

"FARMER" JUDSON

INDUSTRIAL AGENT OF THE O. R. & N. REPORTS.

Experiments of the O. R. & N. Company in Dry Land Alfalfa Are Successful—Umatilla County Corn Crop Result of Small Beginning Made by Colonel Judson and R. S. Miller Five Years Ago.

That the O. R. & N. company is deeply interested in the development of the inland empire, is vividly evidenced by the little booklet, just issued by Colonel R. C. Judson, industrial agent of that enterprising company, as his report to R. B. Miller, general freight agent.

Mr. Judson reviews every phase of farming experiments made by the company in Eastern Oregon and Washington. He reports that he has distributed dry land alfalfa seed to 87 farmers who have made practical tests and send in reports of success of the plant.

Mr. Judson has applications from 313 farmers for packages of the seed at this time and will send out tons of it this year, all along the lines of the road. His pamphlet tells of the depletion of the natural ranges of the Eastern Oregon districts, by overstocking, and gives practical and verified demonstration that these ranges may be brought back to usefulness by planting them to dry land alfalfa.

The booklet tells of the great success of hog raising in Eastern Oregon in connection with alfalfa. One man raising 1,200 head of hogs in a year, averaging 230 pounds each from a 46-acre field of alfalfa, at an average cost of 1 1/2 cents per pound. All along the lines of the road, through Umatilla, Morrow, Baker and Union counties in Oregon, and in the arid regions of Washington, the company is experimenting with dry land grasses, and their hardy crops that will take the place of the older bunch grass, which is now so badly eaten out in hopes of perpetuating the stock industry, in its present proportions.

Mr. Judson is enthusiastic over the results of the corn crop of Umatilla county, and points with much pride to the fact that the great crop of this year is the result of a small amount of seed brought by Mr. Miller and himself from North Dakota, five years ago, and which was distributed among Umatilla county farmers.

He believes that hog and corn raising in Eastern Oregon, is one of the coming great money making industries of the West, which will furnish business for the farmers, the company and the dealers of the country.

This little pamphlet should be read by every citizen in Oregon, as it gives facts, figures and statistics of the experiments of the company in Eastern Oregon, which proves that the work of Colonel Judson and his associates, in introducing valuable crops is not in vain. The book also mentions the introduction of thoroughbred cattle sales into Eastern Oregon by the company, and the number of Herefords and Shorthorns brought here by the sales. Ten carloads of Herefords were sold in Eastern Oregon by the Hereford Association and 15 head of Shorthorns through the efforts of the O. R. & N. company.

"GRANDMA" BANKS DEAD.

Pioneer Woman of Athena Passed Away at Her Home Yesterday.

Athena, Jan. 21.—Mrs. H. Banks, an old pioneer of this city, familiarly known as "Grandma" Banks, died yesterday evening of paralysis. She was buried here this afternoon, her funeral to be the first one preached in the M. E. church, and her interment in the cemetery. She leaves nine grown children, five of whom are married, and are present at the funeral. She was 73 years of age, and was one of the most highly respected pioneers of the county.

William McBride, proprietor of the Palace drug store, has employed Harry Dupuy of Portland to assist him in the store.

Miss Stankin has returned home from Baker City.

Clifford Stanton is seriously ill.

William Reider's youngest brother from Tacoma, Wash., is here visiting.

Gus Volmer of Waukegan, who spent a few days in the city on business, has returned home.

W. L. Leiger, formerly a resident of this county, but now of Boise, is here on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Johns and two sons, who spent the past six weeks here have gone to Walla Walla, where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

John Plumb came down from the mountains, bringing with him a cougar he killed near Bingham Springs.

Mr. J. R. Saylor has returned home from his Butter Creek ranch.

The protracted meeting of the Christian church did not close, as was expected, on account of the many additions to the church in the past few days. There were eight accessions Sunday night.

Mrs. Bowling of Elgin, mother of Mrs. Jas. Smith and Mrs. Cynthia Davis has returned home.

Clarence and Otis Whitman's father, Harvey, Whitman of Grant's Pass, has been visiting them and looking after his business here and on the flat.

