

OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS

News Letters, and Stories of Our Soldiers and Sailors in France, In the Training Camps, On the High Seas, and Everywhere Gallant American Fighters Are Found.

Mrs. C. H. Lorenz and Mrs. A. D. Gribble were here Saturday with Christmas cards for inspection by the Red Cross committee. Mrs. Lorenz's son is in the 117 U. S. Engineers and Mrs. Gribbles sons are in the air service and in the Marines. One of them was wounded seven times and is now in the hospital. Mrs. Lorenz had a letter Friday (written October 18) from her son Alvin, who was well, safe and happy at that date.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson have received a card stating that their son Arthur Anderson has arrived safely overseas. They had a letter two or three weeks ago saying he would probably sail in a couple of days.

Sidney Graham was among the Butteville people here Saturday. He says no recent news has been received from his brother Joe Graham Jr. When last heard from he was near Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Grim have just received letters from Kenneth Grim their son who is on his way from Camp Lewis to Camp Humphries, Virginia. He wrote enroute, in Montana, where

MACKSBURG.

Mr. Baldwin has rented his ranch to David Kauffman for three years.

The Mother's Club is to meet in the present week at the home of Mrs. Simon Miller.

The Mennonite congregation will hold services in the afternoon and evening of Sunday, Nov. 25th.

The Little Girls Sewing Circle will meet on Saturday Nov. 30th at the home of Mrs. G. M. Baldwin.

Services were resumed in the Lutheran church on Sunday, Nov. 17th and schools opened on Monday, Nov. 18th.

A. A. Baldwin who is in business at Seaside came on Saturday to pay a visit to his mother who is living on the Baldwin ranch.

The weather is most favorable for the fall planting. Already many of the fields are bright with the promise of next years crop.

Mrs. J. Gibson has just received word that her son Will who was one of the first of our boys to reach France has been injured by the German gas.

The Red Cross Auxiliary is awaiting a new supply of working material from headquarters and will resume its regular weekly meetings at its rooms as soon as the work is received.

Mr. and Mrs. Neff, who for over a year have owned and occupied the place of the late Milo Lantz, have sold the premises to a Mr. Murphy from Missouri who is living there now.

The beautiful planet Venus which lights the evening sky so brightly in clear weather is to continue as evening star through the coming winter, spring and summer till she becomes morning star and September 12th to remain so for the rest of the year 1919.

The solicitors for the United War Work Campaign whose work ends for the present, on this Monday evening have found the ranchers and their families most responsive to the call for help from the noble organizations which are united in the cause of restoring the devastated countries and relieving the suffering caused by the war.

With deep regret we record the death of Edward Schnack who until about a year ago was a resident of our place when he moved his family to Portland. Mr. Schnack leaves a widow with two small children. Both he and Mrs. Schnack, who is the eldest daughter of our well known neighbor, Mrs. J. Gibson have won the friendship and esteem of their entire neighborhood and all wish to convey most sincere sympathy to the afflicted family in their trouble.

While rejoicing over the termination of the war the ranchers with their families not contenting themselves with

MRS. MACK DEAD

Mrs. Alice Mack died at her home north of Aurora yesterday afternoon of pneumonia, at the age of 61 years. She had been sick but a few days. She is survived by two brothers, W. L. White and Geo. P. H. S. White and a number of nephews and nieces.

The funeral will be held at the Mack residence tomorrow (Friday) at 10 o'clock.

E. M. HURST

Always in the market for old Copper, Lead, Zinc, Iron, Brass, Old Newspapers and Magazines (neatly folded), second hand sacks, and junk of all kinds.
AURORA OREGON

STEADIER HOG MARKETS PLANNED

Hog Producers and Packers Confer With Representatives of the Food Administration and Agricultural Department and Adopt New Plan of Regulation.

In accordance with the policy of the Food Administration since its foundation to consult representative men in the agricultural industry on occasions of importance to special branches of the industry, on October 24 there was convened in Washington a meeting of the Live Stock Subcommittee of the Agricultural Advisory Board and the special members representing the swine industry to consider the situation in the hog market.

The conference lasted for three days, and during this time met with the executive committee of the fifty packing firms participating in foreign orders for pork products and with the members of the Food Administration directing foreign pork purchases.

