



## OREGON'S OUTPUT OF GOLD FOR 1915

### Baker Produces More Than Four Fifths of it; in 1915 Value Increases While Mines Decrease.

University of Oregon, Eugene, April 21—Although 25 of the 35 counties of Oregon contain deposits of gold the total gold output of Oregon in 1915 was only \$1,771,618.

This figure shows an increase of \$132,213 over the \$1,539,405 output for 1914, however, although in the last two years the number of producing mines has fallen off fully one-third.

Of the 175 producing properties in the state last year, 125 were placer. Most of the properties are small; although there are 73 mining districts, few operations are extensive.

Baker county produced about 84 per cent of the gold taken out in 1915. The most important placer enterprise in the state is in Baker county, on Powder river, the output of one big company, which operates two dredges, being greater than the combined remaining placer output.

## Pear Blight

New infections of blight have been found this week on pears and apples. It will be wise to watch carefully for new infections at this time.

Growers who are interested in scab control might be benefited by seeing the spores of the scab fungus that are exhibited at the office.

As announced before the new bulletin on Orchard Spraying in Oregon is just off the press and may be obtained by addressing the Extension Service, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis Oregon. It should be in the hands of every up-to-date fruit grower.

Where Lime-Sulphur cannot be obtained Atomic Sulphur can be substituted. Use Atomic at the rate of 12 pounds to 100 gallons. Keep the solution thoroughly agitated at all times. C. C. Cate, Pathologist.

## Ford to Build New Factory

New York, April 24—Henry Ford has purchased an 80-acre tract in New Jersey, between this city and Newark, on which he plans to build an automobile factory costing \$5,000,000.

## GERMANY'S SITUATION

### Envoy Hopes To Avoid Rupture. German Answer Expected Saturday

Washington, April 26—Secretary Lansing announced late today that he had received Ambassador Gerard's report of his conference with Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, and that it was brief. "I can say nothing about it," was Secretary Lansing's only comment.

Washington, April 26—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, in response to a request from the Berlin foreign office, has cabled suggestions for a course in the submarine crisis which he believes will avert a break with the United States.

The ambassador also sent by wireless a message to his government asking that no action be taken until his cable message had been received. The Berlin foreign office request contained the statement that Germany was prepared to go to great lengths to prevent a rupture.

Berlin, April 26 via London—The German answer to the American note may not be expected before the end of the present week. It may be presented on Saturday.

Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg and Admiral von Holtzendorff, chief of the naval general staff, departed for headquarters on the evening train to consult with Emperor William in regard to the reply to the American note.

The chancellor's conference with James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, this afternoon, lasted for half an hour.

## Masked Boy Murders Man

Seattle, April 24—A masked boy apparently about 14 years old and wearing knee trousers, shot and mortally wounded Frank Bealer, aged 58, a mill laborer, on Harbor Island, at the head of the bay last night. Bealer died eight hours later. It is believed the boy's mind has been upset by reading bandit stories.

## Tallest Man is Dead

New York, April 24—Hugo, a circus giant, who was said to be the tallest man in the world, died here from pneumonia. He was 8 feet 4 inches high and normally weighed 536 pounds.

## HIGH SUGAR RECORD

### Price May Reach \$9.50 or Even \$10 a Hundred-Pound Sack.

Portland, Or., April 26—Tomorrow morning all records for sugar will be broken when the market here will advance 15 cents a hundred pounds, placing the wholesale price of cane sugar at \$8.15 and of beet at \$7.95. These prices will be an even dime over the record established August 17, 1914, and which held until August 21, when there was a 50 cent drop. Predictions are made in the trade that before there is a decline the market will reach \$9.50 or possibly \$10. Heavy buying by England and scarcity of ocean tonnage for the transportation of stocks from Cuba to New York are among the reasons given for the steadily advancing market.

This morning the Federal refinery in New York bought prompt raws at 6.40 cents in advance of 25 points over the previous top price, and the highest ever paid for the raw product. This is taken to mean another advance of at least 15 and possibly 20 cents within the next few days.

## Forest Notes

The Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wisconsin, was the first one of its kind in the world. This Laboratory not only furnishes information for dealers and users of products in all parts of the United States, but it has also been called upon to furnish information for parties in Mexico, Chile, Tasmania, Canada, British East Africa, British Columbia, Germany, England, British Guiana and Panama.

Since the establishment of the Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wis., over 120,000 strength tests have been completed upon 139 species of American woods.

The Pacific Northwest contains practically half of all the standing timber in the country, but furnishes only one-sixth of the annual cut. The southern pine region is the present center of the lumber industry, furnishing about 45% of the annual production.

