

POULTRY DISEASES NEED MORE STUDY

Annual Convention of Egg Men Favors Full Support For Work.

Oregon State College.—Poultry disease investigations in Oregon are essential to success of the industry, according to the Oregon Poultrymen's association at its recent state convention at Corvallis, and should be given support for continuing the present work and some studies in turkey diseases, it declared by resolution.

"The discovery of the new virus for control of chicken pox by Dr. W. T. Johnson is worth far more than all the appropriations made by the state for this work at the State college experiment station," said retiring president Lloyd A. Lee of Salem in his annual address.

More poultrymen attended the convention this year than ever before, facilities being crowded by more than 350 men and women from all sections of the state. Educational lectures this year were more helpful than usual, many said, and the business of the association was reported in sound condition.

Decision was reached to study the advisability of fostering an advertising campaign for poultry products, especially for national egg week. Possibility of running a state poultry demonstration train next year will also be taken up with O. S. C. and the railroads.

The new president of the association is Fred Cockell, Milwaukie hatcheryman, who is now in London attending the World Poultry congress. J. L. Russell, Corvallis, is vice president; Frank Knowlton, O. S. C., secretary treasurer; Lloyd A. Lee, Salem, and Mrs. W. H. Thompson, Canby, members of the executive committee.

Swaggart Coming Back

Weston Leader: J. M. Swaggart has sold his dairy ranch near Baker and is moving back soon to his old home on LaMar gulch southwest of Weston. "Milt" will have to remain around Baker for awhile while disposing of one hundred cords of wood. Mrs. Swaggart is at Weston, visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Hills.

Tillamook Cows Holding Production Leadership So Association Reports

Oregon State College.—Beating the average butter fat production more than seven pounds to the cow, the Tillamook Cow Testing association held its leadership in the Oregon Herd Improvement association figures by having both the highest production average for the association and the highest producing herd for June. The summary of the monthly reports, compiled by F. L. Ballard, county agent leader, has just been issued.

The Tillamook association had 2635 cows tested, which averaged 1014 pounds of milk and 41.45 pounds of fat, compared with the general average of 708.8 pounds of milk and 34.33 pounds of fat. More than half of the cows tested, 1335, were 40-pound cows, while only 2973 out of the total of 9031 tested ranked in this upper class. The Tillamook high producing herd, composing 17 cows, averaged 1027 pounds of milk and 55.28 pounds of fat.

Coquille Valley association was second, with 1140 cows averaging 825 pounds of milk and 38.04 pounds of butter. Other associations ranked in the following order: Yamhill, Klamath, Central Oregon, Linn-Benton, Willowa, Fine Eagle, Baker and Umatilla. No reports were received at the time the summary was made from the Columbia, Hood River, Melrose and Union associations.

R. G. Hudson of the Willowa association had the high producing cow for the month, Lucy, a grade Guernsey, producing 966 pounds of milk containing 109.2 pounds of fat. Peter Marnach of the Central Oregon association had the second high producing cow, Cohlida Hingerveld Aggie Girl, a registered Holstein, giving 1914 pound of milk containing 99.5 pounds of fat.

Hurts Prove Fatal

George Albright, 21, died at Lewiston Wednesday night two hours after his body was crushed under the wheels of a combine machine, working in a wheat field five miles north of Anasone, in Asotin county. Albright slipped and fell. A widow, an infant daughter, two brothers and four sisters survive.

Harrah Estate \$91,000

The will of the late W. W. Harrah, prominent Umatilla county farmer who died in Portland July 17, has been filed for probate. By its provisions the widow, son and daughter are the sole heirs. The estate is valued at \$91,000.

Income From Flax Yield Continues To Mount As Industry Finds Outlet

Income from the state flax industry this year will be at least 20 per cent over the total for 1929, Colonel W. B. Bartram, head of the industry, has informed the industries department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Sale of fibre, upholstery tow, stock-feed, seed and miscellaneous items in 1929 returned \$235,290.91, according to Bartram. Output of the state flax industry is expected to double in 1931. This year 5100 acres are being harvested. Bartram hopes to have 10,000 acres in the Willamette valley signed up for production in 1931.

