

GRAIN REPORT GIVEN BY STATE COLLEGE

Argentine Dispatches Responsible for Fluctuation; Spuds Quiet.

The wheat market has declined to some extent, due to declining demands abroad, substantial decreases in the Chicago market and a smaller demand on the part of exporters in the northwest. The situation has been complicated a good deal this fall by the conflicting reports from Argentina, the great delay in the threshing of Canadian wheat, and by the failure of Russia to sell as much wheat as was anticipated earlier in the year. Conditions still remain rather favorable in Argentina.

The grain in Canada is practically all threshed and is reported to be of better quality than indicated in reports of two weeks ago. However, the Canadian lake shipping season is closed and an immense volume of that wheat is largely out of the market until transportation on the Great Lakes is again resumed. Our exports of wheat have only been about 46 million bushels, and the total exports from Russia are less than 12 million bushels. Small imports of Canadian wheat have come into the United States, but most of it has been milled in bond and is being shipped out.

It is probable that part of the high price in early December was due to speculators being short on December wheat, and probably partly due to a rather sudden export demand. Good hard wheat seems in position to advance in price, although statistics do not indicate substantial advances for the purely export grades.

The potato market has quieted down considerably as shipping conditions become a little more hazardous. Many dealers have considerable quantities in store and are in no hurry to buy, the market being very well supplied. The present market depression in potatoes is probably the result of the dealers having loaded themselves up pretty well somewhat earlier in the season. Complaints are being made that the potato grading and labelling law is being ignored in a great many places and no prosecutions are being made. If the law is to be effective offenders must be prosecuted and a few 50-dollar fines or 30-day jail sentences will probably line up a great many offenders without the necessity for a large number of arrests.

Seed prices generally remain firm although sweet clover is rather cheap this year, growers being paid about \$6.00 to \$6.30 per hundred on the average for it. This is on the clean seed basis. A large amount of alsike clover has been imported this fall and there have also been substantial importations of crimson clover, white clover, English and Italian rye grass and hairy vetch. The red clover importations have been small due to rather small crops abroad.

BOARDMAN

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The group of young folks have returned from the various schools and colleges for their Christmas vacations. Coming from O. A. C. were Uran Messenger, James Howell, Jr., Alton Klitz, Edna Broyles, Earl Olson, Adrian Bechtold came for a visit here with friends before going to his home in Hardman. Adrian was a former resident here having attended Boardman school when a child.

Tom West and wife and Mrs. Agnes Stiles of Portland were recent guests at the J. C. Ballenger home.

Boardman was visited by a disastrous fire on Friday morning when the Boardman Trading company store building was burned to the ground. Mr. Dillingham, who is the manager, had living rooms in the back of the store. As he was preparing breakfast Friday morning his oil stove exploded and flames covered the room immediately. The building, which is an old frame structure and one of the first built in Boardman, was a veritable fire trap and flames spread so rapidly that nothing was saved. Mr. Dillingham, thinking that some of the stock in front might be saved, rushed to the front door and in his haste and excitement had difficulty in getting the front door unlocked and was almost overcome by the heavy smoke. The Boardman Trading company had purchased this building and done some extensive remodeling and moved in about the first of October. Since the insurance rate was so much higher in the frame building Mr. Cobb decided to carry less insurance, so consequently the loss was around \$14,000 with only about \$8,000 insurance.

Mrs. E. K. Mulkey returned home last week from The Dalles hospital where she has been for several weeks. She is recovering from a serious operation for tumor.

W. H. Moffat has taken a four-horse team to Black Island and is leveling land there. Work is progressing rapidly, houses repaired, the old pipe line taken out, fences fixed and the boarding house put in readiness. Two families are living there at present.

C. S. Calkins and family were the recipients of a fine large Stradivari phonograph as a Christmas gift from their son C. C. Calkins and wife of Spokane.

We have always contended that a doctor, a teacher and a preacher had the most difficult role in life but the past years experiences have brot the decision that the role of reporter is not so far behind. Recently a man told us that he wasn't interested in "who entertained for dinner and who went where" that wasn't news it was small town gossip. The same day we received a letter stating

John D's Grandson



Each year Yale University gives a scholarship to the student needing financial assistance. John R. Prentice won it. He is the grandson of John D. Rockefeller and is working as a telephone operator to pay his way through college.

that there was so much news and that there was so much hard ruiupu that so much pleasure was taken in reading of the various dinners that this person wanted to subscribe for the paper again—so there you are! We might write editorials on national subjects but they would be so much better written in the Journal or Oregonian or Digest than we could write them that who would care to read them? A small town paper must of necessity contain the local news, call it gossip if you insist; we have no murder to write about, seldom any criminal news, for which we are thankful, very few die here for which we are also thankful; marriages are rather infrequent, so when the matter is sifted down, the dinners, parties, the plays, the goings and comings of the people, constitute the bulk of our local news. We try to get all the news of the community, showing no favors, slighting none and when all is said and done a paper is a community affair and if you all were not so kind about helping we wouldn't have nearly as much news as we do.

The teachers have gone to their various homes for Christmas vacations. School closed on Wednesday with the school program Wednesday evening. Miss Ethel Beougher went to Albany, Miss Elsie Silver to her home in Astoria, Mrs. Wilson leaves for Spokane to visit her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carr go to Spokane and Pullman to visit Mr. Carr's parents, and Mrs. Mulkey will remain here.

