

On Oregon Farms

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Corvallis—Austrian winter field peas are proving popular as a seed crop in many parts of Oregon. Some 6000 acres were grown for this purpose in 1930, according to the biennial report of the Oregon Experiment station.

Enterprise—With the completion of most of this year's shipping activities, County Agent N. C. Donaldson, secretary-treasurer of the Walla Walla County Marketing association reports that 185 carloads, including 51,294 head of cattle, hogs and sheep were shipped during the past year, bringing in \$473,270.81 for the 823 shippers represented. Prices on the average were better than growers could have obtained from local buyers, according to Mr. Donaldson.

Eugene—Six demonstration trials for the purpose of comparing Austrian winter field peas with common vetch as a cover crop have been started by as many Lane county farmers in cooperation with O. S. Fletcher, county agent. Cooperating growers are Howard Dunn, Junction City; Frank Brunner, F. B. Harlow, Truman Chase, Chase Gardens, all of Eugene. Other farmers who are not conducting demonstrations are also trying out the crop.

The Dalles—Eight complete sets of soil samples, taken at foot intervals for a depth of six feet, were run during the past month on orchards in the Columbia, Mill Creek and Three Mile districts by County Agent W. Wray Lawrence in cooperation with the Moro Experiment station. These tests are for the purpose of finding the present moisture content of the soil, in connection with the determination of the effect of sub-soiling on moisture content.

Farm Pointers

Western Oregon farmers may safely plow well drained up land soils which are not too heavy in texture during the fall and winter months, says the Oregon Experiment station. After plowing the soil is left uncultivated until spring, and the combined action of the rain and frost tends to form a crust over the field which can be broken up easily in the spring with a disk or spring tooth harrow. This leaves a seed bed which is usually more mellow and easily prepared than spring plowed land.

In Oregon late December has generally proved to be the best time for sowing tomato seed for the spring crop under glass. This crop, according to A. G. Bouquet, vegetable gardening specialist at O. S. C., requires about five months from seeding to harvest, and plants started in December will bear a crop of ripe fruit in the greenhouse early in May. Sutton's Best of All has been found one of the best varieties for this purpose at the Oregon Experiment station.

For proper storage of potatoes, ventilation is necessary not only from the top but from the sides and bottom of the bin as well, believes the Oregon Experiment station. Some evidence has been found that seed stock from the bottom of a poorly ventilated bin is much lower in percentage of germination than from the rest of the bin. The quality of table stock is also impaired under poor storage conditions.

To produce the milk-fat lamb, most desirable for the market, it is necessary to feed the ewe so that she will produce a large flow of milk at lambing time. Where the grass is short it is well to feed some grain for a brief time before and after lambing as a little surplus weight at this time gives the ewe something to draw from in producing milk. One half pound daily of such concentrate as 1/2 wheat and 1/2 barley with 10 pounds of oil meal per 100 pounds of mixture is recommended by the Oregon Experiment station for putting the lamb in condition.

Feeding of yellow carrots to poultry is recommended by the Oregon Experiment station, both for their rich vitamin content and because they serve to keep the birds occupied, thus avoiding such bad habits as egg eating and cannibalism, which usually follow confinement, crowding and idleness. The carrots are fed by hanging them on nails for the birds to pick.

Heads of cabbage with black streaks and spots scattered through them have been sent in to Oregon State college by a number of western Oregon farmers. The diagnosis reveals that the blackening is due not to an organism but rather to physiological trouble developed by the excess moisture following the dry periods of the summer months.

A cold poultry house floor condenses the moisture in the house and makes wet litter, says the Oregon Experiment station. Boarding up the back and ends to keep the wind from under the building helps to avoid this.

Carrots for winter use can be kept from shrinking by keeping them moist and at a temperature just above freezing. Where possible, the best way to do this is to pit them in the ground and cover with moist soil, according to the Oregon Experiment station. It is necessary to locate the pits on well drained land to prevent excess water standing in them.

County Tax-Budget Committee Cuts Taxes

A total tax reduction of \$49,718.50 was made this year by the Sherman county tax budget committee, part on their own initiative and part by means of the recommendations of the recently formed Sherman County Tax Reduction League.

