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POPS GOOD AROUND HERE

Last Two Months Has Been Fine Growing Weather

FRUIT PRODUCTS SHOWING UP SATISFACTORILY

Saffron Will Be Large Yield—Many Will Get Third Crop—Potatoes Generally Promise Good Results

During the past two months the growing weather in this section has on all that could be desired and of different kinds of crops are coming along at a rapid rate. The principal crop that was benefited by the hot weather is saffron. This will yield large this season—as large as not larger than in any previous season in the history of the Redmond District or the surrounding country.

Wheat and oats, though there is a very large acreage of the former, will also yield well, and especially so in the irrigated sections.

Potatoes, in the irrigated districts, where well taken care of, will yield a bountiful crop. The potato acreage this year is smaller than in previous seasons, and all indications point to a good price for the spuds. Farmers who have their land under water state that they have had a very dry season, though it has been the driest and hottest summer yet experienced here for years. One noticeable feature in the irrigated districts is that the farmers are getting better familiarized with a water system and have been using the water more intelligently in growing their crops.

CURIOUS DISEASE IS DESTROYING RABBITS

MALADY EXTERMINATING JACK RABBITS AT SILVER LAKE

Carcases of Thousands of Animals Strung Along Roadsides of Valley

A recent dispatch from Silver Lake says: Disease is exterminating jack rabbits in that section of Silver Lake Valley lying north of Pallina and south and west of the lake. Carcases of thousands of these long eared pests are scattered thru the sage brush, over the grain fields and along the road sides.

Although there are various theories regarding the cause and nature of the malady, apparently none is sufficiently interested in the welfare of the rabbit to diagnose the disease. One report has it that homesteaders, whose crops have been riddled or

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He Talks One Minute Gets a Pair Silk Socks

M. A. Lynch of This City, Wins a Fifth Prize at Banquet With the Above Result

At the banquet at Portland last week—"Buyers' Week"—given to outside buyers by the Portland Ad Club, M. A. Lynch of the general merchandise firm of Lynch & Roberts of this city, was one of the one minute speakers who won a prize for telling something good about his town. He won fifth prize, which called for a pair of ladies' silk stockings. In accepting the prize Mr. Lynch said that he was not married, but would do his best to dispose of the stockings appropriately.

PARTIAL LIST OF PREMIUMS OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL

REDMOND POTATO SHOW AND FAIR

TO BE HELD AT REDMOND

OCTOBER 15-16-17, 1914

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The show room will be open for the reception and arranging of exhibits three days before opening day of show. Positively no exhibit will be received after 6 o'clock p. m., Thursday, Oct. 15.
2. Entries and reservations for space may be made with the Secretary or by mail within 10 days of opening date.
3. All articles entered for competition must be the property of the person in whose name it is entered, and must have been grown or made by that party.
4. Premiums awarded at other fairs are not allowed to be used in decorating exhibits at this show.
5. Upon any article being entered a card showing the class and entry number will be furnished, and must remain attached to the article during the exhibition.
6. No article entered in General Exhibit of Farm Products or Vegetables will be allowed to compete for individual prizes.
7. The Judges shall report only those articles for premiums in the regular list, but can make especial recommendations where articles, not listed, are deemed worthy of a premium.
8. Blue ribbons designating first, and red ribbons second, shall be attached to all articles immediately after same have been judged.
9. No article shall be removed from exhibition before 6:00 p. m. of the last day of the Show and Fair.

POTATOES

For the Best Bushel of Burbanks.....	\$10.00	\$5.00
For the Best Bushel of Rural New York.....	10.00	5.00
For the Best Bushel of Uncle Sam.....	10.00	5.00
For the Best Bushel of Netted Gems.....	10.00	5.00
For the Best Bushel of Early Ohio.....	10.00	5.00
For the Best Bushel of Early Rose.....	10.00	5.00
For the Largest 36 Potatoes, any variety, Silver Loving Cup, presented by the Great Northern Railway, value.....	\$25.00	

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EXPERIENCED MEN AT FARMERS' INSTITUTE

PROFESSORS FROM O. A. COLLEGE WILL GIVE TALKS

Field and Demonstration Work Will Be Features of Much Interest to the Farmers

Under the auspices of County Agriculturist A. E. Lovett a series of Farmers' Institutes will be held in Crook county from August 22 to September 1. The questions of soils and crops, livestock on the farm and insect pests of field, orchard and garden will be discussed by a staff of specialists from the Agricultural College.

