

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FARM SELLS FOR \$106,500.

Ashland Tract, Cultivated Since 1853, Brings Fancy Price.

Ashland—One of the biggest real estate deals in the history of this section was the sale of the E. K. Anderson farm, five miles northeast of Ashland, one of the oldest and choicest farms in the Rogue river valley to G. A. Morse for \$106,500. Mr. Morse is recently from Louisiana, and he has extensive investments in this section.

The farm disposed of consists of 305 acres, the sale price being \$350 an acre. Of the tract sold 43 acres are in apple and peach trees from two to seven years old. Fifty acres are in alfalfa, the remainder being devoted to general farming. All of it is choice fruit land favorably located, and the entire tract will eventually be turned into fruit acreage.

Mr. Anderson has farmed this particular tract of land since 1853, and upon it grew the first wheat ever milled in this part of the state. Some years ago he purchased home property in Ashland and has only lived on the farm a portion of the time, a son, G. N. Anderson, having charge of the place.

APPLES AT TOP PRICE.

Hood River Union Closes \$150,000 Deal With Eastern Buyers.

Hood River—Joseph Steinhardt, of the commission firm of Steinhardt & Kelly, the New York firm that bought the output of the Hood River Applegrowers' union last year, has set the apple buying ball rolling by again purchasing the entire crop handled by the union at a gross figure that will total over \$150,000.

According to Mr. Steinhardt and the officers of the union, the announcement of the sale will cause a quick scramble for box fruit in other Northwest sections, as they have been waiting for the signal from Hood River in order to get a line on prices.

The sale includes the purchase of 60,000 to 70,000 boxes of fancy fruit, or about 125 cars, and it is claimed that it will be the biggest deal made this year by one firm. The fruit is to be especially packed for Steinhardt and Kelly and will be labeled with a new label just adopted by the union and an effort will be made to send one large shipment in a solid train of refrigerator cars to New York.

Would Hurry Allotments.

Klamath Falls—Complaint is made of unnecessary delay in allotments of the Klamath Indian reservation. The matter is in the hands of Rev. H. F. White, who began the task two years ago. At that time it was announced that it would require not more than six months to do the work. When the Indians have received their lands there will be left over about 200,000 acres of fertile farming land, stock range and timbered tracts. If these lands are opened for settlement it will mean an enormous influx of people into the Klamath country and will greatly increase the resources of this section.

Milton Growers Ship Apples.

Milton—W. E. Gibson, of the Sibson Fruit company, of Chicago, is in Milton shipping about 100 carloads of prunes bought from the Milton Fruit-growers' union. The price being paid is \$32 per ton. Last year the crop was sold for \$15 per ton. A large force of packers has been employed in the sheds for two weeks and a larger force of pickers has been engaged in gathering the fruit. The orchards owned by C. L. Stewart, C. W. Ray and John M. Brown, near Crockett, are good illustrations of the prunes industry here.

Drill for Oil Near Roseburg.

Roseburg—The Dillard Development company has received a drilling outfit to be used in drilling for oil near Looking Glass, about 12 miles west of this city. Indications of oil have been known in this vicinity for a long time. Although the machine is capable of going down 2,000 feet, it is expected oil will be reached at less than that depth.

Crop Prospects Good.

Klamath Falls—Recent rain throughout the entire Klamath country have put the fall range in good condition and stock is doing well. The moisture did some damage to the hay crop on the ground, but the loss is slight. Grain was not injured, but harvesting will be a few days late on account of the rains. The grain yield will be exceptionally good.

Gold Beach Mines Active.

Gold Beach—Considerable activity is being manifested here in the copper mines. An English syndicate has recently purchased the Shaasta Costa properties, paying \$12,000 for them. The syndicate has also bonded the Deane-Creek holdings for \$20,000. The hills are alive with prospectors.

UMATILLA WHEAT CROP.

Flood of Gold Follows the Harvest in Prosperous Grain Center.

Pendleton.—The lure of \$3,000,000 in bright gold pieces, without taint or reserve, sends a thrill through the people of Umatilla county, at this season of the year that cannot be appreciated by any one who as not felt the charm of the grain fields when each golden head nods to the thrifty farmer its readiness to be converted into gold for his purse as reward for his efforts during the 12 months closing with the gathering in of the sheaves. The call of the grain fields has been heard, the tremendous task of saving the harvest has been performed, the marketing of the grain is the duty which calls forth the best judgment and tact of the farmer, in this county, where to raise grain successfully and largely is the ambition of every owner of land.

Umatilla county farmers have just finished harvesting a crop of grain that will place fully \$3,000,000 in their purses. The crop will net about as much money as any produced in the county, inasmuch as the price to be received will be much higher than was taken for the "bumper" crop of 1907, when Umatilla county produced more than 1 per cent of all the wheat grown in the United States. Umatilla county is easily the grain center of Oregon, producing practically one third of all the state. There was a time when Umatilla county "took off its hat," metaphorically speaking, to the Willamette valley in the growing of grain, but that day has long since passed into history.