The final meeting of the committee was held at the court house in Moro on Monday of this week. The morning session was mainly taken up with the smaller items on the budget. The question of an appropriation for the county fair occupying the last part of the morning session.

After considerable discussion concerning the county fair and the amount needed to enable a creditable fair to be managed, a rising vote was taken by the committee. This showed that the majority present wanted the fair to be continued and the appropriation proposed by the budget committee be increased.

At the morning session J. B. Adams presented the recommendations of the tax reduction league, acting as the spokesman for the organization. C. P. Andrews was the spokesman for the Pomona grange asking for an increased appropriation for the county fair. Eleven other speakers made remarks concerning matters that came before the committee at the morning session.

Just before adjournment for lunch District Attorney Updegraff, on behalf of himself and other members of the official family for Sherman county presented to Judge McKee as a token of their regard and his retiring from office a sterling silver lighter. Judge McKee responded with a brief speech, reviewing in part the growth of Sherman county since he first became a member of the county court twenty years ago.

The afternoon session was taken up with a detailed discussion of the school funds, their sources and extent; the market road, county road, and bridge funds. These matters entailed considerable discussion and undoubtedly a number of people present had a better idea of these matters when the discussion ended.

W. F. Jackson and Roy J. Baker were the men selected by the tax reduction league to present their views to the committee. These included a cut in the market road tax to \$14,000 just about enough to match the state fund; to cut out entirely the tax of \$5,000 for market road maintenance using the market road fund for this purpose; fund for county roadmaster salary, labor, county roads cut from \$16,000 to \$10,000; county bridge fund be cut from \$10,000 to \$7,000.

During the discussion concerning road and bridge funds County Roadmaster Wall stated that 12 years ago when he first took over the office the county had 550 miles of all dirt roads and was spending \$30,000 annually to keep them in condition. Now, the larger part of these are included in either the state highway or market road system. The roads that are not either of these are mainly short stubs that can easily be connected into one or the other of the main county road system.

At the close of the open meeting, the county budget committee met and made the following decisions of the questions involved:

County fair fund was increased from \$2000 to \$3000; market road fund reduced from \$17,000 to \$14,000; market road maintenance fund of \$5000 cut out entirely; bridge fund reduced from \$10,000 to \$8,500; fund for county roadmaster, labor, county road improvements and repairs reduced from \$16,000 to \$12,500. Other items stand as first prepared by the county tax budget committee.

Some Puritan Cut-ups

Those who depend on the regular historical works of the school book type no doubt have formed the idea that the Puritan forefathers (and foremothers) of New England were about as perfect as folks could be.

The iconoclasts have been at work again, however, and have dug up some old records which appear to show that human nature was about the same in the old days as it is at present. A recent writer quotes at length from a Massachusetts court docket of 1646, of which a few sample cases are given as follows:

Henry Walton fined for saying he would as leave his dog bark as to hear Reverend Cobbell preach.

John Studley fined for stealing his master's ox and selling it to him.

Thomas Gray of Marblehead whipped for being overseen in drink.

Phillip Crumwell fined for not living with his wife.

William Claus whipped for spying into the chamber of his master and telling what he saw.

Charles Phillips fined for being in drink three times in two days.

Mrs. Griffith fined for swearing.

Sarah Parrig fined for wearing a silk hood.

Sarah Collins fined for railing at her husband and calling him "a pot-gutted divel."

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Rufe Johnson's pet hound disappeared. Rufe put the following ad in the paper:

"Lost or run away—one liver-colored bird dog called Jim. Will show signs of hydrofobby in about three days."

The dog came home the following day.

Farmers Attend Wheat Meeting at Heppner

Debenture, Plan, Acreage Control; Railroad Rates, Barge Line Topics at Gathering

The wheat situation and causes of the general depression in prices and steps for improving conditions were given a thorough going over by the farmers representing production of five millions of bushels of wheat and national authorities on economic problems at the three day session of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League meeting at Heppner last Thursday Friday and Saturday.

