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Rains Keeping Crops Behind

Secretary of Agriculture Gives Farming Situation

Adequate Supply of Labor

Secretary Jardine Says Possibility of Rising Interest Rates Later in the Year.

Corn, potatoes and spring grains are still behind although good progress was made in June and moisture supplies are generally favorable. Haying and harvest of winter wheat is well under way. Yields of hay and grass are good, but early threshings in some southwestern states have been disappointed. Cotton growers have made progress during the month and conditions are improved. During the past month considerable leveling out of prices has taken place, such low priced products as cotton, corn and cattle advancing while relatively higher priced poultry products and hogs declined.

The Pacific coast was blessed with some good weather last month and crop growth is well as outdoor work made progress. Winter wheat harvest is on and the coast crop is a big one. Range feed is abundant with stock in correspondingly good condition. Haying and picking berries in north. Harvesting grain, melons, etc., in California. Oranges reported excellent in Sacramento valley and satisfactory elsewhere.

The general exchange value of all farm products in terms of all non-agricultural commodities advanced another point in May to 84 per cent of the pre-war five-year average, just three points below May 1926. For June the general level of farm prices advanced four points to 130, this being the largest advance made in a single month since March 1925. The increase was due to better prices for fruits and vegetables, grains and cotton, and in the main reflects adverse weather conditions which have prevailed during the spring. Meat animals, dairy products and poultry products as groups lost ground during June.

The Situation in Oregon

All reports indicate that the supply of labor is adequate in practically all parts of the state and in some localities there is a surplus, a situation which has not prevailed for several years. Curtailment of production in other industries is partly responsible for this situation.

Weather conditions have been favorable for pasture and hay crops generally during the past month and grains have made good progress. Here and there a little damage has been done by too much moisture but on the whole all crops have done well. A substantial increase in late potato acreage has been planted. Strawberry growers experienced some difficulty in marketing the large crop produced. Hungarian vetch is increasing in popularity as a hay crop in western Oregon. Clover seed crops are promising at this time in all sections reported.

Heavy production and low prices together with advancing feed costs have caused some let-down in the enthusiasm for expansion of the poultry industry. The dairy industry is enjoying fairly remunerative returns as a result of the close adjustment between supply and demand in the United States and cheap feed in the form of abundant pasturage. Range livestock is generally in good condition with abundant grass.

The Dairy Situation

With the month of June gone, there is more evidence now of this year's production trend. The summer months, which are important from a production standpoint, are still ahead and should unusual weather conditions prevail, unexpected changes in production may occur.

Nearly all reports on production reveal increases over last year. The

Paul Robinson Buys Western Clackamas Review

Word was recently received from Paul Robinson, former editor of the Eagle, and later of the Central Point American and Ashland American, which subsequently sold, that he has purchased the Western Clackamas Review at Oswego, Oregon. The Review is a newspaper and job plant and Mr. Robinson states that it is a good looking proposition and near Portland or Oregon City. It is presumed that Mr. and Mrs. Robinson plan to live in Oswego. Their many Vernonia friends wish them the best of luck in their new venture.

New Pulp Bulletin Shows Processes

A new circular of interest to the northwest is department of agriculture bulletin 1485-D, "The Suitability of American Woods for paper pulp."

At present the spruces, fir hemlocks are drawn upon for 77 per cent of the wood used in the paper industry, spruce alone contributing 55 per cent. The use of other species for pulp is being worked out now in different parts of the country, forest officers state.

The bulletin describes standard pulping methods as related to wood properties and explains the suitability of 94 kinds of hardwoods and soft woods for pulping by both chemical and mechanical processes, summarizing the results of research begun by the United States forest products laboratory since the establishment of that institution at Madison, Wis., in 1910.

The information on pulping qualities of individual species, constituting the largest part of the bulletin, is presented in a convenient semitabular form, with a description of the behavior of each wood when pulped by the sulphite process, the sulphite process, the soda process (in the case of the hardwoods), and the mechanical process. Under the common name of each species is also given its botanical name, its range, a list of local names applied to the same wood in different parts of the country, its weight per cubic foot, and its fiber length.

Copies of the new publication, while the supply lasts, may be obtained from the U. S. forest products laboratory, Madison, Wis., or the forest service, United States department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., or copies may also be purchased from the superintendent of public documents, Washington, D. C.

