

Farm Wage Rates Said Down Slightly

The new year found farm wage rates slightly below a year ago and farm employment held fairly steady. There were a few less hired workers but about the same number of family workers as a year earlier, the Oregon State college extension service reported today in its weekly farm price, crops and weather review.

Last year brought the first significant decline in farm land values since 1932. The farm land value index, nationally, dropped six per cent from the high point reached in November 1948 and Oregon led the downward trend, the college reported. Farm land values here dipped twice as far as the national average. Values in Oregon are now 14 per cent below the peak reached late in 1948. California had the second largest drop during the year.

Explaining the decline, the extension service said buyer resistance is developing, with greater importance being attached to location, condition of buildings, and quality of land. Also owners are finding little incentive to sell as long as farm produce continues to yield a high rate of return on investments. Slightly lower crop prices also tended to force farm land values down, according to the department of agriculture and the extension service.

Garage Destroyed As Gas Tank Explodes

Salem, Ore., Feb. 3—(U.P.)—Fire destroyed a garage at the home of C. A. Reed here Thursday night after a gasoline storage tank exploded. There was no car in the garage at the time. Firemen kept the flames from the Reed home.

Loss was estimated at \$500.

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SNUBBED—Ejected and dejected members of the Japanese Diet walk out of Boston's City Hall after the City Council voted to bar them from observing council sessions. The ban was approved by a 11 to 8 vote after one councilor proposed "feed them, but don't educate them." The Diet members are visiting the United States to see "democracy in action" as guests of the Government.

Displaced Persons Amendment Offered

Washington, Feb. 3—(U.P.)—Chairman Pat McCarran of the senate judiciary committee, has introduced an amendment to stop entry of displaced persons into the United States whenever more than 4,000,000 Americans are unemployed.

The Nevada democrat's proposal also would halt the displaced persons program whenever more than 2,000,000 married couples are forced to live "doubled-up" in a household.

McCarran, outspoken opponent of President Truman's drive to liberalize the displaced persons act, called his proposal "a minimum safeguard to protect the people of the United States."

He said he will ask the senate to tack his new proposal on to the DP bill approved by his judiciary committee last week.

Rooming House Fire Leaves 12 Homeless

Detroit, Ore., Feb. 3—(U.P.)—Fire destroyed a two-story rooming house here Thursday night, leaving 12 persons homeless. No one was in the place when the blaze, of undetermined origin, broke out.

Fire spread to the nearby home of Earl Layman and damaged a third of it before fire departments from Idanha and Mongold put out the blaze.

The rooming house was operated by Mr. and Mrs. Vern Franse, who estimated the loss at \$7,000.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at Noon Saturdays.

Traveling Salesman Turns 'Doctor' To Examine Women

Portland, Ore., Feb. 3—(U.P.)—Four blushing women pointed to a smooth-talking traveling salesman as the "doctor" who tricked them into examinations in the nude for a non-existent rash.

One woman's equally red-faced husband admitted that he, too, let Paul D. Thomas, 29, San Francisco, look him over in the altogether.

It wasn't until the four women compared notes they discovered that Thomas really wasn't a public health doctor trailing a mysterious epidemic.

Answers Ad
Thomas, father of two children, advertised over a radio station as representative of his Los Angeles firm, that he was seeking housewives to do home weaving. A mother in a Portland apartment house answered.

When Thomas visited her, he noticed something was wrong with her daughter's foot. "One thing led to another" and Thomas told her he had medical training. She let him examine the girl's foot.

Thomas returned to the apartment building that afternoon, representing himself as "Dr. Jensen" of the Portland health bureau. At the door of a 22-year-old divorcee he asked to examine her child for a "contagious skin rash that is spreading all over Portland."

Examined Mother
After a glance at the child, he allegedly asked the mother: "Would you mind if I gave you a thorough examination, too? We believe parents are transmitting the rash."

The woman promptly disobeyed. "I was completely fooled," she said. "He put on a good act with his fluent medical lingo and his casualness about it all."

Thomas "examined" two other women. At one couple's apartment, he even had the 35-year-old husband undress for him.

Acted Like Doctor
"He acted exactly like a doctor and what a conversationalist he was!" one woman said.

Thomas made one mistake. When the four women and the man talked it over, they recalled that the doctor hadn't worn rubber gloves.

They notified police, who traced Thomas to his hotel and charged him with disorderly conduct.

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Pear Prices High At New York Auctions

Pear prices reached recent new highs at New York the past week with No. 1 Oregon bosc pears averaging better than \$6 a box in Monday's auctions. The average of \$6.14 on 2,070 boxes sold was the highest for any day in more than three years. United States department of agriculture figures released by the Oregon State college extension service show that the average of \$4.61 on 2,285 boxes of anjou was also high compared to other recent seasons but below last Friday's seasonal peak of \$4.88.

The marketing season has been lengthened by early harvest and good storage quality and the quantity of winter pears in storage is now smaller than a year ago, according to the extension service. Movement is said to have been favored by a short banana supply and rising prices have also stimulated trade interest this season and more stores have made special efforts to move winter pears.

CARD OF THANKS
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hudson wish to thank all of their friends and neighbors in the Shady Cove-Trail district for their sympathy and aid during their recent loss.

Friday, February 3, 1950

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Oregonian Sought In Montana Robbery

Missoula, Mont., Feb. 3—(U.P.)—The federal bureau of investigation has been called into the three-state search for two fugitives wanted in connection with Monday's safe-cracking at a Polson, Mont., hardware store.

The FBI was called in after local authorities identified one of the yeggs as Omar August Pinson, an escaped convict from the Oregon state prison. Pinson had been using the name Sam Cignitti, authorities said.

Pinson, escaped from prison May 30, authorities added, while serving a life sentence for the murder of a law enforcement officer. The FBI record stated Pinson was "extremely dangerous" and usually carried from two to four guns.

Pinson has been quoted as saying, in connection with the current manhunt, that he "would not be taken alive."

ELEMENTARY, WATSON!
Austin, Tex.—(U.P.)—A citizen had a clue for police when he reported the theft of 11 chickens from his yard. One of the chickens, he said, walked with a limp.

Oregonian Building Will Be Razed Soon

Portland, Ore., Feb. 3—(U.P.)—The Portland real estate representative for Store Properties, Inc., of Los Angeles, Leon Buller, said here today an office building would not replace the old Oregonian building, slated for razing later this month.

Buller said the site was "ideal" for a merchandising location. He said three bids had been submitted to the building owners for tearing down the 58-year-old landmark, formerly the home for 55 years of the Oregonian newspaper.

The Portland building department was notified yesterday by the Los Angeles company that the structure would be torn down rather than repaired as the city had ordered.

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