

MARKETING ACT CHIEF FARMBOOM

Eight-Year Battle for Relief Answered by Congress— Adjustment of Production and Efficient Marketing To Be Fostered by Farm Board — Fifty Million Loaned.

By Frank L. Weller (Farm Editor Associated Press Feature Service)

WASHINGTON (AP)—Passage of the agricultural marketing act, the answer of congress to an eight-year battle for "farm relief," is regarded by agricultural economists as an outstanding event of the last year.

Under it, the president has created a federal farm board with Alexander Legge, former manufacturer of farm machinery, at its head. Its eight members, representing the major farm commodities, are pledged to effect a better adjustment of production to demand and a more efficient system of marketing.

So far it has set up a \$100,000,000 national marketing organization for grain, a \$1,000,000 agency for livestock, and a national marketing council of the same capitalization for wool and mohair.

Cotton Aided
It has approved a loan of \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 for the American Cotton Growers' exchange and advanced funds on smaller loans for farm industries ranging in type from seed associations to Florida citrus cooperatives and California raisin cooperatives.

It has used approximately \$50,000,000 of the original \$150,000,000 appropriated from the authorized revolving fund of \$500,000,000.

It is the theory of the federal farm board that they are to help farmers help themselves and that they are to be paid back with interest. While stress is laid upon the effective organization of cooperative marketing associations as a means of improving farm conditions, the act contemplates a program embracing all major economic factors that materially influence farm incomes.

Grange Sympathy
To this program Secretary Hyde, an ex-officio member of the farm board, has correlated every agency of the department of agriculture, and behind this union of the two governmental forces stands the broad sympathy and cooperation of the National Grange and the American Farm Bureau federation—the farmer's own organizations through which he struggled for farm relief legislation.

With agriculture thus drawn out of 1929 its first promise of national unity and its first program of concerted effort, it looks back on a year of total income that will equal, if it does not exceed, that of the preceding year.

The aggregate gross income from agricultural production for the crop season 1928-29 is estimated at \$12,527,000,000, or about \$22,000,000 more than that of the year 1927-28.

Income Increased
Cash income from the sale of farm products is estimated to have totaled \$9,945,000,000, or an increase of \$79,000,000 over the corresponding figure of a year ago. The net income of farmers, however, was only about \$16,000,000 greater, with the return earned on the current value of agricultural property about the same—7 per cent.

Higher prices for livestock and livestock products were the principal cause of improvement. Interpreting 1928-29 conditions as evidenced of continued gradual improvement in agriculture, Secretary Hyde says farm incomes averaged higher last year than for any season since 1920-21 except 1925-26.

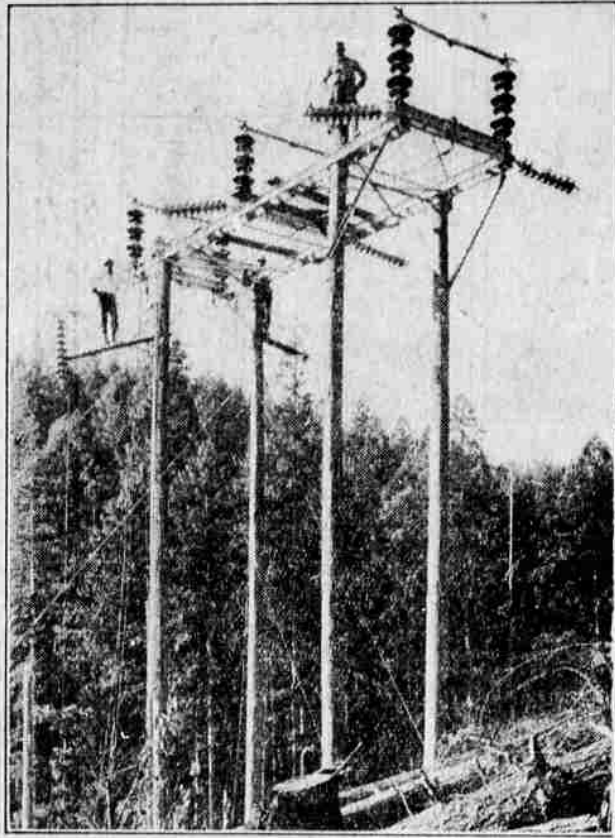
Staying on Farm
The movement of population from the farm declined, and rate of depreciation in farm land values declined. Forced sales and related defaults in connection with farm land decreased. Estimated at \$58,625,000,000, the current value of agricultural real estate and personal property is nearly \$400,000,000 higher than last year.

