

The Valley Agriculturist and His Work

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The Diversified Interests of Willamette Valley Farmers

Editor's Note

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TURKEY PRICE IS UNCERTAIN

Short Crop Evident; Buyers Unwilling to set Price but Ask Consignment

PORTLAND, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Although the storage stock is unusually limited and there is practically no likelihood of a South American supply coming to this country, turkey growers of the Pacific northwest seem to be more or less uneasy about the outlook for the present crop. Unwillingness of stern operators to "make" a price is responsible for much of this concern. Eastern operators appear quite willing to take turkeys but they want them on consignment. Very few growers are willing to ship on this basis.

That there has been entirely too much pressure against the turkey market is now generally indicated, growers declare. Last season the relatively low price was caused mostly by the liberal stock in storage as well as late arrivals from South America. This, together with the large output caused more or less confusion in price.

Crop is Smaller
Government reports indicate the 1930 turkey crop for the country as a whole is about three per cent smaller than that of 1929, but larger than either the 1928 or 1927 crop. This report says that in spite of the shortage of feed supplies in some areas the condition of young turkeys this year is about the same as of the same date last year.

For the country as a whole the proportions of turkeys ready for the Thanksgiving and Christmas markets this year are practically the same as last year. Oregon has seven per cent less birds this year than in 1929. Texas has eight per cent less, Missouri and Indiana show a 15 per cent increase over last year. Fifty-four per cent of Oregon's turkeys will be ready for Thanksgiving this year, as compared to 43 per cent in 1929. Thirty-five per cent will be ready for Christmas, as compared to 47 per cent last year.

Spring Valley

SPRING VALLEY, Nov. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Versteeg, their granddaughter, Mrs. Marie and son Kenneth, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Versteeg in Salem. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davidson and family recently moved to Salem. Mrs. Davidson is the sister of Mrs. Versteeg's youngest daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Ellen Christensen and children Ellen and Roderick of Portland, were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Windsor. Mr. and Mrs. Chris Yungen and son Arthur were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Rev. W. G. Llenkamper in Salem. In the afternoon they were guests at the 3 o'clock wedding of Miss Hedwig Schindler to Joe Arnold, given at the home of the bride's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Meier of Brush College. Miss Schindler accompanied her parents here from Switzerland about a year ago. Mrs. Wayne Henry, Mrs. Kenneth Henry and daughter Corinna of Zena, spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Kenneth Henry's mother, Mrs. Hella Simkins, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sohn. John Davidson had the misfortune of losing one of his horses this week. He had purchased the horse to replace one which died last spring. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hoven were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hoven. Otto Hoven is helping his brother this week by seeding his crop. Vivian Straton and Ralph Sohn are playing the ground with tractors.

Little Catherine Richardson, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Richardson of Falls City, is spending the week with her maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chenoweth. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Yungen and daughter Elsie Rose of Independence were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Yungen. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith attended the dairy meeting at the Pacific Livestock show in Portland Friday.

Kingwood

KINGWOOD, Nov. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Yantiss arrived home Tuesday morning from Kansas, where they have been visiting relatives. Mrs. Yantiss returned home at 10 o'clock. They also visited in other states en route. They have been absent since September 2. The Walter Busch family are afflicted with whooping cough. Mrs. A. B. Starbuck, her daughters Mary and Myra and son Thomas, of Dallas, were guests Sunday at Mrs. Mary Beaver and Mr. Rollin Beaver. Mrs. Starbuck who is the wife of Dr. A. B. Starbuck is a daughter of Mrs. Mary Beaver. Mrs. Charles Adams, Mrs. Elmer Cook, Mrs. Ray Lacey and Mrs. Hettie Simpkins drove to Dallas Thursday where they attended a meeting of the Polk county Federated Rural Women's club. Harold Adams left this morning for Medford where he will play football on the Salem high school eleven against Medford high tomorrow.