Some white ash from Tennessee, recently tested at the Madison, Wis. Forest Laboratory, was sold by the lumber company producing it to an airplane company for \$300. per thousand. This is said to be the highest price to which ash has yet soared.

Incense cedar is now being dyed for pencil slats.

## MEXICO: WHAT SEEMS PROBABLE

### War May be Merciful Agent For Redemption of Land.

For a hundred years Spain heaped cruelties upon Cuba. Three generations died there under the belief that they had been forgotten; that there was no more a God to answer prayers.

But the bell of destiny struck at last and the arm of Spain was broken.

It was our nation that had been appointed to do the work and the way it was performed impressed the world with the conviction that it was the most magnificent act of all the ages.

To throttle a monster; to rescue a broken-hearted people; to feed the starving; to shelter the homeless; to cleanse a fair island from its immemorial load of filth; to compel a pestilence that raged unchecked and unconquered for more than a century to noise its black wings and flee away; to open schools for the young; to command order and obedience to righteous laws; then finally steady the people to prepare a government for themselves and then to lower its flag which in the meantime had taken on a majesty indescribable, and calling its agents aboard its ships and they with a final salute with their hushed thunders sailed away, make a picture grand enough to thrill heaven and earth and cause the angel of justice to smile and the angel of Mercy to weep for joy.

After centuries of misrule Spain left Mexico. Her misrule had corrupted the people and now for a hundred years it has been there as it was in Cuba—to millions in their poverty and want and degradation it has seemed as though there was no God to answer prayers. But as affairs are culminating the point has been reached when one more overt act will make it incumbent upon our nation to repeat what was done in Cuba. It will require all the skill and prudence of our soldiers on the border to prevent something which if it happens will make the people of this country demand war in a tone which no further vacillating in Washington can postpone. War is a cruel instrument with which to stop outrages and command the right and compass justice; but the power that awakens the cyclone to cleanse the fetid air, does not hesitate when the hour strikes to vindicate eternal justice, to set the needed forces in motion.

On the world's foundations we find inscribed on the primitive rocks the record of how more than once that power has found it necessary to set its elements of destruction in motion, to shatter the earth's crust and destroy all animal life on the planet, that a new beginning might be made. The inference is that this is liable to be repeated until at last a race may be produced that will be worthy to walk in God's image.

In imitating these forces war for Mexico may soon become the most merciful agent through which the redemption of that land may be accomplished.—Goodwin's Weekly.

## The Pity and Shame of it

Is it not as shameful as it is pitiable for men and women to be coming back beggars from Mexico, declaring that their lives have been so endangered and harassed for four years past, that they have finally been compelled to abandon everything and come away? They went there on the invitation and promise of protection of the only stable president Mexico has had for a century. These are not all Americans, and when the war is over in Europe what accounting can our government make for the way we; as quasi guardians of foreigners in Mexico make for what we have failed to do there? Mr. Bryan while in the state department took the position that there was no justification on our part to intervene no matter if chaos and violence has ruled there most of the time for a century and the president has discarded the advice of every man who understands that situation. And yet to hear him, his only interest in this life, "is to see the load depressing humanity lifted."

## Shortage of Laborers

White Salmon, Wash., April 24—Ranchers and road supervisors are unable to secure enough workmen locally. No mills are running on Burdoin, but considerable land clearing is being done taking all the available supply of labor.

## OUR OWN STATE

### Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

#### Marion and Polk Dentists Elect

Salmon, Or., April 21—Dr. Mark Hayter, of Dallas, has been elected president of the Marion-Polk Dental society. Dr. D. C. Brown, of this city, vice president, and Dr. F. L. Ueber, also of Salem, secretary and treasurer.

#### 17-inch Trout Caught

Dallas, Or., April 25—Raymond, 10 years old, son of Marion Syron, of this city, holds the record of local anglers so far this season for the size of the fish caught. Saturday while fishing in the L-Creole near town, he had caught a 17-inch rainbow trout and landed it unassisted.

#### Auto Owner Arrested on Charge of Striking Boy.

Roseburg, Or., April 25—Percy Yett a bakery owner of this city, was arrested yesterday for striking the 9-year-old son of Engineer B. F. Morgan with his auto. The charge is that of reckless driving. The boy was bruised, but not dangerously hurt. Yett says that he was going six miles per hour. A second crusade this year against speeders has brought a number of motor owners into court, almost all pleading guilty to a variety of charges.

#### Druggist is Accused of Selling Colored Alcohol.

Roseburg, Or., April 24—A raid on the drug store of S. E. Krohn uncovered what is thought to be a plan for disposing of colored alcohol to the thirsty of this city. The officers making the raid claim they secured their clues from small bottles of the dope sold to residents here.

