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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FRUIT IN GOOD CONDITION.

Yield Will Not Be Large, But Quality Will Be Above Average.

Fruit conditions are now favorable throughout Oregon. While as a general thing no fruit will yield a record breaking crop, the quality of the fruit bids fair to be good and the yield will be satisfactory from the market standpoint. Apples in all parts of the state will yield only half a crop, but on account of this very fact the fruit will be of much better quality and a more marketable product than were it a full crop and the trees heavily loaded.

In the eastern part of the state, peaches, pears, plums and plums will all yield a crop full. In Southern Oregon and the Willamette valley, either of which sections produces more fruit than Eastern Oregon, pears and plums will yield 70 per cent of a crop, peaches about 60 per cent, and pears half a crop. These figures are based upon careful estimates and are reliable. Cherries are everywhere yielding about 75 per cent of a full yield, while small fruits are yielding a full crop in all parts of the state.

Growers and dealers figure on 120,000 bales as Oregon's probable hay yield for 1905. This is an increase of one-third over last year's yield. A part of this estimated increase is due to a larger acreage, but the crop is at least 50 per cent better in amount of growth now than at this time last year. The foliage is very heavy, and the crops are blossoming out now in splendid shape. Of course, everything hinges on climatic conditions, and the estimate of 120,000 bales, which will be the largest crop Oregon has ever produced, is based upon the supposition that weather conditions will be favorable until the crop is safely harvested.

BLOODED STOCK FROM FRANCE

A. C. Ruby, of Pendleton, Receives a Carload of Imported Horses.

Pendleton—A. C. Ruby & Co. have received the first carload of imported horses from France by express. The next carload is in transit by freight with an attendant in charge, and will arrive in a few days. The third car will be dropped off in Nebraska and the horses disposed of to the farmers in the Middle West.

Mr. Ruby himself has also arrived. He is direct from Europe, where he purchased in all 48 horses, consisting of Shires, Percherons and coach horses. The horses arrived in splendid condition in spite of the fact that they had been traveling constantly for three weeks by water and rail.

Mr. Ruby will put them in good condition and in September, when the Lewis and Clark show comes off, will exhibit a number of the best animals. He has a large number which can be got into splendid condition, as they are already almost fit to exhibit. All of the horses are young animals and will take on flesh readily and will make a good showing for the blooded horse industry for Eastern Oregon.

Engine Sparks Start Fires.

Pendleton—Many farmers who have lands adjoining the railroad, especially the Pendleton-Spokane branch, are plowing and clearing the weeds from the right of way along their fields to protect their grain from fires started by sparks from passing locomotives. The dry grass along the track is already beginning to burn and the ripening wheat fields are in imminent danger from fires. The farmers are also benefitting themselves by plowing along the fences other than protecting themselves from fire as the numerous ground squirrels burrow along the fences under the weeds and trash that accumulate.

Oregon Escape Found.

Salem—After an absence of over two years, Ralph Smith, who made his escape from the Oregon penitentiary here on January 2, 1903, has been located, and an effort will be made to bring him back that he may complete his abbreviated sentence. He is now serving a sentence in the Walla Walla penitentiary, but his term has about expired. Smith was serving a three year sentence in the Oregon prison for burglary from Josephine county, and had but six months to serve when he escaped. He was employed as a tinsmith.

Fruit Inspector in Clackamas.

Oregon City—O. J. Reid, a prominent fruitgrower of Milwaukie, has been appointed county fruit inspector for Clackamas county under an act of the last state legislature. Mr. Reid was the only candidate for the office and had the endorsement of a large number of the horticulturists of the county. As inspector, Mr. Reid will receive compensation per diem for the time he is actually engaged at his work.

Cutting Second Alfalfa Crop.

Pendleton—Farmers on McKay creek south of here are cutting their second crop of alfalfa. This crop is yielding approximately two tons to the acre, which is a little better than the first crop.

MADE A GOVERNMENT OFFICER.

State Engineer Lewis to Have Charge of Survey Work.

Salem—State Engineer John H. Lewis will be appointed United States hydrographer for Oregon, thus being given charge of the government hydrographic work conducted in co-operation with the state of Oregon. This means that all state work will be government work and the work done with the United States appropriation will be state work. Consequently the reports of the hydrographic work done by the state engineer will be published in the government reports.

The same will be true of topographic work, for State Engineer Lewis will appoint a government topographer to direct the work of the field parties employed by the state. The state engineer will serve as United States hydrographer without pay, and the United States topographer will serve the state without pay.

This arrangement is of great importance to the state, for it not only secures the publication of the state reports by the government, but gives the state work the same standing as that of the government. There will be complete harmony between state and United States surveys.

UMATILLA HARVEST ON.

Grain Being Cut North and East of Pendleton.

