

OREGON NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Exports in Wheat From

Portland Take Jump

Wheat shipments from Portland for the cereal year terminating June 30 reached a grand total of 15,076,710 bushels, of which close to 12,000,000 bushels were exported. The combined wheat cargoes floated during the 1913-14 season reached 13,360,366 bushels, of which less than 7,000,000 bushels were sent foreign.

Exclusive of general cargo the grain and flour exports represented a valuation of \$18,254,259, as against \$10,219,672 for the 1913-14 period. Even facing a falling off in export lumber valuations, due to the war and consequent lack of tonnage, the total value of the foreign grain and lumber business for the year represents a gain over the former season of \$6,910,274.

In the June summary issued by the Merchants Exchange, that month is credited with wheat shipments of 875,263 bushels, while last June there were only 278,970 bushels. In the yearly summary it is shown that no wheat went to the Far East, though last season 1,474,353 bushels found their way to Far Eastern ports.

Franchise Is Extended.

Marshfield—The city of North Bend has granted the Willamette-Pacific Railway company an extension of time on its franchise which exacted the operation of the railroad with through trains from the coast to Eugene and Portland on July 15, 1915. The contract with the neighboring municipality was made in January, 1912, and the railroad was allowed three years to build into Coos Bay.

While the construction of the road has been regarded as slow by people who have been looking forward for many years past to having railroad traffic, it is considered now the company has been as faithful and steady in the work as conditions warranted. The Willamette-Pacific was a difficult piece of work, and besides the nine tunnels averaging from 550 to 4300 feet, three large bridges across the Siuslaw, Umpqua and Coos Bay required much time for assembling material and particular constructive supervision.

Fire Blight Found in Orchards.

Corvallis—Fire blight has been discovered in orchards in Linn county a few miles east of Corvallis by Professors C. I. Lewis and F. D. Bailey, of the horticultural department of the Oregon Agricultural college, who made an inspection trip a few days ago. They found that the blight exists in a number of orchards in this vicinity and is well established as far north as Albany.

Three horticulturists are fighting the blight in the Monroe district, where it was discovered last week, and one expert is attempting to fight it in Lane county in the vicinity of Junction City. State Commissioner Parks, who has the counties of Benton, Linn and Lane in his territory, has proposed to the governor that prison labor be used to fight the fire blight in the orchards of the state.

Fish Forked From River.

La Grande—Blueback and Chinook salmon of enormous size are running in Catherine creek, a tributary of the Grand Ronde river. So large and so numerous are they that boys caught them with pitchforks as they went over the riffles. R. E. Clanton, state hatchery superintendent, has been here to investigate, leaving word that two might be caught each day. The salmon show the results of contact with rocks in shallow streams, having come up the Columbia to the Snake, to the Grand Ronde and then 20 miles to Union.

Albany Girl Wins Three Scholarships.

Albany—Miss Carrie Senders, of this city, may attend any one of three Oregon colleges free next year. She has received scholarships in Albany College, Pacific University and Willamette University. Miss Senders had the highest scholarship average of any student in the graduating class of the Albany High School this year. She has not decided yet which one she will accept. Miss Senders is a daughter of M. Senders, a prominent local merchant.

All Jersey Herds in Polk Tested.

Rickreall—Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, has just finished the work of administering the tuberculin test to the herd of registered Jersey cattle owned by Representative C. N. McArthur, of Portland, and kept on his farm near this place. Every animal in the herd was found in perfect health. Dr. Lytle has tested all the Jersey herds in Polk county and has discovered only one case of tuberculosis.

Public Service Now Name.

Salem—The name of the Railroad Commission of Oregon is now changed to Public Service Commission of Oregon, as provided by a law which is now effective. Since the placing of all public utilities under the supervision of the commission, the old name was not sufficiently comprehensive, and upon the suggestion of the commissioners the last legislature passed a law to become effective July 1 making the change.

State Has Big Balance.

Salem—The report of State Treasurer Kay for six months ending June 30, just made public, shows a balance of \$1,565,429.56 for the general fund. Mr. Kay said the big balance was an assurance that the state would not have to pay interest on any warrants this year.