The conclusions of the conference were as follows:

The entire marketing situation has so changed since the September joint conference as to necessitate an entire alteration in the plans of price stabilization. The current peace talk has alarmed the holders of corn, and there has been a price decline of from 25 cents to 40 cents per bushel. The fact that the accumulations of low priced corn in the Argentine and South Africa would, upon the advent of peace and liberated shipping, become available to the European market has created a great deal of apprehension on the part of corn holders. This decline has spread fear among swine growers that a similar reduction in the prices of hogs would naturally follow. Moreover, the lower range of corn prices would, if incorporated in a 13-to-1 ratio, obviously result in a continuously falling price for live hogs. In view of these changed conditions many swine producers anticipated lower prices and as a result rushed their hogs to market in large numbers, and this overshipment has added to and aggravated the decline.

The information of the Department of Agriculture indicates that the supply of hogs has increased about 8 per cent, while the highest unofficial estimate does not exceed 15 per cent. Increased production over last year. On the other hand, the arrival of hogs during the last three weeks in the seven great markets has been 27 per cent. more than last year, during the corresponding period, demonstrating the unusually heavy marketing of the available supply. In the face of the excessive receipts some packers have not maintained the price agreed last month. On the other hand, many of the packers have paid over the price offered to them in an endeavor to maintain the agreed price. The result in any event has been a failure to maintain the October price basis determined upon at the September conference and undertaken by the packers. Another factor contributing to the break in prices during the month has been the influenza epidemic; it has sharply curtailed consumption of pork products and temporarily decreased the labor staff of the packers about 25 per cent.

The exports of 130,000,000 pounds of pork products for October compared with about 52,000,000 pounds in October a year ago, and the export orders placeable by the Food Administration for November, amount to 170,000,000 pounds as contrasted with the lesser exports of 98,000,000 for November, 1917. The increased demands of the allies are continuing, and are in themselves proof of the necessity for the large production for which the Food Administration asked. The increase in export demands appears to be amply sufficient to take up the increase in hog production, but unfavorable market conditions existing in October afford no fair index of the aggregate supply and demand.

It must be evident that the enormous shortage in fats in the Central Empire and neutral countries would immediately upon peace result in additional demands for pork products which, on top of the heavy shipments to the Allies, would tend materially to increase the American exports, inasmuch as no considerable reservoir of supplies exists outside of the United States. It seems probable that the present prospective supplies would be inadequate to meet this world demand with the return to peace. So far as it is possible to interpret this fact, it appears that there should be even a stronger demand for pork products after the war, and therefore any alarm of hog producers as to the effect of peace is unwarranted by the outlook.

In the light of these circumstances it is the conclusion of the conference that attempts to hold the price of hogs to the price of corn may work out to the disadvantage of pork producers. It is the conclusion that any interpretation of the formula should be a broad gauged policy applied over a long period. It is the opinion of the conference that in substitution of the previous plans of stabilization the Live Stock Subcommittee of the Agricultural Advisory Board, together with the specially invited swine representatives, should accept the invitation of the Food Administration to join with the Administration and the packers in determining the prices at which controlled export orders are to be placed. This will be regularly done. The influence of these orders will be directed to the maintenance of the common object—namely, the stabilization of the price of live hogs so as to secure as far as it is possible fair returns to the

producer and the insurance of an adequate future supply. These foreign orders are placed upon the basis of cost of hogs to the packers. As the result of long negotiations between this body and the Packers' Committee, representing the 45 to 50 packers participating in foreign orders, together with the Allied buyers, all under the Chairmanship of the Food Administration, the following undertaking has been given by the packers:

In view of the undertakings on the part of the Food Administration with regard to the co-ordinated purchases of pork products, covered in the attached, it is agreed that the packers participating in these orders will undertake not to purchase hogs for less than the following agreed minimums for the month of November, that is a daily minimum of \$17.50 per hundred pounds on average of packers' droves, excluding throw-outs. "Throw-outs" to be defined as pigs under 130 pounds, stags, boars, thin sows and skips. Further, that no hogs of any kind shall be bought, except throw-outs, at less than \$16.50 per hundred pounds. The average of packers' droves to be construed as the average of the total sales in the market of all hogs for a given day. All the above to be based on Chicago.

We agree that a committee shall be appointed by the Food Administration to check the daily operations in the various markets with a view to supervision and demonstration of the carrying out of the above. The ability of the packers to carry out this arrangement will depend on there being a normal marketing of hogs based upon the proportionate increase over the receipts of last year. The increase in production appears to be a maximum of about 15 per cent, and we can handle such an increase. If the producers of hogs should, as they have in the past few weeks, prematurely market hogs in such increasing numbers over the above it is entirely beyond the ability of the packers to maintain these minimums, and therefore we must have the co-operation of the producer himself to maintain these results. It is a physical impossibility for the capacity of the packing houses to handle a similar over-flood of hogs and to find a market for the output. The packers are anxious to co-operate with the producers in maintaining a stabilization of price and to see that producers receive a fair price for their products.

