

JULIAN BIRD - - - - - Manager.

The sheepmen will have to leave the forest reserves. The department at Washington has already cancelled the grazing permits to sheepmen to the Rainier forest reserve in Washington, and it is thought that sheep will be excluded from the Cascade reserves by another summer. The sheepmen will be heavy losers by this action. Thousands of sheep will have to be disposed of in Oregon and Washington and their owners driven out of that business by it. The grazing of sheep in these reserves is harmful to the government interests. The forests are set on fire by the careless sheep herders and much valuable timber is destroyed. It is contended that if the sheep are excluded from the reserves the dangers of fire will be brought down to a minimum. In other words, the department considers the timber interests of these reserves of more value to the government and the people than the sheep interests, so far as they are advanced by free range.

This is the language which the St. Paul Globe uses in advocating Admiral Dewey for the presidency:

"Sailing over the sea from the Far East in the colossal living figure of American history, a man with a head of iron, a heart of exquisite tenderness and a sense of honor which has led him through more than three-score years along the path of eternal right. The democratic party has but to make this man the magnet of the campaign upon a platform of living principles, the central planks of which shall be death to the trusts and autonomy for the Philippines.

This platform can stand the most popular man of the Western Hemisphere, the idol of the greatest nation on earth, George Dewey, hero of Manila bay and admiral of the American navy."

We have law in Oregon for about everything. We have laws covering the practice of medicine, the business of blacksmithing and booting, the profession of dentistry, and now it is demanded in some quarters that we have a law that will designate the newspaper worker. No wonder, as reported by a Salem paper, an old farmer in Marion county was afraid to put a tooth out of a harrow until he had ascertained whether it was against the law or not. There is too much law, and too much government of the kind that don't govern, because in making laws we have lost sight of the principle of the maximum of liberty and the minimum of restraint. We do not need legislation as much as we need delegation - East Oregonian.

Things will shortly begin to look darker than ever to Aguilardo. We are going to send two more negro regiments against him.

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Weather Bulletin.

Rain fell on Monday and Tuesday in amounts from a trace over southeastern Oregon to about one-half an inch in Umatilla county. Since Tuesday fair and warmer weather has prevailed. Temperatures during the heat of day of from 80 to 90 degrees have occurred since Friday. Sunday and today were the warmest days since the latter part of July.

The rains of Monday and Tuesday delayed farm work, but otherwise they were not really injurious. The grain was thoroughly

wet, but since Sunday the dry, warm weather has dried out the grain. Oats are more injured than wheat, barley or rice; in individual case the loss caused by the rains may amount to 10 per cent, but taken as a whole the loss is practically nothing.

Fall-sown grain is practically all cut and threshing now proceeds under the most favorable circumstances. Cutting of spring grain has commenced. With fair weather for two weeks more, the grain crop will be entirely secured. Reports indicate that some of the wheat has bleached, others that oats are discolored, and others that the berry is soft. As a rule this is confined to limited localities. The fall-sown grain has turned out fully as well as in former years. Spring grain is much the superior to the usual crop, both as regards quality and quantity.

The first clover crop was cut in July, and the second is now ready to cut and it is as good as the first. In a few localities the first crop was cut in June, a second was cut in August and a third will be cut in October. The hay crop is much larger than usual.

Kraze food and pasturage for stock are very good. Seldom is stock in better condition than at present.

Hop picking is active in all yards. Mold appeared in the yards about the first and great damage was feared during the last rains; the clear, warm, dry weather checked the mold. The burs are much larger than usual and the largest hop crop in the history of the State is now being picked. The weather is ideal for hop picking and the quality of the hops is practically first class.

Prune drying will begin within ten days. Prunes are ripening. The crop, as heretofore noted, is small, but it is good in quality. Greater care will be exercised this year in drying and packing. Prune dryers are now being put up.

The potato crop was greatly benefited by the rains, and an immense crop is promised. Corn is making good growth and, too, will be a good crop. Garden produce of all kinds was never better.

Late peaches are now coming into market. Watermelons and cantaloupes are very plentiful. The Bartlett pear crop has been gathered. Late pears and apples are very good crops.

Sugar beets are developing rapidly under the influence of the warmer, dry weather. Planting and seeding continue. The soil is in fine condition to be worked.

WEATHER.

The mean temperature for the week, 67 degrees, is 3 degrees lower than for the preceding week and 10 degrees lower for the corresponding week of last year. The maximum temperatures ranged from 82 to 92, and the minimum from 48 to 64, except over the Plateau region, where, on the mornings of the 6th and 7th, the minimum temperature fell to 36 and frost formed in exposed places. The frost was not injurious. The total rain fall amount to from .03 to .58 of an inch.

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