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The Northwestern Sisterhood Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana for 1911.

Spokane dispatches say that indicative of the prospects for increased business activity throughout the northwestern states this fall and winter is the report by the statistical department of the Spokane chamber of commerce, which places the farm value of agriculture, including livestock, poultry, fruit and vegetables in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana this season at \$250,000,000, or more than \$91 per capita of a total population of 2,666,000.

The wheat yield of the four states is estimated at 76,500,000 bushels, as against 65,180,000 in 1910, while the hay crop is placed at 4,150,000 tons as compared with 4,050,000 tons a year ago. Oats, barley, rye, potatoes and hops show average increases ranging from 10 to 20 per cent over 1910. The apple crop is not as large as last year, but higher prices and increases in the yields of other fruits will, it is estimated fully make up the difference.

The farm value of agriculture in the Inland Empire is estimated at from \$150,000,000 to \$175,000,000 to which is added \$53,000,000 as the value of the mineral products and \$23,000,000 as representing the yard value of timber and lumber out in the district during the year. The last named industry gave employment to more than 100,000 men. The lumber business has been unusually quiet the last six months, though there are heavy increases in export trade. The present population of the Inland Empire is estimated at 700,000.

Bankers and business men throughout the district say the outlook is bright for business increases in the northwestern states adding there is every indication there will be expansion in all lines of manufacturing and jobbing, also that there will be more than the usual influx of eastern capital and settlers into the country.

### WHITMAN WILL RETAIN HER SITE

QUESTION OF REMOVAL NOT ENTERTAINED AT MEETING

Efforts Will be Extended in Raising Balance of Million Endowment Fund.

The proposal to remove Whitman college from Walls Walla to "some other more favorable location" was not considered at the meeting of the committee from the overseers, appointed at the June meeting in that city, which met in Tacoma this week ostensibly for the purpose of investigating the finances of the institution and devising ways and means for its maintenance and advancement, according to a dispatch received from the Sound city.

Bishop F. W. Keator, chairman, presided at the meeting, which was attended by Thomas Burke of Seattle, W. B. Ayer of Portland, Rev. James of North Yakima, President S. B. L. Penrose and Dean A. W. Hendrick.

After thoroughly considering the financial condition of the college, the committee adopted the following resolution: Resolved, that the efforts of the officers of Whitman college to exerted to the completion on or before January 1, 1912, of the \$1,000,000 endowment fund of which \$600,000 has already been pledged.

In addition to this resolution the committee prepared a lengthy report which will be submitted to the board of overseers at their meeting in Walls Walla next November.

Just what means the committee recommends for raising the endowment will be given in their report, although the officers of the college will begin an active campaign at once. Subscriptions from wealthy citizens is the only method by which this amount can be raised.

### RIDING A CAMEL.

A Strenuous Task That Promotes a Love of Walking.

Riding a camel is by no means an easy or enjoyable method of locomotion, according to the description given by Mr. M. J. Randall in his book, "Sins in Springs."

"If asked 'How do you ride a camel?' I reply in many attitudes as you can and employ them all in turn; adjust and readjust the rugs and cushions on which you sit; ride straight; ride crooked; ride with stirrups made of rope; ride without them; hitch first your right knee round the front post, then your left knee; stretch your self wide legged over the saddlebags regardless of the firearms, dates, crockery, etc., which they contain until nature commands you to make a less obtuse angle; ride side saddle, if you can persuade your Bedouin that it is possible to do so without prejudice to the camel. Ride how you will and when you will, but, above all—walk. Not only is the sheik himself glad—at your suggestion, but not otherwise—to mount for awhile, but it is a lesson in graceful riding to watch him perched up there, heaven knows how, in some oriental way you have never dreamed of, and it is a lesson in courtesy to mark how at every turn of the road he offers to forego his pipe of peace—chibouk—and post of comfort and descend to the sand, leaving you to incubate his beast of burden."

### LUGGAGE IN ENGLAND.

None of It Goes Astray Because the People Are All Very Honest.

Certain strangers within our gates have been wondering at our dealing with passengers' luggage—how much better the system of other countries, where you get a receipt and when the bag goes astray the official assures you it is impossible because there is the receipt. So you go to bed and get up and dress in your bit of paper.

Our method is insular and on the face of it chaotic. We throw our luggage to the mercy of some unknown porter. At the end of the journey we find a sort of lucky tub of portable property piled on the platform, and we plunge about and pick out what we want. You know the scene—a hundred people who have only to say "That's mine" to a strange porter in order to get it.

