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REST FOR WEARY FARMER

IT WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE EAST SIDE.

Hawthorne Estate Offers to Donate Ground—New Ship Channel to Mill Yard—Notes.

The Hawthorne estate will donate the free use of a block of ground near Hawthorne avenue for the establishment of a farmers' headquarters and market place on the East Side, for a long term of years. This proposition is definite and will mean final success, provided some other conditions can be complied with, which are that money be raised for suitable buildings for the restrooms, market place and sheds for horses.

The plan proposed is that the building for the restrooms for farmers and their families shall occupy a portion of the block and the market the remainder. It is estimated that \$2500 or \$3000 would cover the cost of the improvements that would be required, as the building would be very plain, but this estimate may be too low. The only question will be how to raise this money. Mrs. E. M. Shattuck, who is one of the enthusiastic promoters of the farmers' headquarters and market place, is confident that the money required can be raised. It is urged that the establishment of restrooms and market place on the East Side would be of great advantage to this portion of the city from every point of view. Even if the Market block on the West Side is turned into a farmers' market it will not suffice for the whole city, and the East Side will need a market place as well. The Granges in Multnomah County have always been favorable to the establishment of a farmers' headquarters in Portland. They have felt the need of such a place, but heretofore there has been no definite basis on which to work.

What a market place is, is understood, but not so with rest rooms. In Burlington, Ia., the Sheldon Circle of King's Daughters has established restrooms. A building was secured and plainly furnished. It is somewhat on the lines of the farmers' headquarters proposed for Portland. In the Burlington restrooms there are general waiting-rooms, men's smoking-room, dining-room, kitchen, check, toilet, porch, women's restroom, guest chamber, bathroom, children's playroom and matron's room. All these will be required. A plain structure will suffice, where farmers' wives may make their headquarters when shopping in the city. The secretary of the Burlington restrooms says that the commercial advantages of the place there cannot be overestimated. The rooms were originally intended for country visitors, but city people have found them a great convenience, while the moral and educational effects have been very considerable. A portion of the block will be used for scientific flower culture as object-lesson. These are some of the advantages of the proposed farmers' headquarters, besides the very great benefit of an East Side market. Definite steps will be taken after the fair site has been settled.

TO DREDGE OUT SHIP CHANNEL.

River to be Deepened to Imman, Poulsen & Co.'s Sawmill.

A ship channel will be dredged in the Willamette River to the docks of Imman, Poulsen & Co.'s sawmill from the draw of the Madison bridge and on the East Side. For this sawmill a new dock about 25 feet long has just been finished, south of the mill, and the capacity of the old dock directly in front of the mill has been largely increased.

The men engaged in sounding the bottom of the river from the east to the west side along the course of the two submerged pipe lines of the city waterworks have completed their investigations, which were made to ascertain the character of the material that will have

to be dredged out so that the two pipe lines may be lowered some 15 feet below the present depth. It will be a simple matter to lower the pipe lines, as they have the ball and socket joints and can be lowered without danger, first one and then the other. A trench will be cut for each pipe line, and the pipe lines will be lengthened perhaps two joints at each end to make up for the depth.

The pipes will thus be lowered to permit the dredging of this ship channel to the wharves of the sawmill, so that deep-sea vessels may be taken directly to the docks, loaded with lumber and towed away without being lightered. It is probable that the whole of the water between Madison bridge and south of the lumber water power & railway Company will cover seven blocks with dockage, and also will want deep-water frontage.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

New Mizpah Edifice Will Be Dedicated in September.

The dedication of the Mizpah Presbyterian Church, on Powell and East Tenth streets, will take place about the 1st of September, provided there is no unforeseen delay. It is now being rapidly completed. The edifice will be dedicated free of debt. It was feared that this could not be done, but the large sum raised last Sunday and since insures the dedication of the new church without any debt.

Sunday there was \$335 to raise for windows. Of this sum that day \$200 was subscribed, and since then enough to make the \$335 has been raised, so that the whole amount required has been secured. Rev. J. R. McGlade, the pastor, said yesterday that all the plans were working out successfully. The whole cost of the building and furniture will foot up to \$3400. Redwood pews have been ordered and will be made in time. The church is a handsome building and creditable to the neighborhood. Mr. McGlade says that the members of his church have been liberal and patriotic to the fullest extent in their contributions toward the new building.

W. H. HILLARD HELD UP.

He Was Stopped on Union Avenue.

W. H. Hillard, who lives at 384 1/2 East Pine street, reported yesterday morning that while on his way home on Union avenue Monday night at about 11 o'clock, he was stopped by two highwaymen, who demanded his money.