It is expected that the yield this year will return a gross of \$110 an acre for the average crop. This means a net return of about \$35 an acre after all expenses have been charged against production, interest on investment, taxes and other items, according to Bartram.

In 1931 pedigreed seed grown on a 35-acre area near Mount Angel will be available to all planters in the valley. Flax from this pedigreed seed runs from 10 to 12 inches taller than for the average in the valley.

Through the industries department of the Portland chamber, Bartram has been enabled to negotiate deals for disposal of 30 carloads of upholstery tow. About 60 carloads of this commodity is used by upholstery manufacturers locally each year. By 1931 Bartram expects to be able to supply the entire demand. Heretofore, much of the tow used for upholstery has come from Minnesota.

Three Washington Men Will Be Round-Up Judges

Pendleton.—Three Washington men have been chosen as judges for the 1930 Round-Up, August 28, 29 and 30.

They are Allen Drumheller of Walla Walla, Ben C. Boone of Seattle and William Switzler of Plymouth, Washington. Mr. Drumheller, famed as a horseman, has thrice been a Round-Up judge, and Mr. Switzler, also noted for his skill as an equestrian, was a judge on one other occasion. Mr. Boone, who is in the bonding business in Seattle, has a large ranch near that city and raises beef cattle. He, too, is familiar with the saddle and has for many years been an ardent Round-Up fan.

As a new feature this year, the Round-Up will hold its historic Westward-Ho parade on Friday morning at 10 o'clock instead of on Saturday morning. This change was made so that the arrangements would not conflict with the "Over the Hill" pageant feature which is held each Saturday at the Round-Up and which this year will be held not only at Saturday afternoon's show but on Thursday afternoon as well, in observance of the hundredth anniversary of the covered wagon, and in honor of the one hundred fifty New Yorkers, who as members of the Oregon Trail Memorial association, will visit the Round-Up on Thursday. The pageant feature shows, in full view of the grandstands, the approach of a cavalcade of Indians and a procession of covered wagons, wending their way over the hill and down to the Round-Up grounds.

Lightning Kills Baker Man While Working In a Field

Jesse H. Jones, 29, a resident of Baker, was killed late Wednesday, apparently by lightning, while raking hay on a ranch northwest of that city. Jones and three others were working in the field when the accident occurred. The other men felt the shock but were uninjured.

The team ran away as Jones fell from his rake, the horses evidently being frightened but not stunned. The body was unmarked so it is believed that the lightning struck the metal of the rake and passed into the ground but that the shock was enough to kill Jones instantly. He is survived by his stepfather and mother, his widow and one son.

Bank Deposits Show Gain

Deposits in the 229 state and national banks and trust companies in Oregon at the close of business June 30 totaled \$290,541,621.83, the highest for any midsummer call except in 1926, 1927 and 1928 since the establishment of the banking department, according to A. A. Schramm, state superintendent of banks.

Aged Confederate Veteran

Umatilla county lost its oldest resident in the death of Robert Parnell of Pendleton who died in Pendleton at the age of 98. He was born in Kentucky in 1832 and served during the Civil war under General Sterling Price. He cast his first vote in 1856 for James Buchanan.

PHIL METSCHAN IS REPUBLICAN CHOICE

Receives the Nomination at Portland On Tally of the Fourteenth Ballot.

Portland.—Phil Metschan, for eight years past, chairman of the Republican state central committee, head of the Imperial hotel in Portland, and for several years a member of the Port of Portland commission, was made the Republican gubernatorial nominee by the state central committee Saturday during mid-afternoon when on the 14th ballot he polled 20 votes, one more than a majority of the committee. The result announced, his nomination was made unanimous.

Metschan's nomination came at the close of a hard fought contest between himself and Ralph Hamilton of Bend, Thomas B. Kay of Salem and Senator Jay Upton of Bend, while during the last five ballots Julius L. Meier forged ahead from a low of two to a high of 10 votes.

Metschan started with 7 votes on the first ballot, rose to 12 on the third and then ran without much variation until he reached 14 on the 11th ballot, 17 on the 13th and on the 14th won his victory.

Kay started with 8, rose to 10 on the second, and then gradually lost until on the last ballot he polled one vote.

