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Small Drop In United States Farm Prices

Butter Stocks Running A Little Better

Coast Short Of Rain

Oregon and Washington State College Experiment Stations Work On Many Projects

During the period May 15 the general level of farm prices in the United States dropped 3 points, or from 148 to 145 per cent of the pre-war level, compared to 130 a year earlier. Practically all farm commodities were lower, particularly grains, fruit and vegetables. Individual relative farm prices index numbers were: cotton 159, corn 159, oats 154, barley 132, wheat 149 rye 148, flax 124, hay 93 potatoes 120, apples 195, cottonseed 187, hogs 120, cattle 175, calves 171, lambs 223, sheep 172, eggs 111, butter 165, wool 217, horses 61 and chickens 189.

Butter stocks are about two-thirds of the 90,000,000 pounds held on July 1, 1927. Production has been running about 2 per cent behind last year since January 1. Butter prices were higher in June than any June since 1920, averaging around 44 cents for 92-score at New York compared to 42.5 cents last year. Cheese stocks are about in line with a year ago but production is less and the situation is generally firmer. Condensed and evaporated milk are in relatively strong position with production running about 10 per cent below 1927. The dairy situation is favorable to producers except in localities where feed costs are high enough to offset good demand and prices for the products. Buyers' economic advisors are suggesting forward purchases of butter, cheese and canned milk on price concessions.

The northern region of the Pacific coast has come through another month badly in need of rain. Along the coast crops are in better shape but large sections of eastern Washington and Oregon and western Idaho, the wheat sections have suffered from drought and wheat and all dry-land crops plainly show it. Early fruits ripening slowly, with some local damage from hail. In California, weather conditions have been fairly favorable; grain harvest well along; cotton growing well, rice slowly; fruits in good condition.

Weather conditions are favorable in Columbia county for forage crops and pastures, but unfavorable for corn and vegetables and adverse for making hay. Apple and pear crops light. Good crop of blackberries and raspberries. Range conditions favorable for livestock. Plenty of feed. Stock looking well. Prices are fairly good.

Oregon state agricultural experiment station is working on or has completed projects on "A study in the relation of assessed values to sale values of real property in Oregon," "marketing of western Oregon wool," "marketing of Oregon canned fresh prunes," "Prune enterprise cost and efficiency study," "Pear cost and efficiency study," "Forage enterprise cost and efficiency study," "Poultry enterprise cost and efficiency study," "Commercial apple enterprise study," "Cost of production and enterprise survey on wheat in the Columbia Basin," a study in the field of strawberry economics, experiments in the standardization of dried prunes, experiments in the ripening of different fruits, including cherries, prunes, raspberries and pears and "Investigations on the harvesting and handling of Bosc pears from the Rogue river valley."

Washington state agricultural experiment station reports the following projects completed or in progress: "An economic study of poultry farming in western Washington," a study of the organization and operation of apple marketing agencies in the state of Washington," "Factors influencing the effective location and functioning of rural groups," "Opportunities for profitable adjustments of production in Spokane valley to meet present and prospective market demands," "An economic study of apple production in the Yakima and Wenatchee areas," "Factors affecting the price of Washington apples," "Rural and urban taxation in Washington," and some economic studies in cooperation with state departments with respect to suitable crops for the Columbia basin and regarding freight rates.

Oregon Tour Planned
Arrangements are being rapidly made for a tour of the northwest by persons in attendance at the Please turn to page 6

Will Play Exhibition Tennis Sunday Morning

To arouse interest in tennis in Vernonia, the tennis club, which has just completed the building of a new concrete court in the city park, has arranged a number of exhibition matches and cordially invites the public to attend Sunday. The first match will start at 8 a. m. and it is expected that they will all be completed in two hours, including singles and doubles for both men and women, and mixed doubles.

The matches as scheduled are as follows: Men's singles, Carl Davidson vs. M. E. Moe; men's doubles, C. L. Anderson and Judd Greenman vs. Loel Hieber and Lowell Roberts; ladies' singles, Miss Helen Hieber vs. Mrs. Mark E. Moe; mixed doubles, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Yeo vs. Mrs. F. Hartwick and C. W. Reithner.

