

MARKET TREND SHOWS GAIN

The Interpreter

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Everything is getting into chains nowadays, unless the gangsters are excepted. The big chain groceries are said to be planning chain farms to supply their retail establishments with fruits, butter, milk, eggs and vegetables. Well, it might be a good thing. They would find the farmers either inclined to sell out if offered a fair price. The chain people would work their farms intensively and that would mean more employment.

Kansas City has finally decided that the way to lessen the number of auto fatalities is to make the drivers responsible. We are glad to hear that such a decision has been reached, even if that has always been the way to halt the slaughter of pedestrians.

One street railway has finally given up its struggle to meet the competition of private autos, taxis, and motorbuses. The company operating a line in Colorado Springs has announced that it will go out of business, next April. There will be others.

Melvin A. Traylor was born in old Kentucky and spent his young manhood in Texas. Both states are now booming him for the Democratic nomination for president. We imagine that other states will stick to their own favorite sons. Oklahoma will be divided between "Alfalfa Bill" and Will Rogers. We are for Rogers because he is a humorist. We need some humor in the White House right now more than ever.

In an effort to uphold the proposal of Mr. Hearst that bonds for \$5,000,000 be issued to meet the need for unemployment, Mr. Brisbane says down the rule "that to which a man is entitled is not charity." If that be so, then it must also be true that to which a man is not entitled is charity, which leads to the absurdity that a man is entitled to charity only when he is not entitled to it.

Arizona is bragging about a case of swift justice. The foundation of his boast is rather impaired when it is learned that a negro was the object of the justice. Several months ago a white woman in Tucson shot and killed her husband. She has not yet been tried.

Canada is going strong for disarmament. The foundation of this movement. That sounds much like Switzerland going in strong for abolishing knives. But there is genuine significance in the declaration of Japan that she is for a genuine reduction of armament. Japan is an armed nation, on land and sea. This is no new attitude on her part. She has always favored disarmament.

We might just as well give up right now. A man hasn't any rights in this country any more. Here was a quiet, inoffensive scissors-grinder arrested in Albuquerque, N. M., simply because he had a bottle of denatured alcohol. Everybody knows that denatured alcohol is perfectly legal and if you want to drink it, there is no law against it. So Mr. scissors-grinder took a nip out of his bottle now and then. It made him happy and that, we suppose, irritated the police. At any rate they arrested him and the judge ordered his bottle confiscated and the man himself to get out of Albuquerque. Now, is there any justice in that, we ask you?

Dr. Gustav Mikusch, of Germany, internationally known sugar statistician, in a revised world production of sugar for 1930-31, places the total at 29,862,000 metric tons, consisting of 11,820,000 beet and 17,042,000 cane. The U. S. has the sweet tooth. Statistics prove that the consumption of sugar per capita is 30 pounds. Some sugar consumption.

Wool in Europe is on the decline. They are not manufacturing over there, and over here we are not importing. America is making it's own merchandise from it's own wool.

DAIRYMEN HOLD MEET TUESDAY EVE

The Rogue River Dairy association held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening at the Central Point grange hall with about 40 members present.

Reports of standing committees were heard and the association went on record as availing the furnishing of cream cans by creameries operating cream routes.

It was decided that the annual election of officers be held at the January meeting. The Medford milk ordinance came in for much discussion. Dr. Kerns strongly opposed the ordinance on the grounds that it put the small producers to an unwarranted expense. He claimed the grading of the milk should be on the finished or delivered product and not on the kind of equipment used. He said it was costly to produce a pure grade of milk without all the extravagant equipment required by the ordinance.

The principal speaker of the evening was R. W. Morse, of the extension service of O. S. C., Corvallis. Mr. Morse stated that the situation bad as it is, shows slight improvement over last year. He said the amount of dairy products now in storage at this time last year.

Mr. Morse called attention to the fact that the western states hold 9 per cent of the population of the country and have approximately 3 per cent of the dairy cows. He claimed that this proportion was about right to keep up the price of dairy products for the coast country.

Mr. Morse gave a report of the progress of organizing of a state dairy council. He called attention to the fact that manufacturers of products sold in competition to dairy products were very heavy advertisers.

He advocated more liberal advertising by the dairymen and stated the purpose of the new dairy council was to provide funds and means of putting on an educational program in the schools and other places to boost the use of more dairy products.

It was decided to procure a speaker for the January meeting to explain different plans of cooperative organization with especial regard to obtaining federal aid for the local association.

Pet Stock Men Elect New Officers

Representatives from Central Point attended a special meeting of the Southern Oregon Mutual Rabbit association, held Monday evening, December 7, at the home of L. H. Southerland of Medford. The purpose of the meeting was electing officers for the ensuing year.

