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WHAT IS THE GROSS VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN OREGON

Apparently no sustained effort has been made in Oregon until recently to secure statistics on production and prices of agricultural products in sufficient detail and completeness from which might be computed with much accuracy the gross value of production annually. Such figures as are available for past years show so much disparity that it would appear necessary to check them very thoroughly in developing an historical gross value series.

The Census figure for gross agricultural production in 1899 is \$38,040,909; for 1909, \$80,842,010; and for 1919, \$209,459,266. Presumably these figures should be about correct. The Census figure for 1924 is \$57,874,733 and covers crops and fruit only, and these incompletely. Estimates of the gross value of crops and fruits, but not livestock, were reported by the office of the state statistician for 1920, \$121,973,549; 1921, \$75,011,755; 1922, \$74,047,870; and 1923, \$86,848,711. In 1925 the same authority gave the gross value of production as \$173,852,285 and in 1926 as \$156,079,882.

THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION IN OREGON

During the period from April 15 to May 15, according to reports of voluntary cooperators, the average farm price of wheat in Oregon increased 10c a bushel, corn 4c, rye 8c, hogs 35c a pound, hogs 90c a hundred pounds, eggs 2c a dozen, and mohair 4c a pound, while potatoes declined 10c a bushel, veal calves \$2.40 a hundred pounds and butter fat 2c a pound. Smaller changes were noted in other commodities.

Hot, dry weather in May, following cold, wet weather in April, discounted to some extent the very favorable outlook which prevailed in the state two months ago. Unless rains come in season both yield and acreage, especially of spring grains, will be curtailed, particularly in unirrigated districts. Some of the tree fruit and berries, as well as pastures and ranges are reported less promising. The prune crop will be very short, but a good output of apples and pears is in prospect. Livestock conditions are still favorable, except for rapidly drying lower ranges. The turkey industry is being expanded and conditions are reported favorable to date for the young birds.

Washington—Prune prospects about 12 or 15 per cent. Canners offering \$3000 a ton. Peach crop about 85 per cent of last year. Reports indicate that sweet cherries have not set a full crop. Large crop of strawberries. Barley and spring wheat acreage probably increased over last year's planting. Potatoes not all sold, movement practically nil. Some certified seed still left. Prospects for large planting again.

Yamhill—Grain crops look good although spring grain is behind last year. Clover and alfalfa indicate good hay crop. Prune crop a failure. Apples scabby, cherry crop less than one-half. Small fruits as good or better than last year, especially canning fruits. Cows in demand. More heifer calves are being raised. Fewer baby chicks being raised.

New Motor Steel Lasts 20 Times Life of Old

Paris.—Wear-resisting steel for automobile and airplane motors has been presented to the Academy of Sciences as a new achievement. Leon Guillet, chief of the Central school, a government institute of technology, revealed the process and showed the motors he used to support his case.

"Nitratized steel," he said, "opens new horizons in metallurgy."

Cylinders of this new steel, he explained, had one successful test in a recent race at Indianapolis between a French and an American car.

Long life of the new steel and less friction, he gave as the two notable qualities. In general the wear of the nitratized steel cylinders was one-twentieth that of nickel and chrome cast-iron, he said, and the new steel eliminated the need for bronze or anti-friction bushings.

Aviation motors of the new metal after 100 hours of flight showed no wear that could be measured, while there was distinct wear in the usual cylinders.

The consumption of oil is given as decidedly less and not subject to increase even after considerable use of the motor.

MUNICIPAL PLANTS SHOULD GO ON THE TAX ROLLS

(Corvallis Gazette-Times)

Because the ignorant and the spiteful people of Portland voted down a plan to merge the two power companies of that city and thus reduce the cost of electric energy, Portland may lose a \$6,000,000 industrial plant that wants to locate there, and which would employ 250 men. The plant may now go to Tacoma because of a cheaper electric current. Tacoma has a municipal plant—the most advantageously located for cheap current of any plant in the world either privately or publicly owned. In addition, it pays no taxes. The P. E. P. company alone pays out in taxes to Portland and the State of Oregon as much money in taxes as the entire revenue of the Tacoma plant. One of the much needed laws in this state is one that will place all such property on the tax rolls the same as other property. Nobody should be more interested in this kind of legislation than the farmer. If the municipally owned property of Oregon were on the tax rolls, it would raise state valuation enormously and thereby lower the amount of taxes levied on farm property. All this property, including property that municipalities and counties have in the tax rolls not only that it might bear its just burden of the cost of government, but that it might not be forever a burden on other property and other industry with which it is now in unfair competition. If to this were added the valuation of the churches and lodges in the state, to say nothing of the several dollars worth of intangibles, the tax rate in Oregon would be materially lowered.

