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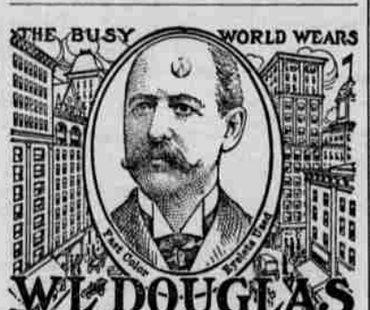


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# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### SHEEP PROSPECTS GOOD.

**Prices Are High and Eastern Oregon Range Excellent.**

Pendleton—The range in this section is of the very best and sheep prospects were never so bright. Sheep of all kinds are commanding high prices and the prosects are that wool will be as high or higher next spring than it was last. These facts coupled with the excellent range gives sheemen cause for much gratification.

The reason for the good range is attributed to the peculiar weather conditions which have prevailed during the spring and early summer months, as well as during last winter. The heavy fall of snow which remained on the ground so long soaked to a great depth. Then showers have visited nearly every section of the mountains at intervals, so that the grass is both tall and green and there is every indication that it will remain so throughout the summer.

For this reason the sheep will come out of the mountains this fall in the best of condition, and will be able to come through the winter in good shape, even though there should be no early fall rains to put the winter range in shape. The fine summer range will make it possible to keep the sheep in the mountains longer than usual.

### MANY MEN WANTED.

**Southern Pacific Will Rush Work on Natron Cut-Off.**

Eugene—Good news is contained in the statement of A. O. Wattis, of the Utah Construction company, who, while in Eugene recently, stated that his company would want 2,000 men to go to work on the extension of the Southern Pacific's new railroad to be built from Natron to Klamath Falls.

Mr. Watts said that a trainload of construction material and supplies had been shipped here from Oroville and Reno, Nev., for the railroad work, and they will arrive in a few days. "We expect to have a large force of men at work beyond Natron in a very short time, and we will use 2,000 men if we can get them," said Mr. Wattis, who drove on to Natron.

The party consisted of A. O. Wattis, his brother, L. R. Wattis, N. J. Sweeney, W. B. Hunt, W. H. Messinger, W. W. Hunt, G. W. Dye, John Garrison, Ralph Smart, W. A. Bechtell and G. S. Colley.

**Troutdale Shippers Complain.**

Salem—The Troutdale Produce and Fruit Growers' association, through its secretary, Miss M. Dewey, has filed a complaint with the railroad commission against the Pacific Express company in which it is alleged higher rates are charged for shipping fruit East from Troutdale than from Portland. The Fruit Growers' association alleges it is charged 46 cents a crate for shipping fruit to Wasco, while the Portland produce men are charged only 36 cents. A scale is presented showing numerous similar alleged discriminations against Troutdale shippers practiced by the Pacific Express company, which operates on the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company lines.

**New Dairy Bulletin.**

Prof. J. H. Frandson, of the dairy department of the University of Idaho, has in press Bulletin 67 on the subject of "Better Dairy Methods." This bulletin contains much that will be of interest to all directly or indirectly interested in dairying; much that should help to make dairying more profitable and desirable as a business. This bulletin will be sent free to all requesting it. Address Department of Dairying, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho.

**Condon Heirs Give Fund.**

University of Oregon, Eugene—The largest single gift ever made to the student loan fund at the University of Oregon has just been received. The heirs of the late Dr. Thomas Condon, who for many years was connected with the University of Oregon as head of its department of geology, are establishing a loan fund of $2,000, of which $1,000 has already been paid in. The fund will be known as the Condon memorial loan fund.

**Tillamook Line Surveyed.**

Tillamook — The surveying crew which has been working over the mountains down the Wilson river has reached this city, thus completing the survey for the United Railways' line into Tillamook county. It is supposed this is the road which will give the county first railroad connections with Portland.

