

PROSPEROUS VALLEY

Diversified Farming Working Wonders in Willamette.

FARMS SMALL, PROFITS LARGE

Great Development of Dairying, Fruit and Livestock Business—Cities and Towns Growing Rapidly.

EUGENE, Or., April 19.—(Staff correspondence.)—The Willamette Valley, with its trees and fields, which alike are ever green, and its running brooks, which always run, is ever an interesting sight.

It is at this time more than ever before, with the breeze redolent with the aroma of fruit blossoms, fat cattle, sheep and sheep knee deep in succulent grass and clover, a gorgeous Denny pheasant in every field, it is not only interesting but enchanting and exhilarating. A surplus of moisture has retarded Spring work somewhat, and up here on the east side of the river, as well as over in Yamhill, Benton and Polk too much rain has given the wheat a yellowish cast and has delayed the sowing of Spring wheat.

Wherever any of the latter was put in, however, it is now coming out of the ground in excellent condition. The higher lands along the Springfield branch of the Southern Pacific, much better progress has been made with Spring work than on the main line. Between Albany and Eugene there is more unbroken alfalfa than elsewhere. The line of the road than has ever been in evidence so late in the Spring since farming became general in the Valley.

Under the Valley, some farmers are plowing in a driveway, and with everything soft as mush underfoot, ground broken under such conditions might as well be permitted to rest until another season. The "wet Spring," again attracts attention to the advantages of diversified farming, for while the weather prohibited plowing and sowing, it had no bad effect on the thousands of pigs, sheep and calves which are picked up a living without any plowshare being dulled in their behalf.

The Pig and the Cow.

The pig and the cow travel together on Willamette Valley farms to a considerable extent. All through the Valley are creameries, which return the skim milk to the farmers after extracting the cream. This milk is fed to the pigs and adds sufficient variety to the clover diet to enable them to take on considerable fat at practically no cost whatever to the farmer. Skim milk would be of no value for any other purpose. Even with butter at the lowest price of the season the majority of the farmers express satisfaction with the results of their dairymaking. A ton of butter of a ton of wheat is greater than the value of 30 tons of wheat, the relative difference in the cost of marketing the two commodities is enormous. A ton of butter netting 25 cents is worth 750 cents, while a ton of wheat netting 25 cents is worth only 25 cents.

Profitable Stockraising.

Along with dairying comes the stock industry, and as the weather is incidental to dairying and small farming, or on the whole plan, the results seem to be very satisfactory. A McMinnville farmer last Thursday sold \$500 worth of steers, and at the actual value of the steers to turn off about \$500 worth of sheep, and in the Fall will have over \$3000 worth of logs for sale, and there are plenty of other Valley farmers making similar returns. The Valley cattle are well-bred animals, and the farmers spare no expense in improving their stock. The McMinnville farmer above mentioned told me that he was going up to Pendleton next week to take the annual sale of his Colonel Judson is bringing into the country, and that sale will be attended by a number of other Valley farmers. At the same time there is pretty good blood right here in the Valley. The McMinnville Red farm has sold yearlings as high as \$850 per head, and has disposed of quite a number of sheep at \$250 per head. From their Broadmead farm, near Amy, three carloads of beef calves were sold last Friday, and a finer lot of animals are seldom sent to any market.

Flocks Are Increasing.

With so much land formerly used for wheat again going back into pasture, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of sheep in the Valley. Naturally with everything under fence, there are no such herds as are found in the eastern part of the state, where the Government supplies feed to the sheep, and nearly every farm will be found a few sheep, some of the bands running up to several hundred head. The Valley sheep are nearly all high-grade animals. Great care is taken in the selection of the heavy fleeces, produce large Spring lambs and weigh well when they are sent to the block themselves. In small flocks of a few animals on a farm, the greatest increase is noticed in the smaller, side counties, but among the larger flocks on this side of the river, there has also been a remarkable increase. In Lane County some dealers placing it as high as 15 per cent, an amount which would bring the 1920 clip of the county well up to \$60,000 pounds, which is quite a favorable showing for a county which handles wool only as an incidental to an enormous wheat, oats, butter and stock business. The weather has been unfavorable for early shearing operations this Spring, and the only wool that has been removed was from mutton sheep.

Thousands of Goats.

The mohair business is one of the recently developed industries in the Willamette Valley, and the output is annually showing heavy increases. There are thousands of goats on both sides of the river, and their value is being brought out perhaps as great as for the production of mohair. The goats have a craving for all kinds of shrubbery, and when turned loose in a brush pasture will nibble down to the roots so closely that life soon departs leaving the land clear and ready for the growth of a more profitable crop than brush. The goats also have a strong liking for the twigs and ends of limbs of trees, and it is a common sight to see them jumping to reach long hanging branches. Occasionally a goat will make a miscalculation in his jump and get his horns tangled, and unless relief is near at hand will perish. The climate of the Valley is said to be peculiarly adapted to the growth of mohair, and for this reason the product commands the top price. A pool of 5,000 pounds was sold at Independence early in the month at 25 cents per pound. As the goats shear from three to four pounds each, they show a profit of nearly \$1 per head, with no expense, except the cost of shearing. This remuneration, together with the sale of the wool, is sufficient to make the goats quite popular in the Valley, and their numbers

THE PARTY IS UNITED

MARION REPUBLICANS WILL POLL UNUSUALLY LARGE VOTE.

Failure of Attempt of Democrats to Create Division in the Ranks—Reception to Furnish.

SALEM, Or., April 20.—The election of every man on the Republican ticket, state and county, is the purpose of Marion County Republicans. If any member of the party has any plan other than that he has not yet been put out by the party leaders. No one has a word of disapproval of any man on the ticket, though there are many who would have been pleased to see the ticket differently formed. With the acknowledgment that each cannot have his way, and that the majority must rule, all are lining up against the common enemy, and will try to make the vote as large as possible in this county larger than it was in the last preceding election.

