concerning the agricultural news of interest to valley farmers. Contributions of merit are invited.

HOG AND WHEAT MARKETS SOFT

Cattle Prices Advance While
Butter and Egg Quotations
Remain Unchanged

PORTLAND, Ore., April 12.—With limited trading in the open market, hog prices had a downward tendency here this morning, and cattle prices advanced. Hogs continued unchanged at 10.00-10.10 for good to choice, 8.50-9.00 for fair, and 7.50-8.00 for small volume of business. The sheep division.

The price of good steers advanced 75c to 11.75-12.25 and good cows went up 50c to 9.50-10.00. Feeders went up 50c to 1.00 to 1.50-1.60.

Heavy hogs were down to 8.50-9.00, a drop of 25-50 cents; 120-weights were down 35-40 cents to 10.15-10.35, and feeders and stockers were selling at 10.15-10.30, down 50 cents to a dollar.

Wheat prices were off two cents on the average. Big Bend wheat was quoted at 1.21; white, western white, 1.10 and the other grades 1.03.

There was no change in butter prices, butter extras holding at 41c, and fresh extra eggs quoted at 25-26c.

Hay prices were unchanged. The range was: Alfalfa 19, valley timothy 20.50-21; eastern Oregon timothy 23.50-24; clover 17-18; oat hay 17; oats and vetch 17-18; straw 7.50, all buying prices for Portland.

An unusually large range developed in the prices of 1929 crop Oregon hops, which were quoted at the turn of the week at from three to eight cents. Previous quotations were 8-8 1/2 cents.

Wool, too, went into a slump, eastern Oregon grade going for 17 and 20 cents, down from 18-20c. Valley grade was unquoted. Italian prunes held unchanged at 8-10c. Petites were offered for 8 cents.

FLIGHT TO MOON TO BE DECLARED POSSIBLE

NEW YORK, April 12.—(AP)—Prediction that man will fly to the moon within the next 100 years was made by John Q. Stewart, associate professor of astronomical physics at Princeton university, in an address tonight at the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

The first obstacle to be overcome is that of developing a speed of 25,000 miles an hour, the professor said, which means production of fuels more powerful than coal, gasoline, dynamite or any other source of energy available now.

Such remarkable progress has been made in the speed of passenger-carrying vehicles within the past century that scientists believe a speed of 1,000 miles per hour will be reached in 1950 and 50,000 miles an hour will be surpassed before 1930.

The one theoretically feasible method of making the journey to the moon, Stewart believes, is a vehicle propelled on the principle of the rocket.

HAZEL GREEN CLUB PROGRAM ENJOYED

HAZEL GREEN, April 12.—The program for the community club on Friday evening was given by the school and was unusually good and well attended.

The comedy "A Flivver Radio" given by Clarence Zelinski and Louis Zelinski as colored folk assisted by Stanford Davis was a hit.

A number of songs were given by the school. The operetta by the girls was very good.

Miss Alma Halverson gave a reading "Sandy McGee."

The playlet "Dave Doesn't Get to Go" by the primary folks gave the mothers a fine picture of their efforts at last minute drill on manners to youngsters.

Little Helen Zelinski, who is a pre-school child, sang a solo.

A trio by Leonard Faust with cornet and Author Clemens saxophone and Mrs. Headrick at piano was appreciated.

"Betty and the Birds" was given by the primary pupils. The amusements, side shows and picture gallery, hot dog stands, were busy. The ball team was presented by Harold Slottum. The team won the game Friday afternoon on the home field 6 to 3. They will play West Stayton at Stayton Friday, April 18.

Foster Speaks To Chamber Of Commerce

INDEPENDENCE, April 12.—The chamber of commerce met in the Presbyterian parlors Tuesday night for a 7 o'clock dinner which was served by two ladies of the church.

President Ira Mix presided over the meeting. Arthur Foster of Portland was the speaker of the evening. The committees for the year were appointed by the president.

