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THE AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK

Agriculture as a whole will remain in about the same status as last year believes the federal department of agriculture as brought out by the Lane county conference in Eugene last Saturday. In the United States as a whole it is reported a "favorable year for livestock producers is in prospect but with an average season a continuation of relatively low returns from most cash crops is probable unless acreage is reduced."

The conference reported that "Sentiment is generally optimistic regarding the agricultural outlook in Oregon for 1927. Sixteen county agents reporting to O. A. C. say that the 1927 outlook is better than 1926, while five say it will be about the same and one that it is less favorable."

Sentiment for expansion of production appears to be based on satisfactory returns in most lines during 1926 and favorable weather conditions for fall sown crops, pastures and ranges, and for filling irrigation reservoirs."

While the department of agriculture believes that foreign demands will be greater this year it finds that foodstuffs produced abroad also will likely be greater thus cutting down the demand for the exportable surplus from America. In regard to domestic demands the department says "There are no indications of such an increase in domestic demand in the immediate future as to absorb even present farm production at satisfactory prices."

However, O. A. C. finds that "Oregon crops that have a local Pacific coast market the demand for 1927-28 may be larger than the demand for 1926-27."

The agricultural department reports the outlook situation in regard to individual items as follows:

Butter markets are gaining in strength because January found a third less butter in storage than a year ago. There is nothing to encourage the production of cheese to be sold in original packages.

Egg prices are expected to be about the same as in 1926.

Wheat production is expected to be equal to or greater than 1926 and the carryover of old wheat somewhat greater than the previous year. Oregon soft wheat is expected to find as good a market as last year.

Barley acreage may be increased by Oregon farmers. Corn acreage may also be safely expanded.

Where flax as produced profitably in 1926 it may be safely produced in 1927.

Alfalfa seed will find a good market in 1927. The available supply of red and alsike clover seed is the lowest in 25 years.

Commercial planting of more apple trees is hardly justifiable especially in the Willamette valley.

The prune market is still uncertain with a large carryover of last year's stocks.

Pears will be about the same as last year.

Walnuts will be produced in about the same quantities as last year.

Filbert tonnage will be increased because of many young trees coming into bearing.

No increase in strawberry acreage is advised except in Ettersburg No. 121 on soils suitable for that variety.

The present Loganberry acreage is advisable to be retained.

Red raspberry production is expected to be about the same as in 1926.

Continued poor prices for Gooseberries can be expected.

Onions will probably maintain the average of last year.

Cucumbers will not be planted to any great extent for pickling due to large hold overs from last year.

It is advised that consultation should be held with the local canners before going into large vegetable acreage unless the local market will be sufficient to take care of crops planted.

The children put one over on the council at Salinas, California, which is evidence that the older folks have to look sharp to keep up with the younger generation. The council offered \$1 a head for dogs brought to the pound. Within 48 hours the children had brought in 207 dogs and collected a dollar a head. The council forgot to say unlicensed dogs and everyone of the 207 had licenses. So ends the comedy of dog gone errors.

All speeders who end in smashups may not go to the same place. We used to consign all those to the hot place who speeded past at 60 per until a minister of the gospel flew past at his rate the other day. One could hardly say he was going hell bent.

More than 1,000 applications were made to the President for place on the five-man Federal Radio Commission—at \$10,000 per year. Which shows how general is our national patriotism—to do something for our country.

John D. Rockefeller acts the peacemaker getting daughter and granddaughter to settle \$8,000,000 case out of court—which should be a good lesson for persons less able to hire lawyers.

Congress closed with a singing-bee. No doubt the swan song for the McNary-Haugen Farm Relief bill.

It's true, charity begins at home—but it shouldn't be too weak to travel a bit.

We wonder if Pocahontas is the grandmother of all the Smiths in the country.

Editorial Comment

UNDER THE BALLOT

Observations of the measures passed by the Oregon legislature indicate the unwillingness to tamper with either statutes of constitutional amendments enacted by the people. While the legislature did attempt to grant a stay of execution to the Columbia river fish wheels until next December, the governor stepped in and vetoed the bill. The general trend of the legislature, however, was toward a "hands-off" policy with respect to laws and constitutional provisions enacted under the initiative.

