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FIRST FOR FARMING.

Census Figures Proving Washington to be the Leading Agricultural County of Oregon.

The national census of three years ago, though brought to the attention of each individual citizen, was speedily forgotten, and the issuing of the bulky volumes concealing in their mass of figures, information then gained has apparently little interested the public. With some hours' patience the statistics of Washington county have been dug out, and they make a most creditable showing and will bear out this county's claim to be foremost in agriculture in Oregon.

Farms.

On June 1, 1900, there were here 2302 farms out of the 35,837 in the state, this county ranking fifth in number, and they averaged 109 acres, while the average farm over the state was 281 acres. Of these ten were under three acres, 112 from that size to ten acres, 295 under twenty, 552 under fifty, 524 under a hundred, 558 under 175 acres, 150 under 260, 144 under 500, 43 under a thousand, and four exceeded a thousand acres. They had 1593 owners, 225 part owners, 25 both owners and tenants, 17 managers, 246 cash tenants and 196 share tenants. Only eleven farmers were colored men. Multnomah county alone had a smaller sized average farm, 80 acres, while Crook excelled all other counties in the state with an average of 1360 acres.

Improvements.

Buildings are on 2277 farms. The combined average is 251,568 acres, of which 92,512 acres are improved, and the value of land with improvements other than buildings is \$4,993,820, buildings \$989,010, implements \$295,016, live stock \$896,532, or a total investment of \$7,112,422. Labor cost \$2,320 and fertilizers \$296. The improvement of the living of the farmers' families.

Livestock.

On 2177 farms reporting, out of 2302, the value of domestic animals was \$194,249. There were 6585 dairy cows, a number now largely increased till this county ranks first, though then it was sixth in the state, Lane leading with 8396. Horses were 6084, sheep 13,235 (of these 5106 lambs under one year), swine 12,866, goats 5134. In '99, the sale of live animals netted \$56,836, and from those slaughtered on the farms \$89,658 was received.

Dairy Products.

For the year 1899, 2000 farms reporting, the value of all dairy products was \$220,023, being third, Multnomah first with \$346,781, a prestige to which Washington county undoubtedly largely contributed from the many milk wagons daily traveling to Portland over the six highways leading there from this county. The value of products consumed on the farm was \$85,261. Of 3,390,684 gallons of milk produced, 651,247 gallons of milk were sold, 9165 gallons of cream, 623,778 pounds of butter made (of which 367,095 was sold), and 56,176 pounds of cheese made (45,462 pounds sold).

Orchards.

The sales for a year of orchard products were \$24,605. From 156,565 apple trees were gathered 38,300 bushels of fruit, 43 apricot trees produced four bushels, 10,093 cherry trees 1906 bushels, 3172 peach and nectarine trees 329 bushels, 19,714 pear trees 6716 bushels, 107,495 plum and prune trees (ninth county in the state) 10,287 bushels, and 12 bushels from 390 trees were unclassified fruits. There were 99 barrels of cider, 21 of vinegar and 55,700 pounds of dried and evaporated fruit.

Grapes, Nuts and Small Fruits.

Washington county led in its grape industry, the value of its grapes, wine and raisins, \$89,339, being more than half the entire product of the state; 59,520 vines, 1,938,400 pounds grapes and 4490 gallons of wine are the items. All the forest products were valued at \$49,172. Small fruits aggregated \$5971; blackberries, 6 acres, 14,076 quarts; currants, 3 acres, 5670 quarts, goose-

berries, 4 acres, 7520 quarts; raspberries and Logan berries, 8 acres, 15,370 quarts; strawberries, 40 acres, 8,200 quarts; unclassified, 1 acre, 1030 quarts. Nut growing was in its infancy, \$11 being realized from sales; 316 almond trees bore 100 pounds, 10 pounds came from 102 English walnut trees, there were 2 pecan trees and 70 miscellaneous nut trees.

Nurseries.

Flowers and plant sales amounted for the year \$820, from 314 acres, and 11,300 square feet was under glass in florists' establishments. Two acres of nurseries realized \$210. For vegetable raising 3920 square feet was under glass. To miscellaneous seeds, 15 acres was devoted and sales were \$1845, second in the state, besides 236 bushels clover seed and 807 bushels of other grass seed.

Tobacco, Hops and Vegetables.

