

MONTH A FAVORABLE ONE

CROP REPORT SHOWS SATISFACTORY CONDITIONS.

Farmers Have Been Busy Throughout the State, and an Increased Acreage is Reported.

That the past month has been an extremely favorable one for the work of the farmers is shown by the climate and crop reports just received from all parts of the state by the local United States Weather Bureau.

Reports from all sections show that fall-sown wheat is in fine condition, having a good growth, and that much work has been done in plowing and seeding. Pastures have been busy throughout the state and an increased acreage is reported.

The Willamette Valley shows a prosperous condition. Clark County: Fall wheat has made a good growth, with more fall seeding than usual. Grass is good. The month of November has been exceedingly fine for seeding and germination. Fruit trees are not in a healthy condition, caused by frost. Cattle are thin in flesh.

Marion County: Grain is being sown every day when it is not raining too hard. The month has been very favorable to growing grain, and for fall plowing and seeding. An increased fall grain acreage is reported for this year. Stock looks well, and the grain continues to grow. Ground is being prepared for planting hot roots, and many new yards were being started.

Fresh County: Weather during the entire month has been very favorable for the growth of grain and general farm work. Fall grain and pasture grasses show unusual growth and vigor. Pastures are abundant and stock in good condition. Fruit trees in good condition. No killing frost has occurred in this locality to date.

Benton County: The weather has been the most of the month for plowing and seeding, and farmers have caught up with their work. A larger acreage has been planted to grain this fall than has been done for several years. There has been no frost as yet, and grain and grass are doing fine.

Tillamook County: The first half of the month was fine for putting in crops; the latter part rainy. Crops look fine and pasture growing nicely. Stock doing well. Prospects are bright for a successful season.

Linn County: The weather has been rainy or showery and warm. Grain is looking fine. Pastures are good and stock doing well. Fruit trees have too much sap for this season of the year. The turnip crop is fine, and the potato crop better than expected. A large amount of wheat and cereal has been sown.

Lane County: The weather during the month has been favorable for plowing and seeding. Fall-sown grain has made good growth, and looks unusually well. Grass is growing fine and stock looking well. Pasture in good condition. Grain is about all sown, and but little plowing to be done. Ground in good condition except in the very low lands. Farmers are well pleased with the prospect.

Multnomah County: One report shows that little or no seed has been sown. Most of the clover sown last year has failed, and meadows will have to be seeded down again.

DeWitt County: Fall wheat is in good condition and of good color. The month has been favorable for the germination of grain; also for seeding, plowing, etc. Grain and forage plants are in fine condition. Fruit trees are in good condition, and pastures are doing well. The weather has been warm and pleasant.

Jackson County: The weather has been very favorable for farmers, who have now about finished fall plowing and seeding. Favored by pleasant warm temperatures and occasional rains, early sown grain has made a fine growth, and looks splendidly promising. There has been no killing frost as yet, and the grass keeps growing on the range.

Josephine County: The weather for the past month has been very favorable. Scarcely any frost. Grain and grasses growing nicely. Pasture good for time of year. Stock doing well.

Columbia County: First part of month very good for plowing and seeding; latter part quite wet, but warm enough for grain to start in good shape. Month reasonably good for crops and stock; some complaint of apples not keeping well.

Clatsop County: The first half of the month was tolerably fine, with dry weather, but the rainfall during the latter part has been excessive. The weather has been warm, however, and pastures very good for this season of the year.

Tillamook County: The month has been most favorable to the growth of fall seeding. Pasture has had an uninterrupted growth, and stock so far has not required feeding. Warm weather has been the rule.

Lincoln County: Absence of frost, with plenty of mild rain, keeps vegetation of all kinds growing. Winter grain is in good condition; pasture and pastures for cattle feeding. Warm weather has been the rule. Fruit trees in normal condition. All livestock doing well.

Wasco County: Past month has been the best month has been in good condition for seeding. Fall grain looks fine. Stock doing well on good pasture. No frost as yet.

Gilliam County: Past month has been well for all growing crops, as it was too dry. Fine showers have occurred the past few days, and it is expected that the crop will be better. Stock not doing well on account of short grass.