Disbursements for the six months totaled \$3,773,364.15; receipts, \$3,927,647.22. The balance January 1 was \$1,411,145.49. A law passed by the recent legislature merged all funds in the general fund, and made it possible for the state to discontinue paying interest on warrants.

Albany to Cut Thistles.

Albany—A campaign has been launched to eradicate the Canada thistle from Linn county. Gale S. Hill, district attorney, has sent out notices to 148 land owners on whose property thistles are growing advising them that if they do not cut the thistles themselves the work will be done by county road supervisors and the expense made a lien on their land, as provided by law, until the county is reimbursed.

There are no Canada thistles in most parts of the county, but in one locality they have made quite a start and are spreading rapidly.

Eugene Plans Sales Day.

Eugene—Eugene will have a public market day, on which the farmers may bring to the city produce, probably once a week, and offer it for sale, according to the plans of S. D. Hooper, manager of the promotion department of the Commercial club.

The date for the first day has not yet been set, but it is proposed to set aside a place, probably about the public plaza, where the farmers' wagons can be parked and where the sales can be made from the back of the wagons. The farmers in the district have asked that some such plan be developed.

Seaside Votes Bond Issue.

Seaside—With one lone vote against the measure, a \$35,000 bond issue was authorized by the voters of the Seaside school district to obtain a site and to erect a Union High School building. This will be the first Union High School in Clatsop county, and the work on the building will begin probably immediately so that it will be available for use in the early fall. Several sites are being considered by the board of directors and it is probable that a relatively central location will be chosen somewhere near the Pacific Ocean.

Roseburg Dry Act Void.

Roseburg—Judge J. W. Hamilton has decided that the city of Roseburg had no jurisdiction in prohibition cases. The question arose in the case of the city against Frank Henslee, which was appealed to the Circuit court. The decision said that local option and prohibition laws are state laws and cannot be enforced by cities without special authority provided in the cities' charters. Henslee was sentenced for carrying liquor on the city streets not in an original package, under a city ordinance passed a short time before.

Dust Storm Does Damage.

Echo—A severe dust storm swept over the west end of Umatilla county Wednesday night, beginning at 9 o'clock and continuing several hours. The electric light plant near Hermiston, which supplies the towns of Umatilla, Hermiston, Stanfield and Echo, was put out of commission at 10 o'clock, leaving those places in darkness for the rest of the night.

Some damage is reported to trees, fruit and grain in the neighborhood.

Woman Watches Burglar.

Pendleton—Awakened at 5 o'clock in the morning by a noise in her hotel room, Mrs. E. H. Somerville, wife of a night watchman, watched a burly negro leisurely search her dresser. The intruder completed his task and departed, after which the woman regained control of her vocal organs and screamed. The burglar escaped with jewelry valued at \$150.

Pendleton Postal Receipts Gain.

Pendleton—An increase of more than 10 per cent in the receipts of the local postoffice in the past quarter is announced by Postmaster Tweedy. April, May and June each showed substantial increases in revenue this year over the same months of last year, the net increase for the quarter just ended being \$748.05 over the receipts of the second quarter of 1914.

Crops Near Monroe Mature Fast.

Monroe—The warm weather of the past week has ripened the grain and hay in this vicinity rapidly and the prospects are good for an early harvest and a fine crop. Farmers are more than busy getting in their first crop of hay and with continued fair weather they will have bountiful supply.

Cotton Oil Business Permit Granted.

Salem—The American Cotton Oil company, incorporated in New Jersey with a capital stock of \$30,435,700, has received a permit from Corporation Commissioner Schuldeman to do business in this state. The company is engaged in manufacturing and refining cottonseed oil.

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORTS; GENERAL CROP CONDITIONS

Portland—Wheat: Bluestem, 98c; fortyfold, 97c; club, 96c; red Fife, 91c; red Russian, 93c.

Millfeed—Spot prices: Bran, \$27@27.50 ton; shorts, \$28@28.50; rolled barley, \$25.50@26.50.