Mrs. Frank Simpson went to Portland Wednesday to join her husband, who has a good position there.

Will Reside With His Daughter. Mrs. Jennie McBride returned home Thursday, bringing her aged father, Mr. Armstrong from Lookout, Idaho. Mr. Armstrong will make his home with his daughter permanently.

Sold Interest in Grocery. George Gross has recently sold to George Thompson of Willamette

valley, his interest in the Blue Front grocery store. The firm will be known in the future as Worthington & Thompson.

Dance January 22. There will be a dance in the opera house January 22. Prof. Gullott and Alf Johnson will furnish the music.

Angus McDonald Very Low. Angus McDonald, who has just returned from a visit to Colorado, where he went in search of health, is very low at his home at Athena, with pneumonia, and little hope is entertained for his recovery. His brothers, Angus McDonald, of Walla Walla, and Alex McDonald, of this county, are at his bedside.

STEALING HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS FOR MONTHS. Clothing, Linen, Jewelry and Other Property Taken by Wholesale From the Wyrick Residence During the Family's Absence—No Clue to the Thieves.

During the past three months a course of systematic thievery at the residence of Mrs. M. M. Wyrick, at the corner of Bluff and Willow streets, has practically denuded the house of everything movable.

Mrs. Wyrick and daughters, Miss Laura and Hazel, have been visiting in Portland for the past three months and their home has been shut up during the time and practically vacated. The family has now returned to the city and find that someone in their absence has made away with their table and bed linen, a large amount of clothing, and quite a collection of jewelry.

The house has been carefully gone over and everything wanted by the thieves had been taken, so that it was necessary to buy a complete new line of linen for the house, besides other things not itemized.

There is no clue to the identity of the robbers, and it is not at all like any of the things which will ever be recovered.

CITY WATER WORKS

PROFITS ARE INCREASING UNDER PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

Gross Receipts Show a Steady Advance, With Balances Increasing in the City's Favor—Plant is Valued at \$80,000—Outstanding Bonds for \$45,000.

F. W. Hendley has finished checking the book of the water commission, and reports them in excellent condition—and accurately kept. The superintendent of the water works and the commission have gone over the accounts and the report for the year is now ready and shows the water system of the city to be in the best condition that it has yet enjoyed.

Assets and Liabilities. The report shows the commission to have charge of a plant valued at \$80,000 with a capital of \$45,000. There are \$45,000 of bonds against the system and the commission now has \$3,729.53 in cash in the treasury deposited in the general fund.

The water rents for the past year have amounted to \$15,233.09, while \$2,299.41 have been expended in station betterments, \$5,134.01 for improvements to the line distributing system, \$2,690.55 for labor, and \$5,571.55 for fuel.

The labor account for the last two years has been greatly increased by the addition of another man at the pump house and by the extension work and improvements done in the past year or two.

The increase in the fuel account is caused both by the larger amount of water pumped into the reservoir, and by the raise in the price of wood.

On the first of this year the commission had \$1,952.50 worth of securities in their sinking fund, together with \$62 in cash to the credit of the same fund. It has \$3,667.53 cash in the general fund, \$2,340 worth of wood in the yards and \$500 worth of supplies on hand, making in all \$12,023 of live assets which could be turned into cash in time of need.

The profits of the commission for the past year are estimated at \$7,961.63, an increase of \$992.10 over that of the year before.

A comparison shows the price of water to the consumer to be less in this city than in other places.

In Portland, the average cost to the patrons of the system is \$1.50 a month for a small family, in San Francisco it cannot be less than \$2 a month, in North Yakima it is about \$1.50, while in this city it is fair to say that the majority of the families pay no more than \$1 a month during that part of the year when there is no irrigation required.

A detailed statement of the condition of the commission is appended, being a comparative statement of receipts for three years:

Year	Amount
1901	\$11,496.27
1902	12,498.28
1903	15,233.09
1902	1,962.10
Operating expenses \$ 648.44	\$ 510.15
Line repairs	278.36
Labor	2,235.30
Fuel	2,690.55
Interest on bonds	2,255.60
Total expense	\$7,430.85
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