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"Where Rolls the Oregon."

The Lewis and Clark Centennial and American Pacific Exposition, Portland, 1905.

THE UNLIMITED FUTURE OF DAIRYING HERE

Of intense interest to Washington county, holding brightest promise for the future, is the big creamery so soon to be operating in Portland. The last three years have seen an advance from 14,000 to 21,000 in population, largely through the building up of the dairy interest, and it is no rash prediction to see in this great establishment so close at hand assurance that another three years will bring a still larger increase, that the close of the Fair year will find here 50,000 people enjoying the same prosperity half that number are now realizing in Washington county. There is ample room for more than that number, the larger farms are to be divided, the brush land brought into cultivation and a few cows on 20 acres will prove more profitable than a whole section used to.

Instead of 2302 farms averaging 109 acres, as it was three years ago, more land having been recovered from the forest, the farming population could be three fold what it was in the census year and yet the average farm be 60 acres, sufficient for a dairy ranch. And instead of three and a third million gallons of milk a year already the condensers have a yearly capacity three times that amount. It should not be forgotten that to the Southern Pacific railway is owing the development of this industry which is doing so much for the county.

The Hazelwood Creamery company has transferred its headquarters from Sioux City, where it had the largest plant in the world, to Portland, has reorganized with a capitalization of a quarter of a million, and proposes to make the city on the Willamette the centre of a great dairy industry. For a time the company carried on business there in a small way until experience convinced them Oregon offered the best field for a great creamery business in the entire country and Portland was the natural location for their industry. Unmistakably then Washington county, already admitted the best dairy county in this state which excels all others, must be the ideal spot on the continent. Eight good wagon roads and two lines of railroad leading from its farms to the manufactory at Portland mean that the surplus milk which our two condensers cannot use will find ready market for the Hazelwood people white willing to ship in cream 800 miles are not going to do that when they can get it in a radius of from five to thirty miles. This competition for cream assures as well the highest possible price.

"This state does not seem to realize its advantages as a dairy country," says General Manager Brown, of the company. "The climate offers decided advantages over any other portion of the United States for securing

the best possible results from dairying. A comparatively small section, embracing Northern Iowa, Southern Minnesota Eastern Nebraska, Kansas, Northwestern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin, now furnishes practically the entire creamery product of the country. Dairying is an important factor in the prosperity of that section, and creameries which started business on a small scale there a few years ago have grown into enormous industries.

"If such signal success has attended the business in those states, there seems to be no limit to the possibilities in Oregon. Here there are no climatic extremes, which are such a serious handicap to the dairy farmer elsewhere. Here there is good grass for 12 months in the year, instead of six or seven, as in the states I have named. In fact, I can think of nothing in which this region does not excel the other dairy sections. We believe in the future strongly enough to center all our efforts here, and have disposed of our Sioux City property. We have a plant at Spokane which has been very successful, and will of course, continue the business there, but Portland will be our headquarters."

The output of the big creamery will be packed in one pound cartons and shipped all over the country to supply the high-priced trade. The local demand is expected to be very heavy, as the present supply of Oregon butter falls far short of supplying the Portland market. During the past year an average of from five to eight cars of butter have been shipped in from the East every month, and the Hazelwood plant expects to supply this shortage in the local production.

Members of the company state that they will in no sense compete with the smaller creameries now in operation throughout the state. On the contrary, they expect to foster the interests of the smaller plants by maintaining an advertising bureau for the purpose of exploiting Oregon as a dairy state among the farmers of the East and Central West, and to encourage butter-makers and dairymen to locate here.

The system to be pursued in collecting the butter fat which the company will use does away with skimming stations and bulky shipments of milk. The butter fat will be secured by the use of hand separators, which the company will supply to the farmers, and only sweet cream will be shipped there to be made into butter.

Experts will commence the work of organizing the business of securing butter fat from the farms of the Willamette Valley, Eastern Oregon and the adjacent sections of Washington and California. Depots will be established at various points on railroad and steamboat lines, and refrigerator cars will be put into service on both the steam and electric lines. The cream will be collected along routes which will be laid out through the farming regions and pasteurized before it is shipped.

