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KING COTTON.

Throughout the fair and smiling Southland, where over 100,000,000 acres of his flaxy banners have been waving, snow-white, in the balmy air, and King, on broad, is now receiving the homage of his subjects.

"Cotton is King," declared James Henry Hammond on the floor of the United States Senate as far back as 1858. But even that optimistic statesman did not foresee the time when, of the world's total production for its annual output of \$2,000,000,000 worth of cotton goods, the United States was to supply three fourths.

For the year ending June 30, 1905, America's cotton exports were valued at \$410,657,752, as against \$410,205,653 for all other agricultural exports. In addition, the prosperous planters sold more than \$200,000,000 worth to feed the 25,000,000 spindles of this country.

And still the King is increasing in stature. During the fiscal year just ended raw cotton and cotton goods to the value of \$453,000,000 were exported, while American looms were busy with an increased quota. All the gold mined in the world last year would have paid Southern farmers for only half their crop.

The story of cotton is the romance of industry. Bold figures cannot chill its recital. It is picturesque in every chapter; full of warmth, color and appealing tradition.

"From the instant it puts forth its tiny shoot," said the late Henry W. Grady, "the cotton is gold. Its fibre is current in every bank, and when, loosing its fleeces to the sun, it floats a snowy banner that glorifies the fields of the humble farmer, that man is marshaled under a flag that will compel the allegiance of the world and wring a subsidy from every nation on earth."—Journal.


Oregon Laborers Prosperous.

"From the large number of reports received from laborers of the different classes, classified as miscellaneous, from all parts of the state and embracing every kind of employment," says Commissioner Hoff in an editorial on labor in his biennial report in course of compilation, "it is deduced that the condition of labor in this state, generally speaking is very satisfactory, and comparatively few suggestions or recommendations are made whereby it could be bettered."

Commissioner Hoff sent out over 100 sets of questions to as many laborers engaged in various kinds of work in different parts of the state, and the replies he received are of a very optimistic nature, and indicate that at no time in the history of the state has there been such a demand for labor, wages so high, nor the laboring element so busy, happy and prosperous as at the present time. Those answering represent almost every kind of labor imaginable, and, continuing, Mr. Hoff says: In no case was the wages below \$20 per month for such labor as farm hands, which includes board and lodging, while in the majority of instances the salaries received range from \$1.50 to \$3 per day and better. The average working hours per day is about 10, and comparatively little time is spent in idleness. All report there is plenty of work for the asking, in every part of the state, and, in fact, there is a great demand for laborers of every kind. A large percentage of those reporting own their own homes, and are able to save from \$100 to \$400 per year out of their earnings."

Jack Rabbits Stop Trains.

Austin, Tex., Oct. 12.—There is a plague of jack rabbits in some portions of western Texas. News dispatches told recently how a passenger train on the Southern Pacific railroad was brought to a standstill a few miles west of San Antonio by a slippery track, caused by the killing of a multitude of jack rabbits by the locomotive. It is stated by trainmen on that division of



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the road that the story was not overblown.

There is a stretch of road between Ho do ant Sanderson, a distance of more than 200 miles, which seems to be a favorite running course for jack rabbits. The night trains over this division are unable to make anything like scheduled time on account of this impediment. The train reports carry variations every day reading something like this:

"Lost twenty minutes between Spaffard and Uvaldi on account of jack rabbits."

The cause of this rabbit plague is believed to be due principally to the settling up of the country and the killing off of the coyotes and lobo wolves, which are about the only enemies which the rapid-running jack rabbit fears. In former times the multitude of coyotes and wolves feasted upon jack rabbits. The coyotes are wily in their method of capturing the long eared game. In a straightway chase the jack rabbit can easily out distance the coyote. The latter knows this full well, and a double-up game is played to bring about the capture of the jack rabbit. Two coyotes take part in the chase. One runs the quarry until tired and the other drops in and continues the chase. This method of pursuit is made possible by the jack rabbits' well-known plan of running in a circuit.

Resolutions of Condolence.

At a regular communication of Heppner Lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M., held in their hall on the 6th day of October 1906, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased the Great Architect of the universe to remove from our midst our beloved brother, Frank C. Adkins, and

Whereas, it is but just that a fitting recognition of his name and virtues should be had, therefore be it

Resolved, by Heppner Lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M., that while we bow in humble submission to the will of that one before whom all Masons bend the knee in reverence, we do not the less mourn for our brother, who has been taken from us. His labors are ended here below, but he has entered upon the higher and nobler life which can only be reached through the portals of death.

To the family and friends of our beloved brother, Frank C. Adkins, who, as a Mason, labored faithfully upon the Temple until called from his work by the Master Builder of the universe, we tender our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the records of Heppner Lodge No. 49, A. F. & A. M., and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of our deceased brother and to

each of our newspapers of Heppner, Oregon, for publication.

Committee: R. F. Hynd,
Frank Gilliam,
C. C. Patterson.

Oregon Wool Production.