Morrow County: A large acreage of fall grain sown. The earlier seeding is doing well. There has been about three inches of rain. High grass is in fine condition, and there is more than necessary for use of stock on the range. The month has been most favorable for plowing and seeding. Grain is coming up fairly well, but pastures rather poor. Stock, however, is doing well.

Union County: The first part of the month was extremely favorable for grain sowing. Summer fallow. Much plowing and seeding has been done, and now rain is needed. The best crop has been harvested, and a good yield is reported.

Wheeler County: The weather in the past month has been very favorable for fall plowing. Alfalfa and fruit trees in good condition.

OFF ON SIX-DAY RACE.

Thousands Cheer Start of Riders in Madison Square Garden.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—A mad roar of applause from nearly 20,000 spectators in Madison Square Garden, the contestants in the 12th international six-day bicycle race responded to the crack of the starter's pistol, fired by Congressman Timothy D. Sullivan, at five minutes after midnight this morning. The cheers that hailed the start continued until several laps had been reeled off, the backers of the various contesting teams shouting themselves hoarse.

The foreign contingent this year is the largest that has ever started in the race, and it was the general opinion of the experts who witnessed the start that the native champions will have a hard time holding their own. Eighteen teams started, the California team, consisting of the Downing brothers, being broken up, Carl Limberg, of San Jose, being substituted for Burton Downing.

Gougoltz, riding at terrific speed, flew over the line in the lead at the first turn around. Almost on even terms were Vanderstuyft and Samuelson, second and third respectively. Moran led at the end of the second circle and at the end of the fifth lap, or half mile, Waitbour was ahead.

THE RECORD FOR THE FIRST HOUR WAS 24 MILES, THREE LAPS. THE RECORD FOR THE FIRST HOUR IS 25 MILES, THREE LAPS, MADE BY GUGOLTZ-KAISER IN 1902.

Samuelson led at the tenth mile in 24:30. At 15 miles Caldwell was leading in 26:34. At 20 miles Bowler was leading in 46:32.5. There were several spills. At the end of the second hour all the riders had made 40 miles. At 2:30 o'clock Kings was lapped in a fierce sprint led by Waitbour. Throughout the last hour there has been continued sprinting, led at various times by Munroe, the Bedells, Root and Keegan.

JUMPED ON MR. JONES.

Tigers Bat Out a Victory in the Seventh From Los Angeles.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—Los Angeles had the situation well in hand today up to the seventh inning, when Tacoma made three two-base hits in succession after two men had been retired, and five of Fisher's men scored enough runs to give them the game. Joe Corbett pitched for Tacoma. The score:

Los Angeles ..... 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 3 3 1  
Tacoma ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 9 1  
Batteries—Jones and Eager; Corbett and Graham.  
Umpire—McDonald.

ARRANGE FOR CAMPING.

Old Soldiers Would Hold Unique Reunion During Fair.

If the plans adopted at a meeting of Summer Post No. 12, G. A. R., Saturday night, are carried out next year, during the time of the Lewis and Clark Fair, there will be a grand encampment of old soldiers in Portland from all over the Union. Post State Commander M. I. Pratt brought the matter to the attention of the post, and it was the opinion of all present that the movement was in the right direction. Mr. Pratt said:

"G. A. R. men from all over the state are saying, 'We are coming to Portland to camp during the big Fair,' and it occurred to me that it would be a good thing for the Portland G. A. R. posts to secure a general camp ground, get a lot of tents and arrange for the old soldiers from all parts of the Union."

J. W. Ogilbee, G. A. R. Post No. 12, Newell and others spoke in favor of the plan. It was decided first to secure the co-operation of all Portland and surrounding posts, and to this end Post Post Commander John W. Ogilbee was instructed to communicate with Portland posts in regard to holding a mass meeting to consider the movement, as it was considered that all must co-operate or the plan cannot be carried out. What-ever the mass meeting decides on will be the plan of all. It is hoped to get Hawthorne Park, or ground adjoining, for a camp ground, and campfires may be held in the park.

