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POULTRYMEN SIGN NEW CONTRACTS

The Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers will continue to operate, as more than enough hens have been signed up to make the new contract effective January 1, says the Eggsaminer.

On December 20 more than 80 per cent of the present membership have signed the new contract and in addition many poultrymen who never were affiliated with the organization are signing.

The indication is that the association will have more hens under contract this year than last and is testimony to the poultrymen's appreciation of the fact that the only chance they have to survive is by acting collectively in marketing the commodity they produce, in other words, co-operating in the disposition of their product, adds the Eggsaminer.

Co-operative marketing has worked to good advantage for the poultrymen, and, handled in a similar manner by those producing other food commodities, should work also to their advantage. The producer should have something to say about the price he receives for his goods. A system of marketing that will give the producer this privilege will be of benefit to both the public and the seller.

THE COURTHOUSE PROPOSITION

The News doubts the wisdom of the taxpayers at the budget meeting last week when they voted against an item of \$50,000 in the budget for a new courthouse. The present building is crowded, in fact it is inadequate at present. It is only a matter of a short time until a new building will be imperative.

All realize what Clackamas county and the state of Oregon is up against on the road building proposition. Bonded indebtedness is not pleasant, to say the least. Why wait until we must have a new county building before making provisions for it, and then have to resort to another bond issue?

The county commissioners have the last say in the making of the budget, and that body is composed of men who are capable and will look at the proposition from a business standpoint, and for the best interest of all the taxpayers.

WHO USES BRAINS?

In a recent address, Dr. E. E. Free, the eminent scientist, hands a rather hard jolt to certain professions which are popularly supposed to embrace a large share of the world's intelligence.

Among those who may be said to be intelligent at all, he places university professors, actors, doctors and preachers lowest in the scale. His reason for this conclusion, which he says is made as a result of scientific research, is that "their intelligence gets no exercise; they learn to confuse dogmatic plausibility with truth."

Going further, Dr. Free declares that the class of persons who use their brains to the best advantage are the foremen mechanics, chief riggers, precision machinists and the like. Slightly less able than these are engineers and technical men, closely followed by business men, all of whom are "required to get the facts before reaching conclusions."

BUSINESS INCREASES

While there has been some complaining about business conditions in Estacada during the past year, at least two firms have increased their volume considerably over that of 1927. The People's Store, on December 1, had passed the total for all of 1927, every month this year showing an increase over the same period the year before. On December 20, the total sales of the store had passed the total for the entire month of December, 1927, according to H. B. Snyder, proprietor.

An increase for the month over the same period last year, Mr. Snyder predicted, would reach at least 33 1-3 per cent. The increase for the entire year will go 15 per cent, he estimated. The Model Supply company of Estacada, also has increased its volume this year over last by a substantial margin, according to Harry A. LaBarre, the manager.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS GOOD

By Isaac B. Newton, Chairman of the Board and Federal Reserve Agent, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Economic conditions in the Twelfth Federal Reserve district during the closing months of 1928 have reflected those developments which characterized the year as a whole. Industry has been active and during the second half of the year labor has been more fully employed than a year ago. Sales of goods at wholesale and retail have been large both in volume and value. Agricultural output has increased but prices of agricultural products have tended downward during the market season. Prices of non-agricultural commodities have averaged above the prices of last year. A substantial amount of credit has been available at but slightly higher interest rates than prevailed during 1927.

Crop estimates indicate that, in the aggregate, production of field, grain and fruit crops during 1928 was larger than during 1927. During the current marketing season, prices paid for these crops have not compared

favorably with prices paid in 1927. It appears probable that total returns to the district's farmers will not exceed those of last year. Livestock prices have averaged higher than a year ago.

Industrial output in the district experienced a seasonal decline during November, but employment of other than unskilled labor continued at levels higher than a year ago. Trade at retail declined moderately during the month, but total sales both at retail and wholesale were larger during the first eleven months of 1928 than during the same period of 1927.

Reduced demand for credit at the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco, and increased loans and investments by member banks characterized the credit situation in the Twelfth Federal Reserve district during late November and December. The amount of reserve bank and member bank credit in use during this period, however, was considerably greater than a year ago.

The official figures in the presidential election, although showing that Albert Smith polled far more votes than any other democratic candidate, he was still short six and one-half million of the number received by Mr. Hoover. Hoover's plurality was equal to the total vote received by President McKinley when he was elected over William Jennings Bryan.

In certain parts of India it is said that a wife can be purchased for half a pound of tea. A bottle of 'tea' often purchases a similar amount of trouble in parts of the United States.

ELWOOD

ELWOOD, Dec. 25.—(Special).—The P. T. A. held an interesting meeting at the school house Friday evening. Various items of interest to school and home were discussed. Miss Lillian Shumacher attended the Christmas program at Spring Water school Friday night.

Gayhart Moeheke joined with his Highland neighbors in a coyote hunt Thursday.

George Bittner, who has been in Toledo, Oregon, the past few months, returned home for the holidays.

Orel Vallen came home from Portland Friday to spend the holidays with his mother.

Mrs. Ethel Spittler of St. Helens visited her children Sunday at the J. Edwards home.

L. M. Cox came home from his work in Oregon City last week, ill with the flu.

J. E. Nelson and grandchildren and Donald Nelson are ill with influenza.

Henry Cadonau and Matt Park spent a day and a half fixing the telephone line in to Estacada the latter part of the week. Still we have no telephone service.

CURRINSVILLE

CURRINSVILLE, Dec. 25.—(Special).—Christmas is gone; but its memories will linger always as it was the quietest one ever seen. All was peace and pleasure, and the wonderful dinner served by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ewalt we did so appreciate, and also the cake by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones. We feel grateful to our friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dunlop were visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Currin Sunday. Mr. Currin is far from being over the flu, which almost run into pneumonia.

Most of those who had influenza are up again. O. E. Olmstead has been sick for three weeks. The Lee McKenzie family is more recent victims of the flu.

The Currinsville store truck hauled a good load of turkeys to Portland Saturday for the Edgar Heiple and John Githens families.

Mrs. Echo Palmateer and children are spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Githens.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Allen of Bull Run spent Christmas with Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Currin.

Cleve Heiple is still at the Springs. He wasn't able to come home for Christmas.

With the heavy rains we are having, it is hoped that the flu will cease.

And now, to the editor of our home paper—we thank you for the real Christmas edition. It's the first we've seen for years and we hope we will make it so that you will feel like giving us another real one next Christmas. We wish all the readers a happy and prosperous New Year.

SANDY LOCALS

Emory Strong came out Thursday evening from O. S. A. C. via stage, and Ernest Thiess also came from over on the Siletz to spend the holidays at home.

Mrs. F. L. Proctor was still in bed on Christmas day. They all have had a severe time for the last ten days.

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