

Farm Production Gains on Lumber

By FEN WAITE

The farms of the Klamath country produced over \$5,000,000 of new wealth in the year 1925, a new high-water mark for agricultural production in all the history of this country.

Since the coming of the saw mills, lumbering has held such a lofty position here that the possibilities of agriculture have been dwarfed by comparison, but statistics for 1925 throw a light which brings out a most interesting and favorable comparison, with the showing made by the Klamath farmers offering a real threat for future dominance in the local field of production.

Roughly, the 24 Klamath saw mills last year cut 400,000,000 feet. Figured at an average sale price of \$25 per thousand, the mills produced \$10,000,000. For the year 1926, favored with an operating season which opened five or six weeks earlier in the spring, the Klamath mills will undoubtedly cut 450,000,000. Then with the coming of the Weyerhaeuser and their giant operations, the new activity should build the lumber production figures for the next few years up to around 700,000,000 feet per year.

But local authorities point out that with lumber production reaching its peak, probably around 1925, after that there must be the inevitable decline, owing to shrinking forests. Meanwhile farm production should be creeping up year by year, a steady, persistent growth—as statistics show for 1925 as compared to 1924.

In 1924 Klamath produced as follows:
Dairy cattle, 3,500 head \$ 350,000
Beef cattle, 25,000 head 750,000
Sheep, 85,000 head 640,000
Hogs, 4,500 head 67,500
Poultry, 50,000 75,000
Alfalfa, 80,000 tons 960,000
Grain, 750,000 bushels 937,500
Potatoes, 100,000 sacks 200,000

Total \$3,980,000
In 1925 Klamath farms and ranges produced the following:
Beef cattle, 25,000 head \$1,500,000
Dairy cattle, 4,000 head 400,000
Sheep, 85,000 head 1,000,000
Hogs, 3,000 head 55,000
Poultry, 65,000 100,000
Hay, 80,000 tons 700,000
Grain, 825,000 bushels 1,000,000
Potatoes, 150,000 sacks 250,000
Truck 100,000

Total \$5,105,000
The above comparison, taken from figures compiled by County Agent C. A. Henderson, shows a gain of 25 per cent in gross agricultural production for Klamath county in 1925, as compared to 1924.

With the coming of the California Cattlemen's association to assist in the marketing of Klamath cattle, last year, local producers feel that a long step has been made in unravelling the heretofore perplexing marketing problem in that branch of agriculture. Possibly the enlisting of this agency may be the means of lighting the way for similar aid in other branches of farm production, notably dairying and potato growing, two wonderful possibilities in this country.

With greater production each year and improved marketing facilities, local authorities feel that the 25 per cent gain each year is not unreasonable to expect of agriculture, with an occasional period of depression or temporary set back slowing up the general advancement.

At this rate of increase, in four years Klamath should be producing total crops valued at \$10,000,000, or a 100 per cent gain over 1925.

Take the Klamath irrigation project alone, including the wonderful Tule lake bed, as rich as the valley of the Nile—contains a total of some 250,000 acres suitable for agriculture, with around only one-sixth of that area being utilized extensively at the present time. Then there are the many rich valleys that have scarcely been touched, in the way of really developing production. The Wood river, Sprague river, Langell, and many other great productive areas.

Truthfully it can be said here, agriculture faces greater possibilities than the pine forests for long-time huge-scale development.

FRENCH RESUME AFRICAN STRIFE

OUJDA, May 7.—(United News) Hope of ending the French-Spanish war with the Rifians in Morocco was ended officially Thursday afternoon, when Rifian delegates at the peace conference definitely rejected peace terms as dictated by Paris and Madrid.

Preparations for resuming the drive against the Rifians are being rushed by French and Spanish commanders, and actual warfare may begin again Friday morning.

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Markets

San Francisco, May 7.
POTATOES
California rivers, \$4.25; Washington gems, \$3.27@3.75; sweets, No. 1, 6 1/2 @ 6 3/4 c; No. 2, 6 c.
CATTLE
Cattle steady; steers, good, \$8.25 @ \$8.75; cows, good and choice, \$6.25 @ 6.75.
Calves, steady; 190 lbs. and under, \$9.00 @ 10.00; over 260 lbs., \$9.50 @ \$11.50.
Hogs, steady; light, \$14.25 @ 14.75; medium, \$13.25 @ 13.75.
Sheep, steady; lambs, medium to choice, \$11.50 @ \$13.25; ewes, \$4.00 @ \$8.00; wethers, \$9.00 @ \$10.00.

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WHEAT
Big Bend bluestem, \$1.35; haart \$1.33; soft white, \$1.42 1/2; western white, \$1.42 1/2; hard winter, \$1.35; northern spring, \$1.30; western red, \$1.33.

WOOL
Nominal; valley, fine half blood, 35c; medium three-quarters blood, 35c; coarse or three-quarter blood, 33c; braid, 33c. At valley points prices are 2c to 5c higher for selected stock.

EGGS
Buying price, current receipts, 25c; henry whites, 26c; henry pullets, 22c @ 23c.

BUTTER
Selling price, box lots, creamery prices: Firsts, extras, 41c for plain wrappers, subject to discount of 2 @ 3 per cent; dairy buying price, 28c. Selected lots.

CHEESE
Selling price: Tillamook county triplets 27 1/4c; loaf, 28 1/4c; Oregon triplets, not branded, 25c; Tillamook, f.o.b. triplets 25c; loaf, 26c; Coos county triplets, 25c; loaf, 30c.

LIVE POULTRY
Heavy hens, 27c @ 29c; light to medium, 26 @ 27c; broilers, 23 @ 28c; Pekin ducks, 27c @ 30c; colored, 22c @ 25c; dressed turkeys, 40c @ 44c; live turkeys, 30c.

FOR WHICH CRIME?

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 6.—When Warren Henley was arrested on a charge of disturbing the peace by practicing on his trombone, police discovered that he had stolen the instrument. He was sentenced to two years in prison.

Pacific Coast Radio Programs

Saturday, May 8
KPO, 425.7 meters, San Francisco—Usual features; 6:30 p. m., State restaurant orchestra; 8 p. m., University of California orchestra; 10 p. m., dance orchestra.
KGO, 361.2 meters, Oakland—Usual features; 4 p. m., St. Francis hotel concert orchestra; 8:19 p. m., National Music Week program, The Mikado, comic opera by Gilbert & Sullivan; 10 p. m., St. Francis hotel dance orchestra.
KLX, 508 meters, Oakland—Silent night.
KFI, 467 meters, Los Angeles—Usual features; 7 p. m., dance orchestra; 8 p. m., comic opera program; 9 p. m., classic hour; 10 p. m., feature program; 11 p. m., KFI midnight frolic.
KHJ, 495.2 meters, Los Angeles—Usual features; 6:30 p. m., children's program; 8 p. m., studio program.
KNX, 337 meters, Hollywood—Silent night.

STONES WIN STRIKE
CARDIFF, Wales, May 7.—United News—Strikers stoned street cars here late Thursday, and the police were forced to charge. A sharp clash ensued before the strikers dispersed.

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