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## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### NEW SYSTEM BEST.

State Saves Much in Transporting Insane Patients.

Salem—After almost three months' operation under the new law governing the transportation of insane, it is found that the new system costs practically one-half as much as the old. Under the former system the sheriff or a deputy brought insane persons to the asylum, receiving a per diem of \$3 and all traveling expenses. Under the new system the insane asylum authorities send an attendant from the asylum to the county seat to bring the patient to Salem.

In some instances the cost of transportation has been reduced to one-third of what it was formerly, while in other cases the reduction is less than one-half. Thus it cost under the former laws \$18.73 to bring a patient from Portland, but now it costs only \$6.79. From Clatsop county, which furnishes a large number of patients, the former cost was about \$45, but now it is only \$15. Marion county, which also supplies a large number of insane, formerly cost the state \$6.69 for transporting patients, but this has been reduced to \$1. In the case of patients from distant counties, like Baker, Coos, Tillamook and others, where the railroad or stage expenses are heavy, the saving is not so great.

The figures given are not exact, for no exact account can be kept of the time of attendants who are sent out after patients. The attendants who are employed in that work render some service at the institution, and spend some time bringing back patients who have escaped. The saving, however, when all allowances are made, will be from 40 to 50 per cent.

### Winter Wheat Good.

La Grande—Harvesting in the Grand Ronde valley is now well under way, and so far the yield of fall and winter sown wheat is good, the average being 40 bushels per acre of an excellent quality, many fields yielding 50 bushels. Spring sown grain is very light and will not yield more than half a crop. The hay crop is very good, and the same condition prevails in Wallowa county as to hay and grain as in this valley. The sugar beet crop is much better than at any previous season, and the sugar factory is expecting a much longer and more profitable run than last season.

### Goes Fifty Bushels.

Pendleton—Mr. Hughes, of Helix, states that wheat just harvested and threshed on his ranch and that of his brother in the vicinity of that place will yield on an average of 50 bushels to the acre. There are also a number of fields of oats which will nearly if not quite come up to this figure. Late reports from either direction in this vicinity seem to indicate that the estimates given out earlier in the season understated rather than overstated the yield, as in no case is the yield falling short of the estimate given.

### Blaze Starts From Slashings.

Woodburn—Starting from burning slashings on the Mrs. P. L. Kennedy place, east of Woodburn, fire has burned over that farm and the Snyder and Moreland farms. Strenuous efforts of firefighters saved the buildings, although Moreland's house is encircled by fire, and not yet out of danger. The course of the flames is now toward Butte creek, and may do considerable damage before the fire is under control.

### Josephine Farmers' Institute.

Grant's Pass—From September 9 to 15 three sessions of farmers' institutes will be held in Josephine county, under the directions of Dr. James Withycombe, director of the State Experiment station, accompanied by a staff of professors and directors from the Oregon Agricultural college. The meetings will be held at Provolt, Grants Pass and Kerby.

### Few Sales of Wheat.

Pendleton—There has been little doing in the wheat market here during the present week, and few sales have been made since Saturday, when about 200,000 bushels were sold in Pendleton. The quality of the wheat in this district this year is exceptionally good, all grading No. 1, with the exception of now and then a little smut.

### Monmouth School to Open.

Independence—The Oregon State Normal school at Monmouth will continue as though the appropriation asked for at the last session of the legislature had been granted. The lack of appropriation must, of course, inconvenience somebody, but it has not given rise to the question as to whether or not the school would continue.

### Slaughter of Lane Pheasants.

Eugene—County Clerk Lee has issued 70 fire permits and 290 hunters' licenses since the new laws went into effect. From all reports pheasants are being slaughtered in all directions and the license money is doing nothing in the way of protecting game.

### EUGENE MILL TO START.

Will Be Operated in Connection With Plant at Union.

Eugene—John P. Wilbur, purchaser of the Eugene woolen mill, is here arranging to reopen the mill October 1. He will install considerable new machinery, and elevators, better to carry on the work and transport goods from one department to another. He announces that this mill will be operated in connection with his mill at Union.