Many New Orchards.

On both sides of the Willamette, the valley shows large increases in the number and size of fruit orchards. The increase in the output of prunes especially will be enormous each year for the next four or five years, as there were apparently as many new trees put out last year as in the year before. It is estimated that there is not another tree planted for the next five years, the yield by that time, under normal circumstances, will distribute millions of dollars among the fruit growers of the valley. The orchards here so many new settlers coming in, the acreage will be more than doubled in the next five years. The climate of Southern Oregon may be better adapted to some of the varieties of fruit than the Valley, but the production of prunes and apple-growers has demonstrated that there is considerable money to be made most anywhere in the Valley on a very small orchard.

Cities and Towns Growing.

Wherever the country shows such indisputable evidence of the growth and prosperity to be reflected in the cities and towns, and a steady, healthy growth is noticeable in all of the principal points on both sides of the Willamette. Manufacturing and service industries are being established in the Valley, and the business handled in a few of the principal cities along the railroad is remarkably heavy. At Albany, for instance, the Southern Pacific requires the services of 21 men and a switch engine to handle their business alone. The Corvallis & Eastern, at the same point, has a big force, and there is also considerable river business. Eugene, the head of navigation, and also the head of the Valley, exceptional prosperity is noticeable from the fact that the merchants of this city draw not only considerable business from the city, but also from the Valley for trade, but the location is near enough to the timber and mining sections to create a big traffic in that direction. A single firm, the Booth-Kelly Lumbering Company, of Eugene, has shipped to the Valley last year cut 71,000,000 feet of lumber in Lane County, and there are a number of smaller mills tributary to Eugene.

Columns could be written about any one of the industries that are being touched on in this article, and the actual results secured through the development of the resources which Nature has lavished on the Willamette Valley will ever be a source of interest to the people who live in this rich land, after throwing away years of toil endeavoring to wrest a living from the less favored sections of the Middle Western States. Portland is more prosperous than ever before, and is growing up and down the Willamette easily discloses the secret of her prosperity, as the gateway to the richest land in the West, the metropolis will grow and prosper with the growth and prosperity of the wonderful Valley, and the limit to which well-directed labor and capital can expand these natural resources is yet afar off.

INDIAN WAR VETERANS' VOTE.

Attempt in Lane County to Work Up Opposition to Kuykendall.

EUGENE, Or., April 20.—An effort has been made to enlist the opposition of Indian War Veterans to the candidacy of Senator Kuykendall. During the last session of the Legislature a bill was introduced appropriating \$30,000 for the Indian War Veterans of Oregon. The leading veterans' bill on the ground is that the claims of the veterans amounted to over \$500,000, and that \$30,000 would not have been a drop in the bucket, compared to their just demands. In justice to the Indian War Veterans, Senator Kuykendall opposed the bill, and it was defeated.

CANVASS IN LANE COUNTY.

Campaign Will Open at Florence, May 8.

EUGENE, Or., April 20.—The political canvass in this county will begin at Florence, May 8. The outlook is splendid for a clean sweep for the Republican ticket. The Democratic ticket is the weakest named for years, while it is conceded on all sides that the Republicans could not have named a stronger ticket. The Democrats hope to hope of electing the legislative ticket, and concede their chances to be equally as slim in other directions. The only office they have called for is the clerkship of the court, which has been held by the Republican candidate, but he has been defeated by the Democrat.

University Delegates Meeting.

FOREST GROVE, Or., April 20.—This afternoon, in Marsh Hall, the delegates meeting for personal blessing was held. Miss Conde, of Chicago, spoke to the young women on the subject, "Four Secrets of a Happy Life." The meeting was a mass meeting for the girls only. The evening service was open to all. The song service and devotional hour was led by Miss McIlroy, of Portland. The address to the convention was given by Miss Conde. The farewell service of the convention was led by Miss Stafford. Each delegate will carry a letter from the convention to the delegates at the various points. The benefit received from the conventions. As the benediction was given the delegates joined hands around the room, forming the association circle. The delegates will meet at the college today. The total number of members in the 12 colleges and city association is 1381.

ISRAEL'S GIFTS TO WORD

RABBI WISE'S LECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON.

Professor Schafer Will Soon Begin Work on a History of the Pacific Slope.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, April 20.—Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, of Beth-Israel Congregation, Portland, was greeted with a large audience, in Villard Hall, of students and townspeople on the occasion of his lecture at the University of Oregon.

CLACKAMAS CAMPAIGN OPENED.

Hot Fight Between the Republicans and the Citizens' Party.

OREGON CITY, April 20.—With election day little more than six weeks distant, the campaign in Clackamas County has practically opened, and from now on until June 2 there will be no cessation of activity on the part of the various candidates for county office. The Citizens' party took the initiative in the campaign, and last night held a big meeting at Oswego. They have much to gain, and state that they will make the campaign the campaign the county has ever seen, and will leave no stone unturned to elect the Citizens' ticket from top to bottom. The Citizens are

HOW OREGON HAS VOTED AT LAST THREE GENERAL ELECTIONS.

SALEM, Or., April 19.—The subjoined table shows the vote of the various counties of this state at the last three general elections. At the Presidential election each party had four candidates, and that candidate from each party who received about the average vote of his party was selected for the purpose of showing the figure upon the probable outcome of a political campaign will find the table worth preserving for reference during the contest just begun. It follows:

Table with columns for State election-1918, State election-1916, and Presidential election, 1900. Rows list counties: Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Coos, Crook, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jackson, Josephine, Clatsop, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wasco, Washington, Yamhill, and Total.

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