

A HOPEFUL DOUBT

Californian Has Belief in Man Who Makes Rain

Letter To News From Clerk of County Where Hatfield Has Operated Tells Facts About Rainfall in Valley of the Southland

Realizing what it will mean to this country for rainmaking to actually succeed, the News sent a letter to the county clerk of Stanislaus county, California, and as a result we have the following reply, which is reliable information from the seer of Mr. Hatfield's operations previous to coming to Sherman county:

MODERATO, CAL., June 24, 1907.

EDITOR WASCOS NEWS,
WASCO, OREGON:

DEAR SIR:

In regard to Mr. Hatfield, who is at present making showers of wealth fall from the clouds of Oregon, I will say that it will be pretty hard to give him as good as send off as is probably due him for the reason that I am a little skeptical in regard to such matters. We all say there is nothing in his operations, and that he is just a lucky fellow, but away down deep in our heart, when it comes to a show down, there is doubt, and the doubt is in favor of Mr. Hatfield, as the fact remains that it did rain and rained plentiful during Mr. Hatfield's operations.

For ten years prior to Mr. Hatfield's operations in this county, the rainfall at Crows Landing, where he was at work, was about eight inches. During the two years he operated there, the seasons of 1905-6 and 1906-7, the rainfall for the first year was about 16 inches, or about double the average, and this last season, about 20 inches fell there, making about 12 inches more than the average. Whether or not Mr. Hatfield is responsible for the difference I am unable to say.

Since Hatfield left this county there has been but one rain that amounted to much and that was about one half inch. We should have had rains in April and May but they did not come.

I understand the people with whom Mr. Hatfield contracted last year are going to make the same kind of a contract with him for the coming season.

The first year he operated he got all of his money which was twelve hundred, and the last season he got the full amount which was fifteen hundred dollars.

Yours very truly,

S. B. MITCHELL,

County Clerk of Stanislaus county, California.

NOTES OF INTEREST FROM METROPOLIS

Some of the Things Being Done for the State of Oregon

It is the consensus of opinion among the best advised grain men that the wheat crop of the present year will leave in the hands of the farmers of the Pacific Northwest from thirty five to forty million dollars, assuring good times.

Good reports are being received from all the fruit sections of Oregon. The crop is satisfactory. The prices are good at the present time, and the prospects for the fall fruit crop are the brightest in the history of the state.

Vice President Fairbanks will be the guest of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, July 15th, with banquet at Seaside.

Portland business men have in contemplation an excursion, covering about twenty-five points in North-western Oregon and Western Oregon, July 24th-28th.

Many complimentary reports are being received from the newspapers of Nebraska, containing good words about Oregon, as a result of the Omaha business men's excursion to this state.

The prospects for the wheat crop in Klickitat valley are better than they have been at any time since the snow went off last spring. The recent rains practically insure a heavy yield of fall wheat of good quality. The prospects for spring wheat are good.

Hon. James R. Garfield, Secretary of the Interior, and party, will spend Saturday, July 13th, in Portland. They will be guests of Dr. Henry Waldo Coe for a drive over the city and luncheon at his residence, and for a banquet at the Commercial Club in the evening.

All Oregon is indebted to Mr. A. L. Craig, passenger traffic manager for the Great Northern Railway for publicity given this state in many of the leading papers of the county, including those of New York, St. Louis and other great cities. Mr. Craig feels that that five thousand dollar prize offered by the Portland Commercial Club should result in an enormous advertisement for the State.

Large delegations will go from Oregon to attend the Christian Endeavor convention at Seattle, the National Educational Association convention at Los Angeles, and the Baptist Young Peoples' convention at Spokane, and all should bear in mind that every ticket is good to every railroad point in Oregon. Judging from advance preparations being made by the delegations, they will do a great work in advertising the resources of this state.

OPTIMISM AND THE NATION'S BIRTHDAY

There are those who will see something in the Fourth of July besides an ordinary holiday. They will remember that it is the anniversary of our nation's birthday. They will, in fancy, be in old Philadelphia, in the presence of the continental congress. He will listen to their deliberations and decisions. He will frown at their doubts and smile at their hopes. He will see the great Lee rise up and move that "These colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent states." Then as the man sits down and a fearful silence follows, he will think as the poet did:

"Who is speaking? What's the news? What of Adams? What of Sherman? Oh! God grant, they won't refuse."

These thoughts come to his mind because he is an optimist, because he sees and appreciates the blessings of liberty, and is ready with his might to develop the resources of our country, call forth her powers, build up her institutions and see whether we, also, in our day and generation, may not do something worthy to be remembered.

How to Kill a Town.

Fight on the streets.
Oppose improvements.
Distrust public men.
Run the town down to strangers.
Go to some other town to trade.
Refuse to advertise in your paper.
Do not invest a cent; lay out your money somewhere else.

Be particular to discredit the motives of public spirited men.

Lengthen your face when a stranger speaks of locating in your town.

If a man wants to buy your property ask him two prices for it.

If he wants anybody's else, interfere and discourage him.

Refuse to see merit in any scheme that does not exactly benefit you.

Run down your newspapers.

Run down your officers.

Run down everything and everybody but Number One.

Talk in the barber shop and loafing places of how bad times are, of how everything and everybody is going to the "demonition bow-wow."