J. W. Ogilbee said: "There will be hundreds of old soldiers attending the Fair, and when they hear that they can hold a grand camp while in Portland, they will flock here by the hundreds. The best and ablest men in the G. A. R. will come. I am struck with the movement as a fine thing and hope to see it carried out."

It was decided to hold an open joint memorial service Saturday night, December 11, with Summer Relief Post, December 12, and the officers of the post were authorized to make the arrangements. Members and friends will be invited. The post has lost by death during the year, Judge John E. Mayo, E. C. Sargent, J. B. Wheeler and DeWitt C. Miller, and the Relief Corps lost Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Everson.

The following officers of Summer Post were elected: Past post commander, John W. Ogilbee; post commander, D. Clark; senior vice-commander, W. A. Henderson; junior, George A. Prentice; quartermaster, A. D. Sharno; chaplain, J. A. Newell; officer of the day, A. C. Edmondson; officer of the guard, J. E. Thompson; delegates to state encampment, C. Ward, J. P. Gillis, G. A. Prentice, Jacob Deckenback, J. Riner. Post membership is over 100, and closed one of its most prosperous years.

Officers-elect of the Sumner Women's Relief Corps are as follows: President, Mrs. H. E. Peirce; senior vice-president, Mrs. J. C. Fritchard; junior vice, Mrs. S. C. Eastman; treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Bride; chaplain, Mrs. Buchanan; conductress, Myrtle Bates; guard, May Gillis. Membership, 94. Much charity work was done.

PREPARING CIRCULAR LETTER

Evangelical Information Bureau to Begin its Work at Once.

The information bureau of the Evangelical Association, represented by Rev. H. O. Henderson, Rev. G. W. Plumer, Rev. F. R. Green, Rev. N. Shupp and others, of the denomination, is having a circular letter prepared containing information about Oregon and the Lewis and Clark Fair. This letter, says Mr. Green, will contain a general outline of the state, and will be sent in answer to the many letters church members are receiving, and remove the long and laborious job of answering each letter. The circular letter will be sent out on and on, and with the great rural masterpieces of the modern stage.

Advantage Sale at Marquam.

This morning at 10 o'clock the advance sale of seats will open for the beautiful, picturesque, romantic drama, "Pretty Peggy," which Jane Corcoran, supported by Andrew Robson (of "Richard Carvel" fame), will present at the Marquam Grand Theatre next Tuesday and Wednesday nights, December 7 and 8. Miss Corcoran's personal success as Peg Woffington (or "Pretty Peggy," as Frances Ayman Martine pleases to call the heroine of her play) has been little short of a sensation, and Andrew Robson, as David Garrick, has been equally well received.

"Everyman" at the Marquam.

"Everyman," which the famous Ben Greet Company of players will present at the Marquam Grand Theatre next Friday afternoon, Saturday afternoon and Saturday night, December 9 and 10, was written in 1539 by Peter Doonland, a monk of Diest, Belgium, and is the finest extant specimen of the morality plays which were commonly performed about the streets and in the religious houses of Europe during the fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Its first representation before a modern audience was in the old Charterhouse, London, and by the Elizabethan Stage Society, under the direction of Mr. Greet, who will personally direct the performances here. The representation of this medieval drama has met with extraordinary popular support, and this is the third season that Mr. Greet has presented it in America. It is announced that the sale of seats for "Everyman" will begin next Wednesday at 10 o'clock. Mr. Greet's tickets on application at the box office.

Next Week at the Columbia.

Following "Mistakes Will Happen," the Columbia Stock Company will give a splendid production of "The Prodigal Daughter."

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

Another Baker Opening.

The new Baker bill will open this afternoon under the most favorable circumstances that have marked the beginning of a week at the famous theater since it opened. Sanfellas and Girdellias, the three high acrobats, will introduce their new and startling act; the five Orni, engaged by special request for another week, will appear in their famous hoop-rolling and juggling act; Byron and West, the rural musical comedians; Madeleine De Lane, the fashionable-soubrette; the Thompsons, greatest of Chinese impersonators, and Baldwin, the song artist,

Cash Short; Bank Officer Missing.

