

NORTHWEST IS FARM CENTER

Volume of Agricultural Products of North Pacific States Is Surprising.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 5.—Four hundred and four million dollars is the value of the products of 211,000 farms in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana in 1909, a gain of 75 per cent since 1900. The assets of the farmers are practically double those of 1904, their debts are considerably less, while the surplus is larger than ever before in the history of the country. The number of farms and the wealth production in

the four states are approximately as follows:

States	Farms	Production.
Washington	66,000	\$104,000,000
Oregon	75,000	114,000,000
Idaho	40,000	72,000,000
Montana	30,000	114,000,000
Totals	211,000	114,000,000

The foregoing figures show there is need for more farmers in the northwestern states and that millions of acres of lands, now idle, could be put under cultivation on a substantial revenue-paying basis. There are many who believe that the days of the bonanza farms are numbered, which means that with smaller holdings there will be more intensive farming, and, as a consequence, larger acre crops.

The farm products of 1909 in the inland Empire, taking in eastern Washington and Oregon, north and central Idaho and western Montana, are valued at \$110,000,000. A normal apple crop at present prices instead of a yield ranging from 35 to 40 per cent, would have placed

the figures at approximately \$117,000,000 as against about \$90,000,000 in 1908.

Wheat, of course, was the big factor, the four states producing more than 75,000,000 bushels, of which 35,780,000 bushels is credited to Washington, 16,377,000 bushels for Oregon, 14,465,000 bushels for Idaho and the rest for Montana. The other farm products entering into the computation are fruit, oats, barley, rye, hay, sugar beets, potatoes, garden products, live stock, dairy products and poultry and eggs.

The foregoing figures become important in the development of the western country when it is known that in many instances the products of the older farming states are not as valuable as those in the quarter mentioned, which, less than a quarter of a century ago, were considered to be largely worthless lands. It means, too, that with the influx of population and outside capital for development purposes there will be more farms and a greater wealth production.

There are 6,741,000 farms, or

about 1,000,000 more than in 1899, in the United States today, and the value of the products for 1909 is placed at \$9,600,000,000, with farm assets of \$35,000,000,000. This shows that fully one-third of the population of the country is engaged in the various forms of agriculture.

It is believed by many that the result of the country life and back-to-the-land movements will be to raise the per centage of farmers to 40 in a few years, thus placing the nation in the position of an exporter and raising the wealth production to the 11-figure notch.

HEIRESS NOT FOUND.

Philadelphia Maiden Suspected of Elopement Not Caught.

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 7.—It is denied that Roberta Bulst De Jann, the heiress suspected of eloping with Ferdinand Cohen, a waiter, has been found.

COQUILLE MAN GIVEN HONOR

Instructor in High School There Awarded Oregon Rhodes Scholarship.

EUGENE, Jan. 8. — The Rhodes Scholarship from Oregon for the present year has been awarded to Mr. Cecil K. Lyons, a graduate of the University of Oregon in the class of 1909. The award was made by the State Rhodes Scholarship Committee, which met in Salem last week. Lyons will enter Oxford next September and his scholarship will be good for three years thereafter, paying him an annual income of \$1,500.

During his course at the University of Oregon, Lyons was an exceptionally strong student and took a prominent part in debate. He earned his own way through the University, and is now teaching in the Coquille high school.

Rhodes scholarship will again be open in 1911, in 1913 and 1914. Scholarships from Oregon are now held by Edward Winans, of Willamette University and Wistar Johnson of the University of Oregon.

NEWSPAPER "AD" AS CURFEW SUBSTITUTE

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Jan. 7.—Chief of Police Riley of Ellwood, this county, believes in the efficacy of newspaper advertising. Since councils will not pass an ordinance to establish a curfew, Riley has decided to take the names of youngsters out late at night and publish them daily. Riley thinks this will force their parents to keep them at home.

As a part of the movement to attract tourist travel to the northwest, one of the finest hotels in America is to be built at Soudue Hot Springs in the Olympic Mountains, at a cost of \$150,000. It will be the first hotel in this country in which all of the cooking and heating, as well as the lighting, will be done by electricity. The Swiss chalet style of architecture, appropriate because of the strong similarity between the Olympic and the Alps, will be used. All of the timber will be hauled in, as the beauty of the surrounding forest is to be preserved. The Olympic Lumber is authority for the statement that 50,000 feet of lumber have already been taken in as far as Lake Crescent so that work can begin as soon as the spring season arrives.

Hunting licenses renewed. Gunners.

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HUB CLOTHING & SHOE CO.

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COQUILLE

Malthoid Roofing

The roofing that always makes good. No matter how big or little the job, Malthoid fits every condition and renders a roof service that is absolutely incomparable. If you want the roofing that is right—demand Malthoid. Made by the original makers of ready roofings.

The Paraffine Paint Co. SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA
C. E. NICHOLSON, Local Distributor.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received for the construction of a bridge across South Slough according to the plans and specifications to be filed with the County Clerk.

