

MILLION-BOX CROP IS NO DREAM

Figures Based on Production Per Acre During Past Five Years, Together with This Year's Acreage in Bearing Trees As Shown by County Assessor's Figures, Make Big Crop Appear a Certainty--H. F. Davidson Considers Estimate Conservative--Figures Show Average Production Per Acre Is 200 Boxes.

A conservative estimate based on the actual production of local orchards per acre for the past five years indicates that the crop produced this year in the Hood River Valley will be approximately 1,221,025 boxes. This tends to show that the million box crop which has been predicted is not a dream but something which statistics indicate will be a reality.

"There were many orchards which showed an irregular bloom. Some trees blossomed evenly and abundantly, but others in the same orchard would show a light and irregular bloom. My inspection of the orchards this year shows a much more favorable condition. In the majority of the valley's orchards the bloom has been heavy and evenly distributed over all the trees. To be sure the apples in 1910 were of an exceptionally large size and that may make some difference, but it cannot more than offset the heavier and more equally distributed bloom this year."

four years is obtained. With a light crop next year the production would be 369,900 boxes. With a good crop again in 1914 the total production would run up to 2,150,000. With only 100 boxes per acre again in 1915, the crop would be 625,000 boxes, and with a bumper crop in 1916, the total production would reach the 3,500,000-box mark.

PORTLAND TO AGAIN HAVE APPLE SHOW

The agreement of the Portland Retail Merchants' Association to join the other commercial organizations of the city in support of the proposed annual apple show makes it practically certain that the project will be carried through to success.

BEAUTIFUL HOME AT MOSIER BURNED

"Mayerdale," the beautiful summer home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mayer at Mosier, was completely destroyed by fire the last of the week. The house was an expensive one and contained much valuable furniture and personal effects, so that the loss is estimated at several thousand dollars.

Extension of Railroad to Lost Lake Planned

Engineers Start Work on Survey of Line Which Will Tap Oregon Lumber Company's Timber and Open New Fruit Belt--Supt. C. T. Early Says Construction May Start This Summer.

A gang of engineers and surveyors employed by the Mt. Hood Railroad Company have started work on a survey of an extension from Dee to Lost Lake, a distance of about fifteen miles. Superintendent Early has confirmed reports that such an extension is planned and states that actual construction work may start this summer.

furnish electricity to the people of that section for power and lighting purposes if assured enough business to justify building the line. In addition to the improvements mentioned above the railroad company intends to relay its tracks from this city south to Dee, putting in heavier steel. At the present time the upper portion of the system is equipped with heavier steel than the lower and the intention is to construct the lower portion of the road so as to carry the increased traffic which will come over it when the Lost Lake extension is built.

West Breaks Ground for Columbia River Road

Important Project Which Will Link Eastern and Western Oregon and Bring Thousands of Tourists Through Hood River, Is Formally Begun and Convicts Are Put to Work--Governor Pleased.

"I had rather be turning this first spadeful of dirt and begin this splendid project than to be United States senator from now until the crack of doom," exclaimed Governor Oswald West as he broke ground at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon for the Columbia River highway around Shell Rock.

There are now at the camp seven convicts and they at once started work. It is understood that this crew will be increased to twenty-five. Work was started on the west end of the project and the crew will proceed east. For the first 400 feet the work will be light. For this distance construction will be through the loose rock. Then the solid rock will be encountered and blasting will be resorted to, the governor having sent some of his expert safecrackers for this part of the work.

Statistical table showing acreage in orchards, total annual production during past five years, average production per acre for same period, and total production which may be expected during next four years based on statistics for the past.

DR. WAUGH, BITTEN BY A RATTLESNAKE, BARELY WINS IN RACE WITH DEATH

Dr. Justin M. Waugh of this city had the closest kind of an escape Saturday afternoon when he was bitten by a rattler on his ranch eight miles above White Salmon on Bowdoin Mountain.

COMMENCEMENT IS HELD AT PINE GROVE SCHOOL

The graduating exercises of the Pine Grove school were held Wednesday evening, at which an interesting program was rendered. Stella Terry and Earl Robertson were given eighth grade diplomas, and Alfred Thomsen and Jesse Stockwell were given tenth grade diplomas.