FASHIONS CHANGE, EVEN IN PRUNES



Cut by courtesy of Rosenberg Bros. and Co., of San Francisco and Portland. The prune of the "Gay 90's" was as different from the prune of 1930 as is lady's clothes. The prune, once despised dish offered by third rate boarding houses is coming to be among the aristocrats in the food world. Women's clubs and chambers of commerce publish booklets of recipes for using prunes while improved drying methods have greatly improved the quality of the fruit.

CASEIN NEED IS REPORTED

Possible Market for Oregon Dairy Product is Seen Here

A possible increase in the market demand for an Oregon product is seen in the following item from a recent issue of a farm magazine:

"Opportunity for Oregon and the northwest to supply a profitable share of the nation's casein, amounting to about 50,000,000 pounds a year, is seen by Charles S. Trimble, associate dairy manufacturing specialist of the United States department of agriculture.

"Casein is an important by-product of skim milk, which is extensively used in paper manufacturing as well as in the manufacture of numerous articles of trade, such as combs, fountain pens and the like. At present a good proportion of the domestic needs are supplied from other countries, but a recent change in tariff which boosted the rates to double the former figure is enabling domestic creameries to meet foreign competition. "The improvement in market conditions is not likely to be felt for about a year, Mr. Trimble said, as importers stocked up with a year's supply just in advance of the rate increase. "Paper manufacturers have largely favored the imported product for one other reason, that being that quality was more uniform, making it easier to make it easy for American manufacturers without analyzing each new batch of casein. A new process of manufacturing that has recently been developed by the department of agriculture will make it easy for American creameries to put out a uniform product, Trimble states. The process is described in a bulletin of which he is joint author, entitled "The Method of Making Grain-Curd Casein."

"At present only a few northwest creameries are manufacturing casein, though several are investigating the possibilities."

DAIRYMEN WOULD RAISE STANDARDS

Indorsement of the proposed program for raising the standard of Oregon dairy products is contained in the resolutions which were passed by the group of more than 60 dairymen which met at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland on Thursday. Sidney Miller of Silverton, president of the Oregon Dairy Producers association and of the Oregon Jersey Cattle club, was chairman of the resolutions committee. The complete resolutions were:

Whereas, the Oregon Dairy industry needs a broader market to adequately sustain present production, in addition to providing for much needed expansion, and whereas, the domestic consumption may be greatly increased and the use of butter substitutes decreased, and

Whereas, greatly increased output of state and foreign markets may be greatly stimulated by higher quality in our products,

Be it hereby resolved that the solution to the problem of increased sales will be found largely in better quality, and standardization.

And be it further resolved that this better quality can be secured best from a cream grading law, which we urge upon our legislative representatives.

2. Be it resolved that this meeting stands firmly against the sale of dairy products substitutes, and calls upon the legislature for remedial legislation, that both the producers and the consuming public may be adequately protected.

3. Be it resolved that the state institutions be required by law to use no butter substitutes nor any substitutes for animal fats

in cooking. We also urge this in regards to national institutions.

4. Be it resolved that our congressional delegation should continue their fight against the free importation of copra and vegetable oils. We urge the agricultural committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce to use its influence in this movement.

5. Be it resolved that this meeting urge the dairymen of Oregon to support all sound cooperative manufacturing and marketing enterprises.

6. Be it resolved that as the dairy work of the O.S.C. has been sympathetic to the producers and its policies have been proven sound, that its work and leadership receive our support and encouragement.

7. Be it resolved that we are deeply appreciative of the purposes and effort of Mrs. C. S. Jackson and the Oregon Journal in its dairy program, and for this hospitality extended.

Cow Must Yield 300 Pounds Fat To be Profitable

EVERETT, Wash.—To return a profit, a dairy cow must produce at least 300 pounds butterfat per year, says Donald L. Saunders, assistant county agent. It takes 150 pounds of butterfat to pay the cow's feed bill for the year, and another 150 pounds to pay interest on money invested in cow and buildings, insurance, labor and miscellaneous expenses such as losses of livestock and veterinary services.

