

# INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

## PEST WORSE THAN FIRE.

Forests Suffer Millions of Dollars by Insect Onslaught.

Medford—Presenting the fact that insects do more damage in the forest than do forest fires, B. I. Shannon, secretary of the Jackson county fire patrol association, secured the assistance of the Medford Commercial club in working for the establishment of a local field station here by the bureau of entomology.

"There is more than four and one-half billion feet of good commercial timber tributary to this little valley of 30,000 acres, to say nothing of the immense acreage of yellow pine on the east slopes of the Cascades," said Mr. Shannon. "Besides that amount there is nearly 2,000,000,000 feet readily accessible in West Josephine county and on the West Siskiyouous."

"The damage done by the insects alone, now, in the National forest is equal to the loss by forest fires, and in private holdings this is also true. There are variations of from 400 to 1,400 feet in elevation in this district and there is the wet, warm climate of the west slope contrasting with the cold, arid conditions of the east slope, making the investigations cover a large field. An entomological station here would mean a saving of thousands and perhaps millions of dollars in timber destroyed in the Crater National forest and private holdings."

## NATION TESTING APPLES.

Government Experts Try Keeping Qualities of Fruit.

Hood River—After having spent Thursday afternoon and Friday morning obtaining data on local storage conditions, B. B. Ramsey and H. J. Pratt, experts from the pomological offices of the United States department of agriculture, left for White Salmon, where they will conduct the same work.

The experts, who have been in California for the last few years working on systems of refrigeration for citrus fruits, say that the government is planning to make extensive experiments in fruit storage and transportation in the Northwest. They will visit all of the principal apple sections of the Northwest between now and picking time and make a study of the different soil conditions of every locality.

Apples will be obtained from every district by the experts and will be subjected to tests to ascertain their keeping qualities. This season's work, it is said, will merely be preliminary. The experiments next year will be on a larger scale.

The government experts inspected the Union warehouses and were presented with Yellow Newtowns grown last year. The fruit was in a perfect state of preservation and of excellent flavor.

## DEER LAWS STRICT.

Shipment of Game From State Forbidden by Ruling.

Salem—Deer hunters from California will be disappointed to learn that hereafter no deer carcasses, horns or any part of the animal killed in this state can be taken into California. The law in this regard was recently construed by Attorney-General Crawford, and every precaution will be taken by officers of the Fish and Game commission to see that it is enforced. Attorney-General Crawford's decision is that the commission has no authority to issue permits to take deer killed in this state across the line into California. The only condition under which game can be taken out of the state is for propagation or exhibition. Already a number of applications have been received for permission to take game out of the state, and these have all been denied.

## FUNDS RAISED FOR FAIR.

Klamath Falls Plans Big Exposition This Fall.

Klamath Falls—That Klamath will have the greatest county fair this fall in its history is believed by those who are promoting the project. Several prominent men have taken hold of the affair and promise to build grandstands, exhibit booths, stalls for stock and other necessary structures.

Business men have been asked to raise \$1,500 for purses, and already volunteer donations of \$900 have been made. It is planned to hold a four-day fair, with racing and other sports.

## 35-Cent Hop Offer Refused.

Salem—George L. Rose states that he received and refused bona fide offers to sell 250 bales of 1911 hops for 35 cents. He would not say who made the offer. The same kind of an offer was made to McLaughlin & Hirschberg, of Independence, by the same parties. Cables received here indicate that crop conditions both in Germany and England continue to be worse.

## NEW RAIL LINK SEEN.

Articles Are Filed for Line From Dallas to Toledo.

Salem—Articles of incorporation filed with the office of the secretary of state indicate that there is a move on foot to construct a railroad line from Toledo, in Lincoln county, to Dallas, in Polk county. In event this railroad should be constructed it would give a new railroad line from Portland to Newport by making connections. This would be so at least when the Salem, Falls City & Western, which operates from Blackrock to Salem, through Dallas, completes its bridge across the Willamette river at Salem.

The new company is capitalized at \$1,000,000. The incorporators are C. R. Vrosno, Ed J. Avery and John Kenta. The road is to be called the Toledo & Siletz Railroad & Navigation company, and its principal place of business will be at Toledo. The company also desires to operate a system of boat lines on the Yaquina river, according to the articles.

