

GOOD FOR WHEAT

Great Land Areas in Central Oregon.

MARKET ONLY IS NEEDED

Railroad Will Develop a Vast Grain Territory.

GREAT VALUE OF AGENCY PLAINS

Fruit, Alfalfa and Small Farming Outside the Irrigation Belt—What May Be Done With Grasses and Vegetables.

(By a Staff Correspondent—Second Letter.)

The experience of the Willamette Valley farmers—and their experience is extending to the farmers of the older settled portions of both Oregon and Washington—has proven that wheat is less profitable on much of the land in the two states than other crops. The comparative ease with which a crop of the premier cereal can be grown in a favorable season, however, has given it a kind of standing from which land is graded up or down, "Will it grow wheat?" being about the first question asked regarding the soil of a new locality. An emphatically affirmative answer to this question will be forthcoming from any resident of Crook or Wasco County along the line of the proposed extension of the Columbia Southern. The tests of the soil for this purpose have been more infrequent in Crook County than in Wasco County, but wherever it has been tried on any of the best uplands or in the bottom lands, fine crops have been secured. That the industry has attained no greater proportions is due solely to the lack of transportation facilities, it being impossible to ship it from Crook County to any rail station except at a freight rate that absorbs about all of the gross proceeds. Some fine yields have been secured from occasional fields which were sown to wheat for home consumption, but as the market for the surplus was limited to the Prineville country, a sparsely settled section, there has been no incentive for farmers to make use of the vacant land by sowing wheat. In the past when a farmer, emboldened by high prices at Prineville, increased his acreage so that he would have a few hundred bushels to spare, he was almost certain to find wheat a drug on the market, and was confronted with the alternative of selling at as low as 25 cents per bushel, or feeding it to his stock. As the lands can grow other stock feed to better profit than wheat, anything like a yield in excess of the local demand is lost to the farmer.

The prospects for railroad connection with the outside world have within the past 18 months brought into Crook and Wasco Counties a larger immigration than has settled in any other new portion of the state. Nearly all of these newcomers except the timber men have emigrated from the plains of Dakota and from Minnesota, where wheat-growing is about the only industry of much importance. These people are looking for wheat lands in Central Oregon looking for wheat lands, and on the "Agency Plains," lying south and east of the Warm Springs Indian reservation, they found them. They have lived in here singly and in squads, until vast tracts which two years ago were almost uninhabited now contain hundreds of settlers' cabins, while not a few more pretentious dwellings are sprinkled among them. These settlers came in to grow wheat, and with a firm belief that means for transporting it to market would be provided. Pending the completion of a railroad they will be obliged to follow the example of the pioneers, who settled in the more valuable lowlands, and cut their grain for hay, to be fed to stock which can be driven to market.

The stockmen, and particularly the sheep men, do not all view with pleasure the advent of the railroad and the small farmers and wheatgrowers who will come with it. A philosopher of the recent exploring party, who is also an expert geologist and geologist, was explaining how the rich lands of the valleys had been formed by the gradual decomposition of the rim rock which peeled off under the effect of the heat and cold of countless centuries and worked down into the low lands, leaving a fertile soil. This process, he explained, had been under way so long that the rim rock in many places, as could plainly be seen, had entirely disappeared from view and nearly rounded "buttes" had taken its place. That this theory was correct was borne out by the appearance of the rim rock in various stages of grandeur and eclipse.

"I suppose then," said the stockman who was not anxious to see the road extended, "that in a couple of hundred thousand years the last of these rim rocks will be flattened out and ground into soil."

On being assured that such was the ultimate condition awaiting the country, he stated that it would be a good thing for Central Oregon if the building of the railroad was postponed until nature finished the job she was working on. The postponement was not made, however, for the amount of land available for wheatgrowing, exclusive of the irrigation projects, is sufficient to give the road a large amount of business. Land suitable for wheatgrowing without irrigation in the Agency Plains and Haystack country alone is in the aggregate over 200,000 acres, while the valleys of the Ochoco and Crooked River will swell this to nearly 300,000 acres, which at an output of over 5,000,000 bushels of wheat, and still leave a considerable area for fruit, small farming and alfalfa, outside of the irrigation belt. In the latter there is a vast acreage which in time will produce immense quantities of all kinds of cereals, grasses and vegetables.

The alfalfa tracts are already showing wonderful yields wherever they have been started, although the jackrabbits are materially reducing the profits. Machine and the brute creation seem to have paired off in peculiar company in Central Oregon, the sheepmen and the jackrabbits against the farmers and the coyotes.

