

WEST AT HEAD OF COUNTRY IN FARM INCREASE

The Number of Farms in Western States Has Doubled in Ten Years and Will Increase

The showing that the line of farm development has recently been reduced to figures, which, although published before the Federal Census of 1910 will come into print probably will prove to be quite accurate.

These figures show that 1,000,000 new farms have been created in the United States in the past ten years, and that while the increase in the Western States has been about 100 per cent, the balance of the country averages less than 12 per cent.

In the North Atlantic States the increase figures 6 per cent; South Atlantic States, 9 per cent; North Central States, 15 per cent; South Central States, 1 per cent, and Western States 100 per cent.

The unprecedented increase in the value of these lands and the live stock contained upon them is even more interesting. This increase of valuation averages 41 per cent. The Western States, averaging 98 per cent, the increase top of the list, and the North Atlantic States, with 13 per cent increase, stands at the bottom of the list.

"At first sight, these figures are surprising," said a well posted real estate man, when shown the statistics. "But when you consider the millions of dollars that have been put into the irrigation and the development of these Western lands, you look at it in a little fairer light. It is probably true that our Western lands have doubled in value in the past ten years, and it is likely, as a total, that they will again double by 1915, but it has been money, endless work, tireless energy, experience in development and scientific farming that has made the increase possible.

There are thousands of ranches in Oregon that are worth no more today nor even a much as there were twenty years ago, but there are thousands of little farms that are worth more, some of them five or six times as much as they were worth in 1899. It is the small farmer, who has purchased his ten or twenty acres from some big land owner, who has made these statistics possible.

"But the same report that has been quoted above, you will find that the value of our Western farm products increased 211 per cent in the last ten years, which clearly proves my contention that it is the small farm that has gone up in value and not the great tracts, comprising hundreds of acres, where no greater crops are raised today than were raised ten years ago. Crops are what make farm lands valuable, and the man who makes crops grow is the man who ought to and does make the money out of increased valuations. A field of a thousand acres, producing 10,000 bushels of wheat at a cost of 30 cents a bushel, is worth practically the same and no more per acre as long as it produces a crop of that size. But irrigate that field, populate it with 200 energetic, practical truck farmers, with five acres each, and you have a valuable property that has increased in value a great many times over. It was the man who developed it, who put hundreds of thousands of dollars into irrigation ditches, who knew how to subdivide and sell in a retail way, who made it valuable; and as long as there is plenty of other available land, the owner of any adjoining wheat field, without irrigation is but little better off unless he himself has the money and experience to do what the development people have done.

"There are millions of acres of good available lands in the West, and this fact is becoming evident to some of the biggest operators in Europe and America, with the result that enormously rich companies are being formed to exploit this territory and turn the large areas into small farms. Almost every day we receive letters of inquiry from some operators and before the summer is over, we expect to put through some big deals in land."

SENATOR OWEN HITS HIRED PRESS HARD

Assails Boss Rule and the Venal Protection of the Interests

ANNAPOLIS (Md.), March 2.—Speaking before the Committee on Constitutional Amendment of the Maryland House of Delegates, which has under consideration an amendment providing for the initiative and referendum, Owen of Oklahoma yesterday assailed boss rule and protection of corporations.

Newspapers and press associations were attacked as subservient to the "interests" by Senator Owen.

He referred to the plan as the best possible safe guard of human liberty against commercialism.

"Oregon established it," he said, "that selfish interests and dishonest men might no longer control the State. It means only that the People are sovereign and that they may frame their own statutes."

He said that power must be taken from machine politicians or there would be a revolution in America similar to that in France. He said that newspapers would not publish the ten commandments unless it were to the advantage of the "interests."

Senator Chamberlain said that under the convention system "the delegates sent to the conventions are not the choice of the People but of the bosses." "With the initiative and referendum," he said "the time will actually come when the people of the country will have a voice even in the selection of a President of the United States."

"I am of the opinion that candidates who take Statement No. 1 will be elected to the Legislature, for it is a principle in which the people are interested more than the assembly advocated can believe."

