

OREGON SEED CORN IS STILL AVAILABLE

Acclimated Varieties in Demand; Growers Turn to This Crop.

Oregon State college.—There is no danger of a shortage of acclimated seed corn to supply the brisk demand caused by the tendency to substitute this grain for wheat on Willamette valley farms, reports E. R. Jackman, farm crops specialist of the Oregon State College Extension service. A sufficient supply of Oregon grown seed to supply all needs is available.

Minnesota 13 and McKay Yellow Dent are the recommended varieties for grain and for silage, respectively, in western Oregon, says Jackman.

The shift toward corn in the Willamette valley is due largely, he believes, to the high price of corn as compared to other grains in the Northwest, which at present imports the major part of its corn supply. In addition corn produces high yields at low cash costs as compared to oats, wheat and barley, is suitable for a large-area cultivated crop, has a stimulating effect on the following crop, and the fodder is valuable for livestock forage.

Possibilities of over-production of corn in the Willamette valley are small, Jackman says. From 80,000 to 100,000 additional acres could be grown without danger of producing more than would find an immediate market in the Pacific Northwest.

Crew Repairing Bridge Span
Umatilla county has its bridge crew at work reconstructing piers of the Walla Walla bridge at the Grove school in South Milton which was badly damaged by the recent flood. False work has been placed under the bridge, raising it from the concrete pedestals. When this is completed a concrete base will be built around each and will be reinforced with structural steel.

A contract foursome at the home of Mrs. Glenn Dudley Monday afternoon included Mrs. Henry Koepke, Jr., Mrs. E. C. Prestbye and Mrs. H. I. Watts.

California Is Now an Outlet for Prime, Fat Milk-Fed Oregon Lambs

With its own lamb crop out of the way, California is now ready to take Oregon lambs, says H. A. Lindgren, livestock specialist of the Oregon Extension service. Here, as well as in other coast markets, however, the discrimination in favor of milk fat lambs is becoming increasingly keen, he says.

The present and future of the lamb business is built on production of a quality product, and the grower who heeds this fact is the one who will make money, Lindgren says. The market pays top price for a lamb weighing about 65 to 80 pounds and those falling much below or above this figure suffer the penalty of a lower price.

Lindgren advises Oregon growers to market their lambs as early as they can be brought to the proper condition, but to sort them carefully so that only the fat ones are sold. Extra grain in creeps for lambs with ewes will help greatly in bringing some of the thin ones to the required weight, he says. By such practices, experienced growers are able to manage so that as many as 80 per cent of their lamb crop sell at top price.

The practice of marketing the lamb crop cooperatively through pooling shipments gathered from the flocks in a community or county, usually under the supervision of the county agent, is an aid to growers in getting their lambs to market as soon as they are ready. This method is now used to greater or less extent in Douglas, Coos, Union, Wallowa and Baker counties. The pooling of 52 cars for 102 growers in Union county last year brought them approximately \$9,956 more than they would have received by selling through customary channels, Lindgren says. Of these 52 cars, the 22 which were graded brought the owners an average of \$7.04 per 100 pounds, while the owners of the lambs in the ungraded cars received a net price of \$5 per 100 pounds.

Indian Woman Dead
Mrs. Edith Hall, an Indian woman of Thorn Hollow, died at St. Anthony's hospital Sunday. She was the wife of James Hall. She is survived by her husband and five children, Peter 17, Julius 13 Agnes 11, Steven 10 and Lolis 7. Funeral services were held at St. Andrews Catholic mission church, Tuesday forenoon.

COOK WHEAT PLAN FINDING BACKERS

Numerous Appeals to Senator McNary Urges Adoption of Solution.

A Washington dispatch to the Portland Journal indicates numerous appeals are coming to Senator McNary to urge adoption by the federal farm board of the "Cook plan" for handling the wheat surplus. This takes its name from Charles Cook, now an official of the national grain corporation at Pendleton, formerly connected with the Balfour-Guthrie company.

The Cook plan may be briefly described as a voluntary form of the equalization fee. Under the McNary-Haugen bill the fee would be collected on every bushel sold. The Cook idea is a "sign-up" by the growers agreeing to deliver an amount approximately equal to the surplus to the farm board for disposal, thus removing the surplus from the market. The essential feature is the signing of sufficient acreage to give actual control, without too large a fraction in the hands of outsiders.

Prediction that 90 per cent of the crop could be signed in Oregon and Washington is made in telegrams received by McNary, which he is bringing to the attention of the farm board. Among those who make hopeful predictions are F. J. Wilmer, president of the North Pacific grain growers, Spokane; Harry Pinkerton, president of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league, Moro; W. T. Balsiger, manager of the Moro grain growers' association, and the Sherman county cooperative grain growers.