Should the new line become a reality, tourists from Portland could come to Salem either on the Oregon Electric or Southern Pacific, transfer to the Salem, Falls City & Western to Dallas, transfer to the new road at Toledo and from there take the Corvallis & Eastern to Yaquina.

## PHONE WAR END IS LIKELY.

Subscribers' Committee to Examine Company's Books.

Enterprise—The committee having charge of the fight against the recent advance in rates by the Home Telephone company has secured permission from the directors of the Home company to have a committee appointed by the subscribers examine the books of the company and from their finding recommend a reasonable and just rate to be charged for the use of the phone lines.

Committees from Wallowa county and Ulfon county met at Wallowa and agreed to co-operate in the examination of the books, and to work together afterward. The committee was authorized to obtain estimates on the cost of construction of a new line under the co-operative system, which information will be used both as a basis in arriving at a settlement with the Home company and for the construction of a new line if finally decided on.

## MEDFORD TO SHOW PEARS.

Annual Exhibit Is Proposed by Southern Oregon City.

Medford—This city will give a district fair October 3 to 7, which will be the beginning of a pear show that it is hoped will eventually rival in importance the Spokane apple show.

The state appropriated \$1,450 in all for the enterprise, and in the last few days about \$3,000 has been raised among Medford business men. It is intended that in all \$5,000 shall be subscribed.

There is great local interest in the enterprise, and it is already planned to have automobile races and aviation exhibitions. Mayor Canon, of Medford, has been elected president; A. K. Ware secretary, and George Davis treasurer.

## BIG DITCH SURVEY BEGINS.

Engineers to Lay Permanent Line for "Shoestring" at Ontario.

Ontario—Active work has begun on the permanent survey of the Ontario-Nyssa irrigation project, sometimes called "the Shoestring" ditch. A corps of engineers left here with camp supplies and will run the permanent lines of the canal, which will irrigate 10,000 acres of fine orchard land.

The preliminary lines were run last winter, and the permanent survey will cover more land than at first intended. The officers of the company, headed by Mayor Trow, have already received bids on the pumps and electric motors and will award a contract for the machinery late this fall. No one thing will be of more benefit to the Ontario and Nyssa territory than the building of this ditch.

## Pears Bring \$40 a Ton.

Salem—Shipping a carload of pears at \$40 a ton for cannery purposes, William H. Egan topped all prices for the past 15 years by \$22, saying that for the 15 years before he has never sold pears to a cannery at a better price than \$18 a ton. E. W. Powers also shipped a car of loganberries which he said was more valuable than a train load of wheat. A definite price on the berries was not given.

## Copies of State Blue Book Out.

Salem—Copies of the Oregon blue book and official directory are out. The new blue book is something hitherto not attempted in this state. It includes not only a comprehensive survey of Oregon's resources, but the constitution and directory of the state officials, assessed valuations, etc.

## ENGLISH STRIKE SPREADS.

Food Supplies Running Short and Hunger Threatens Millions.

London—Scores of thousands of railway employes throughout the United Kingdom are on strike and traffic everywhere is badly disorganized.

The leaders of the Amalgamated Society of Railway servants declare that 320,000 men, or nearly half the total employes of the railways of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, have answered their call to stop work.

Managers of the railways say these figures are greatly exaggerated.

Never before have the ministers of the British government made such earnest efforts to ward off a great labor war, yet they have been unable to stay the government that threatens misery to millions.

London has the appearance of an armed camp. On all sides are seen soldiers armed with rifles and ball cartridges, while from the dome of St. Paul's cathedral the engineers are keeping in communication with the general staff by heliographic signals in the day time and by electric flashes at night.

The whole of Saturday was spent by Premier Asquith, David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, and Sidney Buxton, president of the board of trade, in fruitless conferences with the leaders on both sides.

An official statement issued at the railway offices says the strike has developed all over the country, and produced a widespread, though only partial, dislocation of the railway services. It adds that as far as present information goes over two-thirds of the railway men remain at their posts and the companies are receiving numerous applications for employment.

Broadly speaking, the strike is most effective in the North of England, where many towns are completely isolated, and in the South of Wales. It is partly effective East, in the islands, but has not caused trouble in the South of England. Only a few of the Irish railways have had trouble.

The situation in Scotland is uncertain. In Edinburgh reports say that a general strike has been declared there, but at Glasgow the men have postponed deciding whether they will answer the call.

