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HOPS CAUSE EXCITEMENT

BUT FEW SALES DURING WEEK—GROWERS ARE ON THE ANXIOUS SEAT.

EGG PRICES ADVANCE

Market Manifests Better Tone—Slight Advance in Oats—Egg Still Continue to Climb—Turkey Supply Limited.

Dealers everywhere are wondering when eggs will stop in their flight skyward. Another jump this week, and apparently the end is not yet. Not only are local merchants in the field after the product of the hen, but buyers from Seattle and other market centers are equally as keen to collect good fresh stock, paying what is, for this time of the season, very high figures. From 4 1/2 cents to 46 cents is freely offered.

No Turnkeys Available. Report from various sections of the North Willamette Valley show only a very few lots of marketable turkeys available for the holiday trade and here again the Northern buyers are displaying great activity, by taking all the birds in sight at what has been until lately considered very fancy prices. Chickens are plentiful, with the market inclined to be somewhat weak. Geese are easily had but will hardly make up for the scarcity of turkeys. The Roseburg Review says more turkeys will be sent from that place this season than last, but Oregonia, the turkey center, will fall short of their usual amount, as only about 90,000 pounds will go out this year as compared with over 100,000 pounds last year.

Alfalfa Shipped In. Owing to the prevailing shortage the first alfalfa brought in this season arrived last week at the Oregon City Commission House and will be retained to local users. All kinds of hay is hard to get at any reasonable figure, while the color and general quality is considerable below the usual average for this country. Unfavorable conditions during the harvest season is in a large measure responsible for this. Cheat and clover hay has on the whole come nearer to holding up to the average in quality, while all timothy offered so far has been very inferior stuff.

Potatoes Still Down. According to expectation the potato market remains practically the same, with but a few extra fancy stuff moving. Reports from San Francisco dealers say the California crop is being cleared up very slowly and immediate relief at hand. Colorado dealers are now competing very closely on the Southern markets and as a consequence the Oregon stuff must of a necessity be of the very best to find anything like a ready sale. Early Rose is quoted at a very small margin over the white stock. Southern Oregon will this season offer a fairly good market in a limited way for good seed potatoes. Enquiries have been sent out to several local dealers preparatory to placing orders. Clackamas County leads this year in the production of fancy grade potatoes.

The recent cold weather nipped a few of the late potatoes growing at the surface and killed the vines. Digging is by no means finished and on account of the inclement weather conditions in progressing but slowly, also making it difficult to harvest the crop in anything like good condition.

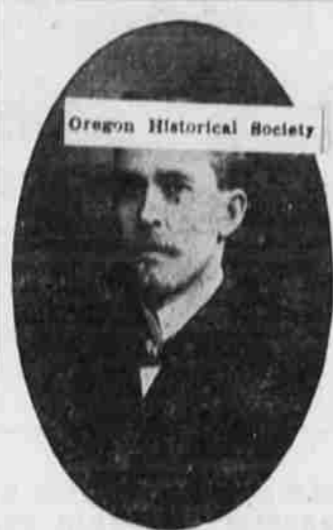
Hop Situation Peculiar. But very little change is manifest in the hop situation this week. Only a few sales reported and a figure but little in advance of that of a month ago. The bulk of the Eastern and California crop has been turned over, more activity is expected here soon.

Vegetables Plentiful. All reasonable vegetables are still plentiful. Dealers, both wholesale and retail, finding little or no difficulty in keeping a good supply on hand. Cabbage has dropped to 50 cents per cwt., as the wholesale buying price for good firm heads. Turnips, carrots, etc., are hard to turn at any figure with the usual offerings bringing about 50 cents per sack.

Grapes, both Oregon and best California stock, besides apples, pears, etc., are plentiful. Tomatoes are a thing of the past when it comes to fancy fruit, as what little is offered is decidedly off in grade and color. Pears are not up to the usual standard quality this year, as blight and moth have both made great inroads on the crop. Quinces are plentiful and easily secured with but little or no demand other than local.

