

OREGON FARMS TO GO OVER THE TOP

Increased Crop Production to Aid Materially in Feeding Allied Armies.

LABOR WILL BE SUPPLIED

Recent Crop Survey Shows That Oregon This Season Is Better Prepared Than Ever Before to Do Its Share in Winning War.

Oregon has not only exceeded its quota of liberty loan subscriptions, but it will also this year respond to the government's war needs by an increased crop production.

These facts are elaborately set forth in a report of the crop and farm labor survey which has just been completed under the joint co-operation of the United States Department of Agriculture, the extension service of the Oregon Agricultural College and the State Labor Commission.

With Clackamas and Willamette counties not included, there are, according to the survey, 40,577 farms, of which 24,850 are classed as producing farms. In the other 24 counties of the state, the survey reports on 55 per cent of the estimated producing farms, representing an area of 2,941,933 acres, of which 2,074,385 acres are in cultivation, with an additional 239,951 acres that will be summer-fallowed.

School Pupils Are in Work. The work of summarizing the reports from the different counties was performed by 101 pupils of the commercial class of the Salem High School. This class was excused from school duties for a period of seven days, the work being done in the House of Representatives chamber at the Statehouse.

It has been exceedingly difficult to get an accurate report on crops, says the report. "Farmers did not realize the importance of filling out the questionnaires fully and as a result the figures shown are to some extent misleading.

With very few exceptions the farmers reported the average planted in 1917 and also the acreage planted or to be planted in 1918, but in a great many instances neglected to show the acreage harvested in 1917, also the amount harvested.

Wheat Acreage Shows Increase. The report shows an increase in the acreage of winter wheat from 211,164 in 1917 to 432,100 for 1918, with 278,657 acres seeded to spring wheat this year. A similar increase in this year's acreage of all other cereals is shown by the survey, as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Crop, 1917, 1918, and 1919. Rows include W. wheat, S. wheat, Oats, Barley, Rye, Buckwheat, Potatoes, Beans, Peas, Alfalfa, Clover, Vetch, Timothy, Grain hay, Other hay, and Crops for silage.

Livestock Showing Creditable. An increase is also reported in the acreage of root crops planted this year. In 1917 the aggregate of this acreage was 5028, as compared with 5693 for this year.

The extent to which livestock has increased in those sections of the state covered by the survey is shown in the following table:

Table with 3 columns: Category, Today, and Last year. Rows include Dairy cows, Beef cows, Horses, and Pigs.

As to fruits and other crops, the survey discloses the following acreage in bearing: Strawberries, 437; cherries, 1941; loganberries, 738; hops, 2363; peaches, 2035; pears, 7401; prunes, 3101; apples, 21,461.

The report deals at considerable length with the subject of labor, which is found to be fairly satisfactory. With the movements that have been organized for making available city help in an emergency, it is believed there will be adequate labor available for harvesting all crops.

Labor Conditions Satisfactory. It is found there are available for 11-year help 10,611 persons; for haying, 12,046; harvest, 2977; miscellaneous help, 1944.

Taking up the discussion of labor, the report says: The labor situation just at the present time is well in hand.

On the strength of a determined campaign in the wheat-raising counties, a uniform wage of \$80 per month has been established. This has resulted in two things: First—in that it has done away with the farmer bidding against another for farm labor, and.

Second—that there is a considerable less movement of transient labor continually on the lookout for more pay.

Some districts that have in the past been using a considerable number of transient laborers have this year combined and through the interchange of labor have been able to plant their crops without serious difficulty.

Practically all of the incorporated towns have taken up the matter and in most instances have established free employment bureaus. The city authorities have passed ordinances or resolutions for the registration of all unemployed or unprofitably employed persons. This action will tend to weed out the wholly undesirable element and to afford the services of others capable of doing actual farm work.

Farm Labor in Demand. It has taken a great deal of hard work on the part of this office, co-operating with the Federal Employment Bureau, here in Port-

NOTED ENGLISH ACTOR TO PAY FIRST VISIT HERE MAY 2, 3, 4

"Grumpy" Has Been Played in America Now Three Seasons by Cyril Maude, Who Remained at Wallack's Theater One Entire Season.



