

DUN ESTIMATES BANNER CROPS

SEMI-ANNUAL TRADE REVIEW OF
NORTHWEST OPTIMISTIC

Local Internal Conditions Sound—No
Fear From Outside Causes.

R. G. Dun & Company's semi-annual trade review has just reached La Grande. Speaking of the northwest it is very optimistic and foretells enormous crops for the present year. These figures are not mere guesses, but are the careful estimates of the greatest trade authority in America. The northwest is in a condition to prevent within its own limits any serious effect that might be caused should the eastern money markets explode.

Locally several banner crops have already been harvested this season and the apple, grain, hay, potato, and other crops are now assured to be far in excess of last year's records. Union county has more diversified interests than any other county in the west and our people have a right to feel as independent from outside conditions as any community on the face of the earth.

The report in part follows:

1911	1912
Wheat ..64,000,000 bu.	75,000,000 bu.
Barley ..10,750,000 bu.	12,300,000 bu.
Oats26,750,000 bu.	33,000,000 bu.

The hop crop of Oregon and Washington is estimated at:

1911	1912
94,000 bales.	13,000 bales

The fruit crop of the three states is reported at:

1911	1912
\$13,919,000	\$19,970,000

The wool and mohair crop of the territory is valued at:

1911	1912
\$7,814,000	\$8,262,000

While the net result from fisheries will probably be less than for 1911, the shortage is accounted for by the natural and expected absence of the sockeye salmon in the Puget Sound district, which happens every fourth year.

Although there has been an increase of 73 in the number of business failures, the aggregate liabilities show a marked decrease of about \$900,000.

Local markets today are:

Butter, best, and real.
Heavy, hogs—46.00.
Chickens—Hens 9c; old roosters 7c.
Spring fries 18c.
Light hogs—1 1/2c.
Ducks—Live weight, 12 1/2c.
Geese, live weight 10c.
Cows—1 1/2c.
Steers—15.00 to 16.00.
Sheep—14c.

Fruits.

Oranges 10c to 50c.
Pineapples—10c per doz.
Peaches—10c.
Cherries—25c gallon.
Vegetables and Miscellaneous.
Rhubarb—8c.
Cucumbers—3 to 10c.
Onion—22.50 per cwt.
Green peas—3 lbs for 25c.
Green Asparagus 10c.
Potatoes—22.00 per cwt.
Spinach—5 lbs for 25c.
Green onions—5c bunch, 3 for 10c.
Beans—White 1 1/2c, black 1c.
New Cabbage—8c.
Cantaloupe—10c.
Watermelon—2 1/2c.
Green peas—15c.
Tomatoes—15c.
Celery—Per bunch, 15c.

Feed and Grain.

Alfalfa Hay—\$12.00 (total).
Timothy—\$15.00.
Wild hay—\$10 to \$12.
Brass and Shorts—\$1.35 and \$1.40.
Oats—\$1.60 per cwt.
Roller barley—\$1.55 per cwt.
Flour.
Bismark—\$1.45.

Patent—\$1.35.
Snowdrift—\$1.45

Flour

10s Corn Meal—35c per sack.

Eggs and Butter.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 35 cents 1 lb. roll; 2 lb. roll, 70c.
Ranch butter, 55c 2 lb. roll.
Ranch eggs—25c.

New England Town's 200th Birthday. Pembroke, Mass., Aug. 3.—This historic New England town, which lays claim to the distinction of being the first town in the colonies that publicly rebelled against the British crown, is preparing to begin tomorrow a week of celebration in honor of the 200th anniversary of its incorporation. The celebration will be ushered in with anniversary exercises in all the churches. Parades, athletic sports, historical exercises and family reunions will fill in the remainder of the week.

Fifteen hundred elevator conductors employed in downtown office buildings in Chicago have been granted a wage increase of \$5 a month and improved working conditions in a contract signed with the Building Managers' association.

RURAL STUDY IS FOSTERED

LOCAL FARMERS' UNION IN FAVOR OF CONFERENCE.

Session at Corvallis This Falls Meets With Hearty Approval.

La Grande members of the Farmers' Union are in hearty accord with the proposed conference for rural problem studies at Corvallis. The local union has drafted and adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, there is a movement for a rural conference, to be held at the Agricultural college at Corvallis, some time this fall, said conference to deal with all rural problems, including the church, school, farm, home, community and rural organizations;

Therefore be it resolved by La Grande local No. 26 F. E. C. U. of A. in regular session assembled, July 27, 1912, that we favor such a conference,

and pledge the same our hearty support:

Wage Dispute in Bottle Industry.

Olean, N. Y., Aug. 3.—The annual convention of the Bottle Blowers' association of America, which will begin its sessions here Monday, promises to be the most important gathering ever held by that organization. Upon the result of the convention's deliberations depends the question of peace or war in the bottle industry. The manufacturers have notified the workmen of a proposed reduction of 40 per cent in wages. It is regarded as certain that the blowers' convention will repudiate the manufacturers' proposition. In anticipation of a general strike, the manufacturers are said to have placed rush orders for all the automatic bottle-making machines that can be turned out during the summer months. These machines, each of which does the work of five men, are the bone of contention in the trade. Eventually they may force the bottle blower out of work entirely.

Reception to Hodgson.

Montreal, Aug. 3.—Montreal is planning for a great welcome to Geo. Hodgson, the young Canadian swimmer who distinguished himself by breaking several records in the recent Olympic games in Stockholm. Hodgson sails from Liverpool today and is expected to arrive in Montreal next Saturday. A public reception will be tendered him and a dinner will be given in his honor by the Montreal amateur athletic association.

In the last three weeks an average of one thousand mechanics a week have been added to the roll of union men in Los Angeles, Calif., and the membership of the Building Trades Council in that city will exceed ten thousand before the middle of this month.

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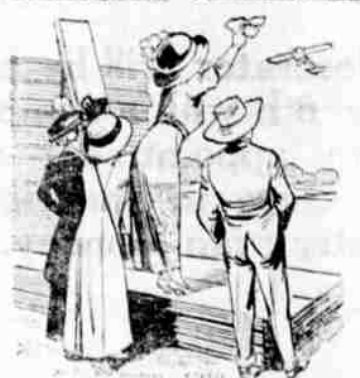


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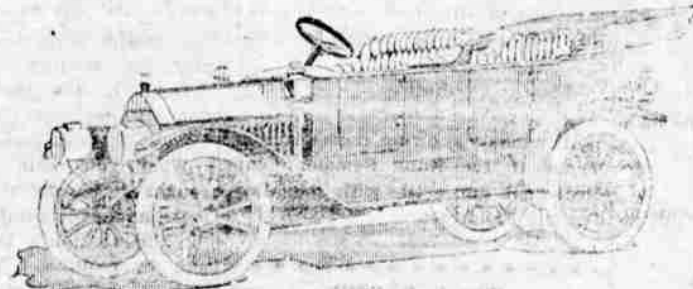
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