**Regatta Fund is $8,000.**

Astoria—The regatta committee announce that it has raised subscriptions amounting to $8,000 for the coming regatta and this amount was apportioned among the subcommittees having charge of the various features. The queen is to be selected by popular vote and the balloting has begun.

**First Wheat Reaches Albany.**

Albany — The first 1909 wheat brought to Albany was received at the Red Crown mill from the farm of George Parsons, five miles east of Albany. The wheat on Parsons' farm ran 20 bushels to the acre, indicating a fair yield of fall wheat in this part of the state.

**Moves To Salem.**

Salem—Master Fish Warden H. E. McAllister is making preparations to move to Salem. Hereafter he will maintain his office at the state capitol with the other state officers.

### PREMIUM LIST OUT.

**State Board Promises Best Fair in State's History.**

Salem—Premium lists and instructions to exhibitors just issued by the state board of agriculture having in charge the state fair promise for Oregon this fall the best and largest state show in the history of the state.

When the fair opens at Salem September 13, to continue until September 18, $15,000 in premiums for livestock, agricultural and manufactured products will be offered. Numerous additional classes have been added to the premium list this year, made possible by a recent legislative appropriation of $5,000.

Among the new classes will be the educational department where students in the common schools may exhibit their work. Money prizes will be offered.

Looking toward the comfort of the visitors, larger and more commodious quarters have been built and other changes made. Chief among the improvements will be the increase in restaurant facilities.

Printed announcement is made in the premium list and catalogue by M. D. Wisdom, vice president, and F. A. Welch, secretary of the fair association, concerning new features of the fair. Every assurance is given the public that the forth-eighth annual show will be the largest and best in the history of the state.

The premiums this year are divided up among a number of different departments. They are: Agricultural products, art, bees and honey, boys' department, cattle, cereal foods, county exhibits, dairy division, educational, floral, goats, horses, horticulture, industrial, ladies' textile department, misses department, pigoens, poultry, Scotch collies, sheep, swine, vegetables and woolen goods.

The speed program contains some good events. The prizes range from $500 to $5,000.

**Power Plant for Deschutes.**

Prineville—The Crook County Light & Power company, with headquarters at Redmond, has begun the erection of a 25 foot dam on its project about one mile above Cline falls on the Deschutes, where it is proposed to raise the waters of the entire stream 20 feet. Water will be diverted into a flume six feet in depth, 20 feet wide on the bottom and one mile long. The power plant will be situated just opposite Cline falls on the plateau. The company expects to generate 15,000 horsepower, and will use the electricity for lighting several of the towns in the Deschutes valley and later may provide power for trolley lines.

**Coast Extension for S. P.**

Gold Beach — Considerable excitement has been created by a corps of engineers starting surveys near Pistol river. They appear to be taking up the old Southern Pacific survey near that point and continuing it south. Neither the chief engineer or any of his men would give out information. The survey was originally made for the Pacific coast extension of the Southern Pacific, from Drain by way of Coos bay to San Francisco.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Fruits—Apples, new, $1@2.25 per box; cherries, 7@12c per pound; peaches, 75c@$1 per box; cantaloupes, $2@2.50 per crate; plums, 75c@$1.25 per box; raspberries, $1.25@1.40 per crate; watermelons, 1@1½c per pound; blackberries, $1.40 per crate; wild blackberries, 9@10c per pound.

Potatoes—New, 1@1¼c per pound.

Vegetables—Beans, 5c per pound; cabbage, 1½@1½c; celery, 90c@$1 per dozen; cucumbers, 15@25c; onions, 12½@15c; peas, 7@8c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; tomatoes, 40c@1.25 per box.

Wheat—Bluestem, $1; club, 95c; red Russian, 93c; valley, 95c; Turkey red, 95c; 40-fold, 96½c.

Barley—New, $26.50@27 per ton.

Hay—New crop—Timothy, Willamette valley, $12@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, $17@18; mixed, $15.50@16.50; alfalfa, $13.50; clover, $11@13; cheat, $13@14.50.