Since the coyote law has been in force, the jackrabbits have multiplied so rapidly that some of the best alfalfa patches in Crook and Wasco counties are overrun with the long-eared pests. They waste but little time eating sagebrush and other desert growth when there is a succulent alfalfa patch to be eaten. So serious have the inroads of the rabbits become that many of the farmers regard it almost a crime to shoot a coyote. With the advent of a few more farmers, no man can be elected from Eastern Oregon on a coyote bounty platform, but a jackrabbit bounty bill would go through with a whoop.

Next in prominence to wheat, lumber has done more than any other branch of industry to make Oregon famous, and the timber belt of the Deschutes will give a railroad quicker returns in the way of business than can be secured in any other way. This timber can not only be logged and sawed for much less money per thousand feet than anything in Western Oregon, but it fills a demand that cannot be met by our fir and spruce. There are a few scattering varieties of pine and fir, but the great bulk of merchantable timber along the Deschutes is a fine yellow pine, in beautiful clear sticks, which will cut lumber that commands \$50 per thousand in the East. This timber will run from 3,000 to 4,000 feet to the quarter section, and the area which can be tapped by an extension of the Columbia Southern is in excess of 1,000,000 acres. This timber grows on easily rolling or level bench lands, from which it can be logged with the greatest of ease. It is so well located for logging that an experienced Eastern lumber man, who has purchased many thousands acres, tells me that it can be logged, saved and placed on the car at a cost, stumpage included, of not to exceed \$4.50 per thousand. As this timber is practically all owned by men who have bought immense tracts, and are ready to place the product on the market, they will not be slow in protecting their investment by building a road themselves if Mr. Harriman is not satisfied with the outlook.

It may, perhaps, occasion comment that no mention has been made of the vast areas taken up by gulches, rocks, scrub lands and lava patches. These are to be found, but, as they supply no traffic for a railroad, they escape mention at this time. The proposed extension of the Columbia Southern will be about 100 miles in length, and will for a considerable portion of the way be quite expensive to build. Mr. Harriman's road already secures a livestock and wool traffic from this section. It may be that he is expecting enough business, independent of this, to pay for the road. In such expectations he can hardly be disappointed, but the dimensions of this traffic must for the present be estimated, just as they have been for all other roads that ever penetrated a new section in the West.

E. W. W.

THE INTEREST INCREASES.

Lectures Before Northwest Y. M. C. A. College Conference.

ASTORIA, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—This week's session of the Northwest Young Men's Christian Association College Conference at Gearhart Park is proving even more entertaining and beneficial than were the meetings last week, for the reason that the attendance is larger, and the speakers are of a higher caliber. The program for the week is as follows: Monday, June 4, at 8 o'clock, a platform meeting on Monday a most able address was delivered by President Penrose, of Willamette College, of Clatsop County, who spoke on "The Choice of the House of the Doubter." The afternoon was devoted to baseball, and in the evening another address was made by President Penrose on "The Choice of the House of the Doubter." In addition to the various conferences and Bible sessions on Tuesday there were two addresses, one in the morning, by Professor E. L. House, of Oregon College, on "Who is Jesus Christ?" and another in the evening by E. L. House, D. D., on "The Choice of the Ministry as a Life Work."

Yesterday's addresses were delivered by E. L. House, D. D., and H. W. Stone. The former spoke on the subject, "The Struggle of the Life," and the latter on "The Choice of the Ministry as a Life Work." The life-work meeting in the morning was addressed by E. L. House, D. D., on "The Inalienable Rule of Healthy Life." Mr. House also spoke at the evening's meeting. His subject was, "What Constitutes a Missionary Call?" The programme for the remaining days of the conference is as follows:

On Friday the platform address will be made by E. L. House, on "The Young Men's Christian Association as a Conserver of Christianity in the American College." The life-work meeting in the evening will consist of memorial services in honor of Horace W. Rose, by those who knew him. Saturday's platform address will be by Professor E. L. House, and his topic will be "Jesus' Conception of the Disciples." At the life-work meeting A. S. Allen, general secretary of the Seattle Y. M. C. A., will speak on "College Men as Laymen in City Associations." On Sunday, which will be the last day of the conference, Dr. Wilson, of Seattle, will deliver the platform address on "Anywhere, Provided It Be Forward." The life-work meeting in the evening will be taken up with short talks on the subject, "Why I Purpose to Go to the Foreign Field," by student volunteers.

WORK TOWARD THE UNIVERSITY.

Province of Public Schools, Say Oregon Educators.

ALBANY, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—A public school rally was held in Albany last night in the United Presbyterian Church, and addresses were made by President F. L. Campbell, of the University of Oregon; President Resler, of the Oregon State Normal School; and Hon. J. K. Weatherford, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Albany schools. A large number of the patrons of the Albany schools were present, and the rally was very successful. The speakers emphasized the importance of the public school as a republican institution, and especially recommended a full high school course as fitting the pupil for college work. Four years of high school work prepares the student for the freshman year of the University of Oregon, which must be the criterion in grading school work in this state.