The new concern will make no attempt to absorb existing plants, and denies that it is in any sense a trust, such as the Continental Creamery Company has formed in the states of the Central West. The last-named company is said to be contemplating an invasion of this field, and the Hazelwood people announce that they would welcome its coming. The dairy business has been so neglected in Oregon that they argue in favor of greater competition in the creamery business as a means of developing the latent resources of this section in the direction of dairy products.

Much of the cream to be used will for the present come from Eastern Oregon and Utah, but as the work is organized in the Willamette Valley, the capacity of the plant will be enlarged to meet the increased quantities of cream received. The business here will be exclusively wholesale, so far as it is possible to make it, but as a side issue the company expects to do a dairy business for the purpose of supplying milk to the city. A cheese department will also be main-

tained, but this branch of the business will be of secondary importance.

Between \$50,000 and \$75,000 will be expended at once in remodeling the building and putting in the latest improved machinery. It is expected that the plant will be ready for operation by March 1, with a daily capacity of 20,000 pounds, which will be increased as the business demands. This represents a much larger output than all other creameries in the state combined, and will immediately furnish a market for every pound of butter fat which the dairy farms at present produce.

A systematic campaign will be conducted in the East for the purpose of inducing dairy farmers to come to Oregon and to advertise the product of Oregon's creameries. The officers of the company, which has been incorporated under the laws of Oregon, are: President, David Brown; general manager, George M. Brown; secretary and treasurer, John L. Smith, all of whom are practical creamery men of large experience. Much more capital than represented in the incorporation papers is said to be behind the scheme.

The organization of this vast creamery concern means much to the agricultural interests of the state. It will advance the price of milk from 3 to 8½ cents a gallon on every farm within a radius of hundreds of miles of Portland. It will systematize the dairy business and put it upon a much more lucrative basis than at present. It will distribute thousands of dollars monthly to the farmers who keep milk cows. It will result in the seeding down of thousands of acres of stump lands to some grasses and a vastly increased average of forage crops. It will also result in improving the breed of ranch-strain cattle and advertise the state's dairy resources.

From Portland's standpoint it means a considerable increase in the volume of business done in the city, large additions to the payroll of the community and the building up of the tributary country on which Portland's growth and prosperity largely depends.

DEATH OF E. H. WARREN.

Mr. E. H. Warren, whose age and feeble condition have made his friends fear for the result of the strain under which he has been with the excitement of the burglary of his home last September and the harassing trial over it, just ended, was stricken with heart trouble about 9 o'clock Sunday evening and died Thursday evening at 6:30. The funeral services will be held from the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and burial will be in the family plot in the Odd Fellows cemetery. He leaves three daughters, Mrs. Zilpha Horner, of California, Mrs. S. T. Linklater and Miss Minnie Warren, of Hillsboro.

Hillsboro's public school deserves more attention than it receives, as Prin. Barnes and his associates are all doing excellent work and have charge of the largest school in the county. The school has enrolled 325 pupils and averages 286 in daily attendance. Prin. Barnes besides supervision of the school has in the 8th grade 41 pupils, Mr. F. P. Kendall, 7th grade, 43 pupils; Miss Annie Hood, 6th grade, 42; Miss Lucy E. Humphreys, 5th grade, 39; Miss Maud Wilson, 4th grade, 43; Miss Jennie Beamish, 3rd grade, 39; Miss Rose Wilcox, 2d grade, 36; and Mrs. Mary M. Pittenger, 1st grade, 51.

Mr. A. P. Venen, the piano tuner, will make weekly visits to Hillsboro and will do tuning and repairing at reasonable rates. Recommended by some of the largest factories in U. S. (Kohler & Chase, W. Kimball and others.) Wiley B. Allen's head tuner for two years. Tuned for Pacific University for five years. Leave orders at the L. M. Hoyt Co's.

Prin. Barnes' report of the Hillsboro public school for the month ended Jan. 15, shows:—No of pupils, 325; days absent, 373; times tardy, 59. There are 17 non-resident pupils.

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Hillsboro.

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