

## HURRY UP GOOD ROADS

### Some People Want Governor West to Call a Special Session

## CONFINE LEGISLATION TO THIS

### of Petitioners is to Have State Legislature Authorize Counties to Incur Indebtedness for Roads After Approval at the Polls--Clubs Getting Busy.

Advise reaching the office of secretary C. C. Chapman of the League indicate there attendance. Commercial bodies so far heard from intend to send big delegations. The fact that the Astoria Centennial celebration will be in progress at the same time will undoubtedly add to the attendance.

Believing the women of the state have a direct interest in better roads, the Mothers' Congress, which is a branch of the national organization, has identified itself with the movement and Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, of Dallas, head of the good Road and Rural Schools committee, has taken steps to have the school children aid in the work. Boys are expected to report road conditions to the proper authorities and if the rising generation can be interested in highway improvements, it is thought the future will provide better roads.

After an extended trip throughout Central Oregon, covering it for the first time, C. C. Chapman secretary of the Oregon Development League, returned to Portland much impressed with its future. "It is better than Colorado or New Mexico, and just as good as the best parts of Utah and Montana," he said.

"What is needed is for Portland to know more about the interior and to co-operate with the people of that section of Oregon for building up its agricultural opportunities."

Secretary of the Interior Fisher will visit Oregon next month inspecting the reclamation project under way here. He will learn of conditions prevailing in respect to forest reserves, vacant government lands and the other matters under his control. He will also visit other Pacific Coast sections and Alaska.

Oregon may soon have a silk industry. A colony of Italians will settle in Wasco County next month and the immigrants expect to raise mulberry trees for silks worms. The newcomers are said to be experienced in this industry in their own country and they find on investigation that Oregon is suited to the industrious worm and the manufacture of its gossamer fibre.

## SUNSET NOTES.

The stage company has established a station at the Raymond place.

Prof. Raymond has proved up on his desert claim and went over to his homestead Monday.

George Hopkins is drilling wells and has considerable work to do in that line.

Mr. Tomlin is cutting hay on the Cawfield place in the company field.

Bert Simmons and wife were in Sunset Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Grow.

Scott Haley was in Sunset Sunday on business and states that he has commenced haying at the lake.

Van Embree returned from the Narrows Saturday where he was employed surveying out the new town of Wellington. The townsite is finished.

Walter Hodder and wife were visiting with Robt. Settlemyre Wednesday evening.

County Surveyor E. A. Shafer and party passed through Sunset Monday on their way to Harney City to do some road surveying.

There is a stretch of road between Sunset and Narrows that is so deep with sand that it

makes slow traveling for automobiles and as our county court is doing a big business in surveying out new roads and buying rock crushers we are coming to the point where we think some of the established roads ought to be put in good condition. There is about three or four miles of sand road and it would be an ideal place to try some of that crushed rock and the rock is handy at Wright's Point and of first class quality for road building.

Wm. Hanley passed through Sunset Saturday in his auto.

Walter Harmer came up to his home Sunday from the Narrows.

Ed. Keuneman and Fred Hereth have been in Sunset with their binder and cut grain for N. Henney, Clyde Embree, Robert Settlemyre, F. Tomlin and F. P. Blackmer.

Henry Black is hauling hay from Mrs. McGee's place for himself and Mr. Larson.

Fred Barron was a business visitor to Burns, Monday.

Clyde Embree has some nice trees on his place that have made a fine growth this year. The shade and fruit trees have made a two foot growth already this season and they have never been irrigated. The best way not to raise trees in Harney Valley is never to set them out.

There is some nice rye in Sunset this year that promises to make a big yield. There is one bunch of rye here that has 138 heads of well filled rye that come up volunteer it is a new rye called 20th century rye and yielded at the rate of twenty bushels per acre on unirrigated land.