While the losses were so evenly distributed that no large area had either a very bountiful or very short crop, the widespread drought of the 1928 growing season dried up pastures and reduced crop yields below those of any recent year.

Student Held for Death
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP) Raymond Tomfohr, 18, high school student was held without bail today following an automobile accident last night in which Frank A. Russell, 71, proprietor of a suburban hardware store was killed.

KHJ becomes the originating point for the first of the 13 weekly Pacific to Atlantic transcontinental programs on the CBS chain. The broadcasts originate from the M-G-M studios.

Copco Completes Power Line



One of the huge towers on the new Dixonville-North Bend transmission line completed November 1, 1929. This new line which is 65 miles long, connects the Copco system with the Coos Bay steam plant of the Mountain States Power Company and is expected to insure continuous and dependable service in this territory through a dual source of power supply.

News Notes of Pomona and Subordinate Grange Chapters Given by Official Reporters

Grange Calendar (For January, 1930)

Talent, Thursday, Jan. 2, 8 p. m.
Central Point, Friday, Jan. 3, 8 p. m.
Sams Valley, Saturday, Jan. 4, 8:30 p. m.
Live Oaks, Monday, January 6, 8 p. m.
Eagle Point, Tuesday, Jan. 7, 8 p. m.
Jacksonville, Thursday, Jan. 9, 8:30 p. m.
Lake Creek, Thursday, Jan. 9, 8:30 p. m.
Enterprise, Saturday, Jan. 11, 10 a. m.
Talent, Thursday, Jan. 16, 8 p. m.
Central Point, Friday, Jan. 17, 8 p. m.
Sams Valley, Saturday, Jan. 18, 8:30 p. m.
Live Oaks, Monday, Jan. 20, 8 p. m.
Eagle Point, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 8 p. m.
Jacksonville, Thursday, Jan. 23, 8 p. m.
Lake Creek, Thursday, Jan. 23, 8:30 p. m.
Pomona, Sams Valley, Saturday, Jan. 25, 10 a. m.
Pomona, Evening session for degree, Sams Valley, Saturday, Jan. 25, 8 p. m.

Special Notice
Dedication of Eagle Point Grange hall by State Master Geo. A. Palmer, Tuesday, January 7, 8 p. m.
Dedication of Fruitdale hall, Josephine county, by State Master Geo. A. Palmer, January 1, afternoon.
State Grange Master Geo. A. Palmer will be in southern Oregon from January 1 for one week.

Grange Motto
In essentials, unity;
In non-essentials, liberty;
In all things, charity.

A New Year's Greeting
Today sees the passing of the year of 1929. Tomorrow we greet the New Year, 1930. Without a doubt thousands of good resolutions will be made by individuals for the New Year. Without a doubt, many of these resolutions, made in good faith, will be broken before the year 1930 has run its course. Nevertheless, the making of a good resolution, proves that we recognize our mistakes and have an earnest desire to do better, and on that principle all the good in the world is accomplished. On that principle depends all progress in every line. To recognize our mistakes and to have a desire to do better.

To be content with the world as it is, to be content with ourselves as we are, to be content with the work our Grange has done in the past, is to be in a stagnated condition of mind. Such a condition of mind means that we will go backward instead of forward for nature has ordained that nothing stands still. If we do not go forward we will certainly go backward.

And as we wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year we must also add, we wish you a Useful Year, for happiness and prosperity comes through usefulness.

We believe prosperity means the acquiring of those things to which we attach the greatest value. If we believe our greatest happiness lies in acquiring dollars and cents, then in that way will prosperity be for us. But people who have really lived and have run the whole gamut of emotions know that it takes more than dollars and cents to bring real happiness.

Do we value knowledge? Then the acquiring of knowledge is the gaining of riches, and these riches are far more stable than dollars and cents, for no man can take them from us. These are riches that we can share with our fellow-men and still increase our own supply.

Do we love our fellowmen? Then may we have that happiness which comes from doing for those we love.

And though the new year is before us and we may make much of it, yet we cannot reasonably expect to have all things. Choose, we must, and as we choose, let us choose only the best—in friends, in books, in recreation, in everything.

And, dear Grangers, as we make our plans for the coming year, let us remember that our Grange is founded on the "loftiest" aims that man can seek; that in morality, we seek the highest standard; that honesty, integrity, education, nurtured, temperance, supported, brotherly love, encouraged and charity made an essential characteristic.

