

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

## PRUNE GROWERS SMILE.

**Douglas County Promised Immense Crop This Season.**

Roseburg—Tillson & Co. have purchased a fine equipment for their large prune packing plant in this city, and have begun work to enlarge and remodel the plant to handle Douglas county's large prune crop this year. A new 30 horsepower boiler is now being placed for the steam plant, and several new pieces of machinery for grading and packing will be installed. Nearly 200 cars of evaporated prunes will be shipped out of the county from various points, a large portion of which will be handled by local firms. In addition to the new machinery the building will be enlarged to almost twice its present size.

H. L. Giles & Co., of Salem, have purchased the Douglas County prune packing house of Receiver T. R. Sheridan, and will thoroughly overhaul and make additions to the equipment. These two large packing houses are kept running for from three to four months every fall. Besides these two plants, there is another packing house at Myrtle Creek that handles from 20 to 50 carloads every season. There will also be about 30 carloads of apples shipped from Douglas county this year. The Douglas County Fruit-growers' association will handle about half of this crop of apples.

## OREGON FAIR PLANS.

**Counties Preparing for Their Annual Exhibition of Resources.**

The Dalles—The eighteenth annual fair of the Second Eastern Oregon district, comprising Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler, Crook and Hood River counties, will be held at the Dalles for five days, commencing October 6, and closing October 10.

A large number of premiums will be offered for exhibits, races, etc. The main attractions will be the big pavilion, where all the fruits, cereals, flowers, fancy work, etc., will be exhibited. There will be races every day, a track meet by athletes of the schools of the district, Arnold's Amusement company will have concessions, and in addition there will be balloon ascensions, high diving and other free attractions.

As at present fruits and grains give promise of being of excellent quality and of large yield, it is expected that the fair this year will surpass all other efforts.

## Freewater-Weston Line.

Pendleton—According to the present plans of the Walla Walla Traction company, which is now operating the electric line into Milton and Freewater in the north end of Umatilla county, the company will use gasoline motors on the extension of the line to Weston and Athena, a distance of 20 miles. Special motors will be ordered for this section of the line, and the expense of electric juice, wire and poles will be eliminated. It is understood that contracts for 10 miles of grade between Freewater and Weston have been let.

## Better Service on C. S. Railway.

Condon—The postal officials are considering the feasibility of securing a more adequate mail service between Condon and points on the Columbia Southern railway. Under the present system it takes three days to get return mail from points on these branches. Considerable mail matter is carried between these towns. It is thought that what is called a closed pouch will be made up on the Condon branch and then placed on No. 7 at Arlington, so as to make better connections at Biggs with the other branch.

## Harriman Makes Promise.

Klamath Falls—Steam shovels will be at work at Klamath Falls, on the railroad grade, within a few weeks. The contract has been let to Erickson & Peterson to build the road from Dorris to this city, including the tunnel at Dorris. The first work here will be on the bridge over the government canal, and the cut north of town to furnish material for the fill in the railroad yards. Mr. Harriman's statement that the road will be completed to this city by spring is given added weight by the letting of this contract.

## Oregon Two Days Without Executive.

Salem—For two days last week Oregon was without even an acting chief executive. Governor Chamberlain went to Seattle to inspect the progress being made on the Oregon building at the Alaska-Yukon exposition. Secretary of State Frank Benson has also been absent for some time; therefore the state was without any person to exercise the functions of chief executive. While in Washington the governor also stopped at American lake.

## Eccles May Back Scheme.

La Grande—David Eccles, a Utah capitalist, heavily interested in sugar, railroad and lumber interests, is conferring with the Commercial club relative to a large irrigation scheme which he may finance here. The proposition means an outlay of nearly \$1,500,000. Eccles will announce soon whether or not he will back the project with his money.

## Baker City to Have Creamery.

Baker City—It is settled now that this city is to have a creamery. The Business Men's association has pledged proper support to E. D. Severance, and he has promised to erect a modern plant here. Mr. Severance owns creameries at Rock Creek and Pine Valley in this county and one at Canyon City.

## ADD NORMAL WORK.

**New Course of Study Issued by State Superintendent Ackerman.**

Salem—The establishment of a one-year teachers' training course, to be optional with pupils in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades, is the principal feature of the new course of study which has been issued by Superintendent Ackerman and which will be used in all Oregon public schools hereafter. The new course of study is practically the same as heretofore in use so far as the first eight grades are concerned. The new features are found in the high schools, which comprise the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades. The new teachers' training course is not designed to take the place of normal school work, but is provided as an aid to those high school pupils who contemplate entering the teaching profession, but who cannot see their way clear to attend one of the normal schools. Many young people now go from the high schools into the common schools as teachers, and it is the purpose of the training course to fit them better for such work.

