

CORN SHOW PROVES TO BE EYE OPENER

Thousands of Ears Displayed at Pendleton as Fine as Those From "Belt."

SERIOUS INTEREST TAKEN

Farmers From Hundred or More Communities Attend and Ask Questions—Big Increase in Acreage Predicted in 1914.

BY ADDISON BENNETT. PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The evening of the first day of the O-W-R. & N. Corn Show finds the exhibits in the best of order, thanks to the indefatigable labors of Farmer Smith and his assistants and, what is more to the point, the class and quality of the corn is far ahead of anything that the most optimistic of enthusiasts had any reason to expect. It may be well to say that those who come here, or who come later, expecting to find a palace of corn like has been seen in some of the so-called corn states of the Mississippi Valley will go away mistaken and perhaps disillusioned. Such people should remember that this show and the one just closed at Colfax are the first attempts of the kind ever undertaken in the Northwest. They should further remember that we are just finding ourselves in the growing of corn, that it is only a very, very few years since the man who attempted to raise corn in this section was looked upon as a fool or a dabbler.

Interest is Genuine. Not there is no corn palace in which to show the exhibits; but there are many thousands of ears of fine corn as can be grown anywhere in the country, and these exhibits were brought in by serious, careful, cautious men who have undertaken, in conjunction with their Alma Mater, so to speak, the O-W-R. & N. Company, to bring the Northwest up to the position it ought to and soon will occupy in what may be called the great American corn field. Not only the exhibitors but the spectators are serious students. Farmers are here from a hundred or more communities. They go over the exhibits carefully, they ask questions, they compare the exhibits over with another, they talk about the seed, where and how to get it to start with and how to secure it in future years. Then almost to a man they say: "I am going to try it next year."

Those who had an acre or so as an experiment this year will have from 20 to 40 acres next year. Those who had 20 or 40 this year will double their area, perhaps far more, next year.

Big Increase Predicted.

As I said in my dispatch from Colfax, it is estimated by the best authority in the Northwest, Farmer Smith, that the acreage increased this year over last to the extent of 400 per cent. Mr. Smith now estimates that the increase next year will be nearly as great.

What that means to this section of the country can safely be left with those who know what the hog and the cow at their best mean to a country, for the only thing that has been done in corn-growing is the stock on his own or neighbor's lands.

From Wasco County alone there are here 84 exhibits of nearly 4000 ears. Some of this corn is about as near perfect as corn grows, and in several cases the yield is reported to be in excess of 60 bushels per acre, secured by dry-land farming, which seems to tell the wheat-grower that there is something better than Summer fallowing in the old, old way.

Exhibit is Eye-Opener.

From Wheeler, Gilliam, Sherman, Morrow, Umatilla, Union and Baker Counties the exhibits have come. Aside from the many fine specimens from Wasco County the display at the Corn Valley, in Baker County, is attracting much attention. Then the exhibit from the two-acre tract of E. R. Peck, a homesteader on dry land, 10 miles south and 1000 feet higher than Heppner, is certainly an eye-opener for the people of Morrow, Gilliam and Sherman Counties.

Mr. Peck has prepared a field of 24 acres for the planting of his next year's crop, the seed being already selected from his present crop. Perhaps his example is but a fair criterion of what will be done next year all over the dry-farming belt.

The visitors today were greatly disappointed because R. B. Miller, traffic manager of the O-W-R. & N., was not present. He had suddenly returned to Portland from Lewiston on pressing business. Dozens and dozens of the exhibitors grew their corn from seed distributed through Mr. Miller, and they wanted to meet the man who is doing so much to uphold the Northwest. They hope that Mr. Miller will be here tomorrow.

These exhibits demonstrate beyond any possibility of doubt there is no section of Oregon in which corn cannot be successfully produced," said Mr. Smith. "There is corn here that would compare favorably from any standpoint with that exhibited at any show in the country and there are ears here from Baker City which are as large as any ever exhibited at a corn show."

Reports Accompany Exhibits.

With nearly every one of the 150 exhibits there is a report of the methods and seed used by the grower, the production per acre and the cost per bushel. These reports show yields as high as 85 bushels on irrigated land and from 25 to 45 bushels on dry land. T. A. Smith, of The Dalles, reports 1800 bushels from a 65-acre orchard containing three-year-old trees. Two years ago he tried to grow corn from Western seed, but gave up in despair, believing corn could not be produced in Oregon. He was induced by "Farmer Smith" to make another try. "While Oregon seed and he now says if this corn produces as well next year as this he will devote his attention to corn instead of fruit."

L. S. Irvin, of Hermiston, reports 572 pounds of ear corn and 13,500 pounds of fodder from one acre of land, at a cost of \$130. The seed had been grown three years in that neighborhood.

Mr. Smith is impressing upon all farmers the necessity of using seed which is acclimated. Referring to the prize-winning exhibit from Pendleton, Mr. Smith picked up a number of Oregon-grown ears of corn and proceeded to demonstrate why they were of higher grade and heavier yield than the Eastern product.