75 From This County At O.S.C. This Year

The annual report of the registrar, E. B. Lemon, shows that out of a total enrollment of 3818 long term students at Oregon State agricultural college in the school year 1927-28, Columbia county was represented by 75. Total enrollment for the year, including the 1927 summer session and various short courses reached 5311 as compared with the previous year.

Every county in the state as well as 25 other states were represented in the total. Students were also in Corvallis from five foreign countries, China, India, Canada, Russia and Korea, and from Alaska, the Philippines, Hawaii and the District of Columbia. The latest report for this year's summer session shows students from all but four counties of Oregon and 19 other states. Total registration is 1385 including special and junior session students and 707 regular adult students. Of the latter 4 are from Columbia county.

Dog Population In Vernonia Decreasing

The unclaimed dogs in Vernonia are disappearing.

After many months of permitting unlicensed dogs to run about at will on the streets of Vernonia, a campaign was started Monday to pick up all those not bearing licenses. The city now has a dog pound and at the rate it is filling; up there will soon be standing room only.

The city ordinance requires that all dogs running at large in the city limits without being licensed shall be locked up in the pound. Forty-eight hours after the owner has been notified or the dog advertised for sale, the animal may be sold or killed.

By Monday afternoon there were only 28 licensed dogs in the city. It is thought there must be four times that number running at large.

City Council Awards Reservoir Contract

The contract for building an auxiliary reservoir and water mains for the city was awarded by the council Monday night to Mills & Rise of Vernonia, whose bid of \$4797.30 was \$39.70 lower than the bid of Keating & Bade of Portland, the other bidder.

After the bids had been opened and read, item by item, there was some doubt as to which was the lowest, as the bid of Mills & Rise was not totaled, and the bid of the Portland firm showed an incorrect computation in one item.

It was also necessary to iron out alternate bids on choices of material.

Geo. Lindsay Dies Of Illness Monday

Geo. Lindsay, 67, died at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland Monday following an operation for an infection caused by acute rheumatism. He had been ill but a short time. Mr. Lindsay had been a resident of Vernonia for the past five years and was well known here.

He was the brother of Wm. Lindsay, and the father of J. A. Lindsay of Vernonia, Dewey Lindsay, Mrs. Arthur Johnson, and Mrs. Wm. Dozier of Portland. His wife died less than two years ago.

The funeral will be held at Vancouver, Wash., this afternoon at 2 p. m.

Attend Campmeetings
The following left Tuesday on the noon train to attend the Evangelical campmeetings and conventions at Jennings Lodge: Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Plumer, Mrs. Sarah Spencer, Miss Dorothy Throop, Mrs. Minnie Malmsten, and Miss Elna Spencer.

Vernonia Wins An Easy Game

Piedmont Maroons of Portland Beaten Sunday By Score of 10 to 1.

(By Chas. Richardson)
The Vernonia ball artists walked away with an easy game Sunday by winning from the Piedmont Maroons of Portland by a 10 to 1 score. The visitors never should have had even the lone tally, but Cline had a generous streak in the 9th and let one go through his hands that later cost a run. If it were not for this error McGregor would have had a well-earned shut-out. He pitched nice ball all the way through, striking out a total of 15 men and walking only one.

The Piedmonts blew up in the fifth inning and booted the ball all over the lot. The local team scored five runs in this inning and knocked out the starting pitcher. From then on it was a continual parade of new pitchers, so many new ones were put in that the scorer lost track and presents herewith merely the starting lineup.

Although short two of their star players, the Vernonia outfit presented a most formidable lineup under the supervision of Manager Tisdale. With the exception of first base, the whole team played airtight ball and if they continue this pace they are going to be one hard club to beat.