Pendleton—Harvest has commenced in Umatilla county, and within a short time headers will be at work everywhere, those now started being only in the early portions of the county. The section north and east of Pendleton, in which a large part of the Umatilla reservation is located, is more advanced than other places, and by the first of next week heading will be on quite generally there. However, one header has already been started in the Cold Springs country, northwest of here, on a fall wheat field.

From all indications a good yield is in prospect all over the county, the weather during the past few months having been very favorable. Especially is the spring grain, of which there is an unusually large amount seeded this year, doing well. The only danger that may yet befall it is to hot weather and warm winds, which might cause the grain to shrivel.

Indian Children Have Measles.

Pendleton—The Indian school on the Umatilla reservation has been closed, as an epidemic of measles threatened to sweep the reservation. Six girls who were ill with the disease are still in quarantine at the school, but will be turned out in a few days, upon recovery. Superintendent McKoin at first thought he would extend the school term well into July, but the threatened epidemic caused the dismissal. All of the scholars were more than pleased, as they were inclined to be rebellious at the prolonged term.

Improvements at Chemawa.

Chemawa—The material for extensive improvements at the school dining hall and kitchen are being delivered. The contract for these supplies have been given to Salem and Portland firms.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 82@83c per bushel; bluestem, 89@90c; valley, 85c.
Barley—Feed, 21.50@22 per ton; rolled, 23@24.
Oats—No. 1 white, feed, 29 per ton; gray, 29.
Hay—Timothy, 14@16 per ton; clover, 11@12.
Fruit—Apples, table, 1.50@2.50 per box; apricots, 90c@1.25 per crate; plums, 85c@1.25; Loganberries, 1.25; blackberries, 10c per pound; cherries, 7@12½c; currants, 8c; prunes 85¢ @ \$1; raspberries, 5@6c.
Fresh Vegetables—Beans, 1@4c per pound; cabbage, 1@1½c; cauliflower, 75¢@90c doz; celery, 90c; corn, 20¢ @ 27c; cucumbers, 40¢@75c; lettuce, head, 10c; peas, 2@5c per pound; radishes, 10¢@12c per dozen; rhubarb, 1½¢@2½c per pound; turnips, 1.25@1.40 per sack; carrots, 1.25@1.50; beets, 1¢ @ 1.25.
Potatoes—Oregon, old, 1.15@1.25; Oregon, new, 75¢@1.10.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 17½¢@21½¢ per pound.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 21@22c per dozen.
Poultry—Fancy hens, 13@13½c; mixed chickens, 12@12½c; turkeys, live, 18@19c; geese, live, 7½¢@8c; ducks, old, 44¢@5; ducks, young, as to size, 42¢@5.
Hops—Choice, 1904, 16@19c per pound.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, best, 19@21c; valley, 25@27c; mohair, 31c per pound for choice.
Beef—Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; cows, 3½¢@4½¢.
Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 5c per pound.
Veal—3@7c per pound, according to size.
Pork—6@7½¢ per pound.

GAINS MORE EVIDENCE.

Government Gets Facts in Williamson-Gesner-Biggs Trial.

Portland, July 12.—What promised for a few minutes to have been a sensation in the Williamson-Gesner-Biggs trial yesterday afternoon before Judge De Haven, dwindled into an emphatic statement that Dr. Gesner had a verbal agreement with at least one witness. From the opening hour of the morning session until just a few minutes before adjourning, the trial droned along, with witness after witness adding link after link to the chain of evidence that the government is forging around the three defendants.

During his cross-examination, Henry Hudson, no relation, by the way, to the famous explorer, had furnished the comedy scene that was tossed into the day's proceedings, and it was Ben F. Jones, a retired cattle and horseman, that furnished the mild sensation. Jones had told on the witness stand how he and his wife came to take up timber claims. He stated that he had done this at the request of Dr. Van Gesner, that Dr. Gesner had furnished the money and that he had proved up on his claim, and that his wife had relinquished hers. His testimony was in line with the ten other witnesses that had been examined. He was a bit more sure about certain events that had occurred before and after he had taken up his claim. He was turned over to Judge Bennett for cross-examination, and because the defense thought that Jones, having been a cattleman, had been mixed up in the fight against the sheepmen and asked him if he had ever shot any sheep, that the incident arose.

POLICE PREFECT SHOT.

Assassin Fires Five Poisoned Bullets at Count Shuvaloff.

Moscow, July 12.—Major General Count Shuvaloff, prefect of police here, and formerly attached to the ministry of the interior, was assassinated this morning while receiving petitions. One of the petitioners drew a revolver and fired five times at the prefect, who fell dead.

The assassin was arrested. He was dressed as a peasant, and has not been identified. He was recently arrested as a political suspect, but escaped from the police station before his examination.

The assassin waited in the anteroom of the prefecture until the other petitioners had been received, and then, entering the audience room, he advanced toward Count Shuvaloff at his desk, firing five shots at close range. The bullets passed through the body of the prefect.