EXPORTS DECLINE
The smallest total volume of agricultural exports from the United States since 1910 is reported for the year ended June 30, 1930, says the U. S. department of agriculture. The combined index of exports of 44 commodities is placed at 97 for the last fiscal year, exports in the year period 1891-1914 being used as a base of 100. The index of exports for the year ended June 30, 1929 was 117, the peak movement for the last 20 years being in 1918-19, when the index figure was 145. The index of cotton exports is reported at 82 for last year, compared with 99 the preceding year; grains and grain products 130 last year, compared with 173 for the year ended June 30, 1929; cattle and meat products 104 last year against 102 the preceding year; fruits 216, compared with 372 the preceding year.

North Santiam

NORTH SANTIAM, Nov. 1.—Mrs. E. Jarvis, Mrs. George Ashford and son Elmer, of Lebanon, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Keithley. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hinkle have returned home after spending the week in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Briggs of Portland were weekend guests of Mrs. Briggs' mother, Mrs. Elita Mack. Accompanied by Mrs. Mack and Mrs. Russel Kelly, they motored to Mill City Sunday, where they were guests of Mrs. A. J. Chance. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Deyotto and family who have been visiting Mrs. Delgotta's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Tripp, left Tuesday for their home in Las Angeles, California. Word has been received here of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rossell in Silverton. This is the first child and has been named Ruth Marie. Mrs. Rossell will be remembered as Lauro Spicer. Master Stanley McNeal, the 5 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George McNeal is recovering from a tonsil and adenoid operation. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Parker and Jack were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Howard. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Keithley and Willis attended church services at Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Frank Gueckle of Mehama, is here for several days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Bond. Mrs. Celia Gilmore, a former resident of this place, but now of San Francisco, Calif., enroute to Seho, Oregon, was a visitor here this week, looking after property interests. While here she leased her farm to Charles Phillips.

WOODBURN FOLK SEE DRAINAGE WORK

WOODBURN, Nov. 1.—The vocational agriculture students of the Smith Hughes department in Woodburn high went on an interesting field trip Tuesday morning when they were taken to the Nick Serres place east of Woodburn to witness some drainage work being accomplished by Joe Serres, a Woodburn student. A tile plant has given Joe Serres enough tile to correctly drain a field of an acre and a half. The drainage system will act as a practical demonstration of the value of drainage by the use of tile.

Certified Seed Potatoes Prove Heavy Yielders

NEWPORT, Wash.—Certified Gold Coin seed potatoes which were obtained from Northern British Columbia, give promise of producing a high yield of top grade potatoes in Pend Oreille county, says E. E. Hupp, county agent. Indications are that they will yield a ton to every 100 pounds planted. As the seed costs about \$10 a 100 pounds, this year's yield will be used for foundation stock in the county.

PRODUCE IS EXCELLENT
At the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland there is an immense exhibit of products of the soil of Oregon and the northwest as well as of the animals that live on such products, and there has been keen competition for prizes for best qualities. G. A. Fleith & Sons, of Sherwood, Oregon, won the sweepstakes in the wheat exhibits; the sweepstakes in barley were captured by C. O. Garrett, of Gladale, Oregon; in oats by R. M. Scott of Tigard, Oregon; in rye by Bealy & Guynes of Oregon City; in potatoes by J. C. Minson of Powell Butte, Oregon, and in corn by Glen Baxter of Granger, Wash.

FARM WAGES LOWER

Farm wages on October 1 were at the lowest level since January 1923, because of poor crop prospects, farm products price declines and the fact that the supply of farm hands is more than 40 percent in excess of the demand, says the bureau of agriculture. The bureau says that the excessive supply of farm hands is a reflection of the continuance of the present extensive business depression, which has scattered unemployed industrial workers throughout agricultural sections in search of a livelihood. The supply is in excess of the demand in all geographical sections, ranging from an excess of 24 per cent in the North Atlantic states to 49 per cent in the South Central states.

LOCAL FLEECES WIN AWARDS

R. W. Hogg and Sons of Salem, J. B. Stump and A. H. Craven Win

Oregon grown fleeces won many high honors in the Pacific International Wool show held at Portland, October 25 to November 1, as an educational project of the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers, the oldest and largest regional unit of the National Wool Marketing Corporation in the northwest.

