

THE CLACKAMAS FARMER HAS ABUNDANT HARVEST

COUNTY PRODUCES BANNER CROPS OF BOTH GRAIN AND FRUIT.

OATS WILL AVERAGE 60 BUSHELS

While the Hop Crop Will Only Be Average in Quantity, Quality is Fine.

Clackamas county farmers have been blessed this year with abundant crops of all kinds and with the favorable market conditions, they are experiencing an era of real prosperity.

This county has this year produced an exceptional grain crop, the yield of oats being almost unprecedented. The average yield of this crop is between 50 and 60 bushels, while as high as 80 bushels to the acre have been harvested from individual fields. Better quality of wheat has not been grown in this county in year. This crop has averaged from 35 to 40 bushels to the acre.

An enormous crop of fruit has also been produced, but orchardists not having yet learned the need of spraying, much of this crop will not pass the inspection of the horticultural authorities and will never reach the market. A number of orchardists sprayed this year and were surprised at the results, but the majority of fruit growers appear indifferent to the horticultural interests of the county and are satisfied to continue to raise unshapely, diseased and unmarketable fruit.

It Pays to Spray

George Nagle's fruit farm, near Oswego, has a banner crop of apples, pears and prunes. Two years ago Mr. Nagle commenced spraying his trees. He sprays both Summer and Winter for scale and moth, and the result that now his orchard is as free from both as any orchard in Oregon, and his apples are quite equal to those of the Hood River country. This year Mr. Nagle will have several thousand boxes of perfect apples for sale.

Fine Quality of Hops.

The era of prosperity being experienced by Clackamas County producers will be still further contributed to by the returns from the hop crop, which promises to be the best that has been harvested in the county in years. Late inspections of the yards in this county indicate that while the crop in the old yards will be probably 10 per cent below the average yield, the quality will be splendid. This shortage will more than be made up in the increased acreage of the county, while the quality of the product will atone for any deficiency in the quantity.

Many Hops Contracted.

R. R. Lee, who owns a hop yard in the south end of the county, opposite Butteville, was in the city Monday and in discussing the hop conditions in his section said the yield will not be up to expectations that were formed earlier in the season. He says the crop will not exceed from 800 to 900 pounds per acre on an average. The warm weather, with no intervening rain, coupled with improper cultivation is attributed by Mr. Lee to be responsible for the light yield.

This grower is of the opinion that fully two-thirds of this year's crop in this county has been contracted at prices ranging from 9 and 10 cents to 13 and 14 cents. Mr. Lee is positively opposed to the contract business and only last week refused an offer of 21 cents for his crop on a contract basis. A number of the growers in the south end of the county, reports Mr. Lee, were caught early in the season by smooth-tongued buyers who landed the producers on contracts carrying as low as 9 cents. There is a considerable acreage of Clackamas county hops, says Mr. Lee, that is involved in three year contracts that were written at 8 and 9 cents two or three years ago. The experience, however, he says, has had a beneficial effect on the growers who have lost repeatedly by the transaction and are not easily tempted by the baits of a ferocious contracting buyers.

Looking for Pickers.

A number of valley hop growers have been in Oregon City during the week in search of hop pickers. Ore-

gon City annually furnishes a small army of pickers for the valley yards, but the indications are that there will not be any too much help available this season. Fifty cents per box will be generally paid, although some localities have agreed on \$1 per hundred pounds. At either price the average picker can make good wages. Picking will begin in some of the yards today, but the harvesting of the crop will not be general before the 5th of September.

Contracted at 15 Cents.

James Stangel, who has a 27-acre hopyard one mile west of Wilsonville, has contracted with J. J. Metzler for the sale of 10,000 pounds of hops. The price contracted for is 15 cents per pound, which is the high-water mark in the county recorder's office this far. Mr. Metzler's bill of sale has been assigned to Isaac Pincus & Sons.

Big Crop of Teasles.

S. E. Gregory, of Carus, who is one of the few growers of teasles of the Pacific coast, reports that his crop is harvested and was placed in the barns last Wednesday. The frost in the spring resulted in reducing the size of the burs, but there is a greater number than usual of a more merchantable quality and size. The grain crop about Carus is exceedingly bountiful, but potatoes are not so good.

CLACKAMAS TEACHERS WANT BETTER WAGES

Claim that the Profession in this County is Not Adequately Paid.

According to published statistics in office of State Superintendent, Clackamas county teachers are not being paid, on an average, as well as the instructors employed in a large majority of the other counties in the state.

Last year the average salaries paid in the state were as follows: Males, \$60.92; females, \$44.95.