Stock Hogs at Premium. General interest is manifested throughout the entire country in the growing of swine. Good stock hogs are in big demand in all parts of the valley and especially so in this country, and all indications at present are that the output of the coming year will equal that of the past.

Oats Firmer. The grain market has assured a somewhat firmer tone in the last few days but the situation generally is very little different from last week. Oats has taken a very slight advance and the demand is somewhat heavier. Oregon City quotations are as follows: Wholesale buying prices. Oregon City Commission Co. and Oregon City Poultry Market. Grain—Wheat, 90c bu; oats \$27.50 per ton; barley \$25 per ton; vetch seed, 4c lb; clover seed, prime red, 10c; alfalfa, fancy, 12c. Hay—best clover \$14 per ton; cheat



F. J. S. TOOZE, Superintendent of the Oregon City Schools, who will deliver an address at the Local Institute Clackamas County teachers in Oak Grove.

COUNTY TEACHERS LOCAL INSTITUTE

PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION TO JOIN IN MEETING AT OAK GROVE.

The teachers of Clackamas County will hold a local institute at Oak Grove, on Saturday, November 27, and the programme will be announced in a few days. At the same time and place the recently organized Principals' Association will hold a meeting, with the following programme: "Secondary Education," T. J. Gary, county school superintendent of schools; "The High School Fund Law," Brenton Velder, principal of the Gladstone school; "The District High School," F. J. S. Toose, superintendent of the Oregon City schools; "The Union High School," J. F. Mitta, principal of the Canby school. These talks will be followed by a general discussion. The good people of Oak Grove will provide a luncheon for the visiting teachers and a profitable and interesting meeting is anticipated.

JURY IN EASTHAM CASE DISCHARGED

FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT IN SUIT FOR COMMISSION AGAINST TRACY.

Circuit Judge Campbell discharged the jury in the suit of O. W. Eastham & Company against James M. Tracy. The twelve men were unable to agree though they were out from 5:30 o'clock Friday morning. It is understood that nine of the jurymen favored a verdict for Tracy, about \$1500 was involved in the case, this being the amount claimed as commission for effecting the sale of a farm belonging to Tracy, who offered to set the for about \$300. Tracy insisted that the contract had been tampered with after his signature was affixed. The real estate firm was represented by Attorney O. D. Eby, and Tracy's attorneys were George C. Brownell and Gordon E. Hayes. The following jury tried the case: C. R. Noblitt, George Ogle, J. L. Kruse, J. C. Elliott, H. G. Starkweather, Joseph Harless, Frank Haberlich, William Kamradt, Mike Horias, Levi Stehman, Fred Kamrath, H. B. Buckner.

Erickson Granted Non-Suit

David Croyle was non-suited clear out of court Friday by Judge Campbell in the damage suit against August Erickson. Croyle was driving a horse along the road when the animal became frightened at Erickson's automobile and tried to climb a barb wire fence. Croyle sustained minor injuries. Walter A. Dimick was attorney for Croyle, and Erickson was represented by George C. Brownell and C. D. Latourrette.

Case Against Halstead Dismissed

Prosecuting Attorney Stipp dismissed the case against Ben Halstead, charged with stealing wood. This case was tried once and the jury could not reach a decision.

FALLS A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT.

Huge Volume of Water Pouring Over Retention Dam. With the steady rains the past week has come up slowly within the river. The upper river at Sturday stood at 56 feet and the lower river 17.7 feet. Before the mills will be compelled to close down the upper river must subside seven feet, and the lower river about 17 feet more, so there is practically no danger of this unless a very warm rain sets in. The falls at present are a beautiful sight, and attract the attention of many passengers that are passing through the city on the Southern Pacific. Many visitors from Portland have come to this city to take a view of the falls as they formerly looked before the concrete retention dam was constructed.

BOOSTING ITS MEMBERSHIP.

