

Lane County Farmers Union News

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FARM CENSUS RETURNS FOR OREGON ANNOUNCED

The trusty horse is going. He is giving way to the shiny, faster, automobile, and the noisy, stronger tractor.

That this is so is shown in the Department of Commerce report on the 1925 farm census for Oregon, which states that since 1920 the number of horses on Oregon farms has decreased from 271,559 to 225,350 in 1925. The male, however, seems to be more than holding his own, and there are 15,061 males now as against 14,375 in 1920, according to the report.

The total cattle in the state in 1925 is 796,211; the 1920 total was 851,195. The decrease, however, has been confined to beef cattle, for there are now 204,000 dairy cows as compared with 180,000 in 1920. Hogs showed a decrease.

The total number of Oregon farms is now 55,905, an increase of over 5000 since 1920. Ten per cent of farms operated by tenants has dropped from 18.3 to 16.5.

Farm acreage in the state totals 14,120,045, as against a 1920 total of 13,542,318 acres. The average acreage per farm at present is 252.6.

Crop reports of 1924 show a decrease, both in acreage and production, in corn, oats, wheat, barley, rye, hay, potatoes, pears and plums and prunes are on the increase.

CANARY LOCAL

The union gave a program and basket supper that netted over \$62. The proceeds will be used for union purposes.

Some repairs and improvements have been made on the union hall here.

The Union Feed store here is enjoying a liberal patronage.

Silicoos school reports an average daily attendance this year to date of over 98 per cent.

There will be a community Christmas tree and program at our Union hall on Wednesday, December 23. Exercises will begin promptly at 1:59 p. m. and every one is cordially invited to attend.

There was a dance and basket supper at Christensen's hall at Silicoos that netted \$42.50.

This road district voted a tax of over \$4600 on Monday, November 30 to improve their roads.

Goldie Shultz is dangerously ill.

Bulletin Board Assured.

An electric lighted bulletin board for the Methodist church is assured as a result of the success of an "old-fashioned" social held in the church last night. The Young People's class had charge of the affair. More than \$15 was realized.

OFFICERS OF LANE COUNTY FARMER'S UNION

- Ralph Laird, Creswell, President.
- Will Wheeler, Trent, Vice-President.
- Betty Kappauf, Cottage Grove, sec.-Treas.
- N. A. Horn, Cottage Grove, Door Keeper.
- H. C. Jackson, WALTERVILLE, Conductor.
- O. L. Clement, Chaplain.

MT. VERNON LOCAL

The Mt. Vernon local met in regular session Wednesday evening, December 2 for transacting of business.

Elect Officers.

The main business was election of officers which resulted as follows: President, Alex Lewis; vice-president, D. M. Davies; secretary, Ida Gorrie; conductor, Gainey Jacoby; door keeper, J. R. McPherson; chaplain, Hazel Tyron; executive committee, Ralph Laird, Bert Mathews and Dan Baugh.

The officers were installed by a past president, Ralph Laird.

December 16 is our next meeting night when we expect to have a special program.

Thimble Club Meets.

The Mt. Vernon Thimble club met Thursday, December 3rd at the home of Mrs. Smith. Members present were Sarah Francis, Mrs. John Griffin, Lena Davis, Margaret Gorrie, Ida Gorrie, Myrtle Scott, Mary McPherson, Ethel Armitage, Edna Carpenter, Virgie Reynolds and the hostess, Mrs. Smith. Mrs. McCoy was a guest of the club and assisted Mrs. Smith in serving a delightful dinner at noon.

At the business hour officers were elected for the coming year as follows: President, Myrtle Scott; secretary, Virgie Reynolds.

The next meeting of the club will be January 6, at the home of Ethel Armitage.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tyron and Miss Laura Tyron arrived home last Wednesday from a trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cooley and Mr. Corey's mother are vacationing in southern California.

Mr. Garvin and two daughters left last Friday for a visit in California.

James Shaub of Creswell after spending a week at the Reynolds home returned to his home Sunday afternoon.

Infant Dies.

Emon Eugene Tucker, month-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tucker of Goshen, died Sunday. The funeral was held at the home on Monday, in charge of the W. F. Walker undertaking establishment here. Rev. Warner of Goshen conducted the services.

FROM STATE MARKET AGENT

By C. E. Spence

Watching the South.

Wheat growers and dealers keep their eyes on the Argentine and Australia for the coming wheat harvest. The latest reports on these two countries are that the Argentine gives promise of large yields on increased acreage, while Australia seems likely to run about a third below last year's production.

