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FARMS OF THE STATE FAST INCREASING

IN TEN YEARS, GAIN IN OREGON IS GIVEN AS 4744

ALMOST TWO MILLION ACRES ARE ADDED

Decade Just Passed Shows Investment in Irrigated Farms Has Increased $16,168,937; Western Oregon Receives Heaviest Rain Fall in the United States.

Observer Washington Bureau.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—Oregon gained 4744 farms in the ten years lapsing between 1910 and 1920. Almost two million acres were added to the farm acreage of the state in that decade. The exact figures are 1,857,208. In the improved lands in farms the increase was almost three-quarters of a million, or 639,048, acres, to be exact. The investment in the irrigated farms increased $16,168,937. The average cost of the maintenance per acre of irrigation for farms jumped from 75 cents in 1910 to $1.19 in 1920.

Table Gives Data.

This information is most graphically shown in the following table, prepared by the census bureau:

	Census of 1920	1910
Number of all farms	50,206	45,362
Approximate land area of state, acres	61,188,480	61,188,480
All land in farms, acres	13,542,518	11,685,110
Improved land in farms acres	4,913,851	4,274,803
Number of farms irrigated	9,151	6,669
Area irrigated, acres	986,162	686,129
Area enterprises were capable of irrigating, acres	1,341,018	820,526
Area included in enterprises, acres	1,925,987	2,537,208
Per cent irrigated: No. all farms	18.2	14.7
Approximate land area of state	1.6	1.1
Land in farms	7.3	5.9
Improved land in farms	20.1	16.1
Excess enterprises were capable of irrigating over area irrigated, acres	357,884	144,397
Excess included in enterprises over irrigated, acres	939,825	1,851,079
Irrigated land reported available for settlement, acres	95,689	
Capital invested	$28,929,151	$12,760,214
Average per acre enterprises were capable of irrigating	$21.52	$15.38
Estimated final cost of existing enterprises	$41,585,742	$39,216,619
Average per acre included in enterprises	$21.59	$15.52
Average cost operation and maintenance per acre	$1.19	$0.75

* Not reported in 1910.

Per cent not shown when base is less than 100.

"The portion of the state west of the Cascades," says the census bureau, "received the heaviest rainfall of any part of the United States, while east of the Cascades the rainfall is so small that this part of the state is mostly arid. West of the mountains, however, there is a fairly distinct dry season, only 10 per cent of the annual precipitation occurring in June, July, August and September. This makes irrigation necessary to the maturing of crops whose growing season extends into the late summer, and makes it desirable for pastures at this season.

East of Cascades.

"The chief characteristics of the climate of the part of the state east of the Cascades are a scanty rainfall, low humidity, rapid evaporation, and an abundance of sunshine. The annual precipitation ranges from 8 to 25 inches. At the summit of the Cascades the annual precipitation exceeds 40 inches; it decreases to the eastward, and reaches 15 inches about the center of the state. East of this there is a section receiving less than 15 inches, extending in a narrow strip to the north line of the state, but expanding to the southward, and occupying the whole south east third of the state. In the Blue mountains, in the northeastern part of the state the precipitation increases to about 25 inches.

"The precipitation is heaviest in the winter, but there is a secondary maximum in May and June, with a very dry period during the late summer. The relatively large winter and spring precipitation makes it possible to raise grain crops without irrigation in most sections in normal years, but irrigation is necessary for the growing of other crops except in some of the higher valleys.

Water is Available.

"Taking the state as a whole, there are still large opportunities for irrigation development, since there are immense areas of tillable land, and large unused supplies of water."

Jury Finds Body Is That Of Russell

County Today Offers Reward of $1,000 For Apprehension of Russell's Slayers

ROSEBURG, July 21—That the body found last Wednesday beneath the wrecked and burned automobile of Dr. R. M. Brumfield, a dentist of Roseburg, was that of Dennis Russell, and that he came to his death from gun shot wounds inflicted by a person or persons unknown, was the verdict rendered last night by a coroner's jury following a two day inquest.

Coroner Ritter received word yesterday from James Hunter, Portland Bertillion expert that the finger prints he obtained from the dead man and at the cabin of Dennis Russell turned out badly and could not to be used for identification purposes.

The county today offered $1,000 reward for the capture of Russell's slayers, Sheriff Starmer having the reward circulars printed in Spanish for distribution in Mexico.

