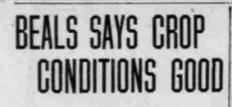
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Soil Well Filled With Moisture. Late Spring Averts Frost Danger.

RAINFALL BELOW NORMAL

District Weather Forecaster Says Wheat Lands of Inland Empire Are Now in Better Shape Than for Many Years.

BY EDWARD A. BEALS. District Forecaster. The Pacific type of rainfall is charac-

terized by wet Winters and dry Summers. About half of the yearly precipmers. About half of the yearly precip-fication comes in the months of Decem-her, January and February and the re-maining half is distributed throughout the other months, being least in July and August. On this account the Win-ter molsture has an important bearing on crop fields, for if the soil is well watted in Winter, its retentive char-moter is such as the enable crops to ma-ture with very little more rainfall.

acter is such as to enable crops to ma-ture with very little more rainfall. Reports recently received at the local office of the Weather Bureau show the soil in the wheat sections of the "In-land Empire" to be moistened to good depths and in better condition in this respect that it has been for a number of years. The condition of the soil as regards moisture cannot always be de-termined by the amount of precipitation that has fallen in Winter, for should the ground be frozen when snows are the ground be frozen when snows are melting or heavy rains occur, the run-off is large in proportion to the amount tp by the soil.

Rainfall Below Normal.

The rainfall this season was slightly below normal except in portions of Idaho, where it was greater than usual. The following are the amounts for the months of September, October, Novem-ber, December, January and February.

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The antecedent reason for the soll being in such good condition with so little rainfall is due to the protection little rainfall is due to the protection it received from snow which fell co-piously during the first half of January and before it had time to freeze to any great extent. It was during this period that the coldest weather of the season occurred, and since then mild tempera-tures have prevailed, especially during February, when it was from 3 to 5 de-grees warmer than usual at all report-ing stations. ing stations.

Soil Absorbs Moisture.

During this mild weather the thaw-ing snow and the rains that fell were mostly taken up by the soil, instead of running to waste, which is the final reason for the excellent conditions now prevailing in nearly all, if not all, of the agricultural sections in the North

that did occur came opportunetly and were very beneficial. Also the low temperatures in March have operated to keep back vegetation, which in Febru-ary promised to make such an early start as to cause apprehension that the April frosts would nip the tender huds. The season cast of the Cascade Moun-tains is from a week to two weeks later than last year, while to the west of this than hast year, while to the west of this range it is as a rule earlier, being as much as 10 days earlier in the Southern part of Oregon and about the same as last year in the northwestern part of Washington.

United States from the devastating BIG competition of the pauper labor of the old countries. But President Taft had the influence with these standpatters to obtain his non-partisan Tariff Board to obtain his non-partian farm form and the corporation tax provision in-corporated into the bill, but there is no evidence that he objected to any part of the tariff bill except schedule K (wool), and this objection came after the bill was a law, when he commended it as the best tariff bill ever passed. Now, if he was able to influence this change in the bill as above stated, why was he not able to induce them to re-duce schedule K and other objectionable schedules? Taking the liberty in closing to an-

swer your question. I would say that there is nothing the matter with the Payne-Aldrich bill that was not the matter with previous ones, as applied to the condition and wants of the country in 1908 and at this time. The country

YAMBILL COUNTY RESIDENT AT SHERWOOD AT AGE OF 43 YEARS.



Mrs. Nettle A. Plummer Seaton. Mrs. Nettle A. Plummer Seaton. Mrs. Nettle Plummer Seaton, who died at Sherwood, Or., Wed-nesday, March 26, was born in Pleasantville, Is., March 8, 1869. At the age of 5 she came with her parents to Oregon, settling at Carlton, Yamhill County. Later the family moved to Sherwood, Or., where Mrs. Seaton was mar-ried in 1897 to J. J. Seaton, who survives her. She also is survived by three children-Lyda M., aged 13; Ernest D., aged 11; Lambert L., aged 3. The funeral was held Friday, March 22, with interment in the Multnomah Cemetery, near Lents.