(Signed) THOS. E. WILSON, Chairman Packers' Committee. The plan embodied above was adopted by the conference. The Food Administrator has appointed a committee, comprising Mr. Thomas E. Wilson, chairman of the Packers' Committee; Mr. Everett Brown, president of the Chicago Livestock Exchange; Major Roy of the Food Administration, Mr. Louis D. Hall of the Bureau of Markets, to undertake the supervision of the execution of the plan in the various markets. Commission men are asked to co-operate in carrying out the plan embodied in the packers' agreement. It must be evident that offers by commission men to sell hogs below the minimum established above is not fair, either to the producer or the participating packers. Mr. Brown has undertaken on behalf of the commission men in the United States that they will loyally support the plan.

It is believed by the conference that this new plan, based as it is upon a positive minimum basis, will bring better results to the producer than average prices for the month. It does not limit top prices and should narrow the margins necessary to country buyers in more variable markets. It is believed that the plan should work out close to \$18 average. Swine producers of the country will contribute to their own interest by not flooding the market, for it must be evident that if an excessive over percentage of hogs is marketed in any one month price stabilization and control cannot succeed, and it is certain that producers themselves can contribute materially to the efforts of the conferences if they will do their marketing in as normal a way as possible.

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Livestock Subcommittee of the Agricultural Advisory Board, together with special swine members and the representatives of the packers, to improve the present unsatisfactory situation, which has unfortunately resulted because of the injection of uncontrollable factors. We ask the producer to co-operate with us in a most difficult task.

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Keighley has awakened to international fame because its 42,000 inhabitants have voluntarily reduced their bread ration to the lowest in the country, namely, 3.7 pounds, as against 4 pounds per head allowed by the food controller.

American advertising methods turned the trick in Keighley. Posters in every shop window, advertisements in the press, innumerable pamphlets—by these means the entire population had been drawn into a hearty co-operation with such astonishing food economy that the town has been officially held up as a model for all the United Kingdom.

The boy scouts have also been enlisted in the war on waste, and report regular all their discoveries of still useful things cast on the rubbish heaps. Not so much as a tin can or old piece of cloth is thrown away in Keighley.

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Isaacson were here over Sunday from Portland.

Mrs. Herbert J. Miller has returned from a visit with here parents in Portland.

Henry Peter was among the Lone Elder farmers in town Wednesday on business.

David Bachert was here Tuesday to visit his brothers Fred and Andrew Bachert.

George Muessig, S. H. Stoner and J. Victor Anderson were among the farmers here his week.

E. M. Hurst moved the household goods of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Asquith to Portland Sunday.

John and Lawrence Murray were among the Butteville people here on business Tuesday.

Martin Moshberger was here this week from Woodburn to visit at the home of his "uncle" Louis Webert.

Willard Carothers was here yesterday from Needy on his way to the C. D. F. Wilson home where he will stay a few days.

Mrs. Diana Snyder and son Henry went to Portland Monday for a couple of days visit with relatives and to do shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Askin returned to Astoria Monday. Mr. Askin is employed in the George Rodgers shipyards at that place.

G. A. Ehlen and W. A. Ehlen have received news of the death of their uncle Chas. Ruch, aged 79 years, at The Dalles, last Saturday.

Mrs. John Shepherd and her son-in-law B. R. Wolfer were among the Wolfer Prairie people here Tuesday.

The Pheasant Northwest Products Co. of Salem is the largest Jelly, Jam and Preserve manufacturing plant west of the Mississippi River.

Mrs. Foster and Miss Smith, teachers in the Aurora school returned Monday to resume work but the school was not opened until Wednesday.

J. H. Kraus of Marks Prairie has been here this week with his power wood-saw, "buzzing up" all the four foot wood and limb-wood in town.

Mrs. J. W. Sadler was yesterday elected as one of the 21 directors of Willamette Chapter of the American Red Cross. J. M. Poorman of Woodburn is one of the directors.

The names of Misses Emma J. Snyder and Louine Kerr were inadvertently omitted last week from the list of the solicitors for United war work funds.

Mr. and Mrs. John Damm received a card Sunday stating that their son Will Damm had arrived safely over seas. He was probably on the Atlantic when the armistice was signed.

Anyone wishing a small quantity of choice nursery stock can secure the same cheap by inquiring at the Observer office at once. If not ordered in a few days, it reverts to the nursery from which it is due.

