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PORTLAND RIDES

Portland slobbered over all Oregon in a "pull together" campaign, telling the rest of the state that its interests and hers are identical and that a great and abiding love ought to exist between them.

"Pull together" means "Pull as I do."
Then Portland sharpened her knife (with coin) and went out to hit the governor and beat the income tax and corral the legislature, and she did those things.

Representative Swan and Senator Garland, from this county, though they were lawyers, did not "belong." They have "talked sass" to some of Portland's two-legged property at Salem. Our other representative, Elder Tucker (do not call him "Rev.") He is pastor in a denomination which ordains elders to preach but says "Reverence God." has called down opposition from farmers and a veto from Gov. Pierce by a stock inspection bill that might tend to health but would create a salaried position for which stock owners would have to pay. He also sought to create another salaried board to censor movies without providing a censor for the censors, and he has, with the rest of the county, been defeated on the Clear lake bill.

No doubt there was justice in increasing our county school superintendent's salary, but it could only be accomplished on the "you tickle me and I'll tickle you" plan and Portland's breathing property has fastened on the tax ridden state a lot of needless salary raises and other expenses. To add to this increase of tax burden it has called for a constitutional amendment that would abolish the inheritance tax and forbid income taxes for fifteen years, tho the people could straightway amend the amendment to read "two years" or "fifty years" if they and the legislature should choose.

The amendment is like much of the other work of the wise men at Salem, of no earthly use except to add to the muddle that clutters up our laws and constitution.

Portland is riding a high horse—perhaps too high for safety.

"Pride goeth before a fall."
Governor Pierce, with his back to the wall, has fought the raiders as well as he could and is slated for defeat for a re-election if the gang continue to "put it over" the country.

More instead of fewer commissions, more instead of fewer office holders, and higher instead of lower salaries were in the Portland plan of attack on the state treasury and the tax payers this year.

Evidence which seems credible has been produced to show that John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated President Lincoln, escaped, that a man named Ruddy, was killed in his stead, and that Booth under an assumed name committed suicide in Enid, Ok., in 1903, by taking poison, and that his embalmed body is now in Memphis. Also that during his life he told the details of the plotting of the murder and implicated Andrew Jackson in it.

The senate voted down a bill to forbid cigaret billboard advertising in Oregon. The legislature is looking for more ways of raising the money it has appropriated so freely and may tax cigarets, so the more of them our boys and girls are induced to buy the more revenue.

Between 13,000 and 15,000 acre feet of water at present is impounded in the Ochoco reservoir near Prineville, and it is believed by H. M. Chadwick, assistant state engineer, that the reservoir will fill to capacity this winter and spring.

Coolidge Approves Australian Cruise
Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge has given final approval to the cruise of the United States fleet to Australia, this summer.

Sweet clover improves the soil much more rapidly than red clover, because it has a greater root system which penetrates the subsoil deeper than red clover. The long roots loosen up the subsoil and at the same time put humus in it.

The Great Outdoors

Where Bread, Meat, Clothing, Health and Vigorous Humanity are Produced

Ton-Litter Contest for Oregon Pigs

Porkers That Win These Prizes Will Be Pigs Worth Raising

In a recent issue the Enterprise told of ton-litter pig contests. The subject is now being brought home to Oregon hog raisers by the appropriation of \$100 for prizes at the state fair, as follows:

\$50 for the best six months old litter weighing a ton or more, \$40 for \$30, \$20 and \$10 for the next four and \$10 for the heaviest six-months-old pig. Prof. E. L. Potter of O. A. C. has charge of the contest. Open to any litter farrowed after March 1. Litters must be notified within 5 days after the farrowing.

The litters will be weighed Tuesday, September 29, at the fairgrounds, by a committee of two men, one of whom shall be the college representative. If any litter seems to have an excessive fill they shall be weighed the following day. Any litter which weighs a ton may compete if they are less than 180 days old. Litters over 130 days will have 1 2-3 pounds per pig taken off for every day over 180 days, and every litter under 180 days, if weighing a ton, will have 1 2-3 pounds per day per pig added to their weight.

We shall not be surprised if some of Linn county's boys' and girls' pig clubs draw down some of that \$100, for they have pedigreed stock and have studied proper feeding and care.

Western Oregon for Grass Seed

Careful Attention to the Quality May Build a Paying Business

(By O. A. C. Experts)

Corvallis, Feb. 20. — Grass seed production, which has been of minor importance in western Oregon for a number of years, is becoming profitable and prominent in Linn county. The acreage grown for seed in western Oregon has increased very much in the last few years.

