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Chris Andersen was in our city on
Tuesday from Portland, making the
trip both ways by train.

Oregon has produced more world
champion dairy cows than any other
state in the union. This is possible
both because of natural conditions
and the fact that a number of dairy-
men have devoted their lives to im-
proving the quality and productiveness
of these cattle. They work not only
for their own good, but for the benefit
of an almost endless chain of people
who are helped by dairying.

Sampson was one of the first ad-
vertisers. We read where he took a
couple of columns and right away
everything started coming his way.

Census of Nation's Farms Will Be Taken During Month January

The department of commerce is
about to take a census of agriculture
covering the crop year 1924 and
relating to conditions on or near
January 1, 1925. This is the first
census of agriculture to be taken
midway between the decennial cen-
suses; the act of congress authorizing
it is based on the belief that, with
rapidly changing conditions in agri-
culture, there should be a stock tak-
ing as often as every five years. The
work of taking the census began on
December 1st, and is to be completed
on or before January 31st. As rapidly
as possible after the receipt of
returns statements will be released
for the press, by the census bureau at
Washington, relative to production of
the principal farm crops and the value
of farm properties, including land,
buildings, machinery, and live stock.

The enumeration will require the
services of 15,000 to 20,000 enumera-
tors acting under the direction of 212
supervisors, who have for the most
part been selected from the employees
of the bureau of the census and the
department of agriculture. Employ-
ees of the forest service will secure
the census returns for most of the
farms within the national forest re-
served in Arizona, California, Col-
orado, Florida, Idaho, Michigan, Min-
nesota, Montana, Nebraska, Ne-
vada, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennes-
see, Utah, Washington, West Virgin-
ia, and Wyoming.

Sample questionnaires are being
widely distributed to the farmers,
to familiarize them with the infor-
mation soon to be called for by the
enumerators. In addition to the usual
inquiries relative to production,
values, and farm expenses, the sched-
ule calls for the amount of taxes paid
by the farm operator on farm prop-
erty, including real estate tax, personal
property tax, and special assessments.
It is important to ascertain just what
the burden of taxation resting upon
the farm really is and how it compares
with the amount of taxes paid by
other interests. This may point the
way to a more equitable adjustment
of the tax burden.

Heretofore the census of agricul-
ture has always been taken in con-
nection with a complete census of
population. This time it will cover
the farm population only, showing the
number of persons living on the farm,
including the family of the operator
and the farm laborers and their fam-
ilies. These persons will be classi-
fied as under or over ten years of age
and as white or colored.

The extent to which the farm
operators used the purchasing and
selling facilities of farmers' organi-
zations will be brought out by two

inquiries: one relating to the value
of products of the farm sold through
the farmers' marketing organization,
and the other calling for the value of
all farm supplies purchased from or
through a farmers' organization. An
additional index to the marketing
conditions will be brought out by
answers to inquiries as to the kind of
road adjoining the farm, whether
concrete, brick, macadam, gravel,
improved dirt, or unimproved dirt,
and the distance to the nearest market
town. Through inquiries of this
character the census seeks to secure
information relative to conditions
upon which to a considerable degree
the success of farm operation de-
pends.

Five reasons are given why con-
gress authorized a national farm cen-
sus at this time.

1st. The census of 1920 was taken
at a time when agriculture was very
much out of adjustment; pasture land
was in crop, and some crops were out
of line with the usual proportion
which existed before the war and
which now exists.

2nd. The agricultural census was
incomplete in many respects, largely
because of adverse weather condi-
tions making it impossible to enumer-
ate many farmers.

3rd. Census reports on the number
of acres of land in farms and in crops
and the number of live stock on
farms constitute the basis upon which
most of the annual estimates of farm
production by the department of agri-
culture is based. If the wrong num-
ber of acres is credited with produc-
tion, to any large amount, then the
estimated national yield will be over
estimated.

4th. The same is true of live
stock and all other farm crops.
Therefore it is held by government
estimators that the actual number
in acres be known.

