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FAVOR SOFT RED WINTER

The downward trend of soft red winter wheat is noted in the Oregon State College market review as follows:

With average abandonment and average yields the 46,523,000 acres of winter wheat farmers intend to sow this fall will produce about 610,000,000 bushels. This would provide an exportable surplus of about 170 to 190,000,000 bushels, domestic requirements of all classes of winter wheat being about 420 to 440,000,000 bushels. Domestic requirements of hard red are about 200 to 220,000,000 bushels and intended acreage with average abandonment and average yields would produce about 340,000,000 bushels. Soft red domestic requirements are about 180 to 190,000,000 bushels and the crop on average abandonment and yield would be about 205,000,000 bushels. Domestic requirements of white winter wheat appear to be about 30 to 40,000,000 bushels and intended acreage would produce about 60,000,000 bushels with average abandonment and yield. The general trend of production of soft red winter wheat appears to be downward although prices for this wheat have been at a premium frequently during recent years. This has provided a domestic market in the southeast for several million bushels of low protein white wheat from the Pacific coast. This promises to be an important factor during the 1928-29 marketing season, as the 1928 crop of soft red winter is about 40,000,000 bushels under ordinary domestic requirements and the carryover is negligible.

"THE MODERN HIRED MAN"

"The day when farmers will be able to 'lie in bed on Sunday morning and merely press a button' to get most of their work done, seems to be approaching reality" says the Universal Farmer. "Modern inventions, chiefly those which find new uses for electricity on the farm, while they may not bring about this millennium will greatly lighten farm work.

"Nowdays it is practical, where rural transmission lines bring electricity to the farm, to milk the cows separate the cream, grind and mix the feed, bale and dry the hay, clip and curdy the animals, light the farm buildings, operate machinery in the repair shop, and perform many other jobs by electricity that formerly took time and hard work. Already many up-to-date farmers get along without a hired man because of these modern conveniences.

"Uses of electricity in the farm home seem to have no limit, vacuum cleaners, sewing machines, and many other devices, simply what formerly were laborious tasks for the farm woman. Lighting, ventilating and cooking systems, as well as water supplies, can all be "hooked" on to the magic power from the button on the wall.

CHICAGO, "AS IS"

One of our most esteemed contemporaries bewails the tendency of authors and poets to pay more attention to New York than they do to Chicago, which it lauds to the extreme of being the 100 per cent American city—"with all its appalling blindness and clamor and cruelty and lawlessness it is the heart of America," pleads this cotemporary. If Bill Thompson, Scarface Al Capone; if south side gangland, corrupt courts, stuffed ballot boxes, racketeering and wholesale grafting is proper material and subject for poems, then a rank pity it is that a Tennyson does not come forward to memorize the 100 per cent burg in verse. If systematized, scientific, gruesome murders, perpetrated by hired gunmen can be measured 100 per cent American, then indeed, authors are dormant and literary archives are being grossly slighted; to say nothing of the blasted hopes of the Chicago Tribune in its keen endeavor to clean up the town, and make it decent enough for real Americans to live in.

Growth and development of the western Oregon livestock industry in the future will have to depend upon the growth of legumes more than upon any other single factor, believes E. L. Potter, professor of animal husbandry at the state college. This is because of the calcium nutrients contained in the legume plants, since the most difficult thing to handle in preparing rations for any kind of livestock and particularly growing stock is providing enough lime in suitable form.

Prices of beef cattle have raised high enough to permit stockmen to pay off some of their obligations contracted during the lean years, and in some instances, have enough "velvet" for a sack of sugar and a pound or two of coffee. "It's a long lane that has no turn," is an old saying. Likewise, it would seem some of the cow trails have a crook in them, once in a while.

Ex-Secretary of State Hughes has been called upon as the unanimous choice of the League of Nations to represent the United States on the World Court for the next two years. The Ex-Secretary is a big man in the estimation of Europe. And he is. Which is perhaps one of the reasons why he was never permitted to become a tenant of the White House.

Three hundred British miners who came to Canada to harvest, did not find the work to their liking and embarked on vessels for home. Gathering black diamonds doubtless appealed more to them than garnering sheaves of golden grain. Then too, there is the horrible idea of sunburn to be considered.

