

OREGON FACES YEAR OF GREAT CROP RECORDS

**A DOZEN COUNTIES CAN
NOT SEE ELSE THAN
PROSPERITY**

**EVERY MONTH IDEAL
IN CLIMATIC NATURE**

Union, Umatilla, Wallowa, Wasco, Sherman and Other Counties Send Out Optimistic Reports of Weather Conditions That Point to Banner Crops in All Soil Industries.

Perfect climatic conditions lasting throughout the winter months and early spring, are paving the way for the most stupendous all-ports crops in Grande Ronde valley, say men experienced in various soil industries of Union county. Deep snow through the mid-winter season, slow deliberate melting of the snow allowing perfect percolation through the soil, rains that saturated the ground to great depth, then cold weather through the month of February and early March which held fruit tree buds back in protection and climaxed today by a soaking April shower rain have united to form the most idealistic winter conditions that weather observers have witnessed in many years.

Fall wheat is in perfect condition, fruit trees are healthy and stock is assured splendid range during the summer because of the extreme depth of the moisture this winter and spring. There is yet the possibility of late frosts but barring this, orchardists, ranchers and stockmen can conceive of no bar to the greatest all-around year of prosperity in a decade.

Union county is not alone in her exuberance. Umatilla, Wallowa, all of Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam counties indicate that unless something unforeseen happens there will be bumper crops.

This March weather so far all over Eastern Oregon has been ideal for fruit as well as for the wheat sown last fall, and the rain which has fallen since September, 1911, the beginning of the agricultural year, to the amount of more than 14½ inches in Wasco and an excess of about three inches, has soaked the ground to a depth of from five to 11 feet. The farmers say that the fall wheat has never in the history of wheat raising in this section been in better condition to mature a bumper crop. The rains which came early last September gave the farmers an opportunity to get the seed in the ground in good shape so that it was up and almost covered the ground before there was only a small amount of snow. There was only a small amount of snow when the freezing weather arrived, frost in the ground when the great snowfall of January 4th started and what there was soon disappeared under the heavy blanket of four feet of snow, and when the thawing weather was experienced all of the moisture went into the ground. To such an extent was this true that it was a source of wondering comment that the small streams scarcely increased their flow until the rains of February set in.

Packers Ready for Defense.
Chicago, March 15.—Packers and their attorneys held a conference today for the purpose of outlining arguments for the defense to be submitted next week.

Peoria After National Regatta.
New York, March 15.—Western carmen never pulled harder in a title race than they are pulling just now for the championship regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen. The date and place for holding this summer's regatta will be selected by the executive committee of the association at its annual meeting here tomorrow. The westerners are united in a movement to have Peoria named as the regatta city. It is conceded that

the fight is between Peoria and Boston, and from present indications the Illinois city has more than an even chance of winning out.

Ohio Y. M. C. A. Meeting.
Springfield, O., March 15.—Delegates representing branches of the Young Men's Christian Association throughout Ohio today assembled for the annual convention of their state organization. The sessions will last three days and will have as speakers many prominent educators, divines and association workers of wide prominence.

Commerce Court May Go.
Washington, March 15.—By a vote of 11 to 8 the house interstate foreign commerce committee today decided to report favorably on Representative Smith's bill abolishing the United States commerce court, despite Wickersham's pleas for a "fair trial."

MINERS REJECT WAGE OFFERING

**OPERATORS ALONE CAN AVERT A
STRIKE OF MINERS.**

**While Situation Thickens Here, Eng-
land Strike Is Worse.**

New York, March 15.—Disputing many statements made by operators, representatives of the eastern anthracite coal miners today formally presented to the owners a rejection of the operators' offer to continue for three years at the present agreement which expires in April. Unless some further action is taken it is almost certain that 180,000 miners will strike.

After a brief meeting between the miners and operators today, the conference adjourned sine die after the operators said their original proposition stood.

London Troubles Grow Worse.

London, March 15.—With 4,000,000 persons throughout the United Kingdom already directed and suffering rapidly increasing the great coal strike situation grew more serious today. Striving hard to settle in some way the industrial war before the sufferings of these millions are materially increased, the Asquith today brought the operators and their hardship augmented, Premier and miners together for further conferences. Restlessness of the miners is increasing and it is feared that clashes will occur.

D'ALBA WARMLY SWEATED.

**Police Try to Get Statement of His
Grievance Against the King.**

Rome, March 15.—By a vigorous sweating the police today are trying to gain from D'Alba, the would be assassin of the king some idea of his reasons for making the attempt. Major Langa is unchanged. He probably will recover. The celebration over the king's escape continues an unabated topic.

