

### BEALS SAYS CROP CONDITIONS GOOD

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 characterized by wet winters and dry summers. About half of the yearly precipitation comes in the months of December, January and February and the remaining half is distributed throughout the other months, being least in July and August.

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, November, December, January and February.

Place	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Portland	26.42	2.34	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93
Roseburg	2.42	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93
Walla Walla	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93
Leavenworth	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93
Baker	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93
Boiler	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.93

The principal reason for the soil being in such good condition with so little rainfall is due to the protection it received from snow which fell copiously during the winter.

The March weather reports have not yet been received in tabular form, but it is safe to say that this month will average slightly cooler than usual, and so far the precipitation has been deficient.

The season east of the Cascade Mountains is from a week to two weeks later than last 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.

### TARIFF POLICY ATTACKED

Writer Asserts Taft Has Not Carried Out Party Pledges.

PORTLAND, March 29.—(To the Editor.)—I have read The Oregonian's editorial in answer to Mr. Sweeney's entitled "Condemnation Without Good Reason."

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 ammunition 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.

Mr. Taft knew when he took this stand that as President he would have these "standpatters" who had control in both houses of Congress, to fight if he pledged the party to interfere with the tariff.

United States from the devastating 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 and the corporation tax provision incorporated into the bill.

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

### YAMHILL COUNTY RESIDENT DIES AT AGE OF 83 YEARS

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

### FAIR PLANS ROIL STOLL

Governor Asked to Apply "Oregon First" Idea to Musicians.

SALEM, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—Deprecating the use of foreign musicians at the State Fair, Carl Stoll, secretary of the Musicians' Mutual Association, has written to Governor West urging that the "Oregon First" label be applied to Oregon musicians as well as to other products.

### 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 principle of that movement to the management of its affairs.

"Only since last year has the practice of securing foreign musical attractions been inaugurated. We believe such an action unjust to the musicians who are resident taxpayers of the state."

Bad Check Leads to Arrest. Charged with passing a bad check for \$125 drawn on a Grants Pass bank, H. Ford Tunncliffe, alias Crawford, was arrested yesterday at Chicago by the city police and the Pinkerton detective agency.

### BIG PLANT VISITED

Realty Board Guest of Portland Cement Company.

### 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 Company.

H. W. Fries, as chairman of the excursion committee, and C. T. Prall, chairman of the day, who was toastmaster at the luncheon at the Riverside Inn, represented the board officially and were met at the arrival at Oswego by President Moore, and A. Nibley, secretary of the Portland Cement Company, who escorted all the visitors through the plant.

The Portland cement factory was started last June, and the first unit, with a capacity of 1000 barrels daily, one-fourth of Portland's consumption, will be completed in July.

The Riverside Hotel, on the grounds, is operated for the officers and employees, 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 neighborhood.

At the conclusion of the tour of inspection, including a trip through the tunnels which connect all parts of the plant, the party assembled in the Riverside Inn, where a luncheon, provided by Mr. Moore, was followed by brief speeches regarding Portland and the manufacturing industries.

Geologist's Need Seen. 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 as well. The state needs a geologist to collect data for the information of prospective investors."

"I do not mean free coal because our industries on this coast are too young to compete with the large factories of the East, where labor is much cheaper. We should have glass and steel industries. Lumber is our only product manufactured to any extent."

A. King Wilson, representing the Oswego Commercial Club, told about Oswego, and showed himself familiar with Portland by saying that the marble in the Dekum block was the only material used in that structure not produced in Oregon.

W. N. Killingsworth, of the board, said that he had been astonished to find such a large plant almost finished without any knowledge of its existence having reached the general public. He said that Oregon was in the dawn of development of its manufacturing industries and that they would build up large cities in the near future, as Cleveland, Pittsburg, etc., had risen in the East.

Apparently satisfied with the operation of their train by electrically between Stamford and New York, 24 miles, the directors of the New Haven Railroad Company have announced that the system is to be extended from Stamford to New Haven, a distance of 41 miles.

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The number of individual names contained in the new directory, after deducting those of minors and women engaged in mercantile pursuits, is 114,603. Using the multiple of 2 1/2 to estimate the entire population, gives the total of 287,490.

Estimates on Portland's yearly increase 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 women engaged in mercantile and professional pursuits are listed. Were the multiple applied to these on a basis of attention in other years, the total population would be shown to be nearly 275,000.

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### POLK COUNTS 257,490

DIRECTORY SHOWS GAIN OF 28 PER CENT IN POPULATION.

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### ORCHARD FOUND DISEASED

Neglect of Fruit Trees Results in Damage by Lice.

TROUTDALE, Or., March 29.—County Fruit Inspector S. J. Stansbury passed Thursday at Troutdale and found the Douglas orchard in a bad condition. This was one of the most promising orchards near here until the farm was cared for by renters.

W. R. C. to Entertain Visitors. 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 Women's Relief Corps met at the residence of Mrs. M. Brock, 152 South Main street, Lents, Saturday afternoon.

### PLEA MADE FOR SCHOOLS

Superintendent Asks Granges of State to Co-operate.

SALEM, Or., March 29.—(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.

"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-operation in the school work of the state? We are not going to have the schools we might have until all concerned co-operate."

### LA GRANDE ASSESSMENT HOLDS GOOD

PROPERTY OWNERS ON SIXTH STREET MUST PAY THE ASSESSMENT.

"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 year. Bad air and overheated rooms weaken many little lungs. If the granges of the state should make it a part of their work to have a committee to co-operate with the schools, much good could be accomplished."

### RUPTURE

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

F. H. Seeley, of Chicago and Philadelphia, is now at the Multnomah Hotel and will remain in Portland 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 immediate and complete relief, but closes the opening in ten days on the average."

These nice days you should KODAK

Wood prices cut 50c to \$1.00 by the Edlsten Fuel Co.

ABOVE—VISITORS AT THE BEGINNING OF TOUR OF INSPECTION. BELOW, LEFT TO RIGHT—A. NIBLEY, C. T. PRALL, AMAN MOORE AND HENRY W. FRIES.

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