

## Report Shows State Agricultural Situation

### Frost Injures Potatoes In Columbia County

### Good Cattle Market

### Dairy Industry in Favor Because of High Prices During Recent Weeks for Butter Fat

September weather was quite favorable for harvest operations, but lack of moisture delayed fall seeding and plowing and reduced the yield of some late potatoes and other late crops, according to the agricultural situation report issued by the extension service of Oregon State Agricultural college.

The harvest of fall fruits and nuts made good progress and grain threshing was about completed. The livestock industries in Oregon are enjoying good market demand for their products at prices which are in the producer's favor. Much optimism prevails in respect to the cattle business especially. Small operators continue to invest in ewes.

In Columbia county weather conditions have been fair. There was not sufficient rain for the late crops of potatoes, leaving a smaller crop than was at first expected.

Grain crops in this county have been harvested and threshed with practically no losses. Livestock is reported to be doing well, with good feed prospects. Dairy cows are doing fair, although the feed is a little dry. There has been considerable interest in sheep, about 1,000 head having been brought in. Other small stocks are being added. There is rather a light crop of apples and pears, with prices good.

Increases of from 25 to 50 per cent in the tariff on imported eggs and egg products are requested in a brief filed with the United States Tariff commission by counsel for domestic producers. The increases have been protested by importers.

Experiments made by the United States department of agriculture indicate that boxes for marketing fruit should be made from dry lumber to secure a high degree of resistance to stress. Boxes made from green lumber after drying out showed only one-quarter to one-half as much resistance as those made from dry lumber.

Speaking before the agricultural council of the Central Western Shippers advisory board at Pocatello, Idaho, D. W. Aupperle, president of the Colorado Potato Growers Exchange, an organization of 25,000 growers, said regarding the potato market situation: "I hope that out of all this there may come some sound reasoning and some appreciation of the work done by the government in attempting to bring about in our production a balance between producers and the consumptive demand. If we do that we can put the potato industry on a stable basis, and it will be a worthwhile industry."

A valuable mimeograph by H. E. Selby, associate in farm management, Oregon Experiment Station, Corvallis, has been issued on "Cost of Producing Important Forage Crops in Oregon in 1925, 1926, and 1927."

### Buyers Marion County Ranch

Geo. Oberst purchased a well improved 100-acre ranch in Marion county last week. It is situated on the Pacific highway near Aurora. The Oberst residence on State street was included in the transaction. The deal was handled by Jos. Scott and Gordon R. Watt.

### Chamber Will Meet Today

The Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting this noon at the Horseshoe Cafe. A delegation from Scappoose will be present, according to president R. M. Aldrich, to gain support from the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce for their proposed Scappoose-Vernonia road, by way of Chapman. Luncheon will be served at 12 o'clock sharp.

Bend—R. A. Booth donates 50 acres on Lakeview-Klamath highway for state park.

Columbia river highway in Oregon has new perfected surface of sharp rock screenings mixed with asphaltic oil, rolled into existing paving and clean dry screening loose on top.

Springfield—Three rail crossings eliminated by improvement crew on Pleasant hill road.

### Girl's Hand Bruised When Caught in Wringer

Lois McDonald, 8, received a badly bruised hand when it passed through the wringer of an electric washing machine at her home, Thursday.

She was putting some clothes through the wringer and when a small cloth wrapped around it, she tried to pull it out, but before she could do so her hand was caught and passed through the rolls of the wringer.

At her cries her mother came running to the scene and reversed the machine.

Lois was rushed to the doctor where an x-ray picture of her hand was taken. The picture showed no broken bones.

### Many Plan To Attend Endeavor Convention

Vernonia will be well represented at the annual convention of the Wildwood Christian Endeavor Union at Scappoose, October 19, 20, and 21, according to present reports. A banner is given to the largest delegation of representatives.

The program will include inspirational speakers, a banquet, a program for the juniors and several contests. Harold Judge, of Astoria, is president of the Union, which includes Clatsop and Columbia counties.