West Stayton Beans Acreage Will Be Increased in 1936

More than 200 acres of canning beans will be grown in the West Stayton district during the coming year. The most of the acreage will be planted to Kentucky Wonder beans but a few acres of the Blue Lake variety will be grown for the first time this year.

Canning beans have proven the most profitable crop in this district during the several years past. The irrigated land in this district produces a very heavy yield and the price has been good. One grower raised 13 tons of canning beans on one and one-half acres last year and the yield has been even heavier at other seasons.

WILD ROSE NOW TO BE PROTECTED

Now that the American Nature association has fixed upon the wild rose as the national flower of the United States, it is proper to suggest, well in advance of the season of its blooming, that this flower is a rose only so long as it is permitted to remain in the wilderness. Which is to say that the wild rose is a fragile flower, beautiful in its habitat but exceedingly indurable. It won't stand picking and survive for long; a breath and joggle, and its petals fall.

The vote that made the wild rose the national flower—it had that authority—was a victory in a field that attracted more than a million votes in all the states.

The American Nature association announces. Such a tribute was deserved, for though the other flowers that rated in the order of naming—violet, goldenrod, American Beauty rose, daisy, dogwood and mountain laurel—are all lovely blossoms, the wild rose is said to be a flower of all states. Moreover, its beauty may not be gained.

So let it be the wild rose. But let the wild rose be. Those whose obsession it is to celebrate their travels of fields afar from home by picking upon the plants of the countryside let them have mercy, lest they decimate the wild rose's adoring prevalence. It is no flower to endure long transport, no plant to be uprooted for a few hours' possession.

JEFFERSON FOLK GO TO TENNESSEE

JEFFERSON, April 12.—A party composed of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hampton, Mrs. John Henderson, Mrs. Roy Elmer and Carl of Jefferson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Durkee and two children of Salem left Friday for a visit with relatives at Athens, Tennessee.

The families of Tom Hampton and Ed. Durkee will go direct to Tennessee, while the Hendersons leave the party at Green River, going to Flint, Michigan for a visit with Mr. Henderson's brother, Tom, before going to Athens.

Mr. Henderson has been granted a six months leave of absence by his employer, and the Hendersons will be in the Pacific, and A. H. Smith will take Mr. Henderson's place during his absence. The Smith family have moved here from Salem and are now occupying what is known as the Kothoff house.

Carol Chance Is Called Beyond

MILL CITY, April 12.—Funeral services for Carol Chance, nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Chance of Mill City, were held at the Fairview cemetery Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock with Rev. A. C. Bates in charge of the services.

Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. F. L. Kirby and Mrs. T. J. Means sang two hymns, "Sweetly Resting" and "In the Sweet Bye and Bye." The pall bearers were Ray Plymale, Frank Chance, John Schumacher Jr. and Roy Chance.

Carol Chance was born in California, November 28, 1920 and died in Mill City, Monday morning, April 7, following an illness of several years. Mr. and Mrs. Chance and family have made their home in Mill City the past four years. Carol is survived by her parents, two sisters, Naomi and Pauline, and one brother, Kenneth.

Turner Appoints City Marshall

TURNER, April 12.—The Turner city council met for a business meeting Tuesday evening with all members present, including L. C. Ball, D. S. Riches, Cecil Martin, George Crume, H. E. Peck, recorder, and Mayor E. S. Feather.

J. E. White Jr. was appointed as city marshal. T. P. Rowley was appointed to read the water meters and have charge of the repair work on the water system.

LORD DEWAR DIES

EAST GRINGED, Sussex, Eng., April 11.—(AP)—Lord Dewar, head of the famous whiskey distilling firm of John Dewar & Sons, Ltd., died unexpectedly today at the Homestead, his residence here.

FORESTS USED FOR GRAZING

Public Use of National Reserves on Increase During Past 35 Years

Marked expansion in the public use of the national forests and in the protection and development of the forest resources was noted in a review of the growth of the government's forestry work in the last quarter century, just issued by the U. S. Forest Service, Portland, Oregon.

