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What the State of Oregon is Doing

FRUIT CROP IN 1911 OVER \$4,000,000

Standing Timber of Oregon is Estimated At 454,000,000,000 Feet.

PORTLAND, ORE., Aug. 27.—In 1911 the wool clip of Oregon weighed 16,000,000 pounds, was shorn from about 2,000,000 sheep and was sold for about \$3,000,000.

During the same period the state produced 600,000 pounds of mohair, worth \$240,000. Goats have been found nearly as valuable for clearing brush land as for producing mohair.

In 1911 Oregon produced 72,000 bales of hops, worth \$4,000,000. The production was only half that of a few years ago, but prices have been extremely good.

In 1911 Oregon produced poultry to the extent of 9,000,000 birds, having a value of \$7,000,000.

During the same year the state produced 32,000,000 dozens of eggs, valued at \$9,600,000. The poultry business is still an infant industry.

In 1911 the Oregon potato crop was the greatest ever known, very nearly approaching the 6,000,000 bushel mark, with a value, to the growers, of over \$4,000,000.

In the same year, onions were grown to the amount of about 175,000 bushels, worth \$212,000. The bulk of this crop is produced within a small area, being grown almost exclusively on what is known as "beaver dam" land.

In 1911 Oregon produced \$3,400,000 worth of butter, but in order to supply the demand, at least three times this amount was shipped into the state from other sections.

In 1911 Oregon dairies produced 17,000,000 gallons of milk and cream, having a value of \$4,000,000. The product is said to be the cleanest and most wholesome of that of any state.

In 1911 Oregon produced 5,000,000 pounds of cheese, valued at \$758,000. The quality is of the very best. Los Angeles uses more Oregon cheese in feeding its tourists than of all other kinds combined.

The standing timber of Oregon is estimated at 454,000,000,000 feet, worth on the stump \$680,000,000, and when manufactured into lumber it will be worth \$6,500,000,000. The timber covers approximately 25,000,000 acres. About one-half is in national forests and the balance under private ownership.

In 1911 4,123,000 head of live-stock was raised in Oregon, valued at \$87,854,000. Among meat animals, the production of hogs has increased faster than that of cattle or sheep, due for the most part to the extremely high prices that have prevailed for the past two years in the Coast markets.

The fruit crop in Oregon in

1911 was worth over \$4,000,000 in cash. The greater part of this sum was received for apples, this staple commanding the highest prices both at home and abroad. Next to apples, peaches are the most important fruit in the state, last year's crop selling for \$523,000. Pears were sold to the value of \$300,000, being an average of nearly \$1.50 per box. Cherries, prunes, loganberries, grapes, strawberries, etc., helped to swell the sum paid to farmers and orchardists during the year. About 300,000 pounds of English walnuts were produced, valued at \$45,000.

Falls City Fires.

FALLS CITY, Aug. 27.—This section appears to be having more than its quota of fires this season. First, the large house of A. W. Plankinton, together with all its contents, went up in smoke. A few days later the barn of A. B. Brown, with the winter feed for his stock, was entirely consumed. Still a little later mill No. 1, of the Falls City Lumber Company, was burned to the ground; and at about two o'clock last Sunday morning the residence of C. S. O'Brien, in South Falls City, was together with all the household goods, clothing, piano—in fact everything about the premises. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien were sleeping in a tent about 20 feet from the house, and at about the hour mentioned were awakened by their neighbors to find their home a solid sheet of flame, with no chance of saving anything. The fire department responded promptly and did heroic work, but could only succeed in saving the charred walls of the house. The loss was about \$2000, with insurance of \$1275 in the Oregon Fire Relief association of McMinnville.

Dr. J. H. Nelson, Adjuster for the Oregon Fire Relief association, came up from McMinnville Monday and adjusted the loss.

Rains Drive People From Their Homes.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—Rain, which has been deluging the United Kingdom almost constantly since the beginning of the month, ceased in most parts of the country yesterday and the outlook generally is fairer. The plight of Norwich, however, has become worse from the rapid rise of the Wensum.

A telephone message from Norwich late last night says it is estimated 7,000 people have been driven from their homes by the floods. The water has risen in the lower parts of the city to 13 feet.

Queen Mother Alexandra and Princess Victoria, on board a royal yacht, are storm-bound in Southwold Bay on the Suffolk Coast. The yacht which is attended by the cruiser Liverpool, does not dare venture across the North Sea.

A steam herring drifter returning to Lowestoft, was caught in Monday's hurricane and has not been seen since. It is feared the vessel foundered with all hands.

TO-NIGHT AT THE Star Theater

Vaudeville, and

"Life and Adventures of the James Boys,"

in Missouri, the greatest and most realistic play that has ever been staged.

Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Votes for Women

"We have yet to hear a reason worth considering against the plain fact that, in simple American justice, woman ought to have the right to vote as well as man. That she is not unanimous in demanding it makes little difference; men do not forfeit the right to vote merely because many of their number fail to exercise it. It is a right that doesn't lapse by non-user (though perhaps it should) and doesn't depend upon demand. Why should not women share it equally with men, and on the same terms? What twentieth century American would deny her equal right with himself, merely because she has not demanded it with one voice—as he has never been called upon to demand his own right to the franchise—or because she may not exercise it with one accord—as he has never exercised it?"