Corn—Whole, \$36 ton; cracked, \$37. Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$15 @ 16; valley timothy, \$21 @ 21.50; grain hay, \$10@12; alfalfa, \$12.50@13.50.

Vegetables—Cucumbers, Oregon, 40 @75c per dozen; artichokes, 75c; tomatoes, \$1@1.75 box; cabbage, 1@1c pound; head lettuce, \$1 crate; spinach, 5c pound; rhubarb, 2@3c; peas, 2@4c; beans, 2@3c; green corn, 25@40c dozen; carrots, \$1@1.50 sack; beets, \$1.50; turnips, \$1.35.

Green Fruits—Cherries, 4@8c pound; gooseberries, 2@4c; cantaloupes, \$2@2.75 crate; loganberries, 55c@\$1; currants, \$1@1.25; apricots, \$1 @ 1.25 box; peaches, 65c@\$1; watermelons, 2c pound; plums, \$1.25 box.

Potatoes—Old, \$2.25 sack; new, 1 @ 1c pound.

Onions—Yellow, \$1@1.50; white, \$1.25; red, \$1.75.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, buying prices: No. 1, 22c dozen; No. 2, 18c; No. 3, 15c. Jobbing prices: No. 1, 24c dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 10 @ 11c pound; broilers, 18@20c; turkeys, dressed, 22 @25c; live, 18@2c; ducks, old, 8@9c; young, 15@18c geese, 8@9c.

Butter—Creamery prints, extras, 27c pound; cubes, ordinary, 23c; fancy, 24c.

Veal—Fancy, 10@10c pound.

Pork—Block, 10c pound.

Honey—Choice, \$3.25 case.

Beans—Small white, 5c pound; large white, 5c; Lima, 5c; bayou, 5.5c; pinks, 4@9c.

Hops—1915 contracts, 14c pound; 1914 crop, 12@12c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, medium, 25 @28c pound; Eastern Oregon, fine, 18@21c; valley, 26 @ 30c; mohair, new clip, 30@31c.

Cascara bark—Old and new, 4@4c.

Cattle—Best steers, \$7@7.25; good, \$6.75@7; medium, \$6.50@6.75; choice cows, \$6@6.25; good, \$5.5@6; heifers, \$4.75@6.75; bulls, \$3.50@5; stags, \$5@6.50.

Hogs—Light, \$7.50@7.80; heavy, \$6.75@7.

Sheep—Wethers, \$5 @ 3.50; ewes, \$3@4.50; lambs, \$5.50@7.

Cherries in Lively Demand.

Tacoma—Local cherries are now arriving in excellent shipments and quality and are having a lively sale. Commission men here say there is no better Bing cherry grown than is now arriving from Hale's Passage. The cherries are of fine size, color and flavor. They wholesale at 8 cents a pound.

Another carload of cantaloupes arrived on the local boards. The melons no sooner got inside the houses than they were on their way out again to retail stores. They are now demanding \$2@2.50 a crate, and are improving in quality with each shipment.

California new spuds are now wholesaling at \$1.85 a hundred pounds, making a short drop. In the last few weeks the Southern tubers have been going at 2 cents a pound, but the appearance of local spuds at \$1.85 necessitated a drop in other potatoes. The demand for this commodity continues heavy.

Another carload of watermelons has arrived. The melons being received now are of good size and said to be unusually ripe for the opening receipts. Dealers say they cannot remember when such choice melons have been received this early in the season. The melons are jobbing at 2 1/2 cents a pound.

Meats and poultry remain the same. There is no change in eggs, butter and cheese.

California Hops Are Selling Fast.

Hop dealers are without export orders at the present time, except at prices materially lower than those lately paid for the new Oregon crop. In California, offers of 12 cents are made on contract, but there are no sellers of 1915s at this price. There has been a further movement of spots in that state for export account. Donovan having bought the following lots, according to wire received recently:

John Merkley, 160 bales at 8 1/2 cents; Gerber, 250 bales at 8 1/2 cents; Blauths, 300 bales at 9 cents. Beer consumption for May, 1915, is estimated as 804,006 barrels less than 1914.