Hamilton's strength ran consistently through the balloting, starting at 6, raising to 7 on the fifth and closing with 2 on the 14th.

Upton started with 4, rose to 6 on the ninth and closed with 3. Meier came into the balloting, without formal nomination, on the second ballot, swung up to 7 on the 10th, gained another on the 11th, sank to 8 on the two succeeding ballots and wound up with 10 on the 14th.

Meier's gains were repeatedly cheered by a group of friends gathered in the audience, which group also booed the nomination of Metschan, and the decision of the committee when after some debate at the opening of the Saturday morning session it voted to proceed to nomination by written, and secret ballot, rather than by roll call.

Phillip Metschan is a native of Oregon. He was born at Canyon City, March 24, 1876, the son of Philip Metschan, former state treasurer of Oregon.

After passing through the public school he entered Willamette university. After graduation from this institution he went to Stanford university, completing his course at Stanford he traveled a year or so in Central America. Upon his return to Portland he entered the employ of the Wells Fargo bank in February, 1898, as a bookkeeper. November 25, 1899, he was married to Mary Velene Kubli of Jacksonville. In 1900 he returned to Canyon City, where he helped organize the Grant County bank, which he managed until he entered the hotel business at Heppner, purchasing the Palace hotel.

He operated this hotel four years and in June, 1906, acquired an interest with his father in the Imperial hotel in Portland, which has since been under his management.

While in Canyon City he was a member of the city council and in Portland he has been a member of the Port of Portland commission since 1918.

He has always taken a prominent part in social and business affairs and in a political way been active in the Republican party, having served eight years as chairman of the state central committee and also as delegate to the national convention.

It is related that while a boy at Canyon City there was a truck garden and orchard conducted by Jack Phillips, a retired sailor. Phil engaged with him to pick strawberries and raspberries at a wage of 50 cents a day. He picked the berries in the morning between 6 and 8 o'clock and then went out to sell them to housewives and grocers, carrying two market baskets, each of which held six quarts. These he retailed at 25 cents, or, as it was called in those days, two-bits per quart. In this way he accumulated \$3 per week, which he saved. When the berry season was over he took a woodsaw and buck and sawed the neighbors' winter wood supply into stove lengths, at the rate of \$1.50 per cord, making about \$1 per day.

By picking berries and sawing wood he accumulated \$100, which was the nest egg of his fortune.


Mr. and Mrs. Metschan have two children. Mrs. Willard P. Hawley, Jr., and Miss Phyllis Jane Metschan. The family home is at 614 Clifton place.

Judge Fee Keeps Salary

Attorney General Van Winkle holds that the 1223 Indians on the Umatilla reservation are legal population of this county, and by virtue of this fact Judge Fee will suffer a reduction in salary of \$6000 down to \$5500. The Indian population keeps Umatilla county above the 30,000 mark, under which total the Judge would have had a \$5000 decrease according to an act of the 1929 legislature.

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Thieves Loot Ranches

Weston Leader: Thefts at night from the ranches are reported to be causing much loss and annoyance in the Milton and Dry creek districts. Driving trucks and cars, the marauders raid the ranches at times after nightfall when they are least likely to be disturbed, and take most anything of value they can get their hands on. Sacked wheat is the favorite loot, but gasoline drums are emptied and machine tools and other plunder taken.

Salvationists Seek \$1000

The Pendleton unit of the Salvation Army this week will start its drive for \$1000 to carry on its year's program for this district. The drive has the backing of business men and civic organizations.


Infantile Paralysis Gains

Ten new cases of infantile paralysis have been reported at Los Angeles within the last 48 hours announced. The added cases bring this month's total to 119, with 8 deaths.

Poor Crop In Dakotas

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. McDowell have recently returned from a visit to Mr. McDowell's old home in Michigan, to their home at La Grande. Mrs. McDowell is a daughter of Mrs. Joe Sheard. Mr. McDowell says there is a very poor crop of wheat this year in the Dakotas, a large amount of acreage in those states will not be cut as a result of drought.

A. L. Swaggart returned to his home at Montavilla Sunday, after spending the harvest season at his ranch north of Athena.




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