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BIG YIELD OF OATS ON SLAYTON PLACE

113 Measured Bushels to the Acre.

WE CAN GROW OTHER THINGS

Take a Look at the Fruit in the Adamson Window Grown at Home

What do you think of oats going 113 bushels to the acre, machine measure? Some oats! You bet. Well that is exactly what the Ed Slayton field, four miles from Prineville, made this year. There are no ifs nor ands nor guesswork about it. This is the best yield we have heard of this year, but those who have seen the Slayton field say there are others in the county that looked just as good. It may be so, but we doubt it. A sample of the Slayton grain may be seen at the Adamson drug store.

And when at the drug store just take a look at those apples—five varieties of them—that were grown right around Prineville. Can you beat those Yellow Transparents or Red Astrakans shown by D. B. Lafollette? Geo. Russell has some fine apples, too. You can't beat them anywhere. Those crab apples from Dick Biggs' place looked good but they would look a whole lot better in preserves. That Prineville lemon, grown by Mrs. Isom Cleek, is no josh. It has been two years maturing, but it's worth it. It was grown in the house. Those early Richmond cherries grown by Leo Lafollette were a little late for exhibition purposes, but never too late to show what can be grown in this country.

Y tangerine from the Kenwood place is a novelty in Crook county. It is a cross between a plum and a peach. It has the odor of both original stocks, but the shape of the peach with the color of the plum. We wanted to put a tooth into the sample but there were too many watching. We don't know what it tastes like.

As a matter of fact, the Crook county fair this fall will show the greatest amount of stuff raised right at home that you ever dreamed of. The few samples in the Adamson store were not for show purposes. They were picked for friends or friends picked them from the trees themselves. It all counts, however, and helps to boost the county. Keep it up.

A Great Irrigation Plan for County

Salem, Or.—"Just as we have come to see the need of city planning to promote the greatest good to the greatest number, so we must come to the idea of state planning, especially in water and road projects," said State Engineer John H. Lewis in speaking of the possibilities of irrigation if the state should take up the work of assisting and directing in the development of the state's resources.

"The information now being collected by the state and the United States for a water power report on Deschutes river indicating clearly that certain portions of this stream should be absorbed entirely and another portion should be dried up during the winter by storage for summer power and irrigation use,



News Snapshots Of the Week

James S. Sherman and Governor Thomas R. Marshall were formally notified of their nominations for vice president on the Republican and Democratic tickets respectively. At the Marshall notification the grand stand fell and a number of persons were injured. Bramwell Booth succeeded his father, the late General William Booth, as commander in chief of the Salvation Army. Sam Schepps confessed his part in the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler, and on the strength of his testimony the grand jury returned seven indictments for the crime. Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, accused of accepting \$25,000 from the Standard Oil company, declared that the money was a contribution to the political campaign of 1904.

while all regular power development should be confined to the lower canyon and a few upper tributaries, where the water can be used for irrigation after passing through the power wheels. Limited information has already disclosed an irrigation project of great magnitude heretofore undiscovered, because it is too large for private capital to handle. A number of power plants in the wrong location could defeat this large and relatively cheap project, and the construction of the railroad where now located south of Bend will greatly complicate matters, as for 20 miles it traverses the proposed reservoir site.

"A 60 foot dam constructed across Deschutes river, 15 miles south of Bend, will store the winter surplus and irrigate 320,000 acres of land instead of 100,000 which is the limit of the regular flow without storage. With 1,000,000 acre feet of available water under contract, it would not be sufficient to irrigate all the available land below.

"There are 50,000 acres in the Benham Falls segregation, 100,000 acres on Agency Plains and 50,000 to 100,000 acres additional on the opposite side of Deschutes river, and north of Lakeview, all of which can be irrigated at an approximate cost of \$30 per acre. This in addition to the 100,000 acres now being reclaimed by the state under the Carey act near Bend. Not one drop of available water should be sacrificed for power in this portion of the stream.

"However, incidental to the construction of these irrigation projects a large amount of summer power will be developed which can be put to use at small additional cost.

"There is a fall of 1300 feet in Deschutes river between the storage dam at Benham Falls, and the lower diversion to Agency Plains. There are several abrupt falls in the stream in this distance, besides several diversion dams for irrigation, which will make possible the development at low cost of 200,000 to 400,000 horsepower during the irrigation season only. This power could be transmitted for pumping from the Columbia to adjoining arid lands in both Oregon and Washington, thus making this a 600,000 acre project. It could be transmitted to Oregon City, and exchanged for power now being developed from the regular flow of the Willamette river, thus releasing this water for irrigation in the upper Willamette valley.

"A small acre charge should be made by the state when issuing permits to appropriate these waters to cover cost of the exchange. By purchasing power for a few summer months, this Oregon City plant could increase many times its present output for during the winter months much water is now wasted. This condition of summer shortage prevails at most of the constructed plants in the Willamette valley where equalization of flow by storage is expensive. So there is a prospective market for a large amount of summer power developed incidental to reclamation without in any way competing with private capital.