Professor J. E. Larson will discuss the subjects of agronomy; R. E. Reynolds the livestock question, and A. L. Lovett, assistant professor of entomology, will handle the insect pest problems. All these men are splendidly equipped with training and experience to deal with the questions that fall to their charge in a manner that is at once scientific, practical and interesting. Each professor has had experience under conditions prevailing in the country, and will be able to select the subjects best suited to the needs of the people.

In addition to the lectures that will occur in connection with every meeting of the series, field investigation and demonstration work will be a feature of much interest and value to the farmers. These features of the series are quite informal, and opportunities will be given the farmers to make such inquiries as their interests demand.

The Redmond date for the institute is Monday, August 31. Professor E. B. Fitts, extension dairyman of the college, is accompanying Mr. Lovett in looking over the field and arranging for the institutes. All that is possible will be done to make the meetings profitable and to reach as many producers as are interested.

WAREHOUSE AT CULVER BURNED LAST SATURDAY

CALL WAS SENT TO REDMOND FOR ASSISTANCE

High Wind Was Blowing at Time of Fire and Citizens Feared for Balance of Town

Last Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock a message was received from Culver saying that a big fire was raging there, that the town was in danger of destruction, and asking for help from the fire department of this city. Word was sent back that if a special train was sent this city would send some fire apparatus and a number of volunteer firemen.

In the meantime Guy E. Dobson put his auto in commission and took four men from here in a hurry to Culver. He was followed by another auto containing five volunteer fire fighters.

Upon arrival at Culver it was found that the Farmers' warehouse had burned to the ground and there was no danger of the fire spreading as the burned building was too far away from adjoining buildings.

A strong wind was blowing at the time of the fire and that was what made the Culver people apprehensive of danger for the whole town. Two chemical engines were sent from Madras and a locomotive sent from Metolius. The water in the tender of the locomotive was used on the fire. The water supply at Culver was almost entirely exhausted in efforts to stay the fire.

The fire is supposed to have originated in a blacksmith shop near the warehouse. There were about 1200 bushels of wheat in the warehouse, most of it having been sold by the farmers to outside parties, so the farmers' loss will be small. Some insurance was carried on the building and contents. The loss was total.

Total expenditures at Astoria to improve harbor facilities will total half a million dollars this year.

EUROPEAN WAR WILL HELP US

This Country Has Everything and Europe Must Buy From Us

PRICES FOR PRODUCTS ARE ALL GOING UP

Portland Banker Says America's Decks Are Cleared to Take Advantage of Present Situation—No Hard Times

Believing that the American people stand before one of the greatest periods of substantial prosperity in their history, A. M. Crawford, vice president of the Lumbermens National Bank, declares that optimism, not pessimism, should govern them in view of the war situation in Europe, says the Portland Journal.

"I do not believe that this general European war is going to hurt the United States," he said.

"On the contrary, I believe it is going to usher in one of the greatest eras of real good times we have ever experienced—not boom times, but solid prosperity.

"Our decks are cleared to take advantage of the situation. We are in better shape than any other country on the globe. The currency bill has put into effect an adequate federal reserve system, the railroads have been granted their increase in rates, we have just adjusted ourselves to the tariff, everybody knows what the anti-trust legislation will be like, we have the greatest crops in our history. The atmosphere is cleared; this war has come like a rain and takes all the dust out of the air. Why should not America prosper?"

This Country in Fine Shape

"The continent wants our wheat; we have it to sell. Look at the price of wheat, of wool, of barley, and then ask why anyone in this country should be downcast. The boom times of a few years back were artificial, based on speculation in corner lots. The business depression of last year was due largely to a reaction and to universal gloom, for

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Deer Season Has Been Closed by the Governor

Hunting Will Be Prohibited Until Sufficient Rain Falls to Dispel Danger of Forest Fires

At the request of State Forester Elliott that he close the game season until there is sufficient rainfall to insure that there is not much danger of forest fires starting from camp fires built by hunters, Governor has issued a proclamation, to take effect Monday, August 17, complying with the above request. Not only did the state forester ask for a closed season, but timbermen and forest fire associations also made the same request.

Bonds Carry Here By A Vote of 35 to 15

Not Much Interest Taken in the Special Election Held Saturday, and Small Vote Is Polled

The special election held here last Saturday, August 15, for the purpose of voting on the question of amending the city charter so as to increase the bonded indebtedness of the city from \$35,000 to \$45,000 resulted in a vote of 35 for and 15 against the proposition.

