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ACTIVITIES DURING 1913

State Maintaining Rapid Advance in Material Wealth.
Total Agricultural Product for Year 1913
Has Never Been Surpassed.

PORTLAND, OREGON, January 6th (Special) While in some single items Oregon's yield in 1913 was somewhat below that of the previous year, her total product for the year has never been surpassed.

The market value of cereals produced in the state was approximately \$5,000,000 less than for 1912, but with this one exception material gains were made in all agricultural lines.

The following figures indicate that the state is maintaining the rapid advance in material wealth established in previous years:

GRAINS AND HAY.		
Wheat, bushels	19,150,000	\$15,325,000
Barley, "	4,000,000	3,350,000
Oats "	12,500,000	4,900,000
Rye "	350,000	310,000
Corn "	850,000	525,000
Hay, tons	1,300,000	14,000,000
TOTAL FOR 1913		\$38,440,000
TOTAL FOR 1912		43,488,000

VEGETABLES.		
Total for 1913		\$18,530,000
Total for 1912		17,786,000

LIVESTOCK.		
Cattle, head	660,000	\$42,000,000
Dairy cows, head	212,000	18,900,000
Hogs "	1,000,000	14,000,000
Sheep "	1,825,000	7,225,000
Horses "	279,000	20,000,000
Mules "	8,930	1,780,000
Goats "	187,000	280,000
TOTAL FOR 1913		\$104,185,000
TOTAL FOR 1912		102,494,000

FRUITS AND NUTS.		
Total for 1913		9,070,220
Total for 1912		6,430,000

WOOL AND MOHAIR.		
Total for 1913		2,917,000
Total for 1912		2,761,000

DAIRY PRODUCTS.		
Butter, pounds	20,000,000	\$7,000,000
Cheese, pounds	9,000,000	1,440,000
Milk and Cream, gallons	26,000,000	13,000,000
TOTAL FOR 1913		\$21,440,000
TOTAL FOR 1912		16,090,000

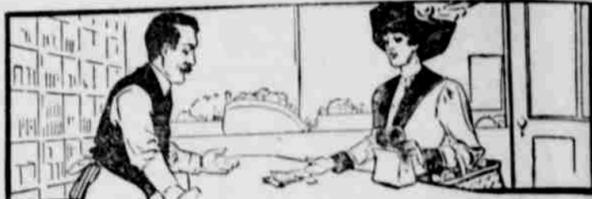
MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.		
Including Poultry, Eggs, Hops, Salmon and other Fish, Honey, Etc.		
TOTAL FOR 1913		\$48,975,000
TOTAL FOR 1912		38,017,000



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"ODE TO OSWALD."
Oswald got a hunch
About an awful bunch
Serving lager and free lunch
Up in Copperfield.
Then he swore an awful swear
And he raved and tore his hair—
Then he sent a lady fair
Up to Copperfield.
Now this lady meek and mild
Seemed a timid helpless child
'Mongst these ruffians bold and wild
Up in Copperfield.
But the lady said she'd come
To put them on the bum
And to chase the demon rum
Out of Copperfield.
That the Governor of the State
Said before it was too late
To ship fixtures by fast freight
Out of Copperfield.
Then the lady went away,
The militia came to stay,
Like a moving picture play,
Up in Copperfield.
They made the council go,
Told the court to go below—

West was running the whole show
Up in Copperfield.
There's a show of injured piety,
Melo-drama with variety
And newspaper notoriety,
Up in Copperfield.
But the Governor's at it still
With his notoriety mill
While the taxpayer foots the bill
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FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Editorial Comment on Pertinent Matters.

The Weston Leader issued no paper last week, because, forsooth, its force demanded a Christmas holiday. "Us employing capitalists are finding labor pretty blamed independent now-a-days,"—Banks Herald.

Not many years ago California was accustomed to think of mining as a waning industry. The total value of the mineral product for 1913 is estimated at \$90,000,000, and California now ranks fifth in the list of mineral producing states.—Astorian.

A forgotten amendment to the banking laws, enacted in 1909, will prevent any Washington state bank from coming under the new national currency act, by subscribing to the stock of a regional reserve bank. The law prohibits any state bank from subscribing to the stock of any other bank.—The Cowlitz County Chronicle.

Postmaster General Burleson has recommended that Congress pass a law requiring that after completing their daily trips rural carriers must then make mail deliveries in towns and villages under an eight hour law. One naturally wonders how much more the department expects from the carriers when they are notoriously underpaid and to such great expense.—Gresham Outlook.

Advices from the Philippines indicate that the islanders are experiencing a change of heart, and that there is now a very general entertainment of the opinion that their best interests are bound up with those of the United States. Perhaps they fear that the Democrats are really in earnest, when they profess a desire to accord independ-

edee to the Filipinos. There is nothing so well calculated to cure fickleness as dread that it may be taken for earnestness. If the Filipinos believed that we were really anxious to get rid of them they would beg us to keep the flag floating over the islands.—S. F. Chronicle.

FREE TOLLS AT PANAMA.

Congressman Adamson, of Georgia is to make another fight for the repeal of the law exempting American vessels in the coastwise trade from the payment of tolls at Panama. He has offered a joint resolution in Congress, suspending that provision of the law, until such time as the operation of the canal may show whether the revenues will justify a suspension of the tolls for American ships.

It is not a question of revenue but one of principle. Whether the canal makes or loses a million a month or a million a minute has nothing whatever to do with the question of whether it is right and proper for the nation to exempt American vessels from the toll charges. It would be absurd for the United States to recede from her position as to free tolls.

The canal was built by American money.

It has to be maintained by American resources.

Its securities have to be made good by American interests and in time retired by American money.

Every foot of the canal is on American soil, defended by the American flag.

The question of free tolls for American coastwise ships through the canal is not an international issue, but an American domestic issue.

It is an American canal, built with American money and the American people have a right to run American ships through it on such terms as they please.—Tacoma Tribune.