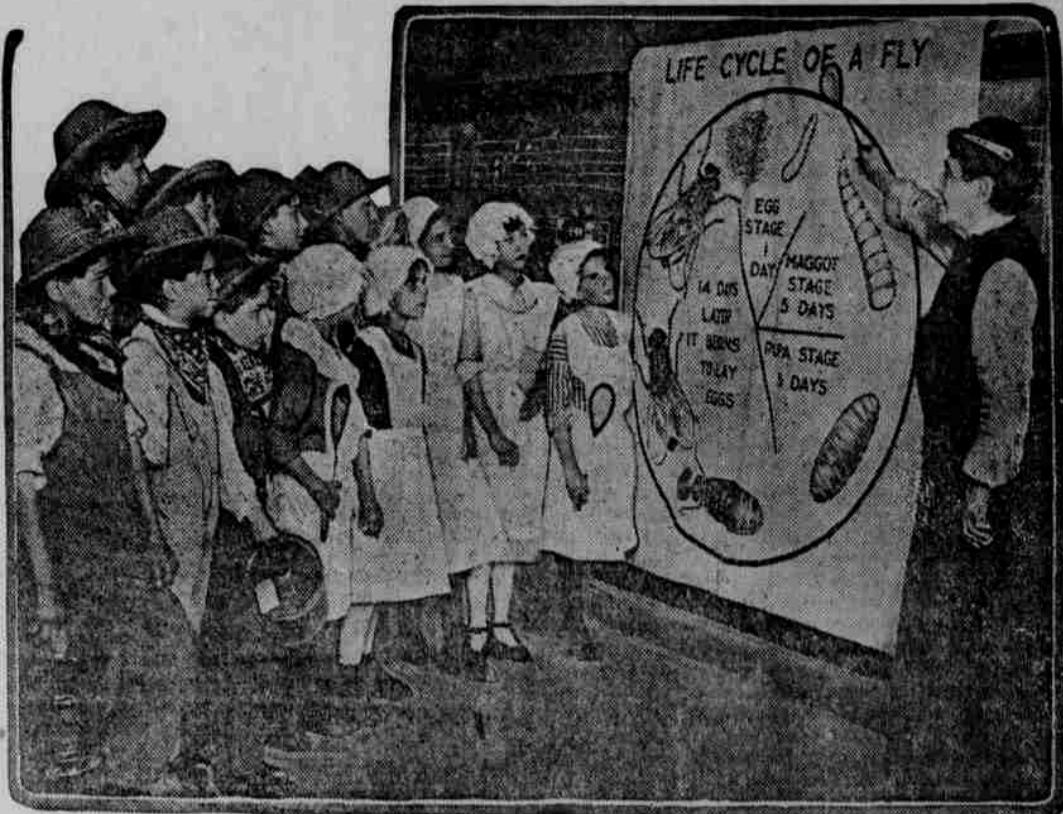
Grain Bags Remain High.

Portland—The grain bag market continues very firm at the recent high level, with no signs of weakening in the immediate future. All depends, however, on the manner in which supplies are received. At the present time they are coming in very slowly. In the East high bag and burlap prices prevail and the markets continue excited, while in the primary Indian market the prices demanded for later shipments are so high as to be considered prohibitive. There is much interest in burlap markets everywhere.

Wheat Prices Rise.