When the forest service took charge of the old-time "Forest Reserves" in 1905, they numbered 60 with an area of approximately 59 million acres. The area is now 160 million acres, embraced in 150 national forests.

In 35 years of administration the work of physical development of the national forests has progressed continuously. In 1905 there were no fire towers or lookout stations. Today, 831 are maintained. A total of 1,186 public camping grounds have been improved in the 25-year period.

Since 1907 the mileage of national forest roads has been extended from 330 to 16,730. Forest trails have increased from 6,644 to 47,175 miles. Mileage of telephone line built for fire protection and administration purposes increased from 539 to 35,926.

Receipts for the "Forest Reserves" in 1905 amounted to \$35,600, all for timber sold. Receipts last year totaled \$6,299,802. Of this more than \$4,000,000 was from the sale of timber, to be cut under forest service supervision on a sustained or continuous "crop" basis.

The appropriation for the forest service for the fiscal year 1905 was \$910,276. Funds available for forest service work during the current fiscal year amounted to more than \$24,000,000 of which about \$11,000,000 is for cooperation with the states in giving fire protection aid to private forest lands. About \$1,400,000 representing 25 per cent of the national forest receipts, is turned over to the states for road and school purposes. Road development and the stabilization of forest-using industries have played no small part in the building of communities in national forest regions. In the last 25 years, the forest service finds.

Livestock grazed under permit on the national forests increased from 1,400,000 head in 1905 to 7,140,000 in 1929. Special use permits in force on the national forests registered a gain in 25 years of more than 1,100 per cent—from 200 in 1905 to 33,310 this year.

There was no record of the number of national forest visitors in 1905. In the latest year for which records are available, 23,000,000 persons visited the forests.

The forest service began work in 1905 with 734 employees. The number has increased to 2,710 in the quarter century. The progress of decentralization is indicated by the fact that 268 members of the service were attached to the Washington headquarters in 1905 as compared with only 197 today.

This decentralization is in line with the forest service policy of administration of the national forests by field offices in close touch with local problems.

SILVERTON PIONEER IS CALLED BEYOND

SILVERTON, April 12.—Mrs. Nora Shepard, a long time resident of Silverton passed away at a Salem hospital on Friday evening, after a long illness.

Mrs. Shepard, who was 64 years of age, is survived by her husband, James Shepard and four children, Mrs. C. O. Brunelle of Albany, Mrs. J. B. Lawrence of Scotts Mills, Hugh Shepard of Silverton, and Yuel Shepard of Los Angeles.

Remains are at the Jack and Eckman mortuary and funeral arrangements will not be made until after the son in Los Angeles is heard from.

Scotts Mills

SCOTT'S MILLS, April 12.—Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Gersch and family Miss Jane Hartman and Mr. Miller visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schaefer of Mt. Angel visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Schaefer, Wednesday.