This same policy is noted in the Washington legislature, where a bill to permit Seattle and Tacoma to sell electricity outside of their own corporate limits has been defeated, and it is interesting to note the comment of a Portland newspaper which advocates by indirection state-wide operation of public utilities, now under state regulation and control:

"Is it any wonder that legislatures fall into disrepute and that the public looks upon politicians as malefactors almost beyond compare? Fortunately the people of Washington have the ballot."

The people of Washington, as of Oregon, do have the ballot, and in 1924 they voted on just such a proposition as was defeated by the legislature, and they killed it by a majority of 77,901. In Oregon a proposal to place the state in the light and power business was rejected by a majority of 112,779, or more than four to one, and in California the adverse majority on a similar measure, submitted to the people for the third time, was 418,034.

Legislators of the state of Washington voted in accordance with the expressed wish of the people of that state on a measure which would have plunged that commonwealth into the sea of industrial socialism.—Public Utility Bureau.

HOLE-IN-THE-WALL BANK DANGEROUS

The National Association of Credit Men recovered practically \$400,000 from fraudulent failures during the past 15 months, and convicted 122 commercial crooks.

This is a very small proportion of the losses from such frauds, which are estimated to be \$250,000,000 a year. But the effect is good; the losses might have grown enormously, if these 122 professional operators had not been jailed, and others restrained through fear.

Some people still say, "I'm afraid of banks," and keep their money on their person or hidden about the place, to bring the footpad or murderer or to be lost by fire or their own death. The losses from the old-sock and the hole-in-the-wall banks are more than all those from credit frauds, bank failures and all breaches of trust; and the loss of life is a thousand times greater.

It is not prudence to hide money away; it is sheer idleness.—The Manufacturer.

Hasn't Missed a Day

School Contest



Bertha Kurtzals, 10, Cedar County, Neb., with three years, six months and twenty-two days to her credit, at this writing, is entry No. 1 in a national contest to learn which boy or girl has the most perfect 5-day-a-week school attendance without being tardy or absent. Is there a boy or girl in this county who has a better record? Tell this newspaper. Send us your picture and let us enter you in this contest.

REPORT SHOWS MANY USES OF FORESTS

The national forests are used for many things besides the production of crops of timber. This is shown by the annual report of special uses for the 22 national forests of Oregon and Washington, just compiled in the district forester's office at Portland, Oregon.

According to the report, 2589 special use permits are in force on these 22 national forests. These uses are of 48 kinds, ranging from apiaries to wharfs. There are such uses as school houses, golf courses, observatories, fur farms, hotels, mineral springs and cemeteries. The largest number of permits is for summer homesites, of which there are 973. Livestock pasture permits come next with 310. Of the total number of permits in force, 1075 are free permits, while 1514 pay charges at varying rates according to the nature of the permit.

It is the policy of the forest service to issue these special use permits to meet local needs when the use will not interfere with the primary purposes of the national forests as the growing of timber crops and the protection of watersheds.

The Mount Hood national forest leads in total number of all permits with 450, and also leads with 342 summer homesite permits. This is due largely to the intensive development brought about by the construction of the Mount Hood loop road. The Olympic Forest in Washington is second with 216 permits of all classes, and the Rainier National Forest third with 189 permits of all classes. The Rainier is second with 147 residence permits, most of which are issued to residents of the Yakima valley for summer cabin sites along the Naches River valley.

Following is the total number of permits, by forests: In Oregon: Cascade National Forest 103; Crater Lake; Deschutes 152; Fremont 71; Malheur 71; Mount Hood 450; Ochoco 57; San-

tiam 16; Siskiyou 59; Siuslaw 62; Umatilla 109; Umpqua 69; Wallowa 181; Whitman 128. In Washington: Chelan 140; Columbia 61; Colville 93; Mount Baker 31; Olympic 216; Rainier 189; Snoqualmie 45; Wenatchee 110.

Got Him Anyhow

"I hear your sister married a struggling young lawyer."
"Yes; he did struggle, but he didn't get away."

Educational

"I certainly would say that the porcupine as an animal, has a great many fine points," exclaimed Willie, the hunter.

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