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Weekly Industrial Review

Salem—Building permits for six months total \$1,458,030.

S. Helens—Six lumber shipments for one week aggregate 4,000,000 feet.

Burns—Herrick Company receives 28 cars steel, for logging railroad use.

Hood River—30 cars black cherries shipped, to top New York market and bring average price \$3 per 16 pound box.

Garibaldi—Three mile unit of Roosevelt Highway, to Hobsonville will cost \$100,000.

Fast work being done on Corvallis-Newport highway, near Philomath.

Southern Pacific will officially designate Natron cut-off as "Shasta Route-Cascade Line."

Klamath Falls—Building permits, passed \$1,000,000, for first half of this year.

Eugene—Building permits for June reach nearly \$300,000 for June, and for six months \$998,935.

Oregon honey is being shipped to Philadelphia.

Portland stands as second city in U. S. in average home use of electricity.

Bend—Bend Water, Light and power Co. acquires Deschutes Power Company, and will build 18-mile line to Redmond, to connect systems.

Hermiston—Growers expect to ship 5,000 holiday turkeys this year.

Rainier—Menefee mill, burned with \$400,000 loss, will be rebuilt.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council was held Tuesday evening and the usual business transacted.

Federal Commissioner



Rear Admiral H. O. Stickney, retired, who has been appointed by Secretary Hoover and Kellogg as Federal Commissioner to the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition commemorating the 150th anniversary of American Independence and which will be held in Philadelphia from June 1 to December 1. Admiral Stickney will be in full charge of the United States Government exhibit, which will be the largest of its type ever made.

BONUS LOANS \$18,726,125

Of 7650 Allowed, 847 199 Are Under Foreclosure Proceedings.

Salem, Or.—A total of 34,654 Oregon war veterans had filed applications for cash bonuses and loans under the Oregon bonus act up to June 30, according to a report issued by Major W. P. Simpson, secretary of the world war veterans' state aid commission.

Loans made under the bonus act to date total 7650, aggregating \$18,726,125. Of these 2951 loans, aggregating \$7,651,500, were made in Multnomah county alone. Marion county ranks second with 469 loans and Clackamas county third with 396.

Repayments on bonus loans to date total \$3,197,382.59, of which \$1,168,495.24 represents interest payment and \$1,530,897.30 principal. Six hundred and sixty-four loans are listed as delinquent in the amount of \$48,233.13.

Foreclosures authorized to date on properties securing bonus loans number 199, with loans aggregating \$498,725.

Neighborhood News

Spoon River Sparks

(By an Enterprise Reporter)

Miss Mearle Straley and father motored to Albany Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Templeton visited at Rupert Leonards Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. O. W. Frum and daughter Vivian called at W. R. Kirks Tuesday.

Mrs. Hazel Munkers and children visited at the Straley home Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vannice were at the county seat Thursday.

Mrs. W. A. Carey returned to Salem with her son Clifford and family, Wednesday.

Herman Stienke and family motored to Lebanon Saturday afternoon.

M. B. Stone and Herbert Tyler were busy making a well at the Stone ranch last week.

Miss Grace Kirk and brothers, Francis, Raymond and James were Saturday afternoon visitors at the Elliot home.

Mrs. Pugh and daughter were at G. J. Rikes Wednesday afternoon.

The Misses Ava and Edna Falk were callers at W. R. Kirk's Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Albertson and children and Robert Ramsey's were Sunday visitors at J. N. Elliotts.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Straley spent Sunday at Summit, visiting Rev. Cairnes.

Mrs. J. N. Elliot and Mrs. A. J. Albertson went to Peoria, Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. Clifford L. Carey and wife and daughter came up from Eugene Wednesday and were dinner guests at Cecil Bilyeu's.

Bert Hopper and family, formerly of Minnesota but now of Halsey and Miss Vivian Gibson and friend of Portland visited at the C. B. Gibson home Sunday.

Seymour Bowman and Mr. Toedtmeier started threshing last Thursday. They were the first in this community to start their threshing outfits, but others will soon begin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Marsters and son Lyman motored to Eugene Sunday to visit relatives at that place.

Edna Vannice spent last week at Cottage Grove attending the Epworth League Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bilyeu and daughter Edith and Mrs. Roy Bilyeu and children of Portland were Sunday visitors at A. L. Falk's.

Albert West spent Sunday at George Shaws and Byron Gages.

Pine Grove Points

(By Special Correspondent)

The community meeting was not held Friday evening owing to the death of Mrs. McNeil.

Rev. Gillispie preached at Pine Grove Sunday morning. It is thought that this was his last Sunday with us, as he expects to be sent to another charge at the coming conference.

Mrs. Beryl McNeil and children returned Sunday from a visit to her parents at McMinnville.

The business meeting of the Peoria South Methodist missionary society was held at Mrs. L. E. Egys, Thursday afternoon. Those present were Mesdames Tate, Dunn, J. S. Lamar, J. W. Lamar, George Githens, Russell Githens, McLaren Hover and Mrs. Egys.

There will be no preaching services at Pine Grove next Sunday as Miss Mitzer will attend the Epworth league institute at Cottage Grove.

Ray Hover spent the week end at Newport.