## ENVOYS ON PEACE MISSION.

Japanese Emperor Sends Diplomats to Conference of Powers.

Seattle—Bound for Rome on an errand which exudes peace and smacks little of the tone of the jingo press in Japan, three prominent members of the lower house of the Japanese parliament arrived in Seattle as passengers on the Tamba Maru.

The lawmakers are Nitaro Oshidi, Yoshiro Kuboto and Jensuski Fujii, all members of the national party, and their journey to Rome is to participate in the peace conference to be held there beginning October 3, at which various plans for the maintenance of harmony between the powers will be discussed.

Japan will be represented by seven of her national lawmakers, the other four having sailed from Tokio recently for Europe by way of the Suez canal. Yoshiro Kuboto, the spokesman of the party, says that Japan is deeply interested in the conference and will watch with special vigilance the proposed agreement to prohibit the use of the aeroplane in warfare.

An international arbitration board is another subject which Kuboto considers most important to his country, though he declined to tell what attitude he and his colleagues would take at Rome on any of the peace plans.

Another prominent passenger on the Tamba was Moriza Ida, who is on his way from Tokio to Portland, Or., where he will become consul for his government.

## Roads Prepare for Rush.

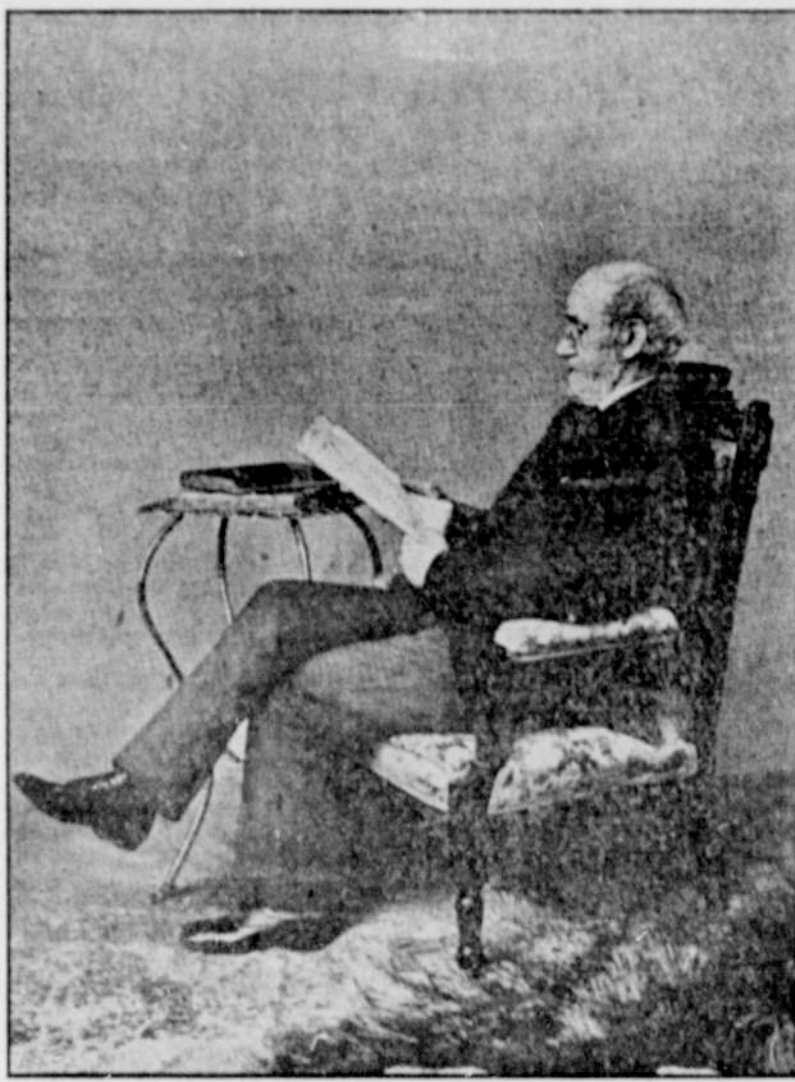
Chicago—Preparations are being made by Western railroads to handle an unprecedented movement of land-seekers to the Pacific Coast states this fall. Special colonist rates are in effect from September 15 to October 15. These rates are usually made twice a year, in the spring and in the fall, and range from \$33 from Chicago to \$25 from the Missouri river, for one-way trips. During the colonist movement in the spring nearly 90,000 persons traveled to the Coast, according to estimates.