Thus badly stated the system looks like chaos and the invitation to a general scramble for other men's goods. In practice it works out well, for every one, from porter to passenger, is on his honor, and this is the factor in England is safer than in any other civilized country.—Westminster Gazette.

### "PICKLING" RAILROAD TIES

Timbers Given a Bath in Salt Lake Show no Deterioration.

Ten thousand railroad ties that have been "pickled" in Great Salt Lake, Utah, for the last three years have just been removed from that body of highly mineralized water and now are being transported to Hazen, Nevada, there to be given a trial on the new Hazen outfall of the Southern Pacific company. "Pickling" railroad ties in the Great Salt Lake is by no means an experiment on the part of the railroad company.

There are ties in the old Promontory line of the Central Pacific Railway, which were there forty years ago and have not decayed, proving the preservative qualities of the salt formation in which they "pickled" for years before being laid on the roadbed. Piling is also being preserved in the lake as excellent results have been obtained by the piling in the great trestle across the lake, which, since the day it was first placed in the first part of the construction of the Lucin cut off, has shown no deterioration.

The ties that have just been removed from the Great Salt Lake will be subjected to a hard test in the alkali soil of Nevada. The pickling process has caused them to become heavily impregnated with salt and they act as a "ground" to the electric current in the block signal service. This fact makes them unfit for use on the main line of the company over which the block signals play a most important part.

The preserving of ties and piling in

### The Steamboat.

Fulton himself said one day: "Neither M. Desbains nor I invented the steamboat. If that glory belongs to any one it is to the author of the experiments at Lyons—of the experiments made in 1783 on the Saone." The one Fulton had in mind and to whom he thus generously rendered the "glory" was the Marquis de Jouffray, born in 1751, fourteen years before the year of Fulton's birth. Jouffray's claim to be regarded as the inventor of the steamboat stands thus: His vessel, built in 1783, notwithstanding its faulty construction, embodied all the elements essential to success. In it he anticipated Watt's invention of a steam engine having a constant and unrelenting action. Lack of funds was the only thing that stood in the way of his getting all the honors that came later to Robert Fulton.—New York American.

### The Laugh on Edison.

There are many stories of Edison. One of his early childhood is recorded on the authority of his only sister. When he was about six years old he found out that a goose belonging to the family was sitting. Later he saw the surprising result in a number of goslings. One day he was missing. He was sought everywhere, but no one could find him until at length his father discovered him in the barn curled up in a nest he had made and filled with goose eggs and hen eggs. He was sitting on the eggs and trying to hatch them.—London Tatler.

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### SAVED LIVES IN A WATER TROUGH

GASOLINE BADLY BURNS TWO MEN OUT AT MYRICK.

When Engine Explodes Fire Totally Destroys Chop Mill and All the Contents.

Harry Myrick and Joe Fields, two young men of Myrick station, were severely burned and the Myrick chopmill was destroyed by fire Wednesday forenoon when the gasoline engine in the mill exploded. The two men with their clothing in a seething mass of flames, ran to a water trough near the mill and jumped in, thereby quenching the flames and saving their lives.

Both men are badly burned, though not thought by attending physicians to be critically injured.

At the time of the accident young Myrick and Fields, who is an employee on the Myrick ranch, were working in the chopmill, which was run by a gasoline engine. The engine blew up, and within an instant both men were enveloped in flames and the mill was a blazing mass.

The chopmill contained much grain belonging to Mr. Myrick and to neighbors and the mill and contents were completely destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$4000 and none of the property was insured.

### SECTION BRINGS \$50,000

Hill Place and Sanders Land Change Ownership this Week.

Two sales of land in this vicinity this week aggregating a section choice wheat producing soil, sold for \$50,000.

The Hill place north of Athena, comprising a half section was sold to Mrs. Dora Lookwood by the Hill estate, and D. H. Sanders sold a half section to Alex. McIntyre. Each half section brought \$25,000.

Both farms are in a high state of cultivation, and produce large yields of wheat annually. The Hill farm was purchased from the widow and heirs, and the purchase of the land fills out a section ranch for Mr. and Mrs. Lookwood.

Alex. McIntyre, who purchased the Sanders place is a young farmer who has made flattering progress in his calling. Only a couple of years ago he purchased a ranch, and paying for it, he has now added 320 acres to his holdings.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders who have a nice home in Athena, will visit relatives and friends in Spokane and Portland for some time. Mr. Sanders has not yet made up his mind what he will turn his attention to, in a business way, but his Athena friends hope he will decide to remain in the city and continue to make their home here.

### NEW SPORT FOR JUVENILES

Pendleton Boys Take to Roundup Roping Stunts.

