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LIKED OREGON

Impressed with the future of the Pacific Northwest in agriculture, delegates to the national convention of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations have returned home after holding a week's convention at Portland. Those in attendance expressed themselves as surprised at the manifest agricultural wealth here. The fertility of the soil and the progress made in agricultural aroused much comment. The visitors were enabled to see various parts of the State by special train as guests of the various communities. So highly pleased were they that the excursionists passed a resolution of thanks to their entertainers and spoke in very high terms of the country inspected. Since the visitors are hard-headed scientists who are not given to making unwarranted statements, their opinions of the Northwest and its future in agriculture may be taken seriously. These were nothing short of glowing. The fertile soil, the favorable climate, organization and intelligence of the farmers here and their successful methods, and rich opportunity for those who undertake agriculture in this favored section of the country, all were spoken of by the visitors. Their favorable opinion is certain to be productive of much good for these men are in touch with large numbers of farmers who are looking for new locations, as well as thousands of students who are studying scientific agriculture and who are on the lookout for good farm lands.

ALASKA AS A HOME.

Alaska, with about one-fifth the area of the remainder of the United States, contains less than 100,000 inhabitants. That it can support a population of three to six millions is an opinion resting upon facts. Sixty miles beyond the arctic circle the hardier garden vegetables, such as potatoes, cabbage and cauliflower, are already raised successfully. At the farthest station of the agricultural department—more than 500 miles north of Sitka—barley and oats are brought to maturity every year, and in normal years winter wheat and rye, spring wheat and buckwheat are harvested. The total Alaska area suitable to cultivation is estimated at a hundred thousand square miles. Finland, substantially in the same latitude, and with as cold a climate, has about 50,000 square miles of cultivable area, and supports a population of 3,000,000. It is a fair argument that Alaska can do at least half as well as Finland. Doing fully as well the territory, with twice the arable area, would support 6,000,000 people.

Fur was the chief and almost the only industry when we acquired the territory. But as the fur trade declined the salmon industry arose—mounting from \$43,000 in 1881 to \$10,000,000 last year. Gold, at present, is the most valuable product. Very possibly, as agriculture and other industries arise in the next few years, gold will become relatively unimportant.

WHY HE DID NOT BUY AT HOME.

The other day a merchant saw a farmer receiving goods from Chicago, says the Muscotah, (Kan.) Record. The goods were in the line and same as he had been carrying for years. He approached the farmer and said: "I could have sold you every article you have there for the same money that you paid the Chicago house and saved you the express besides."

"Then why on earth didn't you say so?" answered the farmer. "I have taken the Muscotah Record for years, and have never seen a line about you selling these goods. The Chicago house advertising in the paper quoted prices on their goods asking for my trade and they got it. Now you have no kick coming, as I did not know you had for sale the article I ordered. I am no mind reader."

The coming visit of the President has been the cause of a new record being set for Oregon fruit. Some admirer has purchased two prize boxes of Winter Banana apples from a Hood River orchard, paying \$25 per box for them, and will present them to the nation's executive. As the apples will run about 32 to the box, the buy will spend about 75 cents for each apple, a price never before, so far as known, paid for Oregon apples. Of course the careful selection and packing of the fruit for shipment to the White House accounts for a large part of the almost fabulous price.

President Taft, who comes to Portland October 2, has been induced to cut out a golf game that had been planned for him there and make a public address so that his admirers here may have an opportunity to hear him speak. It was first arranged to have the big President kept somewhat in seclusion, appearing only at a banquet that could be attended by a limited number. It now appears that in addition to making a public address at the Armory on the afternoon of October 2, he will lay the cornerstone of the First Universalist church on the following day.

\$1,500,000 Wool In This Valley

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produce the best results. As a consequence, the output was larger than it has been in recent years and the quality was better. At the same time there was a sharper demand from buyers and prices were higher.

Comparison By Years

The total wool clips of Oregon and their value in the past four years were as follows:

Year	Pounds	Value
1909	20,450,000	\$4,000,000
1908	18,500,000	2,500,000
1907	20,000,000	3,800,000
1906	18,000,000	3,240,000

The quality of the wool was excellent. It was of better staple than last year, though of heavier shrinkage, owing to the dry spring. The average weight of the fleeces was placed at 9½ pounds, the heaviest average ever known in the state. The wool sheared fully one pound to the fleece more than it did last year.

The highest price paid during the season in Eastern Oregon

HOP PICKERS MAKING MONEY

Girls Make from \$2.00 to \$3.00, and Men Overtop This a Little.

Oregon's annual trek to the hop fields has commenced. Train after train is discharging its human cargoes on both sides of the Willamette river. The youth and beauty of the land go to the Oregon hop fields for play, but there is a sprinkling of gray heads here and there. Picking hops is neither all play nor is it all work. The September mornings and sunny afternoons bring health and the aroma from the hops induce intense appetites and sound sleeping.