All the bunch grass raised people are leaving Hood River for the Willamette valley, claims the News-Letter. The best of them always return, here.

The Cortelyou Presidential boom seems to have been started going on the downward side of the hill.

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MORO

NO GRAFT AT THE BIG DITCH

Secretary Taft says: "After investigating every charge which has been brought to my attention whether apparently well-founded or not, I have been unable to find a single penny of graft going to anyone in connection with isthmian canal work."

The statement was made by the secretary when his attention was called to the statement that special accountants had been sent to the isthmus to examine the books of the disbursing officers of the commission. When Colonel Goethel assumed charge of the work he asked Secretary Taft to have a corps of experts sent to the isthmus to count the cash on hand. Four experts were sent and the result was that the accounts balanced exactly.

Will Take No More Chances.

The North Yakima Fuel & Supply Company has closed a deal with Feron Brothers, whereby the company secures 720 acres of timber and coal lands near Centralia. The total outlay incidental to the deal will be in the neighborhood of \$200,000. There is at present a crew of men at work preparing to open up the mines. The necessary machinery has been purchased and when it is on the ground a large force of men, probably from three to four hundred, will be required. The Feron Bros. mill which has been included in the purchase, will be used to furnish material for the mines and to use up the standing timber. A spur will be built from Grays Harbor to the Northern Pacific. The new company is capitalized at \$2,500,000.

An Exceptionally Cold June.

The United States Weather Bureau officials have announced that the month of June just closed was the coldest June on record in Washington, D. C., in the last 75 years, and that the same is probably true of New England, the Middle Atlantic States and the Lower Lake region. In other parts of the United States the temperatures have also been lower than usual. The official statement says, in explanation: "As in previous cold Junes, the distribution of atmospheric pressure over the Canadian maritime provinces and the North Atlantic was such as to cause a predominance of ocean winds in northeastern districts and a blockade of the continental low pressure in the Ohio Valley or off the New England Coast."

Finishing the last of his 24 hour endurance test in the automobile race at London, June 29th, at the greatest speed attained throughout the race, S. F. Edge broke all records, covering 1,581 miles and 1,319 yards. His lowest time was 60 miles an hour, and his average a trifle under 60. The record was made over the new Brookland's cement track; Edge covered the first 100 miles in trifle over 85 minutes.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, County of Sherman.

By virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, county of Sherman, on the 18th day of June 1907, in a suit therein pending, wherein W. H. Moore and H. A. Moore are plaintiffs and J. L. Smith, Willie L. Smith and George Meader are defendants, to me directed, and commanding me to sell at public sale the following real property to-wit: The southwest quarter and the east half of Sec. twenty-five (25) and the west half of the northeast quarter and the west half of the southeast quarter of Sec. twenty-four (24), all in township two (2) north range eighteen east of the Willamette meridian, also lot two (2) and southeast quarter of northwest quarter and the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section thirty (30) and the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter and lots three (3) and four (4) of Section thirty (30) all in township two (2) north of range nineteen -19- east of the Willamette meridian; also the southeast quarter of Section twenty-six -26- township two -2- north of range eighteen -18- east of the Willamette meridian, all being in Sherman county, State of Oregon, and containing 1,095, one thousand ninety-five acres, more or less, to satisfy the sum of \$13,695 50, with interest thereon, from the 25th day of October, 1905, at the rate of eight per cent per annum, and the sum of \$500 attorneys fees, and the further sum of \$39.00 costs and accruing costs.

I will, on Saturday, August 3rd, 1907 at 2 o'clock, p. m., of said day, at the door of the court house, in the city of Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, sell to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the above described real property.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 1907.

W. B. McCov,
Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Sherman County.

In the matter of the estate of R. W. Brock, Deceased.

Notice of Sale.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the above entitled court, duly made and entered on the 1st day of July, A. D., 1907, in the above entitled matter, the undersigned, the administrator of the said estate, will on and after Saturday the 24th day of August, A. D., 1907, proceed to sell the following described real estate belonging to said estate, to-wit: The north half of the northeast quarter and the north half of the northwest quarter of section fifteen, in township two north range seventeen east of Willamette meridian, at private sale, for the best price obtainable, not less than one thousand dollars of purchase price to be paid cash and if deemed advisable, the remainder may be paid in one or two installments, payable in one and two years, deferred payments to bear interest at not less than eight per cent per annum, purchaser to give notes therefor and secure same with first mortgage no said land.

Dated July, A. D., 1907.

GEORGE A. BROCK,
Administrator.

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Works Like a New Toy.

Chief of Police Richmond, of Council Bluffs, Ia., has struck up a new scheme to prevent the premature celebration of Independence day by deputizing boys and girl to act as special police.

A long line of youngsters lined up and received appointments and assignments, each being required to take the regular oath of a patriot and then the youngsters were assigned to special districts.

The novelty of having the power of arrest over the boy in the next block has appealed greatly to the youngsters, who have showed their appreciation by keeping a sharp lookout on every boy who purchased fireworks, much to the disgust of the dealer.

Notice to Breeders.

Dicknomah, the standard red stallion, will make the Season at 1907, at the Phalemont stables, Wasco. For terms and particulars enquire of Wm. Walker, manager. All care will be taken to prevent accident, but owner will not be responsible should any occur.

WM. WALKER, Manager.