

SUGAR BEET HARVEST ON

LA GRANDE FACTORY WILL GO INTO OPERATION AT ONCE.

Industry Offers as Much to the Farmer as Any Other Which Oregon is Capable.

LA GRANDE, Sept. 20.—(Special Correspondence.)—Harvesting of sugar beets has begun. The factory at this place is nearly ready to start up, and there will be enough beets on hand by tomorrow for the plant to begin work.

The industry will show much progress this year. There are 17,000 and 18,000 tons of beets so much better a prospect than the realizations of former years have been as to banish the discouragement of other seasons.

The Northwest has two factories for extracting sugar from beets. The work of producing sugar has gone far enough, with the good assurance this season extends to a full yield of beets, to open to the imagination a future some of great activity in this industry.

Total Crop in the Northwest

Harvest of beets has proceeded far enough to allow of good estimates as to what the total crop will be. The Waverly and La Grande factories will each receive probably 17,000 tons of beets, the latter plant perhaps a little more. Conservative figures of this season's yield in the Northwest are 35,000 tons. This amount of beets will reduce to about 420 tons of sugar.

The total land tributary to the La Grande factory is about 2500 acres; that at Waverly is about 1800. By comparing these figures and those of the prospective crops at the two places, it will be noticed that in the Waverly district the yield will be a little larger.

Comparison With Other Years. The total factories in the Northwest can each reduce 150 tons of beets per day or 2000 tons in the course of 10 days. Here before the plants have operated only a small part of that time. Last year Waverly had 5000 tons of beets, and the year before only a few hundred tons.

It may be said that the dawn of the sugar industry in the Northwest has begun. Its colors are rich with promise. Production of sugar and other products of the beet is commencing to open as golden a future as does any industry of which the Northwest is capable.

A steady gain in the production per acre will be noted. This has been brought about by better understanding of the methods of growing beets and of the adaptation of those methods to local conditions of soil and climate. It has been demonstrated that beets can be made to turn out remuneratively for the farmer, more so than growing of wheat or of any other crop.

Beets are per acre here by 2 or 3 per cent than in California, and as a rule, contain more sugar. Last year the Waverly beets had perhaps the largest proportion of sugar in the United States. At La Grande last year the average sugar content was 14.5 per cent; in 1899 14.5 per cent, and in 1898 14 per cent.

Factory Now a Fixture. If there was ever any thought of moving the La Grande factory away, it has been dispelled. The enterprise is beginning now to meet the expectations of the promoters. The success of this season, handicapped as it was by a late freeze and unusually dry weather, is sure to give impetus to the industry. Many more people are coming to engage in beet culture.

The sugar company has increased its land to 3000 acres, and which it will seed next season; but lands tributary to the La Grande factory are at Waverly, Payette, North Powder, Union and Summerville. It is hoped in the next two years to increase the total amount of beet lands to 2000 or 3000 acres, an aggregate which will produce beets enough to feed the factory for a full season.

Charged With Cattle-Stealing. ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 20.—A. J. Perdue was arrested at Drain this morning, and brought to Roseburg this evening, charged with stealing five heifers from Gaddie Bros. in this city yesterday, and selling same to L. Kohagen. He has been living in North Roseburg until recently, and his family are still there. Payment was stopped on the check which was given to Perdue for the stolen property.

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THE CARNIVAL

AT EXPOSITION BUILDING and MULTNOMAH FIELD every afternoon 1:30 to 5, evenings 7:00 to 10:30, Saturday evenings 11. Closed on Sundays. MAGNIFICENT MUSIC BY TWO FULL MILITARY BANDS.

The Yodlers, the Wonderful Warblers from the Tyrol The Greatest Electrical Illumination ever seen in the Northwest The Clever Foot Cyclists, the Christians The Lundgreens, on their Wonderful Revolving Ladder Ali Zada, the Great Juggler Baseball by Electric Light on Multnomah Field in the evening

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OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF INDIANS

Farmer at Klamath Agency Thinks They Will Become Self-Supporting.

J. B. C. Taylor, who holds the position of Government farmer at the Klamath agency, is at the Peridins. He considers the Indians bright and willing scholars, and that they will finally become as proficient as their white brothers, although the style of farming adopted at the agency only involves the simple processes of plowing, harrowing and irrigating.

Business for the Week Restricted by Death of the President.

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SALLY GIRL.

A sweepstake Shortcorn cow over the United States, brought to Oregon by W. O. Minor at a cost of \$1700, will be shown in Mr. Minor's fine herd of Shortcorns at the Oregon State Fair.

On the Rush and Turmoil of the Market Place.

Exchanges suspended operations for two days, and the distribution of merchandise was in many cases limited to immediate requirements. Mercantile payments continue prompt, but it was to be expected that bank clearings would not show the customary heavy gain over previous years.

Old Fellows' Innovation.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 20.—A step that is regarded as the most remarkable ever taken as to the secret work of Odd Fellowship was recorded today when the sovereign grand lodge, the supreme body, voted to allow duplicate copies of the secret work of the order to be made. The

Advertisement for Gold Dust washing powder. Includes text: 'Let the GOLD DUST twins do your work!', 'removes all dirt and stains from woodwork and makes it look like new. It will clean the floor, kitchen ware, furniture, dishes and clothes better than soap with half the work and at half the cost. All grocers sell it.' and 'Send for our FREE booklet, Golden Rules for Housework.' The N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY, Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Boston.