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ECONOMISTS TO ADDRESS OSC MEETS

General Farm Science Course to Open at Corvallis Monday, With Federal Chief As Special Speaker.

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 24.—With the engagement of Dr. W. J. Spillman of Washington, D. C. as special speaker on farm economics, advance preparations for opening next Monday the first general farm science short course in 15 years are almost complete. Detailed programs have been issued showing some 125 lectures billed for the week of January 26 to 31. Dr. Spillman is principal economist in the federal office of farm management and is known throughout the country as one of the outstanding popular lecturers on farm economics. His last appearance in Oregon was at the first eastern Oregon wheat conference at Moro in 1925.

He has been scheduled for four general assembly lectures to the entire group of farmers who attend the short course. His four topics are: "The Agricultural Outlook Service," "The Statistical Service of State and Nation," "The Dairy and Poultry Situation" and "Adjusting Farm Production to Demand."

Aside from this opportunity to receive first hand a report on national farm economic conditions, farmer-students at the science school will be able to choose a course of lectures and demonstrations daily that most interests them. As many as four lectures are scheduled per hour, allowing considerable latitude for choice.

G. R. Hyslop, head of the staff committee in charge of the farmers' week, announces that plenty of local accommodations are being provided for the visitors. Many opportunities for special conferences with specialists or with other groups of growers will be afforded aside from the prepared program.

No charge whatever will be made for the courses, as neither fees nor tuition will be collected.

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 24.—E. E. Denman, livestock member of the federal farm board, who has never before visited this state since his appointment, has accepted an invitation to speak in Salem January 27 before the annual meeting of the Oregon cooperative council.

The program for this annual session has been issued by George O. Gatlin, secretary, treasurer of the council and marketing specialist of the extension service. Governor Julius L. Meier has also been invited to address the opening session.

Among others to appear on the program are Dr. Hector McPherson, Iann county member of the legislature; W. G. Ide, state chamber of commerce; Wm. A. Schoenfeld, regional representative of the farm board; J. H. Toll, marketing specialist at the college, and R. A. Ward, Oregon delegate to the National Cooperative council.

Present officers of the council which now comprises 40 of the leading farmers organizations of the state are J. O. Holt, Eugene, president; Glenn H. Marsh, Hood River, and C. V. Laughlin, Astoria, vice presidents, and Mr. Gatlin, secretary-treasurer. Election of new officers will be part of the business transacted.

FARM SCIENCE OFFERED IN O. S. C. SHORT COURSE



Staff leaders in charge of modernized "farmers' week" at Oregon State College January 26 to 31, and some late developments to be discussed. Above, irrigated pasture, the hope of many dairymen; below, combine harvesting Austrian winter field peas for seed. Inset, from left, P. M. Brandt, in charge of live stock division of program; G. R. Hyslop, general chairman of program committee, Dr. A. B. Cordley, dean of agriculture.

MUSICAL MOUSE IN SALEM HOME UNDER SCRUTINY

SALEM, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Even mice have their musical moments. Witness, for example, the tawny-gray creature captured here in a grocery store.

For the past two months, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Fisher heard noises emanating from their store room. Nothing could be found. The noises continued, sometimes with the rasping chirp of a cricket, but often with a quaint musical lilt. Most frequently it was heard at night. Occupants of the living quarters in the rear of the structure were awakened, puzzled by strange melodies.

Finally Mrs. Fisher discovered the mouse when she was sweeping out the corners near some carrot sacks. The mouse scurried. All devices to capture it failed until it was again seen singing merrily away in a carrot sack.

Then surgery was called into play—the open end of the bag was placed in the mouth of a large candy jar and the tiny creature moved its quarters.

Since its capture it has made a cozy nest in one corner of a match box in the jar. It lives on carrots, bits of cabbage, lettuce, bread, potatoes and cheese. It will be housed in the jar while experts at Oregon State college study its vocal powers and test and record them scientifically.

TURKEY SHOW OF UMPQUA BRINGS CROP INCREASES

ROSEBURG, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The annual Northwestern Turkey show, held each December at Oakland, Ore., has resulted in from 200 to 400 per cent increase in the sale of breeding turkeys by Oregon growers. J. C. Leedy, county agent, believes.

