

McKINNEY SURVEY OVER NEW ROUTE

County Obtaining Rights
Of Way; Standard 24-
Foot Width Likely.

NEW WORK STARTED

Six Miles of Heppner-Spray Road
To be Graded This Year; Crew
To Include 30 Men.

Two days were spent this week by Judge R. L. Bengtson and Commissioners George Bleakman and Ernest Heliker in company with state market road engineer, J. E. Scott, in going over a portion of the Heppner-Spray road. The object of the trip was to get more information regarding a new survey that is expected to be made by the state highway engineers in the near future. It is expected that a number of changes will be made from the present line of the road, and it is understood by the county officials that when this new survey is made the road will be laid out on the state standard, the grading to call for a 24-foot road bed.

These changes will occur in the road from McKinney creek to where the road strikes Chapin creek, and will call for the securing of new rights of way by the county. This work has been progressing, and Judge Bengtson states that the court anticipates no trouble in getting the deeds signed up.

The interest being manifested by the state highway department in this project at this time is quite encouraging to the county officials, and causes them to express the hope that the road may be completed at an earlier date than heretofore anticipated. The county had agreed to go ahead with the completion of the road from McKinney creek to Hardman on a three-year program. One year of this has already passed, but it is fully expected that the work proposed by the county will be completed, and from present indications there will be no delay caused by any action of the state department; in fact it would appear that they are moving to speed up the work.

The contractors on the work of grading a portion of the highway for the U. S. bureau of public roads are now setting up camp preparatory to starting operations. C. F. Rhodes, Medford, who has the contract, arrived in the city Monday evening and went out on the road Tuesday morning in company with George Hood, Grants Pass, who is building the camp. The work was held up for a time due to a flaw in the contract which necessitated the papers being returned to Washington, D. C., for correction. C. S. Norris, government engineer, is in charge of the survey work, and he and M. H. Milner, assistant engineer, have been on the job since last Friday.

The contract calls for grading six miles of road connecting with the south end of the completed stretch in the forest. Machinery is expected on the ground in ten days when a crew of thirty men will be put to work.

Three Candidates Visit Morrow Committeeman

With the nomination meeting of the republican state central committee scheduled at Portland tomorrow, would-be nominees have been active the past week and S. E. Notson, county committeeman, has been barraged with literature and calls on behalf of many candidates. Thos. B. Kay, state treasurer, was the first to put in a personal appearance, calling on Mr. Notson Saturday. Saturday evening Mr. Notson's time was occupied by visits from Phil Metachan, Portland, chairman of the state central committee, and Ralph S. Hamilton, Bend, president of the state senate. Mr. Notson has refused to commit himself to any candidate, holding that the Portland meeting should be more in the nature of a council than of a convention. He has made no prediction as to who is likely to be nominated, and declares the report if the Oregonian that the eastern Oregon committeemen would vote as a unit is a mistake. He expected to leave Heppner either yesterday evening or this morning for Portland.

INSTALL NEW MACHINE.

The Heppner Farmers Elevator company has just completed installation of an up-to-date bookkeeping machine which Chas. Swindling, manager, believes will greatly facilitate handling of the company's business. A service lady representing the company from which the machine was purchased, spent several days at the elevator office making the necessary preparations to put the machine into operation.

CARS IN COLLISION.

The cars of Karl Miller of Lexington and Monte Hedwall of Heppner collided on the Rhea creek market road Sunday morning, as they attempted to pass on a curve. The Miller car skidded into the other machine and both were considerably damaged. No injury was reported to the occupants of the cars.

\$100,000 ADDED TO FOREST SUM

22 Northwest Districts Will Have
Improvements; Oregon Gets
Large Share.

An increase of \$100,000 has been allotted for 1930 for improvements on the 22 national forests of Oregon and Washington, according to regional forester C. J. Buck, Portland. The total set up for 1930-31 for permanent improvements, outside of roads and trails, on the national forests is \$200,500. These funds are to be spent for a variety of purposes, such as maintenance and construction of telephone lines, fire lookout houses and towers, ranger stations, firemen's shelters and cabins, barns, tool houses, water systems, and fences. Material, labor, and all details of this construction work are handled by the forest supervisors of the national forests concerned, and not by the regional forester in Portland.

