

### NEW MARKET AGENT TO ASSUME DUTIES

Seymour Jones of Marion county has been appointed State Market Agent, succeeding C. E. Spence, who resigned. Mr. Spence, who has been a major operation on a farm near Salem and has for many years been actively engaged in cooperative movements and grange work. He will have his main office in Salem and will head the weights and measures department, taking over the duties of W. A. Dziel, present chief deputy.

**The Increasing Overhead.** Transportation and distribution costs of farm products continue upward. Ocean freight rates to Europe are constantly being raised until the surplus crops of this country are now going abroad with overhead costs so great that ready markets are hard to find. And on top of this handicap is the growing distribution cost of products in our large cities—the many middle-handlings and costs brought about largely by the small quantity of food bought at any one time by consumers.

Carloads of farm products are shipped into the market centers, broken into smaller lots by wholesalers for the jobbers; again broken into smaller lots for retailers, who once more reduce them for the consuming trade. Where twenty years ago a family would buy a sack of flour, now two pound sacks are in demand. All this entails service is added to the cost of the products between the farm and the kitchen, and that the price to the consumer may not be prohibitive, the price at the farm must be low. The Department of Agriculture states that in New York city the standard retail sales of farm products is about 26 cents for each kind of product, of which 14 cents is the wholesale value delivered in the city.

**All Crops Look Good.** From nearly all counties of Oregon come reports of very favorable conditions for nearly everything the state produces. Winter grain crops are promising and while some localities have had local frost damage to peaches and other early fruits, in general conditions have been favorable. Eastern Oregon has had plenty of rain and snow for the wheat crop and there has been very little winter damage to fall seeded wheat fields.

**Enormous Farm Investment.** From 1900 to 1920 the value of farm lands in the United States more than trebled and in some states it increased as much as twelve times. Since 1920 values have declined. If this giant industry was generally prosperous; if farmers could make fair returns for investment and labor, the United States would go yet higher as the outstanding nation of the world. Of this situation R. W. Dunlap, assistant secretary of agriculture of the United States, in a recent speech at Jacksonville, Ill., said that never before had agriculture been placed at such a disadvantage with industry, commerce and labor and that the total value of farm crops for last year was over a billion dollars less than in 1925 and a billion and a half less than in 1924. "The farmers' problem is to narrow the gap between the farm and the consumer," Mr. Dunlap said as one of the relief means.

### Fighting Disease By Up-to-Date Methods

From State Board of Health. The public must be taught to fight disease by up-to-date methods. There is an urgent need for the education of the general public in the means of combating influenza, tuberculosis, typhoid fever, diphtheria, scarlet fever, and other communicable diseases. A definite plan of action for the coming year provides for the cooperation of medical men, the department of education, the press, the clergy, and every other organization that can further this work. There is good reason why combined efforts should be made to get rid of disease. A large amount of sickness and high mortality is caused by preventable diseases. Diphtheria, typhoid and scarlet fever can be prevented. A systematic and simultaneous attack on a state-wide front against communicable diseases would be an effective way of eradicating disease. The plan proposes an active attack on contagious diseases throughout the year 1927. It is hoped that the results of this advance all along the line will encourage local health officers generally. It should also furnish an object lesson to intelligent citizens throughout the state in what can be done in the prevention of disabling sickness. The results of this plan should pave the way for a more comprehensive one, and should continue until the whole Northwest has been freed of these communicable and preventable diseases. Since 1884 there has been diphtheria antitoxin, a cure for diphtheria, and for many years it has been known that a lasting immunity could be produced by the use of toxin-antitoxin. In spite of his fact there were 150,000 cases and 13,000 deaths from diphtheria in the North American continent in 1924. While the incidence and mortality of diphtheria in the cities during the past ten years had been very materially reduced, the mortality in the smaller places and country districts remained practically where it was before the discovery of antitoxin. The high mortality is among the children of preschool age. If the physicians, in their capacity of family physicians, will recommend the immunization of children by toxin-antitoxin the results we are looking for will be materially aided. There is no instance of a single death from smallpox in the numerous outbreaks that have occurred in this country when the patients had been previously vaccinated. As a result of improved methods of sanitation and typhoid inoculation the percentage of deaths from typhoid fever has been materially reduced. Oregon has one of the lowest typhoid death rates in the United States.