Commissioner O. P. Hoff will say in his report to the Oregon legislature: Oregon this year ranks fifth in the wool producing states and the estimated output is between 19,000,000 and 20,000,000 pounds. The average price to the grower will average 19 cents per pound. Eastern Oregon wools shrink about 69 per cent, while that from the Willamette valley shrinks from 49 to 50 per cent, but Eastern Oregon wool is worth about 10 cents a pound more when scoured. The coarser the wool the less the shrinkage. The several districts sent in the following estimate of Oregon wool output for 1906:

Willamette valley and Southern Oregon	1,750,000
Lakeview	1,400,000
Shaniko	3,600,000
Heppner	2,540,000
Baker City and vicinity	1,590,000
Elgin	1,750,000
Pendleton	2,500,000
The Dalles	250,000
Condon and Arlington	1,210,000
Huntington	500,000
Ontario	1,500,000
Other localities	410,000

—Journal.

Cured Himself of Consumption.

London, Oct. 13.—"Everyone his own sanitarium" will soon be the latest cry. Elaborate buildings are said to be no longer necessities in the cure of consumption. An incident occurred during the erection of the last sanitarium, when for a year a consumptive mason, who worked on the premises, lived and slept in a tent with its flap open to all weathers, and was cured before the sanitarium opened. Now a similar case of self-treatment is reported. In this case also the cure was complete. Four years ago, when 18 years of age, Mr. Smith, of Kettering, caught a chill, which developed into pulmonary tuberculosis. The usual sanitarium being out of the question, a private one, was built in the small garden. It is a "Summer-house," about nine feet square, built of match-boarding, and its roof covered with felt. It is, of course, rain-proof. Of three sides the windows form quite half the walls—there are, in fact, 12 windows in all, and six (the two end windows in each wall) open. With the exception of the couch, a chair and a table, there was no furniture. The cost of the whole was about \$70. There young Smith remained all day. He went into it first on a foggy November day, the windows being open then, and

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kept open till he was pronounced cured, but he left it to sleep indoors at night. In three months the patient got the whip hand of the disease, and began to gain in weight.

Pilot Rock Man Secures Contract.

Washington, Oct. 13.—The board of consulting engineers recently opened bids in Portland for the construction of the main canal and laterals of the distributing system of the Umatilla irrigation project.

The work is divided into two schedules. The Secretary of the Interior today awarded the contract for schedule 1, consisting of about 15 miles of main and lateral ditches, to Thomas Jaques, of Pilot Rock, Ore. Jaques' bid was \$20,212. All bids on schedule 2 consist of 26 miles of the main canal and laterals, were rejected on the ground that they are unreasonably high. The Secretary authorizes the reclamation service to prosecute this work by a

force account. Horses for the work will be shipped from Klamath project, as they are not needed there during the winter.

Increase Valuation.

McMinnville, Ore., Oct. 13.—The valuation of Yamhill county has been raised by Assessor John Hubbard \$4,775,592. Last year the total valuation was \$5,475,919. This year it is \$10,251,421. The amount of taxable land has increased during the year from 116,584 to 118,031, and its value from \$2,195,441 to \$4,281,870. The value of non-taxable land has increased from \$782,646 to \$1,460,453. The value of improvements have been raised from \$415,160 to \$55,955. The value of farm stock has grown from 402,7 to \$548,405. Only six people appeared before the Board of Equalization and very little complaint has been made on account of the increase of values.

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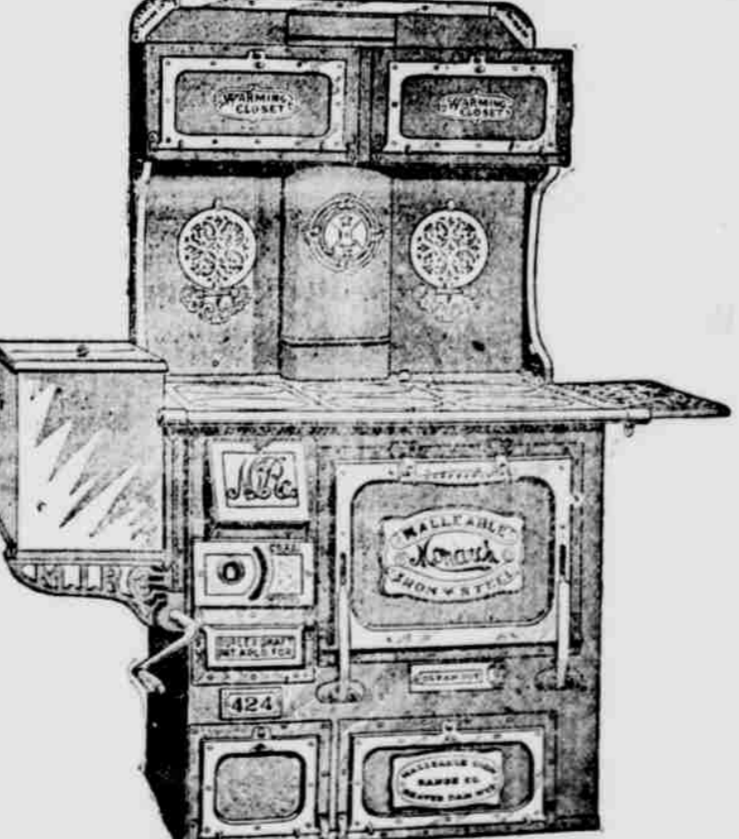
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