

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Clinton Hurd, Lane county commissioner, is in the western part of the county for a few days obtaining rights of way for the last uncompleted portions of the Oregon coast highway.

That sheep are a drug on the market was exemplified at Albany, I. A. Miner brought to town some fat lambs weighing 70 to 80 pounds and could not get an offer for them at any price.

A movement to secure a committee to sponsor a \$367,000 modern 125-room hotel for Salem was under way as a result of a meeting of business men who expressed approval of the project.

Parkdale potato growers held a potato day recently. Various fertilizer test plots were visited, disease characteristics demonstrated and a general study of the potato situation made.

An egg within an egg is the freak product of a Rhode Island hen owned by C. E. Stone of Albany. The outer egg was 9 1/2 inches in longitudinal circumference and 3 1/4 inches around the middle.

A white mildew has struck the peach orchards in the Waconda section of Marion county. The affected parts are being cut away and burned and the rest of the tree is heavily sprayed.

A newly repaired sawmill was opened at Coquille for commercial production. The Johnson mill, idle for three years, has been revamped and put into condition for manufacturing 80,000 feet daily.

Harvesting of Clatsop county's Bent grass crop is under way and will continue for six weeks. The Bent grass industry, which has grown from nothing a few years ago, is becoming quite important.

More than 115,000 persons have visited Crater Lake national park this season, figures released recently indicate. The total of visitors is an increase of nearly 50 per cent over that of last year.

A freight truck of the Consolidated Truck Lines caught fire on the Columbia highway between Cascade Locks and Eagle creek and was destroyed. More than 400 autos were tied up by the fire.

September 7, Labor day, 1931, has been selected as the date of the next Albany twin round-up, a letter being sent out by the Albany chamber of commerce to twins who have visited previous round-ups states.

A total of \$89,544.12 acres of land in Yamhill, Columbia and Washington counties has been tentatively placed on the list for classification for reforestation, according to State Forester Cronmiller of Salem.

A tremendous herd of seals, estimated at 500 or 600 in number, has followed the salmon fishes into the Columbia river. Astoria fishermen report the seals are stealing their salmon and tearing their nets.

A show exhibiting chicken raised from day-old chicks, given by the banks of Woodburn to members of high school classes in vocational agriculture, was held at Woodburn recently. Last spring 31 boys received a dozen chicks apiece.

The "Old Mill" at Myrtle Creek, Douglas county, has been torn down to make room for the approach of the new bridge over the Umpqua. The mill was erected in 1853. The millstones were brought around the Horn to Scottsburg and freighted from there to Myrtle Creek.

S. J. Free, of the Fry Station neighborhood, a few miles from Albany, reports a big yield of wheat and rye grass. Six and one-half acres sown to Zimmerman wheat produced 122 sacks of wheat averaging 142 pounds to the sack. Twelve acres of rye grass yielded 165 sacks of seed.

states that the crop this season exceeds that of any previous year. Already the Indians have gone to the mountain and made camp, and it was estimated that 1000 automobiles were parked near the berry patches.

Thirty-four counties are to be represented at Salem, September 22 to 25, when more than 600 members of boys' and girls' 4-H clubs will take part in the most extensive club exhibit ever held at the Oregon state fair.

Preliminary figures on unemployment in Oregon, announced by the census bureau, show 24,849 persons out of 952,691 able and desirous to work unemployed at the time the census was taken, amounting to 2.6 per cent.

The largest single delivery of beans ever made at the plant of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association came in recently, when 84 tons of the Blue Lake variety were received. Large day and night crews are being employed at the plant.

This probably will be a poor season for prunes in Lane county, in the opinion of M. H. Harlow, president of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association. Mr. Harlow says the market now is down and that there are few buyers in the field.

Middle Name Custom The practice of giving a middle name to children was unknown in England before the period of the Stuarts, and it did not become at all common until Georgian times. There was, in fact, a law on the statute books forbidding parents to give more than one name to their children.