Educational Chats

By Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, President, University of Oregon

We are all constantly preparing. Everything we do, every thought we think, every victory we win and every battle we lose tends to prepare us for the struggles that are ahead. If we cultivate habits of ignorance, slovenliness and indifference, we are preparing for failure and defeat.

If one is to prepare successfully to take his place in this world he must first develop habits of industry, perseverance and mastery. The men of industry, the farmer, the store keeper, or the doctor succeed to the extent that they bring to bear upon the performance of their duties these splendid habits which result in mastery and achievement.

Then too, if we are to prepare for material success we must learn to think, to plan, to use our heads. We must study the problems of life, the problems of our business and our profession and bring to bear upon the solution of these problems not only industry but a keen intellect and an open mind.

We must work into this foundation of material success, good health and physical fitness. No man is equipped to grapple with the problems of life, and particularly with the strenuous problems of this strenuous age, unless he has learned to keep himself physically fit, to conserve his energy and to come to his task in the prime of physical and intellectual vigor.

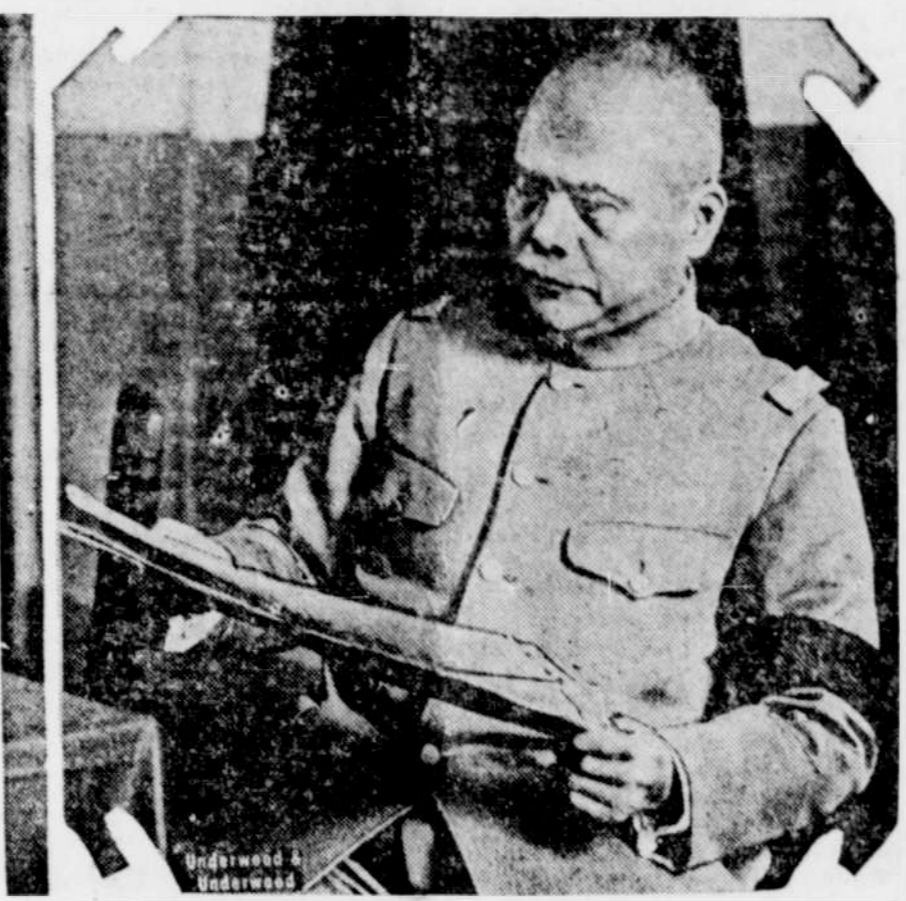
To succeed today a man must also have personality. He must learn to win the confidence and friendship of men, he must learn to make friends, he must learn that one of the elements of material success is to be a leader of his fellow men.

There has never been a period in our history when there has been such a dramatic call for service to the best ideals and purposes of our democracy. To prepare ourselves for this service we must mobilize our spiritual resources for our country. We must develop a passionate love for liberty, for righteousness and for justice until we find our deepest pleasure and our greatest exaltation in sacrificing for these noble aims.

This means we must cultivate our instincts of human sympathy. We must learn to recognize that we are our brothers' keeper. We must come to the vital, vivid realization that in a democracy the burden of securing justice and authoring righteousness is a burden that belongs to everyone.

If the citizens of our democracy can build for material success upon these great corner stones and in addition, if they can develop a genuine dynamic patriotism, one that will marshal their forces and their hopes and their aspirations to the defense of America and all the great things for which it stands, we will have prepared ourselves for citizenship and built an impregnable basis and bulwark for democracy against which the forces of anarchy, lawlessness and bolshevism will beat in vain.

