

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

RECORD HOP CROP.

Oregon Yield for 1908 Promises to Exceed Even That of 1905.

Salem—Almost incredible though it may seem, well posted Oregon hop growers expect a crop of 130,000 bales in this state this season. This is an expectation based upon the present condition of the yards. Some men who are both dealers and growers say they will not be surprised at a crop of 140,000 bales, and will be disappointed if it goes under 130,000, with continued favorable weather conditions. The largest crop heretofore gathered was that of last year, aggregating 108,000 bales.

All the yards are now in first class condition. Many old yards are promising a yield 25 to 50 per cent greater than last year. In addition to this there are many young yards which produced light crops of baby hops last year that will yield full crops for the first time this year. The great question in the minds of growers is whether all the hops can be gathered. Labor is scarce and a much larger number of people than usual will be required to pick the crop.

Heavy showers in this vicinity have injured clover hay to some extent, and cracked Royal Anne cherries slightly. The rain, however, will benefit grain, potatoes and other crops.

Harney Sawmills Busy.

Burns—The sawmill men of this county have all started their mill to running on full time and the outlook is better than for a number of years, as there is a large large number of new settlers locating in this county, and then the sawmills near Harney City ship most of their product to Malheur county. There was not much demand for lumber last year, and most of the mills closed down early in the season. Lumber has increased in value from \$10 to \$12 per thousand for rough lumber, and dressed lumber has increased about the same per cent.

Springfield May Be Terminus.

Eugene—The Willamette Valley company has applied to the city of Springfield for a franchise for the construction of an electric railway on certain streets entering the city from the north. For a long time the company has been attempting to secure a franchise for entrance into Eugene, intending to extend the line now under construction between Salem and Portland south to Eugene, but as the city council seems loath to give the franchise, the company threatens to build around Eugene.

Trouble in Harney County.

Salem—There is trouble brewing down in Harney county over irrigation matters. The Burns board of trade has asked the state land board to send the state engineer over to make an investigation with a view to obliging some of the companies holding lands under the Carey act in the vicinity of Harney to proceed to develop it or vacate. State Engineer Lewis will soon go to Harney county, the land board having made an order to that effect at its last meeting.

Investigate Insurance Companies.

Salem—The Greater Salem Commercial club has adopted a resolution asking the Oregon Development league to appoint a committee to aid Senator Fulton in his effort to secure a larger share of the reclamation funds for Oregon. The club also authorized the appointment of a committee to confer with Secretary of State Dunbar regarding an investigation of the course of insurance companies in the payment or nonpayment of losses in the San Francisco disaster.

Seats Assigned Legislators.

Salem—Members of the next Oregon legislature have already been selecting seats in their respective houses, and Secretary of State Dunbar has been assigning seats as requested. Before the legislature convenes he will have each member's name on a card on the front of his desk, in letters large enough for the presiding officers, pages and others to read at a distance. In each house the Multnomah delegation will occupy practically the same seats occupied at the last session.

Promise Ontario New Railroad.

Ontario—Grattan P. Wheeler, the New York city banker, who is financing the Ontario-Emmett railroad, is in the city, accompanied by O. C. Wright, manager of his Eastern Oregon mining interests. Mr. Wheeler stated that the Ontario-Emmett railroad would absolutely be built, and that the money is all subscribed for its construction, and the same would be in running order within 18 months, but probably at an earlier date.

Outlook in Lane County.

Eugene—Sunshine has improved all crops in Lane county. An average cherry yield is on the market; strawberries are practically harvested; raspberries and black caps are ripening and are prolific. Prunes, apples and pears are in the best of condition. Hay and grain are very heavy, while hops are well advanced, promising a big yield. Pasture is good.

Oregon Appropriations Cut.

Washington—The senate committee cut down the building appropriations in reporting on the omnibus bill so that Baker City gets only \$65,000, Eugene \$50,000, and Salem \$15,000 to complete its grounds.

OPINION ON INSURANCE LAW.

Attorney General Says Insolvency of Company Cancels Policies.

Salem—Attorney General Crawford has rendered an opinion in which he holds that where an insurance company has become insolvent and a receiver has been appointed in court proceedings in another state, all policies in this state are thereby cancelled, but a policy holder, who did not know of the insolvency, may have a claim against the deposit fund in this state for any loss he may sustain within a reasonable time after the appointment of the receiver.