The amount will be spent for the repair and maintenance of existing structures and also for new construction, and the projects are in the nature of permanent forest improvements which the U. S. forest service is developing on the national forests for better protection and administration of public forest property. Each of the 22 national forests in Oregon and Washington shares in these funds, based on carefully worked out plans and estimates. The approximate amounts by states are \$75,000 for the eight national forests of Washington and \$115,000 for the 14 Oregon national forests.

Some of the items are, for example, the maintenance of 117 miles of tree telephone lines, and the building of 880 miles of new line; the repair and maintenance of 117 fire lookout houses and towers, and the construction of 47 new ones; the building and reconstruction of 92 firemen's cabins and 78 shelters, barns and tool houses. Regional forester Buck called special attention to the fact that road and trail construction and maintenance on the national forests is carried on under a separate congressional appropriation which is many times larger than this for protective and administrative forest improvements.

Covered Wagon Days To be Round-Up Motif

Pendleton, Ore., July 23.—Linking in with the plans of the Oregon Trail Memorial association, the Pendleton Round-Up, at its twenty-first annual exhibition, August 28, 29 and 30, will make special observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the covered wagon.

It is particularly fitting that Pendleton observe the anniversary, for the Eastern Oregon city is the home of hundreds of pioneers who made the great trek from the east to the untamed west. And so, at the Round-Up, on the historic hills which form a background for track and arena, there will appear a cavalcade of Indians, and a group of prairie schooners, typical of covered wagon days. They will wind their way slowly down the hillside, appearing before the thousands who will watch them from the grandstands, and will conclude the impressive procession when they reach the Round-Up grounds.

Further observance of the covered wagon centenary will be made at Happy Canyon, the evening show of the Round-Up, which is in itself an exposition of the coming of the pioneer. There will be shown the Indians who roamed the hills and lifted their voices in savage war cry; the coming of the white man and the growth, mushroom-like, of a frontier village. Finally, the audience is admitted into the village for dancing and for the playing of games typical of the Old West.

Thinks Fewer Sheep Will Boost Prices

(Oregon Farmer)

"I believe the sheep business, the price of mutton and wool, will come back, at least to some extent, but we need not expect it to come in a month or two," says J. J. Kelly of Heppner. Mr. Kelly points to the fact that there is since the first of January, 1927, an increase of about 250,000 sheep in Oregon, 500,000 in Montana, and about 5,000,000 in increase in the United States. The supply is in excess of the demand, he says, and there must be a reduction in the numbers before there is much increase in prices.

In Nevada and Colorado, Mr. Kelly added, in March, 1928, there were a little more than 700,000 sheep on feed. In 1929 there were about 1,000,000, and on March 15 of this year there were 1,600,000 or 800,000 more than two years ago.

Mr. Kelly recognizes that the number of unemployed affects the situation and agrees that until the industrial classes are more nearly all employed conditions will not get much better. But he expects to stay with the sheep game and he expects to see the best sheep men, who have heavy investments, continue in the business. At the same time some wool growers will go broke and quit and many small flockmasters will sell out and quit, making fewer sheep and starting the trend toward higher prices.

The Tum-A-Lum paint crew this week finished putting on a covering on the county sheds on Main street and are now at work on the S. E. Notson residence on Gale street.

'GLOBE TROTTERS' REPORT TO LIONS

Gay M. Anderson Returns
From International
Convention.

GORDONS ENJOY TRIP

Club Thanked by Miss Heppner and
Chaperone; Heppner-Spray Road
Report Next Week.

Interest of Lions at the noon luncheon Monday was centered in reports of the "globe trotters," so styled by President C. L. Sweet. Gay M. Anderson told of his trip to the Lions International convention in Denver last week as the club's delegate, while Earl W. Gordon related his eastern trip which took him and Mrs. Gordon to the Elks convention at Atlantic City and to many other points of interest. Mr. Gordon was to have been a delegate of the club at Denver, also, but through a slip-up of the credentials committee he was not recognized. Miss Alma Wehmer, who represented the city as Miss Heppner at the state division finals of the International Pageant of Pulchritude in Portland last week, was present and thanked the Lions for sponsoring her appearance.

P. M. Gemmell thanked the club on behalf of Mrs. Gemmell for the fine cooperation and consideration received from the club while she was acting as chaperone during Miss Heppner's Portland appearance. Mr. Sweet responded by offering thanks to Mrs. Gemmell on behalf of the club for the excellent manner in which she handled her responsibilities. Ellis Thomson accompanied at the piano by Miss Jeanette Turner.

