

## BUSINESS CONDITIONS ON COAST

### Report Shows Great Prosperity on Pacific Coast

The latest report of the Southern Pacific Company on the condition of business on the Pacific Coast shows great prosperity prospects. The rain has been general throughout the state recently and has been sufficient to do all that was required. The February storms filled the under ground reservoirs and deposited an ample supply of snow up on the mountains. Water for irrigation and power is assured.

The report says, in part: Oregon—Outlook considered good if not better than at the same time in 1913. Banks in excellent condition, with heavy resources. Among bankers, merchants and manufacturers a more optimistic feeling prevails than for some time. Lumber outlook better. Crop prospects good.

Nevada, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico—Business quiet. Merchants look for big year. Mining is active; agricultural developments proceeding steadily; crop and livestock outlook good.

California—Prospects for very large yield of crops. Orchards in splendid condition. Stock ranges in fine shape, affording an abundance of feed. In Santa Clara valley quite an amount of planting to prunes and apricots, most of it new, other than replanting on account of dead trees due to pests two seasons.

Sacramento Valley—Conditions more favorable than they have been for years, due to heavy rainfall and the assurance of ample water for irrigation from the snow in the mountains. Unusual amount of land planted to grain. Orchards in good condition.

Sacramento Valley—Outlook for crops has never been brighter. Grain acreage large and in fine condition. Orchards all in good condition.

Southern California—Very large crops expected. Grain and hay crops will probably be sufficient for local consumption.

#### CROPS.

Oranges—Estimated of 35,000 cars from Southern California. With the production north of Mojave this will make total state production about 40,000 cars.

Celery—Southern California crop estimated at 2000 cars. In the Antelope district the total will be about 500 cars.

Cotton—Crop of last season now faced at 19,700 bales. Acreage for the 1914 crop now estimated at 60,000 against 25,000 acres last year.

Cantaloupes—Southern California acreage this year estimated at 7800. This should produce 4000 or 5000 cars of melons.

Beans—The crop last year was about 400 cars. For the coming year with increased acreage the crop should be 2700 cars.

Sugar Beets.—In Southern California the estimated acreage is about the

same as last year. The seven sugar mills of the south will run. In Sacramento Valley the beet acreage will be decreased on account of closing of one factory.

Lumber.—In Sierra and Shasta regions of California business has been quiet but extensive; shipments are looked for, lumbermen expecting a banner year. In Oregon mills report good conditions and bright prospects. Oil output in California is placed at 970,000,000 bbls. an increase of 8,000,000 over 1912. Mining steadily advancing in California, Nevada and Arizona. Active operation and development features of mining situation. Increasing output looked for.

### A New Publication

Editor Mist, St. Helens, Oregon:  
Dear Sir:—We have issued a new publication descriptive of Oregon, and am mailing you a copy under other cover today. We have tried to include in this publication, such information as will be of interest to homeseekers. Our experience has been that a great many people in the Eastern States, depend on the recommendations of their friends in the West, as to whether they will move.

Our first issue of this Bulletin is 200,000 and this number will probably all be distributed between now and spring, and within the year, we will probably issue and distribute approximately 500,000 of these bulletins throughout the United States.

I would like to call your attention to the importance of trying to interest your local people in furnishing us with a list of names of their friends in the East to whom we might mail a copy of this bulletin. If we can secure these names, we will be glad to place them on our mailing list and they will receive copies of our different Oregon State publications from time to time. I believe that you can take this up through your newspaper, as well as with individuals calling attention to the importance of this co-operation from your local people.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter, I am,

Yours very truly,  
E. C. LEEDY, Gen. Immigration Agt.

### Clean up Grounds While Swatting Fly

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., April 6.—Cleaning up to destroy the fly's breeding places and then trapping or killing those that are hatched, is the plan of campaign for eradicating the fly prepared by the Entomological department of the Agricultural College. The method of conducting the campaign is published in extension bulletin series, No. 70, and may be had free of cost by writing to R. D. Hetzel, Director of Extension, O. A. C., Corvallis, Oregon.

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## Portland Letter

Portland, Ore., April 7.—Special—Of great interest and importance to the entire Columbia Basin is the prediction made recently by Major J. J. Morrow, engineer in charge of this district, that river steamers would be passed through the Celilo Canal before the first of next January. The last month of March was notable in that more actual progress was made on the canal than in any other single month. From end to end the great ditch is the scene of ceaseless and effective activity. Locks are being constructed, gates installed, the bottom of the canal is being floored with steel bars over which is poured thousands of tons of concrete, the sloping sides are being ripped in one place with reinforced concrete, in another with rubble masonry and in still another with great blocks of lava rock, according to the character of the backing material.

At the head of Five Mile Rapids a little band of men is at work boring holes into the rocky walls of the gorge, carefully examining the material brought up by the drills and carefully recording their observations. These men are the pioneers sent out by the states of Washington and Oregon to determine the feasibility of constructing a great dam across the river at this point for the purpose of installing the most powerful hydro-electric plant west of Niagara Falls. The river is only about 200 feet wide at the head of the rapids, but the depth nearly equals the width.

