

GOOD FOR ALL CROPS

Prosperous Conditions Over the State.

RICH RETURNS IN PRICES

Some Lack of Moisture During October—Farmers are Now Better Off Than They Have Been Before.

The reports for the month of October received by the local Weather Bureau from regular correspondents in every county in the state indicate prosperous conditions in nearly every agricultural community in Oregon. Though the crops in general have not been as large as those of last year, the remarkable rise in the price of farm products, especially hops and wheat, more than compensate for the smaller production, and the farmers of Oregon have had thus far a very prosperous year indeed. The climatic conditions over the greater part of the state have been favorable to the germinating of grain and the harvesting of the various crops in good condition. The southern and northeastern parts of Oregon report a lack of moisture, which has in a few cases occasioned small losses and has inconvenienced the farmer by retarding his fall plowing. The lighter crop has not only expedited harvesting and marketing in good shape, but has lessened the loss in handling, and the farmers, through the advance in prices, are better off than ever before.

A comparative quotation of prices between October 31, 1901 and October 31, 1902, shows a marked advance. The most abnormal rise is in the price of hops, which, on the earlier date named, were quoted at from 8 to 10 cents per pound. They are now priced at 25 cents per pound for the choice grades, to 20 cents for the medium qualities.

Wheat shows an advance of from 10 to 11 cents, according to quality. Hay, oats and wool have also made decided advances.

The southeastern portion of the state is not included in the report, but as this part is devoted more to grazing than to agriculture, it will be seen that practically all the farming districts of Oregon are represented.

Willamette Valley.

A few localities in this region have suffered from a lack of moisture, and at the time the reports were written not enough rain has fallen to do any practical good in some places.

In Washington County the ground is rather dry, but in good condition for seedling, and good crops of onions and apples are reported. The following report shows the condition of the country near Portland:

Beaverton, Washington County.—The month has been an ideal one for farmers. It has been very favorable for seedling and germinating grain and timothy. All farm work is well along. The great onion crop was stored in good condition. No corn in this locality. All crops are gathered except a few apples, potatoes and hardy vegetables. JOHN HENRY.

The ground in Yamhill County has been dry for several months, but the recent rains now permit extensive plowing. Little seedling has been done as yet. The appended report was written before rain of any depth had fallen:

Amity, Yamhill County.—The past month has been very favorable for caring for late crops, such as corn and potatoes. Insufficient rain has fallen to permit much plowing; some grain has been disked in spring-sown ground. Summer-fallow ground is all sown, and the plants generally look thrifty, although somewhat backward in growth. M. F. CARRIGAN.

The counties of Oregon extend over 20

vast an area in many cases that the dozen or more reports received by the Weather Bureau from widely scattered localities in the same county often conflict. An attempt has been made to collate the information contained in the hundred or more reports and to give a few in their entirety, that the exact conditions in that vicinity may be known.

The conditions reigning in Marion County, one of the best-cultivated counties in the state, show that affairs around Salem could not be better for the cultivator of the soil.

Liberty, Marion County.—Corn has ripened sufficiently to crib in good shape. Potatoes about 40 per cent. Prunes all saved in good shape and a heavier crop than expected. Fall-sown grain coming up finely. Ground too dry for plowing. R. CUNNINGHAM.

Silverton, Marion County, Oct. 31.—October has been all that could be desired by the farmers, stockraisers, fruitgrowers and hop-growers. Fall grain looks well, and seedling yet in progress; but enough rain to permit general fall plowing. Potato digging almost completed. All fall work well advanced. J. F. DAVIS.

The correspondents of the Weather Bureau are sincere in their reports, for unfavorable conditions are faithfully reported, and if a certain crop is a failure no attempt is made to disguise that fact. The following is an example:

Minot, Marion County, Oct. 29.—The weather during the month has been exceedingly fine for maturing late crops and fruit. Corn in this vicinity is a good average crop, while the potatoes are nearly all dug and a fair crop also. Winter apples are fine in quality, but only good quality crop in quantity. The ground has been too dry so far for plowing, so there has been no seedling done, but we had a good rain on the 27th, and now the plowing and seedling will begin in full force.

JOHN SCHROEDER.