### Maple Floor in Skating Rink

The new skating rink owned and operated by Roy F. Brown and A. C. Brown, is now situated in the old Stankey woodworking shop. A good maple floor has been laid and the place is proving popular. In anticipation of the Halloween masquerade, new skates have been purchased.

### Miss Helen Jones Becomes Bride Of Virgil Van Alstine

Helen Frances Jones, daughter of Mrs. Dolly Jones of Archer, Neb., and Virgil Van Alstine, son of A. G. Van Alstine of Longview, Wn., were united in marriage at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Thomas Turner, Sunday, October 14, by Rev. Esther Levitt. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Graven were the attendants. The bride was prettily dressed in blue silk crepe.

Mrs. Van Alstine was born in Archer, Neb., and had lived in Vernonia for about a year and a half. Mr. Van Alstine is employed at the Oregon American mill. They will make their home on Second Avenue.

After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Van Alstine, Mr. and Mrs. L. Graven, Mr. and Mrs. R. Babb, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Van Alstine, A. G. Van Alstine of Longview, Wn., and Mrs. W. Graven.

Mrs. L. Graven and Mrs. T. Turner entertained at miscellaneous shower in honor of Mrs. V. Van Alstine September 27, at the home of Mrs. Graven. Two tables of 500 were in play. After the cards, the beautiful gifts were opened by Mrs. Van Alstine. Potato salad, sandwiches, cake and coffee were served.

Those present were Mrs. Inez Davidson, Mrs. Mike Miller, Mrs. F. A. Hankel, Mrs. D. Graven, Mrs. A. Wolsey, Mrs. M. Willard, Mrs. V. Powell, Mrs. C. Tisdale, Mrs. Minnie Mills, Mrs. R. Babb, Mrs. C. R. Cople, Mrs. G. Oberst, Miss Mary Oberst, Mrs. A. Olds, Mrs. Roy Smith, Mrs. W. Graven. Others who sent gifts but were unable to be present were Mrs. L. W. Baker, Mrs. C. A. Hannan, Mrs. Amy Creasey, and Mrs. S. Smith.

### Little Irene Driscoll Scalded by Hot Water

Saturday afternoon little two-year-old Irene Driscoll fell into a bucket of hot water, severely scalding herself.

Mrs. Driscoll had instructed her two little girls to play about the house, but Irene, the younger, had gone to the home of Mrs. Frank Mills. Not knowing the child was near, Mrs. Mills had placed the bucket of boiling water on the floor to cool and gone to the pump for cold water.

She was suddenly startled by the child's screaming and rushed back to find the little girl seated in the bucket. Her injuries were treated and are now healing nicely.

### Runaway Boy Soon Returns

Elmer Bakon, 12, left his home Saturday morning, secured provisions from a grocery store which he charged to his parents and was not heard from until the next morning. He asked for breakfast at the home of a friend. His parents were notified and brought him home. He refused to say where he had been.

### Decorative Ferns Stored

### Creamery Unable to Supply Demand for Butter; Bring Cream from Birkenfeld

Gribner Bros. of Banks, have rented the cold storage plant of the Nehalem Valley Ice and Creamery company for the winter. They are using it to store greenery such as ferns, huckleberry vines and cedar boughs until they have a carload of them. They are then shipped to New York and other eastern states for decorating purposes. At least two carloads have already been shipped.

The creamery recently purchased a new Ford truck and are now hauling all their own milk and cream from Mist and Birkenfeld, making a round trip of about 65 miles daily. They are still unable to get sufficient cream to supply the demand for butter.

### Blue Bird Group Meets

The younger Blue Bird group met at the home of Ramona Casselman Tuesday afternoon. The reports on the Halloween party were handed in and approved by the leader. It was agreed that each member may invite one girl friend to the party.

The Blue Birds are making bean bags and learning all the laws of the fairy court for which they will receive honors. After the meeting adjourned, Mrs. Casselman served cocoa and cakes. The next meeting will be held at the home of Alice Hoffman.