CONSOLIDATION OF DISTRICTS.

Idea Finds Favor With Polk County People.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. J. Ackerman addressed the citizens of Independence this evening at the Opera-House regarding rural schools. He is assisting Principal T. Newell in bringing into Independence the immediate outlying school districts, the children to be brought in by a public conveyance furnished for that purpose. He spoke this afternoon at the Polk County school-house, 3 1/2 miles south of Independence. The people of the rural districts are strongly in favor of it, as it will give the children in general from eight to nine months of school each year.

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PAY HERMANN WILL DRAW

REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT WILL BE ON THE ROLL FROM MARCH 4.

This Is According to House Precedent in Elections Held to Fill a Vacancy.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 4.—Inquiry at the Treasury Department discloses the fact that in all probability Binger Hermann will draw pay as a member of Congress from the First Oregon District beginning March 4, last, as if he had been regularly elected. According to precedent, where a man is chosen at special election to fill a vacancy in the House of Representatives, he is allowed compensation, not from the date of his election, but from the date of his predecessor. There have been other instances in which members so elected have been paid for the full term which they were elected to fill out.

Representative Tongue died in the 58th Congress, but he had been elected a member.

CROSSED THE PLAINS TO OREGON IN 1852.



The Late William Bagley.

William Bagley, who died at his home at University Park June 2, was a pioneer, having crossed the plains with a party of immigrants in 1852, settling in Southern Oregon. He was born in Washington County, New York, March 18, 1827.

On May 1, 1852, he was married to Ann S. Mulkey at Roseburg. In 1863 he moved to Yamhill County, residing at North Yamhill two years and at Amity eight years. In 1874 he was appointed United States Indian Agent at Siletz Indian Agency, serving for a term of four years, when he moved to Yaquina Bay, living for 11 years near Toledo, Lincoln County.

He spent the last eight years of his life at University Park, where he was engaged most of the time in the real estate business. He left a wife and three children—Mrs. Viola Colanor, of Sumner, Wash.; Clara Conner, of Ballston, Or.; and Alvin W. Bagley, of University Park.

The funeral services were held at Salem yesterday. Memorial services will be held Sunday afternoon in University Park Methodist Episcopal Church, at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. C. A. Lewis, of Seilwood Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. W. T. Kerr, of Central Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. G. W. Denniston.

ber of the 58th, Hermann having been elected to succeed him in the 58th, can draw pay only from the beginning of the 58th Congress. It is possible that Hermann will not receive pay for the period between March 4 and June 1, until next Winter, when the Speaker and committee on rules formally authorize the payment.

Inasmuch as Hermann retired from the Senate Office on February 1, he will have been off the Government payroll but one month.

AN OLD SHAFT THEIR PRISON.

Faithful Dog Helps Rescue Survivor of Two.

PLACERVILLE, Cal., June 4.—William Kenna and M. Tranger, who left Volcanville on May 23 and have been missing ever since, were found today in an old mining shaft 40 feet deep, between Mount Gregory and Volcanville. Tranger was dead and Kenna nearly so. Kenna says that Tranger lived until last Sunday. Before dying he went mad, and in his last hours bit his partner.

Trailing parties, searching for the missing men, discovered their whereabouts by seeing Tranger's little dog watching by the shaft. The faithful animal would not leave until his master was taken out. After licking his dead master's hands the dog made no further objection and went with his deliverers to his home near the Baggett Ranch.

Kenna kept track of the days and nights on a slip of paper and in this way was able to measure the length of their terrible imprisonment. The sufferings of the

CANDIDATE FOR CITY TREASURER OF LEWISTON, IDAHO.



Miss Lottie Poe.

pair were horrible. The tortures of thirst and hunger were added to pain of their broken limbs. After several days Tranger realized that he would die and wrote a last note and gave some directions to Kenna regarding his relatives and possessions. He soon became delirious and bit and scratched his companion severely. On last Sunday night Tranger died and Kenna was left to continue the solitary vigil, waiting in increasing despair for what seemed certain death. When old Kenna was in a very weak condition, Mortification had set in on the broken limb and his recovery is extremely doubtful. Tranger lived nine days in the shaft and Kenna was rescued on the eleventh day. Coroner Winchell held an inquest over Tranger's body and a verdict of accidental death was returned. Kenna was taken to relatives at Georgia Slide.

ASTORIA AFTER FUGITIVES.

Fresh Papers Will Be Sent for Men in California Jail.

ASTORIA, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—A telegram was received last evening from City Attorney A. M. Smith, who is now in San Francisco, explaining why Governor Pardee, of California, had refused to honor the requisition papers for the return to Oregon of John Book, Josiah Smith and Delbert Smith, who are wanted in Astoria to answer to the charge of perjury. It appears that the complaint, after reciting the facts in the case, setting forth the charges against the men, which are substantiated by numerous affidavits, concluded with the words "as I verily believe," as is provided by the Oregon statute.