Only \$89.60 was paid out by the county clerk in October as bounties on gophers and moles. There is still \$1800 left in this county fund, for anyone in Marion county who will bring in the scalps at 5 cents each.

Henry Pardey was a business visitor here Tuesday. On his way into town he picked up a fine big wagon sheet which he ordered advertised as "found" in the Observer. About an hour later Fred M. Keil called up the Observer office to advertise for the wagon cover as "lost".

Randolph Woolworth of Butteville was here yesterday on business. He was one of the Butteville district workers in the United War work drive, and has consistently and strongly supported the government during the whole war.

Dr. B. F. Giesy has completely recovered from his recent illness, having been out and around about two weeks, and will be ready to attend patients and answer calls next week, beginning Monday. Mrs. Giesy is now convalescing rapidly, and her friends hope that she will soon be well and strong again.

A. M. La Follett has filed his campaign expense account which says that he spent \$84.55 to secure his election as state senator for Marion county. How much of it was Democratic money and how much was "Independent" money was not stated. But it was a lot of money for Alec to dig up. It would have paid a lot of taxes.

Mrs. J. W. Sadler drove to Salem yesterday, taking the following Red Cross made articles to headquarters there: 7 sweaters, 1 helmet, and 25 pairs of socks. Eight pairs of these were knitted by Miss Mary Zimmerman, whose infirmity makes it rather difficult for her to move about, but who is an expert knitter whose work will make some soldier boy bless her skill.

Miss Kuebler, principal of the Aurora school, returned Saturday, accompanied by her little brother to open school Monday, but Saturday night she became ill with the influenza. Hence the opening of school was again postponed. The case seems to be a mild attack, but, of course, it will be some days before Miss Kuebler will be able to resume her work. The other rooms began their work yesterday with Mrs. Clara Atkinson teaching the intermediate grades in the place of Mrs. Johnson who did not return from Portland until the 10 o'clock train arrived, not having received work until late Tuesday night that school would open Wednesday.

the weather was cold and the snow falling. He has been attending an officers training school at Camp Lewis, but has just been transferred to the Virginia Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Miller have the past week received very interesting letters and pictures from their sons George and Andrew Miller in France. They mention the good work of Chester Giesy in the surgery of Base Hospital No. 46. They also mention Russell Higginbotham as one of the Hospital "Cooking crew." Mr. and Mrs. Miller also received a letter from Lieut. Jas. A. Miller, at Kelly Field No. 1, South San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. George White received a letter Saturday from her son Fred J. White at Camp Lewis, who has been very ill with the influenza, but who has so much improved that he was able to write. About two weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. White received a telegram from the Camp hospital authorities stating that their son was very sick, but no further message came until Saturday. The good news of their sons improvement will be welcome news also to his many friends here.

idle celebration have turned resolutely to the work of raising products from their soil. Knowing well that our nation will be called upon for the world supply of Life—necessities to a greater extent than ever before. The oppressed people whom we have set free are in a destitute condition and it is for us to stand by them till they are in shape to help themselves.

BARLOW

Mr. Wurfel is still confined to his bed but is improving.

Jas. Erickson of Portland visited his parents Tuesday.

Will Tull has the Spanish influenza at his home in Portland.

Our high school pupils all returned to school at Canby Monday.

Mrs. Vickers received word Tuesday that their son Samp has arrived safely in France.

Walter Howe was recently promoted to freight conductor and is running on the P. R. & N.

School was not opened Monday on account of several new cases of Spanish Influenza. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hayes are ill with it and Mr. and Mrs. Cummings and children are quite ill.

The Postoffice was moved to the Tull residence last Wednesday. Mrs. Tull being appointed as postmaster with Mrs. Shippart assistant. Mrs. Crowley resigned in April and is well pleased to be relieved of the office.

Barlow has made good her record and is again over the top on the United War Fund drive. Our quota was \$259,50 including the additional 50 per cent. The committee raised \$228.50 which put us over the top as the committee was mistaken in thinking that we had to raise the 50 per cent to get our quota but we were requested to raise this sum if possible. The committee were C. N. Giddings, chairman; J. McGowan, Mr. Hinkle and Mrs. Irwin. Our first quota was \$173.00.

MARKET REPORT

Egg per dozen, 63c
Butter, 2-lb. roll \$1.10
Spring Broilers 25c
Ducks, 18c to 20c
Turkeys, old, 25c
Jeese 15c
Old Roosters, 14c
Hens, 25c
Beans 7c to 8c
Cascara, 13c
Lard, 30c
Wool, 60
Mohair 45c
Potatoes, \$1.50

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