

Nehalem Well Represented at County Fair

Many New Features Were Shown This Year

Granges Had Booths

Oregon-American Lumber Exhibit Attractive; Cool Weather Affected Attendance

The Nehalem valley was much better represented at the county fair last week than any year previously, according to those who attended. The fair closed Saturday night after four days showing, and was declared by many to have been the largest and best ever presented in the county.

Although a late spring and several weeks of dry weather made prospects appear dark for an unusually big fair this year, the agricultural department was one of the best on the grounds. One of the most pleasing features was the number of individual farms that have exhibits this year. These included Thos. Brown's Somerset Lodge of Yankton, O. J. Link of Goble, H. J. Anderson of Warren, A. A. Schwab of Birkenfeld, the McCormick ranch of St. Helens, Mrs. J. F. Loyd of Deer Island and John Welch of Goble.

Four granges had exhibits, these being Winema of Birkenfeld, Vernonia, Yankton and Beaver Homes. Two Nehalem valley granges were grouped together and made an effective display. Vernonia grange had a vegetable display, grasses, grains, corn and other products from the fertile Nehalem valley. The Winema grange exhibit was placed in a pretty nook wherein were found a variety of display of grains, including barley, wheat, and oats; alfalfa, corn, fruits, vegetables, flax, and a flower show on a small scale. The productiveness of the Nehalem valley was shown clearly.

The Oregon-American Lumber company had a lumber exhibit, which rounded out the valley's showing in an effective manner.

This was the first time the Nehalem valley has taken part so extensively in the county fair, and the presence of this exhibit represented a new source of interest in the fair. Last year the valley had an exhibit, but on a smaller scale. There were individual exhibits, too, which show interest in the fair.

Yankton grange had a complete exhibit, which represented the products of a goodly number of farms and their homes. It consisted of alfalfa, millet, barley, wheat, oats and clover in the grains and grasses; corn, hops, nuts, fruits of various kinds, dairy products, eggs, canned fruit and vegetables pickles and a variety of other exhibits add to the completeness of the booth.

Beaver Homes grange, representing one of the newer logged-off sections of the county, had a booth that should have proved to anybody who doubts the productivity of the logged-off lands. For variety of products, this booth had all others beaten.

A. A. Schwab of Birkenfeld had a display of threshed and unthreshed grain which showed what can be done with grain in the Nehalem valley. His farm is called the Mellowfarm.

The McCormick farm near St. Helens showed a box of huge tomatoes and a stalk of corn that had everybody first gasping and then guessing as to its height. Estimates range from eight to twelve feet. There was a remarkable pepper plant, bearing eight peppers, and a collection of China long cucumbers that attracted a good deal of attention. A number of other pieces were included, which made this a noticeable display.

Mrs. J. F. Loyd of Deer Island had an attractive vegetable display, and her pumpkins looked just as attractive there, snuggled against the corn stalk, as they do out in the field in the fall of the year.

Mrs. Augusta Butts of Columbia City had several vegetables on display from her garden in the back lot. She had some onions there which looked like the pictures one sees in the seed catalogues. Her onion display last year was up to as high a standard as that of this year.

Joe Koller, who has gone into the milk goat business on a large scale on his farm west of Deer Island, had an exhibit of goat milk, cream, cheese and butter, and this was enhanced with posters, showing

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Big "Book" Class Goes To College On Monday

Promptly at 1 o'clock Monday, September 24, 11 deans of as many schools at Oregon State college will find long lines of freshmen standing at their office doors ready to go through with preliminary registration which will make them members of the class of 1932. E. B. Lemon, registrar, reports that with advance applications passing the 1600 mark, the new class will probably slightly exceed that of a year ago even after the deduction of those rejected and others who may not appear.

Several hundred applications have already been rejected this fall, most of these being from non-residents whose credentials indicated they were not prepared to carry on the grade of scholastic work demanded at the college. Registration of Oregon students is expected to be high.

Teachers of Several Schools at Reception

Teachers and board members from Kist, Pleasant Hill, Pettijohn, Keasey and Vernonia attended the reception held in their honor at the Evangelical church September 7. More than 50 school officials were present.

