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## REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

### Oregon to Double Northwest Wheat Crop

#### WILL PLANT TON OF FIR SEED IN OREGON

#### The Big Harney County Ranch Has Been Sold For \$300,000

Portland, Oregon, Oct. 4. That Central Oregon will, within a few years, double the cereal crop of the whole Pacific Northwest is the belief of Theodore B. Wilcox, president of the Portland Flouring Mills. When opened up by the railroads now building, an immense acreage will be thrown open to wheat raisers.

"In Central Oregon" said Mr. Wilcox, "there are millions and millions of acres of land which, unless I am greatly mistaken in the nature of the soil, will be excellent for grain growing without irrigation. Out of this vast territory there must be at least 2,500,000 acres available for wheat. There is as large an acreage as is now in wheat in Oregon and Washington. All that is needed to open up this great territory is a railroad and with two lines now entering that section, it will be only a matter of a short time before the country will develop. Nor will the increased yield reduce prices. With such a condition of affairs as now exists, there is no danger of lessened prices through the exploitation of wheat fields in Central Oregon."

One ton of Douglas fir seeds, capable of making 80,000,000 big fir trees, will be planted within the coming fortnight by the national forest service in this state. Fully one-third of this will be planted in the Bull Run national forest. Reforestation in the Bull Run reserve is undertaken with a view to increasing the flow of Bull Run river, the source of Portland's water supply. Reseeding of the slopes along the river is expected to conserve the moisture and practically double the flow. The present water supply of the stream is sufficient for Portland, it is estimated, for the next 50 years, but with double the volume of water now secured from Bull Run, it is thought the stream will supply Portland for the next 300 years. The forest service will experiment in other forest reserves of the state in reforesting barren slopes. Officials have been handicapped in the work because of lack of seed. There are but two people in the West who are gathering Douglas fir seed for sale. The crop gathered by these two is purchased by the forest service, yet it is inadequate by far. From \$1.50 to \$2.50 per pound is paid for the seed and instructions to homesteaders and others who care to gather it will readily be furnished by the forest service.

The old John Devine ranch, located in Harney County, and comprising 15,000 acres, has been sold by J. O. Elrod, a local real estate dealer, to capitalists of

North Yakima for \$300,000. The ranch is one of the best known in this state and the sale just made carries with it a profit of about \$100,000 for the seller, who bought it eighteen months ago at a much less price. The coming of railroads to Central Oregon has resulted in increased values for the great body of land lying east of the Cascade Mountains.

President Taft's visit to Portland during the week was of course the big event of the Fall that had been looked forward to with no little anticipation for months. The President was well entertained while here, he was heard and seen by thousands of Oregon citizens and Oregonians are satisfied that he will have a better knowledge of the Coast and its needs than before starting out on his extended trip through the country.

#### Electrical Phenomena.

An electric fire ball bursted in front of Guy LaFollette's residence Saturday evening during the electrical display. The shock almost killed Mrs. B. F. Jones, who lives nearby and is suffering from nervous prostration. The lady is recovering from the effects of the shock. It seems that three fire balls burst, in almost the identical spots, time of day, month and year of those that visited Prineville four years ago. No damage to property was done, but one of them plowed up the hillside where it struck and burst, making people think it was a meteor.—Prineville Review. The Review states further: Electric fireballs, one of which fell from the heavens here during a thunder storm here last week and burst, are not unknown to history, while yet regarded as phenomena. The ball varies in size from a water bucket to a washtub and is, apparently, a sphere of slow-moving, violet-white, condensed lightning, possessing the weight and property of bouncing over the ground, of a soap bubble. Striking a wire, it may be taken into the latter and come out again a few moments later in its original shape at another point, maybe miles away; or it may cut the wire as if using snips, with a whip-like snap, and keep on its erratic, bouncing way, until with another snap, it is absorbed by the earth. It is the only form of lightning that can be dodged.

#### Quarterly Meeting.

There will be quarterly meeting at the Evangelical church Saturday and Sunday. Services will be held as follows.—Saturday at 7:30 p. m. Sunday at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Communion will be celebrated Sunday at 11:00 o'clock.

There will be Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. and Young Peoples Meeting at 6:30 p. m.

P. B. Arant went to Forest Grove Monday to enter upon his studies at the Pacific University in accordance with the prize he won in the musical contest. He will return home each Friday evening to look after his pupils here on Saturday.

## INDEPENDENCE NEWS BUDGET

### From Our Regular Correspondent.

#### DAILY HAPPENINGS IN OUR SISTER CITY.

#### Scan This Column For News of Importance From the Riverside.

Mrs. D. A. Hodge is spending the week in Portland.

Mrs. O. A. Kramer is spending a few days in Portland.

Mrs. Dr. Hewitt went to Salem last Friday to do her fall shopping.

Harry Wagoner is visiting his sister, Mrs. Dr. Allen of this place.

Johnnie Hildebrand was a passenger to Portland one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Williams spent Sunday visiting friends in Salem.

The work of covering the city hall with a new tin roof has been completed.

Oviatt Brothers are the new proprietors of the auditorium skating rink.

Mrs. Allin and little son have returned from visiting her parents in Portland.

Mr. Bice has returned from visiting the Undertakers convention at Portland.

Arthur Moore has sold his store at Slap Creek, but will continue his business here.

Frank Osborn and wife have returned from a few days sojourn at Corvallis.

