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SCATTERGUN SHOTS

"The cause of the accident was a fog-wet pavement," says the report of an auto wreck. Wrong. The cause was improper driving on such a pavement.

Mr. Jewett's letter pictures an institution where helpless youth and helpless old age alike are made to feel at home and enjoy comforts and pleasures which could not otherwise be theirs.

Does somebody complain of overproduction of dairy products? In December, the latest month for which figures are at hand, this country imported 159,000 pounds more of butter than is exported.

It would not be amiss for you to write to senators and representatives in congress asking them to oppose Senator Stanfield's bill which would grab the public domain for big cattlemen as the government's oil fields were grabbed by big oil men.

Bruce Dennis changes his residence to Portland. Very appropriate. He represented Portland interests, instead of those of Union and Wallowa counties, when he introduced the Dennis constitutional amendment resolution against income and inheritance taxes in the state senate.

In Germany 1343 bankruptcies in November and 1164 in October, following bumper crops and resultant low prices which reduced the purchasing power of the farmers, cause the general comment that good crops mean low prices and consequent business depression all around. Who is crying because so many people are deserting farms to go to town, if reduction of crop production is the road to prosperity?

Grabbing for the Public Domain

The following are sentences from an article in the Oregon Farmer:

"The year 1925 brought an alarming flare-up of the old spirit among powerful interest for raiding public lands of the west. A select committee of the United States senate, led by Senator Stanfield of Oregon, the biggest sheep owner and wool grower in the United States, came through the west conducting hearings that were alleged to be public by the big, organized cattlemen and sheepmen who graze their herds and flocks in the forest reserves and upon the public land of the west.

"Witnesses came in to complain about the government's management of the forest reserves and to urge amendments so that the big cattlemen and sheepmen could be granted perpetual and exclusive grazing rights, not only in the forest reserves but upon the public land's of the west.

"Senator Stanfield drew up a bill in line with that purpose. "Governor Pinchot condemns the Stanfield bill as one that would sacrifice the rights and interests of the small ranchers to the selfish demands of cattle and sheep men now operating upon a large scale.

"Governor Pinchot further declares that enactment of the Stanfield bill would make impossible the growth of timber crops and the protection of watersheds for municipal water supply, irrigation and power plants throughout vast areas of the national forest.

"He is in accord with the national grange, the American farm bureau and other national organizations."

Oddfellows' Home a Comfortable Haven

Halsey Inmate Expresses His Appreciation of Treatment

I. O. O. F. Home, Portland, Feb. 25.
Editor Enterprise—As I cannot write to all of my friends in Halsey specially, I am writing to all collectively through the Enterprise.

I am in about the same state of health as when I left Halsey. This is surley a fine home, and the treatment we get is as good as the home. We are all one large, happy family here, with very few restrictions or rules. We are free to come and go as we please. If we wish to be out at night we can get a pass key of the matron by asking for it.

We go to bed when we please and get up the same way. Breakfast at 7, dinner at 12, supper at 5 o'clock. Good grub, well cooked, nicely served and plenty of it, with enough variety to keep it from being monotonous.

We get our tobacco and medicine of the matron, and if there is any limit to the amount I haven't found it out yet.

A barber comes every Friday morning and we get a ticket for a shave or hair-cut if we want it as we go down to breakfast.

There are, I think, 46 men, 13 women and 35 children in the home, besides nurses and other employes.

We have a library of good books of all kinds, besides all the Portland daily papers.

There are two or three churches within walking distance of the home, and a city park and play ground just across the street, with two concrete tennis courts and rings, bars, trapeze and other sports.

Of course we old fellows don't perform much on them, but the kids surely enjoy them and we enjoy the fun with them. I can see out over the play ground from my window and watch the games without going out.

Please send me the Enterprise occasionally.

If someone would write to me occasionally it would be very welcome, and visitors are always welcome.

Ed M. Jewett.

Alpine Oddfellows' Circuit Meeting

The Alpine circuit, composed of the Oddfellow and Rebekah lodges of Alpine, Junction City, Harrisburg, Halsey and Shedd, held its regular monthly gathering at the Halsey opera house Saturday.

At the larger meeting music was furnished by the orchestra and there was an address by Mr. Wright of Albany.

Mrs. Coleman and eight girls put on "The sniggles Family."

Alpine members gave a song and dance.

Harrisburg provided two readings and Miss Gladys Windbigler danced.

Several old-time dances were put on.

A nice plate supper was served. T. J. Skirvin, Elbert Isom and Jay W. Moore were musicians for some old-time dances.

The next regular meeting will be at Shedd March 27.

Executive committee of the national grange refuses to indorse any of the farm relief bills now before congress, although admitting that some of the measures have good points. The grange apparently is minded to lay off the business of clawing political chestnuts out of the fire.—Florence Times.

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Federal Money to Improve Farming

Washington, D. C.—The \$129,370,000 agricultural appropriation bill passed the senate in record time after only 90 minutes of debate. The measure carried \$2,366,940 more than the house appropriation and will go to conference for adjustment of differences.

