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Oregon Will Have Bumper Crop.

Estimates of the year's wheat crop in the Pacific Northwest fix the probable yield at about 55,000,000 bushels, an increase by 15,000,000 over last year. This figure may not be reached if unfavorable conditions at harvest set in but with normal weather, it is believed the yield will be large. Recent rains have been of immense benefit to the growing crop. Districts where the grain was practically given up because of the continued drought have taken heart again and the wheat is filling out in fairly good shape. The value of the rains of the past week to the wheat crop is variously estimated at from \$1,000,000, to \$3,000,000,000. Increased acreage in many sections of the state makes up in the total yield for a short crop in some districts. As wheat is still sticking around the dollar mark, Oregon's big wheat crop will mean a great prosperity for this section of the United States during the coming year.

Recent rains have also been of great benefit to the fruit crop. There has been a general drenching and hearts of the farmers are light as a consequence. With the exception of some loss to cherries and hay, no damage has been done by the downpour but incalculable good has been realized. Slight damage to cherries has been more than made up in the good to other fruit crops, such as prunes, pears and apples. Prunes have felt the benefit of the rain to a great extent and a large crop is looked for.

Trying to Fool the Israelites.

Will the Oregonian ever let enough alone? Isn't it sufficient that home-seekers in the East learn of our Paradise Valley, without trying to palm off poor unsuspecting Col. Hofer as Moses? It says:

"There was much murmur and complaint among the children of Israel because there was no flesh to eat. They troubled Moses exceedingly, and he carried his frowns to the ear of the Lord. And the Lord was displeased when he heard it, and told Moses to tell the people that he would supply them with flesh till they loathed it."

"Say thou unto the people, 'Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days; neither ten days, nor twenty days; but even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils and it be loathsome unto you.'—Numbers IX.

That was what came then of murmur and complaint and querulous importunity, of troubling the Lord and of doubting his goodness. It displeased the Lord, and his anger was kindled, and he sent meat till they were sick of it.

Colonel Hofer was not willing to continue his trust in Divine Providence, but set the people to murmuring about the drought and led them in loud prayers for rain;—and now it rains and rains and still rains, till people loathe it, and wonder how they are to save their hay, and fear their wheat and oats may lodge, and famine may ensue in the winter. It would seem there had been lessons enough, from days of old, of the consequences of wearying Heaven with our complaints and importunities."

Where Some of Our Money Goes.

That all of our money poured into the gaping coffers of Harriman, is not used to the good of one, is quite evident from the following from the New York World:

"Miss Mary Harriman, eldest daughter of E. H. Harriman, has taken one of her father's Erie ferries and turned it into a man-o'-peace to fight tuberculosis. She has presented the boat to the Brooklyn committee on the prevention of tuberculosis and the Brooklyn Red Cross Society. It will go into commission as a part of the Red Cross navy on July 1, when its flag will fly over an anchorage off Columbia street, Brooklyn. Hamocks, steamer chairs and other conveniences for out-of-the-air sleeping will be arranged for the accommodation of 300 men, women and children. Three meals a day will be served on the boat, and between meals the patients will get all the milk and eggs they are able to eat. For the commissary department Miss Harriman will forage her father's country place at Arden, where the milk is famous and the farm products the best that money can command. A free 'bus will be run to the boat from Brooklyn stations for those who can not pay car fare. It is the design to have the boat so anchored as to command the full benefit of the bay breezes. Attendants and physicians will be provided."

vided. The boat will afford a day camp for sufferers who are not able to get out of town, and there will be started on it the first open air school for the children of Brooklyn who have been kept away from school during the term by reason of disease." Here's to Mary, who hands us a ferry to fight the White Plague on the Erie. May her father live long, his coffers be strong and shell out the dough, to a daughter or so, with a mind half as good as Miss Mary.

An Annual Event.

M. Robert Guggenheim has announced, that hereafter the New York-to-Seattle automobile race will be an annual event. The start is to be made from the Atlantic Coast on July 4, 1910, and every year thereafter on Independence Day. The primary purpose of the race is to encourage the various states in good roads construction, so that a national highway will be built from coast to coast. This announcement was made by the millionaire automobilist at the banquet when the trophy was bestowed on the Ford car, which won this year's race. Second honors went to the Shawmut automobile. The Acme car disqualified for changing axles. The winning car crossed the continent in a little more than twenty days. Considering the obstacles and poor highways, this is remarkably good time. But before many years, Mr. Guggenheim says that he hopes to see the trip made in half the time or less. With a system of good roads from the Atlantic to the Pacific, he says there is bound to be a great deal of trans-continental automobile travel.

A new gift of \$10,000,000 has been announced by Mr. Rockefeller for his general education fund. The sum raises the aggregate of this fund to \$52,000,000 and together with his endowments for Chicago University swells the total of his gifts to higher education to about \$80,000,000, says the Journal.

Meantime effort was made recently to induce Mr. Carnegie to head a movement for getting the poor of the large cities back to the soil. It proposed to include Rockefeller and all other finance kings in the effort, by diverting some of the millions they are showering on higher education to the relief of congested districts of the cities by removal of their half starved and ragged denizens to the fresh air and roomy environments of the country. It was argued that the puny children, tolling mothers and starving fathers of the slums could go back to the soil, and there in the great outdoors of life become wholesome citizens and a producing factor in adding to the wealth, industry and life of the republic. It was shown that on many a farm, orchard and dairy, the owner has not sufficient help with which to garner his crops or perform his tasks, and that multitudes of those who toil for a pittance in the cities or who go without work altogether could find employment and independent living by their removal to the thousands of places where their assistance is much needed. But Mr. Carnegie adhered to his library policy, regarding money as a fantastic and impracticable philanthropy, and the leaders in the movement for carrying the waifs and delinquents of the cities back to the soil must look elsewhere for captains of finance to supply them with the sinews of war.

