BELLINGHAM EGGS WORTH $1,000,000

Five and Six Carloads Per Week Shipped Out.

RAIL MARKET IS AMPLE

Whatcom County Poultry Yards and Dairies' Output in Year Is $6,000,000.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Bellingham, Wash., June 10.—A million dollars' worth of eggs is a lot of eggs. It may not seem so to patrons of public dining rooms and restaurants where war-time prices still prevail for the popular ham-and, but such persons must remember that the notation on the waiter's check stands for a series of costs and profits that run quite a distance away from the poultry yard. When the million dollars represents the value of the eggs as they leave the point of production it means a lot of eggs.

A million dollars' worth of eggs, produced on the poultry farms of Whatcom county, were shipped out of Bellingham last year. Production is on the increase, and eggs are moving out of Bellingham at the rate of five and six carloads a week. All this in addition to heavy local consumption. It is said here that Whatcom county now ranks second only to the Petaluma district of California in the quantity production of eggs on the Pacific coast.

Eggs Move by Rail.

So far the Whatcom county eggs move outward almost entirely by rail. Water shipments are neither large nor frequent, except for the seasonable demands of the Pacific-American Fisheries company in supplying the men at work in its Alaska salmon canneries. Long-distance water shipments, to the Atlantic coast or Europe, have been subject to experiment. The result, in at least one case, was unique.

A few months ago one of the big refrigerator steamships plying between Puget sound and the United Kingdom took on a considerable consignment of Whatcom county eggs. Completing cargo at a California port, a consignment of oranges was stowed alongside the eggs. When the cargo was discharged at the port of destination it was found that the egg shells had taken on an orange tint and the egg meat a decided orange flavor. There may be a hint in this for some such genius as Luther Burbank, but to the egg men of Whatcom county it means that further shipments of their delicate product will have to be kept separate. They are somewhat appalled by the thought of what might happen with a combined shipment of eggs and onions.

Market Is Ample.

There is, however, an ample market for Whatcom eggs shipped by rail, and that is the way most of them are going and will continue to go. The combined products of the Whatcom county poultry yards and dairy farms for the past year show a value of $6,000,000. Considering that the county has been celebrated so far chiefly for its forest products and canned salmon, the poultry and dairy figures are significant of another trend of development, with excellent opportunities for persons of limited means.

Production statistics are of timely importance in Bellingham just now. About a year ago the people of Whatcom county created the port of Bellingham, in governmental form similar to the ports of Portland and Seattle. Since than a good deal of engineering work has been done. The harbor has been newly surveyed and mapped, and the physical aspects of the project put in shape for consideration. Obviously the next thing to do was to arrive at an understanding of what facilities are necessary for the existing business of the port, with a view to consistent development as business shall increase.

The Bellingham chamber of commerce, of which A. W. Deming of the Pacific American Fisheries company is serving his third or fourth consecutive term as president, is working in close co-operation with the port commission. To assemble the data necessary for proper procedure the chamber has loaned its secretary, John A. Miller, to the port for a three-month period. Mr. Miller was for twenty-six years with the traffic department of the Great Northern Railway company, serving practically all of that time on Puget sound and in the Pacific northwest. Retiring from the railroad business in 1919, he became secretary of the Bellingham chamber. He is exceptionally qualified by experience for the survey of the port's present and prospective business.

Data Yet Incomplete.

Mr. Miller has been engaged in the port work less than a month, and the data that will go into his final report are necessarily incomplete. As to the two major products of the port district—forest products and fish—he gives these round-number figures of last year's output: 90,000,000 feet of lumber; 8,000,000 bundles of shingles; 8,000,000 bundles of lath; 280,000 cases of salmon, of which 210,00 went to the Atlantic seaboard markets and 70,000 went foreign.

All of the lumber and shingle mills of the county are now running on full time, and the majority of them on double shift. Their capacity, in the eight-hour day, is 1,225,000 feet of lumber and 1,600,000 shingles.

The immense plants of the Pacific American Fisheries company, the largest salmon canning establishment in the world, are virtually idle just now, except for the can and box factories which are making the containers for shipment to the company's Alaska canneries. Only a few fish are coming in from Puget Sound waters, and few are expected. But the company will operate six of its seven Alaska canneries this season, and Mr. Miller expects a pack and shipment out of Bellingham of between 300,000 and 400,000 cases.

Plants Running Full Time.

The condenseries and creameries of the county are running on full time. One of the condenseries occupies the old plant of the Bellingham brewery, now converted to uses consistent with the dry law. In the matter of dryness this concern, and one other in the county, are going even beyond the law's requirements. They are specializing in the production of dry or powdered milk. The demand for this product in hot countries and for use on shipboard is said to be practically unlimited.