The difficulty in the past has been to teach the public to make use of known means of immunization. It is hoped, by the means of the plan just outlined, that the public will aid greatly in the eradication and control of communicable diseases.

### Field Peas Good Crop For E. O. Says Specialist

One of the most practical dry land leguminous crops that can be raised in Eastern Oregon, according to Experiment Station results and tests throughout the section, is field peas. These are especially valuable for use in pasturing off by sheep and hogs. They also make a good crop to be grown on bottom land that can be irrigated. According to D. E. Stephens, superintendent of the Moro station, they can be seeded on dry land with the ordinary grain drill, closing up four holes and leaving two open which puts them in a double row with the rows 35 inches apart. Seeding by this method it takes 75 to 80 pounds per acre. A few bushels of O'Rourke seed, one of the best varieties that have been tested out at the Moro station, is available and can be ordered through the County Agent's office at a reasonable price. Farmers needing some late summer pasture for their sheep or hogs, will find this crop worth while.

### HARDMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Chapel were visitors here over the week end. William Reynolds was a visitor in Hardman last Sunday. Wm. Meidinger, Emmet Ayers, Nels Knighten, Glen Farrera, W. M. Reynolds, W. C. McCarty and Ad Inskip attended the Odd Fellows convention at Echo Saturday, Feb. 26th. Irene Harshman, Elmer and August Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Howell were visitors here Sunday. Many of the Hardman people attended the masquerade dance given by the Rhea creek grange Friday. An extraordinarily large crowd was present. Beulah and Lewis Batty were awarded first prizes for the most clever costumes.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Johnson were visitors here Monday. A free dance is to be given Saturday, March 5th, by the I. O. O. F. lodge. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Mrs. Retta Knighten returned home Saturday from Lexington where she had been visiting the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Johnson are the proud parents of a baby boy born February 23rd.

Mrs. Pearl Steers left Sunday for the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tindal Robinson where she will start working. Mrs. Mary Greener was a visitor in town Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Adams are the proud parents of a baby girl born February 28th. W. M. Brookhouser is a visitor in town. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCarty and family left Saturday for Hermiston where they will visit relatives for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McDaniel left Saturday for work near Butter creek. John and Glen Hadley and Bernice Stoneman were visitors in town last week end. Mr. and Mrs. James Burnside and Mrs. Josephine Harrison were visitors in town Saturday. Foster Collins visited here Monday.

Mrs. Corda Saling and J. N. Mattison visited Mr. and Mrs. Adam Knoblock of Rhea creek Sunday. Carl McDaniel is at present working for Emmet Cochran at Monument.

### ALPINE.

The Alpine young people attended a farewell dance given a Rice's for Olin Ritchie Saturday evening. All had an enjoyable time but are sorry to see Olin leave. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Finley were visitors at the Lambirth home Sunday. G. L. Bennett was a visitor in Pendleton Thursday. Two new pupils enrolled in the grade room this week. Miss Gertrude Tichenor and Mrs. C. Melville were visitors at the Sepanek home Thursday. Mike Sepanek was a visitor in Echo this week. Mark Foster of Pendleton was a visitor at the Lambirth home this week. This week has been spent by the school pupils in writing exam papers. The comedy-drama, "A Southern Cinderella," which the Alpine high school will put on in the auditorium March 12, is coming along nicely and the finishing touches are being put to it. Mammy Judy with her six-bit weddin' license is a scream. This part is taken by Twilla Morey, Enid Bellamy, the Southern Cinderella, is ably taken by Bernice Sepanek. Her grandmother, Madam Charteris, is Celatha Lambirth. Margaret Melville takes the part of Rosie Winterberry, a settlement worker; Mildred Schmidt is Miss Johnnie Bell Randolph, a hit coquette, while Bertha Sepanek and Helen Bennett are the Hawke sisters. J. H. McDaniel attended the Odd Fellows' convention at Echo Saturday.

