

**OREGON STATE NEWS
ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**Brief Resume of Happenings
of the Week Collected for
Our Readers**

THE MARKETS
Portland

No wheat quotations.
Hay—Buying prices, f. o. b. Portland: Alfalfa, Yakima, \$12.50.
Butterfat—14 @ 15c.
Eggs—Ranch, 15 @ 16c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$4.75 @ 5.25.
Hogs—Good to choice, \$3.50 @ 4.35.
Lamb—Good to choice, \$5.25 @ 5.65.

SEATTLE

No wheat quotations.
Butterfat—16c.
Eggs—Ranch, 15 @ 16c.
Hogs—Good to choice, \$3.60 @ 3.75.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$4.25 @ 4.75.
Sheep—Spring lambs, \$5.00 @ 5.25.

Spokane

Cattle—Steers, good, \$4.25 @ 5.00.
Hogs—Good to choice, \$3.50 @ 4.00.
Lamb—Medium to good, \$4.75 @ 5.00.

First bricks of Rogue River cheese made at Central Point have been introduced at Medford. The plant has been in operation for a month and has already shipped several tons to California but has refrained from local sale until the cheese is properly aged. The ultimate capacity of the plant will provide for the use of 30,000 to 40,000 pounds of milk daily.

The white robin that each spring comes back to Sherwood has made his appearance again this year on the Walter Dewey farm near Sherwood. This is the third year that the bird has been seen in this vicinity. The bird is snowy white, with a red breast, and is always found in a flock of other robins.

One hundred and fifty men have begun work in five-hour shifts on the Pacific Highway at Ashland. Twenty-one per cent of the men are selected from the Jackson county unemployed list. The remainder are from Coos, Curry and Multnomah counties.

The postoffice at Melrose, Douglas county, has been discontinued. It was established 46 years ago. In these days it took the mail carrier a full day to travel 25 miles from one end of his route to the other. Today the carrier travel 59 miles in about four hours.

Wheat experts of Pendleton believe that heavy wheat land in Umatilla county, frozen out during the winter, will be reseeded 100 per cent, but that much of the light land will be left unseeded.

Owners of dogs in the city limits of Tillamook City have been warned by the police department that the ordinance that prohibits dogs from running at large will be rigidly enforced to the letter.

A decision of the circuit court determining the minimum or upset price at which farm land in Umatilla county may be sold under mortgage foreclosure is asked in a suit filed at Pendleton.

Acres in alfalfa in Lane county is gradually increasing and more will be planted this year than in any previous year. Sixty-nine soil tests for 22 different farmers were made during February.

A year and a half after receiving a report of a stolen watch from Tom Halverson, of Klamath Falls, the city police located the watch last week in a second-hand store.

The Lane county chapter of the Red Cross will do investigatory and relief work for the county committee of the Reconstruction Finance corporation.

Josephine Chard, 3, of Demar, died at Ketter Bros. hospital as the result of falling in a tub of scalding water at her home last Sunday night.

More than 200 men are now employed in county relief work in Marion county. It was announced by officials. Others will be added later.

Velma Kizer, teacher at Albany, is displaying a fully developed, ripe pineapple, the fruit of a tree that she has grown at her home.

Recall petitions have been filed at Warrenton, Clatsop county, seeking the recall of G. Clifford Barlow, police judge.

The Reedsport Chamber of Commerce will issue scrip secured by large payrolls in the lower Umpqua valley. The scrip will be in denominations of 25 cents, \$1 and \$2.50. Orders for wages are given priority right in the redemption of the scrip.

The signs of spring willows appeared, grass sprouted, strawberries were seen, incubators brought forth their young and still spring did not come. But now the boys have begun to play marbles and spring is here.

Speaking of longevity: Word has been received by J. L. Hallmark, who has moved back to Cove, Ore., recently from La Grande of the death of a brother at the age of 101 years. Mr. Hallmark, who is nearly 70, was the youngest of a family of 12 children, all of whom were alive until this death occurred.

In the Trout Creek section on the H. L. Friday ranch, an unusual sight to be seen by the traveler on The Dalles-California highway is a small herd of buffalo feeding in the alfalfa field. These animals were secured recently by Mr. Friday while in Portland and brought to their new ranch home by truck.

