

Oregon's Farm Crop Yield Up \$8,000,000 Over 1934, is Report

Gain in Nation Is 12 Per Cent

Wallace Pleased by Upturn in Farm Prices; Corn Best Return

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—The Oregonian's department correspondent said tonight receipts from the sale of principal farm products in Oregon from January to October were \$59,832,000, compared with \$51,833,000 for the corresponding period in 1934. The figures were released by the bureau of economics of the department of agriculture.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The agriculture department estimated today that the gross income of United States farmers increased 12 per cent to \$8,110,000,000 in 1935, although its "bird's eye" view of crops showed "about average yield on a rather light acreage."

Secretary Wallace said he was greatly pleased with the higher income figures, the first of the season to estimate values.

The department estimated income from 79 crops at \$5,400,000,000, income from livestock and livestock products at \$4,230,000,000, and benefit payments at \$480,000,000.

Income from the 79 crops in 1934 was \$5,050,000,000; from livestock and livestock products, \$3,629,000,000, and from benefit payments \$594,000,000, a total of \$7,266,000,000.

Prices received for this season's crops, the department said, were about 13 per cent above those of last year when crops were reduced sharply. The higher total income was said to have resulted from heavier production.

Livestock Gains 16 Per Cent

The estimated income from crops alone this year was reported almost 12 per cent above last year's, and from the sale of livestock, 16 per cent higher.

The area for harvest of 44 of the principal crops was estimated at 27,861,000 acres, an increase of 41,000,000 or more than 14 per cent over that harvested last year, but a reduction of 28,000,000 or 8 per cent from the average harvested area in 1932.

Corn continued as the nation's most valuable crop, with this year's production estimated at 2,028,852,000 bushels, valued at \$1,271,489,600, compared with production of 1,377,126,000 bushels valued at \$1,124,321,000 in 1934.

Wheat production for 1935 was placed at 603,199,000 bushels valued at \$505,394,000, against 496,929,000 bushels valued at \$420,805,000 last year.

Potato Production Drops

A sharp reduction was noted in potato production, accompanied by an increase in value of the crop. Production last year was \$82,421,000, compared to \$56,408,000 in 1934, but 1935 production of about 350,000,000 bushels, valued at \$208,733,000 for 1935.

In planning administration of the new potato control law, the AAA has aimed at an annual production of about 350,000,000 bushels.

Elks' Lodge to Have Big Show at 8 Tonight

Tonight marks the biggest night of the year as far as the members of the Elks lodge are concerned. Following the regular meeting at 8 o'clock the annual Christmas benefit will be held.

The Call Board

ELSINORE
Today—Joan Blondell in "Miss Pacific Fleet."

GRAND
Today—"A Feather in Her Hat" with Pauline Lord.
Saturday—"Bad Boy" with James Dunn.

CAPITOL
Today—Double bill, Dick Powell in "Broadway Gondolier", and "Frisco Waterfront" with Ben Lyon.

HOLLYWOOD
Today—"The Bishop Misbehaves" with Maureen O'Sullivan.
Friday—Double bill, Ken Maynard in "Western Frontier", and "Silk Hat Kid" with Lew Ayres.

STATE
Today—Gary Cooper in "The Wedding Night."
Saturday—William Boyd in "Hop-a-long Cassidy."

"Miss Pacific Fleet" comes to port today at the Elsinore theatre with that famous quartet of film comedians, Joan Blondell, Glenda Farrell, Hugh Herbert, and Alan Jenkins heading a cast that includes hundreds of gobs and Marines.

Miss Blondell and Miss Farrell are teamed at a couple of wisecracking chorus beauties who run a concession at an amusement park on the Pacific coast. They are put out of business through the can rousing skill of Jenkins. Laughs tumble over each other in a series of hilarious situations to a melodramatic, although laughable climax, in which there is a kidnapping, a motor boat chase for the abducted girl and a free for all battle including not only the sailors but their sweeties.

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Mystery Still Surrounds Death of Blonde Venus



Thelma Todd, attractive Hollywood comedy star, was found dead in the front seat of her car Monday morning, and investigations and an inquest have not revealed all the circumstances. In the recent picture above she is shown guarding her home after receiving an extortion note early this year. At her right hand is a revolver and at her left is her dog. Last month Edward Scheffert, 26, of New York, was committed to the Bellevue hospital for the criminally insane, following his arrest for sending Miss Todd an extortion note.

Donations for the benefit have been made by the merchants of Salem. In addition a 45-minute floor show has been imported from Portland for the entertainment of the club members.

Political Chief Silent on Vote

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Senator Borah of Idaho for the presidential nomination at Cleveland.

Wallace Refuses to Take Talmadge Seriously

Other happenings that stirred the 1936 political debate included:

A statement by Secretary Wallace that it was "not worth while to give a serious answer" to the AAA substitute proposed by Gov. Eugene Talmadge of Georgia, new deal critic, who proposed a crop holiday every seventh year.

Representative Fish (D-N.Y.) said he was placing before Chairman Farley of the democratic national committee reports the republican national organization was trying to hire democratic workers to write for the G. O. P. in the coming campaign.

Representative Fish (R-N.Y.) said at Chicago that Senator Borah would make a definite announcement within 30 days whether he would be a candidate.