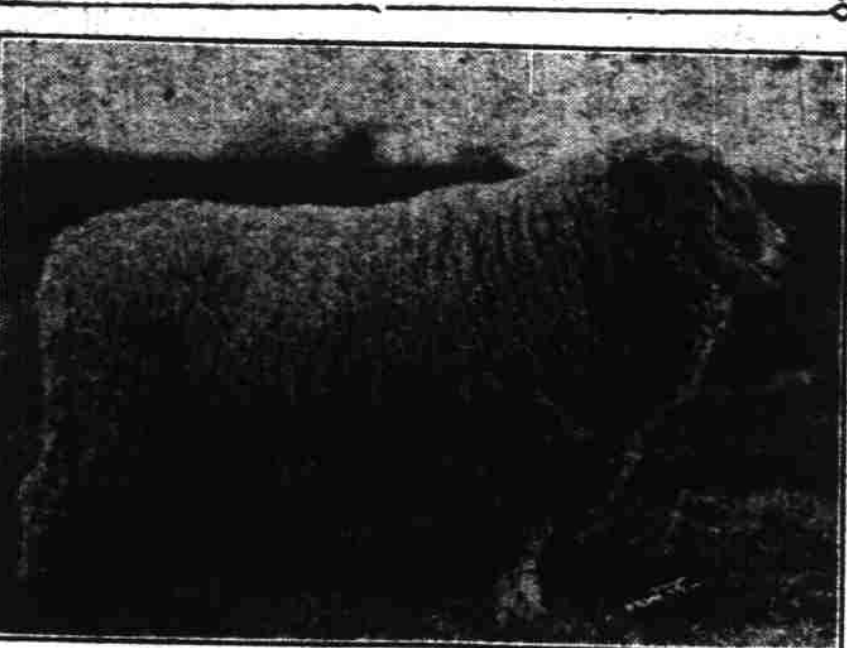
Mrs. LaVerne Dixon and Mrs. Christina Lima were elected at the last meeting of Ivy Rebekah lodge, as delegates to the Rebekah Grand lodge held in Portland in May.

The sacred herd of Siam now includes white monkeys, white elephants and a white crow.

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"What kind of sheep are those? They look different." Such is the comment of those who see the Phillips and Wisecarver farms where there are so many of these "different" sheep.

They are different from most of the sheep seen in the west for that matter in the United States because they are Corriedales, imported from New Zealand by R. W. Phillips and Ray H. Wisecarver of McMinnville.

The first stock was imported in 1918 and since that time the Phillips and Wisecarver ranches have constantly increased the stock and both Mr. Phillips and Mr. Wisecarver are convinced that the Corriedale is the most desirable sheep for present day needs.

The following quotation is an excerpt from an article by Professor Walter C. Coffey of the University of Illinois, a recognized authority on sheep:

"In all essential characteristics the Corriedale is a blend between the fine-wool and coarse-wool types from which it came. In mutton conformation and disposition to fatten it is superior to the Merino, but not equal to the Lincoln or Leicester. Its wool being of medium quality, strong, even in structure, comparatively light in yield, and three inches or more in length, fulfills the requirements of the wools bringing the highest price on the markets. The fleeces average from ten to twelve pounds in weight."

"The face, ears and legs of the Corriedale are white. Both sexes are hornless, but there is a tendency for horns to appear in the rams."

"Corriedale mutton is better than that from any of its parent breeds. It is thicker and fattier than Merino mutton and is more tender and succulent. Until the last quarter century, lands cut-over for their timber had been put to work growing farm crops and no economic loss followed so long as there was greater need for farm lands than for forest land. But soon the lumberman began cutting in regions where farms were not profitable—where soil and altitude and climate all conspired to make for low farm values."

It was on these lands that forestry had to be practiced if they were to be good for anything. If they could be lumbered less destructively and protected from fire, nature would help restore them to forest. But after year after year this No Man's Land increased by millions of acres. It constituted a menace to our very prosperity. We could not grow farms on it and we would not grow trees.

Idle Land Is Now Increased

Each year the increase of idle, cut-over land in the wake of the lumber industry is becoming more menacing, says "Forests and Mankind." Until the last quarter century, lands cut-over for their timber had been put to work growing farm crops and no economic loss followed so long as there was greater need for farm lands than for forest land. But soon the lumberman began cutting in regions where farms were not profitable—where soil and altitude and climate all conspired to make for low farm values."

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OWLS HELP RANCHERS

Sixteen species of owls inhabit North America, with several additional geographic forms. The great horned owl, *Bubo virginianus*, is widespread, ranging from the tropical forests to the limit of tree growth in the north. Scarcely inferior in size to the famed eagle owl of Europe, it is considered to be our most powerful species. In the far north, says Nature Magazine, its usual prey is the varying hare, and it thus aids the lynx and other furred predators in reducing the legions that without these checks, and periodic diseases, must long ago have devastated our continent.