The plowing in Polk County has been delayed on account of the lack of rain, but the heavy showers of the past few days have had an excellent effect upon the soil. The following is a characteristic report:

Dalton, Polk County, Oct. 29.—Farm work is progressing rapidly, for the summer fallow is being sown, and the spring stubble also as fast as men and teams can do it. Potatoes nearly all dug, and the yield is fair and of good quality. Apples and pears about all gathered, and few worms or insects found on them in this locality. N. F. GREGG.

In Benton and Clackamas Counties the dryness of the soil has delayed plowing. In the former county the summer fallow has now been all seeded and the rains have proven very beneficial. In Clackamas County the fall wheat is growing nicely and an extra large corn crop is reported, but the yield of potatoes in a few localities was light.

In Lane County a few frosts have occurred, but did no damage, as the crops were harvested. The weather has been excellent for the proper germination of seeds.

The grain sown in summer-fallow ground in Linn County is growing rapidly. No frosts have fallen and stock is in the best of condition. Fair crops of potatoes and corn are reported, but the apple crop was light.

The following is from Fox Valley:

During October the weather was most favorable for farming. Corn has ripened nicely. Fall grain never looked better at this time of the year. Apples have colored up nicely. Just enough rain, to make good pasture.

C. D. WILSON.

Southern Oregon.

A scarcity of moisture for several months has hampered the farmers in the southern part of the state, but the reports in general indicate favorable conditions.

The following from Douglas County show that the farms of one vicinity, at least, are prosperous:

Chula Valley, Douglas County, Oct. 27.—The weather conditions could be better for ripening corn, picking hops and gathering prunes. Too dry for the seedling of grain. On summer fallow the seed has not yet germinated.

J. S. CHURCHILL.

Affairs in Jackson County are best shown by the following report:

Table Rock, Jackson County, Oct. 29.—The past month was favorable to the ripening of corn, which is being gathered. It has been too dry to admit of any plowing or seedling of grain. Potatoes are in good condition, with a light crop.

S. M. NEALON.

Conditions in Josephine County are practically the same as in Jackson.

The Coast Counties.

Along the Coast there is seldom any

continued want of rain. The following reports tersely give the conditions near the Pacific:

McKinley, Coos County, Oct. 30.—Weather very favorable for maturing corn, yet some will hardly ripen. Not sufficient rain yet for plowing. No frost to damage anything near. Fruit mostly harvested. W. H. BUNCH.

Templeton, Coos County, Oct. 30.—The weather this month has been very favorable for crops and for gathering of potatoes, which is a good crop except in some places where the soil was too dry. The rain so far has been light, and no hard wind.

ANDREW OLSEN.

Denmark, Curry County, Oct. 27.—The weather has been very favorable for all growing crops, seeds of all kinds germinating nicely. Corn ripened in good shape. Grass on the ranges growing nicely and range stock doing well. C. W. ZIMMERT.

Tillamook, Lincoln and Clatsop report the pasturage excellent and good crops of apples and potatoes. The dairymen are doing well.

Columbia County may be properly included in this district.

Seaside, Columbia County, Oct. 31.—Month very favorable for securing crops. Occasional light showers favorable for germinating of grain. Rather a light crop of corn, about all in silos. Good crop of apples. J. C. JOHNSON.

Northwestern Oregon.

Arlington, Gilliam County, Oct. 31.—Farmers hauling off their crops. Some have no fall grain up as yet. R. H. ROBINSON.

Warren, Sherman County, Oct. 30.—There has been sufficient rain to enable farmers to go to work. Seeding is good. Fall grain is beginning to sprout. Not enough frost to damage crops.

Lexington, Morrow County, Oct. 30.—The late part of the season was too dry for corn. All too dry for the germination of fall grain. Grainraisers are busy sowing now.

Dufur, Wasco County, Oct. 28.—Crops mostly secured in good shape. Past month has been favorable for all kinds of farm work, but too dry for germination of fall grain.

EDWIN B. BEACH.

Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oct. 31.—Recent rains have made conditions for seedling favorable, but hardly enough for fall plowing. Grain sown early is above ground and looks well. Corn in our county is grown only in a limited area, but the yield is good.