### Announce Engagement

The engagement of Kathleen Court, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Court, to Kenneth E. Roberts, son of Mrs. Ollie Roberts, of Vernonia, was announced at a bridge party, Wednesday, September 26, 1928. Those present were: Misses Margaret and Helen Matthews, Nora LaFerte, Thelma Larson, Joe Hansen, Marian Usher, Nellie Elden, Billie McCain, Ruth Embree, Elsie Anderson, Mrs. E. Barnes, Mrs. Verne McCain, Winifred Salmon, Ida Milham. Prizes were won by Misses Helen and Margaret Matthews, Thelma Larson and Mrs. Verne McCain. Mrs. Marion Usher and Ruth Embree sang during the evening. Assisting at the table were Mrs. D. J. Matthews and Mrs. Martin. No date has been set for the wedding.—Seattle Star.

### Mist-Clatskanie Market Road Opened For Travel

Formal opening of the new link in the Mist-Clatskanie market road was postponed from Tuesday of last week to Tuesday of this week, on account of rains which made extra work necessary on the road. The new unit will eliminate the steep "Mist hill" road by a series of gradual grades which take the motorist up and down the divide without the necessity of the climb that has been a source of worry to many who were driving over this road frequently.

With the acceptance of this unit the Nehalem valley highway system becomes one of the best in the country, with market road grades taking the pace of the steeper ones and the sharp turns taken out. Much work has been done on the Nehalem roads during the summer just past.

The Mayger road also has been given attention during the summer but as this requires considerable heavy construction, including widening of the road through some deep cut, the road will not be completed this year. A good road bed is being put down on this road, making it a thoroughly passable road for the winter.—Rainier Review.

### Prohibits All Auto Washing On Street

Washing of all classes of motor vehicles on Bridge street is prohibited by order of the city council, according to an ordinance passed at the council meeting Monday night.

Since a skating rink has been moved within the city limits and there was no ordinance covering the regulation of the hours it would be permitted to run, the council gave them the right to operate five days of the week until 10 p. m., Saturday until 11 p. m., and Sunday during the hours of 1 to 4 p. m. only.

Mrs. Mark E. Moe was appointed a member of the library board to succeed Mrs. M. D. Cole, resigned.

Cornelius—Construction of large modern poultry house in county under way on W. E. Parkin place.

Silverton—Government beacon light to be installed in local airport.

### Sheep Raising Interest Rises

### Several Flocks Brought In County During Thee Past Month; Low Ratio Now

(By Geo. A. Nelson)  
Sheep raising in Columbia county has attracted a great deal of attention during the last year or two and this interest has begun to crystallize during the last few months as more information becomes available on the possibilities of the development of the industry here. Several of the farmers have been raising sheep in the county for a number of years with very good success.

During the last month several flocks of sheep have been brought into the county, the largest of these was that of A. B. Cartwright, of Birkenfeld, which consisted of 1,000 head. A number of smaller herds have gone into the Goble, Rainier, Yankton and Vernonia districts. But that there is an opportunity in Columbia county for this industry is quite apparent from the success already obtained by those who have handled sheep for a number of years and the fact that we have thousands of acres of logged-off land that is suitable for sheep raising.

In checking over the 1920 census of the number of sheep in this county as compared with the 15 counties in the Willamette valley and on the coast of Oregon, Columbia county has only 1 per cent of the sheep while it has 4 per cent of the cattle.

At that time our number of sheep was listed at 2,207. If we had the same ratio of sheep as cattle, we should have about 8,000 head to be on a normal ratio with the other counties in western Oregon, according to the census taken 8 years ago. As the sheep business increased considerably in the other counties, but not in Columbia county, until recently, it is unlikely that our ratio now is even lower than that indicated in the 1920 census.