The principal increase was the addition of \$1,965,000 to the appropriation of fighting bovine tuberculosis. Other increases included \$15,000 for a forest fire weather warning service; \$12,000 for the dairy field stations at Woodward, Okla.; \$120,475 for the investigation of plant and crop diseases; \$53,000 for the forestry service; \$190,000 for new investigations of fertilizers; \$390,000 for spraying cotton crops by airplane, and \$13,750 for an investigation of tobacco production methods.

FARM PROFITS DECLINE

Survey of U. S. Reveals but \$600 Average Earnings

New York, N. Y.—The National Industrial conference board has completed an agricultural survey of the United States in which it finds that farm profits are steadily declining, production is lagging in inverse ratio to the growth of population, and that the farmer's expenses rise faster than the prices he gets for his products. The average annual farm return, it was pointed out, in the last five years was \$600 after allowing a nominal return on capital invested, including food, fuel and shelter.

The increase in the cost of living has reduced the farmer's income to 4 per cent below that of 1914.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.44; hard white, \$1.44; soft white, \$1.46; western white, \$1.46 1/2; hard winter, northern spring, western red, \$1.44.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$20.50 ton; valley timothy, \$19.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$22.50.
Butterfat—47c shippers' track.
Eggs—Ranch, 22@23 1/2c.
Cheese—Prices f. o. b. Tillamook; Triples, 31c; loaf, 32c per lb.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$8@9.00.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$13@14.75.
Sheep—Lams, medium to choice, \$11.50@13.00.

Seattle

Wheat—soft white, \$1.50; western white, \$1.48; hard winter, northern spring, \$1.46; western red, \$1.45; big bend bluestem, \$1.47.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$26; D. C., \$28; timothy, \$20; mixed hay, \$26.
Butter—Creamery, 46@47c.
Eggs—Ranch, 31c.
Hogs—Prime, \$14@14.25.
Cattle—Prime steers, \$8.50@9.00.
Cheese—Oregon triples, 27c; Oregon standards, 25c; Washington triples, 27c.

Spokane

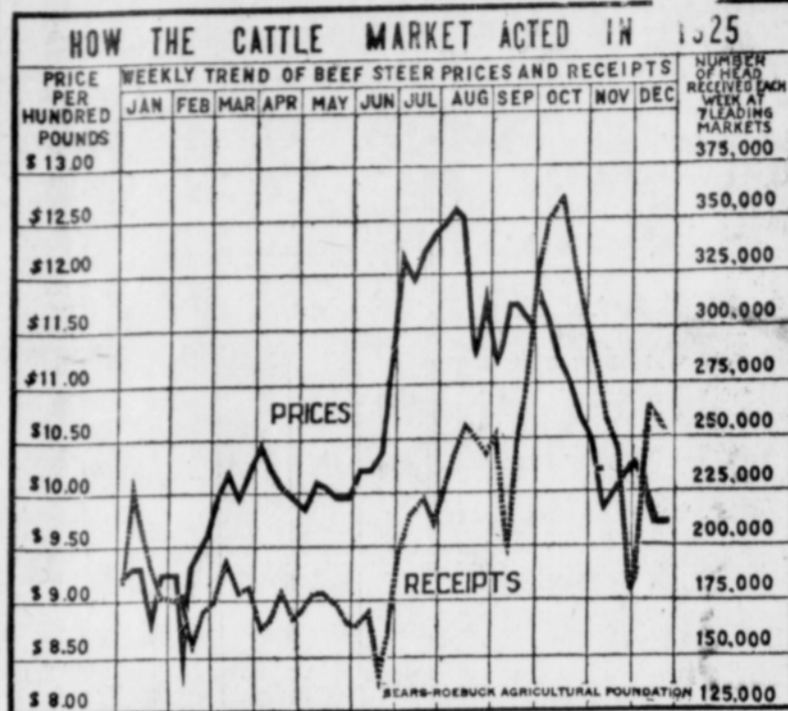
Hogs—Prime mixed, \$13.60@13.55.
Cattle—\$7.75@8.50.
Less than 100 carloads of apples are held unsold at Hood River by the Apple Growers' association. The association's total tonnage for 1925 was 1400 cars.
C. E. Secoy, whose ranch borders Ontario, milks 14 cows and during 1925 his cream checks totaled \$2033, or an average of \$145 per cow.

The condition of Oregon ranges on February 1 was 95 per cent as compared with 98 per cent a month before and 77 per cent a year ago, according to a range and livestock report issued by F. L. Kent, governmental agricultural statistician. The condition of Oregon cattle on February 1 was 99 per cent against 83 per cent last year and sheep condition was 99 per cent against 91 per cent.

Removal of the state lime plant from Gold Hill to Salem to be operated as an industry at the state penitentiary was decided by members of the state lime board at a meeting held in the executive offices at Salem. Figures submitted to Governor Pierce by members of the lime board indicated that by removal of the plant to Salem for operation by convict labor the cost of production could be reduced to a point where the pulverized lime would be available to farmers at a price at least \$1 a ton lower than is demanded at present. About a month ago the Enterprise announced that this move was probable.

