

Lane County Farmers Union News

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HOLIDAY SHUTDOWN OF CAMPS, MILLS NEARS

Portland, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The holiday suspension of the fir lumber industry started in earnest Saturday night when several large sawmills were closed, according to the 4L employment letter issued here today. A large number of companies have announced that they will resume cutting January 4. Practically all mills and camps will be down from December 24 to 28.

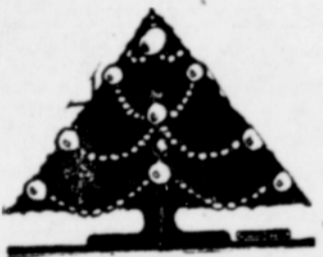
Many mills which at this time will be closed only for the week-end will later be shut down for repair and overhauling, and the shutdown for the lumber industry as a whole will amount to a suspension of two weeks, according to the letter. Concerning present employment conditions the letter said: The present condition of apparent unemployment is seasonal and normal. It is worthy of special note that in spite of the large number of recent arrivals in the Pacific Northwest, the percentage of unemployed as compared with the total number of men at work is less than for the same periods of the past five years. Efforts to overcome weather and ground conditions, in order to provide more continuous employment, have gradually reduced the percentage of unemployed during the winter months. Good roads have been a large factor in bringing about the improved conditions.

In the Inland Empire districts there are no greater numbers of unemployed than in years past, the letter said.

Food Sale Held.

The young married people's Sunday school class of the Methodist Episcopal church held a cooked food sale down town Tuesday afternoon. Fruit cakes, home made candy, and other Christmas goodies which were sold brought a sum of between \$15 and \$20, which will be used to pay the freight charges on a new electrically lighted bulletin board for the church.

Butter wrappers printed according to regulations with name, weight and address, \$1.25 a hundred at the



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The Season's Greetings

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- H. C. Jackson, WALTERVILLE, Conductor.
- O. L. Clement, Chaplain.

THURSTON NOTES

Ennis Rennie, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Pacific hospital in Eugene, was removed to his father's home here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Spark's, of McKenzie Bridge, motored down last Thursday and spent the remainder of the week with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Shough.

The members of the Baptist church of Springfield put on a cantata at the Thurston church last Thursday evening consisting of thirty voices.

John Rennie visited his brother, William Rennie, last Thursday.

There was a large crowd at the dance at the hall here last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jackson and family from Eugene spent Sunday at John Edmiston's.

Mrs. Rosa Baughman and son, Harold from Eugene, visited relatives here last Sunday.

Miss Undine Danner from Shedd arrived Sunday evening to spend a few days visiting friends here.

Miss Hazel Edmiston, who is teaching at Norton's, came home last Saturday to spend the holidays.

Jack Harbit, who has been working at St. Helens, arrived home last Sunday evening.

Belmont Russel, who has been working at Silverton, came home last Saturday to spend holidays with home folks.

Mrs. Margaret Campbell from Leaburg is spending the holidays with her son, Frank and family.

Mrs. Alberta Weaver and daughters from Leaburg are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Mathews.

The Sunday school and grade schools are giving a Christmas tree at the church Thursday evening.

Fred Gray held a turkey shoot Tuesday at his home here.

Thurston basketball team of boys motored to Santa Clara last Friday evening and played the team there. The Santa Clara team won.

Mrs. Flora Price and Mrs. Walter Platt and children attended the Christian church in Springfield last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ro' Edmiston and daughter spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McKlin in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexandria Edmiston and son, Ralph, also Earnest McKinney from Eugene, spent Sunday at John Edmiston.

Ebbert Memorial Methodist, Springfield.

"Jesus' Leave Taking Message," will be the theme at the 11 o'clock service. Special music. At 7:30 the theme will be, "A Message in Story." Music by the young people.

The church school convenes at 9:45. Intermediate league at 5 p. m. Epworth league at 6:30.

Strangers are welcome at "The Church of a Warm Heart." F. L. Moore, minister.

FROM STATE MARKET AGENT

By C. E. Spence

Farming Condition of Oregon.
The Department of Commerce of Washington, D. C., has issued a five-year farm census report for Oregon, from 1920 to 1925. While the headlines in the big daily papers make it appear that agriculture is in a prosperous condition, analysis of the figures fall far short of sustaining this. The gains are based on the following:

New construction on farms increased \$22,043,117; number of farms increased 5702; dairy cattle increased 24,428. But against these assets are the following declines:

Farm values, lands and buildings, have fallen \$58,037,069 in value or 81.2 per cent. The report says this is "relatively small in comparison with states further east," and perhaps Oregon farmers may find consolation in the fact that other states are in worse condition.

The fall of land values alone in Oregon is \$80,082,186, or 131.2 per cent. If other states are in worse condition, national agriculture must indeed be in a bad way.

The decrease of the average of land and buildings to each farm in the state is \$2410, which means that every farmer, on the average, has lost this much of his farm, besides whatever other losses he may have sustained.

The report states the decrease in the value of land and buildings is 77.15; that range cattle have decreased 14.27 and that all crops except fruits have decreased. In one county, Umatilla, the figures show a decrease of \$20,578,820 in land values and buildings. If this is "relatively small in comparison with losses further east," there is little use in further search for the cause of farmers going to the cities, says the state market agent. The director of agriculture of Iowa state college says: "In six years Iowa farmers have lost one billion dollars through lack of price equality of other products."

Solid Marketing Associations.