#### Bend Furniture Store Valued at \$8000 Burns.

Bend, Or., April 24—A fire of unknown origin destroyed the furniture store of Martin & Clemens and the store building of C. W. Arnot, of Los Angeles, Sunday. A total loss of approximately \$8000, upon which there was an insurance of \$5500. Adjoining buildings were not damaged.

#### Prominent Farmer Passes Away

Gervais, Or., April 24—Albert Schwab a well-known farmer, died this morning at 6:30, at his home near here. He had been in poor health for many years. Mr. Schwab was a native of Switzerland, where he was born in 1853, coming to America in 1859. He settled first in Iowa, later moved to Kansas, and came to Oregon in the year of 1888.

#### Coos Bay Paper Plant is Sold to Oregon City Men

Marshfield, Or., April 24—The machinery and equipment of the \$1,000,000 plant of Coos Bay Pulp & Paper company has been sold to the Oregon City paper mill, and is to be moved shortly. The plant was built here three years ago but was never successful and ran but a short time. The sale price is not announced. The big concrete buildings will probably be taken over by the C. A. Smith Lumber company for use in connection with its saw mill plant.

#### Proposal to Vote Road Bonds in Coos County.

Coquille, Or., April 24—Petitions requesting the county court to call a special bond election May 19, the same day the primary is held, were presented to the court here a few days ago. The petitions contain names greatly in excess of the number required and the court has agreed to call the election. The proposed issue is for \$362,000 to be used in bringing to line and grade the main thoroughfares of the county.

Salem—Theo. Roth, a business man, new head of industrial department Chamber of Commerce, will establish flax industry.

## INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

### Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payoffs and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Rich gold vein discovered in Blue River district.

Coos County Court awards \$14,000 road contract between Coquille and Marshfield.

Construction work is being rushed on Grants Pass sugar factory.

Eugene—Company here turning out ready-cut knock down houses.

Contracts for building two large steel ships have been awarded to Portland firms.

Newport has donated a site for pulp factory.

Monmouth plans to pave Main street.

Benn—The Shevlin-Hixon mill with a capacity of 300,000 ft. in two 10-hour shifts, although completed only three weeks ago, will increase size of plant one-third.

Monarch Tumber Co. near Kenon, closed two years, plans to resume at once, employing 300 men.

Salem—Architect getting out plans for \$15,000 brick business building.

San Leandro, Cal., Reporter:—"It is astonishing how many business men can be talked into taking space in a chart, or frame, or register, or some other thing that has no excuse for existence. A schemer will get more for his worthless card than a country publisher would. It is people that have been thus duped who complain that advertising does not pay.

Falls City—Enlarged factory to make loganberry juice being built.

Astoria—Bear Creek Logging Co. starts operations to cut 50,000,000 ft.

Eugene—Fifteen telephones installed on College Hill costing \$5,000.

Municipal ownership and distribution of milk supply for cities is one of the latest socialistic fads.

Dallas—Rumor says Valley and Siletz road will be completed to coast.

Klamath Falls—More sawmills opening up and increasing payrolls.

Baker—Operations at Cougar Mine to start soon.

Rickreel—Contracts let for \$5,000 school building.

Albany would spend \$5,000 on new city hall.

Portland—Jones Bros. & Co. of Watsonville, Cal., established vinegar factory here.

Roseburg to have new \$15,000 Methodist church.

Bend to have 4500 population within six months.

St. Helens—McCormick shipyard to build three new vessels—two at Astoria yard.

Gresham—Work started on two-story brick business block.

Portland—Manufacturers coconut butter will build two-story factory to cost \$40,000.

Corvallis—Architect planning \$200,000 library building.

Paisley—Vast soda deposits at Alkali Lake to be refined and put on market at once.

Portland—Five local ship yards turning out deepwater vessels, army of men employed.

Roseburg—Chicago company orders 150 carloads of broccoli from here.

Douglas County Water, Light & Power Co. will erect office building for themselves in Roseburg.

## Report on Defenses of Northwest Wanted.

Washington, April 24—The senate today adopted a resolution by Senator Chamberlain calling upon the secretary of war for information on the military strength and the number of coast defenses of Washington and Oregon.

## \$6400 for Two Carloads of Flax Fiber and Tow

Salem, Or., April 24—The state has contracted with the California Cotton Mills, of Oakland, for the sale of two carloads of flax fiber and tow for the sum of \$6400. The state is to make the shipments by May 1, and if between now and then the price advances, the state will receive the benefit. Provided the board is willing the California concern will take the entire crop of fiber and tow.

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