

# Crop Prospects Good in Valley

## FRUIT OUTLOOK IS BIT SPOTTED

**Cherries Very Light but Prune Crop is Heavy and Price Good**

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A summary of the crops as reported from the various sections of the valley is given herewith and more will be printed later in the week!

### Sun Shines Upon Mill City Crops

MILL CITY, June 29.—The sun at last has decided to shine and with it comes the usual amount of crops that the people in Mill City and vicinity look forward to. This part of the Willamette Valley is not noted for any one crop nor any great amount of varieties of crops. Of course gardens are always plentiful and if the soil is given the right care a bountiful yield of fresh vegetables such as cabbage, lettuce, turnips, onions and radishes prevail.

**Kings' Prairie** which extends for approximately two miles above Mill City is given over to the raising of hay although most of the farms have orchards containing cherries, apples, prunes and pears for their own use. At some of the places strawberries are raised but not to a great extent.

In an interview with S. M. Bassett who has made his home in Kings' Prairie for a long time, it was revealed that the hay crop would be just average this year, which means a little more than what is called the "light" crop. The fruit trees give an appearance of fairly good crops but the rainy weather has done quite a bit of damage to the strawberries.

Although farms cover a somewhat large acreage most of the land is uncleared or else grown up in wild ferns and other weeds. Since Mill City is a lumber town no one seems to be deeply enough interested in raising crops for the market even though the land can be made tillable.

### Grain Crop Good at Lake Labish Center

LAKE LABISH, June 29.—The grain crop, consisting of oats, wheat and barley is a good crop here this year. Fall sown grain is heading out well and the stand is strong.

Spring sown grain is coming along in good shape owing to frequent rains.

Corn is looking a better color but needs more sunshine. The cherry and prune crop is light—the strawberries are good but have a tendency to ripen at once, shortening the season for this fruit.

Potatoes are not being planted as extensively as last year.

Celery and onions are thrifty and head lettuce in the lake land is up to its high standard.

The large amount of cloverseed produced here last year will not be obtained here this year. Hay is a fairly good crop and with suitable weather conditions should be a crop of excellence in quality and quantity.

### Apple Crop Not Up to Expectations

KEIZER, June 29.—Owing to a very wet, cold spring, the fruit situation in this community is not up to par. Those who have had strawberries have realized a neat sum from their crops. Only a few are growing logans but the outlook is good for a crop.

Some growers have the blackberries, and the black and red raspberries which are doing well. The prospect for pears and prunes is good in some orchards and in others they are very scarce. The Coats, Schindler, and Imperial prunes seem to have stood the cold rains better than the Italians.

The apple crop is nearer a failure than most any other fruit. Some trees which bore heavily last year are not bearing any this year. The cherries are conspicuous for their absence. The walnut and filbert growers are looking forward to a bumper crop. Hops are looking well. Not many peach orchards in Keizer so that crop will be light.

### Orchard Heights Sees Many Changes

ORCHARD HEIGHTS, June 29.—When the Statesman asked its country correspondents for a crop report, it set me to "reminiscing." In the days of Auld Lang Syne, the word crop meant grain, while in these days of intensive and diversified farming, the name has a far wider meaning. For instance, the ancestral home of the writer, in the Orchard Heights hills, then known as the Eola Hills, (the change of name is significant) consisted of 252 acres on which grain was raised.

This 252 acres is now divided into five farms, on which prunes, cherries, nuts, small fruits, etc., are cultivated. So the old order: changeth.

In the Orchard Heights community today, the farmer only raises grain enough, if any, to feed his wife's chickens, and the tractor requires no hay. However, a lot of good farmers still use horses, so there is a good deal of hay in

the hills, and it looks very fine, for the same reason that the strawberries this season have been remarkably fine. That reason is the cool damp weather.

The cherry crop is generally light, but some growers report better prospects than last year.

There is a wonderful crop of loganberries coming on, and good prospects for a prune crop. The prune orchards are somewhat "spotted." Too thick in spots and too thin in others. Taken all together, the crop prospects in this neighborhood are good.

### Prune Crop in Scotts Mills Area

SCOTTS MILLS, June 27.—The prune crop in this vicinity seems to be quite good, especially on the hillsides the prunes are very heavy in some orchards the crop being so heavy that some of the trees are breaking.

There will be a great amount of hay this year, due to so much moisture in the ground.

Strawberry picking is going on in full swing, and taken to the Salem canneries.

The late potatoes are practically all planted now. The potatoes grown in this district are considered the best in the country, several carloads being hauled from the Crooked Finger district each year.