Rev. G. W. Plumer gave the address of welcome, which was answered by responses from Superintendent Condit for the grades, and Mrs. Wm. Hammack for the high school. Mrs. G. W. Plumer and Mrs. Sydney Malmsten poured the coffee. They were assisted by several young women present.

A local orchestra played selections during the evening.

Hal Hoss Will Become Secretary of State On September 24; Nominee

Hal E. Hoss, of Oregon City, will be appointed by Governor I. L. Patterson shortly to serve as secretary of state, filling the unexpired term of S. A. Kozier, who is resigning to take over new duties as director of the state budget. The change in state officials is set for Monday, September 24 and Mr. Hoss will serve by appointment of the governor until January 7, 1929, the end of the term for which Mr. Kozier had been elected.

Mr. Hoss is the republican nominee for the office of secretary of state, winning in the primaries by a wide margin over H. H. Corey and Tom B. Handley. Prior to entering the race for election as secretary of state, Mr. Hoss served as private secretary to Governor Patterson and before that was manager of the Morning Enterprise, published at Oregon City. He has been active in newspaper organization work, and has held a number of offices in publishers associations.

Mr. Kozier, who is nearing the end of his second term as secretary of state, was selected by Governor Patterson to direct the state budget because of his many marked qualifications. There is perhaps no one in the state more familiar with the operative and fiscal affairs of the commonwealth than Mr. Kozier, due to his long contact with all its various departments. As director of the budget, working directly under the governor whom the 1927 legislature designated as state budget officer. Mr. Kozier will give Oregon taxpayers the advantage of his vast fund of knowledge about public business, and will fill an important place in the administration's official family.

There will be no drastic changes in the personnel of the office of secretary of state, according to Mr. Hoss, who has let it be known that he intends to conduct affairs as efficiently as possible, without regard to professional job-hunters and political hangers-on. The Hoss family has moved to Salem and taken up residence in the Fairmont hill district.

Reverend Leavitt Returns From Southern Oregon

Teddy Leavitt has returned from southern Oregon where he has been conducting a missionary evangelistic meeting for the past five weeks. The congregation of the Christian church were glad to have their pastor back again. During his absence Mrs. Leavitt, who is an ordained minister, and Oliver Curtis of Forest Grove, supplied the pulpit. Mrs. Leavitt and children joined Mr. Leavitt for his last 10 days in southern Oregon.

Ward Gooding, Kenneth Whitsell, Clarence Wardle, John Wardle, Vedon Parker and Harold Olsen will leave for Corvallis the end of this week to enter O. S. C. as freshmen. Dudley Spencer and Morris Bennett will enter the University of Oregon at Eugene.

Square Deal Garage Burns

Ten Automobiles Lost In Blaze Early Sunday Morning. Apartments Damaged

Fire completely destroyed the Square Deal garage and ten automobiles early Friday morning, and only the quick work of the Vernonia Volunteer fire department saved the Alexander apartments and the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brendle who owned the garage. Both these buildings were burning briskly when the fire departments arrived.

The damage to the garage is estimated at \$4000 and \$4000 worth of automobiles. The Alexander apartments are owned by A. Bronkey and about \$2000 damage was done to them. The cause of the fire is unknown but it probably started from the ignition in one of the cars or from the air compressor. Several minor explosions occurred during the fire but the gasoline tanks were not touched. The buildings were partially covered by insurance.

A small fire broke out in the home of Mr. Brendle at 4 a.m. Sunday morning, caused by a candle left burning. The fire caught on the dresser, ruining the glass and scorching the wall. It was quickly extinguished and no alarm was turned in.

P. T. A. Meets Friday
The Parent-Teacher Association will meet Friday at 3 p.m. in the Washington school. A business meeting will be conducted, during which an election will be held to fill several offices that have been vacated. All members are asked to be present.

State Suffers Few Losses From Loans To Ex-Service Men

Since May 1, 1922, \$25,898,525 have been loaned through the World War State Aid commission to 10,709 persons who served during the recent World War and the Spanish American war. This sum is secured by first mortgages on real property. To date there has been repaid thereon \$3,246,632.27. Interest to the amount of \$3,407,580.61 has also been paid by the borrowers. Substantially \$4,580,000 was paid in cash bonuses of which sum \$353,145 has been refunded by ex-service men who later concluded to take the benefits of the loan.