Cyril Maude, as Grumpy

In 1896 Cyril Maude, the English actor, who pays his first visit to Portland May 2, 3 and 4 at the Hellig Theater in "Grumpy," in partnership with Frederick Harrison, took over the management of the Haymarket in London, a house of comedy and of long-standing distinction, and a theater associated with Buckland and the Bancrofts.

There he produced many plays and appeared in many parts—Hardcastle in "The Stoops to Conquer," Acres in "The Rivals" and Sir Peter in "The School for Scandal," among the classic comedies, and Captain Larolle in "Under the Red Robe," Gavin Dishard in "The Little Minister," Lord Bapchild in "The Manoeuvres of Jane," the dentist in "You Never Can Tell," Major Bingham in "The Second in Command" and Captain James Barley in "Beauty and the Barge."

Bent on the direction of a theater that should be altogether his own, Mr. Maude made ready in 1906 to pass to the Avenue, a little house on the Thames embankment next to Charing Cross Station. When he was about to open a part of the roof of the station fell in and so damaged the avenue that it finally had to be rebuilt wholly as a new theater, and was named the Playhouse, and was opened with a production by Mr. Shaw entitled "The Man transferred 'Teddies,' the pajama farce, in which he was acting at another theater, and there he appeared in the plays in which he has acted in recent years—light pieces for the most part, like "Tantalizing Tommy," "Live and 'What Then'" "The Flag Lieutenant" and "The Headmaster."

Mr. Maude has been honored by three "command" performances. On the first and second occasions he appeared before King Edward and Queen Alexandra at Sandringham, on November 3, 1907, he acted Peter in "French as She Is Spoken," and Lord Ogilby in the dressing-room scene from "The Glendistern Marriage." On November 13, in the following year, he appeared before their Majesties as Richard Lancelot in "The Flag Lieutenant." Mr. Maude's third "command" performance may be taken as an especial compliment. During a brief farewell tour of the larger cities of Great Britain, in the Autumn of three years ago, virtually on the eve of his sailing for his first tour of America, he was honored with a royal command to appear, with his company, at Balmoral Castle, where King George and Queen Mary were in residence. The play chosen was "The Headmaster." Mr. Maude has played "Grumpy" in this country for three seasons, including one at Wallack's Theater, New York; another divided between Boston and Chicago, and the third spent in the week stands of the East and Middle West. In London he did "Grumpy" for a season at the New Theater.

land, to supply the calls that have come in for help. A very large number of men are going to be needed in June and July for haying, and there is a question just now as to where these men are to be found. In June and July large numbers of berry pickers will be needed. There has been a certain class of laboring women and children working in this kind of work, but this season will work purely from patriotic motives. The United States Boys' Working Reserve recruits approximately 10,000 in this state. About 50 per cent of that number will be available for work of this kind.

The women of Oregon are taking very much interest in anything that will help save our crops and are at present organizing for field work. Large numbers will be available, going out in groups to the berry fields and later to the fruit orchards. There is a continual change in the labor situation and it is very difficult at this time to forecast the actual and urgent needs for general harvest work. The contemplated action of Congress in furnishing experienced farm men from the Army contingents for a period of from 40 to 60 days will afford a very great relief.

The plan for securing such help as has been reported by the newspapers is going to be made ready to be of real value in an emergency. Some plan should be evolved whereby these men could be promptly and quickly furnished and sent where their services are needed. The farmer should not be compelled to make an application to the Provost Marshal at Washington but should make a request to and through the Farm Help Specialist of the Federal Labor Bureau.

Soldiers May Solve Problem. The cantonment commandants should be empowered to furnish these men when applications are received by him from either of the above mentioned officials. No application should be made to the commandant for men unless the actual position or job is waiting, and the men furnished should be released to the Farm Help Specialist of the Federal Labor Bureau, and by these organizations sent where needed.

The fixed population, consisting of the farm owner, his sons, or the regular all the year around help, and the transient or floating laborer, is the class that has been accustomed to report to the Farm Help Specialist of the Federal Labor Bureau, and by these organizations sent where needed.

When harvest time comes the acre should be handled quickly and expeditiously, and this is going to be difficult to do with the inefficient labor that is available at the present time. The release of the experienced farm men from the cantonments would be a relief for this year and prior to another harvest considerable preliminary training should be done to prepare the inexperienced farm laborer how to handle farm work.

