

Montana's wool clip will sell this year for \$5,000,000. There is no telling how much the West will produce when irrigation is added to its resources remarks the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

King Edward is improving and his progress is very satisfactory. There is every reason to believe that he will be able to undergo the ordeal of the coronation ceremonies on August 9. All America looks to the event with interest.

Senator Platt says that Roosevelt will have a solid delegation from New York state to the next Republican national convention. That Roosevelt will be the next Republican nominee is now conceded almost everywhere.

The recent contracts for a large body of farming land in the vicinity of Lone and Douglas, at a price that seems high is a natural result of the gradually increasing values in Morrow county property. This land that brought \$1000 per quarter was purchased for less than half this amount a short time ago. The present price of \$625 per acre is small compared with values of other farming districts in the Northwest. It will take a few years for the people to realize how cheap this land is.

First Warden J. T. Jones of the Oregon penitentiary is in favor of paying Mrs. Waggoner \$1500. The full amount offered for the return of Merrill's body. He gives for his reasons that the state cannot be niggardly in this matter, because of the unpleasant reputation it will receive, and also that the effect on the discipline of the penitentiary that resulted in the return to the institution and the burial of the remains of one of the escaped desperadoes has in itself been worth more than the amount of the reward.

The creation of a forest reserve by withdrawing from settlement a tract of land embracing 6000 square miles in the Strawberry and Blue mountain region is a question on which there is a great diversity of opinion as to the ultimate result. The preservation of the fast disappearing forests and also the protection of this natural water storage where moisture is so much needed are questions that must be given consideration, however, there is such a thing as overdoing the matter in the way of reserves. Scattered through this immense tract of land there can undoubtedly be found thousands of acres of good land that would furnish homes for actual settlers. The withdrawal of these lands would keep out settlers and retard the development of the country. If the reserve is created this territory will remain in its natural state and the country in the immediate vicinity will be kept back with it to a certain degree. The land is now only withdrawn temporarily for the purpose of investigating all prospects before final action is taken.

Farmers of the Waldo Hills district in Marion county, have formed another grain association this year. This year the farmers are more enthusiastic and the membership is larger than ever before. They are well organized and the officers and committees will look after their interests in the proper manner. This is the third year of organization of the Waldo Hills farmers, and the results have demonstrated the benefits to be gained by pooling their interests and working together. In 1900 and 1901, the members realized from 4 to 5 cents per bushel more for their grain than those outside of the pool right in their own neighborhood. By putting their grain together in one lot, they have enough to attract the attention of buyers. They get the benefit of the middle man's profit and the expense of the buyer in running around after small lots. The Oregon Wool Growers' Association is another good illustration of the benefits to be gained by organization. Growers realized every cent that their wool was worth and when farmers do this it is all that can be expected.

There can be no better evidence of prosperity than the fact that wages are high and men are scarce. While laboring men are scarce there is also an absence of tramps. The hoboes do not fare well under such conditions and they steer clear, especially during the harvest season.

The demand for laboring men in the state of Oregon is greater than it has been for years. In the Eastern portion of the state there is a big wheat crop, and the desire to harvest as early as possible is stimulated by the good prices offered. In the Western portion of the state, similar conditions prevail. There is a good crop. Hops will bring close to 25 cents per pound which will cause growers to give a bigger price for picking than for many years. The present bright prospects will encourage all lines of industry.

The Harriman immigration agents have completed their tour of inspection and have returned to the East. All are highly pleased and very enthusiastic over what they saw and will spread the news concerning Oregon. Two of the men brought out here to get acquainted with actual conditions in this state, declare that they will come to Oregon for their future home when their immigration service shall be ended. The railroad people expect great results from the thorough system of advertising that has been undertaken. Within the next five years the advancement of Oregon will be great.

The activity of the lumber business in Oregon since January 1, of this year, leads all previous records. For the seven months fully 200,000,000 feet have been shipped out of the state. To the South and East 150,000,000 feet have gone by rail, and over 54,000,000 feet have been shipped by water. A good portion of the water shipments have gone direct to foreign ports. Besides these heavy shipments, local demand has been great and mills have been crowded to their fullest capacity. Like conditions have also prevailed in the state of Washington. West coast lumber has a reputation that places it above anything else on the market. Fir, or Oregon pine as it is known in the East, is claimed to be the best all purpose lumber in the world. For toughness, strength and wearing qualities, it is unequalled.