E. W. MCCOMAS.

Bainbridge, Baker County, Oct. 30.—Fall grain is looking exceedingly well, but crops are not well sown yet. The weather has been very favorable for seedling. LEE O. DUNN.

La Grande, Union County, Oct. 29.—There is quite a lot of fall wheat sown yet, and some early-sown pieces look well. Many bees to harvest yet, and the weather has been fine for fall work.

W. F. GIBBLE.

NEWSPAPER WINS CASE.

Court Holds Guessing Contest Is Not a Lottery in Ohio.

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 7.—In a case dealing with newspaper guessing contests, the Superior Court today handed down a decision dismissing the petition of Samuel Stevens, praying for a receiver. The demurrer is sustained. The court holds that such contests are not within the condemnation of the statutes of Ohio against lotteries, gambling, wagering or betting. The court further holds in regard to the money paid on them, if the contract was illegal, any one who seeks to rescind it after election, comes too late to be heard, for the reason that the contract has been executed wholly or in part. Further, the court holds that such a bill as the one passed on cannot be filed in equity on behalf of others who are not dissatisfied. A court of equity also will not assume jurisdiction where there is inadequate remedy at law. The Superior Court for the plaintiff reserved exceptions, and stated that he would decide soon whether he would take the case higher.

South Africa's Greatest Resources.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—Lord Milner, British High Commissioner to South Africa, is quoted by the Standard, cables the Tribune's London correspondent, as expressing the conviction that in their coal and iron deposits and in their agricultural development England's new colonies will find a surer source of wealth than even in the more speculative riches of the gold reefs and the diamond fields.

ALL AGAINST THE JUDGE

PROPERTY QUESTION BROUGHT UP IN MUNICIPAL COURT.

Complaining Witness and the Defense Tell What Happened and What Should Be Done.

A lively neighbors' quarrel was aired yesterday in the Police Court, when John Sox was brought before Municipal Judge Hogue, charged by Miss Carrie Elwert with having defaced her property. The evidence showed that the property had been defaced, but there was nothing to show that Sox was the offender. The judge explained that the charge was a criminal one, and that unless there could be brought direct evidence to show that the man was guilty there could be nothing but an acquittal. At this Miss Elwert was quite indignant and expressed her opinion of a court that could not give any better justice than that. The case was dismissed, and as soon as the man understood that he was free he asked permission to tell the true story of the case.

To this the court objected, but Sox overruled the objection and proceeded to give a story of his trouble. He was at once interrupted by Miss Elwert, and seeing that the discussion was growing hot Sox's wife and a few members of his family joined in and proceedings of the court had to be stopped until they could be quieted.

Miss Elwert was the first to take the stand. She had charge of the house where Sox was living, she said, and had given him notice to move at once or his rent would be \$5. He did not move, and she attempted to make him pay the \$5 and there was trouble. Sox had sworn vengeance and after he had finally moved out she had found that some of the doors were torn down, boards knocked off, and much damage done.

"Do you know that he did the damage to your house?" asked the judge.

"Of course I do," said she. "There was no one else in the house."

"Did you see him do it?"

"You don't suppose he would do that when I was looking at him, do you?" the witness replied sarcastically.

"I am not a witness to be asked questions," replied the judge, "but you will have to have some direct evidence that he did the deed, or I will have to acquit him. Have you anyone who can give testimony to this effect?"

"I only know that there was no one else there to do it, and I can prove that it was done," said she. "It is impossible for me to find anyone that saw him do it."

"Then there's no use to proceed with the case. It will have to be dismissed," said the judge, but the witness was far from satisfied.

"I would like to know how people are to have any justice," said she, indignantly. "I want pay for my door and boards."

"You are in the wrong place for such action," replied the judge. "We treat criminal cases here. The only way for you to do is to sue him for damages."

"Then I sue," she replied promptly. "I would like to know what is the use to come before the court, if the cases are treated in this way?"

"No use," said the judge, "unless you can prove your case."

"I would like to say a word," said Sox, who now made himself heard for the first time.

"No use," replied the judge. "You are dismissed."

"I left the house in better condition than I found it," he continued, overruling the protest, "and I can prove it. I was fixed for this," and he drew a roll of papers from his pocket.