5. A census of manufactures is
taken every two years. Capital in-
vested in agriculture is seventy-five
per cent greater than the capital in-
vested in manufactures, but heretofore
an agricultural census was taken only
every ten years. The fact that agri-
cultural production is of such greater
importance makes it important that
a census should be taken oftener than
once in ten years.

Finally an agricultural census will
be of great value to farmers in the
adjustment of selling price of farm
products compared to values.

The preliminary organization of
the field work on the census of agri-
culture for the state of Oregon has
been completed. The state has been
divided into four districts. The head-
quarters of the supervisor, the num-
ber of the district, number of enum-
erators to be employed and number
of farms in each district, according
to the census of 1920, is as follows:

District No. 1: Headquarters at
Portland; enumerators 97; farms 24,
152; counties in district 12.

District No. 2: Headquarters at
Eugene; enumerators 27; farms 9,518
counties in district 6.

District No. 3: Headquarters at
The Dalles; enumerators 44; farms
6,915; counties in district 10.

District No. 4: Headquarters at
Baker; enumerators 57; farms 9,621;
counties in district 8.

Sherman county is in the third dis-
trict. Included in this district is
parts of Deschutes, Hood River, Jeff-
erson, Wasco, all of Sherman and
Gilliam, Crook, Klamath, Lake and
Wheeler counties, also in this dis-
trict, will be canvassed by the forest
service.

Three local men have been named
to secure the census for Sherman
county. Divisions of the county for
the purpose are based upon election
precinct boundary lines. Herbert Root
will be the enumerator for Locust,
Wasco, and Rufus. C. P. Walker
will have Klondike, Monkland, Moro
and Erakine. Fred Haynes will have
Kent, Rutledge, Michigan and Grass
Valley.

Oregon Has National Boy Gardener

The champion boy gardener of
America is an Oregon boy, Bernard
Joy, a 15 year old youngster of Ash-
land. Young Joy grew \$54.75 worth
of head lettuce at a profit of 288 per
cent on eight square rods of ground,
thus besting all other contestants at
the national vegetable show last
September.

Bernard enrolled as a garden club
boy last spring and rented an acre of
garden land from his father, a mar-
ket gardener. He raised nine other
vegetables, but confined himself to
his one specialty from which he
eventually took first place.

The total value of all vegetables
grown on his acre was \$184.55. The
total cost of growing them was \$46.-
80, leaving a net profit of 294 per
cent. Among his items of cost are
the rental for the land and an allow-
ance of 8 per cent to his father for
marketing the stuff.

His first experience in club work
was in 1922 when he enrolled under
H. C. Seymour, state club leader,
with the O. A. C. extension service.
That summer he was a delegate of
his club to the boys and girls summer
school at the college.

In addition to lettuce, young Joy
grew peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers,
watermelons, muskmelons, lima beans,
cabbages, egg plants, and onions.

Card of Thanks

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Noted Historian Visits Moro

J. B. Horner, head of the history
department at O. A. C., was in Moro
last week as one of the instructors
attending the local teachers institute.
Mr. Horner is not a stranger to Sher-
man county, nor is he much of a
stranger to any other county in the
state of Oregon. His work of col-
lecting historical data about Oregon
takes him to many places in the state,
seldom visited by the average man.
Forty-five years ago he worked one
season as sack sewer on a threshing
machine operated by A. C. Thompson
east of Moro.

Mr. Horner's illustrated lecture on
Oregon history, given last week at
the institute, was one of the best
lectures ever delivered in our city.
He was well qualified for the effort
as he is now considered by national
historical writers to be exceptionally
well informed on Oregon history. He
was born in Texas, coming to the
Oregon country horseback in 1862
where his parents located at Walla
Walla. He has "grown up" in eastern
Oregon and is as well informed
of the wild and woolly conditions of
the early days as he is regarding the
pre-historic and late historic features
of Oregon.

A large truck load of trees and
having a gentleman cow for passenger,
passed through this city last Sat-
urday en route south.

Hardly Worth Looking For

His reasons are as two grains of
wheat hid in two bushels of chaff;
you shall seek all day ere you find
them; and when you have them, they
are not worth the search.—Shakespeare.



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