

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

LINN FARMERS HIT HARD.

Late Spring and Long Dry Spell Have Cost Much.

Albany—Rain, which was general over the Willamette valley last week, came too late to be of great benefit to farmers. Had the showers come two weeks earlier, thousands of dollars would have been saved for the farmers of Linn county. As it is, the crops are far below the average for Linn county farmers, in many instances are a total failure. The only benefit the farming community will derive from the rains will be in the way of gardens, and the very late sown spring oats, of which there is a small acreage.

For two months not a drop of rain fell on the grain fields of the county. This is drouth almost unprecedented here. Its evil effect was aggravated by the late spring rains. Farmers generally were depending upon putting in a greater acreage than usual in spring sown grain, and the unusually bad weather of the late winter seemed to assure some good working days in the early spring. Instead of this, the rain held on until almost too late to plant the spring grain at all, and when good weather did come, it developed into a drouth.

The result is that spring grain is heading a few inches from the ground, and much of it will not be bound at all. That which is threshed will yield poorly. The heads are small and very poorly filled. Nor is the fall sown grain of its usual standard of excellence. That part of the fall grain that was sowed on low ground will be fair, in some instances making three-fourths of a crop rarely promising a full crop.

The hay crop has not averaged more than half what it was in years gone by. The haying season is about over, and the general report is half a crop. This will put farmers in Linn county in hard circumstances this fall. Already many of them are buying feed for their stock, and but few will have enough to last the winter through. The price of feed is rising in the county, and the mills are selling it every day to the farmers who were never compelled to buy feed at any season before. There are some who will have to buy wheat for their own family consumption before the year ends.

Coming Events.

Spiritualists' campmeeting, New Era, July 2-25.

Willamette Valley Chautauqua assembly, Gladstone Park, July 12-24.

Southern Oregon Chautauqua assembly, Ashland, July 13-22.

North Pacific regatta, Portland, July 22-23.

Grand lodge, I. O. R. M., Seaside, July 23-24.

Oregon Development association convention, Portland, August 2.

American Mining congress, Portland, August 22-27.

State Medical society, Portland, August 30.

Annual reunion of Southern Oregon pioneers, Jacksonville, September 1.

State fair, Salem, September 12-19.

Fair, Portland, September 19-24.

Directory of Oregon Officials.

Salem—Secretary of State Dunbar has issued an official directory containing the names, addresses and official positions of the state and county officers. The directory is in the form of a small pamphlet. Copies have been sent to all officers and others desiring copies can secure them by applying to the secretary of state. In this publication the political affiliation of each county officer is shown by a letter following the name. Many of the states publish an official "blue book" containing several hundred pages and giving complete information concerning the careers of public officers. The pamphlet issued by Oregon contains but 18 pages and contains the information most frequently desired by persons transacting business with public officers.

Laborers Needed at Oregon City.

Oregon City—Labor of all kinds was never more plentiful nor were wages ever better than they are in this city this season. It seems impossible to find available men to perform the many improvements that are being made. The Willamette Pulp & Paper mills has been advertising for additional men to assist in the building of their new mills where 200 laborers are already employed. The management of the local woolen mills is finding it next to impossible to engage a sufficient force of operatives.

Big Loss By the Frost.

Hillsboro—Reports from all parts of the county show that the frost last week blighted vegetables on all beaver dam lands, and it is estimated that the loss by the freeze will reach \$50,000. One vegetable grower on the Tualatin lowlands places his loss at \$1,000.

Rich Strike in Bohemia.

Cottage Grove—Two rich strikes are reported just made in the Golden Rule and the Great Eastern. These strikes are in the Bohemia district. The ore is oxidized, and very rich in free gold.

HUNT PASS OVER CASCADES.

John Minto Believes Stock Can Be Driven Over Mountains.

Albany—John Minto, of Salem, one of the pioneers in the Santiam mountain district of Oregon, will in a few days head a party from the end of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad, on the north fork of the Santiam river, in quest of a shorter route to connect the railroad with the Deschutes country in Eastern Oregon.