The hop fields furnish recreation for thousands who would be unable to take vacations otherwise. The college man goes to hop fields to make money, the invalid goes because the busy air of the camp and health-giving surroundings are better than any resort of an artificial nature.

The Oregon hop picking season compares with the corn huskings of the middle west and the maple sugar camps of New England, except that the hop picking is usually on a larger scale than the others. It is seldom that the season begins as early as it has begun this year. The season opens usually about September 6. This year picking began Thursday in some yards and will be general by the latter part of next week.

When 50 cents a box or \$1 per hundred pounds is paid for picking hops, the average picker can make good wages. The average female picker will make from \$2 to \$3 a day and the average male picker from \$3 to \$4, while rapid pickers of either sex may make from \$5 to \$6 per day. It is not always the male picker who is the best, but he is usually the steadiest worker.

The person who works in the hop fields has a ravenous appetite. His diet depends upon the enterprise of the meat man and the baker who comes into the yard every day selling food. The odor that comes from the hops produces the sharpest appetite.

For the most part hop pickers are respectable people intent upon earning money to assist in the winter's expense.

In the groups of smaller yards, such as are found in the Pike valley, west of North Yamhill, the best and cleanest hop picking will be found. Each grower employs from 40 to 60 pickers and the season is most enjoyable there.

was 23 cents, which was realized on a part of one clip at Shaniko. The larger part of the best grades sold between 20 and 22 cents. Some scouring wools went at 13 cents, and other coarse grades moved at prices up to 17 cents. For the clip, as a whole, the average price was about 19½ cents.

Boosting for Lincoln Fair

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the prospect is all that could be desired.

Pioneers and Schools. One pleasing feature of the fair will be an experience meeting held by the pioneers of Lincoln county. Mr. Nash has discovered twenty-eight who came to Lincoln in 1858-60 and these have promised to occupy a seat on the platform, Sept. 9, and give the people their experience.

Much is being made of a school display, and on the first day of



The group by the engine represents the Tuesday Afternoon Reading Club, of Corvallis, boarding the train at the C. & A. depot for a picnic at the end of the line. The kodak snap shot was taken by the porter, reporter and official photographer of the club. The members present are:—Mesdames M. Jacobs, B. A. Cathey, Walter Wiles, Rose Selling, Lucy Yates, Isabelle Horner, Nellie Carver, Margaret Snell, Josephine Wells, J. M. Parks and W. G. Davis; Misses Sarah and Eda Jacobs, Pauline Kline, and Bertha Davis.

the fair there will be a parade of school children and addresses by some of the best speakers of the state.

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The fair committee has arranged to house, feed and water 200 teams free of charge. They want the mountain people to visit the

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Cordial Invitation.

Wallis Nash, who will be remembered as a prominent man at O. A. C. years ago, and as one of the promoters of the C. & E., extends a cordial welcome to all Benton county people and urges that they attend, especially on Benton county day.

HELP YOUR CHURCH

By Patronizing Mrs. J. Mason's Special Benefit Millinery Sales.

Mrs. J. Mason, the milliner at Third and Monroe streets, is going to donate ten per cent of her daily sales to the respective churches in the city, beginning Monday, September 20, and giving the benefit of two days' sales to each church.

The dates set apart are as follows: M. E. church, South, September 20, and October 1; Baptist, September 21, and October 2; Evangelical, September 22, and October 3; Presbyterian, September 23, and October 4; Methodist Episcopal, September 24, and October 4; Congregational, September 25, and October 5; Episcopal, September 27, and October 8; Roman Catholic, September 28, and October 9; Christian, September 29, and October 10; German Lutheran, September 30, and October 11.

Members and friends of the various churches are requested to remember the different dates. A full line of trimmed hats will be all ready for selection the style being this seasons very latest.
 8-30, 9-4

Chas. L. Baker and wife will be in this evening from their vacation.

Campers and visitors at the Yachats have been much annoyed this season by the presence of dead sea lions on the beach. Some of the sports still insists in killing these animals "just for fun." If they were used for any purpose it would be different but when the carcass is left to decay on the beach we fail to see where the fun comes in. It is true the sea lions destroy a large number of fish but the few that can be killed will make very little difference in that line.

The Crime of Idleness
 Idleness means trouble for any one. It's the same with a lazy liver. It causes constipation, headache, jaundice, sallow complexion, pimples and blotches, loss of appetite, nausea, but Dr. King's New Life Pills soon banish liver troubles and build up your health. 25c at all druggists.

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For particulars apply to Sister Superior, 225 West Ninth St., Albany, Oregon. 8-19 to 9-19.

Notice
 My wife, Maude Hamlin, having left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, I hereby forbid any one trusting her in my name as I shall pay no debts contracted by her after this date.
 R. W. HAMLIN.
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