Woodmen of the World Planning an Extensive Campaign. Willamette Falls Camp, No. 148, Woodmen of the World, is preparing for an extensive membership campaign and proposes to initiate 50 candidates on Friday, January 14, 1910. W. L. Plummer, the district organizer, will be present at the next meeting, November 26, and outline a plan of campaign. Every member who secures a candidate by the last of December will be presented with a solid gold W. O. W. button by the head consul.

SWIFT ROAD GOES AHEAD

EVERYTHING POINTS TO EARLY CONSTRUCTION OF LINE TO SILVERTON.

SURVEYS BEING MADE

Options On Property In This City For Depot Site Will Be Closed—Road May Be Financed By Cement Company.

It may be asserted beyond a reasonable doubt that F. M. Swift, who has for the last two years been promoting a project to construct a railway from Oregon City to Silverton through the Molalla Valley, has succeeded in interesting capital in the enterprise, and that the speedy construction of the line will follow. For several months three surveying parties have been in the field under the personal direction of Mr. Swift. This is conclusively determined by the fact that a party of Swift's surveyors were working last Tuesday on Fifteenth street inside of the limits of Oregon City, and Sunday work is none too common among railroad engineers in this territory. It is very evident that Mr. Swift is anxious to have his surveys completed and start actual construction without further loss of time.

About two months ago the real estate firm of O. W. Eastham & Company, acting for Mr. Swift, secured options on the following Fifteenth street property: O. A. Cheney, one lot; Dolan property, seven lots; J. Lowry, two lots; James Wilkinson, four lots; Rambo property, four lots; Mosler property, two lots; Albright & Warner, five lots. An effort was made to keep the deal quiet, but the story leaked out, and was promptly denied by Mr. Swift, who probably had reasons of his own for keeping the matter from the general public. It now develops that there is a great probability that the deal for the purchase of the property under option will be closed within a week or two, and there is no doubt that the property is being acquired for depot purposes, and it extends along Fifteenth street from Washington street to the Willamette River.

While there are many people in Oregon City and Clackamas County who have been skeptical about the proposed Molalla Railway, it has always been conceded that Mr. Swift's unswerving activity for the last two years would ultimately produce results. He has secured stock subscriptions from Clackamas County farmers and from Oregon City business and professional men amounting to about \$100,000, and the money on these subscriptions is not payable unless certain conditions are at first complied with. Of money subscribed

GEORGE DIXON IN DIVORCE SUIT.

Mae C. Dixon has been granted a divorce from her husband, George W. Dixon, to whom she was married June 10, 1902, at Denver, Col. In her complaint Mrs. Dixon states her husband deserted her on the 17th day of April, 1908, and since that time she has been forced to make her own living. Dixon is a newspaper man, and is at present the publisher of the Hotel News of Portland. For several years he was editor and owner of the Canby Tribune, having started the paper in that town. About a year ago he sold out his interests in Canby and has been a resident of Portland since that time.

EASTHAM IS A CANDIDATE

WELL KNOWN ATTORNEY AND BUSINESS MAN IS OUT FOR MAYORALTY.

OPPOSES DR. W. E. CARLL

Eastham Urges Construction of the Molalla Railroad and Will Probably Make Warm Fight For Place.

There was placed in circulation Tuesday a petition to O. W. Eastham, a well known attorney and business man of Oregon City, asking that he become a candidate for mayor in opposition to Dr. W. E. Carll, who is just completing his second term and is a candidate for a third. It is very probable that a vigorous contest will ensue before the election on December 6 next. Mr. Eastham has been a resident of Oregon City for about 13 years. After graduating from Willamette University he came to Oregon City and became a practicing attorney. For several years he was a member



DR. W. E. CARLL, Mayor of Oregon City, who will have strong opposition for re-election to a third term.

of the law firm of Dimick & Eastham, which partnership was dissolved about five years ago. He is the senior member of the real estate firm of O. W. Eastham & Company and the heaviest stockholder in the furniture establishment of E. W. Mollen & Company. He has had a wide business and professional experience and has always taken an active interest in political affairs. An important plank in Dr. Eastham's platform will be the urging of the construction of the Molalla railroad.