Loans average \$2,418, a minimum of \$500 to the maximum of \$3000. Payments extend over a period of 28 years. On city property payments must be made quarterly and on country property at least every six months.

Of this large number of loans made, the state was required to foreclose in 349 cases of loans aggregating \$869,125, or 3.3 per cent. Since acquiring this property the state has resold 109 parcels for \$285,413.46, at a profit of \$8621 above the face of the loan, interest to date of foreclosure, foreclosure cost and a resale commission. One hundred thirty-seven of the properties acquired by the state are rented or leased on favorable terms. Five properties are occupied from which no revenue is received, and 107 of the properties in which the state has an interest of \$243,700 are idle. As conditions improve it is not unlikely that the unsold properties will be disposed of and the ultimate loss to the state, if any, be small. It is doubted if any private loan concern has had as favorable experience as the state of Oregon under the same conditions as those upon which loans are granted by it to the ex-service men. Very few of the federal loan companies, notwithstanding their loans are made under less favorable conditions to the borrower, can show such similar results.

The loans to ex-service men of the state of Oregon have afforded them an opportunity to acquire homes upon small annual payments. This has undoubtedly created thousands of home owners in Oregon where otherwise such would not have been the case. The wealth and taxable property has been materially added to and the result is one in which the people of the state of Oregon can justly take much pride. Oregon is one of the few states that has assisted the ex-service men to the extent of loaning him money at a low rate of interest and on long time payments. If the experience of the state continues during the next ten years as has been the result up to this time, the loss, if any, which may result by reason of the state's granting this benefit, will indeed be very small, according to Sam Kozier, secretary of state.

Vernonia Home For Eagle Rock

Bateman, Salmonson And Whitaker Owners of New Plane; Conduct A School

The new Alexander Eagle Rock airplane, piloted by Frank Kammer, flew down on its home airport at Vernonia Saturday evening for the first time. The plane was purchased by C. L. Bateman, Ed. Salmonson, and Art Whitaker.

It is the plan of the owners to conduct a flying school at Vernonia, with Kammer as the chief pilot. Two pupils, Charles Hoffman and Lawrence Acord, took their first lessons Sunday.

Mr. Kammer, who sold his flying school at Wenatchee, Wash., after operating it for more than two years, has been flying for 11 years and enjoys the reputation of not having "cracked up" yet. He plans to move his family here in the near future for permanent residence. His flying time now totals about 2500 hours. Kammer served during the World War, holding a captain's commission. Besides his federal pilot's license, he also is a licensed mechanic and a licensed rigger.

The plane was flown to Cle Elum, Wash., for a fair Monday, and Tuesday to Pendleton for the Round-up. It will return the latter part of the week. Construction started Tuesday on a new hangar for the plane on the local airfield.

The order for this ship was sent in June 20 and it was delivered at Vancouver, Wash., September 11, indicating that the factory at Colorado Springs can not make delivery as fast as orders are pouring in. The owners here have the agency for Columbia, Clatsop, Tillamook, Yamhill, and Washington counties, with several prospects already in view for sales.

The airplane, fully equipped, weighs 2442 pounds. Its only marking is the federal license number 6280, which means that it has been inspected and approved by the department of commerce and is flown by a licensed pilot. It is of the bi-plane type, having a wing spread of 36 feet on top and 31 feet on the lower wing.

The gliding angle of the plane is 12 to 1, which means that it can glide 12 feet while losing an elevation of only 1 foot. This is said to be the greatest gliding angle attained by any plane on the market. It is built with a high safety factor, guaranteed to stand 12 times any normal strain.

A Curtis OX5 motor is installed in the ship, which develops 90 horse power. It turns up 1425 revolutions per minute on the ground and 1500 in the air.