Heretofore it has been assumed that a voluntary plan for surplus handling would fail because of the great number of growers and the reluctance of many to sign up on common ground. In the present situation it is argued that the plan is more likely to succeed than ever before, because of the end of government stabilization and the absence of anything to take its place in marketing the crop of 1931.

State Highway Group Under Investigation

Portland.—The News-Telegram said Saturday a report on another state commission that may rival what the paper refers to as "the flax plant scandal" is being brought together in detailed form under direction of two special investigators for Governor Meier.

"Robert Dieck," the paper said, "former city commissioner, an engineer and experienced road builder, is in charge of the investigation, designed to show up the weak spots in the highway commission organization."

The article continued: "Evidence of extravagance and waste by a commission that spends more than the city of Portland, Multnomah county, the port district and the school district combined, is being uncovered by Dieck in his detailed survey of the highway commission."

"Already the governor's investigators have discovered 'leaks' in the use of automobiles. The commission is operating 150 machines and a yearly tabulation of mileage gave the investigators their first evidence of extravagance."

"The 150 machines are said to have been driven almost three million miles in a year, or more than 104 times around the globe, an average of close to 20,000 miles a year for each machine. The investigators did not consider the hundreds of trucks used by the highway department."

"Evidence," the paper said, "that equipment has been purchased without bids, that the high bids and not the low ones have often been accepted in the awarding of contracts for equipment, and that the commission has far more equipment on hand than is necessary."

Preparing to Receive Surplus Wheat in Storage

Construction of the huge grain storage warehouse at Terminal No. 4 for the Farmers National Grain corporation is proceeding rapidly and grain will be received for storage before the end of the month, announces the Oregon Journal.

A fair volume of wheat has already gone into storage at various Northwest tidewater terminals, including those at Portland which will be the focal point in the grain corporation's program.

Removal of most of the corporation's wheat to tidewater emergency terminals will clear the way for new crop again, which will be handled altogether by private dealers. Not all the grain is being brought down from the country, but the per centage left in interior terminals will be comparatively small.

Revival of the export grain movement on a fairly substantial basis is now forecast following sales of a moderate amount of corporation grain through private exporting firms. At least one cargo and a dozen or so parcels are now booked for dispatch for Europe.

The loop road above Toll Gate is still inaccessible due to snow drifts. However, the road to Toll Gate is open and is also passable to several summer camps.

High School Notes

The Last Day
Vacation days started for quite a few of the students Tuesday the 12th, as they were exempt from examinations. These exemptions were won by keeping an average of 80 or better for the semester. While the others were sweating away in the test rooms they were lying in the shade enjoying nature. However, the formal close of school will take place this afternoon, and the seniors at commencement tonight. This week has been a very important one because it is these tests that will determine who can play football next fall. Those on the border line spent much time in reviewing. The moral is to get exempted.

Baccalaureate
Baccalaureate services took place Sunday, May 10, at the Christian church. Rev. Sias was in charge of the arrangement. Rev. Wemmett of Pendleton gave the main address. His subject was the path of life. He advised youth to stay away from evil amusements and not to wander very far from the straight road. Scripture was read by Rev. Dryden. The choir and congregation sang several songs. Benediction was made by Rev. Wemmett. The church was attractively decorated by the sophomore class under the direction of Miss Cameron.

Letter Assembly
Wednesday morning, May 6, an assembly was held in honor of those earning letters in athletics this year. The assembly was opened with a song by the student body, directed by Mrs. Bloom. The senior letter winners were presented with chenille letters by Mr. Bloom. Mrs. Bloom presented the girls' basketball letters, and Mr. Miller the boys' basketball, track and baseball letters. Mr. Bloom displayed and gave the history of the cups won by Athens in athletics. The grade and high school track teams contributed one each this year. The band, under the direction of Mr. Tilley, played several selections.

Senior Day Exercises
The seniors entertained the student body with a skit Wednesday the 13th. The skit represented an old time school. Vineta Weaver played the part of the old time school ma'am. The rest of the seniors were in the role of old time school kids, bare feet, torn clothes, tousled hair, and the rest of the things that we associate with an old fashioned school. Mrs. Bloom sang "Patches" and "School Days" while the seniors filed in. Roland Wilson sang "The Little Red School House" while the rest of the school pantomimed it. The senior prophecy and will were fitted into the school hours and jokes were told between these. A lattice gate covered the front of the stage during the songs, and was opened for the school. The seniors all joined in on the chorus of "School Days" to close the program.