In the Hubbard section the strawberry crop will be light this year. The long drouth last summer prevented the development of fruit spurs, while the big freeze of some weeks past raised havoc with the plants. Black-caps were not injured and the damage to raspberries and logans was slight.

School started last Monday for eight children of the forest fire-blackened Cochran area. In a converted railroad car, a teacher, hired by citizens of Wheeler, will teach the children of the few families remaining after the worst fire in the history of the state laid desolate the region.

Expenditures of the city of Bend during 1932 were \$34,000 under budget allotments, with the result that tax delinquencies were offset and a reduction of \$9500 in the city's warrant debt was made. The city spent \$71,634 during the year.

Fuel has been supplied to all the needy in immediate territory of Toledo during the winter by the Creanery Package company of Toledo. This is in the form of waste wood which cannot be used by the plant and would otherwise be burned.

A large mule, and an automobile driven by Troy Qualls of Klamath county, met recently on The Dalles-California highway near Williamson river, head-on. The mule was killed and the automobile badly wrecked.

A protest against the rerouting of the Pacific Highway from the northern city limits of Ashland to a point north of Jackson Hot Springs has been made by a group of property owners along the present route.

The Yamhill county court has reduced the tax on dogs. The new rate for males and spayed females is 50 cents and for females 75 cents. This is a 50 per cent reduction compared with last year.

When Ray Toft of Jacksonville committed suicide, last October, it was reported that he was in financial difficulties. An inventory of his property, just filed, shows that he left an estate valued at \$67,359.

Word has been received here that Dougan-Hammond co., of Portland, awarded the contract for the construction of the new Oregon City post office, will start work this month on the new structure.

Congressman Samuel A. Kendall of Pennsylvania, who recently committed suicide, was financially interested for many years in large timber holdings on the North Umpqua and East Umpqua rivers.

Mary Hoffman Vining, an Oregon pioneer of 1853, is dead at her home in Ashland. She was nearly 90 years of age and was the mother of Irving Vining, a member of the state game commission.

Road work in Clatsop county is being held back pending spring tax payments, which are expected to give the county court an idea of what funds may be expected to be realized.

The Mayea cedar mill on Middle Elk, in Curry county, is to be moved south of Ophir this week and work will continue on cutting Port Orford cedar for storage battery separators.

Pastor Whitesmith of Community Liberal church at Eugene has proposed to the Lane county court that it allow property owners to work out delinquent taxes on the roads.

Stockholders of the Old Union Ditch company, organized 59 years ago in Yakima county, have celebrated its 50th anniversary and approved new articles of incorporation.

George W. Dunn, state senator, Jackson county, has been elected president of the First National bank of Ashland to succeed the late E. V. Carter.

Alfred Skatts of Blaine was arrested recently on a charge of unlawful possession of deer meat and was sentenced to 50 days in jail and fined \$100.

Wild Horse grange, at Adams, Umatilla county, has passed resolutions opposing a sales tax and also a 3-mill tax for state purposes.

John Boyd, 60, of Medford was in a serious condition in a hospital as the result of an explosion in a local rooming house. Boyd was attempting to build a fire with the aid of kerosene when the explosion occurred.

Walter P. Fell has been reelected president of the Eugene water board. The board voted to discontinue the street lighting service in the College Crest district.

**Cut Out Non-Producers
and Save Cost of Feed**

According to the poultry department of the New York State College of Agriculture, feed is about one-half of the cost of keeping a hen, 90 pounds being required per year for slightly better than average production. During the past 11 years the number of eggs per hen to pay for her cost of feed has ranged from 48 to 72 per year, averaging 62. In 1931, it required 69 eggs per hen annually to pay her feed costs. About ten dozen are required per bird to pay the entire cost.

On this basis you can easily estimate what your own flock is doing. Now is the time to cull the old hens. As with the dairy so with the poultry, this is the year to weed out the non-producers mercilessly. Fortunately, the ratio between feed and eggs is relatively good, so that if you do cull closely and then exercise more than usual care your poultry business may come through fairly well during the next year.—American Agriculturist.

