

BEAMS OF PROSPERITY

ARE REFLECTED BY THE GOLDEN WHEAT FIELDS.

Farmers of Inland Empire Better Off Than Ever Before—Grand Extent of the Industry.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 27.—(Staff Correspondence.)—Farmers of the Inland Empire will buy for their daughters this year pianos and plenty of Sunday school ribbons. The golden beams of prosperity shine from every grainfield. Wheat and barley crops are plentiful. The wheat crop is a record. The grain is of a fine quality and the yield is unusually heavy.

Perhaps nowhere else is grain-raising so grand an industry as in Eastern Oregon and Washington. The vast expanse of undulating fields checked by a mosaic of yellow grain and dark fallow is worth everybody's while to see, and in itself testifies to the majesty of the industry. Since much of the business life of Portland is vitally from these grain fields, people of that city might find more interest in their own prosperity if they would cast their eyes toward the farming fields.

Harvest is working up to its end in the southern counties but in some districts further north is just at its height. In the Pendleton and Walla Walla districts fields of stubble reach as far as the eye can see and the wind whistles and gusts their bulging sides. Some farmers are giving attention to this summer's fallow land as preliminary to next year's crop. They have unreservedly handed the summer fallow, as is shown by the large summer fallow areas. This is especially noticeable in the two districts mentioned, so that a large yield next year thus far seems assured.

Further north there seems to be more diversified farming. In the Waverly district, where sugar beets are "rotated" with grain. There is also a large part of the land is given to cabbage, onions and potatoes. One of the most diversified farms in the country is that of W. E. Mann, four miles west of Fairfield. On this ranch of 1100 acres the owner has wheat and sugar beets, and large areas planted in onions, winter sweet potatoes, and divers fruits. Although he has not been at the work many years, he has demonstrated the efficiency of diversified farming. This year he has a record crop of sugar beets. He has a large number of acres of wheat, and a large number of acres of potatoes. He has also a large number of acres of onions, winter sweet potatoes, and divers fruits.

The notion is somewhat largely shared that cultivation of sugar beets, to be profitable, must be done by small garden measure, on the order of work that a man and his family can carry on. But it is the opinion of the most extensive sugar beet raisers at Waverly that the opposite is the case. They say the greatest profit is secured by large acreages of beets. It is a mere matter of management by the farmer, and of organization of his forces. Beets will give a profit of about \$100 per acre. It is possible to maintain that proportion up to several hundred acres.

The last several winter seasons have proved that wheat raising on the extensive plan followed in this country is far from a starvation industry. The present year will be in the foremost files of its producers. All this has come from a dry country whose lands have been wrought from seeming barrenness to great wheat producers. Although prices are not as satisfactory now as they might be, yet they are a far cry from the 12 to 20 per cent of the capital invested in land, figured on a basis of a 30-bushel average to the acre. Farmers have been able to get their money back on their ranches that they are sure to profit.

The future would seem to be bright for grain-raising and all collateral industries. Prices are more likely to improve than not. If decline in the world's value is possible, this will be a great help to the west farmers by better transportation facilities, the opening of the Columbia River and withal, to Yankee ingenuity in improving methods.

Machinery for harvesting grain has reached such perfection that it is doubtful whether much more improvement is possible. It may be accepted that further development in machinery will be made much slower than in the past few years. The combination harvester is the triumph of the effort to combine together into a single motion the several processes of reducing the standing grain. The combination harvester is an innovation only so far as it is an epitome of all the ingenious devices which have been tried to mount a flouring mill in the field and to make the standing grain into barrels instead of into sacks. Perhaps we are safe from degenerating when we say that reduction in cost of harvesting for the present has approached pretty close to the limit. The combination harvester is a magnificent machine. It not only saves time and labor, but lessens waste in the field.

Although a relatively small part of the harvest money has gone into circulation, business has appreciably picked up in the town of the Inland Empire. Farmers are much too busy, however, to engage in trade, and only a small part of the crop has been sold. There is the usual congregation of harvest hands for diversion after nightfall, and the usual proportion of shiftness and extravagance of dollars while the money lasts. Although machinery has dispensed with all but a few hands, there is a great lack of laborers. If it were not for machinery, the price of labor would be high to make harvesting impossible. The standard wage per day is \$2 and board, a sum which cuts a small figure beside railway and ship charges. In spite of the high wages, however, the men continue to beat their way up and down the railroads.

HEARING IS POSTPONED. Interesting Fight for Tide Lands Between Tacoma and Seattle. OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 27.—The Board of State Land Commissioners today postponed the hearing in the Lehman case, for second-class tide lands between Tacoma and Seattle, until September 23. When Robert Bridges was Land Commissioner, he refused to entertain Lehman's application for second-class tide lands between Tacoma and Seattle. The matter was finally adjudicated in the State Supreme Court, which ordered that the tide lands be sold by the Land Commissioner. In the meantime, the Land Commissioner had issued many contracts for

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SALEM, Aug. 27.—Mrs. Harriett Messenger-Savage, wife of John Savage, Jr., died at her home on High street, in this city, this morning. She was born near Columbus, O., July 24, 1837, and resided there until she was 10 years of age, when she removed with her parents to Michigan. In 1857, she was married to John Savage, and in 1872 came to Oregon. The family lived on a farm near Salem until 1883, when they removed to this city where they have since resided. Besides the husband, Mrs. Savage left three sons, George, Mark H., and Bert S. Savage, all residents of this city. One daughter, Blanche Cooper, died about four years ago.

Opening of School Postponed. MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 27.—At a meeting of the school board today, it was decided to postpone the opening of school until September 18. This was done on account of the delay in receiving the new text books from the East. There are 30 or 35 country schools intended to start along about the first of September. Many of these of Jackson County may have to wait until the new books arrive.

Given His Liberty by Governor. SALEM, Or., Aug. 27.—Governor Geer today commuted the sentence of Benjamin Owenby, who has served all but two months of a seven-year sentence in the penitentiary. Owenby was convicted of robbery committed in Wallawa County. The commutation was granted upon the recommendation of the trial judge, the prosecuting witness and a large number of residents and taxpayers of Wallawa.

Committed to the Asylum. ALBANY, Or., Aug. 27.—George Kyma, of Pendleton, came to Albany last evening, and today was committed to the asylum. He imagines that he sees his wife, and believes that he is filled with electricity, and is hunting for some means to get rid of it. He was taken to the asylum this afternoon.

New La Grande School. LA GRANDE, Ore., Aug. 27.—The Eastern Oregon Commercial College and School of Normal Training will open in La Grande September 15, under the direction and management of M. O. Perry, who came here six months ago for the purpose of organizing such an institution.

Lecture by Professor Groat. FOREST GROVE, Aug. 27.—Professor D. A. Groat, principal of the Park school in Portland, tonight delivered an interesting lecture on "Color in Nature," tonight to a large audience, in Marsh Hill.

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Is Able to Help Sick Women When Doctors Fail.

How gladly would men fly to woman's aid did they but understand a woman's feelings, trials, sensibilities, and peculiar organic disturbances.

Those things are known only to women, and the aid a man would give is not at his command. To treat a case properly it is necessary to know all about it, and full information, many times, cannot be given by a woman to her family physician. She cannot bring herself to tell everything, and the physician is



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