Fred Cooper returned Thursday from a visit to Portland, North Yamhill and McMinnville.

So far as we have been able to learn Independence has the largest high school in the county.

The city authorities have had large, new poles erected on either side the river for ferry purposes.

Mrs. Allen and family have left for Livingston, Montana. Mrs. Allen is a sister to Mrs. Daws.

Roy and E. D. Case of Oswego have purchased 120 acres of the Burrows place adjoining the Krebs farm south of town.

F. E. Turner has rented the forty acre hop yard belonging to Mr. Hartly of Salem, the yard being formerly known as the I. L. Hanna hop yard.

Mrs. Charles Allen who has been spending several weeks with Mrs. W. H. Walker has returned to Portland where she will reside this winter.

Rev. J. R. N. Bell of Corvallis visited friends in town this week being on his way to attend the presbytery which convened at Dallas. He was accompanied by his son, L. C. Bell, of Baker City.

Mr. Treanor, the former owner of the Independence hotel, has purchased the grocery business from McCreedy & Son, of McMinnville, Oregon, and Charles Richardson has accepted a position as clerk with him.

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#### Instruction For Beginners.

It is one of the fallacies of the average parent that any music teacher will do for the child in his younger years. Having seen the unfortunate results of this careless method of disposing of the training of young children, the director has in the last ten years almost always selected his assistants from among his most advanced and professional students and trained them in the teaching of his method. Many pupils come for advanced study who are not only lacking in correct foundational training, but who have acquired habits absolutely detrimental to their progress until they are overcome. Parents would do well to give more heed to the kind of instruction their children receive in the beginning when no habits have been formed than later in their study, for in the beginning of study there is so much greater chance of influencing the student for good or ill that it becomes of vital importance to know the quality and worth of that instruction the child is to receive.—Director of a Conservatory in the Northwest.

Many parents do not realize how extremely valuable music is to their children. They think that music is an accomplishment and never comprehend the great truth that music is one of the greatest factors in the training of the mind and that the child who receives a musical education is often admitted to the great brotherhood of music lovers and thus given life opportunities that might not otherwise have been uncovered.

If you are paying your teacher less than one dollar for sixty minutes valuable instruction you are doing her an injustice.—Etude.

#### Make Moving Pictures

The following comes from Denver: Ingenuity and money both go to the making of moving picture films, and frequently an undertaking of this sort calls for courage as well. Out in Colorado this week an actual bear hunt is taking place in front of a camera, that it may subsequently be witnessed for a dime by persons who are interested in such amusements. First the bear were found and a guard was stationed about the thicket in which they were corralled. Then a blazed trail was made for the hunters and an open space cut out for the man with the machine. When all is ready the hunters and the dogs will drive the bear out of the thicket into the open and the "finish fight" is planned to take place there, while the moving picture man grinds out his film. If the bears should take a notion to turn on the camera and its operator there might be a different tale to tell. But of course if they are reasonable bears they will "look pleasant" in at least one direction while they are being photographed.

Lindsay and Company call your attention this week to their line of clothing. They will be pleased to display their goods and give you prices.

## NEWS FROM COUNTY SEAT

#### Court House Notes.

##### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Frank Gray and Maggie Herren.

Earl M. Becket and Winnie Norwood; Harry M. Hill and Rhoda W. Dickinson; Jesse C. Plankinton and Edith Frink; Clifford Johnson and Edna Scott; John W. Shelton and Sarah C. Therp.

##### PROBATE.

Guardianship of Dole Pomeroy et al, minors—bond filed and approved.

Estate of Susan A. Macken, deceased—estate admitted to probate, V. Macken appointed administrator, bond fixed at \$500; A. C. Taylor, J. D. Kelty and Jacob Faist appointed appraisers.

##### REAL ESTATE

J. W. Crowley to J. and M. Underwood, lots in Independence, \$125.

J. H. Collins et ux to C. F. Smith, lots in Independence, \$350.

Sheriff J. M. Grant to Louis Kester, lots in Monmouth, \$1315.

J. T. Lady et ux to H. Heine, 40 acres, t 6 s, r 8 w, \$400.

Almira Hurley to Homer Lodge, No. 45, K. of P., one-half lot in Independence, \$1000.

A. F. Embree and hd to H. G. Campbell, lots in Dallas, \$10.

Adam Mueller et ux to T. E. Dwier, lot in Falls City, \$1.

J. E. Miller et ux to C. M. Skeels, 60 acres, t 7 s, r 5 w, \$6000.

United States to Jesse Smith, 60 acres, t 5 and 6 s, r 8 w, patent.

Thomas H. Fennell et ux to Ada E. Keyt, land in t 8 s, r 4 w \$10,000.

C. E. Staats et ux to Louis Toedtmeier, land in t 9 s, r 5 w, \$350.

Charles F. Simpson et ux to B. N. Hamm et al, 120 acres, t 6 s, r 6 w, \$6000.

W. A. Keyt et ux to Albert Fennell, lots in Dallas, \$3000.

Coast Land and Livestock Co., to J. Faber, 805.20 acres in Polk and Lincoln counties, \$10.

H. H. McSheery, one-half int. 160 acres, t 8 s, r 9 w, \$500.

## Monmouth Livery and Feed Barn

Graham & Son, Proprietors.  
General Transfer and Delivery Business.  
Horses Boarded by the Day, Week or month.