He said that he had reached a point between East Oak and East Pine streets, when he was suddenly confronted by the two thugs. One pointed a pistol at him from behind the corner of a building and ordered him to throw up his hands. He was told to keep quiet while they went through his pockets. They found nothing—not even a watch. He was then ordered to proceed, which he did.

Woodstock Improvements.

The Woodstock Improvement Association will give another entertainment this evening in the public hall of that place. A pleasing programme has been arranged for the evening. The Woodstock land has purchased the hall there and had it repainted, and the association purchased chairs and a piano for this hall. With entertainments it will pay for these things. A considerable sum of money has already been secured through them. Many of the best people in Woodstock are interested in these improvements, and are encouraging the association in the County Court right to regulate the opening and closing of the bridge draws. All that is known is that the case has reached the department, but what the result will be can only be surmised.

No Decision Yet.

No decision has been given by the War Department in the matter of granting the County Court right to regulate the opening and closing of the bridge draws. All that is known is that the case has reached the department, but what the result will be can only be surmised.

East Side Notes.
M. L. Smith, a veteran of the Civil

War and a well-known farmer living on the Section road, near Gresham, has been very ill for some time. He is now improved and yesterday was able to be in the city.

The annual campmeeting of the Evangelical Association held at Milwaukie came to a close on the 29th. It proved a success. It was in charge of Rev. J. E. Smith and Rev. N. Shupp, the presiding elders.

W. R. Wood, a retail merchant of Virginia, Ill., is visiting his brother-in-law, B. C. Matthews, at 58 East Alder street. He is greatly delighted with Oregon scenery and the climate. Mr. Wood will remain on the Coast about eight weeks, and will spend some weeks in a short trip to Alaska.

HOPS ARE FIRM.

And Indications Are That Prices Will Rise.

Hopgrowers show more disposition to enter the market than for some time. No business, however, is going on. Twenty cents is a good price, and many growers are willing to accept it rather than to run the risk of a downward turn in the market. But there is no sign of weakness, all indications being rather bullish. Nevertheless, there is strong suspicion that some dealers are trying to keep prices up on this Coast in order to sell at high prices in the East.

"Oregon will have 1000 more acres planted in hops this year than last," said A. J. Ray, manager of the J. M. Russell Company, yesterday. "In the past month there have been more sales of hopyards than in the past three years, usually on the basis of about \$100 an acre. This is a good price, because plain land can be planted in hops for \$15 an acre."

"As to prices of hops this year, they depend on the outcome of the English crop. Late information from there is that the yield will be larger than it was expected to be, but it will not doubt be much less than that of last season, probably by 100,000 bales. But the German crop will be enough above normal to make up the deficiency. The American crop will be as large as it was last year. All this shows that the world's crop will be equal in size to last season's."

Last year America yielded 215,000 bales and England 350,000 bales. This year England will produce about 350,000 bales. The American crop will be about as follows:

Oregon..... 55,000
Washington..... 35,000
New York..... 40,000

Total..... 130,000

An estimate from an Eastern authority places the stock of hops and extract in America at 15,000 bales, the stock which brewers will have on hand September 1 at 15,000 bales, and imports at 10,000 bales, equal in weight and quality to fully 20,000 American bales.

The above figures place this season's supply in America at 25,000 bales. They assume that dealers and growers will have no holdings of 1901 crop on September 1. This estimate is conservative. The Pacific Coast crop may turn out 10,000 bales larger and the New York crop 5,000 bales larger than the above forecast.

Hop harvest will begin in Oregon in about three weeks.

EXCURSION RATES TO SALT LAKE CITY.

For the Elks' convention at Salt Lake, August 12-14, the O. R. & N. will sell 30-day round-trip tickets at rate of \$25.00; for return through San Francisco via rail or steamer, \$4. Tickets on sale August 3 and 10. Call at O. R. & N. office, Third and Washington, for further information.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth.
Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.

Purify, vitalize and enrich the blood and gain strength by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

LARGE PACK OF SALMON

RECORD OF LAST YEAR WILL BE BROKEN.

Already 190,000 Cases Have Been Packed, and 275,000 or More Are in Sight.

The Columbia River salmon pack up to date is approximately 190,000 cases. Fish salted and stored reach the equivalent of about 40,000 cases more. These estimates are in round cases. It is thought that the actual pack in case will be about 275,000 cases this season. Last year it was 255,000 cases. If the present salmon run should continue good until August 15, the pack might amount to 300,000 cases.

In the past 10 days, the period of the present good run of fish, few salmon have been put in pickle or storage. But the canneries have been working hard, and in many cases have been choked with fish. At the present time the Warren plants are about the only ones that are storing steelheads. The reason for the falling off in pickling and storage activity is that fish now are not so good as they were early in the season. Spawns are getting large, and this takes from the good quality of the fish.

