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## FARM CENSUS OREGON 1910

We have just received a bulletin from the Chief Statistician for Agriculture of the United States presenting interesting data concerning agriculture in Oregon from which the following is extracted:

**COOS COUNTY.**  
The following shows the agricultural data collected at the thirteenth census, 1910, relative to the products of the farms of Coos County together with other items of general interest:

Population, 17,969.  
Number of farms, 1,128.  
Nativity of farmers—native white, 891; foreign born, white, 231; negro and other non-white, 6.  
Number of farms, classified by size—under 3 acres, 3; 3 to 9 acres, 40; 10 to 19 acres, 39; 20 to 49 acres, 149; 50 to 99 acres, 142; 100 to 174 acres, 447; 175 to 299 acres, 123; 300 to 499 acres, 129; 500 to 899 acres, 45; 1,000 acres and over, 11.  
Approximate land area, 1,041,020 acres; land in farms, 202,101 acres.  
Value of farm property, \$8,829,700.  
Domestic animals—cattle, 20,049; horses, 2,873; mules, 21; burros, 5; swine, 6,282; sheep, 11,620; goats, 1,032.  
Foultry of all kinds, 36,210.  
Number of colonies of bees, 1,685.  
Principal crops, bushels—corn, 19,951; oats, 31,198; wheat, 5,318; barley, 11,009; rye, 96; hops, 199,936 pounds.  
Hay and forage—timothy, 63 acres; 182 tons; timothy and clover mixed, 1,709 acres, 4,396 tons; clover alone, 1,221 acres, 3,406 tons; alfalfa, 8 acres, 19 tons; other tame grasses, 2,816 acres, 7,015 tons; wild, salt or prairie grasses, 327 acres, 360 tons; grains cut green, 3,581 acres, 12,206 tons; all other hay and forage, 774 acres, 13,901 tons.

Oregon ranks ninth in land area and thirty-fifth in population among the states and territories of continental United States.

The number of farms in Oregon is 45,502, an increase of 27 per cent over the number in 1900, as compared with an increase of 62.7 per cent in the population of the state. The average of farm land is 11,685.110 and that of improved land 4,274.803, representing increases of 16 per cent and 28.4 per cent, respectively, over the corresponding figures for 1910. In this connection, however, it should be noted that the statistics relative to the total acreage and value of farm land in 1900 are not strictly comparable with those for 1910, as an Indian reservation of over 484,000 acres was reported as a farm in Crook county at the earliest census but was not included in the reports for 1910. The apparent decrease during the decade of 24.2 acres, or 8.6 per cent, in the average size of

## FLYING FOXES MAY COME TO AMERICA

Having been called on some time ago to deal with the mongoose problem, the customs division of the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C., has been asked to keep an eye out for an importation of flying foxes from India.

Officials of the biological survey of the Department of Agriculture have learned that a number of these fruit-eating animals are on their way to America.

"It is not certain," said Dr. Henshaw, head of the biological survey, "that the flying fox can become acclimatized in this country, but if he does, it will be a real enemy to all kinds of fruit."

the farms is due largely to this fact.

Nearly three-fifths of all the farms in the state are from 20 to 174 acres in size. About one-third of all farms comprise 175 acres or over, nearly half of this group being between 250 and 499 acres.

Nearly four-fifths of the Oregon farmers are native white and one-fifth foreign born white. Only 627, or 1.4 per cent of the total, are non-white, 452 being Indians, 83 Japanese, 65 Chinese and 27 negroes.

The leading crops of the state, in the order of their importance, as judged by value, are hay and forage, \$15,226,000; wheat, \$10,849,000; oats, \$5,037,000; hops, \$3,839,000; potatoes, \$2,097,000; barley, \$1,513,000.

The total value of farm property, which includes land, buildings, implements and machinery, domestic animals, poultry and bees, is \$528,244, representing an increase of 205.8 per cent since 1900.