Grain bags—5½c each.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 30½c per pound; fancy outside creamery, 27½@30½c; store, 20c. Butter fat prices average 1½c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 27@28c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 14½@15c per pound; springs, 14½@15c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, young, 12½@13c; geese, young, 9@10c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, $1.75@2 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 11@11½c per pound; Veal—Extras, 9½@10c per pound; ordinary, 7@8c; heavy, 7c.

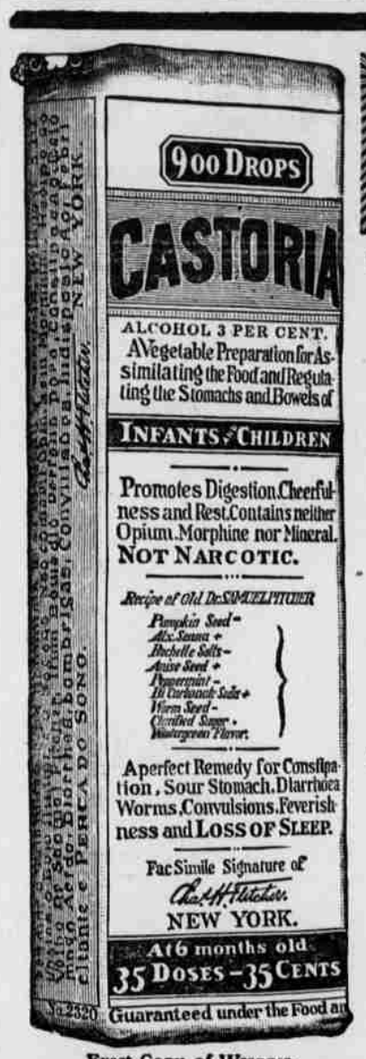
Hops—1909 contracts, 21@22c per pound; 1908 crop, 16c; 1907 crop, 12c; 1906 crop, 8c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c per pound; valley, 23@25c; mohair, choice, 24@25c.

Cattle—Steers, top, $4.60; fair to good, $4@4.25; common, $3.75@4; cows, top, $3.50; fair to good, $3@3.25; common to medium, $2.50@2.75; calves, top, $5@5.50; heavy, $3.50@4; bulls and stags, $2.75@3.75.

Sheep—Top wethers, $4.25; fair to good, $3.50@3.75; ewes, ½c less on all grades; yearlings, best, $4; fair to good, $3.50@3.75; spring lambs, $5.25@5.50.

Hogs—Best, $9@9.25; fair to good, $8@8.50; stockers, $6@7; China fats, $6.75@7.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**Discordant Note.**

"Mr. Meekun, don't you think a woman should receive a man's pay when she does a man's work?"

"Why—er—look at the other side of the question a moment, will you? Think how many men are doing women's work and not getting a cent for it!"

**One Distinction.**

Stranger (at Crown Point)—What's the difference between this sort of thing, in principle, and a horse race?

Automobile Enthusiast—Great Scott, look at the possibilities, man! You can get a million more thrills out of it.—Chicago Tribune.

**Dressed as Scholars.**

At the wedding lately of the head master of Eastbourne College, England, the three pages in the bridal procession were garbed as scholars in black satin knee breeches, buckled shoes, scarlet silk gowns, with white shirt fronts. Each carried a mortarboard hat and a scarlet-bound prayer book.

**Early Showed Greatness.**

Andrew Jackson was a marvel of precocity. He carried a flintlock musket, as a soldier of the revolutionary army, at the age of 14. At 23 he was appointed by Washington district attorney of Tennessee. He was a United States Senator at 30. He did not reach the presidency until he was 62.—Sunday Magazine.


Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.


**Due to Score Next Time.**

"You refuse me, do you, proud girl?" he howled. "Well, you're not doing anything original! This is the third time I've been turned down!"