A splendid fleece from a pure-bred Rambouillet ewe, exhibited by T. B. Wilcox, Jr., of Glenwood Farm, Portland, won the silver coffee set awarded by the Oregon Wool Growers' association for the best Oregon fleece from the manufacturer's standpoint and also the Charles J. Webb silver plate for the best fine wool fleece in the show. The same fleece won first place for Rambouillet ewes.

Hogg and Sons Rate High
R. A. Thompson of Heppner won the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeder's trophy for the best Rambouillet ram fleeces. R. W. Hogg and Sons of Salem, carried away the silver pitcher donated by Frank Brown, for the best Hampshire ram fleece in the show. C. E. Grelle, Portland, owner of the Henry Ranch company, exhibited a Shropshire ram fleece that won the Oregon Shropshire Breeders association trophy for the best fleece in that class. J. B. Stump, Jr., of Monmouth, won the Willamette Valley Wool Growers' trophy for the best Braid fleece and a mohair fleece exhibited by the Animal Husbandry Department of Oregon State college won a trophy, donated by the Willamette Valley Wool Growers, for the best mohair fleece in the show. Other winners on Oregon fleeces follow:

Monmouth Wins
First, Hampshire ewe, R. W. Hogg and Sons; third, Rambouillet ram, Glenwood Farm, Second, Shropshire ram, George Armstrong, Corvallis. Third, Shropshire ewe, Mrs. Vernie Sersanoon, Portland. First, Lincoln ram and ewe, J. B. Stump, Jr., Monmouth. In the Commercial Wool show the Oregon State college won third for Fine Staple wool and H. W. Barron, Ashland, sixth. C. H. Wesson of Baker, won second for Half Blood Combing and Hart of Bend. J. M. Boardman, third. Lloyd S. Izatt, McEwan, won fourth for Three-eighths Blood and Julius Clausen, Baker, fifth. First place for Quarter Blood combing was won by Millard Hart of Bend. J. M. Boardman, Boardman, won third and C. S. Sperring, fourth, in this class. L. A. Porter, John Day, won first for Low Quarter Blood and A. H. Craven, Monmouth, second. H. W. Link, Airtie, won first for Braid. In the mohair show C. H. Eaton, Salado, won first; W. W. Irvin, Aurora, second; and George Watson, third, for doe fleeces. Oregon State college won first; W. Parker, Elmira, second; H. V. Link, Airtie, third; and John Harmon, Blodgett, fourth for kid fleeces.

Other trophy winners were E. O. Tribble, Lodi, Calif. who won high honors for Romney ram fleeces, the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers silver trophy for best Quarter Blood Fleece and the Willamette Valley Wool Growers trophy for best Low Quarter Blood. Oeste Brothers, Davis, Calif., the Oregon Shropshire Breeders' association cup for best Shropshire ewe fleece; W. H. Caland, Summerfield, Ohio, the silver coffee set offered by the American Delaine-Merino association; Frank C. Clarke, Laytonville, Calif., the Jacobs Oregon City Woolen Mills trophy for best Half Blood fleeces; Mrs. D. S. Cochran, Winlock, Wash. United States National Bank trophy for best Three-eighths Blood wool.

This was the fourth annual wool show sponsored by the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers in connection with the Pacific International Livestock Exposition. It was judged by George M. Willingmyre, head of the Wool Standardization Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture, and by Herbert Bentley, Portland warehouse manager of the Pacific Wool Growers.



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Little Miss Jean Drager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Drager of Aurora with one of the Rhode Island Red hens she enjoys feeding.