"You can't prove it," interrupted the first witness.

"He can," chimed in a lady standing by Sox.

"There was never a door there, and

you know it," said a third lady with a look of contempt. But finally order was restored and the party departed, each swearing vengeance on the other.

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL.

Woman Suffragist Organizing for Another Effort in 1904.

PORTLAND, Nov. 6.—(To the Editor.)—By request of many of the best women of Portland, who, with my humble self, are preparing to secure the resubmission of our equal suffrage amendment before the incoming Legislative Assembly, I consent, this morning, to reply, in brief, to two editorials lately appearing in The Oregonian, taking once more our great morning paper at its word when it professes to give all sides of every question a hearing.

First, we beg leave to ask how it is possible to "dissect" either sex by ballot? Is it not a declaration of an insult to the intelligence of a great newspaper and its readers? If it be true that in the struggle for subsistence which modern methods of business have made necessary for a large percentage of women, some women do commit offenses equal to some men's, and no wise woman doubts it—it only proves that women, being the daughters of men, are like their fathers, ballot or no ballot. A "masculine" woman is no better and no worse than a "feminine" man. Each is a sort of hermaphrodite phenomenon, by which normal manhood and womanhood cannot be justly judged or ruled.

Whether the enlargement of woman's field outside the home, when she can no longer find the means to maintain herself within it, as in the days of the spinning-wheel, the loom, the churn-dash and the washboard, all of which have been supplanted in a commercial sense by modern manufactures managed by men, has been, or is to be, a help to all the people remains to be tested by the measure of generations. But, as it is a condition and not a theory that now confronts us, we must accept evolution in the order in which we find it, and instead of pessimistic walling over obsolescent conditions for which neither sex, as a sex, is primarily to blame, it is our duty to take an optimistic view of all sides of the existing question.

Old-time common-law advocates, tells us that whenever any doubt arises as to the adjustment of any case, the construction must be on the side of the larger liberty.

Take the case of the "neatly dressed widow of refinement" (?) in Denver, of whom the meager dispatches give an account, upon which we all should suspend final judgment until both sides of the case are heard—who is to blame for the moral obliquity of her crime against the ballot-box except the men who were managing the city campaign, who represented to her the financial side of the question only, as is proven by her naive confession that she was merely trying to make a little extra money?

Equal suffragists have never claimed that women were better or wiser than men, nor based their demand for the rights and responsibilities the ballot brings to men and women alike on any other hypothesis than that of justice and right. While all admit that good and bad examples of our humanity are found in both sexes, never, until all the rights, privileges, emoluments and immunities that accompany the ballot are withheld from all men because of the dereliction of a few, is any man justified in demanding that all women, and women alone, should be so treated under parallel conditions.

Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, the leading clubwoman and equal suffragist of Denver, for whom the General Federation of Women's Clubs cast a large vote for its presidency in Los Angeles last May, in spite of her emphatic refusal to accept the position, if chosen, declares that "it is not hard to get the best women to the polls," but that "ward heeled find it hard to get respectable women to vote" (their neat dress and refinement to the contrary notwithstanding), because "disreputable women ply their man-sustained vocation under assumed names and dislike to register under their own. Mrs. Decker de-

clares, further, that all these roobacks that go out from Denver at election times originate with ward politicians of the male element, who cannot manipulate the elections as formerly, because the many best women outvote the few bad ones on all important occasions.

Now, as to Oregon: We are on the eve of a great centennial, the final object of which is to exploit Oregon before the world in a commercial sense, and the Lewis and Clark incident is making our opportunity. Under the initiative and referendum, which is now a part of the fundamental law of the state, the Legislative Assembly will, in the magnanimity of its progressive spirit, resubmit our equal suffrage amendment at its forthcoming biennial, to be voted upon at the June election of 1904. When this chivalrous act of our solons reaches the voters, there will be no opposition to the en-

franchisement of the women of Oregon except that coming from the ward heeler and the tenderloin district. Every man who votes in the affirmative at the polls will realize that by so doing he is contributing more to the advertisement of the state for the benefit of the great Exposition than any man who votes in the negative, though he may pay taxes on tens of thousands.