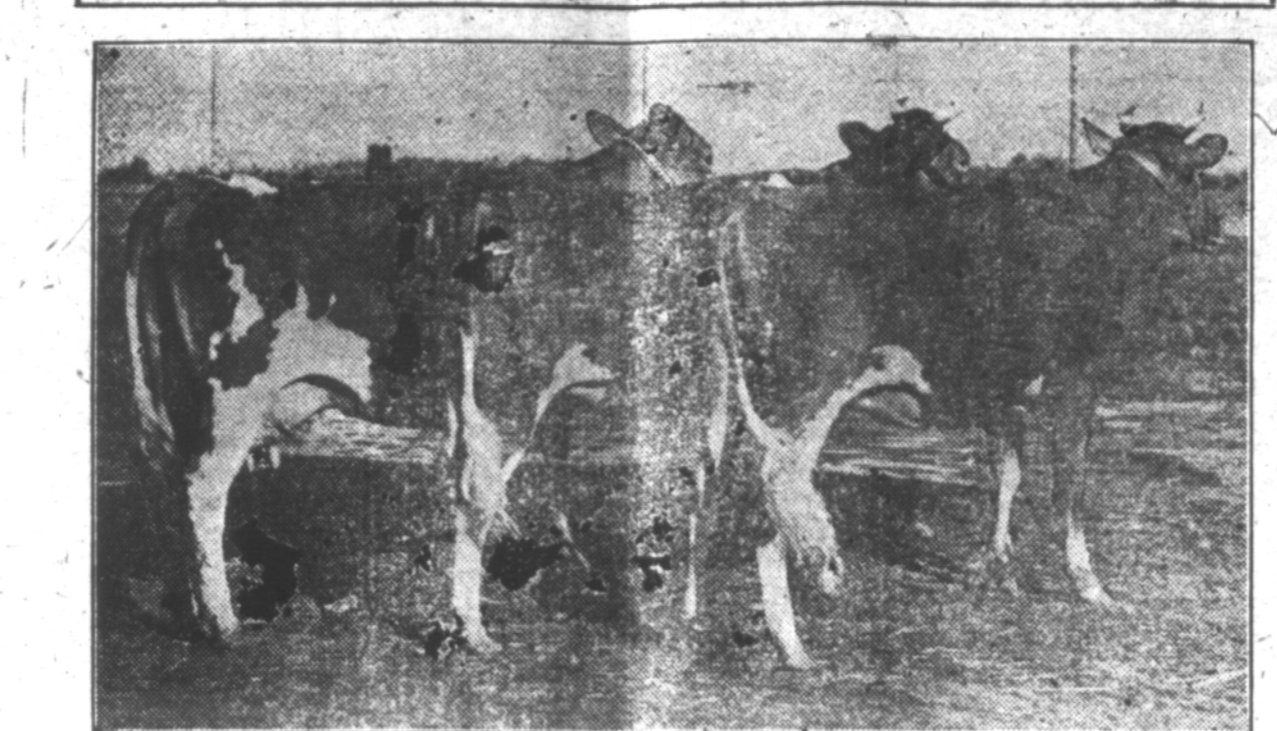
Most Expensive Avocation The most expensive avocation which a wealthy man can find is dairying, according to the business monthly Fortune. Blooded cows cost from \$300 to \$25,000 a head, bulls up to \$100,000. With tiled walls, vita glass windows, ice plants and ventilating systems, equipment of dairy and barns hovers around \$2000 a head.

Marriage After Dark Although divorce is on the increase in England, it is difficult to achieve and seekers after legal separations often find it easier to find a flaw in the union itself, thus bringing about a dissolution on the ground that they were not truly married in the first place.

Memory Test Mary needed some information to be found in the book entitled "Out of Doors in the Holy Land." She felt she could never remember the name. Her roommate told her to think of Jerusalem and of the beauties of the outdoors.