NO ACTION ON LIGHTS TAKEN BY COMMISSION

ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING MATTER UNSETTLED

No Objectors Appear Before Commission So It Is Decided to Defer Action Another Week

In order to give every possible opportunity to remonstrate against the proposed ornamental lighting system to appear before the city commission, it was decided at last night's meeting to defer further action until the next meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, July 27. This action was taken on suggestion of Commissioner J. B. McKennon.

A petition was presented to the commission signed by sixty-three business men and owners of property along Adams avenue and Depot street asking that the city install the proposed system. Because a number of property owners did not sign either this petition or the one remonstrating against the proposed system, the commissioners deemed it wise to give any who might be opposed to the expenditure to come before the next meeting and give their point of view.

The opinion of the commissioners was that if the property owners who will have to pay for changing their wiring so as to take current from the alley instead of from the street as it is at present want the change it should be granted.

City Manager George Garrett told the commission that if tax money comes in without an abnormal amount of delinquent taxes being withheld the city would probably have $15,000 more money available for the balance of the year than the budget provided for, making possible the additional expenditure for new lights along Adams avenue. Garrett however pointed out that it is not yet possible to tell just how much tax money would be delinquent and therefore suggested that the work be done in October.

Commissioner David I. Stoddard was of the opinion that if the work is done in October it would be easier to distribute the expense over two years by paying possibly half this year and providing for the other half to be paid out of next year's budget.

In order to keep the cost of whatever work be done this year down Mr. Garrett suggested that the work be confined to the sections where the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company wishes to rebuild their line this year and move the poles to the alleys. A number of the business men in signing the petitions wanted to have the ornamental lights installed along several other sections.

Late News Flashes

REFUSES ARREST

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 21—Governor Small, who was indicted yesterday on a conspiracy and embezzlement charge, has refused to submit to the arrest, holding that the Governor is immune. The court is to decide.

WASHINGTON, July 21 — The house has rejected the three year dye embargo in the tariff bill and has voted to put crude oil and asphalt on the free list.

REFUSES RELEASE

TWIN FALLS, Ida., July 21—The court has refused to release Mrs. Southard, the alleged husband slayer on bail.

C. J. BLACK IS HOME FROM CONVENTION

REALTORS ARE TREATED ROYALLY BY SEVERAL OF THE LARGER CITIES.

"OWN YOUR OWN HOME" IS SLOGAN

La Grande Booster Declares that Every Moment of Trip Was Enjoyed, But that He Is Glad to Get Home Where one Can Rest in the Cool Breezes After a Hard Day's Work.

C. J. Black has returned from the National Realtors convention at Chicago where the largest aggregation of business men have ever met at one time in the United States, according to Herbert C. Hoover, who addressed the convention on Friday, the last day.

This organization has a membership of over 15,000 members, every state in the Union being represented except three. The organization has for its purpose, the elimination of the "shyster" real estate man and the establishment of the principles of honesty, so that when men desire to deal or trade with each other, they can apply to a realtor with a knowledge of security. The great slogan, which might aptly be applied in La Grande, was "Own your own home."

Many important resolutions and matters of business were transacted during the sessions, according to Mr. Black, "Congress was asked to aid in the movement for homes and legislation for homes. Various plans were suggested to afford relief from the shortage. One of the strongest resolutions presented urges upon Congress a revision of the 1918 revenue laws, repealing the excess profits tax, eliminating the surtaxes, or a reduction so that the maximum assessment will not exceed 50 per cent; the elimination of the capital stock tax, the elimination of the transportation and communication taxes, and the elimination of the war excise taxes. The houses of Congress are also urged to deny a serious consideration of the Keller bills providing for land taxes.

'Charging that the present income tax law blocks large real estate transactions, the realtors urge that changes be made to relieve the profits from the sale of real estate from operation of the income tax in lump sums since March, 1913."

The disabled veterans of the world war were not forgotten by the realtors in considering measures for their own relief. In one of the resolutions congress is appealed to to provide proper care for wounded veterans.

General Charles G. Dawes', work in washington and economizing of government departments was approved by the real estate men. The association also went on record as advocating the adoption of an amendment to the constitution empowering federal taxation of future securities issued by states and municipalities in order to gradually eliminate tax free securities from the investment field and thus turn funds into home building channels. This suggestion was first made by Senator Calder, of New York.

The following recommendations were made to the senate committee on reconstruction and production:

Approval of an amendment to federal reserve act to permit use of savings and time deposits for long time loans, thus supplying a source of long term money for home building.

