

# INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

## APPLE DAY PLANS MADE.

Hood River Entertains Lavishly the First Week of May.

Hood River—With the Commercial Club, Automobile Club and business organizations of the city exerting every effort to make the occasion the biggest of its kind that the Hood River Valley has ever witnessed, the little apple city is planning to entertain hundreds of guests which are expected here during the first week of May, when the orchards are in full blossom. From present indications the blossoms will be in full bloom by the first week of May and there will be more of them than ever before.

The board of directors of the Commercial Club have settled on definite plans. Letters have been written to the O. W. R. & N., North Bank, and river boat line officials, asking their co-operation. It is planned to have special trains run from Portland. Members of the Automobile Club will meet the visitors at the station and give them excursions through the orchards.

## SEE EXHIBITS FOR FAIR.

Cash Prizes Will Be Given for Best State Fair Exhibits.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—In a letter from Secretary Frank Meredith, of the State Board of Agriculture, in charge of the state fair exhibits, to Prof. H. F. Wilson, of the entomology department at the Oregon Agricultural college, a list of twenty-three cash prizes amounting to about \$110.00, to be offered at the coming State Fair for exhibits in apiculture. It is through the efforts of the State Beekeepers' association that space for the exhibits and the funds for the prizes have been secured.

The entries will close September 1, and the entry fees have been fixed at ten per cent of the first premium. The exhibits must be in place by 6 a. m. September 2, and it has been decreed that all exhibits must have been produced in the apiary of the exhibitor during the year 1912.

Premiums will be restricted to exhibits from within the state of Oregon.

No premiums will be paid unless there is competition, and none will be awarded where the exhibits are not individually worthy. The judge will in no case give first prize to a second grade product, even though there are only two exhibits. The honey must be pure nectar, sugar or syrup honey being barred, and the judges will open the packages to satisfy themselves on this point. Sections less than three-fourths full will also be barred.

## EUGENE-COOS LINE RUSHED.

Grade Work Westward Will Be Commenced This Week.

Eugene—Upon the arrival of four carloads of mules, Fuller & Company, sub-contractors on the Southern Pacific line to Coos Bay, began grading operations westward from Eugene. This company has had perhaps 200 men scattered along 13 miles of right of way all winter, clearing the land ready for the grading work with the settling of weather this spring. Power graders will be put to work as soon as possible.

Twohy Bros., contractors, have made a good start on the 2300-foot tunnel at Noti Pass, and this week completed the transportation of ten wagon loads of compressor machinery, so that the tunnel men may use air drills.

Deeds for sections of right of way west of Noti Pass are being filed every few days.

## Building for Raising Bugs.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—An insectary has just been built in the college orchard at O. A. C., for the purpose of studying the life history of a large number of insect pests infesting the orchards, truck gardens, and flower beds of Oregon, with a view to finding the most effective methods of combating them. A long list of experiments have been planned by the entomology department for the coming season.

## Work on Big Dam Started.

Astoria—The Bidwell-Hayden company, to whom was given the contract for building the big dam for the 100,000,000 gallon reservoir at the head-works of Astoria's water system, have taken out a donkey engine and two large boilers to be used in connection with their operations. The firm will operate a rock crusher. The actual construction work will be commenced as soon as the camp is completed.

## Bridge Over the Grand Ronde.

La Grande—Steel for the new bridge spanning the Grand Ronde river at Riverside park is expected any day. The bridge will be 15 feet in length and will have a walk on either side six feet wide.

## OREGON MAY GROW FLAX.

Move On Foot To Revive Industry in Marion County.

Salem—Possibility of the development of 2,000 acres of Willamette Valley land and the inauguration of the first gigantic step toward placing the flax industry on a firm basis in this section of the valley is presaged by the visit here of Western Manager Smith, of the American Linseed Oil company, and H. A. Brewer.

With Secretary Olcott and State Treasurer Kay the visitors were taken to the home of Eugene Bosse, the pioneer flax grower of the Pacific Coast. Smith made a proposition to Bosse to make arrangements for the development of 2,000 acres of land, to be sown to flax and to do it immediately.

The American Linseed Oil company has established a branch industry in Portland. It is now necessary to send a large quantity of the flax from Michigan, but the representatives here declared that the Oregon flax surpasses the world in quality and that great quantities of it can be used by the quantities.