Samuel Gompers, president, and Max Morris, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, are in Oregon and have been holding meetings in the interest of organized labor. Labor organizations are becoming stronger all over the country and gradually moving out to the West. In a speech at Salem among other things, Mr. Gompers said: Upon the shoulders of the laboring class rests the whole superstructure of society, and that as the condition of the laboring class is elevated or debased, so is the condition of the whole human family bettered or made worse. Where wages are low and hours of labor long, the working people are degraded, but where wages are high and hours of labor short, the people are intelligent and progressive. He contends that working people should have more of the product of their labor. Laboring people are not alone in the demand for more wages, for the same desire is manifested by all classes of people, from the laborer at \$1 per day to the millionaire. Mr. Gompers urged the need of greater unity of effort, for the tendency of the capitalists is to create dissension among the unions and cause their dissolution. He called attention to the progress the union movement has made. Whereas, a few years ago, a man could not be identified with the labor movement without being socially ostracized, the conditions have changed so that now a Governor of the state may sit upon the platform in a labor meeting and be honored thereby, as well as confer honor upon the unions. He argued against the employment of children in factories, and said that in the Southern States the white children are being kept at work while the negro children are educated. He predicted that unless laws are passed in Southern States prohibiting child labor, in a few years the negroes will be so superior in intelligence that the whites will be disfranchised under an educational test for the right to use the ballot.

He expressed the hope that a proper child labor law will be passed by the Oregon Legislature at its next session.

SHEEP NOTES

5000 ewes, including 800,000 pounds of wool were sold at the Chusok market in Montana at prices ranging from 15¢ to 16¢ cents. The buyers were representatives of Dewey, Gould & Co. and J. Koshland & Co.

The top price of the season was reached July 23 and 24 at Great Falls wool market, when 16¢ cents a pound was paid for a clip of 87,000 pounds of merino wool offered by the F. H. Nelson Sheep Co., and for 45,000 offered by Wright & Kennedy of Bonanza. The sale on the 24th was the heaviest of the season and fourteen clips, amounting to 600,000 pounds were sold at prices ranging from 15¢ to 16¢ cents, with an average price per pound of 15.95 cents.

Tail sheep men are rejoicing over wool received from Washington that 30,000 head of sheep, now reported to be fanning on the desert, will be admitted to the rich pasture lands of the Columbia reserve.

About 175,000 pounds of wool have been shipped so far this season from Del Norte station, Wyoming, the bulk of the wool going to Massachusetts. The grower has received 13 cents a pound which is a liberal advance upon last year's prices.

J. B. Long & Co. sold to J. D. O'Donnell, of Billings, Montana, 18,000 head of yearling wethers at 2½ cents per pound. The flock is to be delivered at Billings October 1, and the weight at that time will be the basis of settlement.

The Southern Pacific Company is making arrangements to form a forest fire patrol to protect its timber lands in the Skiyon and Klamath Lake region.

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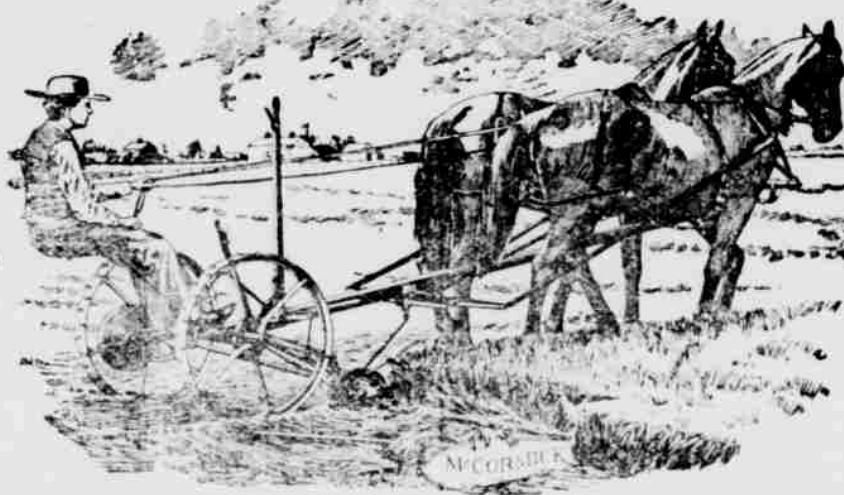
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