In California, however, there is a recent court decision that no requisition papers shall be issued on a complaint based on "information and belief." Governor

Pardee held that technically the papers in this case were in conflict with the decision, and he accordingly refused to honor them.

District Attorney Allen left this morning for Salem with new papers, which he will request Governor Chamberlain to sign, and forward them to Sacramento at once. As the men are still confined in the Oakland Jail, it is expected everything will be satisfactorily arranged so that the officers can start north with them on Sunday.

DISGRACED, HE DIES.

William Kyle Had Stolen From British Columbia Transfer Company.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 4.—The certainty of exposure of his misappropriation of funds is supposed to be the cause of the suicide of William Kyle last night. He was employed by the British Columbia Transfer Company as assistant bookkeeper. Harry Wolf, driver for the company, had previously been under arrest for embezzlement. The company contends that Kyle and Wolf were confederates.

Charged with his guilt, Kyle is said to have confessed his crime to his employers. An appointment was made with Kyle by the manager of the company for last evening, when the books

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The quality and productiveness of the fruit here was a marvel to the visitors, and they never tired in their praise of what they saw. They spent the whole afternoon in the strawberry patches and apple orchards, while the growers, many of them native Germans, explained the successful methods of horticulture.

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PRESENT TO PRESIDENT COLEMAN.

First-Year Students Give Him a Case From Historic Apple Trees.

SALEM, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—President Coleman of Willamette University was presented this morning by the first-year students with a case made from one of the old apple trees recently removed from the campus. The trees are supposed to have been planted by the pioneer missionary, Jason Lee, more than 50 years ago.

Bishop Hamilton, of California, will not be able to come to Salem next Sunday to deliver the baccalaureate sermon and this duty will be performed by President Coleman.

Next Sunday evening the students, faculty and friends of Willamette University will hold jubilee exercises in the First Methodist Episcopal Church in celebration of the raising of the debt of the University. Senator Booth will not be able to be present, as expected, because of business which calls him to Eastern Oregon.

NO TROUBLE TO COLLECT MONEY.

Clark County Officers Report Receipts Heavy.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 4.—(Special.)—Not for years have the receipts been so heavy in the county offices for fees. The Clerk received \$450 during May, and no clerical assistance was required in the conduct of the office. In the Auditor's office the fees greatly exceed those of the same month last year. All the officers report a substantial gain in the fees received.

The Treasurer reports taxes as having been well paid so far, but comparatively few pieces of property going delinquent for the first installment of taxes.

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FOR THE BIG SING FEST.

Societies and Visitors Crowding into Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 4.—(Special.)—The Seattle Liederkreis and the Whatcom Concordia Clubs arrived tonight, 190 strong, in three special coaches for the Saengerbund of the Northwest. The Walla Walla Maennerchor meeting them at the depot with the local military band. The Portland society is due at 3 o'clock in the morning and Tacoma and Spokane will arrive tomorrow forenoon. The chorus will number 300 and the visitors about 250.

The regular programme will start tomorrow night, when the Portland Arion Society will give an unaccompanied chorus, "Columbia Letzte Nacht" (W. Sturm), and will participate in the Saengerbund chorus.

Tomorrow morning the Seattle, Whatcom and Walla Walla societies will serenade the coming German agriculturists at the O. R. & N. depot.

JAPANESE EYES AFFECTED.

Immigration Board Has Ordered Them Departed.

SEATTLE, June 4.—Immigration inspectors today detained four Japanese men who arrived on the steamship Kijon, two of whom were accompanied by their wives; one boy, 12 years of age, three stayaways and one Englishman. All were given a hearing before a special board of inquiry and have been ordered deported.

The four Japanese were infected with trachoma, a contagious disease affecting the eyes. The boy was without a guardian or relatives and liable to become a public charge. The stayaways were not entitled to enter under the immigration act prohibiting the passing of papers, and the Englishman was contract labor.

New Scale of Wages for Teammen.

ST. PAUL, June 4.—General Superintendent Winter, of the Omaha Railroad, announced today a new schedule of wages for all train and yardmen. The new scale of wages is practically the same as that granted by the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern.

Improvement of Astoria Streets.

ASTORIA, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—Bids were opened by the street committee of the City Council this afternoon for improving three blocks on Eleventh street as follows: C. G. Palmberg, \$121; Birch & Jackson, \$135.60; W. A. Goodin, \$122. The contract was awarded to Palmberg.

Douglas for Hermann by Nearly 500.

ROSEBURG, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—Complete unofficial election returns for Douglas County show parity for Hermann is 499.

MURDER OF FIRST DEGREE CHARGED IN SLAYING HALLGARTH.

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