### COME AND SEE.

Hearsay is very poor evidence and is never admitted as such in a court of justice. What then shall we say of you, my brother, if you condemn the church and the Bible when your only evidence is hearsay. Not only so, but the church and the Bible offer great things for you and the only way you can find these things is to investigate for yourself. "COME AND SEE." This will be the Sunday evening sermon topic at the Church of Christ. The morning subject will be, "A Reason." A fine Bible school last Lord's Day, but we need you also. COME! MILTON W. BOWER, Minister.

**ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH.** Rev. Stanley Moore, Missionary in Charge. Holy Communion at 11:00 o'clock.

### S'MATTER POP BY C. M. PAYNE

AMBROSE SHOULD BET ON HIMSELF



Sermon topic, "The Meaning of Lent." Sunday School at 9:45. The confirmation class will meet at rector Thursday, March 3rd, at 7:00 p. m. at the rectory instead of Sunday at the Parish House.

According to one of the Spokane papers, farmers in the Lewiston, Idaho, district have decided that Federation is a spring wheat, not a winter wheat. On account of the winter killing in that section considerable Federation is being reseeded.

**1927—BABY CHIX—1927.** Tanned White Leghorn chix at \$15 per 100; \$135 per 1000. Also U. A. C. Banded Plymouth Rocks at \$17 per 100; \$155 per 1000. Hatching dates March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. A 500 or larger order takes 10% rate; all shipments express prepaid. May chix as 20% reduction; 20% deposit books order. Custom hatching at one cent per egg per week, original cost. Come and see us at our new location, 12-3m. WHITE POULTRY FARM, GERALD A. WHITE, Hermiston, Ore.

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For Sale—Pathe Console Phonograph with 100 records. Machine and records in good condition. Cost originally \$150. \$50 takes all. See at Baldwin Exchange. 49-1f.

A handsome embroidered center piece, made by the Catholic Ladies

Altar society, is now on display in the window at the Curran Hat Shop. Later on this beautiful piece will be sold. Tickets can now be secured from Mrs. Ed Bucknum, Mrs. John Skuzenick and Miss Mary McVenna.

**NOTICE OF SALE OF ANIMAL.** Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the laws of the State of Oregon, the undersigned has taken up the hereinafter described animal found running at large on his premises in Morrow county, State of Oregon, and that he will on Saturday, the 19th day of March, 1927, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the W. C. Lawson place, one mile below Heppner on Willow creek, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the said animal, unless the same shall have been redeemed by the owner thereof.

Said animal is described as follows: One bay horse, weight 1400 pounds, white spot in face, 2 white hind feet, branded 17 reclined, on right hip. N. F. LAWSON, Heppner, Ore.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 5:

R. McKim and V. B. Faire in "THE WOLF HUNTERS"

Adapted from the story by JAMES OLIVER CURWOOD. A Drama of the North. When a "Mountie" starts the action he's usually in at the finish. "The Wolf Hunters" catch the romance of life as well as the wolves. Also THE LOVE DEPUTY, two-reel comedy western

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, MARCH 6 AND 7:

Carol Dempster in D. W. Griffith's "THAT ROYLE GIRL"

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TUESDAY, MARCH 8:

Special entertainment for Benefit of Heppner Public Library Association. See notice elsewhere.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9:

Virginia Valli in "UP THE LADDER"

Every wife should go up the ladder of success with her husband; if she doesn't some other woman will, and the higher they go the harder they fall. Also Comedy and News Reel.

**NEXT WEEK:** Jack Holt in Zane Grey's WILD HORSE MESA. Belle Bennett, Ronald Colman in SETTLA DALLAS. House Peters in THE STORM BREAKER. Renee Adoree in BLARNEY, by Donn Byrne.

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