

# Locals

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McGraw and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hardwick were with relatives at Banks for Thanksgiving.

A letter from E. S. Cleveland, this week, tells us they are in Balboa, California and that weather there is fine. But Mr. Cleveland says: "Let me tell you it's too hot and dry for Northern born folks."

There has been some "Community Chest" bottles placed around town, in hopes our citizens would drop in any spare change to be used toward helping Vernonia kiddies to enjoy Christmas. It is purely a local proposition, all for Vernonia, and no society in particular. It isn't necessary to help at all if one is not so inclined

### NOTICE

Dec. 1, 1924.

On and after this date I will not be responsible for any bills contracted by Mary B. Snipes or any other person.

A. C. Snipes.

Wm. Folger and Mrs. Folger and baby were visitors in Portland the first of the week.

C. S. Hoffman and Chas. Jr. were in Portland on business the first of the week.

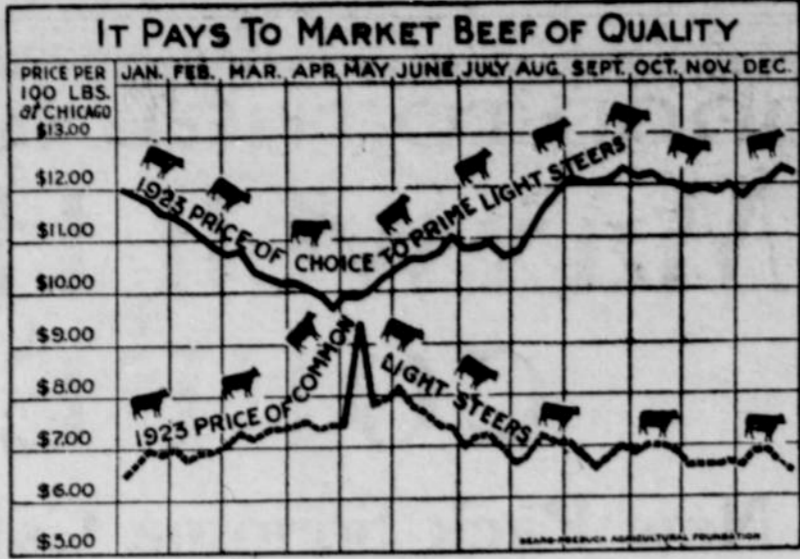
Albert Childs was in Portland the first of the week with Mrs. Childs, who went for medical treatment.

J. P. McDonald was a Portland visitor Monday.

The O. K. Card room opens Sat. in the room joining the Horseshoe Restaurant.

For Saturday afternoon from 3 to 6 is the opening of the Nehalem Market. Everybody is invited and the handsome new up-to-date market will make it worth one's while to be present.

Owen Seaman and Miss Crowley, of Portland were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kullander the first of



It is condition and quality rather than weight that decide whether a steer is to be placed in the beef cattle classification. Within the class it is condition and quality that largely determine the amount of profit that goes to the shipper. Choice to prime steers bring from 75 cents to \$5.75 per hundred-weight over the common light stock, according to a study made of lightweight steers coming to the Chicago market by the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation.

The bulk of the shipments are classified under the grades of prime steers, 1,200 to 1,600 pounds; choice steers, 1,150 to 1,600 pounds; good steers, 1,150 to 1,600 pounds; medium steers, 1,100 to 1,400 pounds, and common rough steers, 900 to 1,200 pounds. These are the classifications of the United States Bureau of Markets.

Prime beef steers are the ideal type, combining exceptional breeding and thorough finishing. Short neck and short legs, smooth flesh and well-filled, bulging briskets are prerequisites. Prime beef steers are rare, even steers good enough to grade as choice are few. They show most of the characteristics of the prime grade, good breeding and long feeding, smooth flesh and thick fat. On the block the quality steer will show a good proportion of red meat covered with a modest amount of smooth white fat. The lean, while firm of texture, will be mellow to the touch. The carcass should carry down full to the hock, being highly marbled with bright lean of a fine grain.

the week. Mr. Seaman is Mrs. Kullander's brother.

Mr. Carkins spent the week-end in Portland.

Mr. Hawkins returned from Portland Sunday.

Eddie Condit returned Wednesday from college to spend Thanksgiving.

Miss Gladys Malmsten is back in Vernonia after her operation in Portland.

Mrs. Emmott returned from Hillsboro Thursday.

Miss Hazel Malmsten returned to school in Salem Sunday after visiting relatives in Vernonia.

Mr. Snider of Portland was in

Vernonia Friday.

Miss Ritz of Portland was visiting relatives in Vernonia Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall spent Saturday and Sunday in Portland.

Mr. Spencer has been ill for a few days.

Matt Miller was in Vernonia last Sunday.

Mr. Bacon spent Saturday and Sunday with his family and returned Monday to the L-P. camp.

Mr. Holaday the lineman of the S. P. & S. was in Vernonia Friday.

Mr. Willbanks has returned from Oregon City.

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"SEE HOFFMAN ABOUT IT"

Mrs. Baine Thompson has been ill for the past week.

Mr. Earl Kingsley is feeling some better after his long period of illness.