A large scouring mill will be erected at Union, and scoured wool from there will be shipped to Eugene and mixed with the coarser valley product. The Union mill will make a specialty of white goods, for which it is particularly adapted, while the Eugene mill will be devoted to the manufacture of flowered dress goods, blankets and robes.

About 100 hands will be employed here, making a payroll of something like \$4,000 per month. Mr. Wilbur states that the two mills will have a combined capacity of about \$20,000 worth of finished goods per month.

### Linn Wheat is Short.

Albany—Wheat is a short crop in Linn county this year owing to the long continued dry weather. A few days of rain just at the right time would have made this year's crop the bumper product for the county, but the rain failed to come. As it is, the wheat in most sections runs about 16 bushels per acre. The heads are not well filled, and the grain is a little light. Some of the harvesting machines are unable to make expenses for the owners at the agreed prices for threshing, and threshing-machine men have in many instances been compelled to give up the rating agreed upon and charge for their work by the hour.

### 20,000 Cars Yearly.

Klamath Falls—Twenty thousand cars of export freight per annum is what Consulting Engineer Jacobs, of the Reclamation service, estimates as the possibilities of the Klamath country for a railroad company, when the government irrigation project has been completed and the lands under it developed, together with the rise of concomitant industries. Mr. Jacobs included shipments of general farm and dairy products, stock, timber, and perhaps sugar beets.

### Shortage in Prunes.

Salem—Not more than one-third of an average crop, or between 4,500,000 and 5,000,000 pounds of prunes, is the latest estimate placed upon the state yield for the season of 1905 by authorities upon the situation here. The average yield for the state is about 13,000,000 pounds, but the greatest yield was that of 1903, which amounted to 15,000,000 pounds. A great many agencies are ascribed as the cause for the shortage this year, among them being the prolonged warm and dry weather, and consequent lack of moisture.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 69@70c per bushel; bluestem, 72@73c; valley, 73c. Barley—Feed, \$20.50 per ton; brewing, \$21.

Oats—No. 1 white feed, old, \$28 per ton; gray, old, \$27; white, new, \$23@23.50; gray, new, \$22 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, old, \$13@15 per ton; new, \$11@12.50; clover, \$8@9.

Fruits—Apples, 90c@1.50 per box; peaches, 50@80c crate; plums, 75c@1 per crate; blackberries, 5@6c per pound; cantaloupes, 75c@1.50 crate; pears, \$1.25@1.50 box; watermelons, 1@1.50c per pound; crabapples, \$1 per box; grapes, \$1@1.50.

Vegetables—Beans, 1@4c per pound; cabbage, 1@1.50c per pound; cauliflower, 75@90c per dozen; celery, 75@85c per dozen; corn, 8@9c per dozen; cucumbers, 10@15c per dozen; tomatoes, 60@75c per crate; squash, 5c per pound; turnips, \$1.25@1.40 per sack; carrots, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; beets, \$1@1.25 per sack.

Onions—Red, \$1.25 per hundred; yellow, \$1.25.

Potatoes—Oregon new, 75@80c per sack; Merced sweets, 3 1/4c per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27 1/2@30c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 23@24c per dozen.

Poultry—Average old hens, 13@14c; mixed chickens, 12 1/2@13c; old roosters, 10c; young roosters, 11 1/2@12c; springs, 1 1/2 to 2 pounds, 14@14 1/2c; 1 to 1 1/2 pounds, 14 1/2@15c; turkeys, live 18@23c; geese, live, per pound, 8@9c; ducks, old, 13c; ducks gray 12c; white 14c.

Hops—Choice 1904, 17@19c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 19@21c; lower grades, down to 15c, according to shrinkage; valley, 25@27c per pound; mohair, choice, 30c per pound.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; cows, 3 1/2@4 1/2c; country steers, 4@5c.

Veal—Dressed, 3@7 1/2c.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 6 1/2@7c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 7@7 1/2c.

Pork—Dressed, 6@8c per pound.

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