

OREGON WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Sumpter—Smelter plant remodeled and electrified, to be reopened.

New long distance telephone on The Dalles-Bend route requires two hundred seventy-eight miles of copper wire.

Portland—Steamer "Trojan Star" takes 180,000 boxes of apples to England.

Rainier—Nob Hill Union High School building in use.

Rainier—Allen-Hendrickson cannery wants five hundred acres more berries, to supply plant which is to be doubled in capacity.

Vernonia — Oregon - American Lumber Company orders twenty-seven steel logging trucks.

Grants Pass—Street paving record of 1925, will be surpassed this year.

Portland—KGW broadcasting station dedicates finest new studio in the West.

Eugene—Work to begin soon on 12-stall Southern Pacific roundhouse.

Heavy tonnage of sugar beets may be raised in Willamette Valley, for Bellingham sugar factory.

Molalla—\$150,000 union high school opened, for 350 pupils in 18 districts.

Gold Beach—Smedburg sanitarium removed here from Marshfield.

Newburg—Plans maturing for constructing new Baker Theater.

Troutdale—Modern ice and cold storage plant in prospect.

Forest Grove—Masonic and Eastern Star Childrens' Home will cost \$32,000.

Medford—Owen-Oregon Lumber Company will employ one hundred to two hundred men.

North Bend—Farmers will establish market here for sale of farm products.

Milton—Farmers Security Bank merged into First National.

Sutherlin—More than three hundred acres of mint will be grown here this year.

Reedsport—Winchester Bay Lumber Company will run double shifts at mill.

Reedsport—Umpqua Mills & Timber Company lays track to meet Southern Pacific line.

Rainier—Forty-acre farm being cleared for planting peppermint.

Three Roosevelt Highway girdges to be built this year will cost \$200,000.

Ashland—Lumber and box company here will add sawmill to plant.

Silverton—Fruit Products cooperative here will urge large increase in strawberries and canning products.

Grants Pass—Strawberry growers will have two hundred acres in berries this year.

Southern Pacific completes \$164,000 bridge on Big Baldwin Creek, between Mayo and Cochran.

Albany's net fire loss for 1925 rebuild school, recently burned.

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Linnton—Methodist Church will build \$24,000 parish house.

Tillamook—Mountain States Power Company takes over Coast Power Company holdings in Tillamook County.

Baker permits totaling \$90,700 issued here in recent fortnight.

Portland is fifth Pacific Coast city in building operations for January.

Cascade Locks—Townsite of one hundred sixty-three acres sold for \$200,000, to be developed into tourist resort.

St. Helens—Three shiploads lumber sent out in one week.

Klamath Falls—New Fremont School opened.

State Highway work in Klamath County will cost \$121,000 this year.

Klamath County logging and milling interests have two thousand men already at work. Euwana Box Co.

alone has five hundred forty men. Half a century ago the telephone "as unknown. Today, there are 25,000,000 instruments in service in the world, and of these, 16,000,000 are in the United States.

STATE MARKET NEWS

The Government's View

The official report of the government on the world economic situation says of the United States that although the farming industry is now in the best general position since 1920, any general expansion in production this year will tend to put farmers in a less favorable position than at present, as there is little likelihood of increased domestic or foreign demands.

The report states that no reduction in farm wages may be expected; that the cost of farm implements will remain at present prices; a slightly smaller world crop of wheat is indicated; the outlook for cattle and hogs is favorable; that 1926 will be a good year for the sheep industry, although profits will be less than during the past two years; that the dairy industry is in a relatively strong position; that the domestic production of flax is below domestic production of potatoes, and that poultry prices may be better than last year, with egg prices lower. Through the report runs the advice that production should not be increased if farmers would get fair prices.

"Grange Rolling Grocery"

The Grange Warehouse Co. of Kennewick, Washington, is trying out something new in the distribution of groceries from its co-operative warehouse. They have a truck equipped with a large body, so built as to carry a complete stock of groceries, which makes twice a week trips through the country sections. The experiment will be watched with interest.

Will Work Together

Speaking of the future of the poultry industry in Oregon, H. E. Crosby, poultry specialist of the O. A. C. says that sooner or later poultrymen will analyze their needs and specialize in the different departments, and that then they co-operate, by buying together, selling together, and will bring about uniformity of equipment, management, principles, and mutual interests.

Nearly Eleven Thousand

The Department of Agriculture states that there are nearly eleven thousand operating co-operatives in this country now. As these organizations, grow and experience is gained, doubtless many of these will merge into larger organizations. State Market Agent Spence says when co-operators bring about shorter cuts between producers and consumers, thereby lessening the prices to the homes, then will consumption be increased and both producers and consumers benefit. "Too many of these organizations do not lessen the present cost of distribution, but rather do business through the present middlemen but add another middle agency to the present string," says Mr. Spence. "What co-operators should work for is more direct contact with consumers. More cost is added to most products between the farm and the home than the grower receives for raising the products. If this middle cost can be largely reduced by co-operators being their own middlemen and this reduction divided between the producers and consumers, then co-operation will mean more than adding another handling agency." Mr. Spence thinks retailers should cooperate with farmers' co-operatives and get their products direct.

Flax Plant at Stayton

A retting, and scutching plant for flax straw will soon be located at Stayton. The industry has been financed by selling stock to local farmers and business men.

Looks Like Big Prune Crop

Reports from prune growing localities of Oregon indicate there will be a large crop this year, as weather conditions have been most favorable.

FARM POINTERS

European canker, which is widespread in western Oregon, occasionally causes severe damage to certain pear and apple varieties. Specimens of pear cankers referred to the experiment station at Corvallis for free diagnosis receive prompt attention. These cankers increase from year to year and a control consists in the thorough cutting out and disinfection of the existing cankers, followed by

a summer bordeaux spray as employed for anthracnose.

Protection of Oregon stone fruit orchards that are subject to grown rot against early infections originating from the spore cups developed by the old mummies in the ground is advised by the experiment station. By continually harrowing the orchard soil throughout the blossom period, when these cups are developing, they may be destroyed and thus prevent spore discharges. This stirring of the soil should be repeated every two or three days, for best results.

A good wool has plenty of length, density, and character, says the extension service. Character refers to the color of the wool. Uniform, sound, and lustrous fibers are desirable. The best fleeces are free from black fibers and breaks, with the wool evenly distributed over the body. The grade of the wool over the rump is practically the same as that over the shoulders.

Accumulations of lichens and moss in old and neglected orchards of nut plantings in Oregon, may be added to the dormant lime sulphur spray.

Care must be taken to protect the skin against the caustic action of the lye. Although the lye causes quick crumbling and removes the lichens it is not permanent in its action. Experiments conducted by the station at Corvallis show that Bordeaux mixture when thoroughly applied will kill the lichens and protect the branches from renewed infestations for a number of years. The dead moss will not disappear at once, but will gradually wither away.

All shriveled fruit and dead twigs and spurs left in the top of Oregon prune, apricot, and cherry trees are best removed at pruning time as they may be a serious source of blossom blight infection, says the experiment station.

JACKSON CO. HEALTH ASS'N. ANNUAL MEETING POSTPONED

The annual meeting of the Jackson County Health Association, which was scheduled for next Tuesday, March 2nd, has been indefinitely postponed.

Dr. J. L. Else, of Portland, who was to have been chief, and only speaker, at the evening session has notified the Association that it is impossible for him to be in Medford on

the date chosen, but signified his desire to come on a later date. His subject will be "goitre and its prevention in our children".

Announcement will be made later as to the new date selected for the annual meeting of the Health Association.

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