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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

YAMHILL CROPS DOING WELL.

Prospects are that Cereal Yield Will Be the Best in Years.

McMinnville—Yamhill county has not had a better promise of a good yield in cereals for years than it has the present season. Crops generally are thrifty, and of the finest color. Owing to the weather and crop conditions last spring, the farmers needed a larger acreage than usual last fall. The fall sowing was mostly wheat, and this is advancing rapidly. Oats also look well, and there is no sign of blight.

The spring sowing is practically finished and the earlier spring grain is up and growing well. Farmers generally have made a larger sowing of spring oats than usual. There is a growing tendency in this county to make the spring crop consist chiefly of oats.

Hop conditions, while good, cannot be called excellent. The growth has been extremely uneven, some vines having grown rapidly, and are already trellised, while others have not advanced far. Otherwise, the crop looks well and has not been harmed by frost. In a few yards the leaves have been slightly nipped, but practically no harm done to the hops. As far as can be ascertained, every yard in the county is being cultivated, and a fair crop is anticipated. Hopmen are not discouraged by the uneven growth, and are having the yards thoroughly hoed and the more advanced hops twined.

Apples and other fruit, except prunes and cherries, will yield abundantly. The cherry crop will be very light in all parts of the county, owing to the late frosts. The prune crop will also be less than normal. The prospects were exceptionally good until visited by the recent frost. Near Dayton and sections along the Willamette river there will not be over a third of the usual yield, while on the prairie about half a crop is expected. In the more protected sections there may be three-fourths of a crop, but in no parts will it be up to the normal output.

Berries on the Reservation.

Adams—John Pierce, a quarter-breed allottee, who resides two miles south of here, has demonstrated that the Umatilla reservation land is capable of raising more than wheat, although it is not irrigated. Last year he set out less than one half an acre of Hood River strawberries, and although the plants were less than a year old, they bore berries from June until November, the heaviest crop being in June and October. This year he has set out more plants, having now almost one acre. All are in bloom and Mr. Pierce expects to have ripe berries in two weeks if the weather is favorable.

Rogue River Craft.

Grants Pass—The first boat, other than a canoe or skiff, to navigate the Upper Rogue will be one now completed and ready for launching here. The craft is a light draft, staunch affair, and was built by John C. Lucas, a local merchant, for pleasure purposes. It is 30-foot length, with six-foot beam, and will be propelled by a powerful gasoline engine. Its builder is confident it will successfully make the rapids of the Rogue, both below and above Grants Pass. The power dams will be mounted by skidways.

One Fare to Albany.

Albany—Efforts of the Albany Commercial club to secure special rates from Portland to Albany during the Lewis and Clark exposition have proved successful. A committee was appointed some time ago to confer with the officials of the Southern Pacific railroad in Oregon, and as a result of the work of this committee the traffic men have granted a rate of one fare for the round trip for all who hold transportation from Eastern points, tickets good to remain in Linn county for 15 days.

Hood River to Get the Mill.

Eugene—The present owners of the woolen mill here, Messrs. Wright and Wilbur, of Union, have no intention of putting the mill into operation, as was reported at the time they made the purchase last winter from the receiver. Instead, it is now learned, the mill will be moved to Hood River, where the citizens are to take stock in the concern to the amount of \$20,000.

Valley Wool Pool Sold.

Dallas—The Polk County Woolgrowers' association sold its pool of 100,000 pounds in Dallas for 25½ cents a pound. H. L. Fenton, of Dallas, was the buyer. May 13 both the mohair and wool associations will meet in Dallas to elect officers and transact other general business of the associations.

Land Sale Near Union.

Union—The Dwight ranch of 160 acres, well improved, 4½ miles from Union, on Catherine creek, was sold last week to Faulk Brothers, of Davenport, Wash., for \$6,000. Acre property in this section is showing a livelier tendency, and numerous sales are reported.

ALBANY BIDS FOR MILL.

Citizens Agree to Put Up Money to Aid in Rebuilding.

Albany—A meeting of Albany's citizens was held last week to consider the question of taking some step to secure the rebuilding of the woolen mill of the Bannockburn Woolen Mills company in Albany. This is mill that was burned about a month ago, entailing a loss of \$75,000.

Among those who addressed the meeting were: J. K. Weatherford, Fred Dawson, P. H. Goodwin, E. W. Langdon, F. J. Miller and Mayor W. H. Davis. All favored purchase of stock by Albany citizens, and several volunteered to take blocks ranging in value from \$250 to \$1,000. A committee was appointed to take charge of the work, ascertain how much money Albany people will put up to assist in rebuilding the mill, what kind of a proposition the Bannockburn company will entertain, if any, and report.

It seems that Albany will be able to subscribe enough stock in the Bannockburn company to rebuild the mill if that company will put in the machinery, and put the mill in working order.

Boom Spirit at Ashland.

Ashland—As a result of concerted actions of leading citizens of Ashland working through the board of trade, a fund of approximately \$2,000 has been pledged for the promotion and publicity of the resources and attractions of this city and vicinity while the big exposition is on at Portland. Fifteen hundred dollars of this sum was subscribed at a big mass meeting of citizens held under the auspices of the board of trade, at which there was a very large attendance and much enthusiasm for the objects in view. A portion of the sum subscribed will be expended upon a permanent display at the Southern Pacific depot in this city.

Hatchery on Wallowa River.

Astoria—Ferguson & Houston, of this city, have completed the plans for the proposed new salmon hatchery to be erected by the State Fisheries department on the Wallowa river. The plans are for a frame structure 230 feet long and 55.4 feet wide. It will contain 336 troughs, each of which will be 16 feet in length and hold six egg baskets. The capacity of the plant will be 15,000,000 eggs each season. The appropriation for building the hatchery will be available May 18, and bids on the construction will be called for soon after that.

Excellent Crop Prospects.

Pendleton—The reservation south and east of here presents the most thrifty appearance and the prospects are for the finest wheat crop in the history of the county. South of Adams the wheat is nearly knee high and of a dark green color, which indicates the best of growing conditions. In a few instances in the same locality the fields are infested with tar weed, the pest of the reservation. The great number of these weeds is partly accounted for by the fact that only combined harvesters have been used for years.

1905 Hop Contracts Filed.

Salem—Three 1905 hop contracts, aggregating 50,000 pounds, or 280 bales have been filed for record in the department of the county recorder. They are: J. E. Forrest, of Salem, to T. Rosenwald & Co., of New York, 10,000 pounds at 18 cents; J. E. Kirkland and others, of Independence, to T. Rosenwald & Co., New York, 30,000 pounds, at 17 cents, and George H. Irwin, of Brooks, to Valentine Loewi's Sons Co., of New York, 10,000 pounds, at 17 cents.

Educational Exhibit.

Pendleton—The educational exhibit for the Lewis and Clark fair is all in the hands of the county school superintendent, and is being assembled and prepared for the cabinets. One of the fine features of the exhibit is a number of drawings. The papers to be bound after reaching Portland are classified into piles according to the work. Superintendent Welles has three assistants at the work.

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Wheat—Club, 84@86c per bushel; bluestem, 89@91c; valley, 86c.

Oats—No. 1, white, \$28 per ton; gray, \$27.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 17@17½c per dozen.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 17½@19c per pound.

Potatoes—Oregon fancy, \$1@1.05; common, 80@85c.

Apples—Fancy, \$1.75@2.50 per box; choice, \$1@1.25.

Hops—Choice, 1904, 23½@25c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 23½@25½c; Eastern Oregon, best, 17½@19c; mohair, choice, 31@32½c per pound.

Hay—Timothy, \$14@16 per ton; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12.

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