The announcement of the candidacy of Mr. Eastham created no small ripple of excitement in business circles in this city. There has been no contest for the mayoralty since Dr. Carll first became a candidate two years ago and the candidacy of John W. Loder was sprung at the eleventh hour. Mr. Loder made a very good race, considering the fact that he entered the list so late that any sort of a campaign for votes was out of the question. It is entirely too early to make any prophecy as to the outcome of the mayoralty struggle, but there is every indication that a warm fight will ensue. Election falls on Monday, December 6, which leaves nearly three weeks for the campaign. There is also promise of a hot fight for the office of councilman for the second ward. The candidates are Albert Knapp, who is president of the council and who is a candidate for a third term, and Bert Roake, whose friends are going to put up a strenuous campaign to elect him. Thus far no opposition has developed in the third ward against Fred J. Meyer, who is a candidate to succeed himself.

GOVERNOR IS HIS AMBITION

COLONEL E. HOFER, OF SALEM, SEEKS INFLUENCE OF THE COUNTRY PRESS.

PATRONAGE MAY COME

Rainmaker Editor Issues Remarkable Letter Through N. D. Elliott, Who Tells of His Candidates Fine Points.

Emanating from Salem, the home of Colonel E. Hofer, the rainmaker, comes a booklet for the Colonel for Governor. It has long been suspected through the Willamette Valley, in view of Hofer's activity during the last three years for Statement No. 1 and because of his prominence as a champion of development that he had some kind of a eye latching in his bonnet, and a letter, just issued by N. D. Elliott, a Salem printer, bears some ear marks of the colonel, including the occasional lines of bold face type that are so familiar to readers of his editorials in the Capitol Journal.

The letter is printed and is sent to "The Publishers of Country Newspapers and Job Printers of Oregon." It contains a carefully constructed appeal to this fraternity and more than implies that in return for their support public patronage legislation will be forthcoming. This remarkable letter follows: "Mechanical departments of newspapers having motive power for the operation of presses and other machinery other than hand power are subject to the factory inspection law of Oregon, which requires inspection of machinery for the protection of workmen and payment of a small fee for such inspection."

The above, in substance, is the opinion rendered by Attorney General Crawford upon request of the Labor Press.

Colonel E. Hofer, of the Capital Journal of Salem, believed the charge of \$5.00 for the inspection of country newspapers unjust, and did not wish to pay the same.

However, he consented to an amicable settlement of the question whether country printing plants should be brought under the annual inspection provided by the factory inspection act, by agreeing to accept an interpretation of the law from the legal department, and to abide by the decision of the attorney general, and will pay the inspection fee.

Colonel Hofer has asked for a hearing before the legislative committee of the Central Labor Council to secure an amendment that will do away with any injustice to the country printing plants, which he believes should not be subjected to an annual inspection tax of \$5.00 where their machinery is not dangerous to employees. He says he is strongly in favor of the factory and workshop law, but he wants to see it perfected and rigidly enforced, and was unwilling to have it brought into the courts which would have materially interfered with its operation to the detriment of labor.

I believe we are indebted to Col. Hofer for his magnificent fight in calling attention to the unfairness of collecting the annual inspection tax of \$5.00 from the two hundred country printing offices of this state. The labor commissioner believes that the fee should be much reduced, and Col. Hofer will secure a hearing before the Central Labor Council to have the law amended so as to exempt if possible all small country printing plants that do not run fast presses. He has paid his fee and says: "Obey the law until it is amended."

Col. Hofer has been accused of fighting the tax because he has been mentioned as a possible candidate for governor. I happen to know that this was not necessary in his case, as I was for many years in his employ, and he always ran a fair office, and is now paying the union scale and above for an eight-hour day, and for many years conducted a country weekly and job office in Iowa, and knows what the craft has to struggle with.

The newspaper men and printers of the state have had no more consistent friend for over twenty years than Col. Hofer of the Capital Journal. When he had been in the state but a few years he secured the passage of the law requiring publication of the county court proceedings and list of claims allowed, which if it were strictly complied with in every county in the state would prevent grafts innumerable which are possible without publicity.