Geological exploration has shown that the city of Bellingham rests upon a solid foundation of coal. An excellent quality of bituminous, around 15,000 tons a month, was being produced within the city limits up to the time of the strike. The mines were worked by union men who went out on the call of their national officers. There was a brief period of idleness, but recently work was resumed on the open-shop basis, and production is gradually coming up to normal. Other outstanding industries are the Olympic-Portland Cement company, producing an average of 2000 barrels a day, and an extensive fruit preserving plant, specializing in jellies and jams.

The port commission and the chamber of commerce are looking to the results of Mr. Miller's three-months' work to establish the foundation for the future programme. His statistics, coupled with the engineering data already assembled, will be used to fix the amount of the bond issue that the people of Whatcom county—the port district—will be asked to vote for carrying out the plans.

LOOP BIDS TO BE ASKED

COMMISSION ORDERS TWO UNITS ADVERTISED.

Surfacing Must Be Done to Save Grade Work From Ruin; Finances Will Be Advanced.

Two units of the Mount Hood loop, in Clackamas county, have been ordered advertised for a rock surfacing and bids will be opened at the meeting of the highway commission June 28. This was decided along with other projects by the commission yesterday. The grade has been made on the loop in Clackamas county and it must be surfaced if it is to be saved from ruin. The commission decided to advance the cost of this surfacing and look to Multnomah county to live up to its gentlemen's agreement to assist in financing the loop.

The Booth hill section of the loop in Hood River county also was ordered advertised for surfacing at the June meeting. Other projects to be advertised are:

Cummin's creek-Valades ranch, John Day highway, surfacing.

Baker-Unity, John Day highway, grading.

Rockaway-north, Tillamook county, Roosevelt highway, rock surface, 3½ miles.

Elk river- Sixes river, Roosevelt highway, grading and surfacing.

Ochoco-Mitchell, McKenzie highway, grading and surfacing.

Lostine-Enterprise, Wallowa county, grading and surfacing.

Wallowa hill, Wallowa county, surfacing.

Holdman-Hart ranch, Cold Springs road, Umatilla county, grading and surfacing.

Island City-Elgin, Union county, surfacing.

Newberg-Multnomah county line, resurfacing.

SURFACING TO BE STARTED

Valley Trunk to Be Improved as Fast as Grade Is Made.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 10.—(Special.)—Plans of the Hood River county court and the state highway department call for surfacing of the valley trunk of the Mount Hood Loop highway as fast as contractors complete the grade. It is anticipated that rocking and graveling of the road will begin at once. Grading contracts, it is expected, will be completed by the fall, and with rock and gravel trucks following the roadbuilders closely, the valley before winter begins will have available a surfaced trunk route connecting the upper and lower valleys.

The aggregate length of the three units under construction is 23 miles. At the time the $350,000 bond issue was voted by this county for participation with the state highway commission on a 50-50 basis in construction of the road, it was estimated that the rock surfacing would cost about $7000 a mile. Construction costs have dropped considerably in the year's time, however, and authorities believe that the contract for surfacing the road will be obtained at a much lower figure.

SEATTLE MAN DIVORCED

Wife of Son of Late Wisconsin Senator Wins Decree.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 10.—Grant I. Stephenson, son of the late Isaac Stephenson, United States senator, was divorced by his wife, formerly Miss Irene Adler, here today on the grounds of desertion. The income of half of the trust fund of $400,000, left to Stephenson by the senator, was settled upon Mrs. Stephenson, who was also granted the custody of three children.

Mr. Stephenson, formerly of Marinette and Escanaba, Mich., is now living in Seattle, Wash.

La Grande Gets Radio Station.

LA GRANDE, Or., June 10.—(Special.)—The first radio broadcasting station in La Grande will be installed by the Eastern Oregon Music company. Ed Eberhard and T. E. Bucholz have been engaged as operators. The station will have a broadcasting radius of 500 to 600 miles in fair weather and 100 miles in inclement weather.

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Idaho Lieutenant-Governor Formally Enters Fight.

PLATFORM BRIEFLY TOLD

Widely-Known Republican Says He Will Strike Hard for Economic Efficiency.

BOISE, Idaho, June 10.—(Special.)—The first formal announcement of a candidacy for the nomination of governor, and what is generally conceded in Idaho political circles to be the opening gun in the pre-convention campaign of the republican party, was made when C. C. Moore of St. Anthony, lieutenant-governor, tossed his hat into the gubernatorial ring.

