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THIS OREGON OF OURS.

never fail in Oregon.
is the best state in the
's mines last year produc-
000,000.
's railroad mileage is less
1700 miles.
has 150 creameries and
cheese factories.
's fisheries last year net-
state \$2,565,201.
contains 97,274 square
or 60,976,000 acres.
about 16.6 per cent. of the
of Oregon is in cultivation.
poultry industry in Oregon
represented \$4,500,000.
last year raised 103,444
of rye, valued at \$62,066.
last year raised 348,861
of corn, valued at \$208,910.
last year raised 85,000
of hops, valued at \$3,825,000.
ardars, cyclones, tornadoes
oughts are unknown in Ore-
last year produced 1,928,
of hay, valued at \$10,607,
last year raised 2,938 bu-
of buckwheat, valued at \$1,
last year raised 1,041,817
of barley, valued at \$520,
last year raised 500,000
of onions, valued at \$250,
average price of wool in Ore-
last year was 12 1-2 cents a
last year raised 1,861,222
of potatoes, valued at \$1,
value of garden truck raised
last year reached \$10,
has more undeveloped
than any other state in
fruit last year added
\$2,500,000 to the wealth of
last year marketed 1,320,
of honey, valued at
wool clip of Oregon last year
23,125,000 pounds, and the
of it was \$2,640,000.
's lumber cut last year
approximately 1,000,000,000
valued at \$10,000,000.
has a school population of
145,000 and last year had
\$74,93 in school fund.
's production of wax last
was 22,000 pounds, and the
of the same was \$5,500.
million dollars was real-
the 10,000,000 pounds of
raised in Oregon last year.
average yield of hops in
is 900 pounds per acre, av-
weight of bales 188 pounds;
cost of raising, 8 cents per
average selling price last
cents per pound.

Oregon last year produced 17,500
tons of sugar beets, which, when
converted into sugar, sold for \$200,
000.
Oregon last year sold about 200,
000 head of cattle. There are
about 900,000 head in the state
now.
Oregon last year sold \$250,000
worth of horses. The stock re-
maining is estimated at 300,000
head.
Oregon boasts of the finest cli-
mate in the world—never too cold
in winter, and never too hot in
summer.
The sale of hogs in Oregon last
year reached \$1,250,000. The
value of those on hand is about
the same.
Oregon is the home of the far
famed Ringnecked or China torquatus
pheasant, the most gamey of all
game birds.
The total value of taxable prop-
erty in Oregon last year, as equal-
ized by the county boards of equal-
ization was \$148,009,601.65.
Oregon is the sportsman's para-
dise. Game of all kinds is plenti-
ful. Her streams and lakes teem
with trout of almost every specie.
The finest mohair produced on
the American continent is grown
in Oregon. Last year the clip was
350,000 pounds, valued at \$87,500.
Oregon contains nearly two and
a quarter million acres more than
New York, New Hampshire, Ver-
mont, Massachusetts, Rhode Is-
land, Connecticut, New Jersey and
Delaware put together.
As thickly populated as Rhode
Island, Oregon would have a popu-
lation of over 30,000,000, and as
densely populated as England its
population would be in excess of
50,000,000.
Oregon last year sold \$800,000
worth of apples, \$100,000 worth of
peaches, \$100,000 worth of pears,
\$175,000 worth of strawberries,
\$35,000 worth of cherries, \$50,000
worth of grapes, and \$475,000 worth
of small fruits.
Average fruit yields per acre in
Oregon are: apples, 200 bushels;
pears, 150 bushels; peaches, 300 bu-
shels; plum, 200 bushels; prunes,
200 bushels; cherries, 150 bushels;
quinces, 200 bushels; apricots, 300
bushels; grapes, 6,000 pounds;
strawberries, 4,000 pounds; cur-
rants, 4,000 pounds; raspberries,
5,000 pounds; blackberries, 6,000
pounds.
It is understood this week the sur-
veyors for the extension of the Dal-
las & Falls City railroad into the
timber belt from Falls City will be
commenced and that construction
on this end of the line will very
soon be in operation. The Salem
end from Dallas, it is also reported,
will soon be built at least to a point
of the nearest contact with the
Willamette river from Dallas.
Auction sale of dairy cows at M.
Suyer's, near Suver, Thursday, Oc-
tober 1, commencing at 10:00
o'clock.