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has outgrown all such, and the party led by President Taft with the stand-patters violates the pledge to the people when it insists in fastening all such upon the people who know their rights and will maintain them. C. L. BOTSFORD.

FAIR PLANS ROIL STOLL Governor Asked to Apply "Oregon First" Idea to Musicians.

SALEM, Or., March 30.-(Special.)-Deprecating the use of foreign musi-cians at the State Fair, Carl Stoll, sec-retary of the Musicians' Mutual Asso-clation, has written to Governor West clation, has written to Governor West urging that the "Oregon First" label be applied to Oregon musicians as well

Realty Board Guest of Portland Cement Company.

PLANT VISITED

BUILDING WORK HURRIED

Factory Which Was Started at Oswego Last June Will Have Its First Unit Completed by July--Investment Large.

The first of a series of excursions to acquaint the Portland Realty Board with conditions surrounding Portland was made on a special car to Oswego yesterday, where 50 members of the board were the guests of Aman Moore. president of the Portland Cement Comsans'. .H. W. Fries, as chairman, of the ex-

ursion committee, and C. T. Prall, chairman of the day, who was toast-master at the luncheon at the Riverside Inn, represented the hoard officially and were met at the arrival at Oswego by President Moore, and A. Nibley, sec-retary of the Portland Cement Com-nany, who escorted all the visitors who escorted all the visitors sany. through the plant.

Investment Is Large.

The Portland cement factory was started last June, and the first unit, with a capacity of 1000 barrels dally, one-fourth of Portiand's consumption, will be completed in July. The invest-ment represents almost \$1,000,000 and the capital was nearly all secured outide the state. There are 48 acres of ground fenced lying along the river. where water and rail facilities are best The Riverside Hotel, on the grounds, a operated for the officers and em-

ployer, the day laborers having an annex. The main deposit of limestone is at Dallas, but another large quarry is at Roseburg. The German process of grinding the limestone wet will prevent dust from being blown over the neigh-

At the conclusion of the tour of in-At the conclusion of the four of the spection, including a trip through the tunnels which connect all parts of the plant, the party assembled in the Riverside Inn, where a luncheon, pro-vided by Mr. Moore, was followed by brief speeches regarding Portland and the manufacturing fundatiles the manufacturing industries. Toastmaster Prall said: "This is the age of concrete, and cement spells con-

crete." Geologist's Need Seen.

Geologist's Need Sees. After welcoming his guests, Mr. Moore said: "Oregon's mineral wealth is great, not only in precious metals, but in lime, cement, plaster and iron nas well. The state needs a geologist to collect data for the information of prospective investors." prospective investors. "I do not want a free canal because our industries on this Coast are too young to compete with the large fac-tories of the East, where labor is much cheaper. We should have glass and steel industries. Lumber is our only evolute manufactured to any ex-

only product manufactured to any extent A. King Wilson, representing the Oswego Commercial Club, told about Os-wego, and showed himself familiar with Portland by saying that the marble

in the Dekum block was the only mate-rial used in that structure not prothe agricultural sections in the North Pacific States. The March weather reports have not yet been received in tabulated form, but it is safe to say that this month will av-erage slightly cooler than usual, and is far the precipitation has been defigient. The coolness of March has prevented that did occur came opportunelly and



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and unquestionably the safest, most practical way. The calendar of opportunity reveals nothing more feasible to the man of small means than the small farm and orchard home, and ten acres of good land, properly managed, will not only yield a day's wage for every day in the year and a comfortable living, but a little more.