In going to Denver, Mr. Anderson left Heppner a week ago Friday, going first to Portland and thence over the southern route. He joined a delegation from Portland and Wilamette valley points. The Oregon delegates boarded the California special train for Denver at Ephrata, and were honored by having the train held up ten minutes for them, besides being accorded a royal reception. On the way east stops were made at Salt Lake City and at the Grand Canyon of the Arkansas river. Mr. Anderson recited impressions of these noted geographical spots, as well as the Hundred Mile drive and other points of scenic and historical interest near Denver. The convention was reported as one of the very best in Lions International history, six foreign countries being represented. Next year the convention goes to Toronto, Canada. Returning, the Oregon delegates took the Union Pacific route.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon were absent from the city for a month on the trip from which they returned last Thursday. Chicago, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, New York City, Washington, D. C., Alexandria, Va., Akron, O., and Atlantic City were among the places of specific interest mentioned by Mr. Gordon. A full day was spent at Niagara Falls, and its many wonders brought forth

E. L. Reaney Hurt When Run Over by Machine

Reference was made last week to the reported serious injuries received by E. L. Reaney of Salem, but no details were obtained at the time. Mr. Reaney was injured by being run over by the spraying outfit with which he was working in the orchard. A mule was hitched to the rig for motive power and the animal became frightened and started to run. In order to save himself from being knocked off the machine by the limb of a tree, Mr. Reaney jumped and was thrown under the wheels, the heavy rig passing across his body. The result was the breaking of one hip, the breaking and crushing of the other leg and the pelvis bone, besides serious cuts on both legs.

For a time it seemed doubtful what the result would be, but when members of the family who were called to Salem from Lexington returned home the end of the week, Mr. Reaney seemed to be making satisfactory progress toward recovery.

MISS GEMMELL HONORED.

Miss Lorna Gemmell, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gemmell of Helix, and granddaughter of Mrs. Emma Gemmell of this city, was honored recently by being named leading lady in the play, "The Stepmother," presented by students of the Eastern Oregon Normal school at La Grande July 16. She was chosen from the more than 200 students who compose the student body.

MOUNTAIN ROAD IMPROVED.

L. M. McCabe, roadmaster, reports the completion of the new grade on Jackson hill at the head of Little Butter creek leading to north Jones prairie. Mr. McCabe considers the improvement of major importance to people using this road, as the grade before improvement was considered dangerous and light loads only could be hauled over it.

New Lighting System Installed at Plunge

Lights for the dressing rooms and flood lights for the tank were installed at the Legion plunge this week, and a large number of people have taken advantage of the light thus provided for night swimming. Owing to the lack of material but one light has been placed over the tank so far, but the installation will be completed this week end.

The tank will be drained, cleaned and refilled Sunday, and it is requested that townspeople refrain from irrigating Sunday evening, in order that there will be sufficient water for the tank to operate Monday. Notices will be put out Saturday asking the cooperation of the citizens of the city. It is expected hereafter that the tank will be drained every Sunday evening and that it will be necessary for irrigation to be discontinued on that evening. However, if no notices are circulated, it will be because for some reason the tank is not to be drained, and irrigation may be done as usual.

TARIFF AND THE FARMER.

Secretary of Agriculture Hyde has taken the platform to defend the new tariff law with relation to farming interests. "For agriculture, the tariff act of 1930 will be a distinct gain," said Secretary Hyde. "Actually and potentially it increases a tariff protection for American farmers. Many of the rates, such as those on wool, eggs, long staple cotton and dairy products, will be generally beneficial. Others will be of maximum assistance in border markets and under favorable market conditions. It can safely be said that the new act takes a long step toward parity in tariff protection for agriculture, and that it affords to agriculture, so far as law can do so, a high degree of protection."

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Wm. R. Poulson writes this office that he has returned to Eugene where Mrs. Poulson has been during the time he was attending summer school at Seattle. Mr. Poulson says he had a splendid summer school session, and expects to return to Heppner immediately after the first of August, full of pep for the new school year, and to make all necessary preparations for the opening of school the first Monday in September. Mrs. Poulson has also been attending school during the summer vacation.

S. E. Notson departed for Portland on Wednesday to be in attendance at the republican state central committee meeting. He is state committeeman for Morrow county and will assist with the task of naming a candidate for governor to take the place made vacant on the ticket by the death of the late Senator Joseph.