CORONER TO REHEAR CASE

Officials on Canal Work Say Witnesses Did Not Give Facts.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Dissatisfied with the verdict of the

Coroner's jury to the effect that negligence and carelessness on the part of the Government engineers at camp 3, on The Dalles-Celilo canal works, caused the death of Frank Lynch, a laborer, Tuesday, the canal officials have requested Coroner Burgett to reopen the inquest proceedings. The request was granted by Coroner Burgett, who, with the members of his jury, will go to camp 3 Sunday morning for the purpose of further investigation. No official from the Government canal works was present at the inquest which was held last night, and it is charged that the witnesses, all laborers, were prejudiced against the officials on the big job and that the facts of conditions on the works at the time of the fatal accident were not presented by the witnesses.

Lynch was killed when a load of dirt which was being raised from the canal bed fell on him, due to the breaking of a goose neck.

IRISH HEIR WANTS \$418

ESCHEATED ESTATE SOUGHT BY PATRICK MURRAY'S SISTER.

Brother Not Heard From in 40 Years and Death of Baker Resident is Learned of Accidentally.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—A sole heir, discovered years after the death of Patrick Murray, who died in Los Angeles in January, 1910, leaving property which reverted to the County of Baker, has been found in far away Ireland and today her attorneys filed a petition for the payment of the money by the County Treasurer. The sole heir is Winifred Clancy, formerly Winifred Murray, a sister of Patrick Murray, who lives in North Gate street, Athenry, County Galway, Ireland. When Mr. Murray died no heir could be found by John Waterman, administrator of the estate, and when he turned in his final report there was a balance of \$418.27. Under the law, in the absence of a legal heir and with no will discovered, this money was paid to the County Treasurer. Mrs. Clancy now petitions for the money. She makes affidavit that her brother left for the United States 40 years ago and that she received letters from her sister telling of his whereabouts. One by one the brothers and sisters of Patrick Murray died until only Winifred Clancy was left, the affidavit recites, and it was only by accident that the death of her brother, from whom she had never heard, was learned. Accompanying the affidavit are proofs of relationship and an affidavit by a cousin, Winifred Conannon, also telling of the relationship.

OFFICERS UNDER ARREST

BURGLARY OF JAIL AND THEFT OF LIQUOR IS CHARGED.

Sensational Arrests at Rupert, Idaho, Made on Statement of Prisoner Found Drunk in Cell.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Several of the new officials of Mindoka County may be ousted from office while disbarment proceedings probably will be instituted against three attorneys as the result of an outrage in County Jail at Rupert and taking out a large quantity of liquor which had been confiscated by the court from bootlegger Charles Nelson. Nelson is under arrest, charged with bootlegging, and warrants were served today on Attorney E. R. Dampier, City Attorney W. R. Hixson, Probate Judge Peables, County Clerk Butler and J. W. Voorhes, who were charged with burglary. Hixson, Dampier and Butler later were disbarred. It is alleged that these men raided the jail after picking the lock and procured the liquor last night. Mindoka County is "under" the local option law. The exposure and arrest created a sensation, for all of the officials are prominent in the community. An alleged bootlegger, the only prisoner in the jail at the time of the raid, was discovered gloriously drunk this morning in his cell. It was on his statement, after sweating, that the names of the officials and attorneys were given as the persons who entered the jail.

YAKIMA ROAD IS ASSURED

Network of Auto Roads Planned From Irrigated Districts.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The Kittitas County Commissioners today appropriated \$2500 for the improvement of the highway between this city and North Yakima. This sum will be used with \$10,000 appropriated by the Yakima Board to be used on the same road. The total will be sufficient to straighten the short curves and cut down a number of grades between the two cities and will make the road ideal for automobile traffic. This improvement is one of the steps in constructing a network of automobile roads which will connect Tacoma and Seattle with the three large irrigated districts of Eastern Washington—Kittitas, Yakima and Wenatchee valleys. The Commissioners of Chelan and Kittitas counties are considering the improvement of a road between Ellensburg and Wenatchee. The first contract on the Snoqualmie road between Seattle and Ellensburg has been started, and a survey recently was completed for a road between Yakima and Tacoma via the Rainier National Park.

GIRL'S MIND FLITS AWAY

North Yakima Lass Wanders for Several Hours and Loses Hair.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—From the time she left a friend on Yakima avenue at 5 o'clock last night, until she was found wandering in the west part of the city at 9 o'clock, the mind of Honor Richards, a 15-year-old girl was a complete blank, according to the story she told when taken back to the North Yakima Detention Home. Within that time she lost her abundant hair, but she has no recollection of the manner in which this happened, according to her story. She is an orphan, who had been in the detention home for some time. A home in this city had just been found for her.

Large Tract to Grow Alfalfa.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Workmen are preparing 440 acres of land at Burbank, and alfalfa will be planted in the Spring. The following year the remaining 550 acres of the 1000-acre tract will be seeded. The Burbank Company is building eight bungalows, in which the workmen will be housed.

Ellensburg Scales Confiscated.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The Scales of Weights and Measures for Yakima and Kittitas counties has confiscated 25 sets of scales, it was learned, as a result of his official visit here last week.