The course includes 14 weeks in White's "Art of Teaching," seven weeks of observation work, seven weeks of practice teaching, four weeks' study of the common school course of study, and four weeks' study of practical school problems.

Superintendent Ackerman expresses the opinion that this optional work will be taken by many high school pupils who will thereby be induced to attend one of the regular normal schools.

## Tree Loaded With Honey.

Pendleton—One of the finest bee trees ever found in this section of the Blue mountains was found this week on the Joe Parks homestead, a mile from Meacham. Three swarms of bees were in the immense tamarack tree and eight gallons of fine honey was extracted. The bees had entered the hollow tree through a hole 20 feet above the ground and the entire inside of the tree, which was hollow, was filled with the clear, rich wild honey, the first ever found in this section. The tree was located by an old woodsman engaged in cutting cordwood on the Parkes place, who watched the swarms come to water at a mountain spring near his cabin.

## Big Demand for Harney Ranches.

Drewsey—William Dunlap of this place recently purchased the Howard ranch, which is located about one half mile west of here. The ranch is a 160 acre tract seeded down in alfalfa. The consideration was \$3,400. Mr. Dunlap sold his stock ranch at Juntura, Or., about two miles west of Drewsey, to Ed Stallard, of Juntura, for \$5,000. The ranch is a 160 acre tract. Several valuable ranches have changed hands in this section this year.

## Famous Pear Orchard Sold.

Medford—A syndicate of Eastern men, headed by John D. Olwell, of this city, has purchased the famous pear orchard of C. H. Lewis, near this city, for \$160,000. The orchard has held the world's record for the highest price paid for a carload of Cornice pears for two years, one car bringing \$6,800. This is the largest deal in the history of the fruit lands of the Rogue river valley.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 88c per bushel; forty-fold, 90c; turkey red, 90c five, 88c; bluestem, 92c; valley, 88c.  
Barley—Feed, \$24.50 per ton; rolled, \$27.25; brewing, \$26.  
Oats—No. 1 white, \$26.50 per ton; gray, \$26.  
Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$4 per ton; Willamette valley ordinary, \$1; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50; mixed, \$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$11; alfalfa meal, \$20.

Fruits—Cherries, 30¢10¢ per pound; peaches, 40¢90¢ per box; prunes, \$1.25 per crate; Bartlett pears, \$1.25 6¢1.75 per box; plums, 50¢90¢ per box; grapes, \$1.25 6¢1.50 per crate; apricots, \$1; blackberries, \$1 6¢1.10.  
Potatoes—90¢ 6¢\$1 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 4¢ per pound.  
Melons—Cantaloupes, \$1.25 6¢1.75 per crate; watermelons, \$1.50 per 100 loose; crated, 1/2¢ per pound additional; casabas, \$2.25 per dozen.

Vegetables—Turinips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.75; parsnips, \$1.75; beets, \$1.50; beans, 5¢ per pound; cabbage, 20¢21¢ per pound; corn, 25¢ 30¢ per doz; cucumbers, \$1.00 per box; eggplant, 10¢ per pound; lettuce, head, 15¢ per dozen; parsley, 15¢ per dozen; peas, 6¢ per pound; peppers, 8¢ 6¢1¢ per pound; radishes, 12¢ 13¢ per dozen; spinach, 2¢ per pound; tomatoes, 75¢ 81¢ per crate; celery, 90¢ 81¢ per dozen; artichokes, 75¢ per dozen.

Hops—1907, prime and choice, 4 1/2¢ 5¢ per pound; olds, 10¢ 1 1/2¢ per pound; contracts, nominal.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 100¢16¢ 1/2¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 150¢15 1/2¢; mohair, choice, 180¢18 1/2¢ per pound.  
Butter—Extras, 30¢ per pound; fancy, 27 1/2¢; choice, 25¢; store, 18¢.

Eggs—Oregon extras, 26¢ 26 1/2¢; firsts, 24¢ 25¢; seconds, 22¢ 23¢; thirds, 15¢ 20¢.

Poultry—Mixed chickens, 12¢ 11 1/2¢ per lb; fancy hens, 3¢; roosters, 8¢ 9¢; spring, 5¢ 6¢; ducks, old, 23¢; spring, 30¢ 5¢; geese, old, 8¢; young, 10¢; turkeys, old, 17¢ 18¢; young, 20¢.