To Try Ryan's Assailant.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 15.—The case of Robert J. Foster, who is charged with assault and battery with intent to kill Frank M. Ryan, president of the Structural Iron Workers' union, was called in court for trial today. Foster is a detective in the employ of the National Erectors' association and was engaged in gathering evidence in the dynamite conspiracy cases. He is alleged to have drawn a revolver on Ryan when being rejected from the Iron Workers' offices here last January.

May Call for Primary.

Providence, R. I., March 15.—A proposal to reinstate the recent decision to elect delegates to the national convention by direct primaries was considered at a meeting here today of the democratic state committee of Rhode Island. A majority of the committee favor the primary system, but some of the influential party leaders oppose it on the ground that it would be much more expensive than the convention plan.

VIRGINIAN POSSES COMB HILLS FOR ALLEN BANDITS

Barren Springs, Va., March 15.—Well armed, the Allen gang of bandits which yesterday conducted a carnival of crime and death at the Hillsville court house by killing the judge, sheriff and district attorney, have taken to the Blue Ridge mountains pursued by scores, and reports say that 17 of the outlaws are racing for the South Carolina border. Two companies of militia leave today for Hillsville.

Detective Feltz, heading 20 deputies, arrived today and formally arrested and jail Floyd Allen and his son Victor, and then left to join others on the trail. He also arrested a mountaineer named Strickland who it is believed handed Allen a gun in the court room.

"Everything points to trouble," said Governor Mann in a telegram to Feltz. "Bloodshed is certain to follow when the bandits and deputies meet." A hardware store at Mount Aire, N. C., was raided last night and all arms and ammunition taken. It is believed the Allens did the job.

TERRIBLE HAVOC CREATED BY BLIZZARD WHICH SWEEPS OVER VAST MIDDLEWESTERN AREA

Chicago, March 15.—Practically all of the middle west is tied up today in the worst blizzard of the winter. All traffic on the big railroads centering in Chicago is at a standstill.

Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois, parts of Oklahoma, Iowa, Minnesota, and the Dakotas are swept by a terrific snow storm. No eastbound trains, due early today have been reported up to noon. The weather bureau reports continuance of the storm tomorrow. A terrific gale is sweeping the Great Lakes and it is feared many craft will be unable to weather the storm.

Nebraska Traffic Stalled.
Lincoln, Neb., March 15.—Many trains are stalled throughout Nebraska and today the traffic is still paralyzed. Hundreds of laborers are working in an effort to shovel the snow drifts blocking the tracks.

Twenty-Five Denver Trains Dead.
Denver, March 15.—Twenty-five passenger trains are stalled through the middlewest by storms. The Rock Island trains are at Goodland, Kansas and nine Union Pacific trains are at Oak-

**DR. HARVEY WILEY, "PURE FOOD MAN," WHO HAS RESIGNED HIS
POSITION WITH GOVERNMENT.**



1910, by American Press Association.
Man Who Gained World-Wide Fame Few Months Since by His Successful Campaigns Against Adulterated Foods, and Was Upheld When Put to the Test, by President Taft.

lay, Kansas, and a half dozen are overdue on the Burlington. The Santa Fe has not reported.

Central Illinois Teachers.
Decatur, Ill., March 15.—Several well known educators of Chicago and other cities are here to address the annual convention of the Central Illinois Teachers' association, which met today for a two days' session. The attendance at the convention is unusually large.

Hemenway a Delegate to Chicago.
Evansville, Ind., March 15.—Former United States Senator James A. Hemenway was named today as one of the delegates to represent the First Congressional district of Indiana at the national republican convention at Chicago. Ex-Senator Hemenway is an ardent Taft support and is taking a prominent part in the management of the Taft national campaign.

TRANS-OCEANIC BALLOON TRIED

**GERMANS TRYING AND TESTING
MACHINE THIS WEEK.**

**Flight Will Be Made if Preliminary
Test Proves Satisfactory.**

Erwin, March 15.—Everything is practically in readiness at the Johannisthal aviation grounds near this city for the trial flights of the dirigible airship Suchard, which is soon to undertake the hazardous task of making a flight across the Atlantic ocean, from Tenerife to the West Indies. Dr. Paul F. Gans, the scientific head of the undertaking, who is to be in command during the trans-Atlantic flight, Joseph Brucker, the business manager of the enterprise and the members of the prospective crew are on the spot ready for the first trial flight, which is awaited with great interest by the public in general and the dirigible enthusiasts in particular. The dirigible balloon Suchard, which has been built for this transoceanic flight, was completed last fall, but after its completion it was found advisable to make some alterations and re-arrangements, which made it impossible to carry out the original plan of making the flight before the beginning of winter. If the trial flight during the next few days should be successful, the balloon and its attachments will be packed without delay and shipped to the Canary Islands. The start is to be made from Tenerife at the earliest opportunity.