The debenture plan of farm relief, control of acreage, railroad rates, the Columbia barge system, the National Grain growers cooperatives and the Russian situation were among the main phases of the problems which received particular attention at the gathering.

Officers elected by the league for the ensuing year were Harry Pinkerton, Moro, president; James Hill, Pendleton, vice-president; Charles Smith, Heppner, secretary-treasurer; County representatives named were John Withycombe, Gilliam; George Peck, Morrow; Dewey Thompson, Sherman; A. G. Brandstedt, Wallowa; Frank Emerson, Wasco; A. V. Swift, Baker; Gilbert Courtwright, Union; Jens Terjesen, Umatilla; and Ward Farrell, Jefferson.

The farmers on the closing day unanimously passed the recommendation of the legislation committee asking immediate passage of the debenture law as a means of affording immediate relief. The same committee urged that steps be taken looking toward acreage control in the event of a raise in price of wheat. The action, however, was said not to be a reflection upon efforts of the farm board, but that body should be given undivided support in its work.

The railroad rates was given considerable attention Friday when Arthur M. Geary, attorney for farm organizations in the grain rate case, and H. E. Loundsbery, general freight agent, for the O. W. R. & N. C. clashed in the rate discussion. Mr. Geary brought out the charge that the Union Pacific has been paying 10 per cent dividends regularly during the last six years and at the same time claimed it had added \$87,000,000 to its surplus. Mr. Loundsbery questioned the statement and read figures purporting to show the dividends paid by western roads. Loundsbery, however, failed to answer charges hurled at the company regarding one of its subsidiaries.

John Withycombe, president of the league and presiding officer, made an interesting talk on the delay of rate effects on wheat growers, and pleaded for the use and development of the Columbia river as an answer to the railroad high rate schedule.

Richard J. Stephens of Spokane, in absence of George S. Milnor, spoke in behalf of the National Grain co-operation.

Withycombe in his opening remarks to the assembly said, "Perhaps overproduction is the trouble, but certainly distribution plays its part."

Actual experience in Russia, was the basis for an address by Dr. M. L. Wilson of Montana, who told growers that Russian competition in world wheat markets probably will not increase under the present soviet regime.

Speakers were heard on smut control, experiment station work and bulk handling.

The meeting was said to have attracted a larger crowd than had been anticipated, it was well worth attending.

You can't keep a good pole sitter down.

The only crime now punishable by death is pedestrianism.

Aviators claim prizes; splendid, yet hard won when the death risk is considered.

So far no boy has been found waiting on the steps of a schoolhouse for school to begin.

None of these pole sitters has had the gumption to try either the North or the South pole.

It is easy for any man to make money out of the stock market. If he will keep out of it.

Chair throwing has been barred in German political campaigns, but a little mud may be used.

Our people would be more comfortable with fewer missionaries in China and more in Chicago.

Movie musicians are trying to prove that the violin is still a more powerful instrument than the camera.

Next year the safety congress ought to hold its meeting jointly with the aviation race and stunt experts.

If the bandits don't quit working so hard and so steadily, they're likely to suffer from a nervous breakdown.

When a professional philosopher marries he may find that he has put philosophy to its most exacting test.

Another crying need of the times seems to be a walled flying field to keep souvenir hunters at a safe distance.

Tourist business in some resort centers is said to be off, with thousands of blankets not being slept under every night.

Tax Reduction Committee On Education Report

Minutes of the committee on education of the Sherman County Tax Reduction League held at Moro, Oregon, December 6, 1930.

The meeting was called to order by W. C. Bryant who was elected permanent chairman of the committee. W. H. Ragsdale was elected secretary.

Members of the committee present were; W. C. Bryant, W. H. Ragsdale, of Moro; J. E. Norton, Luther Davis, of Kent; Marie Barnett Cooper, H. H. White of Wasco; H. H. Brackett, William Wilson, of Rufus; Hugh Walker of Wasco was a committee-man at large. Absent: T. M. Rolfe, Gus Engstrom of Grass Valley.

During the various discussions the following points were brought forth:

(1) That there is surplus of school teachers throughout the state, many of them without jobs.

(2) That living expenses have been reduced 17 per cent.

