

## OREGON NOTES.

The *Astorian* says this month has been the warmest October experienced in that locality for years. Berry bushes are bearing their second crop of blossoms and green peas and cauliflowers are repeating their season's growth. Even the bees are continuing their early summer vocation.

One of the largest flouring mill plants in the northwest, the Scotch mill at Salem, has been sold to Portland parties for \$160,000.

A mutton buyer from Chicago purchased 6300 head of sheep in the vicinity of Canyon City, in Grant county, a few days ago for which \$2.00 apiece were paid.

Considerable dried fruit is being shipped from Salem to Montana. Shipments by the car load are going to Butte and Helena. One man having forty acres in orchard has shipped five car loads of dried fruit this season.

A Building and Loan Association has been incorporated in Salem with a capital of \$200,000. The incorporators are local capitalists and the association is calculated to aid materially in promoting the advancement of the capital city.

It is stated that in Washington county a wheat pool has been formed governing the price of 40,000 bushels of wheat now ready for market. The farmers hold their grain together expecting to get more than the present current price.

The Grant county *News* reports considerable excitement in the vicinity of the old mining camp of Marysville, where rough gold was recently found underneath the cement that was mistaken for bed rock by the early placer miners. The gold lies in cement gravel and there appears to be a very rich mine under the abandoned placer claims of other days.

An old miner at Bonneville claims to have made a rich gold discovery in the Cascade mountains, a few miles south of that station. He has for some time been engaged in prospecting in a very mysterious manner and he has secured samples of quartz that appear to be very rich.

The new saw mill at La Grande was put in operation last week. This plant cost \$250,000 and will cut about 16,000,000 feet of timber a year. It is the largest mill in Eastern Oregon and the largest manufacturing plant in the state outside of Portland and its suburbs.



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