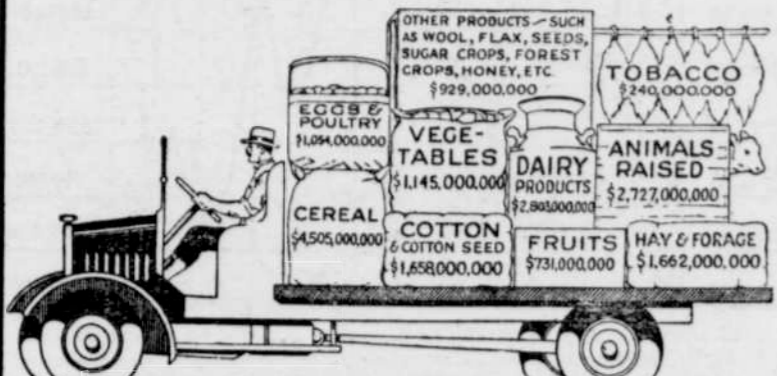


Show 1925 Best in Five Years for Prices to the Farmer

WHAT THE FARMER PRODUCED IN 1925



TOTAL VALUE OF FARM PRODUCTS BY YEARS

1916	\$15,167,000,000	1921	13,369,000,000
1917	20,816,000,000	1922	15,042,000,000
1918	22,896,000,000	1923	16,634,000,000
1919	24,854,000,000	1924	17,355,000,000
1920	19,110,000,000	1925	17,454,000,000*

The farmer produced just about as much stuff in 1925 as in 1924, and it was worth a hundred million dollars more, according to the annual year-end survey of the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. The average of all farm prices is now 154 per cent of the pre-war average, as compared with 149 per cent last year at this time. The real significance of this is indicated more clearly by the relation of returns from the sale of farm products to wholesale prices of commodities which the farmer buys and consumes. This means, states the Foundation, that the purchasing power of the farmer's dollar has risen from 66, the lowest point following the war, to 90 for 1925 and indicates that agriculture is recovering.

The low peak, prior to the war, of values of farm products came in 1914 with a valuation of \$11,517,000,000. The high peak values for farm products came during the war with a gross total of \$24,854,000,000 for 1919. Then came the four critical years in which farm prices fell below cost of production and values became correspondingly low.

In 1924 the total value of all the farm products raised in the United States was estimated at \$17,355,000,000. This year the production is estimated at \$17,454,000,000. The cash income to the farmer for his 1925 work will be right around \$10,000,000,000.

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Steelheads have begun their run up the Umatilla river from the Columbia.

Spinal meningitis claimed two more victims in Klamath Falls with the death of two boys, aged 7 and 10.

Citizens of Sumpter turned out en masse and donated their services in repairing the highway leading into the city.

Logs will be rafted from the Siuslaw river to Coos bay to save railroad freight charges by the Stout Lumber company.

Salem's annual blossom day festival was observed Sunday. The fête was two weeks ahead of any previous observance of the occasion.

The state highway commission meeting has fixed April 10 at New Grand Ronde for the hearing on the Salmon river improvement district.

The annual conference of the Southern Oregon Seventh Day Adventist church was held for three days in the new church edifice of that denomination at Medford.

Sheep shearing started Monday in the central Oregon country. The first shearing was in Crook county and it is expected that shearing will continue until at least June 20.

Investigation of an alleged defective sewer at Salem showed that it was blocked with moonshine mash. The officers were notified and an effort is being made to determine the source of the trouble.

Coos county will have a baseball league this year, which will open May 2 and close the season after playing the twelfth game July 18. Members are North Bend, Coquille, Marshfield and Bandon.

The south jetty being constructed on Coos bay has been damaged to a considerable extent by rough water, which has broken down rocking and washed out piling, 200 yards going out in one section.

Business and professional men of Eugene have announced a state-wide celebration to be held at Eugene August 19 and 20 in honor of the completion of the Eugene-Klamath Falls line of the Southern Pacific.

Sale of logs on the Columbia river totaled 30,000,000 board feet last week according to John T. Dougall, manager of the Columbia River Loggers' Information bureau, setting the highest sales record of two years.

Contract for grading of eight miles of highway between Corvallis and Philomath on the Corvallis-Newport road was let by the state highway commis-

sion to the State Construction company of Albany for \$36,439.

United States Senator McNary presented to President Coolidge the name of Justice John L. Rand of the Oregon supreme court as a candidate for appointment to the federal circuit court of appeals at San Francisco.

Influenza cases declined throughout the state the last week, only 172 being reported as against more than 290 the week before, according to the bulletin of Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, secretary of the state board of health.

