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**ADVERTISING RATES ON APPLICATION**

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**OUR BIGGEST ASSET**

Late reports received from Bend indicate that the damage from forest fires in the timber South of that place was not as extensive as was reported last week. The young trees were injured, but very little damage was done to mature timber, and the area burned over was only half as large as was at first reported. The news is gratifying, as the large belt of fine yellow pine lying South of Bend is one of the finest assets the county has and also constitutes an important item in the inventory of Central Oregon's wealth. The pine timber of that region is one of the strong attractions for railroad construction into Central Oregon. James J. Hill, the great railroad magnate, is authority for the statement that one acre of timber land will produce more tonnage for a railroad than a quarter section of wheat land. Which, if true, means that the yellow pine timber of Central Oregon holds more prospective wealth for the railroads than all the other resources of that region combined.

**LAWSON'S "REMEDY"**

Thousands of newspaper readers throughout the United States read the advertisements of Thomas W. Lawson last week, published in all the great dailies of the country, in which he offers his "Remedy" to the American people, to be used in breaking the back of the "System" and clipping the wings of the Morgans, Harrimans and Rockefeller. So much for the benefits of advertising, in which Lawson is a past master.

As to the so-called Remedy, it is probably all right from the gambler's point of view, which is Lawson's. Boiled down, it is the simple device of consolidating the bets of the hundreds of thousands of small speculators who buck the Wall Street game, and out-betting the system. And, the man with the longest sack generally wins in that kind of a game. That Lawson thinks he could win is the charitable view to take of it. Another view, probably nearer correct although less charitable, is that Lawson is trying to capitalize the opinion he recently expressed of the American people, when he said they were "lobsters, shrimps, gelatine-backed idiots, etc."

At any rate, a good way for the American people to beat the Wall Street game, is to let it alone. This advice is not as complicated as Lawson's, but it will probably be less expensive to the man who reads it and takes it.

**"ALASKA" WHEAT FARE**

The "Alaska" wheat bubble has burst. Widely advertised as a new variety discovered by a farmer of Juliaetta, Idaho, which would yield 100 to 200 bushels to the acre, and which promised to revolutionize the wheat industry of America, it has come under the observation of the national department of agriculture, which pronounces it nothing more than the Egyptian seven-headed wonder, or "mummy wheat," used to swindle the farmers years ago. The agricultural department is think-

ing a thorough investigation of the matter, and it is probable that the postoffice department will also institute an investigation to ascertain the extent of the swindle.

Alaska wheat will probably be listed with those things "too good to be true." It would grow equally well if planted in Fall or Spring; would withstand drouth or freezing; would yield 200 bushels to the acre; and graded No. 1 hard. Distributing agencies were established throughout the country, and farmers were to be let in on the good thing at the price of \$20 per bushel. The price would have been a cheap one, if the wheat had been all that was claimed for it, but that is the rub.

**EXPECTING TO HEAR FROM MR. HARRIMAN**

The result of the conference to which Mr. Harriman has invited Governor Chamberlain, F. S. Stanley of the Deschutes irrigation project, and General Manager O'Brien of the O. R. & N., at Pelican Bay, will be awaited with interest by the people of Central Oregon. To all who have kept in touch with recent railroad developments in this region, this conference holds out the hope that at last Mr. Harriman is ready to build the long-promised railroad into Central Oregon, and that some definite announcement on that subject will immediately follow. The fact of Mr. Stanley's invitation to the conference is especially significant in view of the fact that he and his associates did not embark on their enterprises in this county until given positive assurance that Mr. Harriman would commence railroad construction into Central Oregon within three months from that time: That was three years ago, and the promise has never been fulfilled.

The time is ripe, however. Since the recovery of the country from the panic of last Fall, money is plentiful for all legitimate enterprises. Labor is plentiful, and cheaper than it has been for years. And, the fact that other interests are looking this way for railroad investment, makes this time especially opportune for Mr. Harriman's announcement.

**LIGHT LAND YIELDS BEST**

As harvest progresses in Umatilla county several extraordinary features are noticed by close observers. One of the most surprising features of the present season is the heavy yields on the light land in the North and Northwestern portions of the county, and the reduced yields of the heavier land in the center of the wheat belt, says the East Oregonian.