In previous years Oregon turkeys were sold largely for meat purposes and breeding stock was imported from other states. Since the show was inaugurated, however, there has been a noticeable increase in the quality of Oregon breeding stock and sales have become an important factor in the industry. Birds for breeding purposes sell for from 50 to 100 per cent more than those sold for meat.

The Oregon legislature is being asked to assist the annual show with an appropriation which will enable larger cash prizes to be offered. It is proposed next year to hold the show for four days instead of two if the special assistance requested from the state is obtained.

SILETZ TIMBER TRACT BOUGHT AT HIGH PRICE

Portland, Ore. Jan. 24.—(AP)—George W. Thatcher, president and treasurer of Inman-Poulsen Lumber company, today confirmed the reported purchase by his company of about 600,000,000 feet of standing timber on the Siletz river west of Valseck, Ore. He declined, in absence of H. B. Van Duzer, vice-president, to confirm the reported purchase price of about \$1,500,000.

The purchase, with previous holdings, gives the company about 1,400,000,000 feet of timber almost all in a single block, Thatcher said.

Cutting operations would not be started for some time, he said. Construction of a mill had been discussed, but was not definitely planned. The mill would probably be placed at Valseck, terminus of the Voller & Siletz railroad.

One of the two tracts in the new block of timber was purchased from Kansas City real-

OREGON ACREAGE IN 'FLAX FIBRE' BEST IN NATION

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Oregon has the largest acreage producing "line" of high grade flax fibre in the United States, and has the largest scutching plant in the country, according to a survey of the flax industry issued by the University of Oregon school of business administration.

The acreage, all in the Willamette valley, is 5,150,000 acres suitable for flax culture, the report said. Annually two million pounds of flax fibre is delivered to the state flax plant at Salem.

Potential markets of 200,000 to 400,000 pounds of sucking twine in the northwest, and 100,000 pounds of hop twine on the Pacific coast are pointed to by the report.

The survey is entitled "Marketing and Manufacturing Factors in Oregon's Flax Industry." It was prepared by A. L. Lomax, professor of business administration, and Theodore Van Buijster, research assistant. The 44-page booklet was printed by the university press.

He declines, Thatcher said. He declined to give the names of the previous owners.

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MEIER TO SEND PORT MESSAGE TO LEGISLATURE

Governor Will Reiterate With Details for Portland Bill—Two Bills Introduced Fail to Satisfy.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP) It was understood here today that Governor Meier will send another special message to the legislature Monday. It will deal with Port of Portland legislation and will reiterate, with more detail, the recommendation in the governor's inaugural message that appointment of the port commissioners be returned to the governor.

Also, it is understood that another bill relative to selection of the port commissioners will be introduced Monday, and that it will not conform to the governor's recommendations. Who will introduce the bill could not be ascertained today, but it will appear in the senate.

Two bills on the subject have been introduced in the house. One of the bills, introduced by a group of the Multnomah delegation headed by Representative Keasey, conforms to the governor's recommendation. The other, introduced by another group from Multnomah headed by Representative Annell, provides for election of the commissioners by the people of the district.

In his inaugural message the governor recommended that election of the commissioners be taken away from the state legislature and the appointive power given the range.

RANGE CONDITIONS AND WEATHER O.K. FOR STATE STOCK

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Range and weather conditions in Oregon are very favorable for this time of year, and little feeding is being done, as snow is generally off the ground and stock back on the feeding ranges. This is the report of the federal state crop reporting service of the department of agriculture.

Condition of stock is from fair to very good, the report said, and there is plenty of feed to carry through the winter. Sheep are staying out on ranges exceptionally late and are in good condition.

Range conditions in the state show a slight improvement over December, and little feeding has been required. Lack of snow is causing a water shortage in some quarters, the government report said, while other districts say feeding will have to begin again if frost and fog continue.

While the condition of Oregon cattle shows very little change from last month, a great number are being held because of low price. Sheep are wintering well.

Two Chicago robbers held up a taxicab driver at the same corner the same night, but accosted two policemen on their seventh attempt.

Oregon Press Comment Upon Wickersham Dry Law Report

(Columbia Register-Guard)

The breathlessly awaited report of the Wickersham commission on prohibition and law enforcement approves the main idea of the 18th amendment in principle and practice. It opposes any immediate changes except such as will make possible the most strenuous program of enforcement the country has seen.