Since Sunday the top price paid for fish has been 4 cents. But even at this price fishermen make more money than they did early in the season when they received 5 cents. The big run of fish has now about reached Catlamet. Fishing is good below that point, but at the mouth of the Columbia the run is slackening. Warren, Seufert and McGowan have been shipping fish to their canneries on the upper river, and are now sending salmon up in considerable quantity. The size of salmon this year has been fully up to the average of other seasons.

It is estimated that about 80,000 cases have been shipped East already, about 100,000 cases, the equivalent of about 20,000 cases more, although nobody is in a position to give exact figures. The "combine" has put up probably 30 per cent of the total pack, its usual proportion.

As years go by it seems to be demonstrated more and more that the salmon which return to the Columbia River are artificially propagated. "Hatcheries are the salvation of the salmon industry," remarked a cannerman yesterday.

At Puget Sound canneries are waiting for the usual big run of fish which is scheduled to come at this time. Last year about this time Puget Sound was gorged with fish. The market for Columbia River product depends largely upon the size of this year's sockeye pack at Puget Sound. If the northern canneries fail to make the output they did last year, Columbia River chinooks will be largely benefited.

FRUIT WILL BE GOOD.

Lighter Crop This Year, but Fine Quality Assured.

"Fruitgrowers have no reason to be blue this year," said George H. Lamberson, secretary of the State Board of Horticulture, yesterday to an Oregonian reporter. "To be sure, crops will be lighter than last season, but they will be of superior quality and their value per unit of product will be greater."

Last year the total value of the fruit product of the state was \$2,375,000, according to Mr. Lamberson's estimate. This year he thinks the total value will go over \$2,000,000. There will be a big shortage of prunes, but better prices and a full output of apples will make amends for that loss, although apple prices may not be so high this year as last. Apple acreage has had a large increase this year in bearing trees, perhaps 20 per cent. In the Eastern States apples are thriving so far, and unless there comes a hot wind the crop will be a large one. In Southern Oregon apples will be about

one-third short, according to A. H. Carlson, commissioner of the third district. In the Willamette Valley trees are fully laden. It is not thought that the heavy wind of two weeks ago has lessened the yield much. This season between 500 and 700 carloads will be exported. Last year about 10 carloads, or half the crop, was sent out.

Last year the state produced about 22,000,000 pounds of prunes. Mr. Lamberson thinks the yield this year will be between 12,000,000 and 15,000,000 pounds.

Pears are a light crop all over Oregon. In Southern Oregon the yield will be 50 per cent of normal and in the Willamette Valley about 25 per cent.

The quantity and value of the chief fruits last season were:

Apples, 550,000 boxes.....	\$750,000
Apples, evaporated, 22,000,000 pounds.....	50,000
Prunes, fresh, 200 carloads.....	50,000
Pears, 100,000 boxes.....	50,000
Pears, evaporated.....	10,000
Peaches, 20,000 boxes.....	100,000
Peaches, evaporated.....	15,000

A GRAND OPPORTUNITY.

Chance for Gaining Trade With Oriental Peoples.

PORTLAND, July 30.—(To the Editor.)—Portland has probably never had a better opportunity to increase her commerce than that which is today opened to her. For nothing can be more calculated to promote her trade than her relations with the Orient, and that portion of the Orient that makes the greatest promise of consuming our products is undoubtedly the Empire of Japan. This nation has during the last 35 years advanced from a state of feudalism to that of a modern civilized nation, and she is rapidly adopting the customs and manners of Europe and America, her citizens purchasing, using and manufacturing all their goods and provisions that are being manufactured by us.

Next year there will be opened at Osaka, in Japan, a national industrial exhibition. To this exhibition our manufacturers and merchants have been invited to send exhibits. This is a grand opportunity for us to make Japan acquainted with the products and manufactures of our Pacific Northwest, and also to demonstrate the importance of our city as a port of entry. But this is not all, for the success of our coming Lewis and Clark Centennial must largely depend upon the degree in which Oriental nations, and especially Japan, are represented therein; and such representation could not be better promoted than by our securing a good exhibit of our wares at Osaka next year. Now to be successful in this direction it is necessary that steps should be taken without any delay.

Some suitable person should at once be selected and sent to Japan to promote our interests, to ascertain the character of our products that will be best calculated to meet the demands of that country, to secure the best possible room for the exhibit, to become acquainted with the people and in other ways secure our advantage. We are informed that the Japanese Consul here has promised to give personal letters of introduction to any suitable and responsible citizen that may be thus sent to represent us.

This is surely a great opportunity, which, being neglected, may never again be open to us. The funds for this purpose should be raised by the city, and the person selected to represent us sent on the very next steamer, bearing letters which have been promised to the Marquis Ito, also Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Commerce, Manufactures, etc.

