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RAISE MORE ALFALFA.

A Crop That Pays—Some Figures From Desert Farms.

The following item from the Churchill County Eagle will be of interest to Willamette Valley farmers who raise or think of raising alfalfa:

"There is considerable in the following concerning the long established farming district in Carson Valley:

"The hay and grain crops of Carson Valley during the year 1907 brought the farmers the grand total of \$1,380,000. This only includes the hay and grain crops and is undoubtedly the largest amount ever received by them in a single year. A recent report carefully compiled by the government reveals the fact that about 23,000 acres are under cultivation in this valley and during 1907 each acre produced on an average of three tons and brought \$20 a ton or \$60 an acre."

The country mentioned is under irrigation from the private ditches. The water comes from Sierra Nevada snowbanks, flowing down the east slope, through Carson valley, where the private ditches carry water to about 23,000 acres, and on down Carson river, through Carson Sink valley until it finally empties into a great pond, 20 miles in diameter, called Carson Sink.

In the Carson Sink valley the United States government has constructed a four million dollar irrigation system, capable of supplying water to 200,000 acres of arid land, land which practically never receives rain. These lands are subdivided into farm tracts, 40 to 160 acres each, and many settlers are locating homesteads there.

The first cost of leveling the land is not great, especially when the settler is able with a team and scraper to do the work himself. Compared to the large returns from irrigated lands in the midst of a desert alive with prosperous mining camps and under a new era of development in every direction, the first cost of a desert homestead does not appear difficult. The transition from trees, green fields, flowers and all the refinements of older settled districts makes the desert homestead appear a trifle desolate at first glance, but, and I speak from experience, the desert has a lure, a "call from the wild," as Jack London would say, which irresistibly draws one back, when once acclimated.

I used to think the attractions of the Willamette Valley climate and its ideal summer atmosphere and surroundings held the greatest gravitating influence possi-

GOOD TIMES AHEAD.

General Revival of Prosperity Seems to Have Begun.

Careful analysis of commercial, industrial and agricultural conditions made by representatives of the Record-Herald in Chicago and throughout the United States show that business activity in all lines is decidedly returning to normal and in some cases exceeding it. Crops are unusually large and the number of unemployed men and of empty railroad cars shows marked decreases.

One of Uncle Sam's reliable business barometers, the post-office receipts, registered an exceptionally reassuring indication that the business tide throughout the country has taken an upward turn. In Chicago fully 10,000 railroad men have gone back to work in the last six months. Half of the men the packers laid off last winter are at work again. The idle cars in the Chicago district have been reduced one-half since the high number reached in May.

Summit Items.

A large crowd gathered at the school house, Friday evening, to witness the graduating exercises. The school room was decorated with flags, bunting and a profusion of beautiful flowers. The program, as published, was carried out in an excellent manner. This is the last time Mr. Denman will be with us in the capacity of county school superintendent. Many of the children have passed from the primer class to receive their diplomas during his incumbency.

The Children's Day exercises on Sunday were very largely attended. The spirited singing and sweet recitations by the little children, a basket dinner and greeting of the friends who were with us from Blodgett, Tum Tum and other places made this day one long to be remembered.

We are glad to report that Will Coote, who has been suffering from a siege of pneumonia at Albany, is recovering.

Mrs. Clara Baker is spending her vacation with Mr. and Mrs. John Duncan. She had employment the past year in Nevada.

A. M. Gray and family of Philomath visited at the Underhill home the first of the week.

able; but those who have lived upon the desert will agree with me that the latter has a superior attraction. I cannot define it. I know it exists.

J. H. WILSON.

Portland Notes.

The Washington State Press Association enjoyed one of their best annual conventions at Vancouver during three days of last week. A trip up the Columbia river, a trolley ride to Portland and a banquet at Vancouver were among the features enjoyed.

Judge George T. Baldwin, vice president of the Oregon Development League, and W. O. Smith, editor of the Klamath Falls Evening Herald, were in Portland, Saturday, as a special committee from the Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce to invite the Y. M. C. A. excursion party which goes to Crater Lake, August 7th, to arrange their itinerary so as to include a visit to Klamath Falls.

The colonist rates from all points in the East to all points in Oregon commence Sept. 1st and continue until October 31st. Every commercial organization and every citizen of Oregon should begin to make these rates the subject of every letter that goes out of the state. The fare is \$30 from the Missouri River points, St. Paul, Duluth, and Winnipeg; \$33 from St. Louis and \$38 from Chicago, with proportionate rates from every point in the United States.