Our own mistakes are many, so we should strive to be patient with what we consider the mistakes of others, for it may be possible that we are the ones who do not see things aright.

And so let us hope for a year of true co-operation in all things for the good of our fellow members, and let us work with all other orders or associations which seek to promote human welfare, and strive with them, for the good of our fellow-beings.

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

I would be friend to all—the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
I would look up—and laugh—and—love—and lift.

Eagle Point Grange
Eagle Point Grange will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, January 7, at 8 p. m.
State Master Geo. A. Palmer will be with you at this meeting to dedicate our new hall and all the Grange is looking forward to this occasion and also to meeting Brother Palmer whose sincerity and earnestness have a lasting impression on all who know him. His loyalty to the Grange and his self-sacrificing work have built up the Grange in Oregon past the greatest expectations of those who placed him at the head of this great order eleven years ago.

Every Granger will want to hear Brother Palmer, for his earnestness and loyalty are invariably transmitted to his hearers, and coming, as he does, at the very beginning of the New Year, should give an added impetus to Grange work for the year, and should inspire in us a desire to conform more closely to Grange principles; to study more closely Grange aims; and to co-operate in whatever the Grange feels is for the best interests of its members.

tion and built another hall to take the place of the first one, and we are now, in less than one year's time, ready to dedicate this hall to the Grange. All of which goes to show a great love for our own local organization and a great loyalty and faith in the order of the Patrons of Husbandry.

In going over the past year's work we are also reminded so forcibly of the kindly spirit of co-operation of the friends of the Grange in our own local community and throughout Jackson county. Had it not been for the assistance of these friends we know that we would not have had another hall ready to dedicate at this time. For all of these blessings we feel very thankful and we truly hope that our Grange will prove such a blessing to the community, to the county and to humanity in general that these kindly friends will feel more than repaid.

Let our Grange hall be filled to capacity on Tuesday night, January 7.

All Grangers are invited and are always cordially welcome.

Honoring J. S. Spencer

An informal reception was held in the Eagle Point Grange hall to honor "Jim" Spencer, who is spending the holidays in Jackson county. Mr. Spencer was formerly manager of the Eagle Point Irrigation Ditch Co., and while he resided in Eagle Point was a highly esteemed member of the Eagle Point Grange.

The Grange owes to Mr. Spencer the planning of the old Grange hall that was destroyed by fire a year ago. He also supervised most of the construction of the building and painted the beautiful scene of Table Rock and the Rogue River valley which adorned the stage as a background. Many other items of his artistic ability in the finishing and adorning of our past Grange hall are remembered by the members, with whom he is a great favorite.

Mr. Spencer is still a member of the Grange although he has been absent for a year or a part of his devotion to the Grange is shown in the fact that he is spending much of his vacation at Eagle Point where he is again painting a background for the stage of the new hall. Words cannot express the appreciation of the Grange for this service which Mr. Spencer has rendered gratis, because of his love for an appreciation of the Eagle Point Grange.

The evening was spent in singing songs and giving informal readings. The master of the Grange presented Mr. Spencer with a Schaeffer fountain as a token of appreciation for the Grange for his kindly service as well as a token of kindly regard.

Mr. Spencer will be here this week for a visit and is at present employed on the Umatilla Irrigation project.

Lake Creek Grange

Lake Creek Grange held its regular meeting on Thursday evening, December 26, with the new master, Reed Charley, in the chair. A few of the new officers were: Mrs. Spence, secretary; Mrs. Penfield, whose home is at present employed on the Umatilla Irrigation project.

Lecturer, Floyd Charley; assistant steward, Loren Farlow; secretary, Beth Farlow; gate keeper, Raphael Gardner; pianist, Fern Farlow.

The principal business was a lengthy discussion on the new hall. The Grange voted to accept the site secured by the hall committee and to erect a building 26 feet tall by 72 feet.

The location is to be opposite the Lake Creek store and not far distant from the Lake Creek dance hall. The hall committee will secure various plans and submit them to the Grange for its approval on interior details.

At the next regular meeting to be held at Reed Charley's place on January 9, a plan for financing the hall will be adopted. It is important that all members be present as all should have a voice in the making of this decision.

The following committees for the new year were appointed by the master:

Finance: Julia Sady, Herman Meyer, Myrtle Charley.
Relief: Mable Brown, Augusta Scordell, Bill Almy.
Agricultural: Floyd Charley, Emma Messal, Mike Hanley, Jr.
Legislative: Beth Farlow, Raymond Ragsdale, Claus Charley.
Ways and Means: Tom Farlow, Charlie Terrill, Frank Nygren.
Publicity: Beth Farlow.