Ax to Grind When I see a merchant over-polite to his customers, begging them to taste a little brandy and throwing half his goods on the counter—thinks I, that man has an ax to grind.—Charles Miner.

Three Prize Winners at State Fair



These three Guernseys, awarded high honors at the 1929 exposition, will be returned this year by M. C. Fleming of Portland to compete in the 69th annual Oregon State fair at Salem, Sept. 22 to 25, where prize herds from all over the west will vie for a share of the \$80,000 in premiums.

WATERSPOUT MOVIES TAKEN FROM PLANE

Phenomenon Pictured From Air for First Time.

Washington.—An airplane has flown rings around a waterspout, permitting the recording of the first still and motion pictures ever made from the air of this awe-inspiring phenomenon.

The photographs of the twisting column of water and vapor were made between Miami and Havana by the seaplane survey party of the National Geographic society which is making a comprehensive aerial study of the geographic features and weather conditions along the east coast flying routes between North and South America.

Frederick Simplic, in charge of the party, describes the unusual experience in a communication to the society's headquarters here.

"Flying across the sea from Key West to Cuba," he writes, "the giant flying boat 'Argentina' was almost in sight of Havana when a heavy rain squall suddenly blew up to starboard. Pilot Hawkins, to avoid the angry black cloud, veered to port. Then, to our amazement, there quickly dropped from the north end of the storm cloud the thin, writhing black column of a waterspout. In a few seconds, as we watched, it grew to a black, whirling corkscrew at least 600 feet high and probably 50 feet or more in diameter.

Writhed Like Huge Snake. "At first glimpse of the ominous natural phenomenon Jacob Gayer, staff photographer, and Capt. Albert W. Stevens, noted army parachute jumper and aerial picture man, seized cameras and made for open ports. Calling Pilot Hawkins through his speaking tube, Stevens asked him to circle the spout, approaching as closely as safety would permit.

"A sinister, frightful-looking monster the spout had now become, like a giant factory chimney linking the heavens with the sea. Then, as it grew in size and whirled and twisted, it took the shape and appearance of a great snake, spray and mist rising in clouds from where its tail lashed the sea. Yet its writhing edges were as clean-cut as a broad band of black ribbon.

"All day the sky had been overcast, the sea calm, the air supercharged with moisture. It was from a particularly black, low-lying cloud that the great spout had developed; and, as we flew round and round it, Gayer and Stevens made a series of pictures. First they shot the straight, dark descending line that marked the monster's formation; then its great twisting black body; and, finally, a long, grayish snake-like arm that swung off at 45 degrees—its lower end now whipped out into thinning water strands like the frayed tail of a colossal horse. By my watch, it was exactly seven minutes from the time the spout first formed until it faded into the black depths of the moving squall. Twenty years ago my tramp steamer in the China seas ran from a waterspout. Now, in a plane that could fly 127 miles an hour, we impudently played tag with one—and took its picture!

Plane Skirted Dismal Swamp. "Whizzing over Moro castle we landed in Havana harbor in a tropical downpour, to find crowds of Cubans in sheltered places along the waterfront excitedly discussing the 'eyecatcher.' 'The only way to stop one,' said an excited customs inspector, 'is to shoot it!'

"But for this amazing prank of nature, our air cruise from Washington down to Havana was without adventure. Down the Potomac the ship had flown, past Arlington and Mount Vernon basking in a Sunday morning sun. Above the battle fleet at Hampton Roads, past Norfolk and out to sea—up the so-called Great Dismal Swamp stretching far to the west. A vast, dark blue and mysterious waste it is, seen from the air, with here and there what seems to be cleared and cultivated areas.

"Towns, lighthouses, islands, rivers and estuaries slipped before the watchful eyes of our cameras. Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, lay along the path of the ambitious aerial survey which began at Anacostia Naval base and will end in the Argentine."