The Suchard is a non-rigid dirigible of the Parseval type, 250 feet long and 54 feet in greatest diameter. It is equipped with three powerful engines of the type used in the Parseval. Each one is capable of developing 110 horse power and weighs about 800 pounds. They can be operated independently, and are to be used only as auxiliaries, to keep the airship in its course. The balloon will depend for its propulsion almost entirely upon the trade winds, which, at this time of the year, blow steadily from the Canary Islands toward the West Indian archipelago.

Dr. Gans and his friends are confident that the flight can be made safely at this time of the year and that it will take about four or five days after the start from Tenerife to reach some of the West Indian islands. The danger of gas leakage, which would make it impossible for the balloon to continue, has been almost diminished, in the opinion of Dr. Gans, by the coating of the balloon, which will absorb moisture from the atmosphere, thus protecting the enclosed gas from the heat of the sun and consequent excessive expansion. The balloon will be ballasted with sea water of which a sufficient supply will be carried, to sprinkle the balloon during the hottest time of the day. Under the bag is a gallery for sleeping quarters and below that will be suspended a power boat that can be quickly cut loose in case of accident. The power boat is intended as the main living quarters of the six men of the crew. The propeller of the Parseval type which The motors drive two two-bladed

WILEY RESIGNS TO AFFILIATE WITH MAGAZINE

**DEPARTMENT HAS LIT-
TLE OR NOTHING
TO SAY**

**WILL DEVOTE TIME TO
STUDIES AT WASHINGTON**

**Doctor of Pure Food Fame Resigns
Position as Chief Chemist and Will
Devote Time to Magazine Printed at
Washington—Is Himself Silent on
Reason for Resignation.**

Washington, March 15.—Dr. Harvey Wiley, the "pure food man," resigned today as chief chemist in the bureau of chemistry. He handed his resignation to Secretary Wilson. "Wiley has resigned, that's all I can say now," said Wilson.

Goes to Housekeeping Magazine.

New York, March 15.—The Good-housekeeping magazine today announced that Dr. Wiley has accepted a position as director of the department of food, health, and sanitation, which the magazine will establish in Washington where Wiley will remain.

Wiley will have his own library and be free to pursue his work as he sees fit.

Standard Oil Hearing.

St. Louis, Mo., March 15.—The taking of testimony in the legal fight for control of the Waters-Pierce Oil company was resumed today before Special Commissioner Jesse McDonald. One of the first important witnesses to be heard is M. M. Van Buren, son in law of John D. Archbold of the Standard Oil company. The Pierce interests allege that through Van Buren the Standard Oil magnates are seeking to obtain control of the Waters-Pierce company and operate it as a part of a new oil combine.

Paymaster's Slayer to Die.

Albany, N. Y., March 15.—The list of executions in this state, which have averaged almost one a week since the beginning of the year, will be added to early in the coming week, when Salvatore Caruso will be put to death in the electric chair at Clinton prison. Caruso was the leader of a gang of highwaymen who murdered Danton Fowler, paymaster at a brickyard, and George Gagsdale, a negro driver, near Hudson, in September, 1910.

made only 400 revolutions a minute. It is planned to run the motors alternately during the day and depend altogether upon the trade wind at night. According to the present plan the voyage is to be made at a height of 500 to 800 feet. The dirigible will be steered by an ordinary vertical rudder and for the purpose of rising, descending and balancing large fins, like ailerons, will be used. The steering is to be done by compass and to enable the navigator of the craft to judge of the day, bright red hollow aluminum balls will be dropped from time to time. The expedition will carry a liberal supply of these balls. Owing to the fact that the engines will run alternately and only during part of the day, the quantity of benzine used will be trifling, which is rather important, as it would be impossible to carry a large supply of that fuel.

Of course, owing to the difficulty of holding a definite course in a balloon or airship steered by compass only, Dr. Gans is unable to tell where his craft is going to land. The general course will be in the direction of the Caribbean islands and Dr. Gans intends to make a landing on the first island or part of the mainland which the balloon should reach. The airship is equipped with a wireless apparatus and can signal at a distance of 150 miles.