The average value of a farm, including its equipment, in 1910 was \$11,609, compared with \$4,827 in 1900. Farm land rose in value from \$11.23 in 1900 to \$35.23 in 1910, an increase of 213.7 per cent.

The average size of the Oregon farm is 256.8 acres.

The total number of farms owned in whole or in part by the operators in 1910 was 37,796. Of this number 24,865 were reported as free from mortgages and 12,642 were reported as mortgaged.

Because he petted a white Leghorn hen in the closing hours of a poultry show, A. B. Flower of New York state, is minus his diamond stud. Flower was much taken with the hen and put her on his shoulder. She began to peck at his diamond. The stone was not well fastened and the hen swallowed it.

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## EARNINGS OF OREGON CONVICTS FOR 1911

Some interesting facts regarding convict labor and new reform system of handling convicts being developed by Governor West during the past year, have been made available.

One million six hundred and forty-eight thousand bricks were manufactured during 1911. Much of this brick was delivered to the state institutions at a nominal price. No brick was sold to private parties for less than \$9 per thousand and some was at a higher figure. The market value of brick was at least \$9 and it is placed at that figure.

The prisoners would have earned in 1911, if cash had been collected for labor and material furnished, 1,648,000 brick at \$9 per thousand, \$14,832; stove foundry, \$12,936.48; 14,730 days' work at state institutions at 75 cents per day, \$11,047.50; 3,066 furnished counties on roads at 75 cents per day, \$2,299.50; total \$41,115.48.

No part of this amount was collected from the state institutions or counties. The charge of 75 cents per day is a very low figure and the charge is made as a matter of book-keeping to show something of the earnings of the prison. The brick manufactured cost the state \$3.27 per thousand.

"The personal earnings of the prisoners during the year were \$6,568.65," said Governor West. "Under the system we are developing we hope to give each deserving man a chance to earn a little money so that he will have a few dollars to help him along when he is released."

Since the passage of the parole law an accurate account of the employment and earnings of the paroled men has been kept and it shows that nearly all of the 68 men paroled since May 28 to date have been steadily industrious at useful labor and have earned over \$8,650.

The first step in preliminary construction preparatory to building the highest dam in the world has been accomplished in the completion of the mammoth division tunnel at Arrowrock dam, Boise irrigation project, Idaho. This tunnel when lined with cement will be 25 feet high and 30 feet wide, larger than a double track railroad tunnel, and will carry the whole flow of the Boise river during the construction of Arrowrock dam. The tunnel is 470 feet long, and driven through solid granite for its entire length.

Few know of the shepherd birds of South America. They belong to the crane family and are known as yakamiks. These curious birds take care of large flocks of sheep, leading them to pasture early in the morning, and caring for them all day unaided. If any stray animals approach the flock the yakamik attacks them with beak and wings. They are said to be much stronger than dogs.

The title of champion rattlesnake killer of Umatilla county undoubtedly goes to James Fix, a Coombs Canyon rancher, who killed 275 of the reptiles one day last week, says a dispatch from Pendleton. The skins were brought to Pendleton and sold to Mayor Lee Moorhouse, of that city. Fix also obtained 20 pounds of oil, which has a market value of \$9.50 per pound.

## ITEMS FROM ALL SOURCES

Alaska experienced violent earthquakes last week.  
Portland will have steamship service to Alaska next summer.  
Emperor William of Germany recently celebrated his 53rd birthday.

In the year 1911 there were 497 deaths from burning in Greater New York.

Over 100 girls enrolled for the domestic science course at the Eugene high school.

It is reported that the king and queen of England are seriously considering a visit to America.

The wall around Canton, China, is being torn down and boulevards will be built of stone and mortar.

A skeleton of a mammoth unearthed at Walla Walla, Washington, is said to be 6,000,000 years old.

Four of the leading dental offices in Medford, Oregon, were recently robbed of nearly \$200 worth of gold.

The students of the Oregon Agricultural College are considering the establishment of a cooperative store on the campus.

Lois Edmonds, 11 years old, the champion breadmaker of Iowa, is now in Washington, D. C., where she will bake a loaf of bread for President Taft.