This move had been anticipated. However, it definitely fixes the status of Mr. Moore and is the opening wedge that unquestionably will result in a number of other aspiring persons to let it be known they wish the nomination of some particular state office. It also will give those who are being groomed for the republican gubernatorial nomination, or who aspire to it, an opportunity to come into the open to contest for the honor with Mr. Moore.

Mr. Moore Tells of Aims.

Lieutenant-Governor Moore is generally known as a man of few words. He has a reputation for being direct and to the point. He has lived up to this reputation in his formal announcement, which is as follows:

I am a candidate for the republican nomination for governor.

I have lived in Idaho 23 years. My principal business has been farming. I know the needs and the problems of the people of the state because I have shared their burdens.

I will demand in my message to the legislature that it exert every power within its command to reduce taxes.

I pledge myself and my administration to efficiency and economy.

Of course, every candidate makes this pledge, but what I mean is that efficiency which finds its highest exemplification in devotion to duty, and that economy which is best effected by eliminating the unnecessary things and properly maintaining the good things we have.

Taxes One Big Issue.

Lieutenant-Governor Moore's positive statement on the tax question will meet with universal approval, for that is one of the biggest issues in the present campaign. It is the issue on which the democrats hope to win their way back into the state house. They are hammering at the high taxes at every available opportunity. They are charging extravagance not only in the state administration but in county administrations. They are insisting on a reduction in the tax rate.

Lieutenant-Governor Moore meets this demand with a statement that is clearcut and definite, say republican party leaders, and they are greatly pleased over the positive stand that the lieutenant-governor is taking on this issue. The power to reduce taxes in this state rests with the legislature and not particularly with the governor, they point out. His determination to insist that the legislature curb the taxing power of many local boards is analyzed as the logical way to get at the taxation issue.

Lieutenant-Governor Moore probably is as widely known in the state as any other man in public life, which, his friends say, is decidedly in his favor and will help him in his candidacy for the gubernatorial nomination.

There are several reasons for this wide acquaintance. First he served in two sessions of the Idaho legislature, the seventh and eighth. Second, he has been president of the state senate twice by virtue of the fact he held the portfolio of lieutenant-governor. Third, he has been one of the party leaders and has had much to do with directing the party's affairs. He was one of the men who brought about the nomination of United States Senator Borah for his first term in the senate. He has been a close friend of the senior senator ever since.

Opposition Not Strong.

Those who are well informed in affairs political in this state predict that Lieutenant-Governor Moore will have the field to himself as a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination. They give as their reasons for arriving at this conclusion that he is widely and favorably known over the state, he has practically the undivided support of the leaders of his own party, who are openly advocating his candidacy and will be in charge of affairs at the next republican state convention.

The republican state convention will be held at Wallace on August 22, and the democratic state convention at Hailey on the same date.

LAND REPORT PUBLISHED

LOGGED-OFF AREA IN WASHINGTON 4,603,450 ACRES.

Most of Valley Sections Improved, Leaving Hill Country for Future Development.

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 10.—The total area of logged off land in this state approximates 4,603,450 acres, of which 3,974,250 acres are in western Washington, the completed survey started by Harry Thompson, agricultural engineer, shows. The report was made public today.

Grays Harbor county has the greatest acreage of logged off land, nearly one-half of which could be utilized as agricultural land when cleared, according to the report. The percentage of the total area of the western Washington counties which is logged off land varies from 30 per cent in Pacific county to 82 per cent in Island county. The percentage of cultivated lands in these counties is said to be small, runnnig from 2 per cent in Pacific county to 19 per cent in Clarke county.

"The most of the valley lands have been improved and any future development must be on the bench and hill lands," the report stated. "The logged off land investigations of the future should be along lines to determine: First, the cost and methods of clearing these lands, and, second, the income from the farms already developed on the various soil types of the uplands."

APPROVAL IS WITHHELD

County Committeemen Refuse to Indorse Washington Governor.

PROSSER, Wash., June 10.—(Special.)—Benton county precinct committeemen at the recent republican caucus here deliberately and unanimously rejected a suggestion that their resolutions should indorse the administration of Governor Hart, according to an announcement made today by A. C. Rundle, member of the republican state central committee and Washington's member of the electoral college that chose Harding for president.

Mr. Rundle was a member of the county resolutions committee, but was not chosen as a delegate to the state convention.

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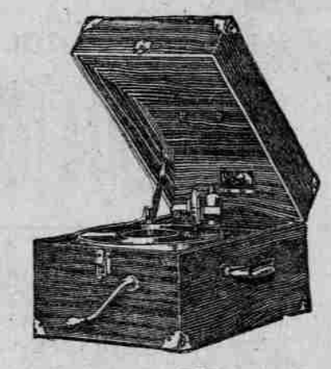

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