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WOMEN'S FIRST VOTE IS SUCCESSFUL

MEN who have questioned the capacity and competency of women in the exercise of the voting privilege must revise their estimates and views after yesterday's demonstration in Marshfield.

There was a certain independence in their action, also. S. B. Cathcart, one of the election judges, states that in the majority of instances the women registered politically opposite their husbands, proving that they were not to be mere echoes of "mere man".

Hereafter the ladies, God bless 'em must be reckoned with as a factor in municipal legislation and government. None can doubt that their influence will be for good and will result in making Marshfield cleaner, better and more beautiful city in which to live.

The Times tips its hats to the ladies and congratulates them on the successful manner in which they first exercised their suffrage franchise.

TRADE MISSIONARY MOVEMENT

PROMISING missionary enterprise is that to be undertaken by a party of San Francisco business men who are to visit China during the coming winter.

THE PIE IS BURNED

THE water franchise "pie" upon which some Marshfield citizens have feasted with a lingering gusto, and whose "water" in anticipation of a prospective banquet, is a bit burned around the edges just now, and is hardly as palatable as it once was.

There has been a feeling in this city for some time past that some citizens and officials were too ardent in the interest manifest in the "water franchise pie."

There is an end to all things, good or bad; and while none desire to see any injury done to anyone, the people worried of the old system and a change of cooks should result in more palatable edibles for the people, even if it is not so toothsome for the "pie biters."

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

If his satanic majesty is the father of lies, his family is the biggest on record and a number of his children may be found on Coos Bay.

A woman can sometimes help her husband to enjoy a pleasure trip by not going with him.

Time is said to be money, but as a rule the more time a Coos Bay man has the more money he requires.

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THE STAGE RUBE

By BOB STANLEY

I jist come from a the-ay-ter where I seen a sellin'-plater do a "Reuben" act. This man wore a linen duster, old straw hat, and after bluster, some old jokes was cracked.

He jist thought we all was easy when he talked so kind o' whoozy in them boots and hat. He werent' nothin' like a farmer—wouldn't make a good snake-charmer with sich talk as that.

But he never shucked a nubbin, never give a boss a rubbin', never pitched no hay. If he had he'd know the reason that sich actin's out o' season—been for many day.

Makes me mad to see some cheap-skate dress up that-a-way and ree-late jokes 'bout buyin' bricks, for them farmers win the Jack-pot.

'Side o' them he'd be a deuce spot, spite o' all his tricks.

WILD GAME IN OREGON THICK OREGON CROP REPORT MADE

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 4.—There are 930 elk and 80,000 deer in the state of Oregon, according to figures compiled by Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff for his biennial report.

It is estimated that Clatsop, Lincoln, Union and Curry Counties each have 100 elk, while Columbia has 80, Tillamook 75, Lane 70, Grant, Baker, and Umatilla 50 each.

Mountain sheep are found in a few counties, Grant being credited with 5, Harney with 10, Baker with 50, Wallowa with 90.

The counties in which bear abound are as follows: Lane, Douglas and Curry Counties, 2000 each; Union 1600; Columbia, Grant, Jackson, Lincoln, 1000 each; Tillamook, 750; Clatsop, 700; Coos and Josephine, 500 each; Washington, 400; Klamath, Linn and Yamhill, 300 each; Baker and Crook, 250 each; Lake, 200; Wallowa, 150; Morrow, Clackamas and Umatilla, 100 each; Benton, Wasco and Wheeler, 50 each; Harney, 40. Antelope are found in six counties, Malheur containing 2000, Lake 1500, Harney 1000, Crook 90, Wasco 20, Grant 15.

WOMEN ARRANGED AS HOUSEHOLD SHIRKS

Government Investigator Finds "Social Functions" Change Conditions on Farms.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—A sharp arraignment of the farmers' wives and daughters of the country, and incidentally their city sisters, is contained in a report by George K. Holmes, chief of the division of production and distribution of the Agricultural Department.