Western States Exhibit Will Be Held in Salem During 1931 State Fair

Salem, Ore.—(Special) — More than 100,000 people who never before have been in the state of Oregon are expected to attend the Western States Exhibit at the 1931 state fair here next year, according to D. M. Lowe of Ashland, who is in charge of the Oregon exhibit at the California state fair in Sacramento, Aug. 31 to Sept. 7.

Oregon day at the event is scheduled for Sept. 5. The Western States exhibit was originated at the diamond anniversary of the California state fair last year, and will come to Oregon in 1931 in connection with the 70th anniversary of this state's annual exposition.

Oregon is represented by eight booths at the southern event this year, Mr. Lowe revealed, each both symbolic of one specific industry or a particular district of this state. Other states represented at the Sacramento exposition include Washington, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona and California, in addition to Mexico, Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands.

Picture of the Oregon booths are to be shown throughout the United States during the fall and winter, Mr. Lowe stated, with several large eastern cities already definitely on the itinerary.

"The success of this undertaking has been financed by the Oregon State Fair board, and to that body should be given every praise for the largest advertising campaign of Oregon and its resources ever undertaken," Mr. Lowe declared.

Entries Pour In For All Departments of Oregon State Fair

Salem, Ore.—(Special) — Judges for the 69th Oregon State fair here, Sept. 22 to 25, are likely to find a man-sized job on their hands if applications continue to pour in at the present rate, it is declared by fair officials. Every mail brings new entries, while many would-be entrants resort to wire service and telephone to insure their places in line for the \$30,000 in premiums offered in addition to the \$75,000 up for horse racing events.

The feature program for the races at the grandstand each afternoon is rapidly being completed, with aerial trapeze acts, performing bears and clown antics already on the long list of amusements.

Work on the grounds is well under way. Buildings are being put into first class shape and every preparation made for the convenience of the thousands of exhibitors and visitors.

Barber Still Is Using Razor 120 Years Old

Nocona, Texas.—After 120 years, during which time it has found its way from Pine Point, Ala., to this city, a razor purchased in 1810 is still in use in a barber shop here.

The razor is owned by Lloyd Burge, local barber. It was said to have been purchased in Pine Point in 1810 by Mrs. Burge's great-grandfather. He paid 75 cents for it. The great-grandfather gave it to a son, who in turn passed it on to a third generation. Three years ago it reached the hands of the present owner, who uses it daily in his shop here.

ICELAND OBSERVES REAL ANNIVERSARY

It's the Millennial of Its Popular Assembly.

Washington.—While other countries are celebrating centennials, Iceland, scoring such youth, is preparing for the observance of the one-thousandth anniversary of the organization of its popular assembly. Popular misconceptions of Iceland are pointed out in a bulletin from Washington (D. C.) headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"Iceland's name naturally suggests to the prospective visitor that he will find a frozen waste," says the bulletin. "And when his map shows this island to lie across the very threshold of the Arctic ocean, hard by the glacial coast of Greenland, and 300 miles farther north than black Labrador, he is almost prepared to come upon a land of polar bears and of far-clad folk living in snow igloos.

Mipsa Libel the Island. "Iceland is libeled both by nomenclature and maps. On many charts the most important physical fact in its life does not appear. Up from the south flows the warm Gulf stream to enfold the island and work the magic of whisking it, in effect, nearly a thousand miles toward the Equator; so that its climate is not that of the polar regions, but of southern Canada or northern United States.

"On Iceland's coasts are thriving towns with buildings of stone, gabled roofs and church steeples, busy streets and electric lights. In the streets are men and women garbed much as are the inhabitants of Copenhagen and Glasgow, Ottawa and Minneapolis. One's eyes tell him that here is the same civilization that Europe and America know.

"And immaterial factors proclaim the truth still more unmistakably than do material things. Here, in this far northern land, a worthy national literature and stable national institutions were developed when much of Europe was floundering in the Dark Ages. Here the lamp of a Nordic renaissance burned and lighted its own region before the beacon of the Latin renaissance was held aloft to light the way for the world. This northern light has never failed. Today the literacy rate is higher in Iceland than in many countries of Europe.