In Clackamas county male teachers last year received an average salary of \$49.46 females \$41.82. Comparatively speaking, the male teachers of this county are better paid than are the females. But even then, there are in the state only four other counties in which male teachers receive less compensation than in Clackamas county. These counties and the average salaries paid are as follows: Curry, \$45.50; Josephine, \$46; Lane, \$47; Lincoln, \$40.

While female teachers in this county did not receive within \$3 the average salary paid in the state, they were better paid than the school-ma'ams in 12 other counties, as the following figures show: Benton, \$33.98; Coos, \$40.85; Douglas, \$37.55; Josephine, \$41; Lane, \$38; Lincoln, \$32; Linn, \$40; Malheur, \$37.13; Marion, \$40.22; Polk, \$40; Washington, \$41.23; Yamhill, \$39.06.

But the Oregon City school board has voted an advance in teachers' salaries amounting to about 15 per cent, the increase to take effect with the beginning of the school year in September. In thus increasing the stipend of the city teachers, numbering more than 30, it is believed the county will next year bear a more favorable comparison with the other counties of the state in the matter of wages paid teachers.

is Touring Europe.

Mrs. Kate Newton, of this city, is in receipt of a letter from her son, Dr. Ed Newton, of Philadelphia, Pa., who is now in Europe. Dr. Newton had just completed a post-graduate course in medicine at Bad Nau Heim, Germany, and visited for a short time at Baden Baden. At the time the letter was written, he was about to begin the return trip home, but, en route, he will spend some time at Karlsbad and will go through Switzerland and Austria. In his letter Dr. Newton told of having visited Dresden, the source of the celebrated chinaware, and he commented that this place of all the interesting points visited reminded him most of Oregon City by reason of the not dissimilar cliffs with which the place is surrounded.

B. C. Eastham, of Oswego, was recently elected professor of mathematics in the Salem High School. His position pays a monthly salary of \$75.

GLADSTONE FOR A BRIDGE COLLAPSES IN CITY

REDUCED FARES

WILL ASK STREET RAILWAY COMPANY FOR BETTER RATES TO PORTLAND AND TO OREGON CITY.

The demand of the Milwaukie people for a change in the fare over the line of the Oregon Water Power & Railway company's system between that city and Portland, has revived the agitation among the people of Gladstone for better rates both to Portland and to Oregon City, says a local correspondent. The present cash fare between Gladstone and this city is 5 cents each way, while tickets may be purchased by which the cost per ride is reduced to 4 1-2 cents each way. To Portland the cash fare from Gladstone, each way, is 20 cents, and the passenger gets the benefit of a rate of 15 cents, when he invests in tickets. Residents of this suburb complain that the rates charged passengers between Gladstone and Oregon City and Gladstone and Portland are out of proportion to the fares charged from Portland to Mount Scott, and will ask the railway company to adjust the rates and place them on a more equitable basis.

During the last year the growth of Gladstone has been marked, but with better rates over the street car line, it is contended a still greater growth would be the result. Many Oregon City people have invested in homes in this suburb, and with the numerous sales of property along the line of the O. W. P., Portland people in search of suburban property are compelled to go farther from the metropolis. They are finding in Gladstone a desirable place of residence, although they are disposed to find fault with the present passenger rates. There are also residing at Gladstone a great many people who are employed in the mills in this city. They own their homes at Gladstone and any reduction in rates of fare would be welcomed by these wage-earners. The petitioners also maintain that a reduction in fares would result to a material advantage of both the Oregon City and Portland business men. A petition, embodying the request of the Gladstonites, will be prepared and presented to the street railway company officials.

YIELD OF WHEAT IS UP TO AVERAGE

Producers Are Greatly Handicapped By Lack of Transportation Facilities.

"Clackamas county wheat is only average as to quality this season," said a local buyer. "The extensive growing of vetch by the farmers is proving disastrous to the market value of wheat for merchantable purposes. Vetch scatters readily, with the result that a great many wheat fields are infested with this crop, which greatly depreciates the worth of such grain for milling purposes." Considerable wheat is being delivered at the Portland Flouring Mill Company's plant in this city. Farmers report that the average yield is about 30 bushels. The local quotation for this product is 64 cents, but because of the inability of the company to procure cars with which to make shipments there is not much grain moving.

The scarcity of cars has greatly discouraged the Clackamas county producer this season. As a means of shipping his products he is practically at the mercy of the railroad company, which is unable to supply cars as rapidly as they are required to handle the business, and the farmer who may desire to unload his wares within a day or two, is the loser, for the company fails to provide the car for the shipment; and the producer loses the advantage of the market conditions at that time. Before he is supplied with the desired facilities for shipping, he finds that the market has slumped, and if he sells at all he must do so at his own pecuniary disadvantage. The average farmer is not prepared to store his grain for any length of time, and is obliged to make disposition of it within a reasonably short time after threshing.