There are opportunities for farmers who wish to put on farm flocks of sheep or even larger herds on the range, as we have considerable pasture here that is better suited for raising sheep than other classes of livestock. Especially on the logged-off areas where there is plenty of good feed during the spring months but rather dry during the summer. In this way the ewes are able to raise their lambs during the period of good feed and after the lambs are weaned, they will go through the summer on the drier feed without difficulty, if too many sheep are not put on the pasture.

In going into the sheep business it is essential in the first place for the beginner that he start with a moderately small flock that he can finance and have plenty of feed for. The stock purchased should be at a normal price that is in keeping with the market; and the ewes should be young, vigorous and of good type, of either medium or long wool breeds, which two classes are adapted to western Oregon.

There will be such problems as diseases of sheep and loss by dogs and predatory animals to meet, but in most cases these problems can be successfully met as they have been in other counties where the sheep industry has been developed, if proper methods are followed.

Coquille—October 26-27 date set for annual corn show.

Oregon onions in big demand. Buyers paying \$2.25 sack and more in field.

### Visitors Welcome At Social Meetings

The Natal Grange, which held its regular business meeting last Saturday night in the Natal Grange hall, decided, after several hours of discussion, to invite visitors to their social meetings.

At these social meetings, which are held the fourth Saturday in every month, some dance, while others play games in an adjoining room, and it is said that a social good time is had by all who usually attend.

During the past few months, visitors, who were not Grange members of some other Grange, have not been allowed to come to these meetings. This arrangement proved unsatisfactory, however, to Grange members, who, having had company at their home, could not attend, as they could not bring their company with them.

It was for this reason that many of the members wanted a different rule, and so at the meeting which was held Saturday night, they succeeded in bringing about the desired change.

### Mrs. J. D. Crawford Succumbs on Monday

The funeral of Mrs. Ada May Crawford who died Monday evening of pneumonia will be held at the Brown funeral parlors this afternoon at two o'clock. Mr. Baker, of the reorganized church of Latter Day Saints, Portland, will conduct the funeral. Mrs. Crawford was born June 15, 1897 in Michigan and had lived in Vernonia for about five years.

She leaves her husband, John D. Crawford, seven children, the oldest 12, and the youngest two years old, also nine sisters and brothers in Michigan.

### 51 Cows Produce More Than 40 Pounds Butterfat During Summer

According to the monthly report of the Columbia Cow Testing Association for September, issued by E. H. Fish, Jr., 51 cows produced more than 40 pounds of butterfat. Thirty-three herds were tested with a total enrollment of 612 cows, of which 97 were dry.

Beeson Brothers herd of 33 graded guernseys and holsteins made an average of 778 pounds of milk and 36 pounds of butterfat. J. F. Johnston's registered jersey herd of 12 cows made an average production of 532 pounds of milk and 28.26 pounds of butterfat. Jake Dowling's herd of six graded jerseys made an average of 710 pounds of milk and 37.93 pounds of fat.

Fritz Anliker had the highest producing cow, Rose, a registered holstein, aged seven, with 1413 pounds of milk and 63.6 pounds of fat.

### Filipino Shoots, Stabs Brother's Wife Tuesday Eve

Pio Antonio, Filipino, during an altercation, much of the nature of which is not definitely known, shot and seriously wounded Mrs. Neva Antonio, his brother's wife, at the Porterfield apartment house about 9 p. m. Tuesday.

In the room at the time were also Mr. and Mrs. Lown Aimes and V. Aimes of Salem, brothers and sister-in-law of Mrs. Antonio, and the latter's two small girls. Mrs. Aimes was wounded in the leg and her husband received a slight wound in one arm. Another shot directed at him might have been fatal had not the gun jammed.

Mrs. Antonio, whose husband is believed to be in Hood River, was immediately rushed to a Portland hospital, where it was found both her arms were broken at the elbow. One shot penetrated her back and came out near one hip. She was also stabbed in her right chest. She is believed to have a good chance to recover.

Posses were quickly organized by Marshal Phelps, but no trace could be found of the attacker, according to late reports yesterday afternoon.