No meeting was ever called in Oregon which has attracted the universal enthusiasm that has been created by the Oregon Good Roads Conference, which is to be held in the Convention hall, 6th floor, of the Portland Commercial Club on Tuesday, August 11th. An effort will be made to call the meeting to order promptly at 9:30 a. m. so that there may be a morning, an afternoon and an evening session. The railroads have made a rate of a fare and a third for the round trip for this occasion. Delegates representing every grange, the commercial bodies and the different counties to be appointed by the county judges, are already reporting that they will be present. Every editor in the state is a delegate at large, as is the mayor of every city and every county commissioner. A program is being prepared, but every effort will be made to get rid of long winded speeches and to get down to actual work that will produce results.

A Unique Leap-Year Dance.

An attractive leap-year dance is described in Woman's Home Companion for August. Each girl sends to the gentleman she has chosen to be her escort, an invitation to the dance, stating at what time he should call for her.

The girls agree among themselves to exchange places, and each girl is masked and dressed to represent some distinguished character. When the guests have all arrived at the hall, each guest is given a slip of paper and a pencil, to guess who each girl is. A prize may be given to the one guessing the most correctly. Before unmasking, each man has the first dance with the girl with whom he came. Afterward comes the unmasking, and the surprise—if the girl has played her part well.

Tommy's maiden aunt had called attention to some of that young man's misdemeanors, and thereby caused him to be punished. Tommy pondered a while and then asked: "Papa, will little sister Gladys be an aunt to my children when I am a man?" "Yes, Tommy," answered his father, much interested. "Why do you ask?" "I use she might as well get married and have a home of her own, for I don't intend to 'low any aunts to stay around my house, making trouble for my children."—The Woman's Home Companion for August.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Of Oregon Meets in Portland next December.

The following circular has been sent out by the secretary:

CORVALLIS, ORE., July 15, '08

DEAR SIR—

The Oregon State Horticultural Society will meet in Portland, Oregon, December first, in annual session. It will likewise introduce the sixteenth annual convention of the Northwest Fruit Growers' Association, which organization will deliberate during the three following days.

This "Horticultural Week" in Portland will be the biggest mid-winter fruit growers', packers' and shippers' meeting ever held on the coast. Representative horticulturists from all parts of the Pacific Northwest will be in attendance, while eminent teachers, experimenters and authors from various sections of the continent will favor the convention with addresses, lectures and demonstrations.

An especially attractive feature of the occasion will be the very large display of deciduous fruits including pears, apples, prunes and nuts in both commercial pack and plate display. The Oregon State Horticultural Society will offer an exceptionally fine selection of cups for best displays, commercial pack. This in itself will bring out a lively contest and many splendid exhibits, besides, there will be several most excellent non-competitive displays from the leading orchard districts.

There are a dozen first-class fruit growing sections in the northwest each one of which is just as good, or better, than the others. At this meeting these sections promise to outdo all former displays of winter fruits, thus assuring a rare treat to our visitors from the east and over across the seas, for this is really an international event at which consumer, buyer and producer will meet for conference, discussion and good fellowship.

This announcement is for the purpose primarily of enlisting your support in behalf of the display. It is time you were thinking about what part you will take on this feature of the convention. Do something; just as much as you can. Exhibit standards in commercial packs or new or little known varieties on plates or otherwise, but, for the good name of your district, do something, the best you may to keep the community credit at the top.

In a few weeks the horticultural and farm papers will have a full list of awards together with the conditions of competition. Do not lose sight of the fact that this is one of the very best places at which you can do good work for your locality.

Thousands will visit the fruit exhibit and will gather from it a far better opinion of your products than it is possible to obtain from any amount of printed matter.

As an educational event there has never been any occasion in the northwest to approach it in comprehensiveness. The association had a grand time at Vancouver last year, the best up to that date. This year the association is a year older and in consequence must be bigger, better and entitled to greater respect. This is the most comprehensive organization of its kind on the continent and Portland is going to entertain the visiting delegates in a style befitting their rank and their glorious occupation.

You will miss a great big enthusiastic educational meeting if you are not in Portland, Oregon, December 1-5, '08.

E. R. LAKE, Secretary.

Verily the country is post card mad. Throughout the length and breadth of the land the craze for post cards is felt and requests are made by everyone of everyone else, "Please send me a card for my collection." Recently, in a local hardware store a fine pocket knife was sold, and when it was removed from the box the following note was found written on the inside bottom of the paste-board case: "Please send me a souvenir postal from your town and I will send one in return. Miss Edith Nelson," etc. Then followed her number and street address in Chicago. Merchants and tradespeople generally say such things are quite common occurrences, the requests being "bound tucked away in various articles and worded in various ways.