The base ball, the bat and the padded mitt have been relegated to the attic by the Pendleton small boys and the popular pigskin will not claim its usual attention at this time of the year, says the East Oregonian. Instead, young America of this city has a new pastime, born of the recent Roundup and the lasso with its running noose is now the ruling favorite in kidland. Every boy in Pendleton who has good red blood in his veins has abandoned the old sports for the new, and every afternoon groups of these juvenile wild west performers can be seen in vacant lots, in backyards and on streets, practicing with their ropes.

Considerable attention was drawn Saturday afternoon to a crowd of boys on Johnson street near Court, each armed with a lariat and each trying to outdo the other in the emulation of the fancy ropers which they saw at the Roundup. Among the group were two colored boys who bid fair to succeed to the honors now worn by George Fletcher. Of all the embryonic cowboys in practice last Saturday none had attained the skill and proficiency in handling the snags which the youngest of all displayed. He was Cy Osborne and the gray he could spin his rope and throw the nooses over the head of a running boy was a revelation to the spectators. He has already won the title of "Buffalo" Osborne, from his companions and may yet be a participant in future Roundups.

### HARD TIMES DOWN IN MORROW

Crop Failures Responsible for Farmers Giving Up Their Holdings.

R. K. Wiles was in the city Monday from Morrow county. Mr. Wiles has a farm near Lexington and like many of his neighbors finds himself in hard circumstances as the result of crop failures.

"This year he had in a large acreage and after cutting 100 acres of wheat which yielded one sack to the acre, he pulled the machine from the field leaving the balance uncut. Others in his locality did not start the machines to work. Lack of moisture during last winter and no rain during the spring and summer months made it impossible to grow a crop.

By actual count Mr. Wiles says that men with 200 head of work horses and mules passed his place and watered at his spring at the commencement of harvest in the Umatilla county wheat fields, all bound for the harvest fields to find employment. Some of the men accompanying the teams held large land holdings in Morrow county, but were forced to seek outside employment in order to secure means to live on this winter.

Wiles, some years ago purchased land in Morrow county from Robert Coppock of this city, and this week in company with Charles Burnett, came to Athena on business. He stat-

### CONTRACTORS AT WORK.

A Pendleton paper says: Messrs. Oleson & Johnson, contractors who are to build the new branch asylum for the state at Pendleton are on the job and construction operations have started. Excavators have been at work for some time and Colonel H. G. Newport of Hermiston is making good progress with the construction of the levee. Mr. Johnson promises that the work will be pushed to the speediest possible conclusion and later expects to employ about 200 men.

### GIVE RECEPTION TO TEACHERS

School Patrons and Citizens Invited to Lodge Hall Friday Evening Oct. 6.

A public reception will be tendered the faculty of the Athena public schools on Friday evening, October 6. The function will be held in the I. O. O. F. K. of P. hall, and the school patrons and citizens interested in the welfare of the institution are cordially invited by the school board to be present.

The purpose of the reception is to bring the patrons of the school and the faculty together in an informal way, with the view that acquaintances may be formed and to discuss matters of interest and pertaining to the school.

A short program suitable to the occasion will be provided and addresses by Professor Wiley and members of the school board will be given.

The reception will begin at eight o'clock and the school board desires that all who are interested in the school and who believe in progressive education shall be present.

Church Social Tonight.

This evening at the Christian church, a public social will be given to which all are invited. A short program will be given in the auditorium, and the evening passed in sociability. Light refreshments will later be served in the Sunday school room. The program follows: Song, by the choir; address by the chairman; song, Lucille Taylor; pianoforte solo, Zola Keene; song, Mrs. Meldrum; recitation, Hope McPherrin; instrumental duet.

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Bertha Ferguson	42,800
Lela Barnes	32,300
Mildred Stanton	24,900
Patricia Eagleton	23,800
May Douglas	23,400
Mrs. Marion Hansell	22,300
Merna DePenti	22,000
Dorothy Willaby	21,700
Mary Bergevin	21,500
Coralyn Meldrum	21,350
Hazel Brotherton	15,600
Hazel Dowd	15,500
Lighta Grant	14,300
Mrs. Clara Douglass	12,700
Lela Lieuaillen	12,600
Dorothy Bullfinch	12,000
Mrs. Joseph Clemons	10,700
Ethel Kidder	10,500
Kitty Gholson	9,600
Georgia Hansell	4,875
Marie McBean	2,000
Ned Barkhart	1,900
Ada DeFreese	1,700
Dorothy Proebstel	1,600
Gladys Smith	1,450
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