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POLK COUNTY, ENJOYING SEASON OF GREAT PROSPERITY, IS BUOYANT

Recent Rains Do Little Damage-Prunes Not Affected and Hop Crop Is Heavier Than Usual-Grain Is But Slightly Hurt-Livestock Important Industry-Dallas, Seat of Government, Is Booming.

ALLAS, Or., Sept. 14 .- (Special.)-History often repeats itself. To a certain extent this is true of climatic conditions in this county in the last few weeks, for a part of the experienced here during that time is very similar to that which visited this section during the month of

September of last year. Never before in the history of Polk County were all crops as promising as they were about the middle of August The pioneers of this county are unantmous in this statement of fact. In all branches of agriculture the yields promised to he large, the quality was far superior to that of previous years. and in all branches the markets were good. The grain, the hay, the hops, the fruit and the potatoes all promised large returns to the grower, and every indication pointed to the fact that this would make this section of the state truly a land of plenty. With certain exceptions, this is what will hap pen anyway, despite the heavy raint have ruined so many valuable crops all over the country.

Rata Comes at Threshing Time. The hay crop of this county was practically all cut and taken care of before the sign of tain. However, shortly after threahing of the grain commenced the weather broke, and for commenced the weather proze, and for three weeks this section was visited by rain and electric storms, the like of which the oldest inhabitants of this city never saw before. At this time wirtually one-half the grain of the rounty remained unthreshed. Some of this grain (but very little) had been stacked and covered; still this did not rected even this much of it from the stacked and covered, still this dis hot protect even this much of it from the ravages of the storms. For several days after the rains commenced no particular damage to the grain was no-ticed, with the except of a slight discoloration.

Farmers were optimistic, and felt Farmers were optimistic, and feit confident that the storms were but of a few days' duration and that they would coase long before any great harm was done. However, they were disappointed, for the rains continued until a few days ago. The financial loss on account of the grain that was ruined by reason of this unfavorable weather cannot be com-

grain that was ruined by reason of this unfavorable weather cannot be com-puted. However, it is safe to say that marky one-half the grain of the county was ruined. Much of it became moldy, much more of it sprouted in the field, none of it, now that the weather has cleared, will be threshed, but it will be used for hay wherever possible, and for bedding for stock where it is too badly diamaged for hay. Though virtually one-half the grain of the county was lost, still this is not a hard blow, for grain is not a very leading crop here; it will work a great injury to a fer-farmers who have specialized on grain, but the diamage to the county as a whole will not be so great as one might think.

Hop Situation Worries.

Hop Situation Worries. , The principal worry of the citizens of the county centered around the hop erops. Raising of hops is one of the principal industries of this, the 'Elue Ribbon County' of Oreson. The Hops of Polk County have taken first pre-miums all over the world at the big fairs, and they are specially quoted in the Eastern and European markets. A loss of the hop crops of the county would have worked aimost irreparable india section this year, and the blow would have been much greater now

in this section this year, and the blow would have been much greater now that ever before. During the first rains hop growers were very optimis-tic. Those rains were a benefit to the hops, though they worked an injury to the grain. But as the rains con-tinued, the fears of all hop growers arose, and grave doubts were enter-taimed that the crop would ever be harvested. The principal difficulty whe in securing pickers. It was hard to get enough people in the yards to pick between showers. However, no warm weather appeared, and though a slight touch of mold made its appearance in many of the

made its appearance in many of the yards there was not enough mold to damage the crop. No yards have been ahandoned in this county, and every grower is doing his utmost to save every hop needble.



salesman they all climbed in and started. All went well for a time, barring the fact that they knocked down a few small trees by the roadside. Then the gear went wrong and they could only run on the low. This used water fast, and presently the party found them-selves miles away from any water sup-ply and with a tank entirely dry. The extremity seemed grave, but a happy thought saved them. It was decided to try bottled beer on the car in lieu of water. The cowboys had plenty of it and the plan worked well. The journey to Silver Lake was completed without mishap, eight quarts of her heing complies into the automobile an route. Bill Robertson, who acts as chaufteur for the "community" car declares it has got the habit and cannot be persuaded to run except when given beer.

Little Miss Travels Alone.

NDEPENDENCE - Miss Kathleer Skinner, aged & possesses distinction as an independent traveler. Entirely as an independent travelet. Entirely alone little Miss Skinner traveled un-altended from Tacoms to this city, ar-riving one day last week, and consid-ered the fact not at all remarkable. Little Miss Skinner had been visit-ing relatives in the Washington city for several months and when also got ready to come home she came, with no fuss nor trouble to anybody.

More Big Rhubarb Appears.

TILLAMOOR - The glant rhubarb a competition is still on. Henry Olds brought into the Herald office recently two large pie plant stalke, one measur-ing 45 inches across the less and 56 inches from top of leaf to end of stem. The other plant was nearly as large. These plants are only three weeks old and very tender.