Young Doug Fairbanks is a young chip off the old block, in that at the age of nineteen his engagement has been announced. Running true to form, as a movie actor he must start early, that he may tarry along the path of matrimony.

The Germans are scheduling two or three flights of a Zeppelin between Friedrichshafen and Lakehurst, N. J. during September and October. The ship will carry mail both ways. Well, maybe the Germans can do it.

With the speed limit of the nation set at 35 miles an hour in automobile transportation, would it be furthering the degree of safety in traffic to syphon direct from the bung, hole to the gas tank?

Edward M. Smith, Iowa's secretary of state predicts that Herbert Hoover for president will carry that State. We had supposed there would be no doubt whatever about that.

After seeing the news reel at the Standard Theatre Saturday night, we are not puzzled further as to why Herb Hoover did not catch a steelhead down on Rogue river.

Mistaking Oregon's early fall for springtime, an iris is blooming in a Portland garden; but such is Oregon climate.

Labor Day is a day on which the least labor of the year is done.

CLASSIFIED

For Sale—Twenty head small pigs. Ralph Allen, Adams, Oregon.

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22 Years Ago

September 14, 1906
Frank O'Harra visited friends in Athena a few days this week.

Alvin Turner, the well known Helix farmer, was in town yesterday.

Miss Laura Depot will attend school at St. Mary's academy, Walla Walla.

Benny Gross has returned home from a week's visit with friends in Walla Walla.

Miss Georgia Hansell will teach the fall and winter term of school in the Stamper district, north of town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Swaggart and Wm. McBride returned Sunday from Salem, where they attended the state fair.

"Joe" Bush is the new cook in Charley Gay's short order department. The boys say "Joe" is a high class chef.

Mrs. Kate Brooker will leave shortly for Spokane to reside. She will rent her cottage and sell her household goods.

John Thompson has purchased the Frank Grasty ranch on Ryan creek. The Grasty place joins the Thompson stock ranch on the south.

Frank Grasty was over from his home on the Umatilla Saturday. Mr. Grasty will leave soon for Idaho, where he will engage in the livestock business.

Miss Dixon who spent the summer with her aunt, Mrs. Jackson Nelson, has gone to Walla Walla, where she will complete her course of study at Whitman college.

Dr. J. C. Baddeley, the veterinarian, will leave for Pullman, Washington, in a few days, where he will enter the Agricultural college to complete his course of study.

Rev. Geo. T. Ellis, pastor of the Baptist church, preached to a large congregation at Weston Sunday. A large number of normal students were in the audience.

Miss Jeanette Manasse returned home Tuesday evening from California where she spent several weeks with relatives and friends. She had a very pleasant time but is pleased to be at home again.

Mr. O. M. Castleman arrived in the city last evening from Moscow, Idaho where for several days he visited with relatives. During her husband's absence, Mrs. Castleman remained with her parents in this city.

The Preston-Parton Milling company is handling large quantities of baled hay this season. During the past two weeks fifteen carloads of hay has been shipped to the Sound from Athena by this company. Baled timothy hay is worth \$13 per ton.

Miss Minnie Naylor went over to Walla Walla Wednesday, where she made arrangements to enter Whitman college. It is Miss Naylor's intention to take the full college course Athena and vicinity is quite well represented at Whitman this year.

J. W. Davis, proprietor of the "Horseshoe Club" saloon, has a fine bird dog puppy of royal ancestry, and consequently eligible to register pedigree. His royal highness came by express Saturday morning from Portland, and since his arrival, there has been nothing too good for him.

CHARLES HOSKINS ANNOUNCES FOR SHERIFF

Having been solicited by many friends and voters of all political faiths and urged on by a personal aspiration for the position, I have decided to enter the race for Sheriff of Umatilla County as an Independent Candidate at the next General Election. I was reared and educated in this County and have lived practically my whole life of thirty-six years here. For three years I have been employed in the office of the Sheriff serving as Chief Deputy the past two, thus acquiring experience and training fitting me for the duties of the office. I am not nor will I permit myself to become obligated to any person, party, clique or organization of any character. My oath of office, should I be elected, will be my pledge. Its enforcement demands a sane, safe and fearless enforcement of all laws. On this basis I offer myself as a candidate soliciting the support of the electors. An unprejudiced consideration of my candidacy will be appreciated.

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