Grain is looking fine and expect a good crop.

### Pheasants Destroy Auburn Corn Crop

AUBURN, June 29.—The spring sown oats and wheat look better than they have for many years. The fall sown barley, wheat, oats and clover is also excellent, although clover fields were quite spotted, partly on account of early frosts, but will yield a goodly tonnage of hay. Most of the clover in this section was not cut until after the rain, and is well cured.

Some farmers have already stored their hay in their barns. I believe there is no flax here. The white vetch has been sown this year in place of the blue variety. The farmers wind it does not freeze out nor fall as flat from heavy rains. This is mostly sown for silo filling, and will be ready after July 4th.

Corn is growing well and has good color, although more cultivation and hoeing than usual has been necessary on account of weather conditions.

China pheasants have been very troublesome, completely destroying some portions of most fields.

The fruit crop will be light this year, due to early frosts. Some cherries which were well filled have dropped almost all of the cherries. The cause is not known. Several trees are dying from some

unknown cause, resembling curly leaf.

All varieties of berries are doing fairly well.

Hops are excellent. Vegetables are growing well, peas are ready for canning.

One farmer is growing a crop we surmise must be ginseng. Sunflowers are flourishing gloriously this year. These form part of the ensilage crop.

Lloyd Lee's hatchery is still shipping eggs to California, from the heavy breeds. As these do not do well there, these shipments are used by the California hatcheries for broilers.

Ross Clark is having good success with his new furbearing rabbitry.

A. L. Lindbeck has been selling his late supply of hatching eggs. He has erected a modern dairy barn, and has purchased a registered Jersey cow. Several other farmers here have also recently gone in for the registered Jerseys.

### Maggot Hits Onion Fields at Aurora

AURORA, June 29.—The onion crop around the Aurora and Butteville district is not as good as it was last year.

All together there is about 25 acres of onions. Some ears onion sets, and others raise onions for the seed.

There is an onion maggot which seems to be destroying a great deal of the crop. Some farmers expect only half a crop, while others anticipate a medium crop. Those who are raising onion sets will have the largest yield, because the onion maggot does not bother them as bad as they do the onions which are raised for the seed.

### Flax and Hay Good in Turner Country

TURNER, June 29.—Hay harvest is on in Turner vicinity. The rain of a week ago meant much to all growing crops. Clover hay is much heavier than at first expected, also vetch is yielding well.

Quite a large acreage of Kentucky Wonder beans are being grown, most of them for the Oregon Packing Co. The earliest ones are at the present time being trained on strings, while the later planting is receiving second cultivation.

Among the largest growers are W. J. Denham with 12 A.; H. Turroy 15 A.; R. O. Wetzel and son 5 A.; P. E. Thomason 5 A.; A. Myers 5 A.; S. Mudingger 5 A.

An acre and a half of cucumbers are also being grown by the Wittels.

The early flax is blooming and looking fine. P. E. Thomason is the heaviest grower, with 75 A.; C. A. Bear and son Earl have 30 A. A few other small acreages are in the neighborhood.

Turner being a dairy section, nearly every dairyman grows corn for silage. C. A. Bear has the largest acreage, about 25 A., part of which is for hog feed. The corn needs more hot weather.

The strawberry season has about closed. Bob Green had the largest patch near Turner.

### Salem Heights Has Fair Fruit Crop

SALEM HEIGHTS, June 29.—Salem Heights community is divided into small tracts of land, and the crops are mostly raised for the home use. The crops of Salem Heights includes strawberries, loganberries, cherries, and prunes.

R. D. Hulse reports that the strawberry crop is on the whole better than it was last year; however, about one-fourth of the berry crop has been destroyed by the crown bore. Mr. Hulse also stated that the loganberry yield was going to be very light.

There will be about a twenty per cent crop of cherries this year. There are a very few prunes raised in Salem Heights proper, but the outlook on prunes is towards a bumper crop.

### Jefferson Yields Better Than Usual

JEFFERSON, June 29.—The farmers in this vicinity are busy with their hay harvest; and the hay crop is good, owing to plenty of moisture and good growing weather.

The fall grain is exceptionally good. Some fields have been cut, and the grain is shocked.

Strawberry picking is well under way. Some patches are fine, producing large yields, while in some localities the berries are scattering, owing to the frosts.

The cherries are beginning to ripen, but the crop will not be large; however the outlook for a prune crop is good.

The potato fields look fine, and the growers are anticipating an immense crop.

Corn is some backward, owing to the lateness of the season; yet with the continued warm weather, it will make a good crop.

The hop yards look fine and the prospects are for a bumper crop.

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