

DAILY MARKET NEWS, LOCAL AND GENERAL

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Crop Report Shows Less Oregon Wheat This Year.
 PORTLAND, Ore., May 11.—(A. P.)—A crop of 16,926,000 bushels of winter wheat in Oregon in 1921 is forecasted by F. L. Kent, agricultural sta-

tionist of the U. S. bureau of crop estimates. This forecast is based on an estimated area remaining for harvest of 712,000 acres and a May 1 condition of 99 per cent. The winter damage to the crop was less than one

per cent and spring moisture conditions have been very satisfactory over the greater part of the wheat producing area of the state. The 1920 Oregon winter wheat crop was finally estimated at 17,649,000 bushels, produced on 751,000 acres.

For the United States as a whole the abandonment of wheat acreage sown in the fall of 1920, was much less than usual, being estimated at 4.6 per cent as compared with 11.8 per cent last year and a ten year average of about 11 per cent. Owing to the low abandonment figure the total winter wheat crop of the United States is now estimated at about 3,600,000 bushels more than the April 1 estimate; that is, 629,287,000 bushels.

Hay—There appears to be a slight decrease in the total hay acreage of the state as compared with a year ago but condition of the hay fields and meadows on May 1, 1921, was estimated at 99 per cent of normal, compared with 93 per cent a year ago. Considerable new acreage was seeded to alfalfa last year but a considerable area of old fields have been plowed up and seeded to other crops which will later be resown to alfalfa. The high prices prevailing for hay during recent years (prior to this year) have caused growers to hold on to run down alfalfa fields longer than would ordinarily be considered good farming practice. Present hay crop conditions indicate a state production of about 3,025,000 tons of tame hay and 240,000 tons of wild hay. The per cent of last year's hay crop remaining on farms on May 1, 1921, is estimated at 12 per cent, compared with 1.0 per cent in 1920, with 5 per cent in 1919, and 8 per cent in 1918.

Spring Plowing and Seeding—The acreage finished is considerably below the usual in the western part of the state. In most counties of the eastern part of the state, this work is at about the usual stage. Ordinarily it is possible to do considerable plowing in the western portion of the state during the months of January and February. This season there was practically no early spring plowing done before the latter part of March. This condition has thrown practically all of the spring work forward, with the result that the normal amount has not been accomplished at this date. In the eastern portion of the state, the conditions have been very favorable for spring plowing and seeding, except in the counties of Union and Willowa where the work has been delayed by more than the usual amount of rainfall. In the principal wheat growing districts the summer fallow plowing is well along in fact, has been finished on many farms.

Fruit—Considerable difference of opinion exists with reference to the condition of the fruit crop of the state. It is known that there was considerable damage to early fruits such as peaches and apricots, from freezing, in some sections, while other sections suffered no injury. Just what effect the continued rainy weather of the latter part of April and early May has had on pollination is yet to be determined. In some parts of the state apples are just now in full bloom and the amount of fruit that will set is yet to be determined.

Advices from our Washington, D. C. office state that "the territory in which fruit has been severely damaged by freezes has increased in size and now embraces portions of the central belt of the United States as far west as the Rocky mountains. The severe frost of April 24 and 25 probably caused almost a complete failure of cherries, apricots and peaches in the southern counties of Idaho and damaged peaches considerably in Utah. The berry crop throughout the country has apparently escaped serious injury."

Condition of Live Stock—The early rains of last fall revived pastures and ranges and thus started stock off in good shape. Sheep being returned from the forest reserves and other summer ranges to the winter feeding grounds, arrived in much better physical condition than usual. The open winter has made it possible for both sheep and cattle to get more or less winter pasture forage and the absence of any considerable disease outbreak has kept the animals in good health. Wool is reported as being of better

quality than usual with heavier fleeces. The lamb and calf crop are reported as being above the average. Condition, on the whole, was probably never better at this season of the year, the average condition figure as reported by correspondents being 99 per cent of normal.

Mortality of Live Stock—Special inquiry was made relative to losses from disease and exposure during the year ending April 30, 1921. The results of this inquiry indicate losses per 1000 head as follows: Horses, from disease, 11; cattle of all ages, from disease, 12 from exposure, 8; sheep, from disease, 30, from exposure, 12; lambs, from both disease and exposure, 50; swine, from disease, 7. The results do not vary greatly from similar figures for the United States as a whole, except in the case of swine, the U. S. figure being 44.2 compared with 7 for Oregon. The reported losses from both disease and exposure are considerably lower than in recent former years, particularly the losses from exposure. The only report received of any considerable stock loss in the state is the following from Malheur county: "All kinds of livestock has wintered in excellent condition and are in normal condition of health with exception of sheep. Big head (sometimes called swellhead) developed in sheep about March 1st and there will probably be a 10 per cent loss, which will also reduce the percentage of spring lambs."