Discuss Firemen Aid

A means of raising revenue for the Vernonia fire department was discussed at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held in the Horseshoe cafe Thursday noon. A committee was appointed to meet with the council and offer suggestions by which the business men of the town could cooperate with the city in cleaning the city streets with reimbursement to the fire fund.

Fire insurance companies experienced a net underwriting loss of 2.95 per cent on earned premiums for five years ended Dec. 31, 1926.

last estimate of butter production reveal increases over last year. The last estimate of butter production covering May is an increase of 6 per cent over May of last year and receipts of butter at principal markets since then, which are some index of production, have been running almost 5 per cent above those of last June. Increased market receipts the past two months have been sufficient to bring the total for the calendar year to about 3 per cent over the same period in 1926, but it is interesting to note that close to half of the actual increase has occurred during the past 30 days. Even cheese production which has been lagging behind for some time has apparently picked up, although the net difference as compared with last year is still slight. Until the past month, however, cheese production has been considerably less than that of a year ago. The greatest increase seems to be condensed and evaporated milk, with the month of May reported as 19 per cent heavier than 1926. Favorable weather and pasture conditions in dairy sections have contributed very largely to the above mentioned increases.

Annual Legion Mount Hood Climb July 16-17

Opportunity Given Public to Climb Mountain at Small Expense and With But Little Equipment.

Following a "mountain carnival" at the city of Hood River on Friday, July 15, the Hood River Post of the American Legion will stage the annual Mount Hood Legion climb on Saturday and Sunday, July 16 and 17.

To the annual mid-summer recreational venture, launched by the Hood River Legion Post in 1921 and which has become nationally known in mountaineering and Legion circles, several unique features will be added this year.

The ascent of the peak will be held on Saturday, and on Sunday when parties will be escorted to glacial ice and snow fields, the Legionnaires will stage a race to the top of Mount Hood and back and hold a ski jumping contest on Coalbank's Secret, natural ski run on the north side of the peak. Purses aggregating \$100 each will be given winners in both contests.

The Crag Rats, mountaineering organization, whose members won note in the discovery last year of Jacky Strong, lost on the rugged slopes of Hood, and the first of this year rescued Calvin White from a winter blizzard on Hood, will guide the summit and glacier parties.

Except for a fee of \$2 to be charged those essaying the summit trip, in order to provide a fund for the purchase of ropes and to provide other accessories for safety and comfort of climbers, every service of the Legion Post this year will be provided free of charge.

The Hood River Post inaugurated the Mount Hood Climb, in order to popularize mountaineering among the folk of Oregon, and a cordial invitation is extended to the general public to attend this year's mountain party.

Production of Oakland Motor Cars to be Doubled

Pontiac, Mich., July 11.—Facilities that will double the present production of Oakland motor cars are announced as completed by the huge Oakland Motor Car company here, after improvements and new construction totalling \$2,000,000 have been built into the Oakland factory. This announcement, on the heels of the recently announced \$15,000,000 expansion program that included an entirely new Pontiac Six factory, makes the production plants of the Oakland company rank high among the big producers of the entire automobile industry.

According to construction engineers, the new Oakland plant, improved with new buildings and machinery, is now unsurpassed by any factory in the automotive industry. These improvements in the Oakland factory have been completed in the record breaking time of two weeks. Some of the activities involved were the movement of 775 individual machines, purchase and installation of hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of new machinery, construction of a new motor conveyor assembly line, with new facilities also for motor block tests, overhead conveyor systems and new lighting.

While these improvements were going on, the entire interior of the Oakland plant was repainted, in itself an enormous task. The company has now also completely electrified its plant equipment, using electrical unit driven machinery exclusively.

Fined for Drunken Driving

Cornelius Pruitt was arrested by Marshalls Kelly and Phelps late Saturday night in Vernonia for driving a car while intoxicated. When arraigned before Justice of the Peace Hill he pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$150 and 90 days in the county jail. His driver's license was also revoked for one year.

Upon Pruitt's complaint that the fine was rather heavy Judge Hill replied that "drunken drivers are the greatest menace the public has on the highways" and that if he is ever brought up on a similar charge he will get the limit. The judge also stated that this should be a warning to others who choose to mix booze with gasoline.

All Stars Lose To St. Helens 4 to 2

Sunday's Game Was the First That Local Team Has Lost This Season; Will Play at Astoria Sunday

The Vernonia All-Stars met their first defeat of the season Sunday on the local grounds when St. Helens handed them a 4 to 2 trimming. Kotula pitched a great game but received erratus support, five errors being charged against the local team. Vernonia had several opportunities to score but each time St. Helens stopped her with a double play. Ramey of St. Helens and McGregor of Vernonia made several sensational plays.