## FERTILIZING YAMHILL PRUNES.

College Experimenting in Improving Quality and Production.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Fertility experiments in the prune orchards of Yamhill county are being run by the division of horticulture of the Oregon Agricultural college, covering both the bottom land orchards and hill orchards. The experiments include not only the use of fertilizers, but also various methods of tillage, the thinning of the fruit, pruning and like matters, to see if the general outlook and quality of the prune can be improved.

An elaborate set of experiments is also being conducted in this connection as to prune evaporation. In the fertilizing work, for example, it is desired to ascertain not only if the size of the fruit can be increased by this means and the quality improved, but what relation fertilization will bear to the evaporation of the fruit. The relation of various cultural and orchard management methods have to the evaporation of the prune will be closely studied.

## Apple Growers Get Busy.

Albany—Forty members of the Albany Apple Growers association met here in the Commercial club rooms to discuss matters important to the fruit industry of Linn county. The meeting was presided over by H. Bryant, president of the association, and talks of interest relative to the protection of fruit trees from codlin moth and San Jose scale were made by various members.

The annual Albany Apple Fair, which will be held in November, was discussed at length and efforts will be made to make this year's event the biggest in the history of Linn county.

The president was authorized to appoint a committee from the association to work in conjunction with a similar committee from the Commercial club toward making it a success.

Loganberries, which are fast becoming a profitable small fruit, was the subject of considerable discussion, and as a result, many acres will be planted this year.

## Orchard Bulletin Almost Gone.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—The issue of Prof. C. I. Lewis' bulletin No. 111 on orchard management, published in 20,000 copies, by the Oregon Agricultural College Experiment station, is now rapidly being exhausted, in spite of the fact that the Oregonian published the matter entire, in an edition of 30,000 copies. The pressure of present calls for the bulletin will probably be relieved somewhat when the magazine "Better Fruit" prints it also in an edition of 15,000 copies.

## Pear Growing in America.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Prof. C. I. Lewis, chief of the division of horticulture at the Oregon Agricultural college, is the author of a 100-page brochure containing 50 fine illustrations, many of them photographs taken in Oregon, which is to be issued shortly by the International Correspondence schools as a course on "Pear Growing in America." Prof. Lewis has spent several years in special study on this subject.

## Gresham Fair Dates Fixed.

Gresham—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Multnomah County Fair association, the dates for the fair this year were definitely fixed for October 2-5. So far as known these dates will not conflict with those of any other fair or festival to be held this year, and it is believed that the agricultural displays will be at their best about that time.

## ROBBERS GET \$60,000 LOOT.

Hold Up Train in Mississippi and Blow Express Safe.

Corinth, Miss.—Mobile & Ohio passenger train No. 4, northbound, was held up and the express safe blown open and robbed seven miles south of Corinth by four men heavily armed and masked.

Bloodhounds have been telegraphed for and a posse has been organized to take up the pursuit.

It is reported the safe contained \$60,000 in currency.

Where the robbers boarded the train is not known. Engineer Wilden and Fireman Kaufman first learned of their presence when two of the men crawled over the tender with revolvers drawn and commanded that the train be brought to a halt at a point designated. The command was obeyed.

In the meantime other members of the band had gained entrance to the express car and after subduing Express Messenger Snoddy, set the explosive, which was touched off when the train came to a stop.

After taking the contents of the safe, the four took to the woods without attempting to rifle the mail or molest the passengers.

No attempts will be made to penetrate the densely wooded river bottom where the men are believed to be in hiding, until the arrival of a detail of railroad officers and bloodhounds from Jackson, Tenn., who are coming aboard a special.

## BRIBERY PROBE STARTS.

Four Mexico Representatives Formally Arraigned.

Santa Fe, N. M.—With the formal arraignment of Representative Manuel Cordova, Julian Trujillo, Louis R. Montoya and J. H. Lucero, arrested on a charge of soliciting a bribe of \$5,000 for their collective votes for United States senator, the investigation by the lower house into the alleged corruption was begun.

The accused legislators, who are to be tried first by a committee of 15 appointed by the speaker, have employed counsel to defend them against the charge, which they now deny. Their defense will be that they were led into the trap as a result of a political conspiracy, believing they were going to attend a caucus at the time they visited a room in the hotel, where it is alleged they received \$500 each on their promise to vote for a certain candidate for senator.

The investigation of the alleged bribery of the four members will be pushed vigorously by the committee and all the sessions will be public.

The men were formally served with warrants charging them with a felony. They are in the custody of the sheriff of Santa Fe county.

## SMUGGLES DIAMONDS IN HAT

San Francisco Woman Admits Her Offense to Officers.