Mr. Collins was in St. Helens on business Saturday.

George Curry was in St. Helens Monday.

Charlie Ritz spent Monday in St. Helens.

Miss Eunice Collins spent Sunday in Vernonia.

A farewell party was given Saturday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson who are leaving soon for South Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Crosby of Portland were visitors in Vernonia last week.

Miss Louise Morton of Willamette valley was in Vernonia visiting last week.

Harry Keasey is now working in the Gilby Motor Garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson had a formal dinner in honor of her friends Thursday.

Miss Anna Thorton was in Vernonia from Portland last week.

Gilbert Anderson was in Portland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis are now making their home in Vernonia.

Mrs. Perney is now working at the Central Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie White were in St. Helens Friday.

Mrs. Burnett was in St. Helens Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kavanaugh and baby spent Thanksgiving in St. Helens.

Miss Laura Best of Willamette University was the guest of Miss Lesta Weed during the Thanksgiving holidays. Friday evening Miss Weed entertained in honor of Miss Best. Those present were Misses Benita Parker, Josephine Corey, Lilian Condit, Bessie McDonald, Mr. Meade Shippley, Edwin Condit, Tony Corey, Alvin Parker, Harry Keasey, Lloyd Thomas, and the hostess.

Miss Josephine Townsend has returned and has again resumed her duties as teacher at Pleasant Hill.

G. G. Rhinehames who at one time lived in an odd little house just back of the Bank of Vernonia corner, committed suicide last Sunday in Tillamook by shooting the top of his head off.

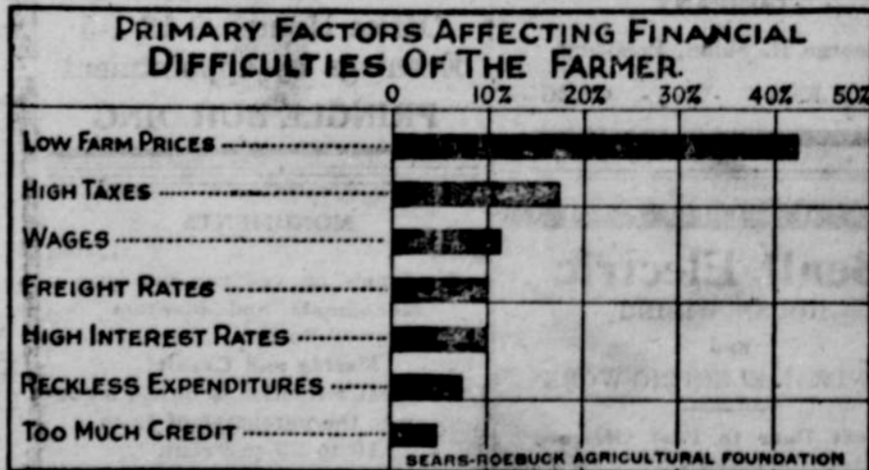
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. VanAlstine are enjoying a few weeks visit at Portland and Washington towns.

Francis Moore of Missoula, Mont. and Jesse Moore of Klamath Falls, are here for a visit with their sister, Mrs. Orvilla Doan and family.

Mrs. Claude Knapp returned home Wednesday after spending a few days at Portland.

The Robinsons of the Vernonia Drug company are to occupy the house on C street recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Oliver who moved to Portland.

Mr. R. C. Chasteen and wife of LaGrande are visiting his brother, J. M. Chasteen and family.



Forty-two per cent of the farmers in the United States blame their financial difficulties on the low prices of farm products, according to the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation, which has completed a study of the primary factors affecting the financial difficulties of the farmer based on a survey made by the United States Department of Agriculture. Seventeen per cent of the farmers feel that high taxes are the direct cause of the farm depression, eleven per cent blame the high costs for farm labor, ten per cent feel that high freight rates are responsible, ten per cent blame the high interest, six per cent credit the depression to reckless expenditures during boom period, and four per cent think it was too much credit.

An inquiry made by the Department of Agriculture through both bankers and farmers shows that on an average 5 per cent of the farm owners in 15 corn and wheat-producing states lost their farms through foreclosure or bankruptcy during the late depression. Four and a half per cent more had turned over their farms to creditors without legal process, making a total of about 9.5 per cent who had lost their farms with or without legal proceedings. An additional 15 per cent were really bankrupt, but were holding on through the leniency of their creditors. By groups of states the percentage of owner-farmers who lost their farms since 1920 were as follows: Five East North Central states, nearly 6 per cent; seven North Central states, over 9 per cent; and for the three Mountain states nearly 20 per cent. The percentage of tenants who lost their property ran materially higher.

Records of the Department of Justice indicate that in the pre-war years, 5 per cent of all the bankruptcy cases were farmers. During the deflation 14 per cent of all bankruptcy cases were farmers. In some of these states where in pre-war years the farmer bankruptcy cases represented about 7 per cent of all such cases, this percentage in 1922 had risen to nearly 30 per cent.

These losses have not been due to inefficiency on the part of the farmers, points out the Agricultural Foundation, as practically all of them were incurred by men who had been doing fairly well until they entered the period of drastic deflation.