Bearish Sentiment Prevails on Stock Market
 NEW YORK, May 11.—(A. P.)—Sentiment in the financial district yesterday was increasingly bearish and this feeling found free expression in the stock market, where most of the shares were subjected to renewed selling pressure.

Tobacco, food and utility groups were extensively sold to the accompaniment of reports hinting at new financing, which in turn was expected to involve dividend reductions or omissions.

Rails, which rose almost buoyantly in yesterday's final hour, cancelled much of their gains when rumors circulated that no immediate settlement of wages and freight rates was probable.

Almost the only stock of which bears were cautious was Mexican Petroleum, which made an extreme advance of 21-1/2 points in the last hour, when the balance of the list made further concessions to the rise of call money from 61-2 to 7 per cent. Sales \$25,000 shares.

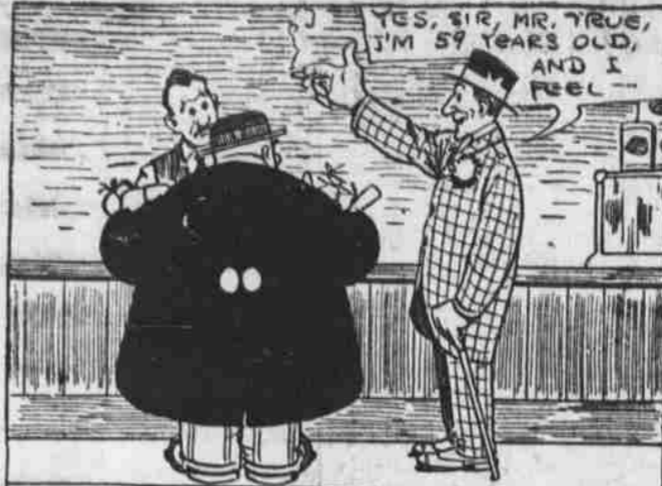
Publication of the United States Steel tonnage report for April, disclosed

ing a further decrease of almost 450,000 tons, was in line with expectations. Unfilled orders of the steel corporation now are less than 4,000,000 tons for the first time since July 1919.

All the more important foreign exchanges were firm to strong. Strength of exchange was helpful to international bonds, but most domestic issues, including rails and the liberty group, were irregular or heavy. Total sales, par value, \$12,175,000.

Wheat Growers To Take Over Elevators
 SEOKANE, Wash., May 11.—(A. P.)—Twenty five grain elevators with a total capacity of about 2,500,000 bushels of wheat will be taken over and operated by the Washington Wheat Growers' association in time to handle the 1921 crop, according to George A. Jewett, general manager of the association here yesterday. Service will be arranged for members at 3300 other warehouses, Mr. Jewett said.

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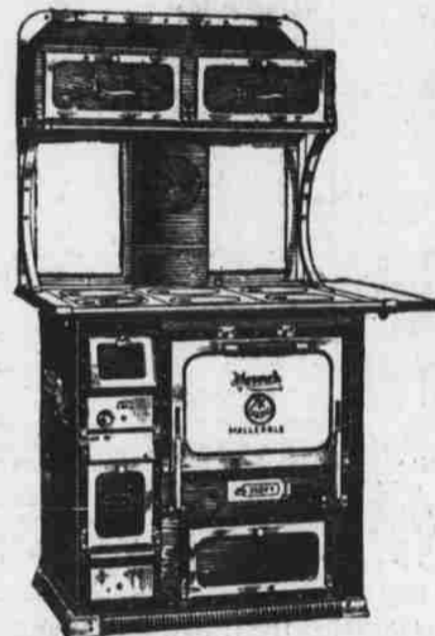
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The Office Cat wonders if the editor of the Boardman Mirror is of the absent-minded type who is lost in reflection most of the time.

What has become of the old-fashioned wife who used to believe that her husband always attended Elks lodge on Thursday evenings?

It isn't "company," any more, but "House-guests," insinuating that in the old days they stayed in the garage or, perhaps the barn.

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