Drager Farm Near Aurora Proves Possibilities of Crop Diversity on Oregon Soil

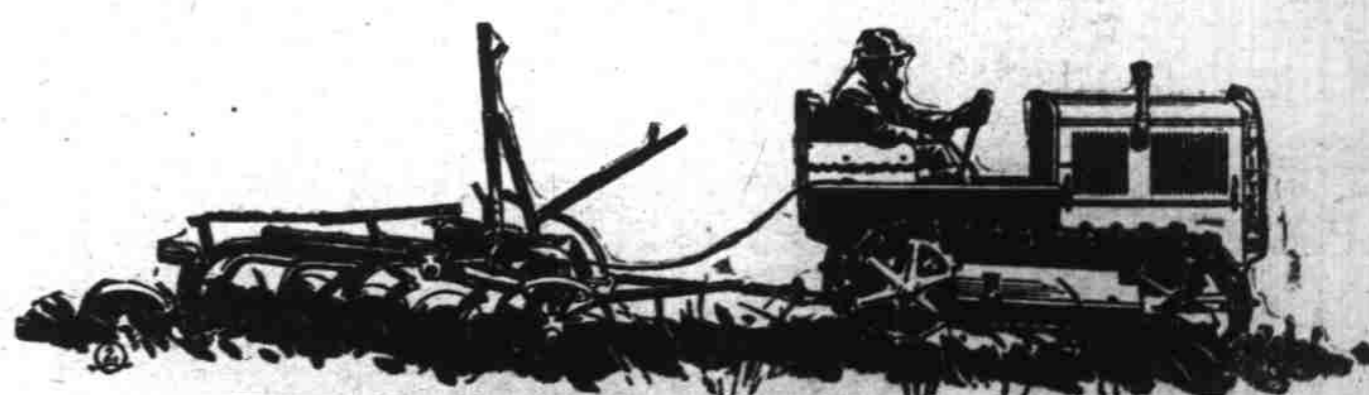
AURORA, Nov. 1.—The unemployment problem, the one big problem taxing the minds of the people all over the country, has been solved for many local people during the growing season by the industry of one of our neighboring farmers. Fred Drager who lives on a farm at the edge of town, is just bringing to a close a season which has been full of activity since early spring. While he has farmed on a much larger scale raising grain, he feels that diversified farming is more profitable and the best suited to him. He is renting at a good price a farm of 55 acres — 22 acres of which is cleared, and upon which he has 3 acres in strawberries, both Etterburg and Marshalls, a few acres in loganberries and raspberries, 2 acres of beans, and a filbert orchard just coming into bearing which is planted to raspberries which will eventually have to come out grain, and also, an acre of prunes. For his own use he raises hay, grain, corn, tomatoes, and other garden truck, with always some to sell, and for the stock, carrots, stock beets and kale. Drager is milking only five or six cows, selling the butterfat to the creamery but is raising his own stock and building up a herd of Guernseys also raises some pigs.

His wife who was Minnie Payree of Macleay, understands the needs of a farm home, and is her husband's partner in every sense of the word, taking the early hours and working shoulder to shoulder with him throughout the day. They have three or four hundred Rhode Island red and white leghorn chickens, which are left to the care of Mrs. Drager and the two happy children John and Jean who play their part in the scheme of things. Jean is the companion and friend of the young calves and the little chicks which follow her about. The farm is irrigated from mill creek and Drager has a nice horsepower engine and pressure tank which furnishes the house with running water. While not so spectacular as some, this little farm does its bit to a small army of workers, who make good wages picking his crops for the market. Drager is genial and enthusiastic with a sane cheerful outlook upon life. Like David Starr Jordan who took his inspiration in enthusiasm from a French novel by Victor Cherbuliez whose text and whole sermon was this: "My son, we should lay up a stock of absurd enthusiasms in our youth, or else we shall reach the end of our journey, with an empty heart, for we lose a great many of them by the way." Drager has stored up many enthusiasms, he does things because he loves to do them and loves them because he does them. He does not need vast acres to make a success, but on his small acreage with loving hands he coaxes every inch into productivity. The home has the conveniences that are possible to farms in this modern age and because he is eternally at it the farm is being built up and improved.

Shaw
SHAW, Nov. 1.—W. Brownell, who was quite ill with a bad cold, is able to be out again. Mrs. Ben Klecker of Salem, sister of Ed. Amort of Shaw, is doing nicely after a serious illness of over a month. Her sister, Mrs. Rose Cole is taking care of her. Dr. Elizabeth Mathews left Saturday to spend a few days in Portland. From there she will go to New York and other places.

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