A GOODLY LAND OF OPPORTUNITY IS LAKE COUNTY

Wealth-Producing Things Ready for the Taking For Thousands

A few facts about Lake county. It's almost as large as the combined States of Connecticut, Delaware and Rhode Island.

Contains over five million acres of diversified lands; one third of which is timber, two thirds grazing and agricultural lands.

Over two million acres of this area is in the public domain.

Over one million acres are open to entry under the various agricultural land acts.

Has the best land at the lowest price of any county in Oregon, The best state in the Union.

Has 110,000 sheep 40,000 cattle, 25,000 horses, but only 800 hogs.

This is one of the best hog producing counties in the country as we have the climate, can grow the feed, and have no disease to take away the profits of the farmer.

There are over one and a quarter million acres in the Fremont National Forest which are kept for the benefit of the people of this and succeeding generations.

There are thousands of acres of land that are in new irrigation projects now under way.

It's the best county for fruit in a state that has the name of growing the best quality of fruit in America.

Has more openings for the man with little or much capital than any place in the Western country.

It offers homes to men and women who will come and be citizens and work to develop the country as a whole. It has enough "Knockers" and those that are predisposed to grumble and tell what they can do elsewhere when we need men and women to develop the country need not apply. We want to get rid of the crop of that class of cattle and don't need any recruits to their ranks for they will soon be gone where the "knockers" will not have to cut firewood.

Have enough grain lands awaiting the tiller of the soil to increase the crop of grain of the state of Oregon to double what it is now producing.

We have homes for one million people instead of the four thousand that we now claim and can count.

Will soon have two or three railroads into the county. Three are now building this way. Will soon double, then treble then quadruple our population and in efforts of the men and women who come will get us the number that can use every acre of the county that is tillable.

We have the best schools in the educated state of Oregon, which has the smallest per cent of illiteracy of any state in the Union.

We have a small per cent of foreigners and the most of what we have are the salt of the earth.

A county where men with red blood in their veins will find that they can create for themselves a home where they will soon be independent.

A land where the voice of Opportunity is never stilled, and where each waking hour opens to view new thoughts and possibilities that are the germs of wealth and happiness to point out the milestones along the path that leads to Prosperity.

A land of homes for the homeless, crops for the cropless, money for the moneyless and health for everyone that breathes the ozone that God has created at an altitude of 4700 feet above the level of the sea shore.

A land that is paradoxical in many ways because we cannot get men to cut the timber to supply the needs of the towns and farms for lumber; that we have to import grain for our flour mills when we can grow what we need within a few miles of the mill; where pork is imported where we can produce just as good pork in this county as can be grown anywhere and at less cost if only some man will come and do it.

A county that has never been advertised because no one wanted any more people but which is growing in spite of this neglect; where the finest fruit in the world is grown and yet it is almost impossible to get enough to supply the local market; where we grow the finest potatoes that are raised anywhere with the possible exception of the Islands in the Bermuda group, yet for two months one of our citizens could not buy a single spud in the stores.

Where in one valley of the country water is found eight feet below the surface and some people claim that it won't grow anything.

A county that has the best roads to be found anywhere and very little money spent on them.

A place where eggs are so scarce that if a man saw one he would think that he had discovered some new form of mineral quartz and would take it to an assayer to see what it was, yet we can raise eggs as cheaply as anywhere, if some one would just stick a pin in themselves, wake up and go at the industry and chase a few hens around a while.

Where we have no cyclones, no blizzards, no malaria and little disease.

Where we have all the doctors that can earn a living unless they go to farming.

Where we import a portion of the butter that we consume when we have forty thousand head of cattle on the range.

Where the dairyman is in a class with Jaws D., J. Pierr and other bloated bondholders and is so independent that he almost makes you go to his ranch for a quart of the lactical fluid.

It's the land of opportunity; the occasion is now for the man with the red blood who is willing to take time by the forelock and give a yank that will place her at his mercy.

Lake county, Oregon's favored spot for the homeseeker, a welcome for you, Mr. Red Blood. Come now while you have an opening. Let the other fellow do the waiting.