THE LINEUP:

Vernonia All-Stars,	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Laird ss	3	0	0	1	3	1
Nance 2b	4	0	0	2	0	0
McGregor lf	4	1	3	2	0	0
Kotula p	4	1	2	0	3	0
Gordon 3b	3	0	0	0	2	2
McKillop cf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Linn rf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Drorbaugh lb	3	0	0	1	3	1
Graven c	3	0	1	8	0	2
Total	31	2	7	27	9	5
St. Helens	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
McDonald ss	4	0	1	1	1	0
Larsen 2b	5	0	0	1	2	2
Welch cf	5	0	0	1	1	0
Polsen lb	5	0	0	1	4	0
Ramey 3b	3	2	0	2	3	0
Blair rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Arneson lf	3	0	0	0	0	0
A. McDonald c	3	1	1	8	0	0
Brown p	4	1	2	0	2	0
Mason rf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Total	36	4	6	27	9	2

Summary: Struck out by Kotula, 7, by Brown 8; Base on balls off Kotula, 2, off Brown, 3. Two base hits, Kotula, Brown. Double plays, Welch to Larson, Ramey to Polsen, Ramey to Polsen to Ramey, Stolen bases. Linn 2, Graven, A. McDonald 2, Larsen.

Farm Market Review

Wool—Further strengthening with some definite advances on the Boston market and considerable activity in wool producing districts and abroad feature latest wool market news. Prices in foreign markets are still above the parity of the Boston market. More mohair has been shipped abroad out of foreign mohair stored in bond in American ports and some small lots of Texas mohair. Wool mill activity is greater than last years.

Hairy vetch seed—Prices have shown little change during the past month, eastern importers quoting \$15.50-\$16.50 per hundred. The outlook is favorable for the new crop both in United States and Europe. Stocks of old seed are low in Europe and imports into the United States moderate.

Butter—Good grades were steady at 41½ to 42 cents in San Francisco but poor grades draggy. Supplies are liberal considerable moved into storage. Eastern markets first unsettled but closed steady to firm. Storage continues heavy and trade estimates now place the total slightly above a year ago. Production has passed the peak apparently but is still running ahead of last year's somewhat.

Livestock—Cattle and hogs advanced sharply on light receipts and lambs were steady on the Portland market. Receipts were light in San Francisco with good grades strong. Eastern markets were strong on all good livestock with receipts light following the holiday lamb prices advanced, with little activity in feeder and stocker cattle.

Grain—Light receipts or grains with considerable uncertainty as to out-turn of winter wheat caused a firm tone generally. Corn and spring wheat made generally favorable progress. Rye and barley harvests are beginning with favorable prospects but oats are not so good and the market tended to strengthen. The flax crop is making good progress. London's wheat advanced about 2 cents a bushel reflecting European demand from delayed harvest. The new European crop is expected to be better than last year's but not so good as two years ago. Domestic demand was good especially for high protein on which premiums advanced. Large crop prospects on the Pacific coast weakened the market and very little business for immediate shipment was done. \$1.37 to \$1.38 a bushel being bid for August, Sept.

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Vernonia Stage Depot To Have New Quarters

That the Vernonia stages will soon have a new depot here is the assurance of H. H. Hixon owner, who states that the Sword building, which was recently occupied by the Central garage, will be remodeled to accommodate an up-to-date waiting room, ticket office, private office, rest rooms, etc. It is also planned to make provision for loading and unloading the stages indoors during inclement weather.

In the opinion of many local folk, the changes will be welcomed in Vernonia, inasmuch as the appearance of Bridge street will be materially improved. Mr. Hixon has set a tentative date of July 18 as the probably time of making the change. Further announcements concerning the change will appear in next week's Eagle.

KEEP MOVING

IF George Washington and the continental army had lost hope and given up their fight when they met their first set back at the hands of the British forces, we would not today be enjoying the blessings of a democracy but would still be the servants of a monarchy which was determined to rule us without regard to any honest form of human rights. If Abraham Lincoln and the Union army had surrendered their ideals of freedom when they first lost a skirmish at the hands of temporary superior forces, we would not today be enjoying the peace and good will which go with a united country and two nations at least would be set up where one best serves the purposes for which our government was established. In both of these cases, both leaders and followers of the cause honestly believed that a great principle was involved and determination to win was written upon the brow of every one who participated in the engagements.