On the other hand—

The report discusses with great candor grave evils of social and political corruption for which it holds prohibition to be an admitted cause, in part, and it concedes the possible need of change—if the new program of enforcement does not work.

Ten of the eleven members sign the majority report embodying stricter enforcement as the only feasible step. But dissent is admitted. All members reserve the right to say just what they think, personally in talking to the press and public. Four of the eleven members submit with the majority report a detailed outline of a plan for change if the enforcement program does not work. It is for some form of change.

The plan is interesting. It would be a modified "Swedish plan." The government, officially, would be kept out of the liquor business. There would be created a national corporation to manufacture and distribute alcoholic beverages. A non-partisan board would set up at Washington to regulate it. States would be permitted to set up sub-stations for distribution. But the principle of national, uniform liquor regulation would be retained by merely modifying the 18th amendment to give congress more flexible powers in fixing alcoholic content or even having liquor altogether.

There you are. Taken as a whole, the report upsets nearly everything the drys have been fighting for. It also concedes to the wets the one big point they have been fighting for, the possible need of change. Everybody ought to be happy, but of course they won't.

Politically the report is very smart. It means that Hoover can and will run again as a dry, but with a friendly hand out to the brethren who thirst, provided the strenuous enforcement program doesn't work him into a tough spot. But in the rows that will follow the report, he will have the big advantage of a program that is at least possible and progressive.

Many valid criticisms might be made. And yet, in all fairness, do not the findings represent about the only reasonable conclusions in the circumstances? We have applauded repeatedly Senator Borah's contention that prohibition has never yet had an honest chance. Consider its baptism under the Harding-Dougherty-Jeff Smith riffraff, its loneliness under the Coolidge regime which made keeping-out-of-trouble the big aim in life.

Many will doubt whether any enforcement plan can cope with the Capones, the Bugs Morans, Rudners, Lombardos, and the millions of thirsty non-believers who give them support. Why not try once? We believe the major recommendations worthy of wholehearted support. Stand back and give the Quaker a chance to fight!

(Corvallis Gazette-Times)

The report shows that the members of the commission were so widely in disagreement as to the benefits of prohibition, and the possibility of enforcing the Volstead act that one of the entire report, and others reserved the right to express their individual views in separate or supplementary reports attached to the main document.

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MEDFORD LISTS NEW STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY

Jack Walker and Clifford Moore, Former Football Stars, Among Number—Two Local Girls Win Degrees.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 24.—(Special)—Among the new students at the University of Oregon this term who have swelled the total registration to a new high mark of 2266, are Jack T. Miller, Ivan N. McCollum, Mary E. Snider, Clifford Moore, William Eugene Dougherty, Nina T. Bolhovitnova.

Jack T. Walker is entering the university as a freshman and has chosen business administration as his major. Ivan McCollum, who has been taking work at Stanford is a senior this year and is majoring in psychology. Mary E. Snider, who attended O. S. C. last term, is a transfer to the university. She is affiliated with Kappa Delta sorority, and is studying business administration.

Clifford Moore, who returned to the university this term, is a sophomore majoring in foreign trade. He is affiliated with Delta Tau Delta fraternity. William Eugene Dougherty, a transfer from Stanford, is studying pre-law courses. Nina T. Bolhovitnova is a freshman in the school of physical education.

Fifty seven students completed their work at the university last term and received their degrees on January 20. Winifred B. Johnson, of Medford, received a Master of Arts degree. Louise E. Hollenbeck, of Medford, was among the 21 to be awarded bachelor of arts degrees. A large proportion of the 57 were not on the campus this year, but finished up their work through correspondence study.

THE DALLES SPEEDS WORK FOR WATER

THE DALLES, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Employing 25 men, the city water commission is replacing old wooden water mains in the southeast section of the city with iron pipe. Crews already have laid 2,000 feet. The commission had not expected beginning the work before spring, but it was hastened in order to afford employment for workmen here. All employees are heads of families.

THE DALLES, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Local weather prophets are forecasting an early spring over the mid-Orchardists this year. Hood River orchardists the past several days have reported many flocks of red-breasted robins. Anglers have found that salmon trout are running in Mill creek. For the past week flocks of cedar waxwings have been observed feeding on the berries of mountain ash trees on local lawns.

Up to date the minimum temperature for the winter here has been 22 degrees above zero. At this time last year sub-zero weather was prevailing over the Wasco area.

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