It is being demonstrated everywhere, for the "movement back to the soil" is world-wide. Thousands have, and thousands more will be

"Digging Out a Foothold"

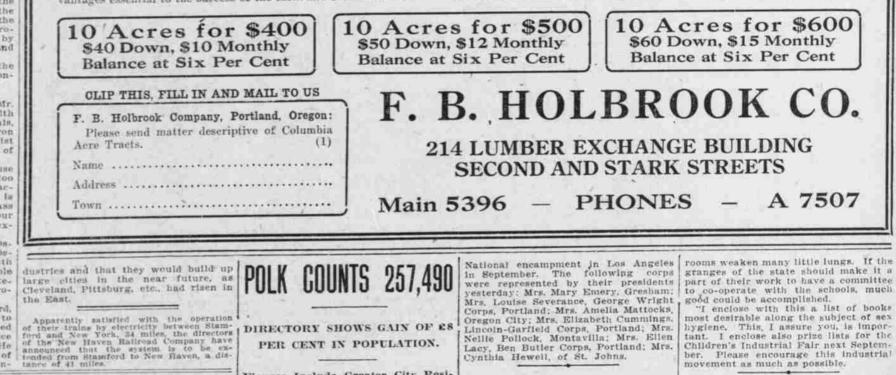
with farm and orchard homes of ten acres and less. You, too, can do it-can enjoy the contentment and success that they enjoy.

We ask you to look at our proposition from every standpointprice, terms, locality, transportation, soil, water, roads and other advantages essential to the success of the farm and orchard home.

We say again that we believe you can do no better, even though the prices of

Ten-Acre Tracts Down at **Columbia** Acres

were a great deal higher than their present low prices. We want you to go down to Columbia Aeres, to satisfy yourself as to its meritsthe fertility of its soil, its ideal location, its accessibility, etc., and also what is being accomplished by those who are already "homemaking" on their tracts. You can conveniently do it in a day. We'll be glad to go down with you. Come in and make an appointment, or get a map and other matter descriptive of Columbia Acres. Here are three instances of the attractiveness of both prices and terms;



TARIFF POLICY ATTACKED

Writer Asserts Taft Has Not Carried

Out Party Pledges.

PORTLAND, March 23,-(To the Edi-tor.)-I have read The Oregonian's editorial in answer to Mr. Swenstrum entitled "Condemnation Without Good

It seems clear to one conversant with the facts and the current history of this country that this statement of President Taft's connection with the tariff and the Payne-Aldrich bill proves entirely too much and furnishes ammu-nition for the other side.

About the time Mr. Taft decided to become a candidate for President he took the stand openly in public speech in Ohio, thus informing the people of the whole country that he was in favor of a reform in the tariff-that the rates in the Dingley tariff law were in many instances too high, and in the interests of the people should be lowered. This doctrine was not very pleasing to the standpatter, and we know of no in-stance when this reform was approved by one of them, but it was distinctly disapproved of by Speaker Cannon and many others in and out of Congress, some of them quite as prominent if not as powerful as he. A great majority of the Republicans were most heartily in favor of revision downward, and were enabled to pledge the party in its National platform to carry out this re-form by legislation to fulfillment. Upon this platform Mr. Taft was nominated and elected Premident of the United States.

States. Mr. Taft knew when he took this stand that as President he would have its and that as President he would have these "standpatters," who had control in both houses of Congress, to fight if the pledge of the party, of which he was the leader, was to be kept. If you really desire to help President Taft to carry Oregon please tell us what efforts he made to carry out this pledge, asted from calling the Congress in special session? Show that he did not side in with the standpatters who seemingly thought they could satisfy the people with only a few crumbs in the shape of a corporation tax and a non-partian tariff board. As if the people were not thought they could satisfy the people with only a few crumbs in the shape of a corporation tax and a non-partisan tariff board. As if the people were not sufficiently burdened by these indirect tariff taxes, but must be still further burdened with this corporation tax which the consumer in the end cer-tainly has to pay in the higher price

of living. The standpatters were opposed to the non-partisan Tariff Board or any other kind of a board or commission to ald in even a future revision of the tariff. They had repeatedly taken a positive stand against it; they wanted no set of reform insurgents in boards or out to be given any power to interfere with the infant (7) industries of America and protect the laboring men, women and children (a la Lawrence, Mass.; U. S. Steel Works and others) of the Edlefsen Fuel Co.

