

POULTRY OUTLOOK DECLARED BRIGHT

Raisers Held Justified in Keeping Present Plants At Capacity Mark

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 23 (AP)—Oregon poultry keepers who follow a well-defined program of management are in the opinion of the Oregon State college extension service, justified in rearing sufficient young stock to operate their present equipment to its normal capacity.

This statement is made by the extension service in its report on the poultry situation and outlook. The report warns, however, that present conditions do not justify plunging or over-expansion of this commercial enterprise.

The number of chickens on farms in the United States on January 1 was about five per cent less than that of the previous year. The report indicates a reduction of hens in commercial flocks. Imports of frozen and dried eggs during 1931 were small as a result of the 11 per cent increase in tariff on frozen eggs and the 10 per cent increase on dried eggs.

The report said storage holdings are large at less than they were a year ago. County estimates indicate turkey production will be increased in Oregon this year. The report points out that farm prices of turkeys held up to the holiday prices of a year ago. In spite of the weaker demand, the relatively high prices of turkeys compared to other farm products may encourage producers to raise more turkeys in 1932.

The honey report, also issued today, says Oregon bees are in good shape and prospects are bright for a good year of nectar in 1932. The general condition of bees the country over is said to be less satisfactory than usual.

The 1931 crop is believed to have been the smallest in several years because of drought.

STOCKS SLIP BACK IN QUIET TRADING

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP)—Stocks slipped slowly backward in the quietest trading since February 9.

Prices reacted fractionally at the opening, recovered and then lost heart, dropping to an emphatically weak close. Net losses in the most active period. Net losses in many instances ranged from more than 2 points, with the turnover 1,281,213 shares.

Auburn auto had a 15-point break, although the market was not seriously troubled by the change in fortunes of this volatile issue. Union Pacific's loss of more than 6 seemed to have some weight, since it followed publication of a poor January earnings statement.

American Telephone and General Electric fell into heavy going during the last hour, losing 4 5/8 and 2 points, respectively. General Motors, Du Pont, Case, American Tobacco "B," American Can, New York Central, Norfolk & Western and U. S. Steel finished 2 to 3/4 lower. Preferred stocks were mixed but with a tendency upward heaviness.

HAY PRICES ABOVE PAST YEARS' MARK

Hay prices in eastern and central Oregon are higher now than for several years past. Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, reported upon his return Thursday after traveling more than 600 miles through the rural districts east of the Cascade mountains. In several counties the hay crop has been exhausted for several weeks. Lytle said, and it has been necessary for feeders of cattle and other livestock to ship in a supply from other states. Morrow, Lake and Harney counties especially were hard hit by the hay shortage.

Lytle said, he said the present condition was due to crop failures in those counties during the past four or five years.

Most of the hay shipped into eastern and central Oregon from California and Idaho has demanded from \$18 to \$22 a ton, plus the cost of transportation.

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LIQUIDATING GRAIN SLUMP CAUSE CENT ADVANCE IN EGGS FORCED

Marketing of Million And Half Bushels Is Ignored

CHICAGO, Feb. 23 (AP)—Liquidating sales led to sharp setbacks in grain prices today, despite announcement that 1,500,000 bushels of North American wheat had been taken for overseas.

Constructive news from abroad exerted less influence than expected, and weakness of foodstuff values had a bearish effect on wheat. No. 3, yellow corn was selling on an immediate delivery basis, 6 cents a bushel lower than May contracts, a market situation rarely met with at this time of year.

Wheat closed unsteady at almost the day's bottom level, 1/2 cent lower than Saturday's finish, corn 1/4 to 1 down, oats 1/2 to 1 off.

Today's closing quotations: Wheat: Mar. '32, 57.00; 5-8 to 7-8, 56.25; 1-8 to 3-4, 55.75; 4-8 to 7-8, 55.25; 8-8 to 1-8, 54.75; 2-8 to 5-8, 54.25.

Oats: Mar. '32, 24.50; July 25-1-8 to 2-4, 24.50.

General Markets

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 23 (AP)—Portland grain market prices: Wheat: Open High Low Close

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 23 (AP)—Cattle: 500-900 lbs., good, 5.75-6.25; medium, 5.25-5.75; poor, 4.75-5.25.

Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 23 (AP)—Eggs: Pacific poultry producers' selling prices: fresh extras, 17c; standards, 16c.

Fruits, Vegetables

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 23 (AP)—Oranges, California, navel, wrapped, 98-2.25; grapefruit, California, 2.50-2.75; Florida, 2.25-2.75.

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PORTLAND, Feb. 23 (AP)—Apples continued to move well on the East Side Farmers' wholesale market. Prices were still around the low point but consumption is very liberal.

TURNER, Feb. 23—Miss Ruth Clark, intermediate teacher, spent the weekend at her home in Portland. She was taken sick with flu, and was unable to return Sunday night. Mrs. S. A. Rich substituted in the school room for Miss Clark.

Salem Markets

Grade B raw 4% milk, co-op pool price, \$1.70 per hundred.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Radishes, doz. 20; Onions, doz. 4.00; Potatoes, cwt. 60.

EGGS

Extras, 14; Standards, 14; Mediums, 12.

GRAIN AND HAY

Wheat, western red, 50; White, bu. 50.

MEAT

Lamb, 5.00; Hogs, top, 4.10; Hogs, first cuts, 4.10.

MOHAIR

Old, nominal; Kid, nominal.

Supply not so Liberal As was Expected In Northwest

PORTLAND, Feb. 23 (AP)—An advance of 1c doz. was forced in the local selling price of eggs generally for the day as a result of the boosting of quotations that much by the Pacific co-ops.

The supply of eggs is not as liberal as expected. The great decrease in flocks throughout the Portland territory is now being felt.