The funeral of Mrs. Agnes McNeil at the Pine Grove church Sunday afternoon was attended by almost the entire community, as well as by many friends and relatives from Halsey and other places. Mrs. McNeil had lived here for many years before moving to Halsey six years ago.

Bert Haynes and Robert Hover went to Portland Thursday with a truck load of lambs. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cadwallader and Children have been working in the berry patches are at the Shepherd farm again for a week or so.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sylvester are visiting Mrs. Sylvester's parents near Beaverton.

Chas. Nichols and family took a drive Saturday up over the McKenzie pass, visiting several places of interest.

Miss Undine Dannen visited Mrs. Eagy Monday.

The Hover and Haynes threshers will start Tuesday noon at Frank Gibson's.

Miss Grace Pehrson is working in Sturtevant's store.

Alford Arrows

(By an Enterprise Reporter)

Chester Curtis and family attended a family picnic of the Tandy family Sunday.

Mrs. B. E. Cogswell and son Philip of Portland are spending some time at the ranch now helping Mr. Cogswell.

Mrs. Louis Heitzman, mother of Mrs. Joe Cersovski, passed away at her home in Portland June 19 with funeral services June 22. She had been very ill since last fall.

Ed Ingram and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Connet of Bay City spent Thursday night of last week at Lee Ingram's.

Mr. and Mrs. John Willoughby visited at Lee Ingram's, Friday afternoon of last week.

Miss Lillie Rickard spent Sunday at Lake Creek.

E. D. Isom made a business trip to Albany one day last week.

E. D. Isom and son Carl and niece DeEtta Robnett drove to Newport Sunday bringing home Mrs. Isom and Beverly, who, with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Louise Bond of Albany, had spent the last two weeks there.

Julius Falk and daughters, Wilma, Lois and Erma spent Saturday at the Chester Curtis home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sprague and Mrs. Frances Bloomfield spent the Fourth at the A. E. Whitbeck home. The ladies are sisters of Mr. Whitbeck. The Spragues have returned home but Mrs. Bloomfield stayed for a longer visit.

Wallace Hawk and family of Springfield and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hawk of Riverside, Calif., visited at the Lee Ingram home one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Cogswell and son Philip, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rickard, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rickard and sons, Emery and Jessc, spent Sunday at Cascadia.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler and children of Harrisburg spent Sunday evening at Lee Ingram's.

Miss Lillie Rickard visited Thelma Ingram Monday.

Little encouragement was offered Stanfield settlers by Dr. Elwood Mead, chief of the bureau of reclamation, in his visit to their project and their request for reconstruction work in that section. An extension is sought to the Stanfield project to make full use of water to be obtained in the spring of 1927 from McKay dam.

Senator R. N. Stanfield of Oregon named a subcommittee of the senate public lands committee, with himself as chairman, to begin hearings August 1 on the boundary dispute over Sand Island in the Columbia river, which is claimed by both Oregon and Washington. The hearings will take place at cities along the river.

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The Wool Industry in South Africa



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The Union of South Africa is rightly classed among the great wool producing countries of the world. Climatic conditions there are admirably adapted to the breeding and raising of the Merino type of sheep with a strong staple wool.

A large part of this country is suitable only for the raising of sheep, and the government is making progressive and intelligent efforts to improve both the sheep and the manner of preparing the wool for market.

Jackals being a strong menace in South Africa, long-time government loans are extended to sheep owners for the erection of jackal-proof fences. Government sheep experts are maintained permanently in allotted districts so that their services and advice may be assured at a nominal fee.

The mutton sheep of South Africa is the fat-tailed, black headed Cape—a non-wooled sheep. As no cross-breeding for mutton lambs is done, the wools are purely Merino in character.

Progress in this South African industry is particularly noticeable in the harvesting. Despite the fact that Kaffir labor can be secured at the equivalent of \$3.50 American, per month, there is a trend towards the modern shearing machine as against the old hand blades, which, even in America, have not been discarded by many otherwise entirely progressive wool raisers.

A study of this fact, however, readily reveals the reason for it. While there is a first cost for the machine, its use much more readily than to the hand blades, and soon does a remarkably smooth job of shearing with the machine.

Once adapted to the use of the machine, its economic value is demonstrated in the materially greater number of sheep shorn daily; the better market value of the wool, the fewer maimed sheep, and not least important, the additional 5% to 12% more wool obtained with the machine over and above the amount of wool secured with the hand blades. As a consequence, the machine resolves itself into a small investment with certain and big returns.

Steadily, the science of wool-marketing in South Africa is fast approaching the scientific efficiency of the Australian marketing plan, which is, without doubt, the most practical and efficient in existence today.

Considering that the four provinces, Natal, Transvaal, Orange Free State, and Cape Province, which comprise the Union of South Africa, have 20,000 square miles less of territory than Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming combined, it is surprising to note that they contain two and one-half times as many sheep as our five states named.

This alone, makes that country a strong contender for future leadership in the wool industry. It is interesting to note however, that the great bulk of foreign progressiveness is due to American initiative, American ingenuity, and machinery and American industry holds true to this in that American methods and American machinery are destined to take a large and important place in the economic progress of the far distant Union of South Africa.

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