Mr. Minto has long entertained the idea that there is a pass through the Cascade mountains at this point where it would be possible to construct a trail for driving stock overland from the Eastern Oregon ranges to the eastern end of the Corvallis & Eastern line. He has interested Manager Edwin Stone, of the Corvallis & Eastern, in the work, and an effort to lay out the route of the proposed route will be made in a few days.

The old Minto trail, which extends from the end of the old railroad grade to the Eastern Oregon country, has been used for years by those who know the short cuts that connect the western and eastern parts of the state. But Mr. Minto is satisfied that there is a shorter cut yet, and that it could be made of great service to the stockraisers of Eastern Oregon in shipping their stock to market.

Developing Lime Deposit.

Roseburg—Messrs. Greenley and Strand, of Portland, have 10 or 12 men at work building a tramway and furnace for the manufacture of lime on the farm of Hon. Plinn Cooper, seven miles south of this city. They have bonded 100 acres of land containing rich limestone deposits and expect to develop same on an extensive scale. The modern continuous furnace system will be used. A railway spur track, about three miles long, will probably be put in from the main line of the S. P. R. R., at Green's station.

Ore Specimens From Douglas.

Roseburg—Hon. A. Le Roy, of the Oregon Information bureau, of Portland, was here last week and procured a quantity of fine mineral exhibits from this county, which will be placed in the bureau headquarters in Portland before the opening of the sessions of the American Mining congress to be held in Portland in August.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 66c; blue-stem, 75c; valley, 78c.

Barley—Feed, \$22 per ton; rolled, \$23@24.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.22½; gray, \$1.17½ per cental.

Flour—Valley, \$3.90@4.10 per barrel; hard wheat straight, \$4@4.25; clear, \$3.85@4.10; hard wheat patents, \$4.40@4.70; graham, \$3.50@4; whole wheat, \$4@4.25; rye flour, \$4.50.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$19 per ton; middlings, \$23.50; shorts, \$21; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, \$19.

Hay—Timothy, \$15@16 per ton; clover, \$8@9; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 17½@20c; store, 13@13½c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 20c.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, new stock, 12@12½c; old stock, 7@8c; Young America, 13@14c.

Poultry—Fancy hens, 13c per pound; old hens, 12½@13c; mixed chickens, 12@12½c; old roosters, 10c; young roosters, 12@13c; springs, 1½ to 2-pound, 18@19c; 1 to 1½-pound, 19@20c; dressed chickens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, 14@16c; do dressed, 15@16c; do choice, 18@20c; geese, live, 6@7c; do dressed, 8@9c; ducks, old, \$6@6.50 per doz; do young, as to size, \$2.50@4.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.50; beets, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.25; cabbage, 1½@1¾c; lettuce, head, 25@40c per doz; parsley, 25c; tomatoes, \$1.75@2; cauliflower, \$1.75@2; celery, 75@90c; asparagus, 50c; peas, 4@6c per pound; beans, green, 4@5c; wax, 4@5c; squash, \$1.25 per crate; green corn, 60c per doz; onions, new, red, \$1.30 per cwt; yellow, \$1.15.

Honey—\$3@3.50 per case.

Potatoes—Fancy, old, \$1.25@1.40 per cental; new Early Rose, 2c per pound; Garnet Chile, 2½c.

Fruits—Cherries, 4@5c per pound; gooseberries, 6c; raspberries, \$1.25 per crate; apples, new, \$1@1.50 per box; apricots, \$1@1.35; plums, 80c@1; peaches, Yellow Crawford, 85@90c; others, 50@75c; cantaloupes, \$2.50@2.75 per crate; watermelons, 2c per pound; prunes, \$1.25 per box; grapes, \$1; Bartlett pears, \$1.75@2.

Beef—Dressed, 5@6½c per pound.

Mutton—Dressed, 4@5c per pound; lambs, 6c.

Veal—Dressed, 100 to 125, 6@7c per pound; 125 to 200, 5@5½c 200 and up, 3½@4c.

Pork—Dressed, 100 to 150, 7@7½c; 150 and up, 6@7c.

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