The first week in September will probably be set as the date for the Oregon State Fair this year, owing to the rains which caused disastrous results when a later date is given.

Arrangements have been completed for launching the Taft campaign in Oregon, Clark H. Williams, a Portland newspaper man, having been appointed publicity manager.

Nora Maeller, committed to the state insane asylum in April, 1910, attempted suicide February 1, by leaping into a burning brush heap at the asylum farm. She was severely burned, but will recover.

A petition has been circulated in Salem, Oregon, and signed by practically every state official, to make Lincoln's birthday, February 12, a legal holiday. The petition was presented by representatives of the G. A. R.

Justice of the Peace Samson of Oregon City lives in a house once occupied by General Grant and General Phil Sheridan, and which is further distinguished by having had 128 marriage ceremonies performed there.

Clarence Darrow, the McNamara attorney, who has been indicted at Los Angeles on jury-bribing charges, says, "I am not guilty and time and a fair jury will prove it." The date of his trial is set for February 14.

E. S. Swift, a farmer living near LaCrosse, Wisconsin, has secured a number of healthy Chinese pheasants and will make an effort to raise these birds for market. Mr. Swift says that there is no more difficulty involved in raising pheasants than there is in raising chickens. It is necessary, however, to keep the birds confined. Mr. Swift has a mammoth inclosure covered with wire netting in which the birds will be kept.

## THE PASSING OF OREGON'S PIONEERS

Thomas J. Perkins, a pioneer of 1852, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. D. Morse in Bandon, February 2, at the age of 80 years, 7 months and 10 days.

Stewart McKindra Pennington, who died at Albany, Oregon, at the age of 87, crossed the plains in 1847 and during the journey had many conflicts with the Indians. In his pioneer days in this state Mr. Pennington worked for Governor Abernathy at Oregon City, and later took up a claim near Lebanon. He served two terms in the state senate.

Joseph Bernart, a pioneer and one of the best known men in Clackamas county, was carried in his launch over the Willamette falls, and while the craft has been recovered, nothing has been seen of the body. No man in the country was better acquainted with the falls and the danger of boating near them than Bernart. For more than 40 years he had towed logs for the mills, and never before had been in the slightest danger.

"Aunt Ann" Smith, aged 83, one of the few surviving Oregon women who came across the plains in 1852, was buried at Forest Grove February 2. Mrs. Smith walked all the way over the plains, driving an ox team in addition. In 1852 she married David Smith, who was city councilman and served two terms as mayor of Forest Grove, dying about six years ago. "Aunt Ann" Smith kept a boarding house for Pacific University students for several years, and was widely known among the alumni of that institution.

Mrs. Clara May Leiter died at Portland at the age of 54. She came to Oregon in 1892.

Cooperative tests in word preservation, especially as to fence posts, are being carried on by H. B. Oakleaf of the United States forest service office of products at Portland and the school of forestry at Oregon Agricultural College. In preserving fence posts, the hot and cold tank method of forcing hot creosote for three hours into the wood, and then immersing it for the same length of time in cold creosote, is used. Both oak and fir posts were used, and it has already been fairly determined that posts thus treated will outlast ordinary posts by many years.

New Year's Day, 1912, marked the completion of four-fifths of the excavation for the Panama Canal. According to the Canal Record, the American engineers, since beginning their work in May, 1904, have taken 158,010,964 cubic yards of dirt and stone out of the canal bed.

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While waiting for something to turn up it were better to get the plow ready for turning something up.

## COUNCIL TRANSACTS IMPORTANT BUSINESS

Regular meeting of the City Council was held Monday evening. All members present with the exception of W. C. Laird, who is in San Francisco.

Officers' reports read and accepted.  
The special committee on wharf made a report, and upon motion, L. A. Liljeqvist was appointed to work in conjunction with committee in modifying plans of the wharf, and to make blue prints of the same.

Mayor appointed Councilman True a committee of one to ascertain what sum will be required to remove the Recorder's office back to the corner of Front and Center streets.