Home societies: Mary Hanley, Helen Sully, Edith Jones, Beatrice Gardner, Nora Bradshaw.
Candidates: Mary Moore, Alma Meyer, Melvin Wright.
Marketing: Russ Moore, Floyd Charley, Herman Meyer, Jr.
Pianist: Mary Charley.

For various reasons, none of the numbers planned by the new lecturer were responded to. The Grange is always ready with emergency entertainment, however, so persuaded Don Brown and Cwendolyn Charley to give readings which were greatly enjoyed by all present.

Past Master Floyd Charley suggested, for the good of the order, that the new officers read the advice of Worthy State Master George A. Palmer, regarding their new work.

The following people have recently contributed to "the little apron fund": Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sims, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Benmes, William Gray and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grigsby, Mrs. Donna Bell Goodwin and Mr. and Mrs. Hoy Smith.

The Grange greatly appreciates all contributions which have been made.

Central Point Grange

The Central Point Grange will hold their regular meeting Friday evening, January 3, and every member possible to attend, as there will be very important business come before the meeting. It is also reported that the worthy state master will be present that evening and those who have not had the privilege of meeting him should take the opportunity as

he will have something worth while in store for all. Please attend by request of John A. Anderson, master.

Jacksonville Grange

A short, but interesting meeting was held by the Jacksonville Grange Thursday evening. The meeting opened promptly with almost all new officers present.

New officers, taking the chair were: Ted Sims, master; Chester Wendt, overseer; Mrs. Mable Sims, lecturer; Justin Judy, steward; Emma Conger, lady assistant steward; George Sander, secretary; George Wendt, treasurer; Phil Thurston, gate keeper; Mrs. Coke, Ceres; Ruth Severance, Flora; Callie Sanden, Pomona.

Chester Wendt, overseer, Justin Judy, steward, were installed by John Neidermeyer, past master.

A clear ballot was cast for Ernest Selling to become a member of the Jacksonville Grange.

A special meeting was called by the master for Monday, January 6, at 8 p. m. All members should be present as the State Master, George A. Palmer, will be present at that time. He will have a message of interest to all Grangers and every one should take this opportunity of hearing him. A covered dish luncheon will be served.

C. D. Tompson, professor of agriculture of the Medford high school, announced that his night school would open January 7 at seven o'clock. Important facts on farming will be studied during this session and all interested in that subject would do well to attend. The school is free.

The following committees were appointed to carry on the program for the ensuing year:

Marketing—Chester Wendt, J. D. Brown, Ted Sims.
Home Economics—Mrs. Langley, Mrs. Severance, Anna Wendt.
Ways and Means—Henry Conger, Ruth Severance, Charles Hoover.

Relief—Lottie Bowman, Dr. Forbes, Elsie Hoover.
Candidate—John Neidermeyer, Peter Fick, O. E. Simmons.
Legislative—Geo. Fisk, C. D. Tompson, Otto Neidermeyer.
Education—Lulu Thurston, Nellie Neidermeyer, Mable Sims.
Reception—Mrs. Sanden, Phil Thurston, Maggie Howell.

Fair—George Wendt, Carl Neidermeyer, Justin Judy.
Agricultural—Henry Neidermeyer, Roy Martin, Joe Koendig.
Road—Bert Conger, John Garby, W. W. Hartley.

The following program was presented by the lecturer: Vocal solo, Mrs. Thurston; reading, "The Night After Christmas," John Neidermeyer; talk on application of electricity to farm and home life, Mrs. Spence; Christmas song by Evelyn Sanden; recitation, by Emma Conger; burlesque hymn solo by George Wendt; community songs, led by Mrs. Severance.

At the close of the meeting popcorn balls were served with the compliments of Mr. and Mrs. Theoline Sims.

FARM WIFE DIED FROM POISONING

RUSHVILLE, Ind., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Chemical analysis of the body of Mrs. Maggie Rhodes Kolb, recently exhumed, showed death was caused by poison, according to reports received from Indianapolis today. She was the second wife of George Kolb, a farmer near here. At the time of her death, April 28, 1928, heart disease was ascribed as the cause. Exhumation was ordered as a result of an investigation into the sudden death in October this year of Edna Dagler Kolb, third wife who according to a recent verdict of the county coroner died of poison.

Meanwhile, Kolb is in a local hospital recovering from poison apparently self-administered last week.