In onions the county ranked first, with more than half the production of the state, 460 acres and 135,231 bushels. In potatoes it was fourth, 2979 acres and 387,558 bushels, while just to show it was practicable, 40 bushels of sweet potatoes were produced on an acre. On part of an acre, 260 pounds of tobacco was raised. Nine hundred and sixty-six acres were given over to miscellaneous vegetables, producing 72,990 bushels. Flax seed had 34 acres with 290 bushels, beans 16 acres and 144 bushels, 25 acres peas with 338 bushels, and \$117 was realized from five acres of miscellaneous products. Hops used 720 acres, 776,300 pounds, sixth county in the state.

Hay and Grain.

Oats had 21,059 acres, fourth in the state, with 651,750 bushels; wheat 25,530 acres, ninth in state, 523,320 bushels; barley, 655 acres, 19,140 bushels; buckwheat, 25 acres, 490 bushels; corn, 126 acres, 2580 bushels; rye, 79 acres, 126 bushels. In Claver Washington is the state's banner county, 18,770 acres, 20,462 tons; in other tame grasses it is seventh, 10,542 acres, 19,888 tons. One acre of cornstalks was sown.

Congregational Church.—The Congregationalists will hold no preaching service next Sunday morning, but will join in the memorial day service to be held at the Methodist Church. But the Sunday School will meet at the regular hour. The Christian Endeavor will hold its regular meeting at 7 p. m. The evening service at 8 o'clock will be devoted to a review of the Pacific Coast Congress, held at Seattle, Wash. There will be short addresses by Dean W. N. Ferrin, Principal H. L. Bates, Rev. Edward Curran, Mrs. C. F. Clapp, and the pastor.

Mr. C. H. Tonesile, of Southwestern Iowa, an old-time friend and business acquaintance of Mr. C. V. B. Russell, the enterprising shoe dealer, was in town a few days of the week, renewing former acquaintances and looking over the country, in a tour of the Coast, with a view to locating. Like every one else, he was wonderfully impressed with Washington County.

Hillside was represented at Portland Thursday by many prominent citizens, who joined with the rest of Oregon in greeting the President. Among them were Messrs. Lorin Watkins, Willie Clapshaw, Paul Baker and Willis Poole; Misses Lena Curtis and Clara Poole, and Mrs. Sarah E. Curtis and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shearer.—Mr. Will Dunsmuir is back from his farm, which he has been busy improving for several weeks.—The smallpox scare is no longer dreaded; Miss Elsie Staley, the only sufferer, is convalescent and no other cases have developed.—One of the members of the Mutual telephone line while at work in the construction had the misfortune to cut his foot rather seriously.—The telephone line is fast progressing and soon will have communication with Forest Grove, an advantage that will be appreciated by the community.—Mr. Brown, who had been stopping with Mr. J. J. Lyner, died last Wednesday.



SNAPSHOT OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AS A CAR PLATFORM ORATOR.

W. B. Hicks handles a full line of Sash, Window Screens, Fancy Front Doors, Front Street.

Remember J. T. Buxton makes a specialty of farmers' work. General blacksmithing.

THE PRESIDENT IN OREGON.

The man whom the American people delight to honor because he is a manly man, a people's man and an American in the words of his mouth and the meditations of his heart no less than in bone, blood and breath, and is worthily filling an honorable position, highest in type of public official as he is in station, Mr. Roosevelt has been no disappointment, no disillusion of an ideal, to Oregonians. The winning of the West which has been going on throughout his trip met no reverse at Portland.

Glorifying in the possibilities of American citizenship, impressing its responsibilities, expounding the gospel of honest work, urging the necessity of perpetuating the fittest, recalling the achievements of the past as incentives for the future, President Roosevelt is doing as solid service to his country on the platform as he did on the New York police board, in the national civil service commission, when equipping Dewey for Manila's victory, in carrying San Juan, through his successful efforts for justice to the coal miners, by his check to the threatening trusts in the courts—all points in the President proving that as it has been given to him to see the right he has striven, strenuously, if its peculiar appropriateness here may win pardon for the use of that much-abused word, to do his duty.

THE MAIL ROUTE FOR TILLAMOOK.

Every good reason demands that Tillamook should have a mail supply by the Wilson river route from Forest Grove. A better road the year-around, never blocked by snow or untravelable by wagons, shorter, lower, quicker, cheaper for the government as it would be only necessary to extend the route now running in Rebo's with more families along its line in a region fast settling up while the reverse is true in each case of the present route. The bridge whose lack alone led the inspector to turn it down a few years ago is now completed and a short cut has been built at the Tillamook end. The matter is of enough importance to warrant the city council of Forest Grove memorializing the Oregon delegation to use their influence to get speedy attention from the postoffice department. In such an effort the people of Tillamook, and probably its municipal government, would gladly co-operate to get their papers in the evening of issue instead of receiving them a day old as now.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Mary E. Patton to Jos. Sax; 19.05 acres in Sol. Richardson D. L. C., \$1200. Charlotte C. Smith to Milla Keisay; 262-1000 of an acre in Forest Grove \$800.