Latest survey of the situation indicates that the decrease has been nominal in the ranks of the co-ops of this territory although a serious loss is reflected in Washington. Unattached poultry producers are showing the chief losses in chicken holdings.

There continues a fully steady tone in the market. Demand is chiefly for so-called extras.

There remains a steady tone generally for cheese. From all parts of the country, but not only are prices being well maintained but that demand is seasonably good.

Sales of hen turkeys are now being made generally up to 20c lb. for first quality dressed birds.

Healthy trading trend is showing for live chickens here but in general prices reflect no further changes. Sufficient light weight hens are now arriving to take care of immediate wants of the trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Rogambal moved on the Jim Simpson ranch at Fruitland Monday.

OTTOWAYS OBSERVE 56TH ANNIVERSARY

AURORA, Feb. 23—Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Ottoway and family spent Sunday at the home of Ottoway's father, G. H. Ottoway near Silverton, where the family had assembled to do honor to their parents, it being the 56th anniversary of their marriage.

A buffet luncheon was served from a table appropriately centered by a large wedding cake of which stood a bride and groom.

The pupils of the Aurora grade school gave a program Monday morning honoring the 200th birthday of George Washington.

Recitation by Mable Oliver; song by school; recitation by Marjorie Kell, Charles Miller and Stanley Pottratz; song by first and second grades; play by third and fourth grades; song by school; recitations by Glenn Pottratz and Charles Hamlet; songs; play by fifth and sixth grades; essays by seventh and eighth grades.

Death of Brother Takes T. Russell To California City

SHELBY, Feb. 23—Friends of W. R. Russell, 50, were shocked to hear of his death Friday morning in his California home.

He leaves a wife and one son. John Roper is very ill with flu at his home west of town. Mrs. Trollinger's mother, Mrs. Finley, has pneumonia.

CONTRACT BRIDGE "The Official System"

As Adopted by Leading Authorities By E. V. SHEPARD

Can Y Make 4 Spades? A Q 10 8 5, 7 4, 8 6 3, 7 4 2, K J 7 6 3, 6 5, J 10 9, Q J 10, A Q 10 9 8 7, 6 5 4 3 2, K A K 4 2, 8 5 3, 9 4 2, A K 3, Q 7 5, A K 9 6.

Bidding on the hands above went: Z, 1-No Trump; A, Pass; Y, 2-Spades; B, 3-Hearts; Z, 3-No Trump; A, Pass; Y, 4-Spades; B, and Z, Pass; A, Double.

B made an opening lead of his king of clubs. Not wishing to make good a club in dummy, B shifted to his queen of hearts. The trick was won in dummy. The question is: Can Y go game against any defense now open to A-B?

As no player had false-carded, Y's picture of what each held was perfect. It did not make the least difference what B led. Nothing could prevent what happened. B led his top heart. Z won with the ace. Dummy and A were stripped of clubs by laying down dummy's queen. Z's ace of diamonds took the next trick, and then A was given the third and last trick by his side with another diamond lead.

SPEARS HOME FROM LOUISIANA TRAVELS

AUMSVILLE, Feb. 23—Mr. and Mrs. Bland Spear have returned home after spending the past month on a trip to New Orleans, La. They went by car as far as Oakland, Calif., taking the train the rest of the way.

They spent one day at Juarez, Mexico, sight-seeing. One week was enjoyed at the Edgewater Gulf hotel in Mississippi, where Mr. Spear attended the convention of the Minnesota Mutual Life insurance company, the only Oregon delegate. They also took in the Mardi Gras at New Orleans, and then returned the same route.

VOGET ADDRESSES HUBBARD STUDENTS

HUBBARD, Feb. 23—Garfield Voget gave the main address at the Washington's birthday and Arbor day program given by the high school at the school house Monday morning.

At the same time, this program was being given. Mrs. Fry was entertaining the primary grades in her room. All the songs and exercises were in honor of Washington's birthday. Miss Frances Hatch told of the bi-centennial and Mrs. Lorena Duran told of her visit to Mount Vernon.

After the programs all the pupils and visitors joined in planting a Hawthorn tree, donated by Chester Ward, and dedicated to him. Rev. Hartong gave the invocation. After music by the girls club Rev. Hartong gave a splendid dedication address while Mr. Painter planted the tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hershberger and daughter, Inez, arrived from Vancouver, Wash., Friday to visit with relatives. Sunday the Hershbergers were complimented with a dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Miller. Covers were placed for William Wolf, Fred Walker, Will Barrett, Orva Barrett, Mrs. E. G. Hartong and Mrs. Otto Miller, and the honor guests, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hershberger and Inez Hershberger.

Carl Busch is Still Confined to Hospital

KINGWOOD, Feb. 23—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Busch went to Portland Sunday where they visited their son, Carl Busch, who has been for nine weeks a patient at the Emanuel hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Wilson returned Saturday from Tillamook where they had been guests of friends for several days. The Wilsons, whose home is at Forest, Wash., will be with relatives here another week before returning home.

Stettler Purchases 43 Acres of Nelson

HAYESVILLE, Feb. 23—Lauren Stettler has purchased the 43-acre farm known as the Nelson farm, about a half mile south of Chemawa. The transaction was being effected the past week.

MICKEY MOUSE "On the Scents" comic strip panels showing Mickey Mouse and Horace Horsecollar.

THIMBLE THEATRE—Starring Popeye Now Showing—"Ex-Dairy" comic strip panels showing Popeye and other characters.

LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY "Such Popularity Must Be Deserved" comic strip panels showing Annie Rooney and other characters.

TOOTS AND CASPER comic strip panels showing Toots and Casper.

THE BELL FOR ROUND ONE! THE FIGHT IS ON! WHO WILL WIN? (CONTINUED TOMORROW) comic strip panels showing a boxing match.

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