C. C. Althouse was reelected president, George Russell, secretary, and Mrs. L. H. Southerland reelected treasurer.

The meeting was well attended by a large proportion of the members of the association. They were pleased to note there has been a substantial increase in the local contribution of rabbit meat during the past year.

Service Station Changes Hands

The Nip and Sip Service station on the highway near the high school, is now operating under new management. Walter Carr and Irwin Hall are the new proprietors.

Mr. Hall operated the station some time ago and hopes all his old friends and customers will call at the old stand when in need of gas.

Mr. Carr has been operating a gas truck for the California Petroleum Oil company.

The two young men will sell five different brands of gasoline and oils as in the past.

Here's hopin', fellows!

Prospector Makes Rich Haul in Old Diggings

"That's gold in them thar hills," and once in a while someone finds it. Earl Brittain, who formerly lived on Beall Lane, and a partner have been working an old mine in the Applegate country.

While cleaning out an old tunnel Earl drove his pick into the side of the old digging. Only eight inches back in the wall he struck a pocket from which he and his partner extracted nearly 40 pounds (Troy) of pure gold, valued at about \$8000. Some strike!

A. Bohnert New Master Local Grange

At the election of officers at the Central Point Grange Friday night, Arnold Bohnert was elected master for the coming year. Mr. Bohnert has been overseer for the past year and has been very active in grange work.

Other officers elected were: overseer, Warren Patterson; lecturer, Edyth Bohnert; steward, Don Brenner; assistant steward, John Blackford; chaplain, Mrs. Sanford Richardson; treasurer, P. A. Bonney; secretary, Hildegarde Laing; gatekeeper, Mr. Fisher; Ceres, Arleta Tyrell; Flora, Mrs. Fisher; Pomona, Eula Benson, and lady assistant steward, Faye Love. Faye Ritzinger was elected juvenile matron and A. M. Tyrell, Will Gregory and Joe Wright were elected for the executive committee.

Miss Dorothy Inman was obligated in the first and second degrees. Mrs. Gregory announced that the Home Economics club will meet with Georgia Pruitt Wednesday, December 16. This will be their Christmas party.

Those serving on the refreshment committee next meeting will be Mr. and Mrs. Haley, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bohnert, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bohnert, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Asbury Beall, Henry Maury, Earl Beall, Mrs. Waltermire and Mary Maury.

Don't forget the chicken dinner to be given at the grange hall Friday, December 11, between 6:30 and 8 o'clock. The admission fee will include dancing and card playing after dinner. For those attending the dance only admission will be charged. The music will be good and the public is invited.—E. B., Grange reporter.

Rebekahs Visit Jacksonville Lodge

A group of members of Mt. Pitt Rebekah lodge No. 167 paid a fraternal visit to Ruch lodge No. 4 of Jacksonville Monday night. After the business session they held an old fashioned spelling bee which was very much enjoyed by the guests and in which Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. Purkeypile tied for first prize. Later they tossed a coin to see who should take the prize and Mrs. Eddy won.

Local guests included Mesdames Buckles, Purkeypile, Eddy, Richardson, Gleason, Musty, Copinger, Hedgpech, Henderson.

About 15 members of Central Point I. O. O. F. and Rebekah orders went to Gold Hill Tuesday night where the Gold Hill I. O. O. F. degree team gave two candidates the first degree. There were nearly 300 members of the two orders present, enjoying the lodge work, a splendid entertainment and chicken supper.

The Grand Master Pool of Eugene and Grand Master Homer D. Engel of Portland were present and made impressive talks.

Ray Snooks arrived home Saturday from Boulder dam, where he had been employed for some time. He was working with the tunnel construction forces and the extreme danger and poor pay convinced him the risk was too great. Two of his brothers remained on the job.

Wheat Stronger General Farm Products Gain

Fruit Export Made More Active; Winter Sharpen Demand for Feed Grains. All Prices Show Slow Upward Tendency

Domestic wheat markets strengthened materially during the week ending December 4, despite the very unsettled situation in foreign markets, according to the Weekly Grain Market Review of the U. S. bureau of agricultural economics. Reduced offerings, together with a good mill demand, were principally responsible for the firmer tone. Corn, on the other hand, was independently weak as a result of continued slow market demand. Receipts were unusually light but easily sufficient for current trade requirements. Rye, oats and barley were firmer with wheat and prices of these grains advanced one-half cent per bushel during the week. Flax markets strengthened, principally as a result of light offerings, since crusher demand remained dull influenced by the slow inquiry for linseed oil.

