

LOCAL BREVITIES

S. F. Zysset was in Albany Saturday.

I. Hoagland spent Friday night in Albany.

If you have any grain to haul, phone Sam Stoller.

Art Chandler made a business trip to Jefferson last Monday.

Charley Richards and wife are visiting relatives in California.

Mrs. Ed Stepanek called on Mrs. Doran Corn Monday afternoon.

Ed Povear and R. R. Borovicka were in Albany on business Saturday.

"Aunt Becky" Morris is suffering with a badly burned finger on her left hand.

Little Miss Mary Anne Stewart of Albany is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Morris.

Ed Stepanek and wife and children; Mr. Hjermstead and Mr. Riddle; and Doran Corn and wife enjoyed a picnic in Stepanek's grove Sunday.

Mrs. E. J. Irvine and grand daughter, Dorothy Howard, of Echo who have been visiting Mrs. Irvine's sister, Mrs. Henry Hassler, left Wednesday for an outing at the coast.

Art Chandler was at Yoncalla a few days last week looking at a ranch which it was proposed to be traded for the hotel, but when he saw it he wondered how it was anybody or anything was alive that lived upon it.

Mrs. H. E. Tobie, who is recovering from a recent operation in an Albany hospital, is reported to be doing fine and it is expected that she will be able to come home soon.

A. L. Rice and family of Klamath Falls visited A. L. Riddle on route 3, Wednesday. They had attended a Sunday school convention at Eugene and were on their way to Palmer, Idaho.

Mrs. E. W. Jochimsen and three children of Estacada visited Mrs. Jochimsen's sister, Mrs. J. T. Stalcup and family last week. Mr. and Mrs. Stalcup accompanied them to Newberg Saturday on their way home.

Use Dr. Hess Dip occasionally in your hog wallow. It means good-night to lice and is a disinfectant. Also use Dr. Hess' Fly Chaser in your house and wherever flies gather. We sell them. Hibler & Gill Co., Scio, Oregon.

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Jack Roberts and wife and daughter of Portland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Bilyeu. Mrs. W. H. Small and daughter, Esther, also of Portland, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bilyeu for some time accompanied them home.

The paving on the strip of road from Green's bridge to Jefferson will soon be completed and then, Oh,

boy! won't the going be fine? Then when the road from Scio to Green's bridge is paved, there will be great joy in going and coming to and from Scio.

J. D. Densmore made a business trip to Portland on Monday in connection with the mill. This mill will soon begin receiving grain for storage or for its own use in making feeds and flour. The mill will be a worth while asset to Scio under its present management.

The Tribune would appreciate it very much if our readers will report to it the yield per acre of grain, and the conditions under which it was produced. This will enable the paper to give to the world the productivity of the soil in the Forks of the Santiam. Will you do this for us?

Will Schools Suffer Now?

Last Friday Governor Pierce named the various county tax supervision and conservation commissions, there being three for each county. For Linn county he named E. D. Myers of Scio, J. C. Mayer of Lebanon, and Archie C. Miller of route 3, Albany.

The act of the last legislature in creating tax supervising and conservation commissions took the power to levy taxes for school districts of the third class—those with less than 200 children of school age—out of the hands of the people of the district and placed this power in the hands of the commission, according to an opinion written by Attorney General VanWinkle for the information of J. C. Johnson, district attorney for Curry county.

The opinion is based largely upon an opinion of the Oregon supreme court in the case of Tichner vs. Portland, involving the function of the tax conservation commission of Multnomah county of which the new county commissions just named are merely extensions. In this case the court pointed out that "the commission composed of three members who have in hand all the data necessary to consider is evidently more efficient than any number of public meetings." "It is apparent," the attorney general declared, "that action of the school district in the actual levy of its tax, subsequent to receiving the order from the supervising and conservation commission, is merely ministerial. It can do nothing but levy the tax directed in such order, and if it fails to do the commission will perform that duty for it."

"It is my opinion that the tax, when finally levied by a school district of the third class, should be voted by the legal voters of the district, although it would seem rather an unnecessary formality, and the only vote which such electors can give is for the tax levy as contained in the order of the commission, and if the district, for any reason, fails to make such levy, then the commission will make the same."

State Market Agent Department

C. E. SPENCE, Market Agent

There is considerable open talk throughout the state and nation, some of which is expressed in the newspapers, that the real remedy for the low prices paid to farmers for their products is in less production—limiting production to the point where forced demand will guarantee growers fair prices. The National Wheat Council of Chicago sends out an open letter to the editors of the agricultural press in all states, under date of July 2, which outlines the discouraging market situation and states: "This condition will last until, through knowledge of the facts, both production and consumption approximate a balance in the United States."

The market agent department believes that consumption of almost all farm products could be very greatly increased if the two-thirds added cost between what the farmer gets and the kitchen pays could be reduced, or largely divided between producer and consumer.

The price of flour and its many by-products are entirely out of proportion to the wheat price the grower gets. Much more flour would be used in many forms of home baking if the cost was lower, as also the cost of sugar and the other ingredients that go with baking and cooking.

Hood River apple growers state that last fall they sold much of their fruit at below the actual cost of production, and that if the present marketing outlook does not improve, many of the growers in that section will fail. Four

times as many apples as are now eaten would be consumed if the families could buy them at prices their family budgets would permit.

Consumption of almost every kind of fruits and vegetables would be doubled if the retail prices were not so high that the most of the products are removed from the family necessity list. And even the list of absolute necessities would be greatly increased in volume if the retail prices were lowered.

A speaker at a recent Grange meeting said of this situation: "It is not over-production but under-consumption. So many hands grab a profit off the stuff we raise that when it reaches the kitchen tables the price is so high the family cuts the ration."

United States Senator Borah in a speech in Portland, July 11, made the startling statements that out of the 22 and one-half billions of dollars of farm products produced in this country in 1922, the farmers received but 7 1/2 billions, while the commission men and other middle interests absorbed 14 1/2 billions. Senator Borah truly says that "this condition will destroy any industry."

Sixty-six per cent is too much to add to the producers' price and have a normal consumption of any product. Under such a system much produce must rot where grown because the retail price is beyond the common reach of families. But if this middle expense could be divided to a large extent between the producing and consuming classes there would be no cause to cur-

tail production, as consumption would increase enormously.

The cooperative movement appears to be present remedy for this condition. Strongly organized, so that a majority of the product can be controlled and sold from a central agency, middle expenses and profits could be cut and the growers given their just part of the retail price. Oregon has all that it could dream of in abundant crops, yet the market situation looks very dark, for the reason that others than the growers manipulate the markets and control the profits. A record production sold at less than production cost is not prosperity.

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Wanted—12 cords of big fir wood, 16 inch lengths, and free from knots. Inquire at the Tribune office.

Farm Wanted—Wanted to hear from owner of improved or unimproved farm for sale, in this vicinity. L. Jones, Box 433, Olney, Ill.

Strayed or Stolen—Between July 23 and 26, one 2-year-old brown Jersey heifer with crooked horns; one yellowish brindle heifer with horns. Any one seeing them will be paid for notifying T. B. Smith, route 1, box 37, Crabtree, Oregon.

Money to Loan at 5 1/2%—The Federal Land Bank of Spokane, Wash., will make loans through the Forks of the Santiam National Farm Loan Association in amounts from \$100 to \$25,000, for a period of 5 to 34 1/2 years, on first mortgage security. Inquire of W. H. McLain, Sec.-Treas., route 2, Scio, Oregon. 51p

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