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## WEATHER BULLETIN

General and Heavy Showers Prevailed the Past Week.

In Curry County Peaches, Prunes, Pears, and Cherries are a Partial Failure.

Oregon State Weather Service in cooperation with U. S. Weather Bureau of the department of Agriculture. Central office, Portland, Oregon. Crop-Weather bulletin No. 1, season of 1892. For week ending, Saturday, May 14th: WESTERN OREGON.

Weather - A higher temperature has prevailed during the past week but it is yet below the average, the deficiency ranging from 2 to 5 degrees a day. General and quite heavy showers prevailed in forepart of week; the total precipitation for the week ranging from 1/4 to 1 inch. The sunshine was 50 per cent. below the average for the week. Occasional light frosts were experienced, especially on the 8th and 9th.

Crops - There has been little growth to vegetation during the week, warmth and sun-bine are badly needed. Grass is luxuriant, and in the southern counties the first crop is being cut. Wheat on low lands continues to have a yellow color. Early sown spring wheat on higher ground is doing fairly well; the growth is rank and injury may be done as there is too much straw. Late spring seeding has been further delayed and there is yet much to be done. If favorable weather should now set in there would be a wonderfully rapid growth to vegetation. Hops are not coming up well, though their promise is good. It is daily more evident that the cold winds and rains have injured the berry and fruit crop, though it is expected that there will be an average crop, due to the large acreage of young trees coming into bearing. In Curry county peaches, prunes, pears, and cherries will be a partial failure. In the other counties the damage was principally done to fruit on the low lands.

EASTERN OREGON. Weather - A higher day temperature has prevailed during the week, but the nights have been cool, frosts occurring frequently. Since May 1st, the rains have been unusually frequent and quite heavy. During the past week the total rainfall has been from 1/4 to 1/2 inches. In the mountains and interior foothills, snow fell instead of rain, and there is now a foot of new snow over a large portion of the mountain area.

Crops - All vegetation is backward, though it is attaining root growth. The grain is stalling prolifically and it is feared that there is too much straw and that the heads will be short. Spring seeding is rapidly being pushed to completion, though there is considerable of an area yet to be seeded. Farm work is behind. In Marrow county there are some fields of late-sown grain which is very thin, caused, some think, by being frozen out or an insect at the roots. The fruit and cereal crop in the Grand Ronde valley is in good condition. Every county reports excellent prospects. The soil is more thoroughly moistened than it has been for years. The unfavorable weather has delayed sheep-shearing. A large percentage of lambs are being saved. The wool is better than it has been for many years. Alfalfa is fine. Grazing is good. Grass cattle will be in market within three weeks. The frosts injured fruit in places. Strawberries are ripe and are being shipped from The Dalles.

RIVERS. The Columbia river is rising quite rapidly; many of its tributaries are running back height. At The Dalles it is rising at the rate of 1 1/2 inches per hour.

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## WITHIN THE CHARMED HALF PLOCK.

Advantages of Having People Think You Live Near Fifth Avenue.

There may be nothing in a name, but there is a good deal in a number sometimes, especially when it designates the place where you live in this city. Characterize as you will the sentiment which causes most people to respect the fact that you live within the charmed half block of Fifth avenue, the feeling is there nevertheless. Up above Fifty-ninth street, on the west side, the numbers of the streets begin at Eighth avenue, or Central park west, as the avenue is now called, and this fact leads to many amusing mistakes, especially on the part of tradesmen. A newspaper man who lives in a modest but neat flat, which is numbered under ten, in a street above Fifty-ninth street, told the writer the other day about some of the peculiar experiences which he had had.

"I tell you," he said, "there are a great many advantages sometimes in sailing under false colors. Now I don't pretend to have a commanding presence, nor do I dress particularly well, so when I go into a store I cannot and do not expect the clerks to fall over themselves to wait on me. I go ahead and give my order, and after the clerk has put it all down he usually says in a weary sort of way: 'Shall I send them home, or will you take them?' 'You may send them to - West street,' I reply.

"Well, you would be surprised to see the change which comes over the demeanor of that clerk at once. The effect of that number is magical. He brightens up immediately and is all attention.

"Oh, yes, yes; will send them right up," he says as he sings out 'Cash' with more vigor than he has displayed before during the time I have been making my purchases.

"When the cash boy comes he tells him to hurry up and not be so slow, 'because the gentleman is waiting.' 'That is only one phase of the advantages derived from living at such a number,' he continued. 'We get all sorts of things through the mail which we never would receive if we lived in a house with a less pretentious number. For example, we get fine calendars, illustrated catalogues of sales of paintings and other works of art, besides innumerable samples of all kinds of household articles sent out as advertisements. Then we get plenty of begging letters, too, and circulars from hospitals and charitable institutions asking for gifts. Unfortunately we are not able to sustain the reputation which the city directory gives us by responding to these calls on the family exchequer.

"The other day my wife and her unmarried sister went to a store in Twenty-third street to get some visiting cards printed. I ought to say that my sister-in-law does not live within the charmed half block from Fifth avenue. Well, both packages of cards were delivered on the same day. With those which came to my wife was a beautifully bound book of samples of note paper. Needless to say, nothing of the sort accompanied those which my wife's sister received on the same day. The respect in which you are held by tradesmen seems to increase in an inverse ratio as the size of the number on your doorplate decreases." - New York Tribune.

Good Freight Rates. The discovery of gold has been a great thing for the Boni negroes on the Maroni river, in French Guiana. They were terribly poor before the placer mines were discovered in 1888. Since then they have been getting rich in the transport service. They carry all freight around the rapids to the placer diggings at the enormous charge of ninety francs a barrel. Owing to their curious method of computing barrels they greatly increase their earnings.

Each box is a barrel. Each man is a barrel. Demijohns and handbags are barrels. Thus