It is reported that some illicit liquor was found at the livery barn and residence of H. C. Robertson on Saturday night when these buildings were searched by Sheriff Bauman, Marshal Devin, and E. L. Cox and Walter Matteson, deputies. Three quarts and one pint of "moon" were obtained.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Griffith of Unalak, Wash., their daughter, Mrs. Alma Walton, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ben Griffiths of Longview, are guests this week at the home of Mr. Griffith's sister, Mrs. Rebecca Patterson. Jake was for a number of years brakeman on the Heppner branch railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Nickerson departed for Portland the first of the week for a stay of several days. During their absence their daughter, Miss Adele, is at the Cecil home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hynd, while Frances is spending the time at Hildaway springs with friends.

Parties who may be interested in the various pieces of real estate belonging to Arthur Smith in Heppner, should take notice that same will likely be sold by our auctioneer, Mr. Bennett, at an early date, announcement of which will be made later. ARTHUR SMITH. 19-11.

Chas. W. Smith, county agent, drove to the Lone Rock ranch of J. B. Huddleston on Tuesday to attend to some work in connection with his office. He was accompanied by the Misses Anna Wightman and Isabel Dutton and Dick Wightman.

Miss Evelyn Humphreys accompanied her sister, Miss Leta Humphreys, to Eugene on Wednesday and will spend a few days in that city before returning to her Heppner home.

W. D. McCully of Joseph, who represents the Veterans State Aid commission, was a visitor here on Tuesday on business connected with his office.

Mrs. Frank Elder, who spent some time at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. A. Wilson, returned to her home in Pendleton on Tuesday.

W. P. Mahoney, of the First National bank, departed for Portland this morning, expecting to spend a day or two in the city on business. John Hiatt of the firm of Hiatt & Dix has so far recovered from his recent indisposition as to be back on the job at the store this week.

Harold Cohn motored to Portland Tuesday to spend a day or so in the city on business. Combine for Sale—Good condition. Inquire Ferguson Motor Co.

WASCO AGAIN COPS WHEATLAND FLAG

Locals Finish in Cellar
Losing to Fossil 5-2 in
Wind-up Game.

TURNER HITS HOMER

Long Clout Gives Heppner Tallies;
Lexington All-Stars to Play
Here Sunday After Next.

Wasco has annexed the Wheatland baseball league pennant for the second successive season, with the wind-up of the league season Sunday, winning from Lone 11-7. Heppner's cellar position stands unchallenged, their lone victory remaining unchanged with the 5-2 defeat by Fossil. Arlington, pennant chasers, finished second by taking the long end of the 25-10 count from Condon. The six teams finished in order as follows: Wasco, Arlington, Fossil, Condon, Lone, Heppner.

While Heppner's percentage of wins is not impressive, the local management feels the boys made a satisfactory showing. The season was started with a team composed of young all-home material. Every game the boys went into was a battle, and they offered a quality of opposition that gained the respect of the other teams. It is expected to keep the team intact for a time and Manager Ferguson has already scheduled a post-season game with Manager Dallas Ward's All-Stars from Lexington to be played at Rodeo field a week from Sunday.

Many regulars were missing from the local line-up that appeared in Fossil Sunday, and exactly nine men made the trip. Fossil, also, was short several regulars. There was some loose baseball in spots, but as indicated by the 5-2 score, the game was not overly one-sided. Aune was in the box for Heppner, being received by Louie Allyn who will appear with the Lexington team when it plays here. This combination worked quite effectively. D. Bleakman was on first, Russ Wright and Ray Ferguson exchanged between second and right field, Bobby Turner played short, Jap Crawford worked at third, while Lowell Turner and Ollie Ferguson took care of the middle and left field pastures respectively.

Heppner's two scores came in the sixth inning when Lowell Turner knocked a home-run with one on. He connected with one of Pitcher Kuss's fast balls, sending it far over the left fielder's head.

Snake Bites Feared, But Bugs Real Cause

Two instances of bug bites this week caused apprehension that the victims had been bitten by rattlesnakes and resulted in drastic measures that may not have been altogether uncalled for. Leonard Schwarz, Heppner, and J. G. Johnson, Lexington, were the victims. While working at the slaughter house near Heppner, Mr. Schwarz heard a buzz not dissimilar to that of a rattler, and felt a sting on the calf of his leg. His first thought was that he had been bitten by the dreaded diamond back. Jerking out his knife he speedily bared the affected spot and started to slash the bite when he noticed but a single puncture of the skin. No snake was in evidence, but in the roll of his boot he found a strange-looking bug. He attended to the bite, or sting, immediately but it has given him trouble, the spot swelling and becoming infected.