Polk County Exhibit

At the State Fair Leads the State.

State fair week was a glorious
one for Polk county. On this oc-
casion it was awarded to Polk
county the honor of being the ban-
ner agricultural county in the
state. Not only in agriculture and
kindred lines did Polk county
show superiority over her sis-
ter counties, but in the raising of
thoroughbred stock the blue ribbon
came within our borders on sundry
occasions. Thos. W. Brunk, Wm.
Riddell, J. B. Stump, D. M. Cal-
breath, Mrs. D. I. Whiteaker and
others all carried away with them
prizes in stock and poultry.

Polk county has been awarded
first place in the county exhibit
competition at the state fair, and
consequently claims to be the ban-
ner agricultural county of Oregon.
A woman, Mrs. F. A. Wolf, of Falls
City, prepared and arranged the ex-
hibit, assisted by her daughter,
Miss Belle Wolf.

Polk county led only by a
scratch, Linn county coming a
close second and Washington a
close third. Marion dropped a lit-
tle further back as fourth and Lane
still further back as fifth. Yam-
hill gets sixth place. Douglas
would have had the seventh pre-
mium, but that exhibit was not en-
tered in the competition. Union
county's exhibit was delayed in
transit so that it could not be en-
tered or placed on display, but it
arrived Thursday afternoon and
was arranged in the Union county
booth. The premiums awarded are:

Polk county, Mrs. F. A. Wolf,
\$350; Linn county, J. B. Douglas,
\$300; Washington county, F. M.
Heidel and son, \$250; Marion coun-
ty, C. T. Bonney, \$200; Lane coun-
ty, E. M. Warren, \$150; Yamhill
county, J. C. Cooper, \$100. Dou-
glas and Union would have received
\$100 each had they entered.

The deciding feature in favor of
Polk county was number of vari-
eties and arrangement. Polk had
a large collection of well-selected
articles in perfect condition. Linn
county had a fine exhibit of both
green and preserved fruits, espe-
cially of fruits put up in large jars,
that made an excellent display.
Washington fell considerably be-
hind in number of varieties, and
Marion dropped off on quality,
though Mr. Bonney had a good
variety. Lane was very strong on
grain, especially oats, but lacked
varieties and was weak on arrange-
ment.

Mr. Cooper, of Yamhill, laugh-
ingly acknowledges that his dis-
play belongs in the "also ran"
class, for he did not expend either
the effort or the money some of the
leaders did. His unique design,
"Oregon Leads the World," was
superb, but could not make up for
a lack of agricultural products.

The awards were made by Pro-
fessor George Coote, of the chair of
floriculture and landscape garden-
ing at the State Agricultural Col-
lege. Professor Coote says that the
points were very close between
Polk, Linn and Washington and

his award was made only after a
close inspection and the exercise of
his best judgment.

Mrs. F. A. Wolf, the successful
contestant, has been an exhibitor
at the State Fair for the last 30
years and won first place in the
district competition five or six
years ago. This is her third ex-
hibit on the county competition.
She has been preparing for this
exhibition ever since the close
of the last State Fair, and
has spared no effort that would
help her win. In this she has had
the very great assistance of her
daughter, Belle, an active, tireless
lass of 16 years.

Miss Belle Wolf, of Falls City,
Polk County, is evidently a credit
to her state. And her 16 years
show most excellent training on
the part of her mother, Mrs. F. A.
Wolf. Together they deserve the
highest praise from the others of
their county and from the state at
large. For it is due to the efforts
of these women that Polk County
has been declared to be the banner
agricultural county of Oregon—
rather let us say that it is due to
them that Polk County has been
recognized to be the best. There-
fore, congratulations are doubly
owed to the county: it is blessed
with extraordinary fertility and
level-headed farmers, and its fruits
and grains are the envy of the state;
but it is also blessed with women
whose hands do work that is an
honor to praise fittingly, and it is
to be hoped that Polk County will
not be backward in applauding
Mrs. and Miss Wolf for their ex-
cellent success.—Telegram.