## MAY MAKE HISTORY.

Statesmen all over the country are greatly interested in the forthcoming Public Lands Convention to be held in Denver the 28, 29, 30th of September. While the convention was called by Shafroth of Colorado by order of the State Legislature, this fact gives the affair no political significance from a party standpoint but both parties are greatly interested in the fact that the prominent men of the West of all political parties will get together at this meeting to discuss matters of interest to the West and incidentally will be developed the fact that if the men of the West stand together without regard to political party they have the balance of power in Congress and can accomplish almost anything.

"The future of the West lies in its great undeveloped territory now known as the public domain," said Governor Shafroth the other day. "If there is any one thing regarding which all the Western states and territories are unanimous, it is the desire to see this territory developed and the vacant lands filled with citizens. The recent development of a new policy by the Washington bureau toward these public lands which is keeping people from the lands instead of settling them, is responsible for this effort to get together. If the Western people can agree upon any policy towards these lands and work together for it, we can win. Our Eastern friends will be with us when they understand what we want, so it is very important that the West first determine upon a policy and then fight for it."

The convention will be held in the big auditorium in Denver and it is predicted that there will be fully 3,000 delegates in attendance.

Frank Jordan, a former resident of Harney County, has purchased a 160 acre ranch on Clover Creek. He and his wife were in town Tuesday while on their way to Spokane on a short visit. --Vale Enterprise

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## THOS. LAWSON SOARS

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## HIS EXTRAVAGANT STATEMENTS

### "Frenzied Finance" Tame Compared to the Big Man's Description of the Vast Oregon Country With its Wonderful Resources and Opportunities at Hand.

Thos. W. Lawson, the Boston financier who has been spending a few weeks in this state, thinks Oregon the greatest country on earth. Writing for a recent issue of the Journal Mr. Lawson has many nice things to say about the state among them being the following paragraphs:

Sixty days investigation of a country as vast and unsettled as Oregon may not seem much to some, but as I have done it, on the go from early morning until late at night, living almost all the time in automobiles, and with my facilities to get at people and into the inside of things, and with my past experiences pinned to my sleeve, I say I know your possibilities better than any of you who have bunked with them all your life; I have seen your people—all classes—in their homes, at their business, and at their play; I have inspected your orchards, rode your ranches, tramped your woods, climbed your mountains and waded your streams, looked on open mouthed at the reaping of your grain and your alfalfa; I have traveled your railroad, sailed your superb rivers, breasted your grand ocean and basked on your exquisite beaches, and all the time I have kept a weasel eye and a ferret scent for flukes and flaws, but, with my hand on my heart and my heart a-saddle my conscience I say, unqualifiedly, I believe there is no place in all the world which holds forth within 40 per cent the advantages to man, be he young or old, be he rich or poor, tripple refined or in the raw, as Oregon.

And more, my belief is as firmly rooted that there does not exist in all the world, a country which holds for capital—small capital or bloated capital—50 per cent the advantages of Oregon. I mean 50 per cent of the all round advantages. Yes, I realize the tremendousness of my statement, but I make it not because I have to, or because it is to my personal advantage, but solely, because I deem it my duty to humanity, particularly the sweating, crushed despairing hordes of the crowded east, to hang my pointer to the fast multiplying sign boards which face toward an easily attainable Paradise, and more, I stand ready, with pen or voice, to prove that my belief is soundly founded.

You will note that in singing the praises of your wonderful country, I make no qualifications, absolutely none. There is not—that I have been able to find—a single out; the grandeur of Switzerland, the luxuriousness of Italy, the sturdy industrial possibilities of Germany, the horticultural state of France, the romance of Ireland, the muscle fiber breeding advantages of Scotland, the maritime, manufacture, and general-man-woman-and-child conditions of England, and the all round best on earth Yankee dollar health and comfort probability which is native to all America—all these I have found in the most delightful and fascinating combination in your Utopian

state.

Would to the Lord I had found them earlier, but I thank him that I have found them in time to point them to my children and I pray that he will let me live long enough to see with my eyes the fulfillment of the vision that is as clear to me as yonder snow capped mountain.