New York—Mrs. Bancha Carson, a fashionably dressed widow of San Francisco, had diamond earrings concealed in her hat when she passed custom inspection on her arrival from India, according to a reported admission made to authorities.

Mrs. Carson declared only a package of unstrung pearls, for which she paid duty on the valuation of \$850. Custom officers brought the woman from her hotel for further examination, asserting that the pearls were worth \$7,500.

The woman broke down and admitted, it was said, that she had hidden two diamond earrings in her hat and had other jewelry which altogether the authorities valued at \$20,000.

Mrs. Carson was held, charged with smuggling, in \$2,000 bail.

Mrs. Carson gave her address as 925 Gough street, San Francisco.

## Morgan May Buy Temple.

New York—Following J. P. Morgan's long sojourn in Egypt this winter, reports have reached this city to the effect that he is negotiating for the purchase and removal to America of the famous ruins of the Temple of Philae. The temple is threatened with destruction owing to the rise in the level of the upper Nile as a result of the enlargement of the Assouan dam. The cost of the work would be more than \$8,000,000.

## Great Earth Block to Be Pumped

San Francisco—The exposition officials have awarded the contract for the filling in of a submerged part of the world's fair site. Work is to be begun at once. One million cubic yards of earth is to be pumped from the bottom of the bay by suction dredges, the area to be filled covering several blocks.

## 300 Adrift on Ice Floes.

St. Petersburg—Three ice-breaking steamers are en route from the Neva in the direction of the island of Nargen, to the northwest of Revel, in the Gulf of Finland, where 300 fishermen are adrift on floating ice. They are in imminent danger of losing their lives.

## HALTS MOB WITH GUN.

Hoquiam Millman Keeps Out Disturbers—Plant Running.

Hoquiam, Wash.—When a delegation of I. W. W. labor agitators arrived at the Coates shingle mill to induce a strike they were met by J. A. Lewis, manager of the mill, who waited until the leader was within five feet of him, and then drew a revolver and stood off the whole gang.

The Coates mill is still running, although short-handed.

As a result of a free-for-all fight between Greek strikers and American non-strikers at the Northwestern plant, charges have been preferred against City Attorney Callahan by the Hoquiam Trades Council.

In the fight a Greek was about to hit a special police officer on the head with a hammer when Lon Miller, an old-time citizen, threw a brick which put the Greek out of commission. Miller says that he tried to do the Greek a favor by preventing him from committing murder. City Attorney Callahan issued a warrant for the arrest of the Greek, but refused to issue one for Miller.

This is the basis of the charge against Callahan, which will be threshed out by the city commissioners.

The making of the charges marks the introduction of the Trades Council into the I. W. W. fight against the mills. Heretofore the Federation of Labor has not had a hand in the affair.

For three days Police Judge Coghlan has been trying Greeks on misdemeanor charges. He has been refusing them trial by jury and fining them \$5 and \$10. Judge Coghlan's refusal has brought up the question of the constitutional right of trial by jury, and has resulted in a declaration that Coghlan's business will be boycotted, and the commissioners who placed him there recalled.

The recall of the commissioners is also threatened if City Attorney Callahan is not dismissed.

## CITIZENSHIP IS NEEDED.

Porto Ricans Want Naturalization Papers, Declares Brown.

New York—Attorney General Foster V. Brown, of Porto Rico, was in New York en route to Washington, where he will hand his resignation to President Taft. He will then return to his home in Chattanooga, Tenn., to resume his law practice.

Brown spoke enthusiastically of the progress and prosperity of Porto Rico, where he has been stationed two years.

"I don't think there is a single state in the Union today where the people are so happy as the Porto Ricans are with the government they have," he said. "There is only one complaint they make against the United States government, and that, I think, is a just one. They feel they have a right to American citizenship. That feeling was expressed and favored in the platforms of both parties in this country, and both President Roosevelt and President Taft urged the conferring of such citizenship. There is no reason, especially in view of these long-standing promises, why Porto Ricans should not be made citizens. Without it, they feel today that a Porto Rican is a man without a country."

## CENTRAL STATES SHIVER.

Blinding Storm of Snow and Sleet Sweeps Across Continent.

Chicago—A blinding storm of snow and sleet swept across the North Central states Thursday, heaping disaster upon transportation and communication facilities.

Half a hundred cities were shut off from communication with the rest of the world. Miles of telegraph and telephone poles were blown down or wires covered with ice until they broke. The snow changed in many places to sleet, which was blown like shot before a gale that increased to nearly 60 miles an hour. Zero weather was reached in several places.