FRONT STREET.

New Explosive of Great Power.

LONDON, July 30.—A new time fuse for use on armor-piercing shells, loaded with a recently discovered secret explosive of great power, has been invented by War Department ordnance experts, and will, according to a New York American dispatch from Washington, revolutionize foreign warship building. Tests of the explosive and fuse have been made, and so long as the United States Government holds the secret, foreign battle-ships

must double their steel walls or be as wooden frigates with the new destroyer.

General Crozier, chief of ordnance, is quoted as having said that a test of the new explosive has been conducted with great success at Sandy Hook proving ground, that the shell carried its contents through the thickest armor and that the fuse lived long enough to have exploded on the interior of a ship of war. The greatest penetration secured was that of a shell fired from a 12-inch gun. It pierced 14-inch Krupp armor before detonation. The heaviest shield now in use is said to be only 12 inches thick.

FLOODS IN TEXAS.

Rain Has Ceased, but Streams Are Still Booming.

DALLAS, Tex., July 30.—The flood situation continues serious. The Texas & Pacific is running local trains as far west as Big Springs and as far east as Stanton. The water is receding very slowly. The company hopes to build around the break tomorrow. The tracks of the road are under water east of Dallas at Elmo. The Missouri, Kansas & Texas service is discontinued to San Antonio and the "Katy" flyer is being handled over the Santa Fe tracks. The Texas Central is washed out east of Whitney. Rain has ceased to fall in the greater portion of the state, but streams are still booming.

San Marcos experienced the most destructive flood ever known there. The water went three feet higher than the record in the great flood of six years ago. The property losses there will amount to thousands of dollars.

At Upland G. Smith, a blacksmith, was drowned in Plum Creek. The stream is a mile wide at Lockhart.

Advices from Cameron say that hundreds of acres of fine cotton are under the water from the overflow of the Brazos and Little Rivers and their tributaries.

Fifteen inches of rain has fallen at Palestine in three days, causing several wash-outs on the International & Great Northern road.

At Brenham, over eight inches of rain fell in eight hours—the heaviest known there—and crops are said to be ruined.

There was a 31-foot rise in the Colorado River at La Grange, and at Bastrop the river rose 21 feet.

Hundreds of acres of valuable cotton land are under water along Chambers Creek, near Corsicana.

Prostration at Omaha.

OMAHA, Neb., July 30.—The thermometer reached 95 in Omaha today, and the humidity was high. One prostration is reported, that of W. H. Townsend, a prominent sporting goods dealer. His condition is serious.

Clearing Streets of Child Beggars.

CHICAGO, July 30.—Under direction of the probation officers, the police made a tour of the principal downtown streets last night and gathered in as many as they could of the scores of little children who are sent into the streets nightly to beg and peddle. Forty children, boys and girls all between 4 and 7 years of age, were gathered in. Each "waif-finding wagon" was preceded half a block by two policemen, who picked up the little ones and put them into the wagons. Many others escaped the officers. The children are held at the Harrison-street police annex, pending an investigation in the case of each child by the Visitation and Aid Society. The raids will be kept up until the streets are cleared of baby beggars.

Australia's Desire for a Navy.

LONDON, July 30.—In a dispatch from Sydney, the correspondent of the Daily Mail says that E. Barton, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia (who is now in London, has notified the Government that his suggestion that the Australian contribution should be applied to the formation of the nucleus of an Australian navy has not been received favorably by the Imperial government, the latter being anxious that the existing ar-

rangeament continue, with the Australian contribution doubled, which would enable the modernization of the navy.

Continuing, the correspondent says Mr. Barton declares also that the conference of Colonial Premiers has agreed to the latter plan, subject to the approval of the Federal Parliament.

"The feeling here," goes on the correspondent, "is very strongly in favor of an Australian navy on the ground that it would offer a career to young Australians and render the colony more independent."

Steamer From Skagway.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 30.—The steamer City of Seattle arrived this afternoon from Skagway with over 30 passengers for Seattle. She also brought \$111,000 worth of gold in bars from the Trendwell mine, consigned to San Francisco. Marshal Shoup, of Juneau, came down to take back the Chinaman who had come down by the Dolphin and who was charged with murder at Juneau. The Chinaman had committed suicide at Port Townsend.

Postmaster Shot by Robbers.

KVANSVILLE, Ind., July 30.—L. D. Zimmerman, Postmaster for a quarter of a century at Lynnville, Warrick County, was fatally shot late last night by two robbers, who secured over \$500 in money and made their escape on a hard car. A posse is in pursuit.

A GREAT SALE

Of ladies' underwear, wrappers, waists, etc., below cost. Sing Chong Co., 233 Morrison.

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