The Great Outdoors

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



THE large demand for both feeder and fat cattle, finds the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation in its cattle marketing investigations, has inspired a much greater confidence in the future of the industry. The first recovery of the beef cattle market came early in 1925 with a steadily progressing trend of prices from February to August. The average prices paid to farmers, states the Foundation, in the first ten months of the year ran 65 cents higher than the prices of last year and the highest since 1920. Chicago prices were also the highest for that period for the last five years.

Liquidation of western cattle herds was much less noticeable in 1925 than in any year since 1919, showing that the cattle industry is gradually getting back to a state of normalcy. The total number of cattle, slaughtered under federal inspection in 1925, was 5 per cent greater than in 1924.

Baby beef, made from young cattle that have been pushed to a desirable market weight of around 1,000 pounds at an early age, brought the highest prices. Public demand for smaller cuts of choice beef have made the half-ton baby beef popular on the market.

The oldest co-operative creamery in Oregon is here in Linn county. It handles cream co-operatively or buys it outright. See advertisement on this page.

P. J. Forster has 40 Rhode Island Red hens. One has been sitting or mothering chicks. In the 28 days of February the other 39 laid 807 eggs, over 89 dozen.

We have not learned who painted Mr. Alexander's cat in the Albany daily, but we know who painted Rhode Island eggs white in last week's Enterprise. He is yet alive, but—

Harry Park of Brownsville was in town Friday.

Albany Creamery Association

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Checks aggregating \$206,000 were forwarded to growers last week by the Hood River Apple Growers' association. The cash distribution was the third monthly melon cut by the co-operative since December. Growers have now received \$1,452,000 on the 1925 apple crop. Further remittances are expected to swell this amount another \$300,000.

League's Aid Asked in Border Dispute
Geneva.—Following closely upon the action of Greece in appealing to the league of nations to settle a boundary dispute between Greece and Turkey, a conflict in the Baltic suddenly loomed on the league horizon when Lithuania filed a vigorous protest against Poland, alleging that the recent Polish frontier actions constituted a "new invasion of Lithuanian territory by Polish troops."

If the Oregon Voter fails to galvanize the Dennis resolution back to life no other Elijah need hope to.

When One Has No Fresh Milk



Claiborne Foster, that clever little lady who makes Barry Connors' play, "Applesauce," the outstanding comedy success of the year, is an extraordinary young woman. She is generally recognized as one of the rising young stars of the American stage and her services and company are always in demand but such is her nature that she shuns the "bright lights" and leads a simple and unostentatious life wherever she may be. She is essentially a home girl, being passionately fond of cooking, an art at which she is very adept, and much of her leisure time is spent in the modest little kitchenette of her apartment. When not playing in some production, Miss Foster may be found at her home a short distance from New York city, where she revels in the joys of cooking for the whole family and her friends and spends her vacations doing the work of the ordinary housewife.

There are two dishes which are regarded with more favor by Miss Foster, than are any others. These are Bronk shrimps and chicken en casserole. She uses the simplest of formulas but insists upon the purest of ingredients, using pure butter, and evaporated milk. The recipes that she uses are:

- Bronk Shrimps.
- 1 cups shrimps, 1/2 cups evaporated milk
- 4 tbsp. fat, 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 cup water
- Few grains cayenne, 1 tsp. flour
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- Clean the shrimps, and cook in half the fat for 2 minutes; add seasoning and lemon; cook 2 minutes longer. Remove shrimps and make a white sauce of the remaining fat, flour and milk; when thickened add yolks of eggs slightly beaten, stirring in quickly and cooking two minutes; add the shrimps.
- Chicken en Casserole.
- 1 tender chicken 1 cup evaporated milk
- For roasting, 2 cups butter
- 2 tsp. lard 1 tsp. chopped parsley
- Salt and pepper 2 cups chopped mushrooms
- 1 pint hot water
- Clean chicken, split down back, and lay breast upward in casserole. Spread fat over breast, dust with salt and pepper, add hot water, cover closely and cook in hot oven one hour. When nearly tender put in evaporated milk, mushrooms and parsley. Cover again, and cook 20 minutes longer. Serve hot in casserole.

Tax Cut Will Cause Deficit

Washington, D. C.—Provisions of the new tax reduction bill are in operation with President Coolidge holding the belief that the measure will cause a treasury deficit of \$100,000,000 at the end of the next fiscal year.

Further reductions may be possible within a few years as the public debt total is lowered, but in the meantime Mr. Coolidge hopes congress will go slowly in approving measures calling for additional appropriations. He has particularly in mind the proposals for increasing by about 10 per cent the expenditures in behalf of the army and navy.

The threat of a treasury deficit at the end of the next fiscal year may be removed if congress is careful of the government's finances. Mr. Coolidge thinks, and he foresees additional revenue for the treasury if the tax reduction effects increased prosperity throughout the country.

In addition to the widespread tax reductions, the bill effects changes in the administrative propositions. The treasury is limited to three years instead of four as the maximum during which tax returns may be reviewed. The board of tax appeals is continued, with its 16 members being appointed for 12 year terms.

The measure creates a joint congressional committee which will keep in close contact with the administration of interstate revenue laws and inspect returns. The committee, consisting of five members of each house, will report its findings to congress.

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