

OREGON WILL RAISE LARGE GRAIN CROPS

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 4.—That Central Oregon will within a few years double the cereal crop of the whole Pacific northwest is the belief of Theodore B. Wilcox, president of the Portland Flouring mills. When opened up by the railroads now building, an immense acreage will be thrown open to wheat raisers.

"In central Oregon," said Mr. Wilcox, "there are millions and millions of acres of land which, unless I am greatly mistaken in the nature of the soil, will be excellent for grain growing without irrigation. Out of this vast territory there must be at least 2,500,000 acres available for wheat. There is as large an acreage as is now in wheat in Oregon and Washington. All that is needed to open up this great territory is a railroad, and with two lines now entering that section it will be only a matter of a short time before the country will develop. Nor will the increased yield reduce prices. With such a condition of affairs as now exists, there is no danger of lessened prices through the exploitation of wheat fields in central Oregon."

Big Tree Planting.

One ton of Douglas fir seeds, capable of making 80,000,000 big fir trees, will be planted within the coming fortnight by the national forest service in this state. Fully one-third of this will be planted in the Bull Run national forest. Reforestation in the Bull Run reserve is undertaken with a view to increasing the flow of Bull Run river, the source of Portland's water supply. Reseeding of the slopes along the river is expected to conserve the moisture and practically double the flow. The present water supply of the stream is sufficient for Portland, it is estimated, for the next 50 years, but with double the volume of water now secured from Bull Run it is thought the stream will supply Portland for the next 300 years.

The forest service will experiment in other forest reserves of the state in reforesting barren slopes. Officials have been handicapped in the work because of lack of seed. There are but two people in the west who are gathering Douglas fir seed for sale. The crop gathered by these two is purchased by the forest service, yet it is inadequate by far. From \$1.50 to \$2.50 per pound is paid for the seed and instructions to home steads and others who care to gather it will readily be furnished by the forest service.

Big Ranch Sale.

The old John Devine ranch, located in Harney county, and comprising 15,000 acres, has been sold by J. O. Elrod, a local real estate dealer, to capitalists of North Dakota for \$300,000. The ranch is one of the best known in this state and the sale just made carries with it a profit of about \$1,000,000 for the seller, who bought it 18 months ago at a much less price. The coming of railroads to central Oregon has resulted in increased values for the great body of land lying east of the Cascade mountains.

President Taft's visit to Portland during the week was of course the big event of the fall that had been looked forward to with no little anticipation for months. The president was well entertained while here, he was heard and seen by thousands of Oregon citizens and Oregonians are satisfied that he will have a better knowledge of the coast and its needs than before starting out on his extended trip through the country.

LINN APPLE CROP LARGER THAN WAS EXPECTED

ALBANY, Or., Oct. 4.—Linn county's apple crop is turning out much better than has been expected earlier in the season, and the county will export from 10 to 12 carloads of splendid apples. This is comparatively a small shipment, but it is so much larger than was expected, growers believing the crop would be almost a failure, that it is causing general gratification in the Albany Apple Growing association.

County Fruit Inspector E. W. Cooper, who has just returned from a tour of the county, says that some varieties of apples have yielded very poorly, but that Jonathans, Black Twigs, Ben Davis and Sitzbergs are yielding well. There will also be a fair crop of Baldwins, though some of this variety are damaged by rot.

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