As shown above, a very light vote was cast, as it was a foregone conclusion that bonds would carry and the voters did not take the trouble to go to the polls.

With part of the \$10,000 now made available the city water plant will be improved and put in a better condition.

The BANK of PERSONAL SERVICE

GREATER SECURITY WITH NO EXPENSE

The man who transacts his business with the Redmond Bank of Commerce, deposits his money and pays his bills by check has a distinct advantage over the man who believes he can get along without the services of a bank.

The man with a bank account has an accurate record of his business transactions and Greater Security with no expense.

We will welcome your check account.

REDMOND BANK OF COMMERCE

INTEREST PAID ON DEPOSITS

U. S. FIGURES DIFFER IN CANAL CONSTRUCTION

FEDERAL ENGINEERS REPORT ON NORTH CANAL UNIT

Company Asks \$300,000 for Project and Experts Say It Could Be Built for \$184,000

A Salem dispatch of the 12th has the following in regard to the North Canal unit of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company's project:

That the work on the North Canal unit of the Central Oregon irrigation project, which the company has offered to sell to Oregon and the United States government for \$300,000, could be built at present for \$184,000 is a report made to Secretary of the Interior Lane by government engineers. A copy of the report has been forwarded to Governor West. Announcement was made by the company when its offer was submitted that if the deal was consummated the money would be used in completing the work on the other units.

The Interior Department has only \$420,000 available for co-operative work in Oregon and it is not probable that a deal can be made in the near future for the completion of the North Canal project through state and federal co-operation. As a result it will be necessary for the company to complete the improvement or for the time being concentrate its efforts in improving the canals or other parts of the project. Regarding the offer of the company to sell the North Canal unit Governor West said:

"The subject was submitted to Secretary Lane for investigation, with a view to completing the project through state and federal co-operation. The reporting engineers find the amount expended in works to be \$225,000, but make no allowance for preliminary surveys or other expenditures connected with the development of the project. The report says that the works could be reproduced now for \$184,000, and

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CANALS ARE DEFECTIVE SAYS STATE ENGINEER

HE WILL NOT CERTIFY LANDS FOR PATENT

Report Says 74 Per Cent of Water Diverted Leaks and Letter Raps Gov. West

State Engineer Lewis last Wednesday notified the State Desert Land Board that he had examined lands which the Central Oregon Irrigation Co. wishes to have patented, and that, because of excessive leakage, he would not certify them. The list comprises 6763 acres to be watered by the Pilot Butte canal in Crook county, says a dispatch from Salem.

The State Engineer also wrote Governor West a letter taking exception to a communication of the executive to Secretary of the Interior Lane. Mr. Lewis said in his letter:

"I regret to note that you take exception to the statement that 'this report (referring to one submitted to Mr. Lane regarding government and state co-operation in irrigation work) has been jointly agreed upon by the co-operating parties,' stating that 'this should be changed to read co-operating engineers, as the co-operating parties includes the Secretary of the Interior and the governor of Oregon, neither of whom have had to do with the preparation of the report, nor have as yet approved the findings.'"

"Had you taken the time to inquire into this matter I believe you would have found that the wording to which you object is in accord with both the letter and spirit of the state law and contract thereunder."

Mr. Lewis says no provision is made in the contract for the approval or disapproval by the governor. In his letter to the Desert Land Board declining to certify patents to land in the Central Oregon Irrigation project, the engineer makes the startling announcement that the

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Improvements At The Municipal Water Plant

Six Inch Layer of Concrete to Be Laid on Sides and Bottom of the Reservoir Before Fall

As soon as the sand and gravel arrives here from Avery, Wn., work will begin concreting the sides and bottom of the city reservoir on top of Forked Horn Butte. The initial concreting of the reservoir was not deemed thick enough to stand a heavy head of water in the basin.

Improvements will also be made at the pumping plant so as to get a larger stream of water flowing thru the pipe into the reservoir. By making the above improvements it is estimated a considerable saving can be effected in the maintenance of the plant, and the preservation of the system guaranteed.

Smoke From Forest Fires Blow Into Town

Fires Have Been Burning in the Mountains Around Here For Several Days Recently

Several days last week the city was enveloped in a haze of smoke caused by fires in the mountains to the west. One of the first fires was over on the Metolius and a number of men from the city went to fight it, and the blaze was gotten under control before much damage was done to the standing timber. Other fires were started and continued to spread and last week Friday the wind from the west blew the smoke into town nearly all day.

As yet the amount of damage to standing timber has not been ascertained. It is understood that the fires were in privately owned timber.