Fostering of local home-financing and home loan associations.

Creation of broad and liberal policy assisting people financially to own their homes; that savings banks and insurance companies be urged to loan money on medium and low-priced dwellings.

These recommendations were followed by a resolution of the realtors to aid in lowering building costs by directing their influence against all combines acting in restraint of trade and by securing the adoption of standard building laws.

The deep waterway between the Great Lakes and the Atlantic ocean, via the St. Lawrence river was indorsed.

Mr. Black says this has been a wonderful trip for him, being the first time he was ever in attendance at a national convention, and his first trip east of the rocky mountains. "I enjoyed every moment of the time except the intense heat, the thermometer registering around 96 degrees with the air so humid that one could hardly breathe, night or day. On the way home we ran into an electric storm in Nebraska, near Grand Island, that was near a tornado. It was so fierce that the train had to slow down to

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Watermelons for Park Volunteers

Refresment Committe Is Busy; Road to Be Repaired Within the Park

Tomorrow evening is work night again for the Country Club members. Many who were out last Friday night have signified their intentions of coming out again, just to say they helped finish the job of cleaning up the park. Others who could not come that night are volunteering to come out.

Watermelons This Time

Last week ice cream was the big "it" but this week it is to be watermelons for all. The refreshment committee is asking each lady to bring lunch for her own party and one besides, and another committee is looking after the watermelons and coffee.

Repair Road, Too

City Manager George Garrett is in charge of repairs to the park road. Several cars have slipped off the grade within the park, and though no danger attends, it is inconvenient to get out again. To widen the road and improve the approaches from the main highway will be another job and more than the ordinary number of men will be required to do the task up complete tomorrow night. Office men and others who can are urged to be on hand immediately after five o'clock.

POLICE FAIL TO FIND BOY WHO IS MISSING

BAKER LAD DISAPPEARS FROM HOME.

Father Here Yesterday Evening Helping in Search Which Proved of No Avail.

The police department yesterday afternoon and evening conducted a thorough search of the city for thirteen-year-old Arlet Page, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Page, of Baker, who was reported missing from home and was thought to have come west. The boy's father was in La Grande yesterday helping the police in their search.

The boy was last seen between three and four o'clock Tuesday afternoon, going north on Seventh street in Baker, and was dressed in new overalls, light shirt and black hat. He has black hair and light gray eyes. He is large for his age.

No reason for his disappearance is known. There has been no trouble with his parents and they are much worried over the lad's staying away from home.

HISTORY SOON OFF THE PRESS

CORVALLIS, July 21—"Oregon, Her History, Her Great Men, Her Literature," by J. B. Horner, professor of history at the college, has been revised and a second edition, enlarged and improved, is expected to be off the press by August 25. As soon as the edition is off the press, Professor Horner will begin the preparation of a smaller edition especially adapted to teachers and pupils of grammar schools.

The books are strictly an Oregon product, J. K. Gill & Company publishers, James, Kern & Abbot printers and binders, and Hicks-Chattin Engraving company as engravers. The edition as revised will contain 400 pages and will include 200 illustrations. It will be a history of Oregon from beginning to date, treating of the country as a wonderland in history, mythology, geography, literature, scenery and natural resources. The first edition appeared in 1919.

PEACE MAY NOT BE AT HAND

LONDON, July 21—Conversations between Lloyd George and De Valera for the Irish peace have terminated for the present without the objective being attained. Premier Lloyd George, at the final meeting today submitted the definite proposals of the British cabinet considered by him as suitable ground for the peace parley. De Valera, after the meeting, expressed anxiety for the attainment of peace. One of the Irish delegation said that progress was necessarily slow and he believed that definite progress had been made.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Friday, fair. Warmer Friday, except near the coast.

RETORTS AND CHARGES ARE EXCHANGED

CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS SAYS ATTORNEY-GENERAL MAY BE ASKED TO SETTLE.

LAWYER WANTED TO CALL CO. EMPLOYEE

Deputy City Attorney of Portland Demanded in Hearing Late Yesterday, the Restoration of the Former Low Rates, or Even Lower; Charged Company Was Poor Manager.

SALEM, July 21.—Charges and retorts were exchanged between James Mott, the Astoria city attorney, and Attorney Shaw, of the telephone company, which were concluded with the statement by Chairman Williams of the public service commission that the attorney-general would be asked to settle the dispute, occurred at the forenoon session of the telephone rate hearing. Mott and Shaw got into words over Mott's request that he be allowed to call as a witness an Astoria telephone company employee.