Preparations are practically completed for the convention of the Columbia and Snake River Waterways association to be held at the Portland Commercial Club April 13 to 14. Everyone interested in the success of this movement is invited to attend this meeting at which it is proposed to crystallize into actual constructive work the theories, plans and dreams of the men who have for months been giving up their time to the project. Rates of one and one third fares for the round trip have been granted by all the roads of the Northwest.

That the wheat farmers of Eastern Oregon do not spend all their coin in the purchase of more land to grow more wheat is indicated by figures supplied by the automobile dealers in that section. Within the past six weeks buzz wagons to the value of \$98,000 have been furnished to Umatilla County alone and the other wheat counties have taken nearly as many. The wheat growers with large acreage find the automobile a necessity and they purchase them as a regular part of their business equipment.

The directors of the Sheridan Fruit Growers' Association have within the past few days purchased a three acre tract of land on which to erect an up to date plant for the handling of fruit, berries, nuts and vegetables. A ripening and storage warehouse will be built at once and other buildings will be built as needed. The location has 500 feet of railroad siding and is close to the business center of the town.

The class rush has passed into his tory at the Oregon normal school. Hereafter instead of an open-handed fight for supremacy the classes will have their days when programmes will be presented and athletic contests carried out. By mutual agreement the flag of the class which is performing will fly unmolested.

Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer, has just given notice that there are funds in the state treasury with which to redeem outstanding state warrants drawn on the general fund and endorsed "Presented and not paid for want of funds" prior to and including November 19, 1913. The warrants will now be honored at Mr. Kay's office and interest on them will cease after March 30.

Given a man 97 years old, a birthday cake glowing with 97 candles, a stereopticon showing pictures of the days when Oregon was young and the man was much younger, and a chapel full of the friends of auld lang syne, and you have a few of the "high lights" of a remarkable birthday party that was given at the Taylor-Street Methodist Episcopal church at Portland in honor of Rev. John J. ("Father") Flinn, pioneer Methodist pastor of Oregon.

Measures seeking to abolish the rural school districts of the state, to place those schools on the same basis as those of the cities, and to be supervised by a central county board with a school superintendent at the head, will be introduced at the next session of the legislature by the Oregon Civic league. In addition there are now being drafted, he says, measures aimed to revise the school laws of the state, which are characterized as archaic, and to abolish the property qualification for school election voting.

## BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

M. E. Miller of St. Helens has entered the race for the republican nomination for state labor commissioner. Medford now has a playground which has been established under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher association.

"Portland Rose day," on June 16, 1915, will be one of the special events set aside in the celebrations at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

In addition to the building of a pavilion the State Fair Board has decided to erect a brick auditorium for use at the fair this year.

A strong effort is being made by the commercial clubs of Dallas and Independence to finance the county to oil the roads between Independence and Salem during the coming summer.

Every word in the first 92 pages of the spelling book was spelled before the winner of the spelling bee, held at the Grange Hall at Multno, could be announced.

For transporting Myrtle Kellett from Eureka to Portland for alleged immoral purposes, Dr. Harrison Keene of Eureka, Cal., was sentenced to one year in the county jail.

"A Bigger and Better Round-up," is the slogan which the directors of Pendleton's annual frontier show adopted at a meeting held to discuss plans for the 1914 exhibition.

Plans for the development of the hog industry of Lane county and for the establishment of a packing plant, with a capital of \$40,000, are being formulated by the Springfield Provision company.

Before the first of May the state highway commission will advertise for and open bids for the construction of the Columbia highway from Multnomah county to Astoria.

Holding turkey raffles, playing cards for the drinks, and betting on horse racing, are forms of gambling under the Oregon statute, according to an opinion of the attorney general given to Joseph Putnam of Monument.

Rules and regulations governing the annual Polk county school children's industrial fair, which will be held in Dallas September 17, 18 and 19, have been sent out to the schools of the county. Preparations are being made by the pupils and a large exhibit is expected.

Over six tons of election supplies were shipped by Secretary of State Olcott to the county clerks of the 34 counties of the state for the primary election to be held May 15. This is more than twice as great a quantity as was ever prepared before for an election in Oregon.

Postmaster Elmer Russell, of North Bend, discovered a new use for parcel post when an unusual odor emanated from a package near a warm radiator in the office. The offensive package was removed and found to contain skunk hides, being forwarded to New York furrier.

The first excursion train ever run into the Siuslaw Valley over the new Willamette Pacific, according to present plans, will carry a band of Eugene Radiators, dressed in uniform, to participate in the annual Florence rhododendron carnival, May 20 to 25.

George R. Castner, formerly county judge of Hood River county and for many years fruit inspector, left for Pendleton, B. C., where he has been employed by the Canadian government to assist in the fight that is being waged against the fire blight, which threatens the orchards of the Vernon district.

A. H. Averill, president of the Portland chamber of commerce, has wired Senator Chamberlain urging him to see the secretary of the navy, to secure the assignment of warships for the Rose festival and enough men to make a good showing in the parades. Senator Chamberlain will secure as good naval representation as possible.