MAKES PURCHASE OF SPLENDID LAND

One of the Old Timers Pays \$137.50 per Acre for 40 Acres

C. O. Misner on Tuesday sold to Hurrely Vernon, better known as "Doc" two 20-acre tracts, of Saeling Sub-division of the McGrath ranch at the rate of \$137.50 per acre. And this to a man who lives on the place and has known it for 20 years. He knows what he can do with the orchard and garden. This entire tract is suitable for both.

It is the highest price yet paid for land in this section, and the fact that old-timers are willing to pay such prices speak volumes for its worth for orchard production.

There are 200 bearing apple trees on the place and the income from them alone under good conditions will probably pay for the place each year. The Examiner understands that others of our local people are negotiating for some of these most desirable tracts, and it is likely they will not long be on the market before all are sold.

The wise man will not delay in seizing such a splendid opportunity to get good orchard land at prices away below ruling prices elsewhere.

INTEREST THREATEN PANIC IF CURBED

Will Such Sedition be Allowed to Go Unpunished?

It is currently reported that if the Supreme Court decision is adverse to the Standard Oil and the Tobacco trust, compelling their dissolution, that then the greatest panic ever experienced in this country will be forced by the interests.

Very well!

If such is the outcome of a righteousness attempt to put a stop to their lawlessness let the government step in and begin criminal action against them under the law that would put a stop to such seditious!

Or, have things reached such a stage that the creature is greater than the creator, and an attempt to curb the monsters will result in subverting the government itself?

If so, it is well for the American people to know it so that they can undo the work of the past that has about made them all slaves to a privileged few!

NOTABLE PROGRESS LAST YEAR IN THE WOOL BUSINESS

A New York Financial Paper Says 1909 Business Was Good

The Commercial and Financial World of New York says reports from the Western States indicate that flocks in the Southern Rocky Mountain States have sustained light losses during the Winter but that farther north, and in Wyoming, heavy losses have occurred. The mountain and coast States contain fully half of the flocks on which the wool industries of the East depend for their domestic supplies. Shearing in these localities will recess fully 20,000,000 sheep from each of which the yield of fleeces ranges from 7 to 8 pounds. This year's clip will probably amount to 150,000,000 pounds. Much of this wool has already been contracted for by buyers representing wool manufacturers in the East.

It also says that the past year was one of notable progress in the wool business. The net sales were \$80,000,000 as compared with \$29,536,978 in 1908, and the surplus was \$3,167,162, as compared with a deficit in 1908 of \$1,170,000. The total assets are now \$85,979,961, and the final surplus 10,514,308.

A good volume of business is expected the present year.

LAKE COUNTY MAY OBTAIN EXCELLENT LUMBER ENTERPRISE

Our Business-Like Methods and Low Taxes Attracts Attention of Capital

It pays to have business men at the head of affairs in public life, as well as in commercial lines. The admission of Senator Aldrich damaging as it is to the republican party, that if the government was run on business lines, a saving could be made of \$30,000,000 a year, is a case in point.

This matter becomes very pertinent just at present regarding Lake county.

The fact that this county is out of debt, owns a fine county building, all paid for, and with some thousands of dollars to its credit in the bank, and with the lowest tax rate yet recorded in the State, only seven-tenths of one mill, is having a salutary effect for the future of the county in a manner heretofore wholly unexpected.

It has been known for some time that the Weyerhaeuser syndicate holding extensive timber areas in Klamath, Lake and Crook counties has planned to erect one of the biggest saw-mill plants in the world in one of these counties.

The supposition has been general heretofore that this immense plant, which will employ thousands of men, was to be located on Upper Klamath lake in Klamath county.

It now comes to The Examiner, from what we deem a reliable, not to say authoritative source, that the Syndicate is seriously thinking of locating the plant in Lake county, simply on the score that our county business affairs are conducted on business like principles, and with a view to the practice of the strictest economy, so that our taxes are so low as to be the marvel of the entire state, to say nothing of being a source of interest to those looking for new homes in the West.