Count Shuvaloff owes his death to his custom of freely granting audiences and receiving petitions from all classes. One bullet wounded the count in the pericardium, another pierced his abdomen, a third struck him in the arm, and the fourth in the shoulder, while the fifth bullet of the assassin struck the leg of a woman who was standing near. According to the physicians, the bullets were poisoned. The victim speedily lost consciousness and never spoke afterward.

A great crowd gathered in front of the house of Count Shuvaloff, and made a determined show of its indignation and sorrow at the assassination of the prefect, who was very popular.

Grand Duchess Elizabeth, widow of Grand Duke Sergius (assassinated in Moscow February 17) attended the first requiem for Count Shuvaloff tonight.

Strategic Point is Taken.

Tokio, July 12.—The Navy department has received the following report from Admiral Kataoka: "Two cruisers and four torpedo boats left Korsakovsk on July 10 with soldiers aboard for the purpose of landing and occupying Cape Noto. After some bombardment the place was taken. The lighthouse and buildings were left undestroyed." Cape Noto is the most southerly point of Sakhalin, on La Perouse straits, directly facing Cape Soya, on the Japanese coast. It commands the straits between the two coasts.

King Christian Objects.

Copenhagen, July 12.—It is understood that Prince Charles, of Denmark, will be willing to accept the crown of Norway if King Christian and the Danish government consent. Some of the members of the royal family are in favor of his acceptance of the crown, but King Christian is believed to be opposed to it. No decision, however, will be given out before his majesty returns from Gmunden, Austria, next week.

Four Deaths by Heat.

New York, July 12.—Although the temperature was relieved slightly this afternoon by passing showers, four deaths and 41 prostrations from the heat were reported today in Greater New York. Three of the deaths were in Manhattan and the other in Brooklyn. The highest temperature of the day was 86.

KEEP OUT COOLIES

President Roosevelt Gives Pledge to Labor Leaders.

EXPLAINS HIS CHINESE ORDERS

Tells President Gompers How He Stands and What the Diplomats Must Observe.

Oyster Bay, July 13.—Immigration to the United States and its relation to the labor problem formed the subject of a conference this afternoon between the president and two of the important leaders of organized labor—Samuel Gompers, of Washington, and James Duncan, of Quincy, Mass., respectively the president and one of the vice-presidents of the American Federation of Labor.

The conference was devoted particularly to a consideration of the order recently issued by the president regarding the enforcement of the Chinese exclusion law. An impression has been gained by many members of labor organizations that the order, to an extent, at least, let down the immigration bars, so far as Chinese are concerned. The president assured his callers, however, that no such construction properly could be placed on the order, and that he was just as vigorously opposed to the admission to this country of Chinese coolies as they could be.

Mr. Gompers urged upon the president the desirability of an intelligent, practical and humane consideration of the general question of immigration by the people and by congress. The people of this country and of the whole civilized world are entitled, he maintained, to such a consideration.

GOVERNMENT CLOSING CASE.

Defense in Land Fraud Trials Will Not Take Much Time.

Portland, July 13.—After Special Agent Horace T. Jones had been placed on the stand and identified a map containing the location of the claims alleged to have been obtained by Williamson and Gesner, a map that was introduced so that it can be used for argument, the government rested its case against Representative Williamson, Dr. Van Gesner and Marion R. Biggs. This morning the three defendants will have their inning.

It is understood that the defense will not place many witnesses on the stand. Judge Bennett stated Tuesday that there would not be over half a dozen, and while the counsel for the defense has not said that the defendants will take the stand in their own behalf, it is expected that they will. Judge Bennett informed Judge De Haven just before adjournment yesterday afternoon that he had some motions to make, and that he would present them this morning. Perhaps one of these motions will be for dismissal of the charges. Evidently, District Attorney Heney is anticipating such a move on the part of the defense, and he will undoubtedly have a list of authorities on hand in case such a move is made by counsel for the defense.

ADD TO ARMY BUILDINGS.

War Department Allots Money for New Buildings in Northwest.

Washington, July 13.—Announcement was made at the War department today of allotments of funds for barracks and quarters at army posts during the present fiscal year. Continuing the policy of gradual reconstruction at Vancouver barracks, provision has been made for the erection of one double-set of captains' quarters, two double-sets of lieutenants' quarters and two double barracks.

At Fort Wright, near Spokane, Wash., the post will be enlarged to accommodate eight companies of infantry and work this year will include the addition of one set of field officers' quarters, one double-set of captains' quarters, one eight-set of bachelors' officers' quarters and two double barracks.

Whole East Sweltering.

Washington, July 13.—Hot weather prevails over the greater portion of the United States, according to reports received at the Weather Bureau tonight. Apparently, there is no immediate relief in sight, except through the local thunder storms in several scattered sections. Throughout the West reports indicate increasing hot weather. The humidity is high all over the Atlantic coast from New England to Florida, and the prospect is that it will continue so two or three days, with northeast to south winds.

Six Dead in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, July 13.—Six deaths and more than a score of prostrations due to the high temperature of the last five days, were reported in this city today by the police.