The box score of Sunday's game follows:

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Piedmont	4	0	1	1	1	1
Jonson SS	4	0	1	1	1	1
Humboldt C, P	5	0	0	13	0	0
Hanson 2B, C	3	0	1	0	0	0
Shelhorn CF	4	0	0	1	0	0
Quall 1B	4	0	1	8	0	0
Bolo 3B	4	0	2	0	3	2
Vinton LF	2	1	0	1	0	1
Duncan RF	4	0	0	0	0	0
A. Woods P	1	0	1	0	2	1
B. Woods 2B	3	0	1	0	1	0
Vernonia	34	1	7	24	7	5

Summary: Two base hits, Greenman. Sacrifice hits, Sherrett and Linn. Sacrifice fly, McGregor. Stolen bases, Johnson, Hanson, Quall, Bolo 2, Vinton, Laird 2, McKillip, McGregor 2, Linn, Black 2, and Greenman. Struck out by McGregor 15, by Woods 6, Humboldt 4. Bases on balls off McGregor 1, Woods 4, Humboldt 1. Hit by pitched ball, McKillip by Humboldt. Wild pitch Woods. Passed ball Hanson. Left on bases Piedmont Maroons 7, Vernonia 4. Umpires Ozment and Nelson.

O.-A. Twilight League Now Well Under Way

(By Chas. Richardson)
The O.-A. Twilight league opened a week ago Wednesday with a fast game between the Sawmill and the Stacker Building, which the Sawmill won 2 to 0. This was as good a game as one would care to witness any place, being a pitchers' duel between Lefty Davis for the Sawmill and Meeker for the Stacker crew.

Another speedy game was played Saturday between the Planing Mill and the Shipping Department, which the latter finally won 7 to 6 after being forced into an extra inning in order to take the game. The Planing Mill should have won this game, but due to lack of an outfield they lost.

All of the local fans who are missing these departmental games are missing a real treat, for the games so far played indicate that the schedule is going to be a hot one and the winner will have earned their pennant. The admission is a lot of noise. Games are played twice weekly, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at 4:30 p. m.

Any bona fide employee of the Oregon-American Lumber company is eligible to play but selection of players rests with team managers, who are: Sawmill, E. R. McGregor; stacker bldg., Earl Dial; planing mill, Chris Ncar; shipping dept., C. L. Anderson; office, Judd Greenman.

The selection of players must be confined to team's mill department except that catchers may work for any team and if a team is short of players they may be borrowed for one game only with the consent of the contesting managers. Machine shop and dry kilns will classify with office. Timber dock and crane run with shipping department. Monorail with planing mill. Dry assorter and transfers with stacker building. Green chain, power house and Please turn to page 6

Oregon's Road Program Halted

Dunne's Initiative Bills Retard Progress of Highway Development.

Oregon motorists and taxpayers will be interested in the fact that the so-called \$3 and \$5 measures, which would have affected the state highway program, will not appear on the November ballot, as the necessary signatures to initiative positions were not filed at Salem. The public mind has become confused through extensive preliminary discussion in the state press of these bills, and it should be pointed out, as a matter of interest of the highest importance, that the only measures relating to motor vehicle licenses and a tax on gasoline which will have a place on the ballot are those initiated by Joe Dunne, of Portland.

Mr. Dunne's license bill provides for a general reduction in license fees of approximately 50 per cent. If this bill should be approved by the people in November, the state highway fund will lose about \$3,000,000. The other initiative measure would increase the gasoline tax from three to five cents per gallon. If both bills should pass, the state's income from the gas tax would be increased about \$1,200,000, leaving the highway department with a net loss of nearly \$2,000,000. Should the people approve the decreased license fees set up in the Dunne bill and reject the increased gas tax of his other bill, the net loss to the highway fund would amount to a sum equivalent to that now available for new construction and betterments. Under this threatening situation, the highway commission has been forced to call a halt in its contemplated program for next year and to hold in abeyance any expenditure other than maintenance and the mandatory payments of principal and interest on road bonds.

The above figures are based on careful and conservative estimates of state revenues relating to the highway fund, which was set up by the people and the legislature to accomplish a definite program of state road construction. This program is far from completion at this time.

Recent Bride Honored By Shower On Friday

A number of her friends paid a surprise visit Friday to Mrs. Leon Hollyfield whose marriage took place recently. Mrs. Hollyfield was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts. Dainty refreshments of iced tea, sandwiches and cakes were served by the self invited guests. Those present were: Misses Helen Hieber, Wayne Wall, Frances Lappe, LaVelle Gosa, Lillian Lilly, Della Cline, Phoebe Greenman, Florence Stubbs, Allie Simmons, Thelma Olsen, Gladys Krinick, Ruth Holaday, and Mrs. E. A. Laird, Mrs. Phil Taylor, Mrs. G. T. Blenkinship, Mrs. H. B. C. Church, and Mrs. M. F. Wall.