Although wages have risen steadily during forty-four years, Mr. Holmes declares that the present age women have forgotten or are too proud to indulge in household work on the farm. The lure of "society," which has reached out to the farm, he says, is much to blame for the condition which he describes as acute.

"Country girls, as well as city girls," says Holmes in reporting to Secretary Wilson, "seems to regard household labor for hire as undesirable. Joined with this fact is the other one that the women of the farmer's family are neither able nor willing to repeat the manual performances of their grandmothers on the farm."

The raising of the standard of living on the farm, the report continues, is responsible in a measure for the women of the farm are now engaging in "social functions" which the government expert holds to be "incompatible with performance of household labor."

"Throughout large areas," he says, "the pride of the housewife in great stores of preserves, dried and pickled fruits, berries and vegetables, exists chiefly in history, and dependence is placed mostly upon the local store for the products of the cannery and the evaporator."

Within the period mentioned Holmes reports that wages paid to man laborers on the farm have risen as high as 75 per cent, and that harvest hands are now paid upward of \$20 a month, with board. For the farm laborers who live on the farm the year round, Mr. Holmes declares the money paid does not represent the real value of his remuneration, for "the cost of living" virtually is solved for him.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—The complete results of the agricultural census for Oregon with reference to crops are presented in a bulletin soon to be issued by Director Durand of the Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce and Labor.

It was prepared under the supervision of John Lee Coulter, expert special agent for Agriculture. Data relating to some of the more important crops were published some time ago, and in the following statement specific reference is made only to those crops for which information is now available for the first time.

The total value of crops in Oregon in 1909 was \$49,041,000. Of this amount, 86.2 per cent was contributed by crops for which the acreage as well as the value was reported the remainder consisting of the value of by-products (straw, garden and grass seeds, etc.) derived from the same land as other crops reported, or of orchard fruits, nuts, forest products, and the like. The combined acreage of crops for which acreage was reported was 2,281,288; representing 53.4 per cent of the total improved land in farms (4,274,802 acres). Most of the remaining improved land doubtless consisted of improved pasture, land lying fallow, house and farm yards, and land occupied by orchards and vineyards; the acreage for which was not reported.

The general character of Oregon agriculture is indicated by the fact that somewhat more than one-third (36.4 per cent) of the total value of crops in 1909 was contributed by the cereals, somewhat less than one-third (31.0 per cent) by hay and forage, and about one-tenth (9.3 per cent) by potatoes and other vegetables. The remainder, representing about 23.3 per cent of the total, consisted, mostly of fruits and nuts, forest products, and sundry minor crops.

The total value of crops in 1909 was 124.9 per cent greater than in 1899, this increase being due in part to higher prices. There was an increase of 12.5 per cent in the total acreage of crops for which acreage was reported, all of the important crops showing increases in acreage; the increase of cereals was relatively small, and that of hay and forage comparatively large.

The Leading Crops

The leading crops as presented in a former report in the order of their importance as judged by value, are hay and forage, \$15,226,000; wheat, \$10,849,000; oats, \$5,937,000; hops, \$2,839,000; and potatoes, \$2,099,000. It should be noted, however, that the production of vegetables, other than potatoes and sweet potatoes and yams, is more important than that of potatoes.

In 1909 the total acreage of potatoes and other vegetables was 62,399 and their value \$4,549,900. Including potatoes and sweet potatoes and yams, the acreage of vegetables was 23,129 and their value \$2,449,000, both acreage and value being decidedly greater than in 1899.

Flowers and Plants and Nursery Products.

The raising of flowers and plants and nursery products is also of some importance in Oregon, 2,298 acres being devoted to them in 1909, and the output being valued at \$1,052,000. Most of the product was raised on farms where these branches of agriculture were carried on as an important business.

Small Fruits.

Strawberries are by far the most important of the small fruits raised in Oregon, with raspberries and loganberries ranking next. The value of the strawberry crop in 1909 was \$395,349; that of raspberries and loganberries \$150,723. The total acreage of small fruits in 1909 was 9,348,000 quarts, as compared with 6,646,000 quarts in 1899, and the value \$641,000 in 1909, as compared with \$387,000 in 1899.