STRUCTURE NEAR BARCLAY SCHOOL DROPS INTO CANON—FOUR WORKMEN HAVE NARROW ESCAPE.

By the sudden and unexpected collapsing of the high bridge across the canon in the vicinity of the Barclay school Saturday afternoon, four workmen narrowly escaped serious injuries. The men were employed by Contractor Harry Jones, who had contracted with the city to place in good repair the bridge which was found to be unsafe for travel. It was while the workmen were in the performance of this contract that the bridge collapsed.

Three of the four men were at work in the bottom of the canon beneath the bridge, making excavation for the concrete foundation for the bridge piers, when, without a moment's warning, one of the main sections of the bridge gave way and fell into the canon below. But for the structural work beneath the bridge the three men must have been badly injured. As it was, one of them escaped perhaps fatal injuries from the fact that he was at work in the excavation which protected him from the falling debris.

It is considered remarkable that some pedestrian was not caught on the bridge at the time of the accident. Hundreds of persons daily cross the structure, which connects Kansas City and contiguous sections with the city proper. Because of its importance, the bridge will be placed in repair at once by the city authorities.

Time to Marry.

Mayor Dunne of Chicago, on his silver wedding day, said that a woman should marry at 21, but not as young as 16. He declared that a man not married at 25 was either unfortunate or foolish.

Rheumatism in Cattle.

Give internally salislate of soda, 1 ounce, five days. Use externally on affected parts some of the following liniment daily: Oil organum and oil cedar, each 1 ounce; tincture capsicum, 2 ounces; spirits camphor, 6 ounces; alcohol 7 ounces.

FREE DELIVERY IS EXTENDED

Route No. 6 Will Be Started October 16—Will Serve 560 Patrons.

Postmaster T. P. Randall has been instructed by the postoffice department to start R. F. D. No. 6 on Tuesday, October 16. This route extends southerly from this city, and after serving the people of Canemah and vicinity, doubles back and completes the figure "8" by distributing to the patrons of Parkplace and surrounding neighborhood. The length of the route is 24 1-16 miles and entitles the carrier, who has not yet been appointed, to an annual salary of \$720. In creating and establishing this additional route, R. F. D. No. 1 is slightly amended, some of the territory now covered by that carrier being detached and added to the newly created route while several of the patrons included in the petition by which the new route was granted, will be served by the carrier of Route No. 1. Route No. 6 will serve 140 houses with 560 patrons.

Route No. 1, as amended, will follow the attached itinerary after October 16:

From the post office southerly to the school house in section 6, west to Lawton's, north and northwesterly to Andrew's place, retrace 1-2 mile, west to Hendrick's, south and southwesterly to Joebank's corner, southeast to Hendrickson's corner, northeast to Myers' corner, south to Clark's corner, southwest and northwest to Hendrickson's, southerly to Boberg's corner, east and southeast to Bowman's, north and northeast to Thiel's corner, north to Thomas' corner, north and northeast to Randall's, retrace 1-2 mile, east and north to Stoker's, westerly to the schoolhouse, north to the Rider corner, west to Cook's bridge, retrace 3-4 mile and northerly to Oregon City

VALUES ARE INCREASED MORE THAN \$500,000

postoffice.

Route No. 6 as follows: Southerly through Canemah and along the river road to McArthur's corner, northeast to Hylton's place, northwest and retrace 3-4 mile, northerly and down new road to Oregon City; northeasterly through Clackamas Heights to Mann's, easterly to schoolhouse, north to Dicken's place, southwesterly to Cummings' place, west and southwesterly to Parkplace and southwesterly to Oregon City postoffice.

The carrier of Route No. 6 will leave the Oregon City Postoffice at 8:30 a. m., going over the south half of the route first and returning to the postoffice not later than 12 o'clock noon. He will then leave at 1 p. m. on the second half of the route and will reach the postoffice on his return trip not later than 4:30 p. m.

Cure for Neuralgia.

Women who suffer from neuralgia will be interested in the simple remedy suggested and might try it. If the neuralgia is on the left side, dip the right hand in water as hot as can be borne, and if it is on the right side, dip the left hand. As the fibres of the fifth and medium nerves cross, the theory is that any impulse applied to the right hand will affect the left side on the face and vice versa.

ONE INSTANCE OF UNCEASING LOVE

Careless Portland Youth Gets License and Keeps it for Three Years.

It was just three years and 10 days subsequent to the date of the issuance of the marriage license that the ceremony was performed by which Joseph V. Cole and Ida Huber, both of Portland, were married. The license authorizing this couple to wed was issued by the Multnomah county clerk on July 6, 1903, but the ceremony was not performed until July 16, last. On that date Justice of the Peace Stipp married the couple in this city. The belated marriage was kept a secret until yesterday when the circumstance was disclosed by an inspection of the marriage record.

