

Crop and Weather Bulletin.

December, January and February had mild temperatures and about normal precipitation. November and March were the coldest on record. The latter part of November had a phenomenal freeze, which did some damage to fruit-trees; the freeze came before the sap had retreated to the roots, hence the damage. March was cold, cloudy and rainy, with snow in the mountains. West of the Cascades and in the Columbia river valley the mean temperature in March averages from 38 to 42 degrees; over the Plateau Region it ranged from 28 to 35 degrees. These temperatures are from 3 to 7 degrees below the March normal. The precipitation for March was, rain west of the Cascades, and rain or snow to the east of them; the total was from 2 to 9 inches, being greatest, as usual, along the coast. The snowfall was heavier than usual, especially in the mountains. There was not sufficient sunshine and heat to cause vegetation to grow during March. The season is very late. On this day, April 5, there is no fruit in bloom, except in a few especially favored locations; in no section is there any general bloom. The dates of general blooming over the state, except of course in the Plateau Region, have been as follows: 1889, March 22; 1890, April 2; 1891, March 28; 1892, April 2; 1893, April 19; 1894, March 29; 1895, March 25; 1896, March 23; 1897, no bloom on April 5. Late development of fruit buds is favorable to good fruit yields.

WESTERN OREGON.

Weather—Showery weather, with temperatures below the average, prevailed during the past week. The mean temperature was 44 degrees, and the rainfall varied from three-quarters of an inch to one inch and a quarter. Frost occurred on March 30 and April 2. Sunshine prevailed to some extent on several days.

Crops—The weather was unfavorable to growth of vegetation and unfavorable to farm work. The fall sown grain is in fairly good condition. The winter season was not favorable to plowing, and the result is there is not the acreage of grain sown that is usual at this season of the year. Considerable seeding was done in February. Some correspondents report that oats was frozen out by the November freeze; this condition is not general. The temperature the latter part of November was not below 16 degrees above zero, and it lasted but a short time, so that general freezing out is impossible. Owing to the unfavorable conditions during the past five months, the spring-sown grain will have a greater acreage than usual. Grain can safely be sown in Oregon up to the middle of May, and fair crops, 15 bushels per acre of wheat, and more, have been gathered from grain sown as late as June 1. Late sowing is, however, hazardous.

Fruit—The fruit crop was, in a comparative sense, a failure last year. The trees had a phenomenal growth; new wood from 8 to 15 feet long has been frequently reported. The cool weather of March has delayed budding, and the result is all correspondents report "prospects for a big fruit crop never more promising." Many acres of fruit trees have been set out during the winter, and many acres of young orchards will come into bearing this year. Prune, pear, apple and cherry trees have been the most extensively set out. The buds are swelling. In the southern counties some almond and apricot trees are in bloom, and in some sheltered places elsewhere cherry trees are taking color.

Stock—The stock is not in prime condition. The cold rains of March did not allow the pastures to recover,

the result is feed is somewhat scarce; a few days of warm weather will furnish new food. Lambing has commenced.

Among those declaring intentions of citizenship at Astoria the other day were Mr. Dimitsi Kinipiperis Epamondor Logotestis and Mr. Nicholas Kinipiperis. Other applicants were crowded over to the next day.

At the coming city election in Woodburn the question of female suffrage at municipal elections will be again submitted to the people. The question was voted on there two years ago and was defeated by only three votes.

Astoria is certainly ahead of the procession. It has enacted an ordinance against spitting on the streets, and another legalizing gambling houses. We suppose a man will have to go to the river to spit in that city.

One crooked \$20 gold piece has come into the possession of the Lane county tax collector four times this season. In other words, it has already paid the taxes of four men, and promises to pay many more before the rolls close, says the Eugene Guard.

It is again stated that Portland is to have another morning paper in opposition to the Oregonian. It is said that the Evening Tribune of that place will come out as a morning paper about the 15th inst. The rumor seems to have been started by the San Francisco Examiner, which leads many to believe that that paper has an interest in the affair.

Laura A. Harris, of Eugene, has brought suit against the board of judges at the late school election on account of the refusal to allow women to vote. This case will be carried to the supreme court in order to get a decision as to the constitutionality of that section of the law, which says that women who pay taxes may vote at a school meeting. It is a point that has caused a great deal of friction in many places in the state, and especially in Eugene, and all are anxious for the supreme court to give interpretation of the law.

Good times are coming to the stock industry of Oregon. For the next five years there is going to be good profits in cattle, sheep and goats. This is not a result of confidence or tariff, but one of the natural laws; simply a case where the supply does not equal the demand. The hard times of the past few years have played havoc with the stock interests. It has almost devastated the ranges of stock cattle. Everything was sold off that would bring a dollar in money until the ranges and farms were cleaned bare of stock cattle. It will take at least five years to restock the ranges. While that process is going on stock is bound to bring a good price.

The Springfield Republican, in speaking of the senatorial fiasco in Oregon uses the following pointed language: "These senatorial election deadlocks are disgraceful, and are becoming more and more frequent. The situation in Oregon out of which Mr. Corbett's appointment grows was one of anarchy and scandalous altogether. A state whose senatorial election machinery has so far broken down through the miserable little squabbles of persons and factions that it cannot reach a conclusion in the manner clearly provided by the constitution is a state which has earned an empty seat in the United States senate and should be given one."

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In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lincoln:
In the matter of the estate of Wm. Megginson, deceased:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Wm. Megginson, deceased, by the county court of the state of Oregon, for Lincoln county. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, properly verified, to me at my residence in the city of Newport, county of Lincoln, Oregon, within six months from this date.
Dated at Newport, Oregon, February 25, 1897.
JOHN STIMPSON, Administrator.

Notice for Publication.
Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, February 27, 1897.
Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Lincoln County, at Toledo, Oregon, on May 19, 1897, viz:
LINDFRED T. SKINNER, H. E. 9,971, for the southwest 1/4 of section 8, township 10 south, range 8 west.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Harry S. Porter, of Nashville, John P. Hamar, of Nortons, Charles H. Everett and John F. Bensen, of Nashville.
ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

Administrator's Notice.
In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lincoln.
In the matter of the estate of Dope Spencer, deceased:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lincoln, administrator of the estate of Dope Spencer, late of Lincoln County, Oregon, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same, duly verified according to law to me at Toledo, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof, or the same will not be allowed.
Dated at Toledo, Oregon, Feb. 24, 1897.
C. H. RUHL,
Administrator of the estate of Dope Spencer Deceased.

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WILLIAM WAKEFIELD, H. E. No. 8,682, for the southwest 1/4 of southeast 1/4, east 1/2 of southwest 1/4 and southeast 1/4 of northwest 1/4 section 12, town 11, south, range 9 west.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Charles A. Bensen, John F. Hyde, and Brown Hawkins, of Eddyville, Oregon, and John L. Hyde, of Toledo, Oregon.
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CHARLES H. EVERETT, H. E. 9,942, for the northwest 1/4 of section 10, township 10 south, range 8 west.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Charles A. Bensen, John F. Bensen and John P. Hamar, of Nortons, Oregon, and Lindfred T. Skinner, of Nortons, Oregon.
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