It is now estimated that the O. R. & N., which penetrated the heart of the wheat belt, will have but half its usual tonnage of wheat this season from Athena, Weston, Adams, Eastland and other shipping points, while the Northern Pacific, which penetrates a lighter soil district, will have fully 75 per cent of its usual tonnage.

As the harvest progresses in the northwest part of the county the yield of the light land is surprising and proves conclusively that the lighter soil will produce a crop under great difficulties, as but very little rain has visited that portion of the county this season.

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Some artist with the crew of surveyors on the Central Oregon line has painted upon the large mess-wagon in which they take their meals the inscription, "C. O. R. R. Dining Car." And the cuisine and menu are said to compare favorably with the dining car service on the Harriman lines in Oregon. However, Mr. Harriman may console himself with the thought that if it takes more than one swallow to make a Summer, it also takes more than one "dining car" to make a railroad.

**Fall Work in Soil Culture**

The following advice from Mr. H. W. Campbell, founder of the "Campbell system" of dry land farming, published in this month's Scientific Farmer, is timely:

"August is the month that the average farmer gives little attention to his soil. His crop has been practically grown for this year, therefore why spend any time on the fields now?"

There is no month in the year that good tillage means any more than in August. If the work is done timely and intelligently many bushels can be added to next year's crop whether it be Fall wheat or Spring planted crops.

In a large portion of the semi-arid West we can almost invariably count on a good rain in this month. If the surface of the soil is loose when this rain comes so that the water will all readily soak down into the soil and then the surface is again loosened up as soon after as the soil will permit, the farmer may be able to store and retain just the necessary quantity of water to bring up the crop next Spring and keep it growing healthy and rank until the May or June rains come. The result is a big crop, while if no attention is given to the August tillage the rain will be lost, resulting in nearly if not quite a failure of the crop.

Are you desirous of growing a good crop in 1909? Then begin now to make it possible. Remember that the physical condition of your soil governs the yielding powers. As the time approaches for another crop think seriously, frequently and long of the following three fundamental principles if you expect a big crop:

First—Soil must never be plowed when wet or dry, but always when moist.

Don't say this is impossible, for it is quite possible. Just put your thinking machine to work as to how. It is one of the most vital questions you have.

Second—The lower portion of the newly plowed soil must be reduced to a fine and firm condition at the earliest possible time.

There are many reasons why this should be done. Think of it. Observe your field and study why. Many a crop of both Spring and Fall wheat has been cut in the middle because the lowest part of the furrow slice is too loose. Why?

Third—The surface must always be kept loose. To this important fact are also attached many reasons; which will be detailed later on. Remember that the soil must be moist when plowed; the bottom firm and the top loose.

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**HOMESTEAD.** Notice for Publication, Department of the Interior; U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, August 12, 1908. Notice is hereby given that  
**OTTO L. HOHLFELD,** of Youngs, Oregon, who, on January 11, 1902, made Homestead Entry [Serial No. 0601] No. 10276, for e1/2 sec 6 sw1/4 sec 8, nw1/4 sec 8, tp 10 s, r 14 e, w. m., has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Frank Osborn, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Madras, Oregon, on the 23rd day of September, 1908.  
Claimant names as witnesses: George White, of Youngs, Oregon; John Thomas, George E. Laughlin, William H. Stonehocker, all of Madras, Oregon.  
C. W. MOORE, Register

**ISOLATED TRACT.** Notice for Publication, Public Land Sale: Serial No. 0407, The Dalles, Oregon, U. S. Land Office, August 8, 1908. Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1903, Public No. 305, we will offer at public sale to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 25th day of September next, at this office, the following tract of land, to-wit: sec 13, tp 12 s, r 15 e, w. m.  
Any persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the day above designated for sale.  
C. W. MOORE, Register

**TIMBER LAND.** Notice for Publication, Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, August 11, 1908. Notice is hereby given that  
**Reuben G. Willcoxon,** of Bend, Oregon, who, on August 8, 1908, made Timber and Stone Entry No. 0659, for n1/2 and sw1/4 sec 18, tp 13 s, r 11 e, w. m., has filed notice of intention to make final timber and stone proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Bend, Oregon, on the 27th day of October, 1908.  
Claimant names as witnesses: Charles H. Brown, Elmer Niswonger, Fred A. Hunsell, Allen W. Willcoxon, all of Bend, Oregon.  
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