The usual accepted natural order in human life is, first, clothing and food; second, work to keep want from the door, and third, education. It raises query of, in their philanthropies, Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Rockefeller and either givers of library and educational bounties do not begin at the tail end. Might they not serve their country and mankind with far greater effect, if in some of their star performances in philanthropy these men of millions would become pillars in the movement for calling men, women and children back to the land.

In the death of Francis W. Cushman of Tacoma, who represented the second Washington district in Congress for many years, the Northwest loses one of its ablest servants. Possessing a genial disposition and the talent of humor, he had only friends. His services in Congress made him a national figure, and fellow congressmen all declare that "Cush" as they loved to call him, will be missed when that body convenes again. Governor Hay has said that he will not call a special election, but will defer to the legislature at the coming special session to fill the vacancy. Already there are a number of prospective candidates, among them being J. W. Sladen, M. K. Snell, J. M. Ashton, W. H. Paulhamus and J. P. Bridges. The death of Congressman Cushman removes a formidable candidate from the coming senatorial contest when Samuel H. Piles' term expires next year. The Tacoma representative had a strong following and would have been an important factor had he gone after the plum seriously. Even now, it begins to appear as if the political wind is beginning to veer about in favor of former Senator J. L. Wilson. The White River Journal, which is

one of the strongest King County newspapers outside of Seattle, says that voters are going to see strange things happen by the end of the present year. It declares that Piles' friends, who stood with him in the Ankeny fight, are now deserting him, because they have seen the light, referring to Senator Jones' victory.

If you are not rich yourself, be glad that somebody else is, and you will be astonished at the happiness that will result to yourself. Don't wish for your neighbor's property unless you hear the coin in your pocket. It won't do any good, but on the other hand will create an unrest in your mind, while your neighbor will be plodding along with a free mind and clear eye, and will grasp opportunities to further enrich himself, that your dimmed vision has let pass by. Keep your mind clear of fretting about another's gains and look for some nuggets further down—you'll soon dig up one. You may be unfortunate but you can be happy—what greater wealth than happiness.

Centennial of the Disciples of Christ.

Elaborate preparations are being made by the Disciples of Christ for the celebration of their Centennial this year in Pittsburgh, Pa. The date, October 11-19, 1909, is taken from the appearance of "A Declaration and Address," by Thomas Campbell, father of Alexander Campbell, September 7, 1809, which was the first and only publication of "The Christian Association of Washington, Pa.," an organization composed of members of different churches bent on Christian union and missionary propaganda. Their first church was organized in 1811 at Brush Run, Washington Co., Pa., but the year before friends of theirs had established one in New York City and in 1803 Barton W. Stone, who in 1832 formed a coalition with the Campbells, had taken the same position in Kentucky.

The disciples have brown Westward with the progress of the nation, in the United States they rank sixth numerically among religious bodies. In Missouri they are first and nearly or quite so in Kentucky, Indiana and Oklahoma. Throughout the upper Mississippi Valley their influence is proportionate to their membership and they are enlisted in the cause of Prohibition.

Pleading from the first for Christian Union and insisting that the abandonment of human creeds, denominational names and post-apostolic authority and restoring the primitive church just as the Apostles left it would give at once union, liberty and truth, they seemed to be only adding confusion to the sectarian strife of the day.

Denounced by the other denominations as heretics and Ishmaelites in almost every new field, the day of their success finds them in cordial fellowship. The Y. M. C. A., Y. P. S. C. E., International Sunday School Association, Young People's Missionary Movement and Inter-Church Federation Council accord their representatives full place and power.

No denominational monument is being erected and sectarian feeling is energetically discouraged. The endeavor is not to do something spectacular and extraordinary, but to make a fuller approximation to the Christianity of Christ, in its fruits especially.

Seven of the Centennial Aims are for individual and household piety and progress. Each of the seven departments of missionary, benevolent and educational activity has its goal or goals. Seven general aims stand out before the entire brotherhood.

Many of them look impossible of attainment. So we are surprised to learn that several have already been surpassed. Reaching the aggregate missionary aim of a million dollars two years ahead of time to justify increasing it by fifty percent for 1909. The present enrollment of 155,000 teacher-training students warrants hope of 200,000 in October. Reports in one church paper within one year of 105 revivals in which, under 45 evangelists, 24,518 accessions were gained are taken to indicate widespread application of the personal principle.

The greatest rejoicing in Conventions and journals is reserved for actual steps toward union. Many occasions for this have come within the Centennial period, since October, 1905. The high tide of enthusiasm in every Convention or Congress of the Disciples is reached when some representative Baptist or Free Baptist pleads for the reunion of the two bodies as a step toward the answer to the Saviour's intercessory prayer.

Five great auditoriums with aggregate seating capacity of 30,000 have been engaged by the Pittsburgh Committee for the sessions of the Celebration and Convention. All are in a compact group at the entrance to Schenley Park. President Taft is expected to be present and speak Saturday, October 16th. Among other distinguished speakers the Congressmen Champ Clark, Ex-Congressman John Allen, Life Pense and T. W. Phillips, Judges S. R. Artman and F. A. Henry.

Two sessions of Tuesday, October 12th, will be exclusively for men. Among these will be Theodore P. Shonts, R. A. Long, C. C. Chapman and Dr. E. E. Montgomery.

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