### Citizens Still Trying To Register, Says Judge

"Folks are still coming in for the purpose of registering to vote at the general election next month states Judge D. B. Reasoner, local registrar, "and many are angry when told it will be impossible for them to do so until after the election." The Oregon law states that the poll books will be kept open until 30 days prior to the election, and only those registered may vote. The books closed October 6.

There is now a total of 684 registered voters in Vernonia, 456 in precinct 1, west of the bridge; and 228 in precinct 2, east of the Rock creek bridge. This figure is about 100 more than were registered at the last general election, but is estimated to be a little more than 50 per cent of those eligible to register.

### Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Open St. Denis Hotel

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Cleveland have formally opened the St. Denis hotel in Vernonia, which was their former residence at the corner of Columbia street and Rose avenue. The building has been renovated and rebuilt to some extent for this purpose, they state.

The Women's Missionary society of the Evangelical church held an autumn party at the church last Friday evening. An enjoyable evening was reported by those present. After the community sing, a short play was presented by several of the ladies on "Women's Rights." This was followed by impromptu speeches and games including a potato race and wheelbarrow race. Pumpkin pie sandwiches and coffee were sold by the ladies.

### Teachers Elect New Officers At Institute

### J. B. Wilkerson Ends Year As President

### Resolutions Passed

### Association Proposes Abolishment Of Eighth Grade Examinations

The Columbia county division of the State Teachers Association held their annual meeting at the teachers' institute in St. Helens, October 11, and elected the following officers: O. D. Byers of Rainier, president; Miss Fannie Brenaman of Scappoose, vice president; Miss Mary Weter of Goble, secretary; J. R. Austin of St. Helens, treasurer.

H. B. Ferrin of St. Helens was unanimously nominated for delegate to the representative assembly at large and J. B. Wilkerson of Vernonia, who has just closed his term as president of the association, was nominated state vice president. These last two officers are elected by ballot by the official delegates at the December meeting.

One of the most important works to be taken up by the county association this year was taking over the work of all the other teacher organizations of the county; specifically, the Elementary League and the Athletic Association. By putting the work of these organizations under one head they aim to systematize the work and add greater efficiency. The projects in view at present are:

High school typing contest; high school and grade oratorical and declamatory contests (held separately); all forms of athletics; and spelling contest.

The county is divided into five zones and a leader will be appointed in each zone to conduct the local contests; the first meets to be under the control of the board of executives.

The oratorical and declamatory contest in the high school is a new event for the entire county and will be carefully worked out. Judges for these contests will be taken from outside the county.

Resolved, that we, the teachers of Columbia county, in annual institute assembled go on record as favoring the following resolutions: First. That we propose the abolishment of the eighth grade examination and substitute therefore, a system of uniform achievement tests.

Second. That we favor the establishment of the teachers' retirement fund in Oregon.

Third. That we favor the adoption of the state purchase of free text books.

Fourth. That we favor an adequate teachers' tenure law.

Fifth. That we favor state aid for equalizing the burden of both the elementary and high school.

Sixth. That our appreciation be extended to Miss Murray, our county superintendent for the able manner in which the institute has been conducted.

Seventh. We desire also to extend our appreciation to the Ladies' Aid Societies of the churches for the splendid lunches served each day.

Eighth. That we express our gratitude to the various persons appearing on the program for the instructive way in which they have presented their topics and the delightful entertainment provided by the special numbers.

Ninth. That we commend the exceptional spirit shown by the teachers of the county during the current year.

Tenth. That we favor the recommendation of the legislative committee:—

The legislative committee recommends:—

I. That the salary of the county school superintendent be increased \$400.

II. That the school district consolidation law be so changed as to permit the organization of a consolidated school district by the same process by which a union high school district may now be organized.

III. That a law be passed requiring textbooks to be furnished free to pupils of Oregon school districts.

W. N. Ferrin, Chairman.

Eleventh. That this institute favor creation of a national department of education, the head of which shall be a member of the president's cabinet as secretary of education.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS  
C. L. Robison, Chairman.