

BIG RAIN GLADDENS HEARTS OF FARMER

Precipitation Worth Million to Oregon Grain, Fruit and Vegetables.

EASTERN COUNTIES HELPED

Reports From All Parts of State Tell of Rejoicing—Forest Fires Are Quenched—Washington and Idaho Also Benefited.

Heavy rains of Sunday and Monday are worth several million dollars to grain farmers in Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho, say crop experts.

The rain was general throughout the Northwest, and in addition to adding substantially to the grain, fruit, grass and vegetable crops, it prevented heavy losses from forest fires that have been raging for a week in several places throughout the Northwest. Reports from the burned districts have shown that not a spark of fire remains. Little if any green timber was burned. The fire was confined to slashings.

Lost Time Made Up.

While the weather was apparently attempting to make up for a few hours yesterday the total deficiency in rainfall since September 1, Portland received a deluge that drove straw hats spinning for hours, and the farmers were able to get a total precipitation of 35 inches in 24 hours. This brings the total rainfall since September 1 up to 36.48 inches, which is still 10.74 inches below normal.

Between 11:42 and 11:52, a bare ten minutes, the record showed a precipitation of 38 inch, which is heavier than any other day in the season. It was at this time that summer hats found themselves decidedly out of place and every awning and the entrance to every business in the city became the refuge of dripping pedestrians, with limp and forlorn straw hats.

Record Crops Now Certain.

SHANIKO, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—A gentle summer rain, which fell all over Southern Wasco, Southern Sherman and Northern Crook counties since Sunday afternoon, adding further certainty to the prospects for record crops of all kinds. There is a much greater acreage planted to grain and potatoes hereabouts than ever before. Harvest will be about 10 days earlier than usual.

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