Bingham Trip
Bright and early Thursday morning the student body turned out for the long awaited trip to Bingham. Swimming, fishing, hiking and eating were the diversions of the day. The emphasis should be placed on the eating. Mildred Hansell, Ralph Moore, Roland Wilson and Velma Ross were in charge of the eats and they supplied enough for everybody. Howard Reeder, new transportation manager, got his initiation in his job. He turned in a good job.

Boise Angler Drowns in Deschutes River

Trove M. Cate of Boise, Idaho, was drowned Sunday morning in the Deschutes river at Policeman's Rock west of Gateway, when he slipped into the turbulent stream while casting for trout. Though many anglers joined Sheriff Dusault in the search, the body had not been recovered at a late hour.

Cate, his wife, his brother G. A. Cate, Forest Grove automobile dealer, and his wife had gone to the stream Saturday night. The brothers were fishing from the rock when the accident occurred. Several persons saw Cate lose his balance and plunge off the rock. They said he was lost to view almost as soon as he entered the swift water.

Measuring Hay
"Measuring Hay in Stacks" is the title of a new bulletin which has been received by the county agent at Pendleton. This bulletin is one prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture, and deals with complete information having to do with hay measuring where scale weights are not available. Persons interested in obtaining copies of this bulletin may address the County Agricultural Agent at Pendleton.

Store Burglar Identified
At least one of the burglars who last week robbed the J. C. Penney store at Milton-Freewater is believed to have been identified by several Milton people who were shown a picture of a Portland youth, who is charged with robbing a Penney store at Hillsboro.

Health Association Drive
The annual membership drive of the Umatilla County Health association is underway, having begun Monday. Annual membership in the association costs 50 cents and is used to defray health work done in all parts of the county by the association.

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Growers Warned Against Fraudulent Potato Tags

Oregon potato growers who pay for certified seed potatoes this year are advised to read the tags carefully and be sure it is certified seed they are getting. Word that a company in Oregon is buying ordinary seed potatoes and selling them with a tag closely resembling the official certification tags issued by Oregon State college to growers of certified seed has just been received by E. R. Jackman, farm crops specialist of the Oregon Extension service.

The imitation tags are the same size and color as the genuine ones, and are labeled "Seed Certificate" instead of "Certified Seed." The official tags are always attached with a lead seal.

This is the first time imitation tags of this sort have appeared in Oregon, according to Jackman, although they are common in some other states.

Gets Life Sentence

After 36 hours of deliberation, a jury in Walla Walla superior court Friday found George Schneider guilty of murder in the first degree. This means life imprisonment. Thus a man who nearly two years ago heard a verdict of death has won in his fight to save his life. He hacked his bride Betty, to death with a meat cleaver.

"Byes" Are Eliminated

The 12-team field in the state high school basketball tournament has been abolished and replaced by a 16-team field, eliminating the heretofore troublesome "byes." The new regulations will be in effect at the next state tournament at Salem.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Charles A. Sias, Minister

The Athena congregation is a unit in itself, with no outside authority or machinery. Congregational government; special plea is for unity of all Christian people, with the New Testament alone as authority and rule of faith and practice; large liberty of opinion. Worship and sermon each Sunday morning and evening. Bible school 10 a. m. Young people meet at 6:30; mid-week devotional and Bible study Wednesday night.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Gerald C. Dryden, Minister

Sunday school, 10:00 a. m., Lewis Stewart, superintendent; 11:00 a. m. the minister will give a report on the state convention which has been held in Corvallis during the past week; 7:00 p. m. B. Y. P. U.; 8:00 p. m. church service with the subject "Souls A-thirst."



"I've got what I want... now"

"Tell me—what can I do to improve my lot? Sure, I'm a farmer. I like farming. I was raised on the soil. So were my folks.

"I ought to be able to sell my stuff as soon as it's ready. Well—I'm doing that now. I take my butterfat, eggs and poultry to the nearest Swift & Company produce plant.

"And I ought to have ready cash just as soon as I make delivery. I get that too. Swift & Company pays me for all they take, as they take it, at the full market price.

"I ought to patronize my own community, and deal with other people who do. Yes—that's true. Well, Swift & Company has 55,000 employees in over 500 towns and they all work for the company in their own home towns and spend their money there too. They pack and distribute the Swift brands right where they live. Many of them are our own townfolks, helping this town to grow, helping to support our schools, stores and banks.

"It seems to me that I'm getting a good, square deal now. And it gives me a real feeling of security to know that I'm part of an organization of 55,000 employees and 48,000 shareholders; that it is able to make a reasonable return on their investment and operate successfully on an average profit from all sources of only a small fraction of a cent per pound."

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