Five per cent of amount of bid to be deposited with the County Clerk with bid, such deposit to be forfeited in case bid is awarded and the bidder fails to enter into contract with sufficient bond within five days after such contract is awarded. All bids to be filed with the County Clerk of Coos County, Oregon, on or before the 10th day of January A. D. 1910, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The court reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to award the contract to a bidder not the lowest in case the court deems it for the best interest of the County.

Dated at the Court House, at the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, this 8th day of December A. D. 1909.

JAMES WATSON,
County Clerk.

"H. B." Table Fruits "Highest Grade"

You know the purity and prime excellence of this brand. They are the finest on the market. If you have not used them we ask only a trial order to convince you. Read this list, note the price and phone your order.

Royal Anne Cherries	25c
Black Cherries	25c
Green Gage Plums	25c
Egg Plums	25c
Sliced Apricots	25c
Peaches Yellow Free	25c
Peaches Lemonceling	25c
Apricots Sliced	25c
Pineapple	25c
Raspberries	25c
Loganberries	25c
Strawberries	25c
Tomatoes (Solid pack) 2 for	25c

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Here you will find a complete line of clean, fresh groceries—groceries of good quality at reasonable prices.

We will appreciate your business.

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FIXUP

Compare Our Regular \$8.50 and \$14 Suits with any special offerings

Times' Want Ads Get Results.

An Open Letter to the PEOPLE OF COOS CO.

Now that the holidays are over and you have a little time for meditation and reflection, you can consider and reason with clear cold fact. Now, when you count the money you spent for luxuries you can say to yourself had I belonged to the Co-operative Company I would not have missed the money as there would have been enough saving on my groceries to enjoy a real Merry Christmas and not feel any stringency afterwards.

A great many people do not quite understand the principle or plan and for an illustration we can compare it with a lodge run for the mutual benefit of its members. There are a great many orders and nearly every man belongs to some of them for the protection of his family, but he does not receive any benefit unless in case of sickness or death, while by owning an interest in the Co-operative store you get the benefits in cheaper goods.

You may ask, "Why should I belong to the company to reap the full benefit?" The reason is this: The wholesale and retail merchants all over the country are organized to maintain prices; the manufacturers and jobbers are even dictating the retail prices so your local merchant is just simply a piece worker or commission man. He does not dare to cut the price and give you goods as cheap as he might like for fear when he goes to buy again he cannot get any more. Now, the writer was one of the first to see the possibilities of a merchants' organization, the prices could be arranged so the consumer would have to pay what ever was asked for goods and the merchant would be assured of a profit. I was also the agitator for an organization here and which was afterwards perfected.

But the objection to this was if any one would want to buy a farm, build himself a fine residence, buy an automobile or indulge in luxuries and his income was not sufficient instead of trying to increase the volume of business the easiest way was to raise the percentage of profit and he would immediately begin to arouse sentiment in the organization for more profit so every one would have to follow suit. In considering this matter, we came to the conclusion that the person who uses these goods pays for all the things without any say as to how the business should be conducted or the profit spent. We also saw that a store could not run without customers so that if the people would organize they could protect themselves and have the store operated for their benefit and not for some unscrupulous persons to hold them up.

PRICES RAISING

We have people come in every day and on being told that the price on some article has advanced, ask the same question?

"What are people going to eat after a while? We can't afford this or that necessary?"

We tell them this: "The general retail profit is 25 per cent. Supposing you are getting \$2.00 per day; your employer pays you in cash and you go to the store to buy goods your dollar is only worth 75 cents. You may ask how is that? It is plain, if your employer paid you in goods at wholesale price you would get as many goods for \$1.50 as at the store for \$2.00.

Now, we have been doing some figuring for your benefit. The average grocery bill for a family is \$25.00 per month and 25 per cent of this is \$6.25. You see what goes to the merchant. Now we can serve about 200 families at a monthly cost of about \$200 or about \$1.00 each. Can you appreciate the \$5.00 saved which is \$60 per year on groceries alone, to say nothing of the other needs of a family.

We intend to conduct the business something on the order of a bank. Nearly every one is trying to get a little bank account. But did it ever occur to you to deposit your money in a store?

You may have it in the bank but when you go to buy anything with it, your dollar is only worth 75 cents again at the privately owned store, while at the Co-operative Store all the money deposited there is invested in goods by the management to the best advantage. These goods belong to the share holders (not the manager), and they are entitled to them at cost with a small per cent for economical handling and service rendered. If the manufacturers have the right to say what the people should pay for things, we think the people should have the privilege of saying who should run the stores and what the expense should be.

We know that a great many people shake their heads and say that the cooperative plan is impracticable, but when you hear any one say that you can make up your mind, that person is not any more responsible or given the matter any more thought than people who said flying was impossible, or that wireless telegraphy was the work of the Devil. The Co-operative is the only safe, sure and satisfactory remedy of the system although a little premature for some people's comprehension. We say again it is the only way to save money and be sure of it. Any one wishing to ask any question in regard to our plan will please call or write the

People's Co-operative Co.

F. S. RIEBE, Manager

170 Broadway South

MARSHFIELD, OREGON