Borah, Fish added, could "win the republican nomination on the first ballot."

High School Work Given at Hospital

Certified instruction in high school subjects will be offered to patients at the state tuberculosis hospital under the Marion county adult education program to be directed by George Birrell and financed with federal funds. Birrell announced yesterday. Mrs. Dorothy Irwin, who has been assigned as instructor, will offer classes in English and French. The courses will be coordinated with those at Salem high school and identical credit given the students.

These classes not only will enable patients at the hospital to resume school work that has been interrupted but also may help them in recovering from their illness by giving them a definite mental activity, Birrell said it was believed.

Birrell is now selecting teachers for the free adult education classes to start at Salem high school December 30 or January 6. He has not yet determined the courses to be offered.

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Problem of ironing out hop prices comparatively simple when placed against the problems of corn and wheat. "The number of growers is comparatively few," McDrew said. "The outlet for hops is entirely with brewers. You have the unusual and fortunate situation of having your largest consumers anxious for you to organize."

E. E. Henry, president of the federal intermediate credit corporation, said his organization would not give serious consideration next year to hop financing unless a plan of stabilization is determined upon and put into effect. "The surplus of hops on the market makes such a program unworkable," he said. "It would be unfair for our stockholders in other agricultural lines to take on the risk which financing next year's hop crop involves."

William S. Walton of the Ladd and Bush bank told the hop growers that the day of recurring deficits for the hop grower with an occasional good year wiping out large indebtedness, was gone. "Federal income taxes are going to take an increasing portion of the return for good years," he said. "Financial support cannot be secured for bad years. The banker will be reluctant to make the loan; the borrower will be hesitant to ask for the credit. A stable, fair price is much to be preferred to the present up-and-down market."

James Seavey, one of the largest growers in Oregon, said he was

Pawnbroker Plea Of Libel Is Heard

Arguments of attorneys were heard in the state supreme court yesterday in a suit brought by Mark N. Israel, Portland pawnbroker, to recover damages from the Portland News Publishing company. The suit was based on an alleged libelous story printed in the Portland News in which the name of W. Frank Akin, slain port investigator, was mentioned.

The Multnomah county circuit court returned a verdict for the defendant corporation. Israel later asked for a new trial, which was granted. The News Publishing company appealed from the latter order.

Israel sought to recover \$50,000.

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Hoare Quits as English Storm

Even Tory Party Assails Proposal to Give Big Territory to Duce

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tempest aroused by the peace plan, accepted the resignation, criticism of the proposals, assailed as "a prize for Italian aggression," had spread even to the ranks of his own Tory party.

Sharp Echoes of Peace Plan are Heard

Sharp echoes of the peace scheme were heard throughout Europe. Most important were these:

1. Edouard Herriot, Laval's minister of state, announced early today he would remain in his cabinet post, although he resigned as radical socialist leader. Late last night (Wednesday) he announced he would resign from the cabinet today, mainly because of Premier Laval's "weak" support of the league. His decision not to quit the government heartened supporters of the government, already shaken by the resignation of Sir Samuel, who wrote the peace proposals with Laval.
2. Both Great Britain and France refused to support the peace plan at Geneva, virtually insuring it would be killed by the league of nations council. Ethiopia assailed the proposals. Italy was not present. The council took no immediate action.
3. Mussolini's grand fascist council discussed the peace terms for three hours, adjourned without announcing any decision, and decided to meet again Saturday. Previously, Il Duce and Queen Elena of Italy had proclaimed the 31st day of sanctions as one of "victory" and "faith" amid a nationwide offering of wedding rings for the "cause." Il Duce scored "crooked Europe" and said Italy would fight to the end for her "rights."
4. Official quarters in Paris rejected a spreading tendency toward letting the two African belligerents fight it out. As for the war itself, Rome claimed a victory in a fierce three-day battle on the Takkaze river front in northern Ethiopia. Dispatches from Asmara indicated Italian tanks and machine guns broke up the attack by 30,000 Ethiopians who sought to re-

Miss Todd Is Reported Seen

Mystery Grows in Hollywood Case; She Shared Room With Director

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one occasion, did not accompany Miss Todd from the sidewalk up the stairs to her door. He said he never before had failed to do so. That morning, she told him "it isn't necessary."

No motion picture people were present among the 300 or more persons who jammed the tiny courtroom.

Roland West was the star witness on the stand for nearly three hours.

"Your relations with Miss Todd were more or less intimate, were they not?" Deputy George Johnson asked him.

"She was my best friend, if that's what you mean."

"Did you ever have an argument with her?"

"Never."

"Saturday night, before she left for the party in Hollywood, didn't you caution her to be home by 2 o'clock, or she'd find the door locked?"

West smiled.

West and "Friend" Tangle Over Her Return

"I frequently told her beauty was her fortune and that she should protect it by plenty of sleep. That night, I said, '2 o'clock, Theima?' She said, 'laughing, '2:05.' I opened the car door again, and said, '2 o'clock.' She closed it and replied, '2:05.'" West then was asked why he bolted her door, on the inside, inasmuch as this made it impossible for her to unlock it and enter.

"I didn't know she had only one

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