

Farm Prices Make Gains Over Costs Last Month

Most farm prices made substantial gains during February, and as a whole these gains were greater than increases in prices paid by farmers, according to the monthly Agricultural situation and outlook report just prepared by the Oregon State college extension service.

Eggs were the only major commodity that did not share in this general price increase. As compared to January, grains rose 3 points, fruits and vegetables nine points, meat animals 9 points, and dairy products four points, while eggs dropped nine points.

In terms of pre-war conditions, the February index of all farm prices stood at 76, the index of prices paid by farmers for commodities usually bought stood at 118, and the purchasing power of the farm dollar was 64 per cent of pre-war, or parity. The farm dollar in February with a purchasing power of 64 per cent of parity is a much better dollar than the farm dollar of a year ago which had a purchasing power of only 49 per cent of parity. This 15 point gain in purchasing power represents slightly less than a third of the gain that must be made before the farm dollar will have an equal exchange value with the industrial dollar.

The purchasing power during February of some of the major farm commodities in relation to parity was as follows: Eggs 59 per cent, chickens 76 per cent, wool 121 per cent, lambs 94 per cent, beef cattle 60 per cent, hogs 45 per cent, butterfat 70 per cent, wheat 69 per cent and potatoes 107 per cent.

The outlook report also includes brief commodity notes, among which are notes on poultry, lambs and potatoes.

Hatchery reports indicate a smaller output than a year ago. For the United States as a whole, bookings for chick deliveries after February 1 were about 13.7 per cent less than for last year.

The early lamb crop is slightly larger and the condition of lambs is better than last year. An earlier than usual market movement is expected.

Preliminary estimates of potato plantings indicate that they will be larger than last year. So far the bulk of this increase appears to be in the early and intermediate states.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Douglas Cameron is rapidly recovering from her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Helms and son were Medford shoppers Monday.

Asil Walker worked at the Craterian Theatre in Medford Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Netty Stone spent part of last week as guest of her sister in Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reed went to Wolf Creek Sunday to visit Harry Curry.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stone and daughter were Sunday callers, in Grants Pass at the Ernest Wardrip home.

Blanch Haley of Dunsmuir, California, is spending an indefinite time at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Vroman.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Hendrickson and son and Mrs. Claude Laurence of Galls creek visited at the Ernest Reinking home Thursday evening.

The Martin and Millsbaugh families have been released from scarlet fever quarantine. Only the youngest member of each family contracted the disease.

Mr. Kelley of Grants Pass visited with friends here Tuesday. Mr. Kelley formerly lived here and owned the shop where the Trannah Studio is now situated.

C. C. Stone has gone to Tiller where he will reside on the ranch recently purchased by his son Geo. The family will move there as soon as school is out.

Mrs. J. W. Bryan returned to her home the later part of the week from the Grants Pass hospital where she underwent a tonsil operation early last week. She is reported to be in an improved condition and will soon be able to resume her duties at Drakes' Grocery.

Meetings are being held every Tuesday at 2:00 at the home of Mrs. Al Pankey with Mrs. Mary Gerken of the National Federation of Spiritual Science in charge. These meetings are being well attended and a cordial invitation is extended to everyone. Friday evenings at 7:00 meetings are held at the Cooley cabin directly across from the Lively Lime burner on Kanes creek.

Herbert Lingren was among Medford shoppers Saturday.

Blank salesbook for sale at the News office.

Al Pankey was a business visitor in Medford Tuesday.

Mrs. Chas. Beck of Grants Pass is visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Drake.

Miss Lyndall Jacobs and Mrs. J. A. Lively were Medford callers Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. McCoy and daughter, Art Romell and Neil Doty, Sr. were among Medford shoppers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dorman were business visitors in Grants Pass Tuesday.

Miss Sybil Walker spent the week end on Foothills creek with her aunt, Mrs. Lloyd Miller and family.

Mrs. C. W. Martin and Mrs. Joe Blair were Saturday morning visitors in Medford.

Mrs. Fannie Kais of Medford spent several days here last week attending to business affairs.

Neil Doty and family moved from the Parker residence Sunday to the John Hammersly property.

Mrs. Paul Holderness and daughter Leona, and son Paul Eugene, and Mrs. R. E. Blankenburg and Lana Kay shopped in Grants Pass Saturday.

Tom Shaver, local barber, was arrested Thursday by the sheriff and lodged in the county jail at Medford. A charge of drunkenness was filed.

Friends have received word of the birth Saturday of a baby daughter to Mrs. W. H. Lydiard of Medford. Mrs. Lydiard is the former Jane McQuat of Riverside colony west of Gold Hill. She attended school in Gold Hill.

L. L. Deal of Grants Pass, spent Saturday evening in Gold Hill where he acted as referee of the championship basketball game between Grants Pass Rangers and Phoenix in the final game of the independent tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Meunier, daughter Jocelyne and Raymond Ritter of this city, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fleming and daughter Shirley Jean, Misses Irma and Vivian Burroughs of Grants Pass and Harley Cummings of Rogue River made up a party that attended the winter sports carnival at Crater Lake Sunday. On their return they stopped at the Natural Bridge for a picnic lunch.

R. R. Kenaston of Medford and his father R. L. Kenaston of this city enjoyed a motor trip over the loop road from Gold Hill through the Meadows and down to Rogue River Sunday. On their trip they stopped at the Evans Creek CCC camp where they were much impressed at the splendid road which these boys have nearly completed. The road takes the place of an old trail and has been needed for a number of years. Twenty-five miles has been cut from the old loop road making it a much more pleasant trip.

Coming Primary Will See Large Crowd at Polls

Political activity of the last few days indicates one of the largest votes ever cast in a primary election will be recorded May 18, says

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At present there are approximately 480,000 registered voters in Oregon, according to David O'Hara, legal advisor to the secretary of state. Of this number probably 440,000 are qualified.

At the last general election 377,932 votes were cast. The special election of last July which saw the sales tax defeated by a majority of four to one brought 227,852 voters to the polls.

Voting figures for the last general election show 134,512 votes were cast in Multnomah county, more than one third of the state's total.

Lane county cast the second largest number, 25,004. Marion county with 22,604 was third and Clackamas fourth with 19,051.

These votes show the necessity of successful candidates to carry substantial majorities in the Willamette valley.

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