Cost of Country Along Coast. "It is true that physically Iceland's best foot is forward. Its most pleasant aspect is its fringe of coast. Iceland is in nowise a pretty country, though the distinction may be made that it possesses much scenery of beauty—a weird, magnificent beauty coupled with desolation; for, though Iceland is not the icy waste that distant popular fancy would make it, it fared less fortunately at the hands of another of nature's great forces, fire. The land is actively volcanic, and in the interior, on every hand, are the evidences of great fiery outbursts of the past. To tourists it presents none of those scenes which have made other lands popular; no forests, no rich meadows, no prosperous-looking farms with beautiful gardens.

"In spite of adverse conditions, in spite of earthquakes and volcanoes, and the absence of luxuries, the Icelanders cling to their land with fierce pride. They have a national life which is different from that of any other land in the world.

"They feel strongly their one-time glory and value highly the culture and civilization that they built practically without outside help and in which the Iceland of today has its roots. Not only have they long ranked among the most literate people in the world, but they possess a broad knowledge and excellent taste in literature.

"The people of Iceland have a great literature of their own in the old sagas, and many of their modern poets are especially gifted. Their folk songs are popular throughout the country and rank the best of any nation."

French Council May Bar Beating Rugs Outdoors

Paris.—The French hygiene council is considering making it a punishable misdemeanor to shake a rug or beat a carpet outdoors.

It is now a law that carpet beaters must not be operated until after ten o'clock in the morning, but the council has discovered that the courtyards of Paris are filled with microbes whose presence can be traced directly to carpets shaken from upper windows before ten o'clock.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

Two new granges were established in southern Oregon, one at Applegate and one at Bellview.

Huckleberries are plentiful this year according to reports at Redmond. One party brought in 45 gallons.

The citizens of Boardman have voted the city council power to sell the franchise and the city light plant.

The Crane prairie section, until further notice, is closed to hunting, fishing, or even traffic, on account of fire hazards.

For several years past the county fair at Enterprise has had inclement weather. The date for this year is September 4-6.

Laying of bituminous macadam surface on the Baker-Pleasant Valley section of the Old Oregon trail is progressing rapidly.

New street signs and house numbers have been placed in Heppner. Added to this there is much new building being done.

The city commission of La Grande has authorized the drilling of a new municipal well to be added to the present two wells.

The evergreen blackberry crop in the Lacombe section has been contracted to Hunt Brothers of Albany at 5 cents a pound.

Nine sites were offered to the treasury department for a new federal building at Bend, at prices ranging from \$1750 to 28,000.

Salem's public and high schools, grounds and equipment have a replacement value of \$1,137,319, according to an appraisal completed recently.

A large pelican, the first of this species of birds seen at large in Marion county, was captured near Mosquito bar, three miles from Salem.

Extensive plans are underway for the Multnomah county fair, known as the Portland Interstate fair, to be held in Gresham September 9 to 14.

The Natural Gas corporation of Oregon has applied to the Hood River city council for a franchise to supply natural gas to the city of Hood River.

Edward T. Doyle was killed when he plunged 40 feet from a temporary structure of a new bridge being constructed over the Rogue river at Grants Pass.

The San Diego Fruit and Produce company, with several hundreds of acres of peas, will commence picking soon, and packing will be done at North Bend.

Salem will have a 24-hour weather service, according to Vernon Frahm, official observer. Authorization for the 24-hour service was received from Washington recently.

A rodeo, sponsored by the Sutherland volunteer fire department with the cooperation of business men, was staged recently. The Sutherland community band furnished the music.

Boosters for the coast country along the Oregon Coast highway are planning a post-celebration of the Salmon River cutoff, to be held at one of the beach resorts September 6.