Even the small or scattering partly seasonal business gains of late fall were welcomed after the extreme dullness of preceding months, but the main improvement was in the tendency toward higher prices of some staple commodities and in a trend of events toward greater financial and business confidence. After going lower every month except two for more than two years, markets broke their dullness in late fall with sharp advances in grain, feed, and cotton. Part of the gain was quickly lost, but the positions of wheat and rye were helped by news reports indicating changes in production and demand favorable to the markets. Of outstanding importance in the wheat price situation of recent months has been the indication that prices were lower than they need be in the long run to accomplish the necessary readjustment of the level of average world production to the level of consumption. Reports of increased winter wheat sowings and

dry weather in the winter wheat regions of the United States have been interpreted generally as indicating the possibility of a small 1932 crop. Also, there have been some developments indicating an improved demand for the crop year as a whole.

What Will Happen Next? Fluctuations in the wheat market have been so marked recently that many are wondering what will happen next, and one northwest economist, L. R. Breithaupt of Oregon State college, says one guess is as good as another.

Figures might help, however, and he furnishes the following: "Roughly speaking, the world wheat carryover on July 1 this year was from 200,000,000 to 300,000,000 bushels above normal and greater than in any recent year. World production of wheat this year, however, is expected to be perhaps 200,000,000 less than last year.

"The normal increase in demand for bread and the decrease in production of wheat probably offset the larger carryover. Other factors on the firm side of the market are a world rye crop probably 150,000,000 to 175,000,000 bushels less than last year, substantial cuts in the new winter wheat acreage and unofficial information indicating increased use of wheat for feed."

Dairymen Buy Alfalfa Alfalfa markets generally ranged from steady to slightly stronger, but marketings were of comparatively small volume. Local dairymen offered the principal outlet for No. 1 hay in the northwest, where movement from the Yakima district at least increased somewhat, with the better quality bringing about \$8.50 per ton. The last weekly review of coast and eastern egg markets by the bureau of agricultural economics (Continued on page 4)

City Council Decides to Retain Myers

At it's regular meeting Monday night the city council heard the final evidences in regard to the alleged beating-up of a young man over the taking out of the fire truck by night watchman Myers. By a unanimous vote the council decided to retain Myers but to warn him to be more careful in the future.

It was said that there had been many threats against Myers, and that although perhaps he rather lost his head at that time, he was not altogether to blame. The majority of the council felt they should back up the police in their endeavors to maintain law and order.

Routine business occupied the rest of the evening.

Royal Neighbors Elect Officers

Central Point camp No. 3219 Royal Neighbors of America met at A. O. E. W. hall December 10 and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Oracle, Alta Lacy; vice oracle, Alta Kelly; past oracle, Sarah Vincent; chancellor, Isabelle Leever; marshal, Ila Lacy; inner sentinel, Margaret Frye; recorder, Bertha Bursell; manager for three years, Mary A. Mee; assistant marshal, Olive Dean. Coffee and cake were served after the business meeting and a social good time was had.

Was Prominent In Social and Business Life

Mrs. Mary Louise Burch, 78, wife of Albert Burch, member of the state board of higher education and former president of the Fruitgrowers' league, died at her home on Ross Lane late last night following a sudden attack of heart failure. The Burches have lived in the valley about eight years.

The passing of Mrs. Burch is mourned by a host of friends that she has made during the eight years she has lived here. She also has many friends in other parts of the state, as she has traveled about the state a great deal with her husband who has business interests elsewhere than in the valley.

The Burches have been among the leading fruitgrowers of the valley since their arrival here and Mr. Burch is prominent in orchard circles.

Eastern Star Holds Meeting

The Order of the Eastern Star held a very interesting business meeting Tuesday evening.

The annual election of officers was held and the following officers were elected: Mrs. Gladys Boebe, worthy matron; Mr. B. L. Henderson, worthy patron; Mrs. Sadie B. Kohler, associate matron; Mr. N. P. Jewett, associate patron; Mrs. Hattie B. Hatfield, secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher, treasurer; Mrs. Leta Kyle, conductor; Mrs. Ethel Freeman, associate conductress. A large membership was present.

Council Decides To Offer Reward For Alarm Ringers

At the regular meeting of the city council Monday night it was decided to offer a reward of \$25 for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who have been sounding false fire alarms.

For some time our citizens have been troubled with some idiot turning in false alarms and turning everyone out of bed at all hours. The council has decided to take drastic steps to stop the practice.

The ordinance was not passed to put the reward into effect as it had not been prepared in time, but will be passed at the next meeting as the council was unanimous in its favor.

Geo. Carter Is Candidate For Clerk

George R. Carter has announced his candidacy for the office of County Clerk on the Republican ticket.