In many a rough western canyon the demands of a brood of downy great horned owls, snug in their nursery on cliff or ancient tree, furnish the urge that results in the death of dozens of pocket gophers or ground squirrels that are the foes of the rancher.

TREE SEED TO KOREA

The Pennsylvania Forest Research Institute, with headquarters at Mont Alto, announces shipment of 13 pounds of native Pennsylvania forest tree seed to the Japanese government forest experiment station of Korea, in return for tree seed received from the director of the Japanese experiment station last week.

The tree seeds shipped to Korea are native Pennsylvania table mountain pine, shortleaf pine, black walnut, Kentucky coffee tree, and green ash. These seeds are guaranteed as to species and source by the department of forests and waters.

Willamette Prof Talks at Amity

AMITY, April 12.—W. C. Jones of Willamette university addressed the senior class of Amity high school on Thursday.

Mr. Jones told the seniors several good points to keep in mind when choosing the college they will attend after graduating from high school. After his speech, which was much enjoyed by the class, Mr. Jones went to the council room where any students in school was invited to ask questions in regard to vocation and Mr. Jones said he would "answer them to the best of his ability."

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DITCHES ARE BEING BLASTED

North Howell Farms Have Demonstration of New Method

By HELEN WIESNER
NORTH HOWELL, April 12.—Using a high explosive powder to blast out a ditch may be an old story to many but it is a new experience to many in this locality so the demonstration which has been carried on here for the past few days is very interesting.

This ditch drains the farms which belong to Adam Konecny, E. B. Fletcher and E. G. and A. B. Wiesner, as well as affecting other nearby farms and the demonstration is highly successful and effective as well as much cheaper than any other method could possibly have been.

Mr. Mathewson of Delaware, expert field man for a well known powder company has been supervising the work.

Three men can manage the operation. One of them uses a sharpened iron bar about one and one-quarter inch in diameter and drives a hole in the earth about 18 inches deep.

The next man places the stick of dynamite carefully in the hole and the last man pushes it in as far as it will go with a wooden bar. These charges of high explosives were placed about 13 inches apart covering a distance of from 100 to 150 feet, a cap placed on one of them and then fired with an ignition charge.

The explosion lifted tons of earth and mud high in the air and left a ditch about four feet wide and three feet deep in the center of the swale which affords excellent drainage for over 100 acres of adjacent land.

HAMMOND COMPANY BUYS MORE TIMBER

MILL CITY, April 12.—Through a deed recorded in the office of the Linn county clerk Friday the purchase of 1040 acres of standing timber by the Hammond Lumber company was made public.

The land which the records show was bought from E. Richardson Co., Sewell A. Avery, Hortense Avery, Waldo A. Avery, Jr., and the Charles H. Greene Estate Co., is the southwest quarter of section 7, the south half of section 17, the north half of the northeast quarter of section 19, the north half of the northwest quarter of section 20, and the northwest quarter of section 21, all in township 10 south, range 3 east of the Willamette meridian. The land is located in eastern Linn county.

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Blood In Horses Will Tell

History shows that by long and careful breeding the present superior type of Arabian horses has been maintained for more than three thousand five hundred years, says Nature Magazine. There is the account of how Mohammed, anxious to secure mounts that would stand up under the rigors of his campaigns, kept a hundred mares penned up in sight of a sparkling stream, but without water, for four days. Finally released, the frantic animals dashed for the stream. Just as they were within a few yards of it, Mohammed caused his bugler to sound the call to halt. Five obeyed—but the others continued their mad dash for water. These five, at the first notes of the bugle, aligned themselves in battle formation, thus proving their blood.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 11.—(AP)—Funeral services for Richard D. White, 51, one of the oldest persons born in Oregon, who died Wednesday at his home here, will be held tomorrow morning.

HEARINGS CITED

WASHINGTON, April 12.—(AP)—Public hearings on measures to dispose of Muscle Shoals were completed by the house military affairs committee today.

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