"The natural drainage and return seepage between the storage reservoir and the Cline Falls diversion should furnish considerable water during the winter months. This supplemented by Squaw creek can be conveyed through the Agency Plains ir-

rigation canal to the junction of Willow creek with Deschutes river, where a vertical drop of about 1000 feet can be had. This should furnish considerable power during the winter months, which if used in conjunction with the summer power might make a perennial power of considerable value. It could be used by the different towns to be built as a result of the irrigation project.

"This comprehensive plan is made up of several district and inter-related projects which can only be carried out by a powerful organization. Each step, however, should be taken in logical order when the time is ripe, and the burden equitably apportioned among all benefited. It concerns not only state but also inter-state and national welfare. There are many similar projects in all parts of the state, which can eventually be worked out. By eliminating the idea of profit for promoting and constructing the project, the question of colonization should be a comparatively easy matter."

The East and West Road a Joint Line

Advices reaching here from New York seem to leave little doubt that the first-class railroad line which the Oregon Short Line is flinging westward across Oregon is a joint Hill and Harriman enterprise. The information received here emanates from Eastern financial interests closely allied with the two great systems indicating that the sinews of war for constructing this 300 mile line from the Idaho border to a junction with the Hill and Harriman roads at Bend are being supplied partly by the Hill fin-

ancial group and partly by the Harriman backers in Wall street.

There is no pretense of concealment of the fact that the Harriman purpose is to make this line the double track of its main line from Portland to the East, and that as soon as the present extension of 140 miles from Vale on the Short Line to Dog Mountain, 20 miles south of Burns, has been completed, contracts will be let for the construction of the remaining 160 miles from Dog Mountain to Bend. This will give the Harriman system a completed double track line from Portland to Omaha, as the double-tracking of the system over that entire distance has been progressing for nearly two years, and is to be completed by 1915.

The immediate advantage to be gained by the Hill forces by entering into another "gentlemen's agreement" with their ancient rival to be given them access into Southeastern Oregon in the first place, a territory in which the different Hill magnates have been spending great sums in exploitation work. Of course, ultimately, the connecting link from Bend, the present southern terminus of the Oregon Trunk, to the Idaho boundary, will open another enormously rich country in the Gem State.

There have been rumors that the Harriman and Hill forces were to join hands in pushing a line east and west across Oregon ever since the Hills sold to the Harriman system all its rights in the Boise & Western through the Malheur Canyon a couple of years ago. The Boise & Western was the project which Colonel C. E. S. Wood was fathering for James J. Hill, and embraced surveys through the property of the Willamette Valley and Cascade military road.

SOMETHING DOING AT FAIR GROUNDS

Carpenters and Painters Transforming Things

YOU WON'T KNOW THE PLACE

Every Convenience for the Comfort of Patrons—Half-Mile Track.

Carpenters and painters are making the fair grounds look as though a real fair was to be pulled off this fall—one that will not be limited or confined in any respect. The whole ground scheme has been changed.

The old grandstand has been torn down and a new one erected on the west side. It faces the east and overlooks a "matinee" track, i. e., a half-mile track instead of a mile track. This will be an advantage that spectators will appreciate. You can see the races at any stage of the game without endangering your eyesight. It will enable spectators to see the start and finish of all the races, each horse being always in plain view. It will also enable the fair management to keep up a much faster track. All these advantages will accrue to the benefit of the spectators, horsemen and fair management.

The poultry building is completed and is considered by those who know to be the best in the state. It has been built for convenience, sanitation, roominess and accessibility, and combines all these qualities. It is a model.

Two wings have been added to the pavilion. One is 30x36 and the other 24x30, which just doubles its capacity. The paint is hardly dry yet but will be in a few days.

The judges' stand, opposite the grandstand was receiving its coat of paint Tuesday when the Journal man was out at the grounds.

The race horse stalls have been built on the east side of the grounds instead of the west, as formerly. There are 600 feet of stalls for the accommodation of the trackmen, and most of them have been reserved. On the west side, back of the grandstand, there will be 600 feet of stalls for the use of exhibitors. These have not yet been built, but Contractor Shipp says they will be in place in ample time for the fair.

The free camping ground for visitors is being cleaned up. It will have its conveniences, too, as well as the rest of the fair grounds. No charge will be made for the privilege of camping and water and wood will be thrown in with the camp site. Hay, however, will be sold at actual cost. You can bring your own feed, however, and be just as welcome.

The fair association had to choose official colors, and Secretary Cadle, with the assistance of his many lady friends, decided on "royal blue and gold."

With bumper crops all over the county the fair this fall will eclipse anything ever attempted in Central Oregon.

Plan to see it.

Strayed.

From my place four miles northwest of Madras, a bay mare, 7 years old, weight about 1300 pounds, has three white feet. If taken up please notify me at Madras, and all charges will be paid.—Chas. Ortman. 9-5-12

For Sale.

One dozen black hens; 1 pen Silver Spangled Hamburgs, all good layers. Also a number of chickens and a few good roasts, dressed. Refer Dr. Fox's office or by letter. 9-5-12