W. H. Woodard and family motored to The Dalles on Wednesday to do some Christmas shopping.

Miss Grace Rasmussen left this week after a pleasant fortnight's visit at the S. H. Boardman home.

Mrs. Lillian Stevens was shopping in Pendleton on Saturday.

J. R. Johnson and family were Hermiston visitors on Saturday.

Friends are glad to know that Mrs. Clarence Berger is improving after an illness of some duration.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Macomber and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Goodwin entertained jointly on Saturday evening at a most elaborate birthday dinner honoring Mrs. Ralph Davis. The members of the Boardman families comprised the guest list.

Election of officers of the Grange was held at the regular meeting last Saturday night. The following were elected to the principal offices: master, Chas. Wicklander; lecturer, Mrs. C. M. Beardsley; secretary, W. A. Goodwin; chaplain, Mrs. Chas. Nigier; gate keeper, W. Knauff; steward, Lee Mead. We were unable to obtain the rest of the officers.

Walter Olson and wife of Clatskanie arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Olson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Blayden. Mrs. Olson will be remembered as Frances Blayden.

R. Wasmer returned to good old Boardman on Saturday after an absence of three years. He has been in Florida most of the time since leaving here, having a ranch in that booming corner of the U. S. A. which he sold recently and after visiting an aunt in Philadelphia and at other eastern points came back to the project. Mr. Wasmer is one of the pioneers of this community and still owns a ranch on the West End. His many friends are glad to welcome him again.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruckman and Mrs. Harvey Ruckman of Imbler, Ore., were visitors at the Frank Hayse home on Friday on their return from Portland. They also visited at the

Gorham home. Mrs. H. Ruckman and Mrs. Gorham were friends in normal school. Mrs. Ruckman is a sister of Frank Hayse, the maintainer of the state highway.

Mrs. Annie Marshall of Castle Rock was a Boardman visitor on Monday. Although living so near she very seldom gets to Boardman.

Lowell Spagle is erecting a small cottage on his lots adjoining the Blayden property occupied by the Hayse family.

Lauren Blayden, second son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Blayden arrived Thursday with his wife, formerly Miss Ethel Fishback of New Plymouth, Ida., for a visit with the Blaydens and Gorhams. Mr. Blayden and Miss Fishback were married on Tuesday at Payette, Ida., and came here on their wedding trip. Lauren spent the winter with his parents last year and has many Boardman friends who will wish the newly married couple much happiness.

Lee Meads plan to spend their Christmas in The Dalles.

Nate Macomber and family left Thursday for Pilot Rock to spend Christmas with relatives.

Jason Vaughn and a friend stopped at the J. F. Gorham home Friday on their way to Klamath, driving through from their home in Fairfield, Ida.

Epidemic Meningitis.

As a number of cases of meningitis have been reported in Oregon it is important that everyone should be informed in regard to measures for its prevention and control.

Two epidemics have been reported, one at Cochrane and the other at Klamath Falls. Epidemic meningitis was not recognized until the beginning of the nineteenth century. The first outbreak occurred in 1804 in New England States and Kentucky. Cerebrospinal fever occurs in epidemic and in sporadic form. The epidemics are localized and are rarely widespread. As a rule the country districts are more affected than cities. The concentration of individ-

uals in large chacks or barracks seems to be a factor. Children and young adults are most susceptible. Exhaustion, over exertion, depressing mental and bodily surroundings are predisposing causes. Meningitis carriers play an important role in transmitting the disease. The scientific name for epidemic meningitis is cerebrospinal fever.

"Itis" means inflammation. Appendicitis means inflammation of the appendix. Cerebrospinal meningitis means inflammation of the nerve tissue of the brain and spinal cord. In its common usage inflammation anywhere means the effects of infection. Cerebrospinal meningitis means that some infecting organism is attacking the brain and spinal cord. It has been found out that there are many different microbes which do this, but a special one, the meningococcus, is accused of causing epidemics of contagious meningitis.

Epidemic meningitis is transmitted directly by the transfer of secretions from the nose and throat by means of coughing or sneezing, and indirectly by coming in contact with articles which have been contaminated by such secretions. The time between exposure and the first appearance of symptoms is from two to ten days, but persons have been known to carry these germs in the nose and throat for months before symptoms develop. Persons recovering from this disease also have been known to retain live germs in the sys-



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Blackleg Is Prevalent In Herds of County

Blackleg, one of the most destructive range cattle diseases, has been causing some loss in cattle in Morrow county. It is reported that it is causing considerable loss in Grant county also.

While this disease is very fatal, as most stockmen know, it is preventable by the use of blackleg vaccine or aggrassin. At the present time the vaccine is very cheap and all young cattle that have not been vaccinated should be treated at once, as this disease which is caused by a specific organism, is confined to cattle between the ages of six months and two years. It has not for a number of years caused any appreciable loss in Morrow county, and many stockmen have neglected to immunize their cattle and do not do it until they are faced with a loss in their herds. It should be borne

in mind that in almost any year the loss of one animal will pay for treating all of the young stuff in the herd. Any farmer wishing information regarding the method of treatment can get the same by calling on the county agent.

RHEA CREEK GRANGE.

Rhea Creek Grange meets the first Sunday of each month at 10 a. m., and the third Friday night of each month at 8 p. m. Visiting members welcome.

FOR SALE—53-horsepower Blawett Webfoot tractor and two three-bottom 16-inch plows. Will sell with or without plows and take in trade some good work horses. C. C. Hutchcroft, Morgan, Ore., on H. C. Witzel place.

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