English and Italian rye, tall meadow oat grass, orchard grass and creeping bent and some red canary and timothy are being grown.

Seed produced in western Oregon is superior to that grown in many other sections, being large, plump, of good color and high germination, and easily cleaned to high purity.

A number of large seed houses in the United States have representatives in western Oregon investigating and contracting for pure grass seed.

Success in growing pure grass seed depends on the grower's knowledge of grasses and their seeding habits, methods of handling and ability to put high grade seed on the market. It is important that growers market only pure seed, for on the quality of seed depends the development of this industry.

Barnyard manure reinforced with 20 to 30 pounds of acid phosphate per ton gives good results, especially on Oregon soils that have been cropped for some time. In the older dairy sections of the state, acid phosphate is used in the gutter and stable. A handful of acid phosphate is scattered behind each stall and in that way becomes thoroughly mixed with the manure. In this way the manure is not only reinforced with phosphorus, but the land plaster in the acid phosphate unites with the ammonia, preventing a loss of nitrogen.

VEAL POULTRY EGGS CAPONS HOGS

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Report Against Car Control by Packers

Washington, D. C.—Divergence of the big five meat-packing companies from their control of meat refrigerator cars was recommended by the federal trade commission in a report sent to the senate in response to a resolution calling for information regarding the consent decree entered into by the packers with the department of justice in 1920.

The commission also recommended that steps be taken either by the courts or congress to separate the big packers finally from their ownership of stockyards through sale either to existing agencies such as the principal connecting railroads, or to separate companies, "entirely independent both in law and in fact." Stockyards and railroad cars are in fact adjuncts of transportation, the commission held, and as such, their operation should be subjected to regulation of the interstate commerce commission.

MEAT SHORTAGE PREDICTED

Financiers Told America May Lose Position in World Market.

New York.—The American family's "T-bone steak" and "prime roast beef au jus," will be both scarce and dear by next September, a delegation of cattle raisers and dirt farmers from mid-western states told Wall street financiers at a luncheon.

The westerners thought that the butcher would be forced to put on the screws because of herds dispersed during the ruinous post-war slump.

The national meat shortage, the visitors agreed, threatens to become so acute by fall that it may cost North America its position in world markets as a meat producer.

Judge Holds Flivver Farm Tool.

Bend.—An automobile is a farm implement and therefore exempt from attachment up to a certain sum, Circuit Judge T. E. J. Duffy held in the replevin action of Seth Stockey, rancher, versus Albert Julian, constable. That is, of course, if the car is used in connection with the operation of the farm.

Free Grazing Favored by Senate.

Washington, D. C.—The secretary of the interior would be authorized to waive all fees during 1925 for grazing on public lands under a joint resolution adopted by the senate.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—Hard white, \$1.85; soft white, \$1.80; northern spring, \$1.80; hard winter and western white, \$1.75; western red, \$1.75.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$19@19.50 ton; valley timothy, \$19@20; eastern Oregon timothy, \$22@24.

Butterfat—47c delivered Portland.

Eggs—Ranch, 23@25c.

Cheese—Prices f. o. b. Tillamook: Triplets, 26c; leaf, 27c per lb.

Cattle—Steers good, \$7.50@8.00.

Hogs—Medium to choice, \$10.5 @ 12.25.

Sheep—Lamb, medium to choice, \$11@15.50.

Seattle

Wheat—Soft white, \$1.81; western white, \$1.79; hard winter, \$1.79; western red, \$1.78; northern spring, \$1.81; Big Bend bluestem, \$2.11.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$23; D. C., \$28; timothy, \$26; D. C., \$28; mixed hay, \$24.

Butterfat—45c.

Eggs—Ranch, 23@30c.

Hogs—Prime mixed, \$12@12.25.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$7.50@7.00.

Cheese—Washington cream brick 19c; Washington triplets, 19@20c; Washington Young America 21@22c.

Spokane.

Hogs—Prime mixed, \$11.75@11.85.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.25@7.75.

The Coos bay district, which is progressing rapidly in development of the cheese industry, is already laying plans for observance of "cheese week," dated for the first week of May, city council.

Practically 75 per cent of the wheat in Umatilla county was killed by the December freeze and it will require about \$750,000 to pay for wheat with which to reseed.

Land plaster can be used to advantage as a top dressing at the rate of 40 to 80 pounds per acre, applied so that spring rain will take it into the soil. It is also used by many potato growers to dust seed after cutting, previous to planting says the O.A.C. experiment station.