Deputy City Attorney Tomlinson of Portland, in the argument late yesterday afternoon demanded restoration of the telephone rates, as low or lower than those prevailing before the enforcement of last March was made retroactive. He urged the readjustment of the Oregon rate situation, and the lower basis of the company's property valuation and a divorce as far as possible from the American Telephone and Telegraph company. He charged poor business management.

ARRESTED FOR AID IN DEPORTATION OF JAPANESE WORKERS

MODESTO, Cal., July 21—James Shea, president of the local fruit and vegetable worker's union, and a former member of the San Francisco baseball club, has been arrested at Turlock, charged with inciting the deportation of the Japanese field workers there yesterday.

Must Respect Aliens

LOS ANGELES, July 21—Governor Stephens in a statement today said that these eighty Japanese and all other aliens must be respected in California.

FOREST RANGERS ARE ASKED TO GIVE UP THEIR SMOKING

PORTLAND, Ore., July 21—Realizing the danger of forest fires from burning tobacco even when used in the woods by forest officers, District Forester Geo. H. Cecil has just called upon the field men of the national forests of Oregon and Washington to refrain voluntarily from smoking during the next few months of extreme fire danger.

HAY WORKER IS ELECTROCUTED

The remains of Clarence B. Sailor passed through La Grande last night on their way to Columbus, Ohio, from Joseph. Sailor was electrocuted Tuesday while working on the F. D. McCully ranch and while moving a hay derrick the top of the derrick came in contact with a live wire, resulting in Sailor's death.

LA GRANDE GIRL IS PROMINENT

GREELEY, Colo., July 21—Miss May Belle Caldwell, school teacher of La Grande, figured prominently among the great number of school teachers, principals and superintendents attending the Summer School at Colorado State Teacher's College, at Greeley, Colorado. One other teacher is enrolled from the state of Oregon, and she is also from the same county, Miss Hazel Adams, of Union.

There are 2100 students enrolled with the Colorado State Teachers College, an drbe two teachers from there are associated with school teachers and educators from thirty states of the Union, and representing every direction of the compass, although both of them declare that there is so much to do and so much to learn from the special staff of instructors, gathered from the leading universities, that they haven't time to get lonely.

Jobs Go Begging For Men Today

Change from Acute Unemployment to Normalcy Came Yesterday —First Time This Year.

For the first time this year a call for men went unheeded yesterday afternoon when the Rajotte-Winters company, highway contractors, sought men to fill ten jobs. The city free employment bureau was unable to place the contractors in touch with any men. Usually there are a number of men calling for work every day at this office. The Red Cross was also unable to supply any men.

This morning a number of men were secured and shortly after noon the unfilled jobs had been reduced to four.

The change in the employment situation from one of an acute shortage of jobs to one that is normal, with jobs calling for men, instead of men suffering for want of jobs, is believed to be due largely to the harvest season beginning to open here and being in full swing west of the mountains.

Although there are more jobs than men in sight today the situation is still not such as to be inviting to outsiders coming in in greater numbers than has been the case during the past few months. However, it is believed that the farmers will get their harvesting under way rapidly now, thus keeping the number of unemployed down to practically none, excepting the "won't works."

CARS ARE TOO NOISY AT THE BAND CONCERT

CROWD AT BAND CONCERT REGISTERS KICK.

Practice of Starting and Stopping Cars Close to Band During Rendition of Numbers is Nuisance.

Annoyance to the crowds about the La Grande band during the concert Tuesday evening brought about by people starting and stopping their cars while a number is being rendered, has been the grounds for lusty complaint by citizens who attended. "In the course of events, is becomes necessary to park automobiles a considerable distance from the band and the softer tones are entirely destroyed by the constant starting and stopping of engines by auto drivers," complained one of those unfortunates who failed to get up close to the seat of music.

Others Have Expressed Same Idea.

"This practice is entirely a nuisance," said still another in speaking of it. The pieces are not long, and if anyone has to leave his place on the parking area, the chances are he could wait until the number was finished and then drive out.

This heedless and discourteous practice was also inflicted on patrons of the chautauqua when people started their cars adjoining the building during the rendition of some number when quiet was essential.