The finance committee reported favorably on all bills, constituting the following which were ordered paid:

GENERAL FUND	
L. A. Liljeqvist, city attorney	\$ 41.34
R. H. Mast, treasurer	8.34
J. S. Lawrence, recorder	50.00
John Hickam, marshal	70.00
C. A. Evernden, night marshal	60.00
S. M. Nozler, fire chief	5.00
Coquille M. & M. Co., lumber	41.50
W. H. Mansell, freight, draying	8.90
Coquille River Elec. Co., lights	101.25
Home Telephone Co., message	.05
Kime & Von Pegert, blocks	2.65
Coquille Hdw. Co., hardware	14.60
C. M. Skeels & Sons, mdse.	.75
J. B. Pointer, coal and draying	8.75
Bud Mansell, labor	18.75
Tracy Leach, labor	10.00
Skookum Restaurant, one meal	.25
Elec. Sup. Co., lamps	30.22
Pacific S. & Ptg. Co., books	103.65
Coquille V. Sentinel, printing	23.15
WATER FUND	
W. D. Rowland, salary	60.00
J. T. Nosler, labor	5.00
Coquille Hdw. Co., hardware	1.65
Kime & Von Pegert, blocks	6.25
Adjourned to February 8, at 7 p. m.	

## NEW BOAT COQUILLE SAN FRANCISCO RUN

Marshfield Record—J. L. Kroneberg in talking to The Record said that the contract for the new steel schooner to ply between Coquille and San Francisco had been let by the F. S. Esterbrook company of San Francisco, and that the vessel would be built by the Kruse & Banks company at North Bend. The boat will have a capacity of 800,000 feet of lumber on a 13 foot draught. The Southern Oregon Transportation people, and a number of residents of Coquille, will be interested in the new vessel—practically the same stockholders will be in the new ship as are now in control of the Bandon and Fifield, which boats have made such a success of business since being on the run.

With an additional song and short addresses the meeting terminated with good feeling prevailing.

For Sale—Furniture, stoves, rugs, dishes, and everything in the household line. Call upon Mrs. C. E. Van Marter.

## SOCIALISTS CONVENTION

Delegates from the several locals of the Socialist party in Coos county were called in convention by J. H. James, county chairman, Saturday last in this city. The following gentlemen responded to the call from the locals named:

Marshfield English Local—John Hayden, C. H. Lucia, L. Call, A. J. Stephan, Mr. Stowgard, P. B. Smith and C. W. Baies.

Marshfield Finnish Local—Erick Wisti East Side Local—Victor Alto; North Bend Local—H. L. Sumner. Four-mile Local—L. Page. Bandon Local—W. Fulcher, L. S. Martin, D. W. Carpenter. Myrtle Point Local—C. J. Musser. Coquille Local—S. L. Curry, J. E. Quick.

The members present represented about thirteen hundred card members of the county organization.

A resolution was adopted having in view the establishment of a newspaper and a committee consisting of A. J. Stephan, Marshfield, W. Fulcher, Bandon, and H. L. Sumner of North Bend were appointed to solicit subscriptions to the amount of \$5,000 in support of the same.

The question of a name for the paper was taken up and the following were submitted to the several locals for their decision: "The Bee," "Toilers Advocate," "Coos County Socialist."

Meeting adjourned to the call of chairman.

In the evening a program was rendered at the Dime Theatre, several outside delegates remaining to attend.

J. H. James opened the meeting with appropriate remarks. Mayor Quick sang a song having a patriotic air and words suitable to the occasion.

W. Fulcher of Bandon was the principal speaker of the evening, and his remarks elicited much applause and called forth a challenge from Preacher Evans who was privileged to take the platform in expostulation of remarks made by Mr. Fulcher concerning a street talk given by the reverend gentleman prior to the meeting. The subject was quite foreign to Socialism—it was a hot one—and dwelt largely upon fire and brimstone to enforce recognition, but the tranquility of the assemblage was not marred, and none had regrets unless it be the domine.

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