"So I'm the third sacker, am I?" merrily responded the girl, thrusting her tongue in her cheek in a well meant but only partially successful effort to look like Mr. Steinfeldt.

**History Rewritten.**

With much reluctance King George III. had decided to let his American colonies go.

"Mark my words, though," he said, "they'll be governed some day by a monarch ten times as absolute and despotic as I am!"

If any doubt exists that his Britannic majesty had the spirit of prophecy upon him, look at Mr. Aldrich.—Chicago Tribune.

**A Studied Explanation.**

"Will you be able to explain your attitude on the tariff?"

"Yes," answered Senator Sorghum. "I'll have my explanation ready when the time comes. But I'll wait till my constituents are interested in other things and will carefully make it a little hard to understand."—Washington Star.

**Getting Back.**

"Captain, what time does the boat start?"

"It starts, madam, when I give the word."

"Then I've always had the wrong idea. I thought it started when the engineer pulled a lever, or did something. Thank you ever so much."—Chicago Tribune.

**The Old Adam.**

"I wonder why three-fourths of the stenographers in business offices are women?" "I guess it is because men like to feel that there is at least one class of women whom they can dictate

**Food Scarce.**

"This circular describing the Mount Ingvue says you can sit at the dinner table and see the beautiful mountain peaks," said the man who contemplated going.

"That is true," replied the one who had been; "and that's just about all you can see."—Yonkers Statesman.

**Reminiscent.**

"How long will eggs keep, anyhow?" said the casual customer at the lunch counter.

"I have met some in my career," answered the dark, gloomy man with the deep, tragic voice who sat next to him, "that I am willing to swear had been kept for not less than two years, by Jupiter!"—Chicago Tribune.

**Boyhood of Great Men.—No. XXI.**

"Papa," said little Eddie, "I gotta have another pair o' shoes. These is all wore out."

"That makes seven pairs this year!" groaned the unhappy parent.

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This incident took place more than sixty years ago. That boy has become an old man. His name is Edward Payson Weston, and he wears out shoes faster than ever.—Chicago Tribune.

**One Thing Beyond Any Power.**

Tip knows other places where traveling is of the agony brand. After waiting for nearly four hours in Shannonville, Canada, between Toronto and Montreal, for a "mixed"—17 freight cars and one coach—I asked an impatient clergyman if he had been able to learn when the train would arrive. He eyed me up and down with pity. "Sir," he said, "that is the only thing that the Almighty does not know."—New York Press.

**An Old Truth.**

Skiggs ran away with Skeggs' wife,
Left no address behind;
But very soon Skiggs envied Skeggs
And had a change of mind.
Skeggs advertised, Skiggs sent her back,
Herein the moral lies:
Skiggs now believes—not so with Skeggs—
It pays to advertise.
—Boston Herald.

**Musical.**

Yeast—It is said that the cats of Berlin are all registered and wear a tag.

Crimsonbeak—Well, the cats around my house seem to be registered, too, and some of 'em are pretty strong in the upper register.—Yonkers Statesman.


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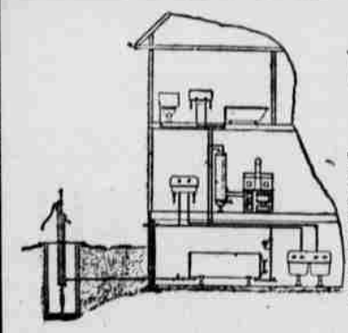

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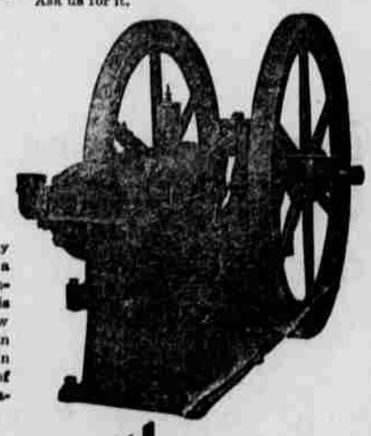

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