Orchard Fruits.

The total quantity of orchard fruits produced in 1909 was 4,423,000 quarts, valued at \$3,340,000. Apples were the most important of the orchard fruits produced and plums and prunes ranked next. The production of grapes in 1909 amounted to 3,207,000 pounds, valued \$98,776, and that of nuts to 178,000 pounds, valued at \$13,208.

The production of all orchard fruits together in 1909 was 190.6 per cent greater than in 1899, while that of grapes declined. The value of orchard fruits increased from \$906,000 in 1899 to \$3,340,000 in 1909, while that of grapes declined from \$162,543 in 1899 to \$98,776 in 1909. It should be noted that the values from 1899 include the value of more advanced products that are derived from orchard fruits or grapes, such as cider, vinegar, dried fruits and

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the like, and may therefore include some duplication, while the values shown for 1909 relate only to the products in their original condition. Sugar Crops. The total value of sugar beets produced in 1909 was \$74,902, as compared with \$63,322 in 1899. Forest Products. The census schedules for 1910 called for the "value of all firewood, fencing material, logs, railroad ties, telegraph and telephone poles, materials for barrels, bark, naval stores, or other forest products cut or produced in 1909, whether used on farm sold, or on hand April 15, 1910;" and also in a separate item, for the "amount received from sale of standing timber in 1909." There were 20,641 farms in Oregon 45.4 per cent of all farms in the state which reported forest products in 1909. The total value of such products being \$2,890,000, as compared with \$1,301,000 in 1899. An increase of 122.2 per cent. Of the value in 1909, \$1,226,000 was reported as that of products used or to be used on the farms themselves, \$1,273,000 as that of products sold or for sale, and \$391,000 as the amount received for standing timber. It should be noted that forest products not produced on farms are not included in this report. Miscellaneous Crops. Straw and cornstocks derived as by-products from the production of grain and corn have a considerable value for feed and other purposes. They are, however, mainly consumed on the farms producing them. The Census Bureau made no attempt to ascertain the total quantity or value of these products, but the schedules called for the quantity and value of those sold during the year 1909. The returns show that 795 farmers in Oregon, sold, during 1909, 10,073 tons of straw, for which they received \$34,198. LOVELORN WOMAN'S PLEA FOR MATE WITH GOOD MANNERS IS ANSWERED. ELGIN, Ill., Dec. 4.—A letter from "Miss Z. X. Radcliffe" of this city, offering her hand and \$30,000 to some "well-mannered man with style," published in San Francisco, has caused Postmaster H. D. Hemmens of Elgin to receive more than 300 letters a day addressed to the prospective bride. Miss Radcliffe a letter was addressed to the mayor of San Francisco. "Will you please publish this to help me find a husband? I am a rather good-looking woman of 27 and if I don't get a husband by 1913 I will lose a \$30,000 estate. I don't care if the man is a hod-carrier or a bricklayer, so long as he is well mannered and has style. "MISS Z. X. RADCLIFFE." The number of letters received

now number 1176. Some are addressed in youthful hands and others in the shaky script of age. A majority of the letters are bulky. Many of them appear to contain photographs. In her mail boxes, packages and framed pictures. One corner of the postoffice floor is devoted to it. Not only California but all parts of the country are represented in the marks of the letters from aspirants to Miss Radcliffe's fortune. Meanwhile search of this city has failed to discover Miss Radcliffe and she has not called for any of her mail. EYELASHES GO IN BLOWUP. Match Lighting Cigar Lighter Gasoline. PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 4.—William F. Schull of the firm of Evans & Schull of Pilot Rock is suffering from severe burns about the face and head as the result of a freak accident at that place. He was lighting a cigar when a small pool of gasoline on a table three feet from his hand containing the match flared up and enveloped his face. In addition to scorching his entire face, the flame burned off his eyelashes and eyebrows and shortened his hair. Have your job printing done at The Times office.