Big Benns Grow at Central Point. CENTRAL FOINT-Beans of the Ken-tucky Wonder variety which are eight inches long and thick in propotion have been raised this year by F. O. Hawk, of this place. The flavor of the beans and their general excellence are declared to be in proportion to their size. Notwithstanding their immensity they are julcy and tender.

Sanke's Blight Pauses.

GLORENCE, Or .- For the first August in 18 years. Luther King, of Fior ence, has not gone blind. Nineteer ence, has not gone blind. Nineteen years ago Mr. King was bitten by a ratilescale and every August since that time the snake-bits has reap-peared on his leg and he has been forced into a comatese condition for weeks at a time, following the very habit of the snake which demand an annual sleeping spell. Shortly after Mr. King awakes from his annual sleep, his sight returns. This year he has escaped both the "hibernation" and the blindness.

Deer Tantalize Citizen.

A GRANDE-Eight deer frolleking of the steamer Breakwater, was set by in the road in front of his team was the lighthouse tender Manzanita, Captemptation which beset Frank tain Richardson, Monday, a short dis-O'Hara.

O'Hara, an O.-W. K. & N. conductor, a few deys age. O'Hara was driving from Lehman Springs to this city, and in Bear Valley the deer walked into the road in front of him, stalked leisurely up and down and frolicked like lambkins.

ord frolleked like lambkins. O'Hara had no gun, and said after-ward he was giad of that fact, for he would have been tempted to break the law by absoling a deer or two. He had only traveled half a mile after passing the deer when he encountered Deputy Game Warden Avrill. WORDS OF CHICAGO PLATFORM ARE RECALLED. Reader Likens Criticism of Colonel

Youth Shows Real Grit.

CORVALLIS-One of the assistant

College has a history. A husky fellow, but quite a boy, he came here about three years ago to attend the Winter short course, according to the Garetts-Times. Professor Peavy told him he didn't need a short course, and in fact that he needed a full course. The boy had but \$72, and couldn't see his way clear to stay, but Professor Peavy con winced him. The boy remained and managed to get through the Summer, saved his money and returned. With janitor work to help him he pulled through again and this year, will finitsh his course. labolical, because of our advanced "The great accomplishments of Pres-ident Roosevelt have been, first and I am copying the extract from the foremost, a brave and Impartial en-

Milking Machine Does the Work ORVALLIS-W. S. Palmer, who has lived in Benton County off and or

since 1855, has just patented a new idea in the way of a milking ma-chine, that for simplicity and correct



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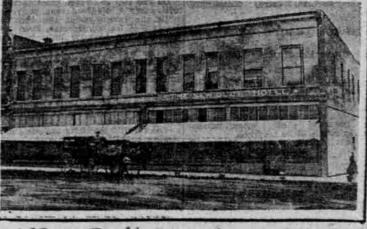
I am much pleased to see appearing in the columns of The Oregonian let-ters now and then from your many readers who look upon Mr. Roosevelt ar-ons of our Republic's greatest and purest statesmen; who, too, feel that he is being very unjustly misrepresented. I would call attontion especially to one recently by M. L. Holbrook, a promi-ment business man of our city. w, J. PEDDICORD.

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Though from some parts of this county reports have come that the po-tatoes had been injured by the rains, atill it is not believed that this is a true statement of conditions as they

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onne, the tor simplicity and correct principle promises ~ be a great suc-cess. His model has been exhibited and several dairynen who saw its workings expressed their approval of the simple manner in which it was

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operated. The machine is a ceries of rubber rollers and adjustable springs which Totlers and sequences a provide a prime's which ing is performed by merely turning a count which causes the reliens to bring a steady pressure to bear upon the test, and results in an easy and regular flow of mills.

Shell in Pipe Explodes. SISTERS-A strarge and unheard of accident befell A. C. Ladd, who lives on a homesteid about it miles north of Sistern last week. Mr. Ladd had been using a 22-caliber rifie and put nome of the loaded shells in one of his pockets with his pipe. One of the shells became lodged in the bowl of the pipe and not roticing it he filled his pipe and sat down for a quest smoke. The heat from the pipe exploded the shell breaking the pipe pieces of wilden struck his eys, badfy incereting R. He thought at first that someone and shot at him and rushed to the door to see who It was and stated that he cannot see out of the figured eys, but is confident he will recover the sight within a short time. —Sisters Heraid. lives on a homestead about 14 miles

SHERIFF TILL TAYLOR

Roundup Association Unanimously Chooses Him President of 1912 Meet, and He Will Make Good.

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A Seasonable Hint.

Judge. "Was your wife in the suffrage pa-rnde?" asked Morrowby, meeting Jel-liffe on the street.

te on the street. "You but she was:" said Jelliffe, ch-usinstically. "Why, she is the fing-

"You but she was," said Jellite ch thusinstically. "Why, she is the flag-bearer for her chapter." "Mercy!" orised Morrowby. "Do you mran to tell me that Hitle woman car-ried a flag all that distance." "Well-no," said Jelliffe. "My chauf-feur and I took turns at it."

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