

CROP FAILURES ARE UNKNOWN IN DOUGLAS.

Douglas County Display at Exposition Shows Wonderful Resources. Has Fine Crops.

Portland, July 31—While other sections of the country are raising a hue and cry about crop failure, Douglas County, Or., pats itself on the back and shouts, "A failure of crops has never been known in Douglas County."

Towering with a grace and symmetry peculiar only to the species, at either end of the booth, are two young bamboo trees grown in Douglas County without any extraordinary amount of care or attention.

Exposition is perhaps the most unique exhibit of ores ever seen. Great heaps of raw metal are piled, with apparent carelessness, one on top of the other.

Berries of all kinds are on display, and are indicative of another source of wealth to the county. One grower realized \$1300 from five acres planted in strawberries, and the same pleasing results are derived from Loganberries, blackberries, raspberries and currants.

Douglas County claims the largest deposit of nickel in the United States, and beautiful specimens of this ore are on display. In the Mines building at the

of 1903-04 at enormous cost, and is said to be the best between Portland and San Francisco. It has been in operation for 14 months, is located near the Booth-Kelley Company's sawmill, and uses as fuel to operate the engines sawdust and refuse from the mill.

COTTON EXPLAINS HIS ACTION

Portland, July 31—I am not going to New York or Chicago; my salary has not been increased; I have not been offered any additional power; I object to being held up myself, and I had no intention or desire of holding any one else up; I did not use the Federal Judgeship as a proposition to trade on, as has been intimated; I simply concluded to keep my job, because I thought I would be happier as an active man myself than to sit on the bench and pass on the qualifications of other men's acts.

Thus said William Wick Cotton, who has the distinction of declining the Federal Judgeship for the District of Oregon, with the commission appointing him already in his pocket, by way of explaining his action in turning down an office for which others are now scrambling with might and main. Mr. Cotton returned from the East this morning to continue in his capacity as general attorney for the O. R. & N.

Only Changed His Mind.

"When this position was offered to me, I repeatedly, unqualifiedly and absolutely declined it for a month or more, and as many as half a dozen times," said Mr. Cotton. "Finally I concluded to accept it, and thought at the time that I would be happy on the bench.

IF HE CAN'T BUY THEN HE'LL BUILD

"We will buy the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad if Mr. Hammond will sell, and if he will not we will build into southern Oregon independent of Hamilton or anyone else in the world," said Rev. Herman S. Wallace, president of the Co-operative Christian Federation, this morning. "We have land enough to build to and will have more. We are in the field to buy the C. & E., and if we can't buy it we will build a road from Portland by the most practicable route."

"It is our settled policy to purchase the Corvallis & Eastern, if possible," he continued, "and if this road cannot be commanded at a reasonable price, we will build into the interior anyway and protect our interests by transportation facilities. He who holds the avenues between producer and consumer commands both."

After Utah Public Lands.

Salt Lake, Aug. 1.—Eight hundred and eighty-two people were in line at midnight at Provo, Utah, awaiting for the opening of the Utah reversion registration office. Mrs. Isabel Miller, a widow, was the first in the line, and registered at 9 o'clock this morning, after which the long line waited its turn, and is being increased rapidly as the day advances.

JUDGE A. S. BENNETT ROASTS PROSECUTOR HENEY.

Says His Motives Are Un-fair. Sacrificing to Get Congressmen. Throwing Back the Little Fish.

Portland, Or., Aug. 2.—The closing arguments in the land fraud case against Williamson, Gesner and Biggs was finished at noon. Heney made a powerful argument in reply to Bennett. The court delivered its instructions to the jury this afternoon, they being identical with those on the first trial, after which the jury retired to deliberate at 2:30 o'clock.

Portland, Aug. 1.—Attorneys A. S. Bennett and H. S. Wilson made strong arguments in defense of Williamson, Gesner and Biggs today and the case will probably go to the jury tomorrow. Judge Bennett said: "I understand," said he, "that the instructions of the court to the jury will be substantially the same as were given at the last trial. However, I will say a few words in regard to the formation of a contract. While a contract to be binding may be expressed in either writing or words, it must be expressed in some substantial way. It is not enough for Jones to say, 'If I can get it for \$500 I will buy.' This is not a contract, because at any time a man has a right to change his mind."

OPPORTUNITY TO ADVERTISE DOUGLAS

Hon. D. S. K. Buick, manager of the Douglas county exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, writes the Plaindealer as follows: "We have received several late additions to our exhibit of grains and fruit from different places in Douglas county, but could find room for many more reasonable products. Our farmers, fruit growers, and citizens generally are looking the opportunity of their lives to advertise Douglas county effectively and at little cost."

ATTRACTED HITHER BY PLAINDALER

Petzer, S. C., July 28.—Editor Plaindealer:—Along about the 20th of June I passed through your city on my way home from the Portland Exposition. While the cars were standing at your depot some one gave me a copy of the Roseburg Plaindealer. I put the paper aside and since I have reached home I have been reading the paper and thinking about your fine climate, your grand county and your fine town. I am much pleased with your description of the place and Douglas county. To prove my interest in your county I inclose money order for a subscription to the Plaindealer. I am a photographer and picture framer and have been engaged in the business here for 13 years. It is not too much competition there in my line, my desire to locate there. Let me hear from you please. R. L. STRAZZ.

WITTE PREDICTS PEACE TERMS CANNOT BE ARRANGED.

Fears Demands of Japan Will Be Intolerable. Prospects of Ending War Gloomy.

On Board Steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, at Sea, Aug. 2.—"I am afraid negotiations will be ended within a week as the Japanese conditions will be so intolerable as not to admit of discussion."

This momentous statement was made by Count Witte, when he turned to his stateroom shortly before midnight. I caught my first sight of M. Witte in the tender at Oberbooburg on the way to the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. I had only to follow the direction in which a dozen cameras were pointed to find the man in whose hand lies peace or war. I beheld a somewhat smooth figure with unweary gait, face shrewd, kindly, tired—typically Slavonic—with benign, wide-open eyes, contrasting strongly with the oblique half-closed Oriental optics where—as they will in a few days—be trying to read Russia's fate.

PROSPEROUS OUTLOOK AHEAD FOR DRAIN

Drain, Oregon, Aug. 1.—Speculation has been rife here during the past week as to what the appearance of an engineers' outfit at this place means. This outfit, consisting of four cars, was side tracked here about a week ago and two men have it in charge. These men are only employees of the crew and claim not to know the purpose they have been sent here for. Two others came to yesterday but the chief engineer has not yet put in an appearance, but those here say that they expect the balance of the crew on any train from the south. Several large tents for the use of the gang came in by freight a couple of days ago, so it is evident that they expect to work away from the main line of the S. P. R. Co. They are, without question, in the employ of the S. P. Co. The belief is general here that they are to work on the line toward the coast, but the kind of work to be done remains, as yet, a mystery.

Will Work Toward Coast.

C. D. Drain, who was in Roseburg Tuesday gave out the information that

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