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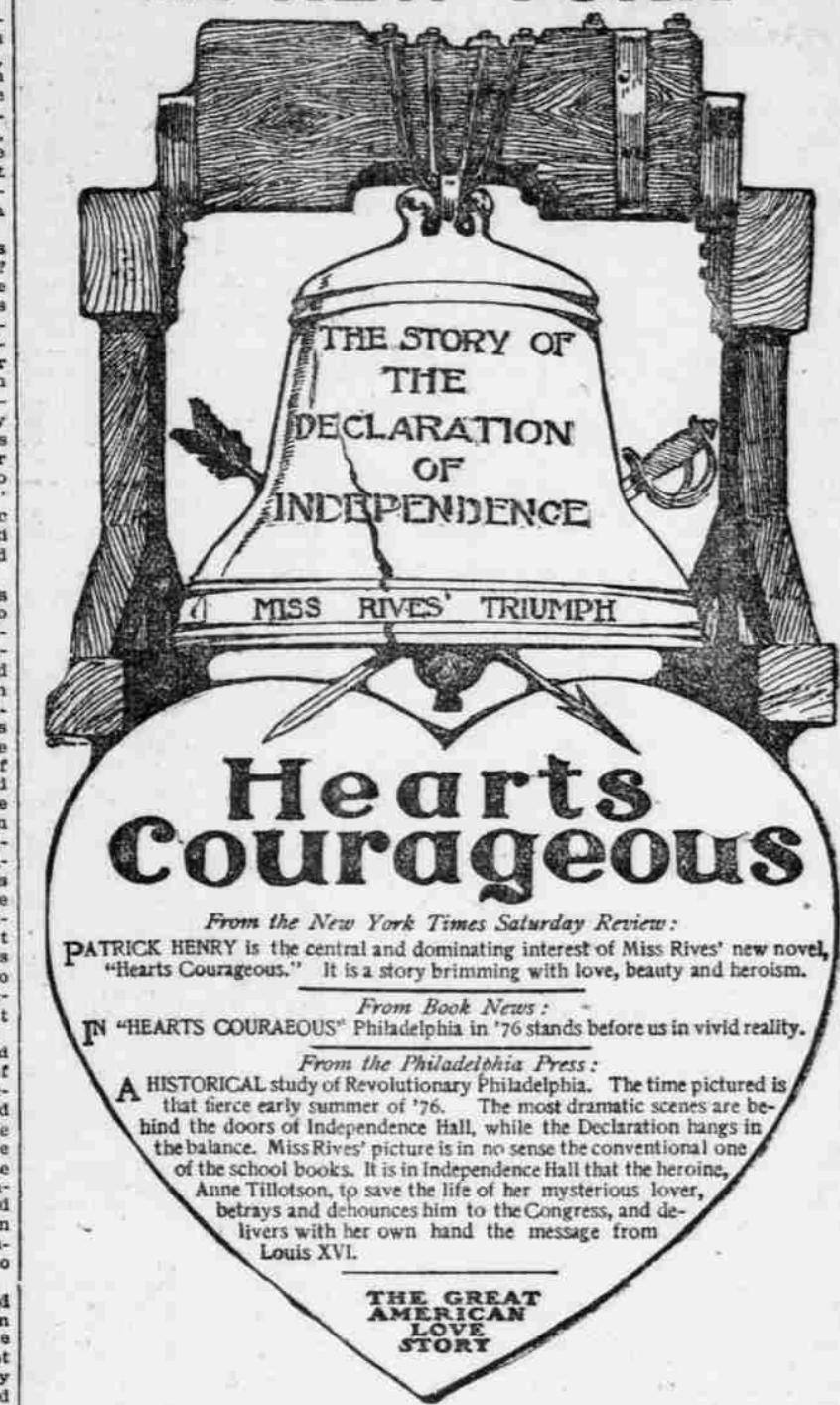
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BEST SELLING BOOK IN NEW YORK



From the New York Times Saturday Review: PATRICK HENRY is the central and dominating interest of Miss Rives' new novel, "Hearts Courageous." It is a story brimming with love, beauty and heroism.

From Book News: "HEARTS COURAGEOUS" Philadelphia in '76 stands before us in vivid reality.

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