(3) That Sherman county is experiencing one of the leanest years it has had since its organization as a county.

(4) That the schools in Sherman county are few and small and steadily growing fewer in number and smaller as well. The number of pupils in each school room is small as compared to the number of pupils in many other school rooms throughout the state. The 1929 official directory shows only 505 pupils enrolled in the elementary grades in Sherman county.

(5) Sherman county is now paying among the best wages paid to teachers of any county in the state. This is especially applicable to the salaries paid to principals in the county.

(6) In view of the lean times now prevalent in Sherman county and elsewhere, the committee, with the view of equalizing conditions and relieving in part the heavy burdens of the tax payers, most respectfully submits the following schedule of teachers wages for the new year and urges the co-operation of every school district as far as possible.

(a) That the maximum salary for the teachers in the rural schools shall be \$100 per month.

(b) That the maximum salary for grade teachers in the town schools shall be \$100 per month for new teachers and \$110 for teachers now employed should they seek re-election.

(c) That the maximum salary for high school teachers shall be \$120 per month for new teachers and \$135 per month for teachers now employed should they seek re-election.

(d) That the maximum salary for principals shall be \$190 per month for new principals and \$200 per month for principals now employed should they seek re-election.

(e) That athletics in our several high schools is now stressed too much and that paid coaches be eliminated from the schools of the county and that the coaching in the future be done by the principal or other teachers under his direction without additional pay.

TRESPASS NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all that no trespassing of any kind will be allowed on my holdings on the John Day river. These comprise, with one exception, river frontage of contiguous territory from section 10 to section 30 township 1 south range 19 east; then skipping for a short distance and running again to the mouth of Devil Canyon.

I have in this a two-fold purpose—the protection of game and the protection of my own interests. Many of the geese that inhabit the John Day river not only come there to roost, but they nest and raise their young there. These birds, like those of the Columbia river, go to the fields to feed, giving hunters enough chance at them and any good sport will agree they should be protected on roosting and nesting places. If I hunted or allowed my men to do so, I could be accused of a selfish motive. But I do not.

Not long ago some good sports killed a little deer, a doe, that had been among us folks of the river for some time. It was as gentle as a milk raised calf. This is an example of their regard for game and the laws protecting the same. The pheasants are practically all killed and most all the quail. It is safe to say there could be gathered a grain sack full of empty shells, down there, and 95 per cent of those shells are on my land. The Freeman tract, that most all are hunting on, comprises 80 acres; 55 acres in Sherman county and the rest in the river.

When these lands are stocked with four or five hundred cattle there is no way computing the damage done. The cannonading causes a continuous disturbance and the cattle can't do any good until there is quiet again.

I have 1500 acres of grain lands on the hills above the river that no man has ever been asked to hunt on. My holdings comprise 11,000 acres. I am only asking the public to stay off this part of the lands on the river. All good people will and others must.

J. S. Burres.

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Extended investigations at some of the agricultural experiment stations, in which many analyses were made of eggs from different kinds of hens, have shown plainly that there is no uniform variations in the physical properties and chemical composition of white shelled as compared with brown shelled eggs.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Sherman County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for State Certificates at Moro as follows: Commencing Wednesday, December 17, 1930, at 9 o'clock a. m. and continuing until Saturday, December 20, 1930, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday Forenoon — U. S. History, Writing (Penmanship).

Wednesday Afternoon — Physiology, Reading, Composition, Methods in Arithmetic, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

Thursday Forenoon — Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography.

Thursday Afternoon — Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Physics, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

Friday Forenoon — Theory and Practice, Orthography (Spelling), Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry.

Friday Afternoon — School Law, Algebra, Geometry, Civil Government, Book-keeping.

Saturday Forenoon — Geometry, Botany.

Saturday Afternoon — General History. Lawrence W. Rakes, 24d-12 County School Superintendent.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

All persons are hereby notified to file their objections, if any, to the final account of the administrator of the Estate of Logan B. Rayburn, deceased, on or before the 26th day of December, 1930, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, which is the time fixed by the County Court for Sherman County, State of Oregon, for the settlement of said account. 4tn21d12 John V. Rayburn, Administrator.

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