Blue Andalusians.

My birds took all the first prizes
at the 1903 State Fair for this
breed. I have cockerels for sale.
Write for prices. D. M. Calbreath,
Monmouth, Oregon.

Word From Sumpter.

Sumpter, Oreg., Sept. 19.
Editor ENTERPRISE:

Thinking a few
lines from Sumpter would be of in-
terest to the many readers of the
ENTERPRISE, I send you the follow-
ing.

Sumpter is a city of about 1500
inhabitants, situated at the head of
Sumpter Valley, at an elevation of
4700 feet. It is thirty-five miles
from Baker City, the county seat of
this county, and is connected with
that city by a narrow gauge road,
called the "Sumpter Valley R. R."
There are five grocery stores, sev-
eral dry goods and clothing stores,
two hardware stores, five hotels,
two restaurants and plenty of sal-
oons. The different religious de-
nominations are well represented,
among them being the Christian,
Methodist and Catholic. There is
a splendid water works system,
supplying the city with an abun-
dance of clear, cold water, from
high up in the mountains. There
are three newspapers, one daily
and two weeklies, the last two
mentioned being devoted chiefly to
the mining industries of the sur-
rounding country.

There are several Polk county
people here, among them being
Garrison McAllister, formerly of

Independence, who is working at
the carpenter trade. Jolly Barney
Flynn, formerly in the peddling
business with head quarters at
Monmouth, is in the real estate
business in this city.

The electric light plant is in
charge of J. E. Shinn, who at one
time was in charge of the light
plant in your city. Your humble
servant is the night man at the
plant, watching the wheels go
round and incidentally throwing
in a few sticks of wood while he is
resting.

Very truly,
J. E. PAGETT.

DEATH OF F. L. BROWN.

Injuries Sustained Several Week
Ago Result Fatally.

F. L. Brown, of Airdie, was kick-
ed on the head several weeks ago,
and sustained a badly fractured
skull. He was brought to this city,
thence taken to Salem. For 71
long days he hovered in the shadow
of death, but Sunday afternoon at
4:00 o'clock he surrendered his
desperate struggle to the grim
monster, death. The immediate
members of the family were at the
bedside at the final hour. The re-
mains were interred in the Locke
graveyard near Corvallis.

The family certainly deserve the
sympathy of the community. "Mis-
fortune never comes single handed"
is exemplified in their case. In ad-
dition to the calamity befalling
Mr. Brown, every member of his
family has been seriously ill. His
wife was in the hospital, and his
little boy was thrown from a horse
and his collar bone was broken.

How It Originated.

"Uncle Original, did you ever see
my nice silver birthday spoon?"
"No Freddy, I never did. I
heard some about it being right
pretty. Let me see it."

All were interested.
"See here, you youngsters, did
you ever notice this stamped on
it?" At the same time pointing to
the word "sterling." "No, Uncle"
quickly responded Clara, "tell us
about it."

"And so you never heard about
it. Well, I'll tell you youngsters
about it. In eastern Germany or
northern Europe there were some
minters, that is people who made
money. These people were so
smart at their business that a lot
of them were invited to England to
make the metal money of the King-
dom. These people were called
'easterlings.' Now you see that
was a big word and somebody once
dropped off e, a and s and called
them 'sterling' and this was
stamped on all the stuff they made,
whether it was money or different
kinds of things. So you see how it
came about, don't you? If you
young folks will come round some-
time when I'm not real busy I'll
tell you all about the boy who
started us in chemistry. Run off
and play and let me hear lots of
singing." W. W. E.

100 sheets of fancy colored sta-
tionery for 25 cents at Wagoner's.

H. M. Ebbert, after a visit in
Monmouth, returned to Troutdale
Sunday.