Clarence Nance and Emil Messing made the first passenger flight from Vernonia Sunday evening when they flew to Vancouver, Wn., and back. The trip was made in one hour and 20 minutes with a 10 minute stop in Vancouver. Mr. Messing said that it was most interesting to view the country from the air after having traveled over all the roads in that part. "The country looks just like a crazy quilt," said both Mr. Messing and Mr. Nance. In speaking of riding in an aeroplane Mr. Nance said:

"You would not know you were moving if you did not look at the ground except in places where there are air currents when it feels just like a car going over a bumpy road. I enjoyed the trip very much and think that Pilot Frank Kammer is a splendid pilot. We flew at an altitude of 3400 feet until we reached the Columbia river valley when we dropped to 2000 feet."

To Nominate City Officials at Mass Meeting Monday

In response to a petition filed with the city council Tuesday night a mass meeting has been called to nominate candidates for the offices of mayor, four councilmen, and treasurer for the city of Vernonia. It will be held in the American Legion hall Monday, September 24.

The requisites to holding these offices are that the persons elected must be owners of real estate and legal voters. There has been very little discussion on the part of local citizens for candidates for these positions, only one of which carries any remuneration, that of treasurer.

J. C. Lindley, present treasurer, indicated some time ago that he would not be a candidate for reelection. The present mayor is Guy R. Mills, and the councilmen, G. C. Mellinger, J. E. Tapp, C. S. Hoffman, and E. W. Holtham.

The meeting will be called to order at 8 p.m.

R. A. Space Passes Away In Portland On Sunday

The funeral was held in Portland yesterday of Royal A. Space who died in St. Vincent's hospital Sunday September 16 at the age of 53 years. Mr. Space was born in New London, Wis., May 14, 1875 and married Maude Telpner December 6, 1898. He had lived in Vernonia for five years, and was well known and beloved by many. He was a member of Vernonia lodge no 184 A. F. & A. M., the Royal Arch, Council and Commandery and Algeria Shrine of Helena, Mont., also the Modern Woodmen.

The funeral was held at 2:30 at the Snook and Whealdon funeral chapel in Portland by Rev. G. W. Plumer and the body was then taken to the Lincoln Memorial park where Masonic services were conducted by Vernonia lodge No. 184 A. F. & A. M. He leaves his widow Mrs. Maude Space, two daughters, Mrs. Ramona Lindley, and Lorraine Space; his son-in-law J. C. Lindley, one grandson, Bob, his mother and a sister who reside in Antigo, Wis., and a host of friends.

List Calf Club Winners at Fair

The list of winners of boys' and girls calf club work at the county fair last week was as follows:

Beef division: 1st, Larry Tarbell of Yankton; 2nd, Kenneth Oliver of Yankton; 3rd, Edith Wolfe of Yankton.

Dairy division 2; Kent Magruder of Clatskanie.

Dairy division 1: Albert Gregory, James Anliker, Stafron Grimshaw and John Anliker of Goble, Roy Goodall of Chapman, Ethel Hillier of Warren.

Livestock judging: 1st team, Francis Goodall of Chapman, scored 370 out of 400 points; Blanche Goodall of Chapman, 340; Roy Goodall of Chapman, 325.

Second team: James Anliker of Goble, 363; Albert Gregory of Goble, 310; John Anliker of Goble, 295.

Three high scoring: Francis Goodall, 370; James Anliker 363; Kent Magruder, 361.

Joseph Cholick won first on a pen of geese, and Lawrence Cholick first on a pen of ducks.

The first team will represent Columbia county at the state fair at Salem. The second team will represent the county at the International Livestock exposition at Portland in November.

State Institutions Becoming Crowded

The total population at the nine state institutions for the care of the insane, feeble-minded, prisoners and other wards on August 31 was 4946, as compared with 4765 on the same date in the year 1927. The principal increases in population have been in the hospitals for the mental defectives and in the state penitentiary. The aggregate increase in population in the state hospital at Salem, the eastern Oregon hospital at Pendleton, and the feeble-minded at Salem was 114, and at the penitentiary 106. Only slight changes took place in the population of the other state institutions, except in the boys' training school, where there has been a decrease of 45 charges during the year, occasioned principally by the exercise of a more liberal policy on the part of the state board of control.