## BIG CROPS FOR OREGON

A dispatch from Corvallis to The Telegram says: "The farmers of Oregon are harvesting the largest hay crop in the history of the state," said Dr. James Withycombe, director of the experiment station at the Oregon Agricultural College, discussing the present harvest. "The total hay crop of Oregon last year was 900,000 tons but this year it will reach 1,160,000 tons. The western Oregon crop is 50 per cent better than it was last year, and the Eastern Oregon crop about 10 per cent heavier. The difference is mostly due to the fact that in Eastern Oregon the crop is grown on irrigated or subirrigated land, while that in Western Oregon is grown under natural conditions and the season has been favorable for hay and other farm crops.

"The crop is so large that many of the farmers have inadequate facilities for storing, and unless care is exercised the waste will be great. This would be unfortunate, as it should all be utilized for livestock feed. For example, it has been estimated that a ton of first class vetch or alfalfa hay fed to a good dairy cow should yield a value of about \$20.

"There will be a good market for the meat-producing animals. This is inevitable from the fact that there is a shrinkage in the number of cattle in the United States of 8 per cent in four years; sheep 10 per cent in eight years; hogs 16 per cent in ten years. This despite our great increase in population, and without lessening the per capita consumption of meat."

Dean Cordley, of the agricultural school of the college says: "I have never seen such a hay crop in the Valley before. It is not only a very heavy crop, but of unusually fine quality."

The result of some experiments, conducted at one of our leading experiment stations, located in a nonirrigated district show that the drainage water carries away an average of 37.6 pounds of nitrogen per acre a year from the top twenty inches of soil. Although potash, phosphoric acid, and lime are not dissolved from the soil as readily as nitrogen, it has been clearly shown that the amount of those elements in the drainage water is not small.

If the mineral plant foods are so easily detected in the drainage from lands water only by rain, the loss on an irrigated farm, unless the water is carefully applied, will be considerable greater. If a large stream of water is allowed to run all night through short rows of vegetables and berries and for days over grain and alfalfa fields these elements that are assimilated by the growing plants will either be carried below the range of plant roots and lost in the underground drainage, or will be carried off in the waste ditch to enrich some farm further down the canal.

To reduce this leaching of the soil by the irrigated water to a minimum, as far as possible excessive flooding, resulting in large streams of waste water, should be avoided.

C. W. CLOVER,  
Assistant Chemist, University of Idaho Experiment Station.

## FIRE BLIGHT STAMPED OUT.

"Remarkable results have been obtained in Hood River by the college experts, in eradicating fire blight," said Dean A. B. Cordley of the Oregon Agricultural College the other day, discussing the progress of this branch of the pest eradication work of the institution.

"Fire blight was first reported to this experiment station from Hood River last fall, and Prof. H. S. Jackson of our department of plant pathology spent some two weeks with Mr. Cassner, their county fruit inspector, and the corps of inspectors, in locating the disease and cutting it out as thoroughly as possible.

"The results of this fall and spring work under the direction of Professor Jackson and Mr. Lawrence appears to be that fire blight has been completely eradicated from the Hood River region.

"This, so far as I know, is a result which has never before been accomplished in any region that has once been infested with fire blight. They have not found a case of fire blight there in the past two months.

## HONOR FOR OREGON MAN.

President W. J. Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural College has again received the honor appointment to the Council of the greatest body of educators in the world, the National Education Association. He has already served one six-years term in the same capacity, and when his new term expires in 1917 he will have been in office a round dozen of years.

As the college is also represented in the association by Prof. E. D. Ressler, director of the summer session, who was elected last week to the eighth vice-presidency, the institution gives Oregon double representation in the N. E. A. executive body for a second time. Prof. Ressler was formerly a member of the board of directors of the western division of the Association.

Roy Dunsmore, of Burns, was in Vale Saturday. --Enterprise.

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