State of Oregon to F. C. Knapp; east 1/2 section 36, township 1 south, range 6 west, Willamette Meridian, containing 320 acres, \$400.

F. Cornett et ux to Mary A. Dixon; 50x185 feet on Locust street, in Forest Grove, \$400.

C. T. Scoggin et ux to J. W. Sowell 2.39 acres in section 15, township 1 north, range 2 west, \$55.

Mary A. Francis et al. to Mary E. Francis, 7.32 acres in section 13, township 1 south, range 1 west, \$1.

W. H. Bender to J. C. Grear, lots 4, 5 and 6 in block No. 17, Simmons addition to Hillsboro, \$350.

Henry McNamee to Wm. Muir, 147 acres in township 1 south, range 4 west, \$3000.

H. A. Jasper to H. A. Eckstrom, lot 55 in Steele's addition to Beaverton, 19.26 acres, \$2300.

Z. W. Wood and Jane E. Wood to Zina Wood, Jr., 285 acres in South Hillsboro, \$20,000.

Westcott et ux to W. F. Johnson, southeast 1/2 of southeast 1/4 of section 11, township 2 north, range 3 west, 80 acres, \$41500.

John Baxter et al. to E. J. Patton, northwest 1/4 of northwest 1/4 section

29, township 1 south, range 4 west, \$3700.

Geo. Graham to A. H. Graham, lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, in block 43, City of Cornelius, \$400.

E. J. Lyons to M. J. Porter, east 1/2 of lot 3 in block 10, Forest Grove, \$175.

Fred Olsen to Chas. George, northeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4 section 17, township 2 south, range 2 west, 40 acres, \$20,000.

Manche Langley to F. W. Barnhardt, 4 acres in section 14, township 1 north, range 4 west, \$190.

N. J. Sipp to Fred Stettler, right of way, \$2.

A New Law Firm has opened offices in the Wagner building and brings to the city two gentlemen of the legal profession who have already made a most favorable impression, while they come highly recommended from their former home, Messrs. W. H. Hollis and Earl F. Hawks. A brother of Admiral Clark, of the cherished battleship "Oregon," himself high in government service in charge of the lighthouses of the Michigan district, recommends Judge Hollis "for ability as a lawyer and integrity as a man." Ex-City Attorney H. S. Gray, and Ex-Prosecuting Attorney G. M. Valentine, both of the Judge's old home at Benton Harbor, Michigan, join in certifying to good moral character and skill in the practice of law, in every way qualified for the successful practice of his profession; also commending him as a man of strong educational attainments. Mr. Hawks, his partner, is a graduate of the Dowagiac (Mich.) High School, of the Michigan State Normal School and of the Law Department of the University of Michigan. He was superintendent of the State School for the Blind, is a Spanish-American war veteran, bright, of exceptional educational attainments, and is well vouched for as thoroughly versed in the law.

PROBATE.

Will of Geo. B. Day filed. Will sent to Prineville to be proved.

Final report in estate of Thos. G. Seth filed. Monday, June 22, 1903, at 10 o'clock A. M. time fixed for hearing objections.

In re guardianship of Chas. G. Seth, Catherine S. I. McLeod was appointed guardian. Bond fixed at \$4500, filed and approved.

Final account in estate of Mary Scherschel, deceased, filed. Ordered that balance on hand, \$2953, be turned over to Vendell Scherschel. Estate closed of record.

Petition filed in estate of Jno. W. Lemmon, deceased, asking for order to sell real estate. Citation ordered served by publication, citing heirs at law to appear on Monday the 29th day of June, 1903 to show cause for objections.

Large shipments of piling from Washington county points, particularly from Wapato, Gales and Forest Grove have been made all winter for extensive improvements on the Harriman railroad, using all available cars. A cut-off in Utah has so far consumed most of this material, but now much of it is going to California.

Firewood for the S. P. railway's use is being shipped from this county at the rate of five carloads a day, ten wood-cars going in each trip on the every-other-day freight. The fuel for the wood-burning engines on the East Side is also coming from here.

R. N. Varley's Farmer's Feed Stable, south of College campus, Forest Grove. Saddle horse 5 cents, single driving horse or team 10 cents. Feed for sale.