ARDMORE, I. T., Dec. 4.—An investigation of the books of the First National Bank of Ardmore, I. T., shows a shortage of between \$2,000 and \$2,500. One of the officers of the bank is missing and the other officers say they do not know his whereabouts.

When You Have a Bad Cold.

If you want a remedy that will not only give quick relief but effect a permanent cure. You want a remedy that will relieve the lungs and keep expectation easy. You want a remedy that will counteract any tendency toward pneumonia. You want a remedy that is pleasant and safe to take. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy meets all of these requirements and for the speedy and permanent cure of bad colds stands without a peer. For sale by all druggists.

DISCUSS PRIMARY LAW

ACT IS BEING INTERPRETED IN VARIOUS WAYS.

Attorney-General Crawford Is of the Opinion It Will Not Be Operative Until After 1906 Registration.

According to the general interpretation put on the direct primary law, that act will not be operative until after the registration of 1906. Such is the opinion of Attorney General Crawford, and it has been followed by a number of towns in their recent nomination of candidates for municipal elections. And it is taken for granted in political circles that the law will not apply in Portland next year for the nomination for the city election in June, unless the Legislature this Winter shall authorize a new registration or otherwise remedy the law.

As the law stands, only those electors can participate in primaries who are registered as to their political affinity. But only a small number of electors have so registered, and though the County Clerk will be required by law to open the registration books during the 30-day period preceding April 15 for city elections, only those voters can then register who are not already registered or who have changed their places of residence.

An amendment will be offered so changing the law that registration of a voter's political affiliation will not be required for his participation in the party primaries next year, and it remains to be seen whether the Legislature will accept the amendment and make the law operative. The last Legislature refused to pass a bill for direct primaries.

The primary act under which Multnomah County primaries were conducted in 1902 and 1904 and by means of which the Mitchell wing of the Republican party secured the ascendancy, was repealed by the enactment of the direct primary law last June, consequently the direct primary act alone remains. And if it shall not be operative next Spring, each party will be at liberty to hold its primaries in the old way and as it pleases. This will place a big advantage at the disposal of the present organizations in the Republican and Democratic parties if they desire to avail themselves of it as the Simon organizations used to do before the passage of the primary act of 1901.

Although the direct primary act aims at the abolition of nominating conventions, considerable talk is heard of continuing the old system, especially for a state convention and ticket in the convention nominees ratified at the legal primaries. Those who advocate this plan contend that the convention is necessary in order to organize the doctrine of the party and frame its platform. They propose to hold the old-time party primaries and conventions ahead of the legal nominating primaries. But their opponents contend that a ticket thus named would be branded with the opprobrium of "machine," and second that such conventions are prohibited because the law ordains that no delegates to any convention that may hereafter be called shall be elected at the primaries in the manner prescribed by the direct primary act.

No politician has a well-defined idea of what procedure will be followed, or how the direct primary law is going to work out, but it may be said for politicians in general that they predict failure. Their common opinion is that, while the Legislature might well repeal the act, it will not do so, and that the most the lawmakers will do will be to touch the act gingerly.

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

"SIS HOPKINS" TONIGHT.

Charming Comedienne Rose Melville in Her Famous Character.

Tonight and tomorrow night at the Marquam Grand Theatre the charming comedienne, supported by a most capable company, will present her famous comedy-drama, "Sis Hopkins." It has been scarcely a year since this clever actress presented her laughable character of "sis" to a Portland audience and scored a decided hit. The character is that of a simple country girl of Posey County, Indiana, who grows nothing of the world or the people in it. Her life has been spent on the farm and she lives the simple, every-day life of the homely people of the countryside. There is little villainy in the play, but there is just enough to open her eyes to the world's duplicity and she goes forth "to learn to be like other people." The character is rather comical in the extreme, but it is not one of agonizing strain for effect. It is quiet and effective and full of a gentle comedy which is nicely shaded with a tender pathos. As a play of sincere heart interest, "Sis Hopkins" is one of our best. 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