"The hard-fisted theory that the streets are open and for travel any time and under any consideration is alright, provided the person causing the disturbance was not brought up to observe the rights and pleasures of others—if he is in this world for himself alone, his alibi can get him by. As for me, I like to think of the comforts of others, just occasionally, anyway," concluded he who had filed the protest.

Another point brought about by the band concert in regards to parking cars is that the officials would confer a favor if they would permit cars to be parked headed toward the band, in all cases, which would make it much more comfortable and convenient. Chief of Police Flexer will have a detail of men at the next concert to assist the car owners in parking to the best advantage of all and still keep fire hydrants and the center of the street free of congestion.

BARRELS FOR PARK BATHERS

Although City Manager George Garrett could not be located this afternoon it is understood that he expects to order a shipment of empty barrels. This action, it is understood, was decided on following the report from Dick Rettig and Donald Pague that swimming in the city park results in an embarrassing lack of clothing for the swimmers, which could be sufficiently relieved if the city had barrels on hand to distribute to those taking advantage of the bathing facilities of the pool in the park.

Rettig and Pague went swimming and left their clothes in their automobile, which was apparently in a safe place in the park. On coming out of the water they found that someone had stolen most of their clothing and were forced to return to town scantily attired. Pague had his shoes and hat left, so his extremities could be covered, and Rettig had his sox left, giving him also an opportunity to return home partly attired.

ROUTE ALONG ORO DELL IS DECIDED ON

MEETING LAST NIGHT SMOOTHS OUT DIFFICULTIES ON ROUTE CHANGE.

COUNTY COURT AND CITY IN HARMONY

Question of City's Paying for Some of Grade Outside of City Limits is Settled Amicably When Contract for Building of Overhead Crossing is Turned Over to County Body.

At the regular meeting of the city commission last evening it was agreed to authorize the county court to report to the state highway commission that the city would grade that portion of the proposed Oro Dell scenic highway within the city limits and agreeing so pay for the grading of that portion, the entire distance to be advertised by the state and done on one contract.

The Oro Dell scenic entrance into the city has been under discussion by both the city and county commissioners for several months and many details on which there has been disagreement have been thoroughly threshed out, both bodies now working in harmony on the change of route from the present route coming by the stock-yards to the route that is considered as giving the entering tourist one of the most wonderful views in the state.

Cost is Big Question.

One of the questions on which there was considerable disagreement and which was finally settled last night was that of cost. The county court believed that in view of the heavy expense the county would be put to in building the overhead crossing over the railroad and river the city should grade the entire route from the crossing to where it is to connect up with Adams avenue instead of only that portion lying within the city limits.

This matter was finally settled last evening when the city turned over to the county court copies of Ordinance No. 870, series 1918, which grants the Oregon and Washington Railroad and Navigation company certain franchises in return for which that company is required to build an overhead or underground crossing in the vicinity of Oro Dell, which has not been done by the railroad. The contract entered into with the railroad will be used by the county court in attempting to induce the public service commission to apportion more than the usual forty per cent cost of the overhead structure to the railroad. Commissioner J. H. Hutchinson expressed the opinion that if the railroad were required to pay sixty per cent of the cost of the structure it would be equivalent to receiving $5,000 to $6,000 in cash from the city, this being the amount the county court had asked the city to spend on the grade outside of the city limits.

Franchises Revokable.

The contract with the railroad provides that the franchises granted the railroad, in return for which it was to build the overhead crossing, be revoked in case of failure of the railroad to comply with its part of the contract. This would result in opening at least one street across the tracks and the removal of some of the tracks, a strip of land 1200 by twenty feet and other strips of land as wide as sixty feet along the railroad having been given the railroad by the city.

The discussion of this point brought out the statement that the railroad had rebuilt the crossing at grade and considered this fulfillment of its obligations. This put City Commissioner J. D. McKennon and City Attorney James D. Slater in a reminiscent mood and they recalled the discussions which took place at the meetings several years ago, at which this matter was discussed and according to the statements made by them last night the railroad representatives, including its attorney, fully intended building a structure of the type demanded now. Government operation of the railroads was the reason for delaying the structure, it was declared last night.

The route of the proposed road probably will join Adams avenue just above the Cherry greenhouses, coming in by way of Walnut or Oak and Palmer avenue. That part of the route outside of the city limits will be about twenty feet higher along the hill and parallel to the preliminary line run last year by Dan McLellon for the county and for which right of way deeds have been secured. The deeds were made out in such a manner as to make it possible to make

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