Coos county cranberry growers have organized for bettering market facilities. The temporary organization will be made permanent at a later meeting to be held in Marshfield.

Hawk's 560-Mile Chase of Pigeon Ends Aboard Ship

New York.—A 560-mile race over the sea between a carrier pigeon and a hawk terminated when the pigeon fell exhausted on the boat deck of the Cunarder Caronia. The hawk circled and landed a few seconds later alongside its intended victim. Several sailors were pecked viciously by the hawk when they attempted to lift the pigeon from the deck.

Patient Suicide

Exeter, Neb.—Placing his chair on the Burlington railroad tracks, S. G. Manning, fifty-eight, discouraged after a year's fight for health, sat down and waited two hours until a fast mail train passed and killed him.

JEALOUSY LEADS TO MURDER AND SUICIDE

Girl Preferred Music to Lover's Attentions.

Mamaroneck, N. Y.—Crazed by jealousy because a pretty girl, fourteen, with red curls and large brown eyes, couldn't understand his love and preferred her violin and piano studies and her high school playmates, Charles Long, twenty-five, a jobless waiter, fatally shot Sarah Sherman in her home here recently. He then turned the weapon upon himself, sending a bullet through his temple, and fell dead beside the girl.

Murder and suicide was the verdict of Dr. Amos O. Squire, Westchester medical examiner, after his examination of both bodies at the United hospital in Port Chester.

Although still breathing when police reached her home and found her in a pool of blood in the living room, three feet from the dead waiter, the girl was dead when she reached the hospital. One bullet had entered her left breast and a second her forehead.

Befried by Family

There was a revolver on the rug near Long's hand, "all chambers empty. Six shots had been fired, three going wild and lodging one in the window sill and two in the upholstery of the davenport, where, police think, the girl had been sitting.

No one in the household of Sarah's father, Hyman Sherman, took the young waiter's attentions to the oldest daughter seriously. Long had been a boarder in the Sherman home three years. Formerly he was much liked by all of the Shermans, including Sarah's sister, Helen, eleven, and the little brother, Nathan, eight. When Long was ill in Port Chester hospital last year the Shermans aided him financially and took up a collection for him among their friends and among the waiter's fellow workers at the Annapolis restaurant, Mamaroneck.

Eight months ago his interest in Sally, as her school friends called her, became marked. Her parents objected and Long moved to another home around the corner, where he rented a room. A difference in religion is thought by police to have caused the Sherman's interference, as they are Jewish and Long was a Greek.

Evidence of Struggle. More recently a group of the girl's chums said, as they stood crying on the Sherman porch after the tragedy, Sally had done everything to discourage Long. He annoyed her frequently, but still he was allowed access to the house by her parents, who had no fear of him.

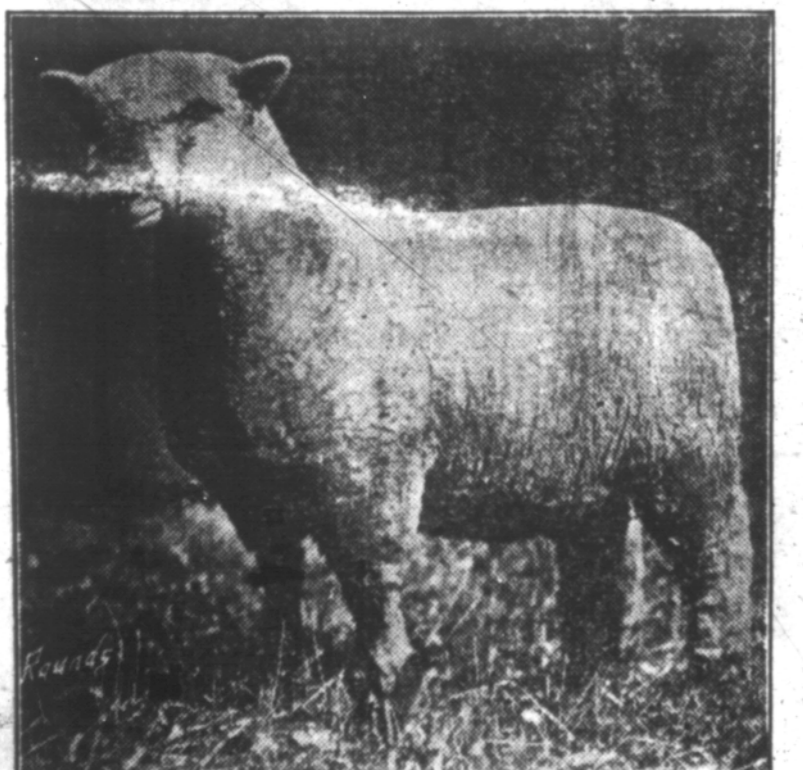
The day of the shooting he called at noon, fifteen minutes before Sally was scheduled to go to her violin practice with students taking part in the opening of the Westchester Recreation center in White Plains. The little brother passed through the living rooms and saw them talking. As he reached the outside stairs he heard six shots and rushed into the house just as his mother came running from the back yard.