The Baptist church is undergoing repairs on the interior, and Sunday services will be held in a tent on the church lawn until the repairs are completed.

BIG BOOST FOR GOOD ROADS

Plan to Hold a Monster Meeting in St. Paul in December.

Unless something unforeseen occurs St. Paul will probably entertain some time next December the biggest good roads meeting ever held in Minnesota or the surrounding states. George W. Cooley, state highway engineer, is planning on such a meeting, and if the necessary arrangement can be made, as now seems probable, it will be held.

The idea of holding a monster good roads meeting was conceived by Mr. Cooley after the meeting recently held in St. Paul, to which the county commissioners as well as others interested in good roads were invited. This meeting showed the widespread interest taken in the matter throughout the state. He expected between 100 and 200 to attend, but the attendance grew to about 500, says the St. Paul Pioneer Press. The same feeling has been shown in the meetings which he has addressed in the smaller towns throughout the state, the farmers coming in to attend the meetings in large numbers and showing an active interest in the good road problem.

"If the meeting is held it will cover the field thoroughly," said Mr. Cooley. "It will be an exposition of roadmaking machinery and materials, with practical talks by men of wide experience in the various details of the work. In a large meeting of this kind much better results can be obtained than by the smaller local meetings because in such a meeting as we expect to hold the manufacturers will have exhibits of all kinds of machinery used in road-making, and we can have speakers of wide experience at such a meeting which is impossible for all of the smaller meetings. A question box would be a feature, and through this means any one confronted by special problems in roadmaking would be able to get the advice of the men qualified to give it.

"I have not yet decided definitely on the plan, but there is a general demand for such a meeting, and if it can possibly be done the plans will be carried out."

Mr. Cooley's plan is to eliminate the "hot air" talks about good roads generally and to make it an instructive meeting by having men go to St. Paul who know about the practical details of roadmaking. Those who will go will do so for the purpose of learning something about the building of good roads, and it is the intention to meet this expectation fully. The meeting will probably last one week. The exhibits will cover stone crushers, road rollers, steel and concrete bridge work, culverts and all sorts of machinery and material used in road building.

IMPORT OF GOOD ROADS.

Points in Legitimate Support of Building and Maintaining Them.

Good roads are a benefit to the farmers because they render transportation of farm products easier; they facilitate travel and shorten the time to and from town or city markets; they are humane in that they lighten the draft for horses; they make driving on pleasure or business trips more enjoyable; they foster a neighborly spirit through communication; they are an aid to the federal government in establishing free rural delivery mail routes; they are business promoters and a credit to



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any community, state or nation and, finally, are an index to the intelligence, prosperity and activity of the people.

All these points are in legitimate support of the construction and maintenance of good roads, says the Southern Cultivator. Many other reasons might be cited in their favor. It does seem anomalous that, amid all our boasted national progress, this great necessity of modern civilization should be kept so far in the background.

The nation needs better and more substantial highways, and it is hopeful to see indications that this subject will soon receive more attention from our national and state lawmakers than heretofore. The importance of good rural highways is being more thoroughly recognized by business men and legislators than ever before, and the farmers need no argument to convince them that better roads will improve their business materially.

Lodge, society and church notices, other than strictly news matter, will be charged for.

House Decorating.

FOR PAINTING AND PAPERING SEE W. E. PAUL, IND. 488.

ATTORNEYS

J. F. YATES, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Office up stairs in Zieroff Building Only set of abstracts in Benton County

E. R. BRYSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Office in Post Office Building, Corvallis, Oregon.

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Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Benton as administrator of the estate of Martha Nichols, deceased, and that he has duly qualified as such administrator. All persons having claims against said decedent are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified, to me at my residence in Corvallis, in Benton County, Oregon, within six months of the date of this notice.

Dated at Corvallis, Oregon, this 9th day of April, 1908.

R. J. NICHOLS, Administrator of the estate of Martha Nichols, deceased.

GOATS—Any person wanting to buy or take care of some fine goats while they eat up their brush may 'phone or call upon Wm. H. Savage, Corvallis, Oregon.

Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, April 3, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 8, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as amended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Earl V. Hawley of Corvallis, county of Benton, State of Oregon, did on February 19, 1908 file in this office his sworn statement, No. 7494, for the purchase of the Southwest quarter of Section No. 10 in Township No. 14 S. 30th, Range No. 7 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the County Clerk of Benton County at Corvallis, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 24th day of August, 1908.

He names as witnesses: Sam Bowen of Alsea, Oregon; S. N. Warfield of Alsea, Oregon; L. H. Hawley of Corvallis, Oregon; William Warfield of Alsea, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 24th day of August, 1908.

BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

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