

A Good Thing For This Country

The establishment of soil-analysis stations throughout Central Oregon, as well as agricultural experimental farms, is the proposal of Carl R. Gray, president of the Hill lines in Oregon, and one which probably will be brought to the attention of Governor West at an early date with the idea of securing state aid for the enterprise.

"When we build a railroad we have our engineers go out and do the planning and construction work," said Mr. Gray. "They are specialists in this branch of railroading. When they have made it the operating department takes it over and runs it; its members are also specialists. Neither one possibly could do the work of the other. And so it is with agriculture; at least so it should be. Too often the farmer goes to a new country, as Central Oregon, and starts cultivating the soil as he was accustomed to cultivate it back in Missouri or Minnesota. He entirely fails to take into consideration the fact that the soil of that particular section of Oregon which he happens to have acquired may be totally different from what he was accustomed to work 'back East' and so may make a failure of his efforts, which would have been crowned with success if he had been started right.

"And there is where my proposed soil-analysis work comes in. It is the work of the agricultural engineering department. The farmers represent the operating department, which properly can only take hold after the way has been blazed out for them. I would like to see the state make an appropriation to carry out such a work. My idea is to have stations established at various places in the interior and throughout the state also, for that matter, where an expert with a properly equipped laboratory would always be on hand to analyze soil specimens brought in by ranchers. By so doing he would be able to direct the farmers what to do with their soil, how best to cultivate it, what to plant and what not to plant, and to aid them in many ways.

"Particularly would the proposed work be of benefit to those who are making ranches out of the sagebrush land of Crook County, near Bend and Prineville," continued President Gray.

"These homesteaders are attempting the cultivation of an absolutely untried land, where ultimate success inevitably will come, but where in the first stages equally inevitably there must be many failures. It is to minimize the number of such failures, so hastening the development and productivity of the territory, that soil analysis would be of great importance."

There will be an effort made by the Hill lines to put into operation several agricultural experiment stations in interior Oregon, according to President Gray. While it is possible that such may be started this summer it is probable that little will be done with the work until the season of 1912.—Oregonian.

Fishermen Have Good Success.

A party consisting of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Clark, Dr. E. E. Spaulding, H. A. Foster and Dan McMillan spent two days on the Deschutes at Lower Bridge this week, returning late Tuesday night. They report excellent success in fishing, but bad luck struck the party Monday, when the horses wore out their hooves and started back to Prineville over the rimrock. The two dentists spent all Monday morning and part of the afternoon recovering and herding their stock back to camp, walking about ten miles in the hot sun.

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United States Bonds.....	12,500 00	Surplus fund, earned.....	35,000 00
Bank remittances, etc.....	12,544 62	Undivided profits, earned.....	25,498 24
Cash & Due from banks.....	206,729 56	Circulation.....	8,500 00
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Overdrafts.....	1,362 52	Surplus.....	5,000 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	2,200 94	Undivided profits.....	7,913 66
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