ROSEBURG FARMER IS DEAD BY OWN RIFLE

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Ed Ware, 32, prominent farmer, living near Roseburg, was dead today, as the victim of his own rifle.

Ware was carrying a rifle when he went to get his automobile left at the home of A. L. Caskey. Caskey said he talked with Ware a few moments and later heard the report of a rifle. It is believed the rifle discharged accidentally.

Rialto Will Show Untamed Tomorrow

A fight in a ballroom is one of the novelties of "Untamed," the new Joan Crawford all-talking vehicle which comes to the Fox Rialto theater tomorrow.

Contrary to general custom, when Robert Montgomery and Don Terry argue over Joan Crawford, they do not go "outside" to complete the discussion. Certain words are dragged down to make a ritzing and fair young female seconds in evening clothes fan the battles between rounds with their own dress shirts.

The battle between the two players has decided reality, because both players are boxers of experience. Don Terry, as Bobbie Dismore, won the light heavyweight championship of England in 1926. Montgomery had a fight in his last stage play, "Possession."

"Casey" Jones, driver of a clean-cut truck, drives University of Missouri co-eds to early morning classes.

STOCK SAG FEATURE OF PAST YEAR

Rising Tide of Security Prices Halted in October By Worst Break in History of Market — Major Industries Continued Progress—Many Mergers Consummated.

By Stanley W. Prensold (Associated Press Financial Editor)

NEW YORK (AP)—Collapse of the bull movement in stock prices was the outstanding financial development of the year.

The rising tide of prices came to a dramatic halt in October in an extensive and destructive period of liquidation in Wall street's history.

Prices of stocks on all the exchanges and unlisted markets of the country plunged downward so rapidly that only a small part of the 15-20,000,000 security holders escaped without some depreciation in the value of their holdings.

Thousands of margin speculators were wiped out.

In some quarters it was felt that the reduced purchasing power of the millions who had taken either actual or paper losses in the market certainly would be felt.

Released credit in others there was a feeling that the large volume of credit released from speculative channels would be made available for business and agricultural expansion.

Conflicting opinions developed in banking and business circles as to the ultimate effect of the securities decline on general business.

Signs of recession had begun to appear in certain industries before the break, notably in steel and motors. The building industry had been plodding along for several months under the handicap of high interest rates which made financing of new construction difficult.

In striking contrast to the post-war depression of 1921, there were no heavy inventories this year, except possibly in the automobile industry; no inflation of commodities; no unusually heavy bank loans.

Business Active
Maintenance of low inventories with business activity at high levels was made possible largely through improved transportation facilities.

Corporations generally were in much better shape financially this year, many of them having either eliminated bank loans altogether or reduced funded and other indebtedness through the retirement of bond issues and the sale of additional common stock.

The steel industry, regarded in many quarters as barometric of business conditions, continued at record breaking levels in the spring and summer, but tapered off in the closing months of the year.

Oil, Make Progress
The oil industry made notable progress in solving the troubles of overproduction. The industry inaugurated regional curtailment agreements and obtained the enactment of state laws to eliminate waste.

Public utility development went on at a rapid rate, with several important merger projects consummated and others laid up by the break in security prices. The announcement of several electrification projects by the Pennsylvania, Lackawanna and other railroads was made during the year.

Combines Seen
Mail order firms embarked on a huge program of expansion into the chain store field. Huge combines also were effected in the food, steel, copper, oil and most of the other leading industries.

Little progress was made toward the unification of the railroads, pending publication of a revised consolidation plan of the interstate commerce commission. The commission received several petitions for the approval of mergers, particularly in the eastern territory.

The break in security prices also caused the abandonment or temporary postponement of many financial plans, including the merger of the National City bank and the Corn Exchange Bank Trust company into what would have been the largest bank in the world.

Quoted values on the New York stock exchange alone dropped more than \$15,000,000,000 in October and probably as much more in the first half of November, although some recovery took place in the closing weeks of the year.

Many Reasons Heard
Apart from the obvious fact that speculation in securities had been carried to excess, all sorts of reasons were advanced for the decline. One major factor was the huge volume of undistributed securities, particularly of investment trusts, that had overhung the market and had been financed, in a large extent, through brokers' loans.

new tariff, which failed to pass some bankers, although this was sage in the special session, was vigorously disputed by some senators advanced as another reason by others.



Shades of the Past

—Good old times are a reliable guide to steer by—aim straight, play straight and safe—and you'll get to the port of prosperity and comfort. That's how we intend to serve you during the coming year, as in the past. Let's co-operate.

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