Big Business Favorites.

The national Grange has been shooting in some facts and figures to the Interstate Commerce Commission that undoubtedly would give the farmers a verdict if tried by a jury court. A brief filed gives figures showing that present average rates for all hauls of farm products is \$4.50 a ton, while the average rate on all manufactured products is a little over \$2 a ton. The brief contends that although only about half the total of farm products are moved by trains, agriculture pays six per cent of its entire income for freight charges, while on the other side, 50 per cent of the products of industry are moved by rail, yet but a little more than two per cent of its income is paid for freight. The Grange contends that the farmers are paying altogether "two much of the nation's freight bill and that rates should be adjusted on an equal basis. The various state Granges take the same stand on the matter of taxation—that farm lands pay far too much taxes and that they should only pay their just proportion, based on returns from the lands.

Co-operative Law Stands.

In nearly every state where co-operatives have made a success of marketing there have been court actions brought in the hope of breaking down the laws, yet with scarcely an exception the higher courts of the states have upheld the laws and declared that farmers have a constitutional right to combine for mutual benefit.

Canada Would Clean Wheat.

Canada is as much interested in freeing its grains from weed seeds as is the United States. The Alberta Department of Agriculture has perfected a machine which grain men declare is the greatest step forward yet taken in the control of weeds on farms and the reduction of dockage. The machine is attached to the top of the separator and cleans the grain of weed seeds and small grain before it goes to the bin or wagon. In a recent demonstration the machine reduced the wheat dockage to less than one per cent from the usual run of from five to eight per cent. This means the saving in dockage alone of from six to fourteen cents per bushel, according to grade. In addition to this is the big saving on freight charges on the dockage, the value of weed seeds as feed on the farm and the prevention of weed spreading. The agricultural department will direct the marketing of the machine and make it easy for threshers to purchase.

Asking for an Even Break.

At an agricultural conference re-

TIME AND PLACE OF LOCAL MEETINGS

- Canary—First Sunday and Third Saturday, Farmers Union Hall.
- Cloverdale—Second and Fourth Fridays, Cloverdale School House.
- Creswell—First and Third Tuesdays, Creswell, M. W. of A. Hall.
- Coast Fork—Second and Fourth Thursdays, Farm Union Hall.
- Danebo—First Tuesday, Danebo School House.
- Dorena—Second and Fourth Tuesdays, Dorena Church.
- Hadleyville—First and Third Thursdays, Hadleyville School.
- Heceta—First Sunday of each month, Heceta School House.
- Jasper—Second and Fourth Wednesdays, W. O. W. Hall, Jasper.
- Lorane—Second and Fourth Wednesdays, I. O. O. F. Hall.
- McKenzie local, second and fourth Wednesday, 8 p. m. I. O. O. F. hall, WALTERVILLE.
- Mt. Vernon—First and Third Wednesday, Brasfield Store.
- Silk Creek Meets First and Third Thursday at Cedar School House.
- Spencer Creek—Third Friday, Pine Grove School House.
- Trent—Second and Fourth Wednesdays, Pleasant Hill High School Bldg.
- Vida—Second and Fourth Saturdays at Minney Hall.

Secretaries will please send in time and place of meeting and changes of date as they may occur.

cently held at Sioux Falls, S. D., six governors, representing middle west states, reported to Secretary Jardine that agriculture must have an even break with industry and labor in the way of tariff protection if the tariff system is to continue and they asked that legislation to this end be recommended by the secretary. From many other agricultural sources have come the veiled threat that unless the farming industry be given an just proportion of protection that agriculture would use all its influence to have the protection bars on industrial products lowered to the farm level.

FARM POINTERS

Without lime, the animal is unable to build bone or produce offspring, says the experiment station. Legumes contain more lime than other Oregon plants. The most expensive food for the bone structure of young stock is legumes.

In pruning cherry, peach, plum, apricot or almond all dead twigs and mummied fruits are removed from the trees and destroyed. This is a sanitary measure recommended by the Oregon Experiment station to get rid of infection sources for brown rot, and blossom blight fungi. This does not take the place of spring or summer spray but aids in control of these diseases.

It is economically unwise to put fertilizer on Oregon soils that are deficient in lime. "Sluggish" sour soils do not make the best use of applied fertilizer says the experiment station. Lime also improves the "tilth" of heavy soil.