## Two Killed in Strikers' Riot.

Berlin—The termination of the strike in the Westphalian coal fields, where nearly 200,000 miners laid down their tools on March 11, was marked by two fatalities in attacks by strikers on non-strikers working in the pits at Hagen. A third man was wounded, probably fatally. In the Samar district the strikers have also abandoned the movement and gone back to work, but the miners in Upper Silesia are leaving the pits in increased numbers.

## Fortifications Cut Down.

Washington, D. C.—A bill making appropriation for fortifications was passed by the senate. It carries \$4,186,235, about a million and a quarter less than the appropriation of last year.

## China Gets Anatone Flour.

Anatone, Wash.—The Anatone mill is preparing a special flour for Oriental trade, to be shipped direct to China. The sacks bear a special trademark of Chinese characters.

## MANY SEE LIVE STOCK EXHIBIT

Inland Empire Visitors Take Show By Storm.

Prize Yearling Steer From University of Idaho Brings \$120 Pound—Oregon Man Buys.

Portland—Development of the livestock industry of the Northwest and of Portland as the distributing center for all the beef, pork and mutton products of Oregon Washington and Idaho was given further impetus by the magnificent exposition at the stockyards which was attended by every one of the 238 guests from the Inland Empire who arrived in the city on a special train, as well as by more than 6000 residents of the city.

The conspicuous ribbon badges of the Inland Empire delegation were everywhere in evidence. The Central Idaho and Eastern Washington visitors were an important factor in the days' program, and their stock exhibits proved important features of the day's prize distributions and sales.

It was a University of Idaho entry—a yearling Hereford—that brought the record price for a steer on foot ever paid west of Chicago. When George Warren, of Warrenton, Or., paid \$1.20 a pound for the big prize winner of the show he paid more than ever has been paid in the history of the world, with the single exception of the steer "Advance," which brought \$1.50 a pound at Chicago 12 years ago.

The animal weighed 1,080 pounds, and Mr. Warren wrote his check for \$1,296. Then he got busy figuring what the price of porterhouse steaks would be if sold at the usual proportionate advance over the price at which he bought. He expects to be amply repaid for his investment by exhibiting his purchase at future fairs and livestock shows.

As this sale robbed the University of Idaho of its prize offering, officials of the college bought from Benson Bros., of Union, Or., a yearling White Shorthorn at 17 cents a pound. W. L. Carlyle, dean of the Agricultural college, declares that he will develop this steer into a prize-winner for next year's show.

All the Lake and Eastern Oregon people were elated over the showing made by their stock. Although the judges did not use the ribbon system in awarding prizes, announcement of the results soon were made known.

With the best portion of the prizes distributed among the Inland Empire stockmen, and the record sale of the whole western half of the United States going to one of their schools, the people of that district had reason to be elated. They lost no opportunity in voicing their delight to everyone on the grounds.

It was a busy day for the Inland Empire party. Quite a few of them had been detained at the banquet the night before until after midnight, and some of these were a little tardy in reaching the special cars provided for transporting them to the show grounds. Some missed the cars and came trailing to the show later in the morning.

Upon arrival at the exposition the visitors were given an informal reception by members of the Livestock Exchange and the Pacific Northwest Livestock association, under whose auspices the show was given. Speeches were dispensed with, as everyone was too eager to get a look at the fine sheep, cattle and swine.

The visitors just had time to chase through the stock pens and inspect the prize-winners casually before the auction sale started. Throughout the remainder of the morning interest centered in the sales ring.

Lunch was served on the grounds and again opportunity was given for viewing the exhibits before the afternoon sales opened. The early afternoon brought a constant stream of visitors from Portland and other nearby towns. In view of the small attendance last year, officials of the association feel jubilant over the presence of so many Portland people, nearly half of whom were women.

## Knox Is Well Satisfied.

On Board the United States Cruiser Washington, at sea—Secretary of State Knox, who, with his party, came on board at Puerto Barrios, Guatemala, bound direct for La Guaira, Venezuela, is well satisfied with the results of his visits to Central American capitals. The secretary of state expects to arrive at La Guaira within two days, and in all probability, will reach Norfolk, Va., April 17 on his return journey.

## \$5,000 Is Sent to China.

Washington, D. C.—The American Red Cross society sent \$5,000 to China for the relief of the famine sufferers in the new republic. This makes a total of \$55,000 sent since January 1.