## Togo Leaves for Coast.

Boston—Another day of rest was given Admiral Count Togo, who suffered Saturday from acute indigestion. Though much refreshed by a good night's sleep, the admiral remained in his suite at a hotel. He will leave Boston Sunday afternoon for Niagara Falls, whence he will go to the Pacific Coast via Toronto.

## 30 Poisoned in Revenge.

Lisbon—Thirty army officers were poisoned at their mess dinner at Torres Novas Saturday night, apparently from arsenic. Prompt use of stomach pumps saved the lives of all. It is presumed that the poisoning was an act of revenge.



John Minto

## OREGON'S STATE FAIR.

Now Fifty Years Old, and Known Throughout Entire Northwest.

Salem, Or.—John Minto, the first secretary of the Oregon State Fair, is going to be present at the opening of the semi-centennial of this project September 11 next, and he promises to be in the grand stand every day for the week the fair is to be in effect.

This despite his years and the fact that he has not missed an Oregon State Fair since the organization fifty years ago. This is the news Frank Meredith, secretary of the Salem project received recently from Mr. Minto.

According to this veteran, the first Oregon State Fair started auspiciously, wound up in debt, redeemed itself and after fifteen years of prosperity and an evidence of good will acquired the grounds comprising eighty acres at Salem from the county court as a gift.

"We told the County court at the time we were broke," recited Mr. Minto, "that if fifty of our farmers went away from Salem every year to attend the state fair and each one spent but \$10 each, \$500 was taken out of the county and if, on the other hand, 500 farmers were attracted here and they only spent the same amount, it brought \$5,000 into the city and county."

"At the time of which I speak we only needed \$3,000 from the County court to save our property. The court listened, gave us the money and Salem today has the great state fair which I would not like to miss."

From such a beginning has grown the Oregon State Fair to which 78,000 persons paid admissions last year. To such an extent has this fair grown that this year there are \$21,000 in cash purses for the harness races alone. There are two events with \$5,000 purses each and in another event the purse is \$1,000. In five events the purses are \$1,000 each; there is one \$1,500 purse and numerous smaller events. All grown from a fair which might have fallen for but \$3,000.

Washington has 15 entries, Oregon has 17 horses entered and from away down in California there have come 36 entries for the harness events to be decided at this fair. There is to be a steeple chase event that is to go four times around the inside of the trotting track. From all indications the list will fill the full sixteen entries expected by the fair officials.

Aside from the racing events there will be exhibits from nearly every county in Oregon. Ben Worsley will take his "canned flowers" from Astoria Centennial to the Oregon State Fair intact. The Clatsop county court has authorized him to make this exhibit and Worsley, about whom Sunset Magazine wrote in the August issue, will have a complete line of fruits, grains and grasses from the county at the mouth of the Columbia river.

Those who are interested in raising prunes in the Willamette valley have arranged a special exhibit to boom their industry and the hop raisers of the state who at this time are offered 40 cents for their crop are going to show the thousands of visitors what they have to offer in this line.

Governor Oswald West is keeping closely in touch with the development of the plans for holding the fair and L. W. Hill, president of the Great

Northern railway company, has promised to come all the way from St. Paul to deliver an address on the good roads question. His father, the Hon. James J. Hill, the nation builder, says he will also deliver an address if his health permits.

The plans for this fair are comprehensive and much care is being taken to make it a huge success. All the railroads have granted reduced fares on account of the project and extra equipment is to be in Oregon and Washington to take care of the thousands who are expected to join the permanent fair campers. There will be special music, fireworks and numerous free attractions during the week, in addition to the big Parker outfit of carnival shows.

## Diplomacy.

A North Dakota German farmer aspiring to fill an appointive office wanted to keep on good terms with both parties. At ten on election night the result was still uncertain when he was called upon for a speech.

"Ve meets," he said, "to zelebrate dis glorious vitory. Ve knows not yet vich vay it goes. Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!—Success Magazine.

## FASHION HINTS



This charmingly simple dancing frock for a young girl is of plain and embroidered silk muslin. Half the waist and the overskirt are of the embroidery, and the other half of the plain material. The empire bow of black velvet ribbon gives a "character touch."