Mr. Johnson was lifting a bunch of wheat sacks off the ground to load on a truck at his farm near Lexington, when his finger was punctured. He did not consider it serious, thinking he had run a grain beard into it. It was quite painful, however, and he started to the house to treat it. When he got to the house the finger was swollen to twice its natural size, and he concluded to come to Heppner and consult a doctor. The doctor feared a rattler was responsible and administered an anti-toxin serum used to combat snake bite. Mr. Johnson was more inclined to think that a scorpion had stung him, as there was no evidence of a rattlesnake in the vicinity, but he believes the doctor's treatment good, none-the-less, since his finger soon returned to normalcy and no serious effects are likely to ensue.

STOCK SHIPMENT MADE.

Saturday night was a busy time at the local freight yards, when 11 cars of stock were billed out. The shipment consisted of two cars of cattle by C. W. McNamee of Heppner, five cars of horses by Lewis Edley, and John and Clarence Porter and J. L. Crater, Long Creek stockmen, four cars of cattle. The stock all went into Portland.

SERVICE STATION RISING.

Pouring of concrete for the abutments of the new Standard Oil service station on the corner of Main and Center streets is now progressing under the supervision of T. G. Denisse, contractor. It is expected the construction work will be completed by August first. P. M. Gemmell will be in charge of the new station, it is reported.

OREGON SEED CROP TESTED AT SCHOOL

Oregon State College Specialist
Finds Few Noxious Weeds in
One of State's Big Crops.

Bachelor buttons, or French pinks as they are often called, are the most numerous weed seeds found in western Oregon crops, and Russian thistle holds the honors for the eastern part of the state, at least in the alfalfa fields, according to Miss Letta Bunting of Oregon State college, whose job it is to run purity and germination tests on Oregon's \$150,000,000 seed crop. Nearly 2200 such tests were run for farmers of the state during the past year, Miss Bunting reports. Of these, nearly 400 were on Ladino clover, a crop which is rapidly gaining in prominence and popularity both as a pasture and a seed crop; 250 were on alfalfa, and 200 on red clover, while the rest were divided among numerous other kinds. Some 50 germination tests were made on forestry seeds.

Very few noxious weeds, those kinds which, if present, make the seed unsalable, are found in Oregon, says Miss Bunting. Chief among those which are found is dodder, and others are Canada thistle and quack grass. Other common weed seeds are usually quite easily cleaned out of crop seed.

In stressing the importance of germination tests, Miss Bunting stated that various factors, such as storing conditions, age, and kind of seed affect the vitality, and that many seeds, such as the grasses and corn, do not keep well, often deteriorating in this respect over winter if not properly stored. Vetch seed, on the other hand, retains its germinating properties well.

Wheat Good Hog Feed Says O. S. C. Specialist

Oregon farmers who have both wheat and pigs can profitably put the two together and market pork, says A. W. Oliver, assistant professor of animal husbandry at Oregon State college. But, he points out, at the present high prices of hogs it is doubtful if a profit can be realized through buying them just to consume the wheat.

Ground wheat has just about panned out the same feeding value as barley, the usual feed for hogs in this region, according to Oliver, and just now they are about equal in price. Either of these feeds is more satisfactory, however, when supplemented by a protein food such as skim milk, tankage, fish meal or buttermilk, as well as a certain amount of legume hay, rape, clover or alfalfa pasture to balance the ration, he says.

"While records of the animal husbandry department over the 20-year period since 1910 show an average loss of 28 cents per 100 pounds of wheat fed to hogs over what the market price would have brought, the ratio is now very favorable for converting wheat into pork," said Oliver. "The difficulty is in getting feeder pigs, since their production is from 5 to 9 per cent below normal. Some are being shipped to Oregon from the middle west, but with even an average crop in the corn belt demands there are likely to take care of the hog surplus."

Roger Morse Takes Job As Extension Specialist

According to Baker Democrat-Herald of Wednesday, Roger Morse, county agent of Baker county for the past three years, has been elected extension dairymen at Oregon State college by the state board of higher education and will probably submit his resignation to the county court within a few days. Morse will take the post made vacant by the recent death of N. C. Jamison.

Morse is a graduate of Washington State college. He was a county agent in Wyoming for two years, then served four years in a similar capacity at Heppner before going to Baker three years ago to succeed Paul Carpenter. He has been outstandingly successful in his work at Baker. His new duties will take him to all parts of the state.