Approximately \$1,000,000 will be spent at Eugene in 1914 for public and private improvements according to plans which are being announced from time to time for construction. The greater part of this amount will be expended in the construction of buildings, both public and private, but a measurable sum will also go for improvement of the plants of the public service companies.

The Salem Cherrians are preparing to hold a society circus at the armory, April 24-25. Its official name is the "Cherrigo." All the freaks and attractions of the most up-to-date circus are to be on hand. The glee clubs of the Willamette, University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural college have been engaged, and also the Willamette university and Salem high school bands.

When Secretary of State Olcott closed the doors of his office Saturday, a total of 228 dandidates had filed their declarations of candidacy for office. Of the total number of candidates who have filed declarations, 175 are republicans, 39 are democrats and 14 are progressives. For the office United States senator, governor, representatives in congress in the first and third districts, and national committeeman, all three parties are represented by candidates.

#### Art Critics.

When Orchardson's picture, "Hard Hit," was exhibited at the Academy the artist was strolling through the rooms one day when he saw, to his alarm, an excited little foreigner making toward him with threatening aspect and brandishing a stick as he came. "Ah, sir," he exclaimed, "I thought that by killing you I could paint a picture like that I would crush your skull this instant!"

David Murray, a Royal Academician, was once painting in Picardy when his stock of canvas became exhausted. Being desirous of securing an "impression" for use later in a more ambitious attempt, the artist did one bit on a handkerchief tacked on a stretcher. Upon his return to London this piece of work was being inspected, with others, by a wealthy old lady, who expressed a desire to purchase it. Murray thought it advisable to tell her that it had been painted on his pocket handkerchief. "On your pocket handkerchief!" exclaimed the old lady. "Then I'm quite sure you've ruined it, Mr. Murray. The paint will never come off!"—London Spectator.

#### Quaint Little English Church.

Culbone church, which among many others claims to be the smallest church in England, is situated on the coast of north Devon, not far from the picturesque little village of Porlock, and the church is so guarded by hills and woods that the sun's rays reach it only four months of the year. The building is but thirty-three feet long by twelve feet eight inches wide and has a porch, nave, curved oak chancel screen and Norman font, an alabaster altar piece and a quaint high pew near the chancel, used by the family of Lord Lovelace, by whom the property is owned. The slanted chancel is lit by a tiny square headed iron barred window, the oldest feature in the church, being pre-Norman and cut out of a single stone. It is amply large for the population, which is about thirty-five in a parish of only 1,337 acres. In summer the church is crowded owing to the influx of visitors from many parts of the world.

#### Story of a Novelist.

Mrs. Henry Wood, author of "East Lynne," the "best seller" of its generation, was forty and a wife and mother before she turned her hand to novel writing, and her most famous book seems to have been written to soothe the weariness of a severe illness. Much of it indeed was composed in bed, and the writer scarcely hoped to live to complete it. After running an obscure course in a monthly magazine the story was refused by several publishers and accepted only with considerable misgivings by Richard Bentley. It fell flat until some one reviewed it enthusiastically in the London Times, and then the printers worked night and day to cope with the demand. Within a very short time "East Lynne" was translated into almost every language in Europe, and as book and play its popularity has known no eclipse.—Argonaut.

#### In on the Ground Floor.

"I have always been suspicious of good things," said a well known New York lawyer, who has a reputation for a large philosophy. "I remember when I was a young man I had an opportunity to get in 'on the ground floor' of what looked to me like a load of easy money.

"I consulted one of the old time conservative men of Wall street. He smiled and said: 'Listen to this story and then decide:

"A wife arriving home in high spirits tells her husband she has purchased a new bonnet. 'And, sweetheart,' she said, kissing him, 'I got something for you too.'

"'Good!' exclaimed the happy husband. 'W' at it is it?'"

"'The bill,' she said."—New York Sun.

#### Catacombs of the Druids.

Eleven miles southeast of London, in Kent, not many years ago were discovered the catacombs of the ancient druids, which are now much visited by sightseers and are lighted, for a part at least, by electric lights. Over fifty miles of chambers, cut in the chalk cliffs, have already been explored. The druids lived in these catacombs when attacked by their northern enemies, and here they buried many of their dead. The stone in which the human sacrifices were made is still to be seen, and also the well, from which water is drawn to this day.

#### Professional Banter.

Parson A.—It's hard to get people into the church. Dr. B.—But it's easier to do that than it is to get them into heaven. Parson A.—True. We ministers can only point the way to heaven. When it comes to getting people there we are obliged to fall back on the doctors.—Washington Herald.

#### Relief in Music.

"Did you enjoy yourself at the musical?"

"Very much. A musical is a great relief after a series of card parties. You don't have to take part in conversations or remember what the trump is."—Boston Record.

#### Anglo-Saxon Poiss.

First Sport (looking at magnificent view of the Alps)—Not bad, that. Second Sport—Yes, it's all right, but you needn't rave about it like a bally poet.—London Punch.

#### "No Questions Asked."

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