Mr. Carter is a lifelong resident of Jackson County, being born and raised at Ashland. For about fifteen years he lived on a farm near Talent. For the past seven years he has made his home in Medford.

Two years ago Mr. Carter ran for the same office, but was defeated by a small majority. He is fully qualified and would make a good clerk.

W. R. C. Makes Plans for Their Annual Dinner

Last Saturday, December 5, was election day at the meeting of the local W. R. C.

Mrs. Emma Gleason was reelected president, Mrs. Eva Smith, senior vice president, Mrs. Coppinger junior vice president, Mrs. Purkeypile treasurer, Mrs. Parker chaplain, Mrs. Richmond of Willow Springs guard and Mrs. Hermanson, conductor.

Other officers will be appointed by the president at the next regular meeting December 19.

Plans were made for the annual dinner for the corps members and their families to be held January 2.

Eleanor Maule Dies in North

Eleanor Maule, pioneer who has resided here for more than 60 years, but left Medford three years ago to reside in Portland, passed away in that city Friday, December 4, at the age of 79 years.

She was born at Freeport, Ill., August 27, 1861. At the age of 19 years she came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Murray, to Oregon and settled in this county where she continued to reside until moving to Portland. She was married to Milton Maule in Medford in 1885. Mr. Maule passed away many years ago. Mrs. Maule was a woman of noble character and loving personality and during her residence here enjoyed a wide circle of friends who will regret to learn of her passing. She leaves the following children, Miss Eleanor Maule and Roy of Portland; Azariah L. of Los Angeles and John H. of Shelton, Wash. Also six grandchildren and a number of other relatives in Medford. The remains were brought to Medford and services were held at the Conger chapel at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, Rev. A. G. Bennett officiating. Interment was in Medford cemetery.

Mrs. Maule's passing removes the last member of the pioneer family of Mr. and Mrs. James Murray, on the Murray side of the family. She was a sister-in-law of Mrs. J. B. Stearns of this city and an aunt of Myrtle Murray, proprietor of Myrtle's Coffee house.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane Wyland of Same Valley spent Tuesday in town trading with local merchants.

MRS. CHANEY IS SPEAKER AT P. T. A.

That from 30 to 40 per cent of school children are not normal was the very startling statement made by Mrs. Newton Chaney in an address before the P.-T. A. meeting Friday afternoon, December 4. Mrs. Chaney who was a delegate a year ago to a child welfare conference in Washington, D. C., gave a synopsis of the "Children's Charter" adopted in that meeting.

The thought that there is no average child and that each child must be dealt with as an individual was uppermost in her talk.

Another very interesting feature of the program was a playlet given by the pupils of the third grade under the direction of their teacher, Miss Alice Seabrook.

Iris Hill read the familiar story of the little red hen while the parts were acted by the characters in realistic costumes. The stage setting was particularly attractive and appropriate. The parts were taken by the following: Cock, John Bobbins; foxes, Richard Wyatt, Harold Jewett, Chester Grimes and Inez Morningstar. A solo sung by Iris Hill, accompanied by Doris Lee Anderson was well received.

Following the regular business meeting of the P.-T. A. refreshments were served in the rear of the high school auditorium.

Burglars Rob Oil Station Remove Safe

Wednesday night, about 12 o'clock, burglars entered the Pendleton Service station here and carried off a small safe containing about \$30 in cash and the accounts of the firm. Nothing else was taken.

Entrance was made by breaking the glass of the door and reaching in and turning the lock. An effort was made to jimmy the door but the concrete construction of the building made this impossible.

The men apparently had knowledge of the usual habits of the night policeman as they made their entry just at the time he was eating his lunch. Policeman Myers had just made his usual round to this station and on his return to the city hall stopped to eat his lunch.

While in the city hall he heard a car pass tooting its horn. He thought it might be one of the state police and went out to see. The car went on around the corner of the highway headed north.

A short time later Myers went down Main street again to the service station corner and as it was snowing, he went over to the station, thinking to stand awhile under the awning. He at once noticed the broken door and called the sheriff's office and Mr. Pendleton.

Mrs. Schwartz, who lives across the street from the service station, heard the crash of breaking glass, awoke her husband, Mr. Schwartz looked out the front door and saw a car by the station with one man in it. He saw two men carry the safe out and throw it into the back of the car. He called to them but they at once drove hurriedly away to the south.

Mr. Pendleton states the most serious loss was the papers in the safe. All the accounts of the firm were in the safe. Some small change in the cash register, which was open, was not taken.

The burglars left some plain finger prints on some small articles which they removed from the top of the safe before carrying it away.

Mrs. Lewis Grimes has recently recovered from an attack of flu and at the present time Lewis is suffering a similar attack.