"It is believed by many of the most intelligent producers that next to a crop failure the greatest misfortune is a bumper crop."—L. A. Rhodes, commissioner of the Florida state marketing bureau. In this connection C. E. Spence, State Market Agent, says that if agriculture was as solidly organized as other industries a bumper crop would not be a misfortune; that distribution could be regulated to avoid gluts and low prices, and that consumption could be largely increased by cutting out many useless middle expenses and profits and lowering prices to consumers. "But just signing contracts and organizing selling agencies to do business through the same old trade channels won't remedy present conditions very much," says the market agent, "nor will electing five directors to fight the other four get us very far. Organizations have got to have loyalty behind them and the one purpose of mutual interests to work for. They must start on a cement

TIME AND PLACE OF LOCAL MEETINGS

- Canary—First Sunday and Third Saturdays, 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.

MT. VERNON LOCAL

The Mt. Vernon local met at the hall Wednesday, December 16, for business and social meeting. After the business session O. E. Fletcher gave us a talk on the year's work, and Mr. Morrison gave a talk on the warehouse and its benefits. These talks are interesting and we welcome these or any visiting members at any meeting.

After the meeting refreshments were served to all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Posey and two children, Maxine and Verlin, were dinner guests at the Reynolds home last Sunday.

Foundation and build up. Men of ability must direct them. Oregon has had many co-operative failures because they have not been run the way the same men would have run their private business. Co-operation will win when it is handled right and when producers behind it realize that its success depends on every member giving all that is in him to make it such.

Dead Land Of the East.

Hoard's Dairyman says that 41 per cent of the farming land of the New England states that was under cultivation 50 years ago is dead land today, uncultivated; that there are only four small cylinder threshing machines in the whole state of Massachusetts and that there is not a single real threshing outfit to be found between Boston, Mass., and Albany, N. Y. Big business concerns of the east are not concerned—they want an industrial country.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

Marriage licenses issued during the past week by the county clerk include the following: Loy Gossler, Motor Route B, and Edna C. Beeson, Springfield; Harold Gardner, Eugene, and Hazel Rodabaugh, Portland; Bliddle O. Eakin, Westfir, and Estella Veach, Oakridge; James C. Moore, Mohawk, and Della McCormack, Marshfield; Robert A. Johnston, Walton, and Esther Mabe' Lenhart, Eugene; Robert H. Pierce, and Mona Pearl Henderson, both of Mohawk; Preston M. Gross and Althea Redman, both of Eugene.

Population Increases.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gossler are the parents of a son born to them Tuesday. The young man weighed eight and one half pounds at birth.

An eight pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Howard of Motor Route 2, Springfield, Saturday, December 19.

CALL AND SEE Dr. N. W. Emer

on prices on plate and other work

Local Reporters

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

FARM POINTERS

Growers in Oregon who plan to plant strawberries the coming season are warned by the department of entomology of the experiment station against purchasing plants infested with the strawberry root weevil. Land already infested with the weevil is best planted to grain the first year after plowing under, then vetch or clover one year, then a cultivated crop one or two years, and then strawberries again for three years. New plantings should be set with weevil-free plants and on weevil-free ground. Where the weevil already occurs in the district, the new plantings are as far away from the old plantings as possible.

Fall cleanup of the farm, home garden, and orchard will materially reduce the insect pests of the following season, says the entomology department of the Oregon station. Cutworms, grasshoppers and root maggots are destroyed by fall plowing and burning of the fence rows and ditch banks. San Jose scale, tent caterpillars, tree crickets, aphids, leaf hoppers, and ctenadas are destroyed by burning the prunings from the orchard, brush, and bramble fruits. Gathering up and destroying crop remnants, litter rubbish, and weeds in the home garden destroy hibernating places of such insects as the cucumber beetle and asparagus beetle.

Weevils in beans and peas are controlled by fumigating the seed with carbon disulphide, says the O. A. C. experiment station. Materials not held over for seed are put in shallow pans in the oven and held there for an hour at a temperature below that of boiling water. If the weevils are not killed in the fall or early spring by fumigation or heat they fly to the beans or peas in the field and lay their eggs on the green pods the following day.

R. A. Stevens in—R. A. Stevens paid a business visit in Springfield Wednesday from Camp Creek.

75 MILLION FOOD ANIMALS INSPECTED LAST YEAR

Large-scale operation in the inspection of food animals, meats, and their products are reported by the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, for the last fiscal year. The report, which covers the period from July 1, 1924, to July 1, 1925, shows that federal inspectors of the meat-inspection service examined 75,912,305 animals, of which 75,364,030 were passed for food. The difference between the two figures represents the number of livestock or carcasses condemned in part or whole because of disease or abnormal conditions.

The hog is the predominant meat animal from the standpoint of numbers. Of the total kill, hogs accounted for over 48 million, cattle and calves numbered close to 15 million, and sheep over 12 million. The general health of the livestock was good, as is evident from the knowledge that about 99.3 per cent of all the animals submitted for inspection passed both the ante mortem and the post mortem inspections. Tuberculosis was responsible for most of the condemnations of carcasses and parts, and was by far the most serious disease of cattle and swine.

Man With Toes Off Recovering.

Cal C. Burns, who lost two toes on the right foot in an accident at the Booth-Kelly mill on the afternoon of Friday, December 11, is expecting to return to his home at 528 Main street, at least for Christmas day.

Burns, who has been an employee of the mill from time time since 1900, had his toes so badly crushed when an 800-pound roller dropped on them, that it was necessary to remove the large toe and the one next to it.

He is receiving treatment at the Eugene hospital. He told a reporter Monday afternoon that he didn't mind so much his stay at the Eugene hospital as he did one time when he was confined in a hospital in Colfax, Washington, in 1920, with a broken shoulder, a broken arm, seven broken ribs, and a broken leg.

Bell Theatre
Thurs., Fri. Xmas and Sat.
Dec. 24, 25 and 26



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