He also holds that the secretary of state of this state, as insurance commissioner, has authority to investigate the condition of such an insurance company and if he finds that its capital is impaired below the sum of \$200,000, he may cancel its license in this state.

Ask State for Appropriation.

Ontario—Henry Blackman, recently appointed by Governor Chamberlain as one of the commissioners of Oregon to the Jamestown exposition, representing Eastern Oregon, is in Ontario gathering statistics and exhibits for the world's fair in 1907, so as to make a report at the next legislature with the view of having a liberal appropriation made. Mr. Blackman states that the commercial bodies of Portland are back of the movement and requested the governor to make the appointments. Oregon is the first state on the Pacific coast to come to the front for the purpose of advertising her resources.

Dr. Sherman Cannot Attend.

Oregon City—Secretary Cross, of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua association, has received a telegram from Dr. W. C. Sherman, of Sacramento, announcing his serious illness at his home, which will prevent him from keeping his engagement at this year's assembly. Dr. Sherman has for a number of years been instructor of the Bible class and his services have been invaluable to the chautauqua meetings. Secretary Cross is planning to substitute a round table for this interesting feature of the chautauqua program.

La Grande Gets Big Mill.

La Grande—Representatives of the Palmer Lumber company have made public that they have decided to build their big mill at La Grande. Work will begin as soon as a right of way for a railroad spur through Marion street and the Riverside addition is secured. The 75 acres of ground donated by citizens for a mill site and lumber yards will be turned over at once, the transfer to be made through the Commercial club.

Wheat Crop Looks Good.

Pondleton—Umatilla county will have one of its best wheat crops this year in spite of threatening early portents. The moist weather of the past four weeks has lifted the crops out of the ground until they will be as good in straw as usual, whereas it was predicted that in some places a harvester could hardly get below the heads. Now the warm weather has begun to harden the young grain and cause the maturing heads to fill out and increase in weight.

County Fair at Tillamook.

Tillamook—At a meeting of the Tillamook Development league the matter of a county fair was taken up. The date for the fair will probably be August 23, 24 and 25, and it will probably include a stock show and street carnival. J. C. Cooper, of McMinnville, has been engaged to manage it.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 71@72c; bluestem 74c; red, 69@70c; valley, 71@72c.
Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$31.50@32; gray, \$31.50 per ton.
Barley—Feed, \$24@24.50 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$25@26.
Fruits—Apples, \$2.50@3.50 per box; apricots, \$1.75@2 per crate, cherries, 5@8c per pound; currants, 9@10c; peaches, \$1@1.25; strawberries, 5@8c per pound; gooseberries, 5@7c per pound; Logan berries, \$1.25 per crate; raspberries, \$1.75@1.85; blackberries, 10c.
Vegetables—Beans, 5@7c per pound; cabbage, 1 1/4c per pound; cucumbers, 65c per dozen; lettuce, head, 10@25c; onions, 8@10c per dozen; peas, 4@5c; radishes, 10@20c per dozen; rhubarb, 3c per pound; spinach, 2@3c per pound; parsley, 25c; turnips, 90c@1 per sack; carrots, \$1@1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25@1.50 per sack.
Onions—New, 1 1/4@1 1/2c per pound.
Potatoes—Fancy graded old Burbanks, 40@50c per hundred; ordinary, nominal; new Oregon, 75@80c.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 17 1/4@20c per pound.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 22@22 1/2c per dozen.
Poultry—Average old hens, 13@13 1/2c per pound; mixed chickens, 12@12 1/2c; broilers, 15@16 1/2c; roosters, 9@11c; dressed chickens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, 17@17 1/2c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 20@22c; geese, live, 10@12c; ducks, old, 11@12c; young, 12@13c.
Hops—Oregon, 1905, 10@11c; olds, 6c per pound.
Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 18@23 1/2c; valley, coarse, 22 1/2@23 1/2c; fine, 24c per pound; mohair, choice, 28@30c.
Veal—Dressed, 4@7c per pound.
Beef—Dressed bulls, 3c per pound; cows, 4 1/4@5 1/2c; country steers, 5@6c.
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