Ohio Potatoes Produce Higher Yields in 1924

Ohio certified seed potatoes produce higher yields (at least in Ohio) than do the certified tubers from sister potato-growing states, says N. W. Gilnes, farm crops specialist at Ohio State university. He bases his assertion on results obtained at the Ohio experiment station at Wooster. Tests there showed average yields of 204 bushels an acre for Ohio Russet Rurals, 218 bushels for Ohio White Rurals, 147 bushels for Wisconsin White Rurals, 179 bushels for Michigan Russet Rurals and 122 bushels for New York White Rurals, the latter, however, only on the basis of one sample.

The Ohio samples were obtained by securing a peck from each grower whose seed was certified in 1923, this being one of the requirements for certification.

Mr. Gilnes reports an increasing interest throughout the state in certified seed. In 1924 there were 8,700 bushels of Ohio White Rurals and 2,500 bushels of Ohio Russet Rurals certified for seed.

Keep Flock Healthy Through Sanitation

Plan to Secure Eggs While Prices Are High.

It is most important that the birds be kept in health during the winter months, not simply because we are anxious to secure a good production while prices are high but also because the condition of the birds now is going to materially affect the results of the breeding season next spring and the mortality for the whole coming year.

You have probably noticed how quickly the birds quit scratching when the litter becomes heavy or dirty and begin to spend much time sitting about. This reduces their circulation, makes them more subject to colds and also slows up digestion and appetite.

Dust has been shown to irritate the birds' lungs and makes them more subject to colds. Just how to keep this dust down on dirt floors is a problem. Oiling has been tried, but the oil is usually tracked onto the eggs, affecting their flavor and hatchability. Several inches of clean sand on the pecked dirt with straw above this seems to be the best solution. Ashes or cinders should not be put in the house. The former makes an exceedingly fine and caustic dust, the latter are sharp and often result in injury to the feet. The writer has not seen a patented litter which proved entirely satisfactory.

Most hen houses need a much more frequent disinfecting than they usually get to destroy accumulations of bacteria causing roup and other contagious diseases. A fine spray is superior to painting because it is dark cracks which need the application most. The floor and nests should be thoroughly sprayed each time the litter is removed. Sheep dips diluted a pint to twelve quarts of water are satisfactory.—O. C. Krum, Poultry Specialist, Colorado Agricultural College.

Male Is Half the Flock

Each male bird that is retained as a breeder in your poultry flock will contribute half the characteristics possessed by the chicks hatched this spring. Round up your males and see that all of them possess the traits you want to have transmitted to your next season's chicks. In case you buy baby chicks from a hatchery, it is an advantage to buy them where some attention is paid to getting eggs from well-bred flocks.

Not so many sets of twin lambs as usual are being born this year in the corrals and sheds of Umatilla county sheep men, according to reports from growers. The single lambs are rugged and healthy, however, and promise to make excellent growth.

Meeting to Plan Seed Wheat Relief.

Seattle, Wash.—Business men and bankers in this city called a conference Wednesday in the Seattle chamber of commerce building to discuss financial aid for dry land farmers east of the Cascade mountains.

Market Agent Writes a Letter

Foul Seed, Poor Sacks Co-operation Grows Oregon Lags

Portland, Feb. 19.

Dockage of wheat on account of weed seeds and other foul material, and smut dockage, are a source of an astonishing aggregate loss to grain growers. Clean the grain of dockage at the thrashers and of smut at the elevators, thereby making a great saving in freight, handling and insurance costs.

The following items are taken from the reports of the samplers and weighers in the railroad yards.

"Car of 735 sacks, 189 bad orders, 19 resacks, sacks in every poor condition, nails in walls and floor.

"Box car, 163 bad orders, 16 resacks, all sacks on floor piled on edge, seams and ends burst.

"Car, 117 bad order sacks, 119 resacks, sacks in very poor condition.

"Car of barley, 1000 sacks, 608 bad orders, 60 per cent more or less caked.

"Mixed car of wheat and oats, sacks in lot No. 2 tied, not sewed. 19 came loose and contents mixed with bulk wheat."

Hundreds of such items of carelessness and waste are recorded in the Department, and the costs of resacks, the loss of grain and the cost of labor all come out of the growers' pocket.

Minnesota farmers practice co-operation. Every branch is leaping ahead. In one county, Ottertail, the co-operators own their own paper "to defend our enterprises when they reach dimensions that become menacing to big business," the paper states. The state co-operative creameries did \$1,000,000 business last year in handling machinery and supplies alone, of which \$100,000 was returned to members in dividends. The butter from these creameries commands a premium on the market, while the milk produced rates 92 per cent or better.