Heads the Japanese in Shantung



Gen. Issai Ugaki, one of the great powers in Japanese affairs, who has been appointed supreme commander of all the Japanese expeditionary forces in Shantung.

F. A. NOYES NOW IN CHARGE OF PLUMBING SHOP

W. I. Noyes left Saturday for Eastern Oregon, where he hopes to recover his health. On Monday his brother, F. A. Noyes, moved into the Noyes home and assumed charge of the plumbing shop, which he will conduct.

The house and shop will be repainted and kalsomined and Mrs. F. A. Noyes will be at the shop to care for the business when Mr. Noyes is away.

BEAVERTON BUTCHER THREATENED WITH AX

A warrant was issued by Judge Swenson Wednesday for Matt Sardotz, who threatened to kill Fred Knorr with an ax.

Mr. and Mrs. Knorr drove out to the Sardotz place Tuesday and tried to collect a meat bill from Mr. Sardotz. According to the complaint he seized an ax and threatened to kill Mr. Knorr.

Washington county sent 35 delegates of 4-H clubs to Corvallis this summer to attend the summer school.

Billy Boyson, of Woodland Acres, who has been ill with pneumonia at St. Vincent's hospital, was able to return to his home Monday. Officers have been unable to find the hit-and-run driver who knocked him to the pavement two months ago.

FAREWELL DINNER FOR MR. AND MRS. M. F. JOHNSTON

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Johnston left Monday for Seattle, where they will attend the summer session at U. of W. for 12 weeks. On Sunday Mrs. Johnston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Barker gave a farewell dinner in their honor, with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnston and son, Paul, of Banks, as guests. With Mrs. M. W. Hatfield, who was present, there were six teachers in the crowd. Last Thursday they all celebrated the second wedding anniversary of the young people, with a dinner at Banks.

PRESENTS JEWELS TO I. O. O. F MEMBERS

Past Grand Master, L. E. Carter, of the Oregon Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., presented emblems which were awarded for service to 12 members of the Tigard Charity lodge Saturday evening.

C. F. Tigard, J. W. Tigard and Wm. Spencer were awarded 40-year jewels of Odd Fellowship. Fritz Elsner, R. S. Robinson and Dr. W. H. Pollard received the 30-year jewel; Charles Saggert, H. B. Tigard and John Teschner, Jr., the 35-year jewel; and Chris Christensen, E. E. Ball and Charles Van Kleek, the 25-year jewel.

Before the program and the public gathering Charity lodge held a short secret session in the Tigard Odd Fellow hall. In the general program L. E. Wilkes and Benton Bowman, all Past Grands of Hillsboro Montzuma lodge spoke briefly.

Drink cold milk instead of coffee you'll feel better. Aloha Dairy.—Ad

PETITIONS ASK FOR NEW COUNTY ROADS

A petition was filed with the County Court this month asking for the establishment of a new county road in district 47, south of Reedville which would open up Fruitville neighborhood.

Establishment of other projects is asked in district No. 1, west of Tualatin; district No. 9, east of Tigard through Freewing orchards neighborhood and in district No. 2 in the vicinity of Sherwood and Six Corners. C. F. Tigard, A. C. Kruger and Earl Hobbs were named as viewers and ordered to meet on June 15 for the tour of inspection.

THREE RIBS BROKEN WHEN TRUCK TIPS OVER

The milk truck operated by J. J. Horr, of the Elco Dairy, skidded at the top of the hill on their farm Monday and got out of control. It broke off a large fir tree and turned over several times. Mr. Horr suffered three broken ribs, but considers that he is lucky to be alive today.

EASTERN WASHINGTON COUNTY'S CANDIDATE

For the first time an Eastern Washington county citizen has been chosen to represent the people of this, Tillamook, Yamhill and Lincoln counties in the state senate. Mr. Earl E. Fisher, the successful candidate has been a resident of Beaverton for many years, has served in the lower house at Salem and has always had the interest of this end of the county at heart. He expressed himself as being highly gratified with the support accorded him at the recent primary



EARL E. FISHER

election and as senator will endeavor to serve for the best interests of the people in this joint district. His slogan "Fighting the School Book Trust" proved to be a popular subject with the voters, especially with regards to the continual changing of school books, making an added burden on the parents. It is to be hoped that Mr. Fisher will be successful in bringing before the legislators of this state this much needed revision of our school book laws.

MAPES & SON SOON TO MOVE TO FIRST STREET

The store, formerly occupied by Ed. Halsten, on First street is being remodeled and Mapes & Son expect to move there about the middle of July. Part of the floor has been rebuilt this spring, and the rest of it is being torn out and new timbers and flooring laid. The building will be painted and kalsomined.