HAND IS INJURED.

In stepping from a car while it was moving at Pendleton last Saturday afternoon, Gerald Slocum of this city received a fall which resulted in a bad injury to his hand. There was a compound fracture, the bones protruding through the flesh. Gerald reports that his injuries are doing as well as could be expected at this time.

WITHIN HIS MEANS.

An American lawyer was sitting at his desk one day when a Chinaman entered. "You lawyer?" he asked. "Yes. What can I do for you?" "How much you charge if one Chinaman killum other Chinaman, to get him off?" "Oh, about \$500 to defend a person accused of murder." "Some days later the Oriental returned and plunked down \$500 on the lawyer's desk. "All right," he said. "I killum." Exchange.

FORCED RESCUE.

"It was grand of you to dive from that night, fully clothed, to effect such a magnificent rescue," the looker-on declared. "That's all very well," snarled the hero, "but what I want to know is—who pushed me in?"—Halifax Courier.

BUSINESS INSTITUTE COMING AUGUST 6-7

Merchants Get Advantage
Of Courses Conducted
By State Experts.

WIDE FIELD COVERED

Accounting, Retail Credits, Collections, Salesmanship, Advertising
Among Subjects Handled.

Bringing modern methods in good merchandising, advertising, selling, window trimming, cost accounting and checking on bad credit accounts to merchants of Heppner and neighboring towns, the third annual business institute conducted by the school of commerce of Oregon State college and the Oregon Retail Merchants association will be held here Wednesday and Thursday, August 6 and 7. Local arrangements for the two days of meetings are in charge of a committee of merchants consisting of P. M. Gemmell, John Hiatt, Earl W. Gordon, Chas. Smith and Dean Goodman.

Three authorities on business methods will be in charge of the program to which merchants in other towns in Morrow county have been invited. Prof. H. T. Vance, head of courses in merchandising at Oregon State college, who has had years of experience in advertising and merchandising, will handle advertising and selling at the institute. Business management will be under the supervision of Prof. E. E. Bosworth, head of courses in a certified public accountant.

O. F. Tate, secretary of the Oregon Retail Merchants association, will lead the discussions and conferences on store management. From practical experience Mr. Tate has learned that new aggressive types of retail outlets into the merchandising field make it necessary for a detailed analysis of merchants' problems.

A special feature of this year's institutes will be a window trimming contest which the three visiting instructors will judge. A grand prize will be given for the window which receives the highest score among those in competition from the 29 cities in which meetings are being held. Manufacturers of Oregon products are cooperating with the merchants in this contest and are sending out display material and suggestions for an attractive all-Oregon products display for those desiring it.

The program for sessions the first day includes discussions on the accounting for retail business and retail credits and collections by Professor Bosworth, retail advertising and salesmanship by Professor Vance and store management by Mr. Tate. The morning of the second day will be open for special conferences and visits to stores by the instructors. In the afternoon Professor Vance will discuss window trimming and Professor Bosworth store organization and management. All three of the instructors will be available as luncheon speakers.

Although the business institutes are only two years old, 23 Oregon cities requested them for 1930. The plan was inaugurated at Baker in March, 1928, and was so successful that it was tried again in 1929 with 18 institutes being held during the spring and summer, the retail merchants association adopting them as its chief activity.

Consumers Are Finding Farm Board is Friend

"The Federal Farm board is playing a masterful stroke by its recent exposures of the excessive spread between prices the producer gets and what the consumer pays," says a recent issue of the Oregon Farmer, continuing:

When the board was first set up, middlemen felt confident of swinging public opinion against it by creating the false belief that producers were attempting to extract higher prices from the consumer. Now the tables are turned and the true purpose of cooperative marketing is revealed to the consumer—cutting the spread so that both classes benefit.

Recently the board has directed public attention to the high prices which retailers are still charging for meat, bread, fruit and vegetables, notwithstanding that prices to producers for these commodities are the lowest in years. This information has had an unmistakable result. It has swung a strong consumer support to the farm board's program, creating the correct impression that the board stands for a fair dealing with consumers and producers alike.

This is a wholesome situation, but one in which middlemen, who so selfishly are fighting the board, can take slight comfort.

NO SHOW NEXT WEEK.

The Star theater will be closed from Monday, July 28, to Friday, August 1st, inclusive, according to announcement by Manager Sigbee. During this time Mr. Sigbee will be absent from the city on business.