Sanitation Pays

Illinois poultry men who use sanitation and otherwise practiced good management got a return of 31 cents an hour more for their labor last year than flock owners who did not use sanitation, according to a summary of their records by H. H. Alp, poultry extension specialist of the University of Illinois. He cites this as further evidence that the difference between success and failure in poultry raising is largely one of good management since sanitation is always part of good management. Flocks handled under the recommended sanitation system paid their owners a return of 73 cents an hour for labor, while nonsanitation farms paid only 45 cents an hour.—Indiana Farmer's Guide.

Watch Flock's Condition

Flocks should be handled frequently if one is to know their true condition. They are disturbed least by doing this at night after they have gone to roost. If too fat, reduce the feed and increase the amount of bran. If results are still poor, increase the amount of animal feed, such as meat scraps, etc. Hens with too much fat are not in good laying condition because the fat prevents the egg from passing through the egg duct. It takes some experience in handling to detect the "pink of condition" in a laying hen but it is a knack that can be easily acquired.

For Good Hatch

The older, and better known essentials of a good hatch are these: (1) Eggs must be fertile. In the breeding flock there should be one vigorous male to every eight hens in the heaviest breeds, one to 15 in the light breeds, and one to 20 in the light breeds. (2) Eggs must be gathered same day as laid. (3) Eggs must be stored in a temperature between 52 and 68 degrees Fahrenheit, and should be turned daily. (4) Eggs should be selected normal in shape and size.

Poultry Facts

Chickens need at least four square feet per bird in small houses.

It is claimed that a hen's eggs reach maximum size during her second year's laying.

When wild turkeys appear near a tame flock they greatly excite the domesticated birds, and a wild gobbler will attack a tame one, usually being victorious over the barnyard variety.

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HI-WAYS TO HEALTH
By Ada R. Mayne

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Delicious Egg Features

A wise resolution for any housewife to make is to serve eggs in some form every day. Now that spring is coming and eggs are getting more plentiful, and cheaper in price, this can be done without increasing costs. Nutrition authorities recommend eggs at least three or four times a week for a well balanced diet. This is because of their value as body-building food, their high vitamin content, and because they are an excellent source of iron in a form very easily utilized in the body. Because of this iron, eggs are good blood builders. Although eggs are richer in iron than milk, they contain much less calcium or lime. For this reason they are in no way a substitute for milk but should be considered a supplement to it. Dishes prepared with these two protective foods in combination assure a highly nutritious, as well as palatable result. The addition of cheese to any egg dish gives rest and flavor which adds to its palatability. A few recipes featuring eggs, with milk and cheese, are:

- Eggs and Noodles au Gratin.
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 1/4 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 tsp. onion white pepper
- 2 cups diced celery
- 6 hard cooked eggs
- 1/4 cup grated cheese
- 1 package noodles
- Cook noodles in salted water until tender. Make white sauce of flour, milk and seasonings. Brown celery in butter. Put noodles, celery, sliced eggs, and cheese in alternate layers into buttered baking dish. Pour white sauce over all. Sprinkle with grated cheese and paprika. Set in moderate oven.
- 1 cheese melts and brown lightly. Serves six.

- Egg Roll with Cheese Sauce.
- Make your favorite baking powder biscuit dough adding two tablespoons of cheese with shortening. Roll out to about 1/4 inch thickness and spread with the egg filling:
- 1 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 hard cooked eggs
- Make a thick white sauce of the flour, milk, salt and butter. Add the chopped, hard cooked eggs. When cool, spread on the biscuit dough. Roll the dough jelly-roll fashion and cut into half inch slices. Place slices cut side up in pan and bake in hot oven 15 minutes. Serve with cheese sauce or melted cheese.

- Cheese Souffle.
- 4 eggs
- 1 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup fine dry bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 lb. American cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 3 drops Tabasco sauce
- Heat the milk, bread crumbs, and butter in a double boiler. Shave the cheese into thin slices, add it to the hot mixture, and stir until the cheese has melted. Add this mixture to the well-beaten egg yolks. Season to taste with paprika and Tabasco. Fold the hot mixture into the stiffly beaten egg whites containing the salt. Pour into a greased dish, and bake in a very moderate oven (300 F.) for one hour, or until set in the center. Serve immediately.

Stitch for Needy



Girl Scouts have nimble fingers and willing hearts. They prefer to turn out pretty clothes, when they can get the material, but thousands of them are contributing their services as seamstresses to the needy these hard times.

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