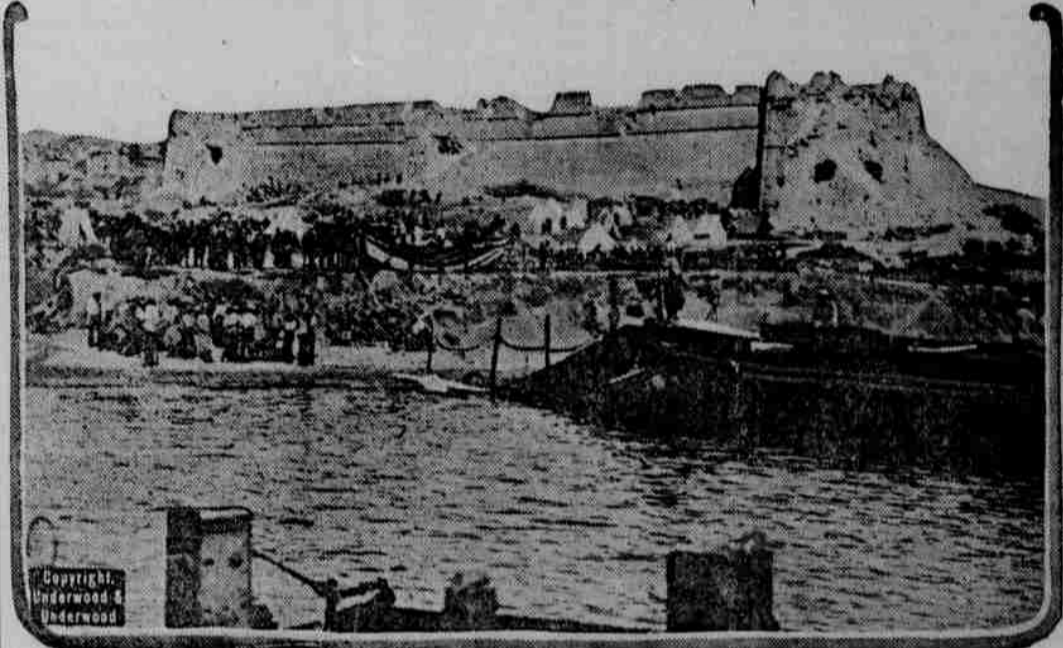
Chicago—Indications of a decided improvement in export business turned the wheat market this week from weakness to strength. As a result prices closed steady at 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 net advance. Other leading staples, too, scored net gains—corn 1 @ 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 cents; oats 1 to 1 cent, and provisions 10 @ 12 1/2 cents. Reports that the Norwegian government has purchased 1,250,000 bushels of wheat at the seaboard proved especially influential.

CHICAGO'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE FLY



In the effort of Chicago to eliminate the pest-carrying domestic fly the children of the public schools are being well utilized. A class in the Curtis school is here seen receiving instruction, the boys and girls dressed for the fray and armed with fly-swatters and cans of kerosene oil.

AUSTRALIANS BEFORE SEDD-UL-BAHR FORTRESS



A glimpse of the fortress of Sedd-ul-Bahr, the Turkish citadel which, in the bombardment by the allies, was almost battered to pieces. In the foreground before the ruins are massed some of the allied troops, among whom the Australians are most prominent.

HOISTING WOUNDED ABOARD



Wounded soldier being hoisted aboard a hospital ship in the Dardanelles. He is strapped to a jacket made of stretchers.

Anonymous.

They are telling in Paris a story illustrative of the modesty of Anatole France. It seems the eminent author recently yielded to editorial persuasion and wrote a patriotic article for a Parisian daily paper. The publisher called in person to offer his thanks and to inquire what remuneration would be accepted. Anatole France flew into something very nearly resembling a rage at the mere mention of money. He did not wish, he said, to be paid for doing honor with his pen to the heroism of the French soldiers. The publisher was urgent. The author was resolute. Eventually, however, the matter was compromised. The newspaper was to send to the front (it was still winter time) a carload of coal to warm the half-frozen fighting men there between tours of duty.

"Naturally," said the publisher, "we will mark it 'Sent by M. Anatole France.'"

"You will do nothing of the sort," retorted the author—and on this point he was adamant. The coal was sent anonymously.

PROTECTED AGAINST ENEMY'S BOMBS



Scene in a French trench showing the wire netting set up to protect the soldiers from bombs dropped by the enemy aviators.

RELIEF FOR GALICIAN PEASANTS



One of the many stations erected in Galicia for the distribution of bread and salt to the peasantry during the campaign.

Best of References.
Mrs. Hiram Daly—Can you get a reference from your last employer? I was very highly.—Boston Evening Transcript