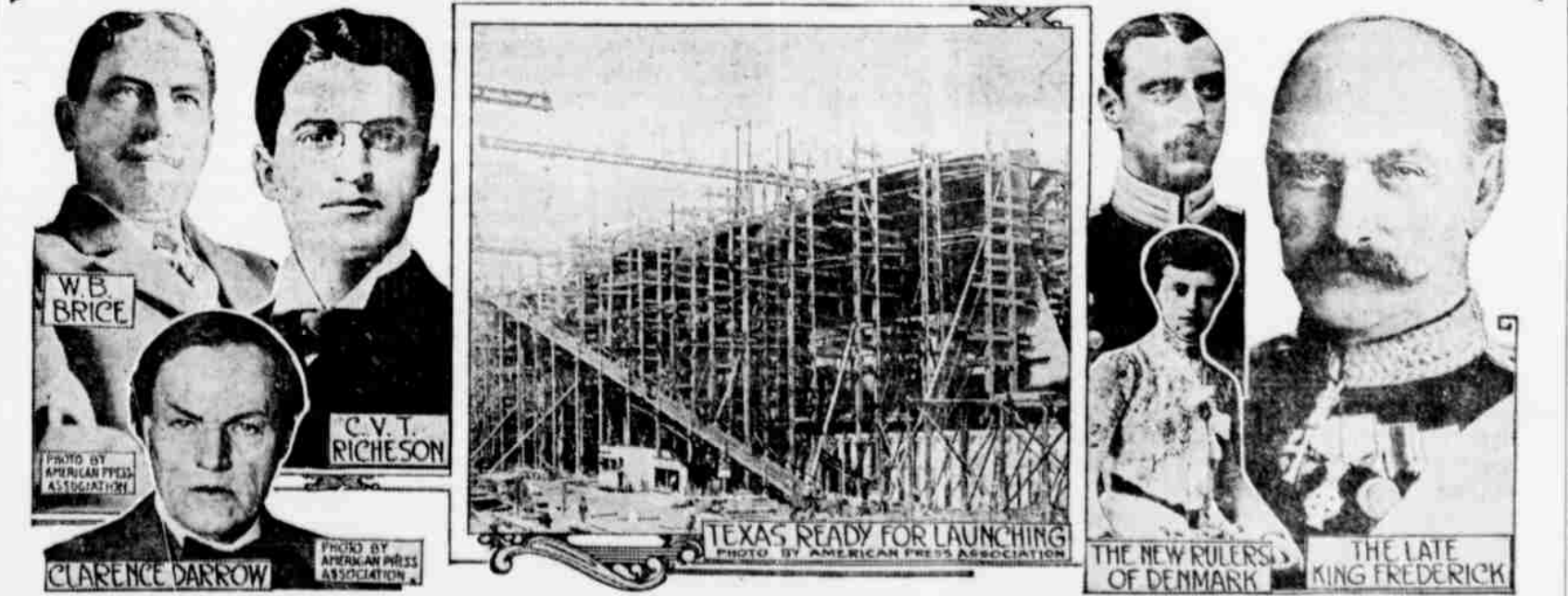
Lost Lake Which will be the terminus of Mt. Hood Railroad extension for which survey is now being made and upon which work may be started this summer.

Strawberry Special to Go to Rose City Today

Local Boosters Leave at 9:27 This Morning to Pay Return Visit to Portland Commercial Club--Will Take Strawberries Along to Feed to Portlanders--Fine Entertainment Arranged.

It is expected that close to 150 Hood River people will board the special cars at 9:30 o'clock this morning on the trip to Portland, when a return visit will be paid the Commercial Club of that place.

This being the first return visit that has been paid the Portland club, a great deal of interest is being shown in the Rose City and no pains are being spared to make the reception and entertainment of the local delegation a success.



King Frederick VIII. of Denmark was stricken with apoplexy in the streets of Hamburg and died unknown while on the way to a hospital. His son Christian succeeds him on the throne. Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for the McNamara brothers, was put on trial charged with attempting to bribe one of the jurors during the trial of the case against the labor leaders.

"Old School" Methods Don't Go any more among men who have learned about the clever custom tailored clothes delivered by Spaulding & Gosling whose famous Chicago tailors, Ed V. Price & Co., are up on all the new methods in the art of reproducing the latest fashions in clothes that fit you properly.

News Snapshots Of the Week error Foss of Massachusetts refused to grant a stay in the case of Clarence V. T. Richeson, declaring that the poisoner of Avis Linnell would have to expiate his crime in the electric chair.