He made a fight in the last legislature to have insurance companies publish a semi-annual statement in every county in which they do business in the state, but the bill was amended to confine it to three localities in the state. He also made a fight and helped secure the passage of the bill requiring publication of the delinquent tax lists to be compulsory, but a fight among the Portland newspapers over the patronage resulted in a veto of the bill.

In many ways the country newspapers are robbed of legitimate advertising and publicity that would help their business and give the public the information they want. The legislature has repealed the law requiring publication of amendments to the constitution that are submitted to a popular vote. It is not that an outrageous system—that there can be foisted on the people vital charges in their form of government without their knowledge.

Col. Hofer advocates not only publishing the delinquent tax lists but publishing the amendments to the constitution. (Continued on Page 4.)



STATE SENATOR JOSEPH E. HEDGES, who addressed the Students of the Oregon City High School Wednesday morning on "The Oregon Senate."

MAKING A LIVING ON TEN ACRES

County Fruit Inspector Lewis Tells How Money May be Made on a Small Tract.

We are often asked, "Can I make a home and a living for my family on 10 acres of land without having special training to do so?" and I will answer that you will find it hard to do so without adaptability, which is more important than special training. There is nothing that needs special culture more than the making of a home and a living for a family, and especially is this true of doing it in fruit growing, you should know something of entomology, botany, geology, chemistry and other sciences. The trouble is that many of those who want to make a living on a small place do not know how to utilize the gifts that God and nature offer them. The country is gaining on the city steadily, but not fast enough and the reason is just this one of ignorance. The schools and colleges are doing all they can to spoil farm boys, giving them all sorts of instruction except that of what pertains to the farm. For this reason the best of them are tumbled into the city, and it is hard work to counteract this drift and locate the tired out city folks in gardens, we are gaining, however, and the percentage of increase of population that faces countryward is double that of 1890. Huge cities are not what we want, our greatest problem now is to secure a more equal distribution of population as well as of products, what you want of a small place like I have mentioned is to build a home not to get rich, but if you are wise in planning and working you will be sure to have something beyond your daily needs and that is about all you can ask for, all you could do with more would be to make home more home-like, that is the end of it every time or else your riches are a burden and a hurt. All we want is enough and then just enough over as not to have to pinch and worry. You will, of course, be in a hurry to begin to get a return from your garden and orchard, not only for market, but for your family and you will want to know what fruits will most promptly give you a return, I presume the strawberry is one of the quickest fruits to give return. You may get a full crop the second year from planting. Then raspberries, both red and black, about the third year, also gooseberries and currants and grapes and a few years later cherries and plums and pears

and apples. By planting the proper varieties you may have berries from the middle of May till October, and grapes from the first of November, from the vines and with a cool place to keep them through December and even January. I have heard it said that every family of four persons should eat 1000 pounds of grapes in a year and save the cost of them in doctor bills and b-w-f-s-t-a-n-k. Your cherries should come into bearing about the 5th year and you may have them from the tree from June till September. Pears and apples should also begin to bear in five or six years, if the trees are headed low and properly pruned, and by proper selection you may have them all the year around. For the first few years you may grow your strawberries, gooseberries and currants among your larger trees, the gooseberries may be left the longest, as they do well in the shade. Let me advise you not to confine yourself to one or two specialties, there are ten or twelve different fruits that make up a fruit-grower's roll and I advise you to plant moderately of each, the result will be that you will have a small income from each one and all these small things put together will give you a respectable income for the year. Strawberries, Loganberries, blackberries, gooseberries, currants, grapes, cherries, plums, pears, and apples. Here you have twelve fruits for income, you must reckon on a failure of some of your sale fruits each year, it will almost always come about, however, that the rest will give you something extra and you will have an average annual return. There is another source of income that I want to mention here that I think should go into the total for a small place and that is two or three Jersey cows and from fifty to one hundred thoroughbred chickens of some good breed, and a couple of fresh eggs, and the surplus always finds a ready sale at good prices. The pigs can be kept on fruit and within your income, pay your honest debts and keep busy as long as health and strength will permit and you should live to a ripe old age and die lamented.