When he presented himself and prospective bride of three years' waiting before Justice Stipp, Cole explained that his attention was first directed a request from the Multnomah county clerk directing him to forward to that office the certificate of marriage, as required by the statutes. He then concluded that it was about time to get married. Consulting his patient sweet heart, whom he found still willing to assume the relations suggested by the license, they came quickly to Oregon City, where the ceremony was performed. In these days of alleged fickleness on the part of the fair sex, it is considered that Cole took desperate chances in so long deferring the wedding.

No Heaven for Him.

The opportunity to "speak out in meekness" was never more eagerly grasped than by a youngster of five, who recently accompanied his mother to a revival meeting at one of the south side churches. He had reached the "fidgety" stage of enforced quiet, when the minister called upon all the members of his flock who desired to live a better life and enter the promised land to signify the same by standing. Noticing that the child remained seated, the worthy reverend walked down the aisle and stopped beside him, at the same time gently inquiring: "My dear little boy, you want to go to heaven too, don't you?"

"No I don't!" quickly came the reply in tones perfectly audible to the entire congregation, "I want to go home, and pretty blamed quick, too." Needless to say, his desire was granted.

Maple Ice Cream.

Use one and one-half cups of good maple syrup to one quart of cream. Freeze. Sprinkle with chopped nuts just before serving.

When using the whites of eggs for a nice cake the yolks need not be wasted; scramble them, serve on toast, or with chipped beef. They may be boiled hard and reduced to a smooth paste with salad oil; add English mustard, pepper, salt and vinegar and you have a fine salad dressing.

ASSESSOR NELSON LISTS PROPERTY AT GREATER VALUATION.

CORPORATIONS BEAR THE BRUNT

No Important Changes Are Made by the Board of Equalization.

Taxable property in Clackamas county this year shows a total of \$10,529,571, as compared with \$9,608,945 last year. Real estate, farm machinery and most other property are listed at about the same valuations as last year.

The increase has resulted from the enlarged valuations at which corporation property was listed, particularly the railroads and extensive manufacturing industries located in this city. Twenty-seven miles of railroad that last year paid taxes on a valuation of \$159,135 will this year contribute taxes on a valuation of \$235,400. Last year 23.75 miles of street railway were assessed at \$128,690; this year a mileage of 38.15 will pay taxes on \$196,240. An increase in the assessment of rolling stock is noted from \$33,890 and \$54,390. A similar increase was made in the assessment of steamboats and manufacturing machinery, which was last year listed at \$430,995 as against \$504,620 this year.

The summary for 1906 follows:

84,166 acres of tillable lands.	\$2,618,605
529,755 acres of non-tillable lands	3,272,805
Improvements on deed or patented lands	1,132,025
Town and city lots	1,095,731
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27 miles of railroad bed	335,400
and telephone lines	16,520
38 miles of street railway bed	196,240
Railroad rolling stock	54,390
Steamboats, sailboats, stationary engines and manufacturing machinery	504,620
Merchandise and stock in trade	166,430
Farming implements, wagons, carriages, etc.	83,170
Money	83,170
Notes and accounts	14,480
Shares of stock	20,000
Household furniture, watches, jewelry, etc.	169,210
4,495 horses and mules	109,590
12,030 cattle	116,820
12,948 sheep and goats	13,615
8,541 swine	6,210

Value of all property \$10,529,571

So far as making any important changes in the assessment roll as returned by Assessor James F. Nelson, the County Board of Equalization might have dispensed with its meeting this year. The board was convened Monday morning and will continue in session until Saturday evening. To date but very few property owners have appeared before the board and requested an adjustment of their assessments. Not one of the large corporations, that were raised substantially in their assessments, has appeared to make strenuous objection to the assessments levied against this property. Unless something entirely unexpected develops today or tomorrow, the roll will be closed and approved practically as prepared by Assessor Nelson.

For Tree Borers.

It was told that an apple tree was dying, probably caused by borers. The owner dug away the earth to the roots then poured around the tree a wash-bottle of boiling water. The tree is now thriving. The boiling water probably killed all the borers and eggs.

A Subtle Hint.

Young Widow—O, Herr Tim, my little daughter is perfectly enraptured with you.

Visitor—Indeed, what did she say, then?

Young Widow—She said "Look here, mamma, there is a man I should like for a papa."—Salon Witzblatt.

Had to Use It.

Mrs. Jawback—Let me have some money. I must take a trip.

Mr. Jawback—Great Scott! You're just back from a month at the seaside.

Mrs. Jawback—Well, there's no help for it. I ordered a walking dress, and the dressmaker has made a traveling gown by mistake.