"Woman has earned her place in every activity of life, including politics. By right of ability she is in the professions, in business, in public office, in commerce and industry, as well as in the home. Her interests are as broad as man's. The government is as much for her as for him. She supports it, as he does, by paying taxes, directly or indirectly. So clearly is she entitled to an equal voice in it that to deny her the right would be the crookedest kind of a deal.

"Not in pleasantry, gallantry or generosity, but in sober, simple justice, the men of Ohio ought to vote 'Yes' on the equal suffrage amendment. Justice does not require women to show cause why she should receive what is hers by right, or to give bond that she will use it when she gets it."—Editorial from Cleveland News, July 26, 1912.

Canal Question to be Taken to Hague.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Making exception to the provision granting free tolls to American vessels engaged in coastwise trade, England, through Mitchell Innes, the British charge d'affaires here, today filed a formal protest against the Panama canal bill. The note, which advised that a more detailed objection would be filed later, announced that England intends to take the matter before the Hague tribunal, alleging the bill violates the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

Improve your property by putting in a fine sidewalk. Inspect J. W. Leask's work, then consult him.

Pioneer B. F. Whiteaker Died.

The HERALD made mention, last week, of the serious illness of B. F. Whiteaker, who was stricken with paralysis while transacting business at Independence.

Mr. Whiteaker was taken home and under the care of a physician seemed to rally, but taking a relapse died on Saturday morning, August 24, 1912, and was buried on Monday. He was born in Illinois, May 25, 1835, and came with his parents to Oregon in 1848. They located in Polk county and the Whiteaker homestead marks their enterprise. He was twice married, his first wife being Narcissa Hamar, and to this union were born W. H. Whiteaker, of Portland; A. J. Whiteaker, of Raymond, Wash.; Mrs. W. O. Cook, of Eugene, and Mrs. E. Roe, of Enterprise. After the death of his first wife he married Miss Adelaide Fetzer, to whom were born Mrs. Etta Kantner, of Seattle, and Frank and Glenn Whiteaker, of Cochrane, Ore.

Deceased was a man of warm and generous impulses. His friends were numbered by his acquaintance, and he was a fine type of the pioneer. His home was always open and his hand ready to help the suffering and needy. He gave liberally to worthy public enterprises and at the time of his death was engaged with others in drilling an oil well on his extensive farm.

Prominent Mill Owner Alleged to Have Told of Dynamite "Planting" Plot.

BOSTON, Aug. 28.—The police admitted this afternoon that Ernest Pittman, a prominent mill owner, made a full confession before committing suicide as to the alleged plot on the part of New England mill owners to "plant" dynamite to discredit the Lawrence textile strikers a few months ago. It was stated that Pittman ended his life because District Attorney Pelletier ignored his pleas to drop the probe. It was stated by the police that Pittman and three other prominent millmen decided to "plant" the dynamite. Pittman is said to have bought the explosives and given them to John Breen to take to Lawrence, where the dynamite was exploded.

Public Auction

At the Ira F. M. Butler Farm, one and a half miles Southwest of Monmouth, commencing at 10 o'clock, a. m., on

Wednesday, Sept. 18th, 1912.

Will sell 5 head of work horses and 2 good yearling mules.

10 head yearling wethers, and 25 head of lambs, wethers.

26 head shoats, weight 80 to 125 pounds, and 2 Berkshire sows, with pigs.

Also a lot of good farm implements and other goods. See large poster.

L. L. CANNOY.

WANTED TO RENT

a farm. Will pay grain or cash rent. Address: R. D. 1, Box 100, Salem, Oregon.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Faculty Enjoying Vacations-- Will be Ready for Work

MISS PARROTT PREPARING A BULLETIN

Buildings and Grounds Being Put in Good Shape for Opening of School, September 16.

Letters and postal cards received at the President's office from the several members of the faculty indicate that they are enjoying their vacations and will be ready to take up the years work when the school opens, September 16.

Miss Jessica Todd, a new member of the faculty, writes that she will be here early to study the situation.

Pres. Ackerman and family returned from Newport, Monday, and Miss Dunsmore returned from Vancouver, B. C., on the same day. All report a very pleasant trip.

Miss Parrott, Head of the English Department, is preparing a bulletin on "The Teaching of English in the Grades," which will probably be issued as a Normal bulletin in September. Advance sheets of this bulletin indicate that it will be a distinct contribution to the cause of English teaching in our public schools.

The faculty of the Oregon Normal School is in demand for Institute work as evidenced from the fact that members of the faculty will be in nearly every County Institute held during the Fall, and before the close of the series nearly every member of the faculty will have taken part in one or more of the Institutes. This scheme is a good thing for both faculty and teachers, as the teachers become acquainted with the faculty, and the faculty does not tend to get out of touch with actual school conditions throughout the State.

The buildings and grounds of the Oregon Normal School are being put in the best of repair and everything will be ready for the opening. The equipment for the Domestic Science department is rapidly being put in place and already students are manifesting much interest in the work of said department.

The President reports quite a number of girls asking for places to work for their board and room for at least part of the time. Any one wishing to take students upon such terms would do well to correspond with the President.

Turned the Water into the Mains.

Water from the south well was turned into the water mains Wednesday and is being pumped in at a rate of about 25,000 gallons per day from the main well while an additional supply is passing in from the north well.

The indications now are that there is plenty of water to supply present needs when the reservoir gets filled, but the full amount of the flow has not been definitely determined.