some railroad or electric line, this is essential for the sale of your products and also for the convenience and pleasure of the members of the family. Marketing the products of such a place as we are talking about is another accomplishment not possessed by everyone. The man or woman that can raise first class fruit or vegetables and has the knack of putting them up in an attractive manner will be sure to reap a rich reward. Everything should be the best of its kind, put up in the best attractive manner and it will find a ready sale at good prices even on an overstocked market. There can be no cast iron rule laid down for conducting such a place, you must find out for yourself what varieties do best in your soil and locality and in many instances what your local market wants and fill its requirements a little better than any one else, and remember that the world is moving and nowhere is there more progress than in horticulture. Our Agricultural Colleges are already at the front and every state has its experiment stations for finding out the best way of doing things. This is what you must know. Write to your station at once for their bulletins, they will help you. Take one or two of the best fruit and agricultural papers published, experiment yourself and know something from your own experience. Prove things and hold fast that which is good. It seems to me there is no calling more attractive, especially for a man a little past his physical prime than that of horticultural lines. The work is not hard and does not require the expenditure of a great amount of strength. It requires just enough mental effort and study to keep to the front to make life worth living, and there is remuneration enough in it to make one feel independent and self-reliant. If I were to advise a man and wife who had reached the age of 50 years or there abouts and were in reasonable good health how to spend their declining years happily I would say, buy 10 acres of good land near a good market and follow horticultural pursuits. Live within your income, pay your honest debts and keep busy as long as health and strength will permit and you should live to a ripe old age and die lamented.

HEDGES TALKS ON OREGON'S SENATE

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HEAR HOW STATE LEGISLATURE CONDUCTS BUSINESS.

State Senator J. E. Hedges made an address to the students of the Oregon City high school at the assembly hour Wednesday morning, taking for his subject "The Oregon Senate." Senator Hedges explained to the students the manner of electing state senators and how legislative business is transacted. His talk was full of interest to the high school students. The high school assemblies are held every Wednesday morning and City Superintendent Toose is arranging for a series of talks by prominent men. Next Wednesday Dr. A. L. Beale will talk on "The Care and Preservation of the Teeth," and on the following Wednesday O. D. Eby will make an address on "The Attorney and His Work." The Wednesday morning programmes are an innovation in the city schools and will be warmly appreciated by the students and teachers.

CHARLES WILSON DROWNED.

Native of Oregon City and Was Raised on Farm at Logan.

Charles Wilson, who was born in Oregon City and who was raised on a farm at Logan, was drowned last Friday at Kamille, Wash., where he conducted a general merchandise store. He was also postmaster of the town. Details concerning his death were not received here, but a telegram came from his home at Olympia, Tuesday to Chief of Police Burns, who communicated with Wilson's relatives at Logan. His father, Peter Wilson, is a well known resident of Clackamas County, and his brother, Frank Wilson, is also a resident of Logan. The latter left today for Kamille, to assist in the search for the body, which has not yet been recovered. Charles Wilson was 47 years of age, and was unmarried.

FIRST SNOW OF SEASON.

Many Apples Yet on Trees and Potatoes in Ground.

The first snow of the season fell Saturday morning. Very little fell in this city, but at Molalla and Beaver Creek and the vicinities it started to fall about 8 o'clock and reached a depth of two inches, disappearing in the afternoon. At Logan it fell to a depth of about one inch. Many of the farmers of the county have not yet dug their potatoes, owing to the heavy rainfall, and there are still many apples on the trees, but it is not probable that a snowstorm will be experienced so as to injure any of the fruit that is still on the trees.

Price Sued by Hotel Company.

H. L. Price, a well known clothing merchant of this city, was Wednesday sued for \$450 by The Dalles Hotel Company. It is charged that while Price was in business at The Dalles he subscribed for stock in the hotel company to the value of \$500 and only \$50 of the amount has been paid.

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