Young Folks Visit Battleground Lake

A number of Vernonia residents went to Battleground lake Sunday, returning via Jantzen beach. They reported a very enjoyable trip and also that they saw the mysterious meteor about midnight on their way home along the Columbia river highway.

Those who went were: Misses Macle Roberts, Alma Kullander, Amy Hughes, Thelma Spencer, Violet Phelps, Frances Lappe, Betty Culver, Mildred Oxley, Helen Hieber, Edith Brady, and Neal Bush, Lowell Roberts, Joe Gordy, Dudley Spencer, W. Norgordon, Harold Olsen, Donald Hodges, Morris Bennett, Thor Roberts, Marshall Malmsten, Charles Hoffman and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Copenhagen.

Sutherland starts move for fire truck and better fire protection.

HIGHWAY CONDITIONS



General changes in highway conditions which might influence the travel of Oregon motorists are now appearing in the Vernonia Eagle under the above heading.

Weekly data on roads will be released by the Oregon State Motor association and will be published by various newspapers in the state giving to the motorists general information as to travel conditions in various sections of the northwest.

Rebekah Lodge Installs New Officers Thursday

Mountain Heart Rebekah lodge held installation Thursday evening when the following officers were installed by Mrs. W. C. Kilby assisted by Mrs. Mae Mellinger, grand marshal; Mrs. Myrtle John, noble grand; Virgil Beaver, vice grand; Mrs. Frank Cronister, secretary; Mrs. Ruby Bates, treasurer; Edna Linn, warden; Grace Sunnell, conductor; Mrs. Lee Hall, chaplain; Mrs. Pearl McCabe, musician; Mrs. Mae Mellinger, R. S. N. G.; Mrs. Thelma Webb, L. S. N. G.; Lola Trehanne, R. S. V. G.; Rose Schultz, L. S. V. G.; Verma Higdon, inside guardian; Hazel Graven, outside guardian.

After the meeting a social hour was enjoyed and ice cream and cake were served.

Advertising Budgets Found Low in Oregon

Contrary to some opinion, advertising costs to merchants of Oregon constitute but a small fraction of total selling costs, according to the report of "Operating costs in retail merchandising" just published by the extension service of the state college. The bulletin was prepared under the direction of the school of commerce and contains reports presented to the Oregon Retail Merchants' association in convention at Corvallis last February.

Of the six merchandising groups from which data were gathered, the department stores were found to devote the greatest amount to advertising, which was 3.32 per cent out of a total operating expense of 23.79 per cent. At the other extreme the general stores were found to use only .45 per cent out of a total of 18.23 per cent.

Furniture stores reported an average of 1.74 per cent of a total expense of 28.92 per cent used in advertising, while grocery stores averaged a mere .50 per cent in a total of 12.88. Hardware stores also devoted a comparatively small budget to advertising, the total being .73 per cent in a total of 22.05 per cent. Drug stores were about the same with 1 per cent devoted to advertising from a total of 27.06 per cent.

In general the Oregon figures for advertising were lower than in other surveys throughout the country with which comparisons were made. Exceptions were that department stores here spent about a third more for advertising than those in an extensive survey made by Harvard university, and that grocery stores here, even at their low figure, exceeded the stores in Nebraska. General stores in the Harvard survey devoted four times as much to advertising.

The bulletins may be obtained free from the extension service. Some are being used by merchants to compare their own costs with those of others.

K. of P. District Convention Here

Columbia county district convention of the Knights of Pythias lodge will be held in Vernonia Saturday evening, July 21. Ross Shreve of Seapooze, district deputy grand chancellor, will have charge of the meeting. Visitors are expected from Rainier and St. Helens and also Forest Grove and Hillsboro. Grand officers from Portland will also be present.

Wm. Aspland is in charge of the committee for refreshments and Emil Messing is looking after the entertainment.