Obviously in this case we have ample and sure evidence that it pays to be honest, and to stamp out all graft in more ways than one; and if Lake county does get this great undertaking it will mean millions in money, and thousands of people; all of which will come from having honest and capable men at the head of this county!

This is indeed, a big piece of news!

DEADLY HOUSE-FLY TO BE HERE SOON

Efforts Should be Made to Stamp Out this Bad Pest

Fly time is here again and the way we handle the pestiferous winged creature before he gets numerous will make quite a difference in the latter part of the year.

It has been estimated by some mathematician who has studied flyology that the natural increase of a single female fly in one year is numbered by placing an 8 then adding some eighteen noughts and he says that we are then within a few thousand of the mark set by the industrious fly. If this is approximately so, it would seem that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and the more we kill at the beginning of the reign the fewer we will have to bother us at the close of the season. Garbage piles, manure heaps and waste of all kinds are the breeding places of this pest, and should be attended to at once to avoid trouble later on.

The fly is also the worst method of conveying disease, according to men of science, and such germs as typhoid, consumption, etc. are carried from place to place and often to the very food we consume. The preventive measures that are taken to avoid annoyance will also help to prevent the disease. Proper sewerage and care of the premises and every sanitary precaution taken will eliminate much disease, to say nothing of the annoyance of having flies in every article of food that we consume. The fly is the deadliest enemy of mankind and should be eliminated at the speediest possible moment.

Don't forget that a few screens are of great assistance in keeping them from the house and should be installed at once. Down with the fly and at once.

SAME STUNT HERE

The Cedarville Record Does not Speak Unadvisedly when it says: Say, young man and older ones, too, do you know that there are thousands of people in the East that would be tickled plumb to death to get hold of a piece of the same kind of land that you now claim as being worthless. And what's more, if you don't get a hustle on and get land in five years from the time that those tenderfoot Easterners set onto the land they'll be riding around in automobiles and you'll be hustling for \$20 or \$30 per month job from 'em. Mark our prediction and the result. Now don't get sarcastic—get land.

FITTED FOR HOTEL

The new Snider Opera House block is being finished up as a hotel, with 30 rooms, up stairs and two store-rooms, 24x28 feet, on the first floor, which will be suitable for a cafe, and any other line of business. The lower floor has full glass fronts. The rooms can be finished to meet the requirements of the tenant. A wide porch will be constructed in front of the new building and extended so as to include the front of the opera house. The building has not been rented yet. It will afford an excellent opportunity for some one to engage in business.

SOMETHING WRONG

"Huby, is my bat on right?" "I hardly think so. I can still see one of your eyes"—Kansas City Journal.

VERDICT IS TO GET THE COIN

Congressman Finds 92,000,000 Germs Living on One-Dollar Bill

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Germs—92,000,000 of them of manifold variety—were found on a one-dollar bill microscopically examined at the request of Representative Wiley of New Jersey, according to his statement today before the house committee on banking and currency, in support of his bill to provide clean currency by burning all paper money returned to the treasury.

Among the many diseases found to be circulating about this money were small pox, scarlet fever, typhoid, diphtheria and tuberculosis.

No germs were found on metal money.

FARMERS ORGANIZE

The farmers of Davis Creek, Calif., have shown themselves to be wide awake by organizing themselves into a Farmers Chamber of Commerce, for their common interest and aiding the prosperity of the community.

Mr. Chas. Williams has been placed in the President's chair and Mr. Thos. Biles, the well known fruit man, is secretary.

The gentlemen will be glad to answer any and all queries relative to that country.

OREGON BANKS

Total deposits in Oregon banks, both national and state, at the close of business January 31, totaled \$91,311,138, an increase of \$1,265,388 since last November. Loans and discounts in the same period increased \$1,441,249. On the last day of January there was due Oregon banks from approved reserve agents outside of the state, total of \$10,230,853. These figures are given in a statement just issued by State Bank Examiner Steel.

STUDENT'S EXPELLED

Four students were expelled last week from the State Agricultural college at Corvallis for boozing. That was right! Young men who start out in life with the silly idea that boozing is the proper career have no business in school, and the sooner boozing makes an end of them the better for themselves and the world.