MEMBERS OF PORTLAND REALTY BOARD ON TRIP OF INSPECTION OF THE PORTLAND CEMENT COMPANY'S PLANT AT OSWEGO.



of, the thought whether or not the State Fair Board will apply the prin-ciple of that movement to the manage, ment of its affairs occurs to me. "Given the privilege of witnessing a

magnificent display of home-grown products, depicting the varied and won-derful resources of our great state, the incongruity of having an imported band of foreign extraction furnishing the music is most apparent. "Only since last year has the prac-

tice of securing foreign musical at-tractions been inaugurated. We be-lieve such an action unjust to the mu-sicians who are resident taxpayers of

band, etc.

"As the champion of 'Oregon First' and Governor of this state, this associa-tion asks your assistance in securing for 'Oregon First' musicians their just dues.

Bad Check Leads to Arrest.

Charged with passing a bad check for \$155 drawn on a Grants Pass bank H. Ford Tunnicliffe, alias Crawford, was arrested yesterday at Chicago by the city police and the Pinkerton detective agency. The check was cashed by Ben F. Sewell. Tunnicliffe has signified his willingness to return to Oregon without extradition papers.

Wood prices cut 50c to \$1.00 by the

ABOVE-VISITORS AT THE BEGINNING OF TOUR OF INSPECTION. BE-LOW, LEFT TO RIGHT-A. MBLEY, C. T. PRALL, AMAN MOORE AND HENRY W. FRIES.

dents in St. Johns, Linnton, Lents and Milwaukie.

Portland's population on March 1, according to Polk's new city directory was 257,490, an increase of 28 per cent the Federal census taken two over years ago.

Figures Include Greater City Resi-

years ago. These figures include the residents of all territory contiguous to Portland and rightfully a part of the greater city, such as St. Johns, Lents, Linn-ton and Milwaukie, which, however, are not within the corporate boundary lines.

The number of individual names con. tained in the new directory, after de-ducting those of minors and women ducting those of minors and women engaged in mercantlie pursuits, is 114,400. Using the multiple of 2% to estimate the entire population, gives the total of 257,490.

the total of 257,499. Estimates on Portland's yearly in-crease in population place the ratio of increase at about 15 per cent, which virtually coincides with the directory figures. Although the increase, compared with last year's total, is not up to this standard, this is accounted for by the fact that names of minors and by the fact that names of minors and married women were deducted from the total number in the book before using the multiple. This was not done in previous years. It is estimated that fully 7500 minors and married women engaged in mercantile and professional married are listed. Wors the multiple ursuits are listed. Were the multiple applied to these on the same basis as in other years, the total population would be shown to be nearly 275,000.

ORCHARD FOUND DISEASED Neglect of Fruit Trees Results in

Damage by Lice

TROUTDALE, Or., March 30.-Coun-ty Fruit Inspector S. J. Stansbery passed Thursday at Troutdale and passed Thursday at Troutdale and found the Douglass orchard in a bad condition. This was one of the most promising orchards near here until the farm was cared for by renters. The flavor, color and size of cherries from this orchard were much commented upon, but now are no better than of other disensed orchards. However, Mr. Stansbery says that the former quali-ties can be secured by careful attenties can be secured by careful atten-tion. He found the San Jose scale bark lice and anthracnose or dead spots, the most common in this part of Multnomah County, and gave sprays

of Multromath County, and gave sprays for them. The inspector ordered several of the frees to be cut down and hopes the sur-rounding fruit growers will profit by the condition of this orchard. He says "the disease of fruit trees is neglect." and urges better care. He intends to make another trip to this part of the country soon to see the condition of other orchards.

