

**WHEN FARMERS COMBINE**

C. E. Spence

Combinations of farmers, operating through big pools and selling agencies, are becoming strong factors for agricultural aid in many sections of the United States and Canada, says State Market Agent Spence. "They are simply applying the systems of large private business concerns to their own business instead of raising the products and turning them over to the middlemen."

When these organizations are started right, have the right men to manage them, and then have control of enough volume, they are bound to become powerful, says Mr. Spence. Take for illustration the Wheat Pool of Western Canada. It is but three years old yet it is the largest co-operative organization of its kind in the world. It now has a membership of 125,000 farmers, who control 13,230,000 of the 21,000,000 acres sown to wheat last year in the three prairie provinces—Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. This organization handles the sale of the greater part of the wheat produced in Canada, and Canada is now the largest exporter of wheat in the world.

If this organization controlled but ten per cent of production it would soon go the way of many other weak co-operatives have gone. Its overhead would be high and its price-fixing strength would be nil. But controlling such a vast volume its operating costs amount to but two-fifths of one cent per bushel. This is real co-operation. The strength of the organization lies in its stabilizing power. It does not permit large volumes to be rushed to markets to create gluts and lower prices. Canadians are real co-operators. The principle is almost religion with them.

**Supervision Change**

W. L. Close has been designated by the Federal Department as supervisor of fruits, vegetables, etc., for Oregon and all state inspectors are requested to take up with him any matters pertaining to Federal supervision of shipping-point inspection, which have been sent to F. E. Bailey to Spokane. Mr. Bailey is now located at Yakima. Mr. Close's headquarters are at 306 Fitzpatrick Building, Portland, with the State Board of Horticulture.

**Installment Buying Amazing**

The imagination can hardly grasp the immensity of installment buying which is operated in almost every city and hamlet in the United States. Figures given out state that 750 billion dollars are paid each month under this system.



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**Obey the Potato Law**

The shipping season for Oregon potatoes is commencing and growers and dealers are warned that all potatoes sold or offered for sale in Oregon in lots of 50 pounds or more must be graded and stenciled with the grower's name and address, and when shipped in 10 ton or more they must be state inspected.

**OREGON WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW**

St. Helens—McCormick lumber mills install \$100,000 improvements.

Reedsport—Construction begins on Winchester bay section of Roosevelt highway.

Klamath Falls—Wood River stockmen expect to sell \$800,000 worth of cattle.

Klamath Falls—Black Butte telegraph line, 85 miles, is about completed.

Sutherlin—Local peppermint crop averages about \$240 an acre. One field produces at the rate of \$648 an acre.

Sutherlin—Norton cannery is running overtime and without enough help.

Albany—Hunt cannery starts on heavy tonnage of pears.

Klamath Falls postal receipts for seven months gain 22 per cent over last year.

New Oregon settlers invested \$326,000 in Oregon farms during July.

Cottage Grove—Cannery is buying and packing \$700 of blackberries daily.

St. Helens—Deer Island Logging company camp will be rebuilt, after \$150,000 fire.

Oregon's commercial apple crop this year is estimated at 6,516,000 boxes.

Albany—Local capital raises \$15,000 to retain Sternberg tannery.

Newport—Highway to Toledo being straightened and resurfaced.

Dallas—Many new prune dryers being built throughout Willamette valley.

Hood River—New \$100,000 Maynard — Child fruit packing plant opens.

Svensen—Local cannery has heavy run of blackberries.

Grading of 23.1 miles of Dalles-California highway, near Williamson river, completed.

Eugene—Contracts let for 13 new paving and sewer projects.

Astoria—Sanborn cannery doubles capacity by adding more equipment.

Corvallis—Local cannery payroll runs about \$500 a day.

Benton county will raise record crop of certified potatoes for seed.

Oregon will produce about 70,000,000 pounds of dried prunes this year.

Toledo—Construction begins on new 60-room hotel.

Central Point — Bumper crops promised on Rogue River irrigated farms.

Salem—\$100,000 paper tablet plant may be built here.

Sutherlin growers will ship 200 cars of fruit this year.

Klamath Falls—Bids opened for paving to cost more than \$250,000.

Klamath Falls—New three-story business block to cost \$48,000.

Grants Pass—Building so far this year is more than double the 1925 record.

Eugene—Contracts let for new \$100,000 Baptist church.

Hood River—Mt. Hood logging railroad will handle 2600 cars apples this year.

Grants Pass—Daily Courier installs Associated Press wire service.

Government will spend \$75,000 dredging shoals in Siuslaw river.

Crook county wool growers have

shipped more than 500,000 pounds of wool.

Klamath Falls will harvest nearly 2500 acres of potatoes this year.

Klamath Falls—New Willard hotel will cost \$150,000, new Anchor hotel \$100,000, and new \$300,000 hotel is ready for contract.

Svensen — Widening of Pacific highway to 28 feet begins here.

Springfield—Contract let for more than two miles of concrete walks.

Cottage Grove—Good road to important Bohemia mining district is projected.

Newport—Renumbering of houses prepares way for free mail delivery.

**MEDFORD NEWS**

Bliss Heine

Ashland has quit the city manager form of government and is back to its former councilmanic status again.

A large number of local and valley residents attended the Trail-to-Trail celebration at Eugene last week. The local delegation included the local American Legion Drum Corps.

Last week fire started in the elevator shaft of the Liberty building, but was extinguished by occupants of the building before the fire department arrived.

The report comes in that the local postoffice is 1382.3 feet above sea level.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching services 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Christian Endeavor 7 p. m. Preaching services both morning and evening by the Rev. I. G. Shaw.

Mrs. J. E. Weaver, S. S. Supt.; Mrs. J. O. Isaacson, Supt. of Primary Dept.; Mrs. Al Hermanson, Supt. of Cradle Roll Dept.; Mrs. G. C. McAllister, Pres. of Ladies' Circle; Bernice Shaw, Pres. C. E.; Mrs. Warner, Choir Director.

Rev. Shaw, Pastor.

Lake o' the Woods, within the next few years promises to rival Diamond lake as Oregon's premier trout lake as a result of the action of the state game commission in stocking the lake this year with many times more trout fry than ever before in history. Roy Parr, deputy state game warden, returned last night from the lake where he liberated 84,000 silverside fry from the Butte Falls hatchery. Another 15,000 will be liberated in the lake daily until 200,000 silverside fry have been liberated. Altogether there will be nearly 300,000 trout fry liberated in this lake during the present year. Last year there were 80,000 silverside fry liberated in the

lake. Fishing right now is excellent at the lake, Mr. Parr reported, and anglers are getting large catches daily, with the silverside predominating.—Ashland Tidings.

Ashland's famed lithia water may be denied to tourists before another summer rolls around unless the pipe line carrying this mineral water is repaired shortly, it was brought out at the city council meeting last night.—Ashland Tidings.

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