OLD FRIENDS VISIT JUDGE SWENSON

Judge Swenson was pleasantly surprised Tuesday by a visit from a daughter of an old friend, who lived in Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Hewy, now of California, Miss Hewy and Mrs. Hewy were in the party. In parting the Judge asked for a goodly kiss and got it, for old times sake.

TUALATIN SCHOOL BAND WILL PLAY AT HILLSBORO

The famous Tualatin School band, under the leadership of Prof. O. B. Kraus, will play at the Fourth of July celebration at Hillsboro.

All dolled up in white uniforms, blue sashes and red neckties, 16 boys and their famous leader from Tualatin, will help make the eagle scream at Hillsboro on the Fourth, Oh boy!

BEAVERTON LETTUCE ARRIVES ON PORTLAND MARKET

Casello Bros. shipped the first truck load of lettuce, 1928 crop, Wednesday to Portland. The Pacific Fruit Co. received the consignment.

Jimmie York, aged 8 years, died in Portland Sunday. He was a son of Clifford York and the family lived in Beaverton a few years ago. The funeral was held from the W. E. Pegg parlor and interment was in Crescent Grove cemetery. Rev. Cooper had charge of the services.

Dewey, the plumber, installed an electric water pump at the C. A. Black and Walter Ohl homes in Aloha this week. He has also just completed the plumbing for the Welch house on Walker road and the Weir house on the Market road.

BEAVERTON GRANGE HOLDS ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

The Beaverton Grange held its annual rose and perennial show at the regular meeting Saturday. P. G. Bettendorf of Whiteford and John Borsch of Hillsdale acted as judges and each gave a short talk on the growth and care of flowers. Mrs. W. R. Petele had one dahlia on display which was remarkable for early June.

Prizes were awarded to the following: —

Best single rose—First, Mrs. S. B. Lawrence; second, Mrs. John Eggman. Best collection of roses—First Mrs. J. Eggman; second, Mrs. Dan Adams. Best collection of perennials, Mrs. Elizabeth McGowan, second, Mrs. S. B. Lawrence.

BEAVERTON'S FLOAT WINS FOURTH PRIZE

Beaverton's beautiful float won the fourth prize in section 2, cities in Oregon, at the Floral parade in Portland Thursday afternoon.

It had a background of ferns and spruce and the sides and framework were decorated with gerardias, and delphiniums. The large "horn of plenty" was finished in white roses and peonies, while the lettering across the top "Beaverton, the Land of plenty" was done in white roses. The girls were dressed as flowers. Miss Leona Hetu was the goddess and Misses Helen Hockeus, Georgene E. Haulenbeck, Rose Kamberger, Ruth Jones, Coral Stephens, Dorothy Harris, Betty Taylor and Fern Chinn represented flowers. Guy Carr drove the float.

The men and women who have given their time and financial assistance to this float, that Beaverton might be represented with other cities and towns of Oregon in the floral parade deserve the full honors for its success and the thanks of the entire community.

Your child should drink at least a quart of milk a day. Phone Aloha Dairy.—Adv.

B. K. DENNY IS ELECTED TREASURER

B. K. Denny, of Beaverton, was elected treasurer of the state Grange at their annual meeting held at Rainier last week.

Tigard grange had charge of the installation, Mrs. Gustin acting as installing officer.

George A. Palmiter, of Hood River, was installed as Master.

Alice Benson, Dena Merlo, Lucy Gruiso and Ida Reghitto graduated from the eighth grade at St. Marys Institute Sunday.

SCHOOL ELECTION MONDAY, JUNE 18

School election will be held Monday, June 18 at Beaverton. One clerk and one director will be chosen to fill the office held by John Kamberger and L. Dean, whose terms have expired. A citizen does not need to be a taxpayer to vote for these officers.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Rhose arranged a delightful surprise party in honor of her friend, Mrs. Butner, Monday evening, it being Mrs. Butner's birthday.

The ladies met at the home of Mrs. Geo. Blasser at 8 p. m. Mrs. Rhose and Mrs. Butner starting down town to take in a show, when the crowd arrived from across the way, how strange—Ha! Ha! The evening was spent in music and games. Many birthday gifts were received and refreshments served.

Those present were: The hostess, Mrs. W. J. Butner, Mesdames Rhose, Fisher, Hannigan, Tefft, Aiken, Blasser, Summers, Pike, Mason, Boring, Lewis, Hedge and Smith, the Misses Helen and Thelma Tefft.

BOYS CAUGHT 8 MOLES

Tuesday was a lucky day! So say Charles and Harold Spies of Spookville, down on the beaverdam at the Winegar ranch, the boys and girls with a dog caught eight moles. Eighty cents for bounty and about \$8 worth of fun.