The per capita cost of maintaining the inmates of the various institutions has increased in some cases and decreased in others, the best average for the 12 months ending August 31, 1928, having been shown by the eastern Oregon state hospital. At this institution an average of \$15.49 per month was expended in maintaining each inmate, while at the state tuberculosis hospital the average per capita cost was \$46.39. The patients at the latter institution being in all stages of sickness require a greater degree of care and a more extensive and expensive selection of foods which accounts for the higher cost.

During the year the population of the penitentiary has quite seriously exceeded the capacity of that institution. It is certain that if the growth in population of the penitentiary continues at the rate which has prevailed for several months past additional quarters will be necessary for properly housing the prisoners. A rather large waiting list numbering from 60 to 75 for entrance into the state tuberculosis hospital will be taken care of when the new hospital at The Dalles is completed early in the coming year. The capacity and facilities of the hospital for the insane at Salem are also becoming taxed to the utmost, which is the case too in the Pendleton institution. It is evident that further provision will soon have to be made for the care of the state's mentally deficient charges.

Expect Good Potato Crop In Columbia

Good Pasture Assured For Coming Winter

August A Dry Month

Extension Service Makes Report On Agricultural Situation For Month of August

Columbia county experienced a dry month during August, which was favorable for harvesting late hay and grain, but dry for growing crops, according to the agricultural situation bulletin recently issued by the extension service of Oregon State Agricultural college.

There will be a light crop of apples, pears and prunes, but a good crop of potatoes is in prospect with quite a large acreage planted. Conditions are very good this year for range stock. There is plenty of pasture on the range and hay for winter feeding.

Prices for hogs were very good during August, according to the report. Farmers are doing very well from this industry. The dairy industry is in fairly good shape with sufficient feed most of the summer, but pastures were somewhat dry during August. There is plenty of hay for local needs, as well as silage and root crops.

Situation in Oregon Given

Conditions have been favorable for harvesting grain in eastern Oregon and good yields of fall grains are reported. The second crop of alfalfa was heavy in most districts. Spring grain turned out very satisfactorily, some of it very poor. Vetch seed yields are about average but the acreage cut for seed is reported less than last year. Early threshed clover seed has not yielded so well and the crop is generally expected to turn out less than last year, but perhaps about average. Some of the irrigated clover grown for seed was harvested for hay because of damage by aphid and mildew.

Heavy fruit crops are reported in southern and eastern counties, but the crop in western Oregon counties is not so good. Fresh prunes have been shipped in large volume from Umatilla, Malheur and other counties, but prices are only about 40 cents a suitcase, which leaves a small price over picking and packing costs.

Pears are being shipped in quantity from southern Oregon. The apple harvest is about to begin. The walnut and filbert crops are especially promising both in yield and quality and the market situation is firm. Some grapes have been damaged by sunburn, especially Tokays. Hop picking is under way and prospects are favorable.

Prices for livestock and livestock products are generally good. There is sustained interest in dairying, although many cows are being sold for shipment to California. The low condition of pastures is causing heavier early feeding. Range livestock are being forced off of the ranges earlier than usual because of the drought and with higher prices for hay stockmen are inclined to sell closely. The turkey crop is reported average to 100 per cent increase in various counties. The young birds are fairly well developed.

The general dairy products situation was in fairly strong position during August. Stocks of butter in storage are about 25,000,000 pounds less than last year, which is about equal to reductions in production.

The current potato situation is very unfavorable to growers because of over-production resulting from increased acreage and favorable growing conditions. Future weather conditions and disease might still cause a reduction in prospective production, but thus far reports have indicated generally favorable progress of the big crop. Should there be an out-turn of 400,000,000 bushels as forecast August 1, only the best of the crop can be expected to be taken for table stock and western growers will again be in least favorable position because of necessity of shipping a large surplus long distances to market.

W. C. T. U. Convention Meets Here Tomorrow

Columbia county W. C. T. U. convention will be held in the Evangelical church Friday. The state president Mrs. Ada Jolley will be here and some interesting addresses are promised. The convention opens at 10 a.m. and continues all through the day.