Veal—Extra, 8¢ per pound; ordinary, 7¢ 7 1/2¢; heavy, 5¢.  
Pork—Fancy, 7¢ per pound; ordinary, 6¢; large, 5¢.

Mutton—Fancy, 8¢ 9¢.

## RIOTERS UNDER CONTROL.

**Two Regiments of Soldiers at Springfield Ordered Home.**

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 19.—That the race war situation in this city is considered much less serious was evidenced last night, when Governor Deneen ordered the First and Fourth infantry regiments to take trains for their homes today.

"I took this action after a conference with Sheriff Warner, Mayor Reece, Major General Young, Adjutant General Scott, General Foster and General Wells," explained Governor Deneen last night.

"Does that mean that you consider all danger of serious trouble past?" he was asked.

"It means that we can properly guard the city with the troops which will remain. There will still be the Second and Seventh regiments under General Foster in the Western division, and the Third and Fifth under General Wells. The departure of the First and Fourth will lessen our forces by about 1,000 men, leaving a good 2,000 here."

Major General Young said: "The mob element has had a lesson, and the way citizens with knowledge of riotous misdeeds are responding to the appeal for information on which to base indictments will furnish further instruction to the violently inclined. We are getting news on which we will be able to make many arrests of importance, and these arrests will render the situation much easier to handle. With the ringleaders behind the bars, there will be little for the military to do."

There were the usual baseless alarms last night, but up to midnight nothing of a serious character had occurred.

## EVANS RETIRES.

**Admiral Leaves the Service After 45 Years on Duty.**

Lake Mohonk, N. Y., Aug. 19.—Far from grim warships and the sea where he spent nearly half a century in the service of his country, Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, U. S. N., who is at this quiet mountain hotel, yesterday reached the age limit of 62 years and passed from the ranks of the country's active sea fighters. His has been the longest service (but two years short of half a century) of any man who has reached the rank of rear admiral in the United States navy. All through the day the hotel was thronged with admirers of "Fighting Bob," anxious to congratulate him on his 62nd birthday and to wish him many more happy and useful years. Telegrams by the score reached him from all parts of the country, all expressing felicitations and affection for the man who had done so much to build up the American navy. Many of the messages brought delighted smiles to the admiral's face, while others brought just a suspicion of moisture to his eyes. The telegram in particular which caused "Fighting Bob" many smiles came from an old friend in Washington and said: "For some of us, skipper, your flag will always fly."

## EUREKA IS SHAKEN.

**Early Morning Trembler Likened to Big One of 1906.**

Eureka, Cal., Aug. 19.—An earthquake shook almost as severe as the one of April 18, 1906, but not of so long duration, shook this city a 2:58 o'clock yesterday morning. It seemed to come from the west, and was what is known as a "twister." No one was injured, but considerable damage was done.

A second and lighter shock was felt at 5:30 o'clock.

Chimneys were thrown down and people rushed from their houses in fright when the first quake shook the city. The courthouse was damaged most by the shake. The right arm of the statue of Minerva, carrying a spear, was twisted off the statue on the dome. The spear crashed through the roof of the building and into Judge Hunter's courtroom.

The statues on the north side of the building were shaken off and brick and plaster were loosened and fell to the ground. Plate glass windows in several business houses were cracked.

## Conference on Strike.

Winnipeg, Aug. 19.—The departure for the East of the heads of the engineers' and trainmen's branches of organized railway laborers is current talk among the strikers tonight. J. H. Mevey is also absent, presumably at Ottawa, where a conference of the warring factions in the Canadian Pacific strike is to take place as a result of the alleged government intervention. Prominent officials of the Canadian Pacific railway have also disappeared and it is assumed that they too will join the conference.

## More Warships to Venezuela.

The Hague, Aug. 19.—As a part of the plan to awe President Castro, of Venezuela, into submission and apology without an actual demonstration or bombardment of the ports, the Dutch cruisers Holland and Utrecht were ordered today to prepare for speedy dispatch to Curacao on August 29. They are expected to arrive at Curacao October 25, when the Netherlands will have five formidable ships in Caribbean waters.

## Holland Has Free Hand.

The Hague, Aug. 19.—With the single proviso that no military occupation of territory must occur, the government at Washington is understood to have given the cabinet of The Netherlands a free hand to deal as it sees fit with President Castro, of Venezuela. The Netherlands' cruiser Friesland will not sail for the Caribbean before the end of next month.

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