The girl's hair and clothing were disarranged and a table which had been leaning against a wall was overturned, leading police to believe Sarah had struggled with the man before he fired. The mother became hysterical, crying repeatedly, "I don't want to live if Sarah's dead," and could aid the police but little in the investigation. Later she collapsed and was placed under the care of a physician.

THE MARKETS

Portland Wheat—Big Bend highest, \$1.03; soft white, western white, 88c; hard winter, northern spring, western red, 85c. Hay—Alfalfa, new crop, \$17.50; val ley timothy, new crop, \$18; eastern Oregon timothy, \$22.50@23; clover, new crop, \$14; oat hay, new crop, \$14; oats and vetch, new crop, \$13.50. Butterfat—35@38c. Eggs—Ranch, 17@26c. Cattle—Steers, good, \$7.50@8.00. Hogs—Good to choice, \$10.50@11.75. Lambs—Good to choice, \$6@7. Seattle Wheat—Soft white, western white northern spring, 89c; hard winter, western red, 88c; bluestem, \$1.04. Eggs—Ranch, 27@34c. Butterfat—38c. Cattle—Choice steers, \$7@8. Hogs—Prime light, \$11.15@11.30. Lambs—Choice, \$6@7. Spokane Cattle—Steers, good, \$6@6.50. Hogs—Good to choice, \$11.10@11.25. Lambs—Medium to good, \$5@5.50.

Seeks New Honors at Fair



Championship Southdown Ewe lamb, which in 1929 won premier honors for William Dornborough of Laura, Sask., Canada, is expected to compete again with prize-winning animals from the western states at the Oregon State fair in Salem, Sept. 22 to 25.

Climbing Frog

The animal heard in the spring and called a peeper is a tree frog. It is a small climbing frog about 2 inches in length, of a color which matches tree bark so closely that it is seldom recognized. It has an opposable thumb and a sucking disk on the end of each toe, which enables it to climb trees, although it seldom ascends more than 20 feet.

House Covers 7 Acres, but People, Not Ground

Tupelo, Miss.—Census supervisors stumbled onto a house which covered seven acres at Iuka, miss here, recent ly. E. B. Rankin, census taker, told the story. "The house covers Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Acres and five little Acres," he named.

Spanish Treasure

Columbus' log book for the voyage upon which he discovered America is in the Archivo de Indias, Academia de la Historia, Madrid, Spain.

Salem Pacer in Fair Races



"Maxie Bengine", highly-touted horse owned by Sam Bush of Salem, is to be entered in the 2:20 and 2:25 pace events at the Oregon State fair Sept. 22 to 25. "Maxie" is shown being called "nice horse" by pretty Betty May Lawrence, Hollywood actress, who recently visited the fairgrounds.