Couple Married At County Seat

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the parsonage of the Free Methodist church in St. Helens, Saturday, by Rev. George G. Edwards when Helen Crowley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Crowley of Vernonia, became the wife of Carl Little, formerly of Boise, Idaho. The bride was attractive in a flowered georgette dress.

Mrs. Little is well known in Vernonia having made her home here for four years. Mr. Little is employed at the Oregon American mill as monorial operator. The young couple were accompanied by Mrs. B. L. Crowley, Mrs. Marie East, Mrs. A. B. Johnson and Alvin Little. After the ceremony they returned to Vernonia and are making their home at the Moonlight apartments.

Mrs. H. Fieldberg entertained at a kitchen shower Thursday in honor of Mrs. Little. She was the recipient of many useful gifts. Those present were Mrs. A. B. Johnson, Mrs. Sherlock, Mrs. Ross Meeker, Mrs. Wayne George, Mrs. E. W. East, Mrs. L. Huntley, Mrs. Jacobs, Miss Ida Mae Hawkins, Miss Eva Hall, Mrs. Walter Eason.

Big Legion Convention At Medford

Many Planning To Attend August 2, 3, 4.

Expect Large Crowd

Auxiliary and 40 et 8 Conventions Will Be Held At the Same Time

Reports received from Medford, the American Legion convention city for 1928, indicate that the tenth annual department convention which takes place August 2, 3 and 4 will be the biggest and best Legion convention ever staged in the state of Oregon. The budget for the entire three days celebration has been raised, the local business men and service clubs are giving their undivided support and with nearly 700 members of Medford Post No. 15 "on the job" there is no doubt as to the success of this year's convention.

One of the most elaborate celebration programs ever prepared for the entertainment of visiting Legionnaires and their families has been under way for the past four months and is now nearing completion. There will be something to do or see every minute during the big three day celebration and visitors are assured of plenty of action from early morn till late at night.

One of the biggest features of the three day program will be the annual drum and bugle corps competition, plans for which have been approved by the trophy and awards committee of the state department. The competition will be held on the evening of August 2 at the Jackson county fair grounds. This feature was tried out last year at Medford's "Jubilee of Visions Realized" and practically all of the corps in attendance at that time felt that the evening drum corps contest is far more spectacular and impressive than the afternoon competitions. The field for the competition will be brilliantly lighted with huge flood lights, which will furnish beautiful illumination, making the scene most spectacular from the spectator's viewpoint. The corps will compete in front of the grandstand and the "field of battle" will be surrounded on three sides by specially constructed bleachers to seat the huge crowd which is expected to view the "hostilities." Following the drum corps drills there will be a mammoth fireworks display directly in front of the grandstand which will be one of the most elaborate pyrotechnic exhibitions ever attempted in the state.

It is expected that at least twelve of the leading drum corps of the state of Oregon will be at Medford in addition to several delegations from northern California. Drum corps from Chico and Dunsmuir, Calif., and a band from Mt. Shasta City have already accepted invitations to be present and many other California visitors also plan to attend.

The convention will hold its opening session in the Medford armory and by special arrangement this session will be open to the public, being opened by welcome addresses by Mayor Alenderfer and other local dignitaries. The business sessions will be held in the lodge room of the Medford Elks temple, which is an attractive meeting place ample in size to accommodate the Legion delegates and alternates. The convention sessions of the Legion Auxiliary will take place in the new Baptist church.

Among the other competitive attractions at the convention, there will be a stunt competition, which will be held on the afternoon of August 2, according to Bill Bolger, in charge of the stunt show. Cash prizes will be offered for the best stunts staged and some clever stunts have already been arranged for according to report. During the same afternoon there will be an elaborate "aerial circus," under the direction of Seely V. Hall of Medford, who is state chairman of the aviation committee. The "aerial circus" will be held at the Medford airport on the Jackson county fair grounds and at least 30 of the speediest ships in the west will take part.

In addition to the above entertainment features there will be several big parades, plenty of dances, a golf tournament on the famous Medford course and numerous other attractions designed to keep visiting Legionnaires busy for the full 72 hours of the convention.

Five trips to Crater and Diamond lakes, the Oregon Caves and other outstanding scenic attractions of Southern Oregon's "vacation wonderland" are being planned and advertised. Please turn to page 6