Free Mail Delivery Urged. PRINEVILLE, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—Prospects are good for Prineville to get a free mail delivery system. Postoffice Inspector Linebaugh has been here to make blueprints, indicating positions of the proposed mail boxes. All dwellings in the city have been numbered and sidewalk requirements are being complied with.

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and for the American flag J. Hermans and Mrs. Mallon were sponsors. Little girls, relatives of soldiers carried the service flag and little brothers of the boys represented on the flag served as acolytes.

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE'S AMBITION BEING TO CONSERVE ALL THE MAN POWER OF THE NATION. Prisoners, it is believed, may be profitably employed along lines not competitive with free labor, and unity of action is hoped for in this campaign.

Phone your want ads to The Oregonian. Main 7070, A 6095.

JOHN WENNERBERG PASSES. Carlton Man Resident of Beaver State Since Year 1873.

CARLTON, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—John Bernard Wennerberg, resident of Oregon since 1873, died at his home here last Sunday. The funeral was held Wednesday. Mr. Wennerberg was born in Sweden 30 years ago, and later located in Australia, where he spent several years. He came to Oregon in 1873 and nine years later located at Carlton. Besides donating a park to the city, Mr. Wennerberg contributed liberally toward the construction of the city hall and Baptist Church.

TWO TO ASSIST PERSHING. Clackamas County Men Enlist to Pilot Engines "Over There."

OREGON CITY, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—Two Clackamas County registrants, Richard Johnson and Andrew Jackson Baty, of Molalla, are the first to answer General Pershing's call for skilled mechanics for immediate duty in France. These men were both permitted to enlist by the local board Friday as locomotive engineers, and both will depart for a Southern training camp at once.

District Attorney Neuner Honored. ROSEBURG, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—District Attorney George Neuner has just received notice from the chairman of the National committee on prisons and prison labor that he has been appointed a representative of the com-

mission for Douglas County. Sheriff Quine has also received a letter notifying him of the appointment, and the two officials will plan for employment of men who may be imprisoned here, not competitive with free labor, and unity of action is hoped for in this campaign.

FOR SALE! Stanley-Smith Lumber Company Plant HOOD RIVER, OREGON

Mill at Green Point, 12 Miles Southwest of Hood River. Modern new mill; 80,000 capacity, 10 hours. Circular. Heavy, Allis Chalmers power set 3-block carriage. Shot-gun feed. Steam blower, roller, live rolls and transfer chains complete. Heavy Portland Iron Works 3-inch edger. Seventeen saws, automatic compressed air trimmer. Cut-off saws and all machinery in good first-class shape. Wet log mill, cut only 10 million feet.

\$250 acres of cut-over and timber land. 40 million feet timber, with 20 million feet more available. 11 miles V lumber flume to O-W. R. & N. Water rights and right of way for flume.

Box factory and planing mill on flume in the valley. Good buildings, including several residences, good machinery and nine acres of land for piling. Five acres of land on the O-W. R. & N. track for loading station.

Sealed bids will be received on the whole or any part of the property, which will be opened at the office of Chamberlains, Thomas & Kresmer, Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Portland, Oregon, May 15, at 10 A. M. The right is retained to reject any or all bids. Detailed information can be obtained by addressing E. Davenport, Jr., Hood River, Oregon. Bids should be addressed to Bond Holders' Committee, Stanley-Smith Lumber Company, care of Warren E. Thomas, Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

The Cole Aero-Eight. Even the mere outlines of the Cole Aero-Eight are impressive. Is it any wonder that the car has been the outstanding feature wherever it has been exhibited? Not only has the Cole Aero-Eight taken the lead in setting new automobile fashions. But as an advancement in engineering it has monopolized the attention of motorists everywhere. The throngs which have gathered to see it have bestowed on it their superlative praise. For Cole has virtually read the motoring mind of the nation and the Aero-Eight is the result. Northwest Auto Company, Inc. Broadway at Couch St., Portland, Oregon. F. W. Vogler, Pres. C. M. Menzies, Mgr. COLE MOTOR CAR COMPANY, INDIANAPOLIS, U. S. A.