The best looking Oregon potato tubers may carry the most serious types of infectious diseases without detection from external or internal appearances. Some of these troubles noted by the experiment station are mild mosaic, ringoos mosaic, leaf roll, witches broom, and occasionally verticillium wilt.

In order to keep from carrying these diseases from one season to the next it is essential that the grower know from what kind of hills the seed potatoes come. The seed sta-

Local Reporters

- Canary—J. L. Northrup
- Central—Ray Bower
- Cloverdale—Mrs. L. J. Getchell
- Coast Fork—Mrs. Geo. Kehlbeck
- Creswell—Mrs. M. A. Horn
- Dorena—Mrs. Ada Jennings
- Heceta—Mrs. B. Baker
- Hadleyville—Mrs. M. Gillopie
- Jasper—Mrs. Grace Jones
- Lorane—Mrs. C. M. Foster
- McKenzie—Harry C. Jackson
- Mt. Vernon—Mrs. V. A. Reynolds
- Silk Creek—Baloh Smith
- Trent—E. B. Tucker
- Vida—Mrs. W. E. Post

method is the method recommended by the Oregon Experiment station as the best for insuring healthy seed potatoes.

Nothing is more important in Oregon crop production than to be ready when planting time comes. One of the best times to sow hill pasture seed, legumes especially, is in January when the ground freezes sharply and thaws the following day. It is best to have the seed on hand and tested two weeks before planting, the O. A. C. Experiment station says.

Week's Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued at the county courthouse this week to the following:

- John A. Phelps Oakridge, and Lillian M. Jaquet of Salem; Ray Lang, Swishome and Vera Carson, Swishome; Shelton Wagner, Salem, and Doris Greenough, Salem; Lester Reed, Eugene, and Susie Vadiansky, Eugene; William Barlow, Eugene, and Violet Ellen Graves, Eugene; James Humphry, Eugene, and Lena Miller, Eugene.

Auction Sale

of Farm Machinery, Live-stock, Feed and Household Goods.

W. A. Mabey Farm, 2 1/2 Miles of Creswell.

Tuesday, December 15, 10 A. M.

A Cleanup Sale. Everybody Invited.

Free Lunch at Noon.

PROPERTY VALUATION OF CITY TOTALS \$342,560

Springfield's 1925 assessed property valuation is \$342,560, as compared with \$268,615 for 1924, according to announcement by County Assessor Ben F. Kreegy. These figures are exclusive of the assessment of public service corporations.

Comparative figures for other Lane county cities follow:

	1925	1924
Ceburg	\$ 47,425	\$ 46,189
Cottage Grove	898,077	826,379
Creswell	173,699	188,359
Eugene	10,179,235	8,916,880
Florence	111,845	148,940
Junction City	325,495	323,000
Springfield	842,560	858,025

The Eugene assessment in 1925 exclusive of the public service figures was \$8,452,837.

The assessment for the port of Stuslaw is \$3,064,310, as against \$3,057,090 for 1924.

Staley Chairman.

University of Oregon, Eugene, December 10.—(Special)—Although no outside guests will be invited to the campus, plans are already under way for Junior week-end, Ralph W. Staley, Portland, has been appointed general chairman for the event, which will be held May 7 and 8.

Music For Christmas

- PIANOS
- PHONOGRAPHS
- RADIOS
- SMALL INSTRUMENTS
- RECORDS FOR ALL PHONOGRAPHS
- TRY THE HARMONY
- RECORD-55c or 2 for \$1

MARSHALL'S

STANLEY BLDG., 56 9th AVE. WEST EUGENE

Christmas Specials At the Springfield Bakery

Don't worry about that Fruit Cake for Christmas. Just come in and let us wrap you one that will please the most particular. Also mince pies for the Christmas dinner, from the home of the Perfection bread.

Springfield Bakery

F. G. Frese, Prop.

Wanted Eggs and Poultry Sher Khan

662 Oak Street

Eugene, Oregon



Christmas is Coming

Time to sharpen up the carving knife and order the cranberries, the apples, the nuts, raisins, oranges, the cider, cakes and cheese. And the dozen other delicacies.

Don't wait till the last minute for your groceries. The choicest holiday food are now waiting for you at the White Front Grocery. And, as usual our prices are consistently lower—the lowest ever established for quality so high.

We have a full complete line of candies, oranges, nuts, raisins, dates, figs, cranberries, candied fruits, candied cherries and prunes, 2 lb. boxes, 5 pound boxes, 8 pound boxes, 25 pound boxes ready to mail to your friends.

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