The state highway department has announced that special load restrictions in effect on certain state roads for several months would be removed April 1. After that date the maximum load limit prescribed by law again will be effective.

The Home Telephone & Telegraph company of southern Oregon in its annual report filed with the public service commission shows profits of \$20,894.58 on its operations for the year 1925. The company operates in Medford and vicinity.

Justice of the Peace Miller Hayden of Bandon sentenced Dr. James Wheeler of Gold Beach to 60 days in jail, a fine of \$150 and revocation of his automobile license for one year, on Dr. Wheeler's plea of guilty to driving an automobile while intoxicated.

The state supreme court has affirmed the convictions of C. H. Owens and Chester C. Kahl, who are under sentence of not to exceed three years in the state penitentiary for aiding and abetting W. H. Johnson, cashier of the Bank of Jacksonville, in his application of funds of the institution.

Several hundred Finnish residents of Astoria gathered at the Captain Robert Gray Junior high school and unanimously adopted a resolution expressing their approval of the action of school authorities in compelling the resignation of Paul Siro, 14, as president of the school student body after Siro had openly declared himself as favoring communistic principles.

COOLIDGE AGAINST LEAGUE INVITATION

Washington, March 23.—(U.P.)—President Coolidge believes it will be unnecessary for the United States government to accept the invitation to the special League of Nations conference to discuss American world court reservations.

The senate reservations are plain and apparently require no further elucidation, it was said at the White House today on behalf of the president.

It was added that a final decision, however, would await careful consideration of the official invitation when received.

Minister Hugh Gibson will return to Switzerland as head of the American delegation to the League's preliminary arms conference, opening May 18th, it was said. Gibson's probable military associates on the delegation were given as Major Generals Harry A. Smith, Dennis Nolan and Rear Admirals Hilary P. Jones and A. T. Long.—Ex.

BRYAN KIN EYES RACE

Miami, Fla., March 26.—(AP)—Mrs. Reginald Owen, daughter of the late William Jennings Bryan, announced here today that she is seriously considering entering politics by announcing herself as a democratic candidate for the Florida legislature.

Her statement was made following publication of a newspaper editorial espousing her candidacy.

Friends say it would be a prelude to a race for the United States senate.

Census figures reveal that there are 60,000 Germans living in France. Still, the ex-kaiser isn't one of them.

If we could amend the gold standard to make the precious metal worth its weight in potatoes all would be well.

Local News Items

Miss Maude Sturgeon went to Portland on the bus Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dous entertained Mrs. Dous' sister and her husband of Portland over the weekend.

Miss Leila Howe was here from Monmouth several days last week spending her spring vacation with her parents.

Mrs. Myrtle Belfils who is cooking at one of the fraternity houses in Eugene was visiting here on Saturday and Sunday of this week.

Students home from O. A. C. for the spring vacation were Miss Pauline Rose, Glen and Morris Ely, Ronald Burnett and Robert Cahill.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Githens drove up from Monmouth to spend the week-end at home. They attended the Legion dance at Eagle Creek on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Linn were called over to Burns, Oregon, one day last week because of the serious illness of Mrs. Linn's nephew of that place. They expect to be away a week or more.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cramer of Grants Pass are rejoicing over the arrival of a daughter, Alice, at their home. Mrs. Cramer will be remembered as Hattie Belfils formerly of this place.

Word has been received here that Mr. Dan Matson was hurt quite badly at a logging camp where he has been working when he had his leg crushed. Particulars have not been learned.

Mrs. J. W. Reed and daughter were Portland visitors on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Eshleman drove to Salem on Sunday to visit at the home of Mrs. Eshleman's mother.

Mrs. Gates came up from Gresham Monday to assist in the funeral services of Clyde Davis who died on Saturday.

Miss Gertrude Fink, Mrs. Wm. Fink and Mrs. Everett Higgins and daughter were Portland shoppers one day last week.

The American Legion gave a very successful dance at the Eagle Creek dance hall on Saturday evening. There was a large attendance, being one hundred and fifty numbers sold. Kollermeier's orchestra furnished the music.

It isn't what a man earns but what he gets that counts.

THE MONTH OF MARCH

The cheery song of meadowlark, Incense of wildwood bloom, The smell of new-turned sod, Bright verdure of the meadow land, The warmth-laden Southwind, With added rays of gleaming sun, The melting snows from mountain top, Coursing thru the vales below, The cackle of the barnyard fowl, And a winsome maiden fair, Screaming with delight, In wild pursuit of butterfly.

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