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MORE HOGS, COWS URGED

That West Will Be Sending Great Quantities of Milk Products to East in Few Years Predicted. Association Elects.

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special.)

Oregon cows and Oregon hogs were lauded, praised and boosted here today when facts and figures were presented at the annual convention of the Oregon Butter and Cheesemakers Association that indicate beyond a doubt that the cow and the hog are coming into their own in the Northwest with great rapidity.

Oregon, Idaho and Washington creamery men, butter and cheesemakers who are members of the butter and cheese associations of the three states held their annual convention in La Grande today. President Townsend, of Portland, presided, and Dairy and Food Commissioner Mickle was present. Half a dozen prominent creamerymen participated in the program this afternoon and tonight, the evening speeches coming as toasts at a big banquet tendered by the Commercial Club.

That the West will be sending carload shipments of butter into the East within a few years, as soon as more herd and more cows are brought into Oregon, was the sense of the speeches, and that the reduced tariff will do no harm was another point brought out. The winners in the contest for prizes in the 18 displays of butter were: S. O. Rice, of the Portland Union Meat Company, first; Emery Cox, of La Grande, second; and R. E. Kivette, of the Townsend Creamery, Portland, third. Considerable emphasis was laid on the quality of the butter that can be produced in Oregon and it was the opinion of all that the required advance deposits with foreign shipping

associations would tend to lessen the amount of butter shipped into this country. Fully three months are required to get returns on foreign investments.

A. C. Black, of the Union Meat Company, brought an encouraging report regarding the hog business. "Framenous reductions in importation of hogs to Oregon have resulted in the past year or two," he said. "Oregon farmers are rising to the issue and producing an overwhelming portion of the supply, with the result that thousands of dollars stay in Oregon."

James Withycombe, of Oregon Agricultural College; Professor Franch, of the same school; J. M. Lambert, of the United States Dairy Division, who inspected the butter and awarded prizes; Carl Schalling, of Portland, and Robert Withycombe, of Union, were other speakers. The convention adjourned at 11 o'clock tonight.

The annual election of officers resulted in the election of Chris Myhre, of Junction City, president; L. P. Holgeron, Junction City, vice-president; F. L. Kent, Eugene, secretary-treasurer, and S. R. Cooper, Prineville; J. W. Bickford, Elgin, and O. B. Neptune, of Albany, on the executive committee. No meeting place was chosen.

Latah Farmers Gather.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—More than 100 delegates gathered tonight here for the opening of the mid-Winter session of the Latah County Local Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union. Important matters affecting the work of the union were taken up tonight in executive session. An open meeting will be held Saturday night, at which time L. C. Crow, state president, will deliver an address.

Pendleton Rainfall Lighter.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Pendleton's rainfall for the month of November was slightly below the nor-

mal, but precipitation for the year thus far is nearly four inches in excess of the normal, and more than two inches greater than the normal precipitation for the entire 12 months. The amount of moisture received during the month just closed was 1.34 inches, while the rainfall for the past 11 months totals 14.46 inches.

MILLMEN TO EXPLOIT FIR

Incorporation Plans Introduction of Product Throughout World.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation of the Douglas Fir Exploitation & Export Company, just filed here, mark the beginning of a campaign to introduce Northwestern fir to the markets of the world.

Five of the best known lumber manufacturers of the Northwest—E. L. Gaudette, of South Bend; L. J. Wentworth, of Portland; W. B. Mack, of Aberdeen; E. G. Ames, of Port Gamble, and D. E. Skinner, of Port Gamble—are named in the articles as incorporators and trustees of the company, which is capitalized at \$200,000. Stock is to be sold to none but lumber manufacturers and no manufacturer is to be allowed to obtain a majority interest. Officers are to be maintained at Seattle, Portland and San Francisco.

School Vacation Stretched.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The School Board played Santa Claus to the pupils of the public schools yesterday, and changed the dates of the Christmas holidays to suit the youngsters. The Board had fixed the dates as December 19 to 25, with one day at New Year's, but this has

been changed to December 24 to January 5.

Pendleton Men Pleased.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Loud in their praises of the treatment afforded them and of the quality of the exhibition, 21 Pendleton businessmen returned this morning in their special car from the Lewiston Stock Show. They have no hesitancy in declaring that the show and the manner in which it is conducted would be credit to a city many times the size of Lewiston.

Castle Rock Store Robbed.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 5.—(Spe-

cial.)—Wheatie & Gehlman's hardware store at Castle Rock was robbed between midnight and 6 o'clock this morning and approximately \$200 worth of firearms, ammunition and other goods taken. The police along the main line have been notified.

Genesee Couple Married.

GENESEE, Idaho, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Melvin D. Howe and Miss Edna Shafter, of Genesee, were united in marriage here Wednesday, at the bride's home. Mr. and Mrs. Howe left for Lewiston, Idaho, from there they will go to Seattle for a short trip, and will reside west of Genesee. Rev. N. E. Beach, of Clarkston, performed the ceremony.

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