In 1919 the granges of Washington state organized the Grange Warehouse company. Today it has 60 stores and 34,000 families on its membership rolls, and every variety of food which can be sold in tin retainers is offered for sale under the slogan "Direct from producer to consumer." The farm members of the co-operation raise most of the vegetables and fruits sold under the co-operative label. Nearly every rural center in the state has its store, with central warehouses in the larger cities. The organization follows along the lines of the Rochdale system in England.

Agricultural producers in Oregon should get in line with other states in co-operative movements. The experiment stage has passed and the system is now getting down to a business foundation that gets results. It is but a matter of union, strength and loyalty, and Oregon appears to be lagging behind other states.

C. E. Spence,
State Market Agent.

Eggs for Hatching

It is poor policy, says N. E. Chapman, poultry specialist with the extension division at University farm at St. Paul, Minn., to use hatching eggs that are more than two weeks old. Fresh eggs are the best. If it is regarded necessary to keep hatching eggs they should be stored in a temperature of 60 degrees or lower. Instructions sent with the incubator should be studied and followed.

News Notes From All Over Oregon

Gleaned by the eWestern Newspaper Union

Mrs. Mabel Best has been appointed postmaster at Sunter, Harney county. The annual meeting of the Umatilla County Bankers' association was held in Pendleton.

J. R. Raley, a Pendleton attorney, has been chosen to manage the Portland-Rose Festival this year.

The annual three-day convention of the Oregon Hardware and Implement Retail Dealers will open in Portland March 4.

Construction of a bridge over the Columbia river between Longview, Wash., and Rainier, was approved by the senate.

An extensive program of street improvements for 1925 in Oregon City has been tentatively outlined by the city commission.

The Portland Kennel club will hold its annual bench exhibition of blooded dogs in the Portland city auditorium April 2, 3 and 4.

March 3-8, inclusive, was announced as dates for the annual northwestern convention of the Christian and missionary alliance in Hood River.

The Deschutes river within the city limits of Bend will soon be spanned by a new bridge, if a move launched by residents west of the river materializes.

Wooden bridges, instead of concrete, will be built over the mill race at Patterson and Hilyard streets in Eugene, according to a decision by the John B. Bell Jr. of Eugene, has been appointed principal cadet at the United States military academy at West Point by Senator Stanfield, with Roy Jarman of Echo as first alternate.

George A. Neuner, Jr., of Roseburg, was recommended by the Oregon senators for United States attorney for the district of Oregon to succeed John S. Coke, who resigned some months ago.

An estimate giving Portland a population of 355,445, and, with the districts just outside, 460,000, was made by the industries department of the Portland chamber of commerce recently.

The state supreme court has handed down an opinion affirming the circuit court for Coos county in the case of L. W. Pearce, who is in the penitentiary at Salem awaiting execution for the murder of James Culver.

Work is expected to be started in a short time on the ten miles of railway to be built by J. H. Chambers, lumberman of Cottage Grove, from that city to a tract of timber beyond Lorane, where a large sawmill will be built.

The big state highway bridge across the Lewis and Clark river on the lower Columbia river highway, is nearing completion, and according to A. G. Skelton, resident engineer in charge of the work, the structure will be opened for traffic about March 1.

A special election will be held by 11 school districts in the northern part of Clackamas county February 28 to vote on the proposed union high school at Milwaukie.

The first passenger, freight and telegraph station to be added by the Southern Pacific Railway company on its Eugene-Klamath Falls line is now in operation at Westfir.

John M. Jones, Portland postmaster, has been named vice-president of the National Association of Postmasters to represent Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Advices received at Lone state that an oil well drilling outfit has been shipped for the Ions Gas & Oil company and that drilling operations will begin not later than March 1.

The Hermiston high school debate team won the debate against Pendleton last week and thereby stepped on the first rung of the ladder that may lead to the state contest.

The basketball championship of district No. 2 of the Oregon State High School association will be decided in a tournament to be played in Pendleton February 26, 27 and 28. The district comprises Morrow, Umatilla, Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

More than \$500,000 will be spent in Portland, and a total of \$2,000,000 in the entire state during the present year by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for extensions and improvements of plant and equipment.

The house bill authorizing addition of certain lands to the Santiam national forest in Oregon was acted on favorably by the senate. A house bill transferring a tract of land in Lane county to the state of Oregon for fish hatchery purposes also was successful.

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