America is today the scene of another conflict, a battle, having for its final aim the firm establishment of another great principle, to wit, that in this great democracy peace and prosperity cannot be attained by keeping one part of the people in financial bondage with high taxes while the remainder collect dividends of gigantic proportions at the expense of those thus crippled and are determined to evade the duty of loyal citizens and pay their share of taxes for governmental activities.

The state tax commission for Oregon reported as follows: \$42,000,000 and pay no tax to support governmental activities for school city, county and state. About \$200,000,000 could be added to the assessed valuation of the state if all property was fairly and justly assessed.

We know that it is right that all should contribute to our governmental activities according to benefit derived and ability to pay. We know that it is great injustice to those who now pay taxes to carry the above mentioned free riders. Do we feel discouraged because we lost the first battles in skirmish for equalized taxes? No.

We would beg traitors to ourselves, our country and the spirit of 1776 if we do not continue to battle for equal rights for all and special privilege to none as the fathers of our country did in 1776. The right of women to vote, rural free mail delivery, parcel post, postal saving, prohibition, eight hours on all government work and dozens of other laws for the welfare of all the people was only won by the spirit of 1776 which knows no defeat.

The income tax carried in Oregon outside of Multnomah county and received two to one better support than any other proposed tax at the different times before the people.

An equitable income tax that treated everybody alike and avoided double taxation would receive the support of the class of people who nearly always vote. What I have in mind is an income tax with a property offset and a flat rate that would compare with the rate now levied on property. A state income tax should only be collected from those who are not paying their portion of taxes.

The above is my reply to queries in regard to the income tax.
O. HENRY OLEEN

Legion Elects Local Princess

Mrs. Clarence Nance is Named Vernonia Representative

Convention at La Grande

Vernonia Post Wins Second Leg of District Trophy For Greatest District Membership.

Mrs. Clarence Nance, a delegate to the state Auxiliary convention at La Grande from the Auxiliary unit of Vernonia post 119, American Legion, was elected Princess Vernonia to represent this post at the parade in La Grande next week end, when a float representative of this district will be driven in the parade. Local Auxiliary and Legion members will plan the float here and decorate it in La Grande, on a car furnished by that post.

Vernonia post has won the second leg of the district trophy for the greatest increase in membership for this year. The local post lost the state trophy won last year by a narrow margin to Coquille, who had a small membership to start with. It is believed by many that the local post has the largest membership in proportion to the population of any post in the United States.

E. M. Murphy was appointed by Commander McGraw to plan a stunt for the parade, and according to those who were with him at the convention in Marshfield last year, he is likely to provide more than one good stunt during the three days of the convention.

M. E. Carlin, district committeeman, is being boosted for a higher office in state Legion circles. His name has been suggested for both commander and vice commander. Because of his record in working for the good of the organization he has become well known throughout the state and is believed to be a popular candidate. Carlin signed up 291 members for the local post this year, and will probably win the cup offered to the individual making the best record.

Most of the local delegation plan to drive to La Grande, which is about a 350-mile trip. A few will take advantage of the low train fares and the pullman accommodations provided at La Grande during the convention. Pullman cars will stay in the city to relieve the housing situation there. The convention will open Thursday, July 21 and close Saturday. Local folk plan to leave not later than Wednesday for the long drive to the eastern Oregon town.

Truck and Cab Factory To Be Built at Pontiac

A new factory will be built by the Yellow Truck and Coach manufacturing company at Pontiac, Michigan, for the manufacture of General Motors trucks as well as cabs, which will cost more than \$8,000,000.

The new plant when completed will be the largest of its kind in the world. The future home of truck, taxicab and coach manufacturing borders on the city limits to the south of Pontiac. It will measure 700 feet across the front and extend back 1600 feet. It also borders the right-of-way of the Grand Trunk Railway System, assuring excellent shipping facilities. Spur tracks will lead separately to those sections of the factory where lumber and other raw materials are received and where the finished product is shipped.

Work Starts on Tennis Courts

Work of improving the tennis courts at the high school started this week and it is expected that a number of the members of the newly formed club will donate their labor to have the courts ready for playing within the next week. New courts are being built next to the offices of the Oregon-American Lumber company for the club that has been recently organized there.

Gold Beach—Good gold and platinum ore reported near Agness. Electrolytic outfit will be installed to treat ores.