W. R. C. to Entertain Visitors.

In preparation for the entertaining of In preparation for the entertaining of members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C., who will pass through Portland during the coming Spring. Summer and Fall, the corps presidents of the nine Wom-an's Relief Corps met at the residence of Phebe M. Brock, 152 South Main street, Lents, Saturday afternoon. The patriotic organizations of Portland are planning official and personal recogni-tion of every Civil War veteran who travels via Portland to the state en-camonent at Salem in June and to the campment at Salem in June and to the

PLEA MADE FOR SCHOOLS Entertainments Swell Library Fund Ockley Green school was the scene of Superintendent Asks Granges of a much appreciated entertainment on

Thursday and Friday nights, given by the teachers and pupils for the benefit

Thursday and Friday inkats, given oy the teachers and pupils for the benefit of the North Albina Library and which will be repeated this coming Thursday evening. Pupils of every grade took part, from the tiny "A's" to those of the ninth grade. The little ones gave a "topsy-turvey" drill, and the elder girls appeared as Spanish dancers. The pro-commendate included source and steres

gramme also included songs and stere-

Coffinberry Gets Unique Letter.

the Portland Postoffice from Vancouver Wash., yesterday with a miniature pho-tograph of a man's face on it. Within

10 minutes after its arrival the letter

was delivered to Frank Coffinberry, manager of the Orpheum, and he plead.

ed guilty to its ownership. The pho-tograph was taken during the recent trip of the Press Club to Salem by a

friend, who possessed a vest-pocket

A special delivery letter arrived at

opticon views.

kodak.

State to Co-operate.

SALEM, Or., March 30 .- (Special.)-Two hundred letters to the various Granges of the state were sent out by Superintendent Alderman today, urging grange co-operation for the promotion and betterment of the Oregon schools. Superintendent Alderman, in his letter, says:

says: "I notice by the programme for the Oregon State Grange that the work for May is largely taken up with school matters. May I ask for your co-opera-tion in the school work of the state? We are not going to have the schools we might have until all concerned co-

we might have until all concerned co operate. "The Grange, the Mothers' Congress and women's clubs of the state during the last few years have been rendering material service in school work all over the state, especially along the line of school hygiene and sanitation. I note in some districts an aversion on the port of some people to act as members of the School Board. 1 know of no bet.

La Grande Assessment Holds Good.

a member of the School Board. "During the last year we have made LA GRANDE, Or., March 30.-(Spe-tal.)-Judge Knowles ruled today that cial.) property owners on Sixth street must pay the assessment. Remonstrators at-tempted to have the proceedings de-During the last year we have made a great effort to improve ventilation. lighting and heating of our schools. The State Board of Health has examined thousands of school walls and found some in a deplorable condition. Cross lights weaken many eyes in Oregon each vear Bad air and overheated clared faulty.

lights weaken many eyes in Oregon Wood prices cut 50c to \$1.09 by the each year. Bad air and overheated Ediefsen Fuel Co.

RUPTURE Seeley, Who Fitted Czar of Russia, Here Only Two Days Longer Do

F. H. Seeley, of Chicago and Phila-delphia, is now at the Multnomah Hotel and will remain in Portiand this Sunday and Monday only, positively no longer. He says: "The Spermatic Shield Truss as fitted to the Czar of Russia and now used and approved by the United States Government, will not only retain any case of Hernia perfectly, affording Im-Dentum is not a breach or tear in the abdominal wall as ignorantly sup-

Rupture is not a breach or tear in the abdominal wall, as ignorantly sup posed, therefore nothing to knit or heal. But rupture is the dilating or stretching of a natural opening-therefore subject to closure by stimulation. Don't wear a truss where the lump is, but where the rupture is. It's different

These nice days you should KODAK

We will be very glad to do your finishing, and as we have the largest plant in the city, modern methods, skilled workmen and use only high-grade chemicals and papers, you need not hesitate to intrust your orders to us-the work will please you; the price is 25 per cent less than elsewhere.

POST CARDS, 45¢ PER DOZEN Developing, 6e the roll. We pay cash for second-hand cameras.

PORTLAND CAMERA EXCHANGE 2451/2 Morrison Street, Between Second and Third. Special Attention to Mail Orders,