Hay Prices High.

Klamath Falls—Despite the fact that the hay crop is fully up to the average and the acreage is larger than heretofore, stockmen complain about excessive prices. Alfalfa is held at \$8 and \$10 in the stack. Last year the crop was not quite up to the average and the price ranged from \$7 to \$8.50. It is contended by stockmen that unless the producers sell for less money there will be a shortage in the regular number of cattle to be wintered in the Klamath basin.

Hop Crop 80,000 Bales.

Salem—Hopping in the Krebs yards is finished. Mr. Krebs estimates the yield of the Krebs yards at 1,800 bales, about 1,200 less than the output of a normal season. Krebs declares that, while the hops are lighter, they are of an unusually fine quality, with a very slight amount of mold, considering the unfavorable conditions. He estimates the Oregon crop at not to exceed 60,000 bales.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 34c; fancy outside creamery, 30@34c; store, 21@22c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 30@31c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 15@15 1/2c; springs, 16@16 1/2c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, young, 14 1/2c; geese, young, 10c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, \$1.75@2 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 10@10 1/2c per pound.

Veal—Extra, 10@10 1/2c per pound.

Wheat—Bluestem, 94c; club, 84c; red Russian, 82 1/2c; valley, 89c; five, 84c; Turkey red, 84c; 40-fold, 86 1/2c.

Barley—Feed, \$26.50 per ton; brewing, \$27.50.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$13@15 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50@17.50; alfalfa, \$14; clover, \$14; cheat, \$13@14.50; grain hay, \$16@16.

Grain Bags—6 1/2c each.

Fruits—Apples, \$1@2.25 per box; pears, \$1.25@1.50; peaches, 50c@1.10 per crate; cantaloupes, \$1@2.50; plums, 25@75c per box; watermelons, 1@1 1/2c per pound; grapes, 75c@1.25.

Potatoes—\$1 per sack; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2c per pound.

Onions—\$1.25 per sack.

Vegetables—Beans, 4@5c per pound; cabbage, 1@1 1/2c; cauliflower, 75c@1.25 per dozen; celery, 50c@1; corn, 15@20c; cucumbers, 10@25c; onions, 12 1/2@15c; parsley, 35c; peas, 7c per pound; peppers, 5@10c; pumpkins, 1 1/2@1 1/2c; radishes, 15c per dozen; squash, 5c per pound; tomatoes, 40@60c per box.

Hops—1909 contracts, 21c per pound; 1908 crop, 15@15 1/2c; 1907 crop, 11@11 1/2c; 1906 crop, 8c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@22c per pound; valley, 23@25c; mohair, choice, 24@25c.

Cattle—Steers, top, \$4.50; fair to good, \$4@4.25; common, \$3.75@4; cows, top, \$3.40@3.65; fair to good, \$3@3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, \$2.75@3.25; common, \$2@2.50.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, 1/2c less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; spring lambs, \$5@5.25.

Hogs—Best, \$8.25@8.75; fair to good, \$7.75@8; stockers, \$6@7; China fairs, \$7.50@8.

HARRIMAN IN TOMB.

Services Attended Principally by Employees of Estate.

Arden, N. Y., Sept. 13.—Through the quiet aisles of Ramapo woods, the body of Edward Henry Harriman was carried yesterday from the great house he never lived to see completed, and laid in its last resting place on the Arden hillside.

The rulers of Wall street came from New York to pay their last tribute, but the most prominent part in the ceremony was taken by the men who knew him best as a country squire and master of the great estate, which covers 43,000 acres of hill and valley.

His general superintendent, his master carpenter, his master mason and the managers and assistant managers of his dairies, his farms and his trotting stables bore his coffin. The funeral was private and only those who were personal friends of the family and had received invitations from Mrs. Harriman were admitted. The out-of-town party arrived at Arden at 3:15 p. m. on a special train.

The first service was holy communion, celebrated at 10 a. m. by the Rev. J. Holmes McGuiness, at the Harriman home, on Tower Hill. At 11 o'clock there came a public memorial service at St. John's church for the employees of the farm and parishioners, who, on account of lack of space, were unable to attend the funeral service later. Mrs. Charles D. Simons, Mr. Harriman's sister, her husband, two daughters and Orlando H. Harriman, a brother-in-law, were the only relatives present.

Elaborate precautions were taken to preserve the privacy of the afternoon service. Several score of employes, aided by a number of policemen, guarded all roads over which the funeral procession passed and kept watch at intervals of 20 yards around the patch of woods which includes the Harriman burial plot.

The casket—one solid mass of lilies of the valley and green vines with an immense bunch of crimson roses on top—was carried to the altar by eight bearers in black and wearing black skull caps. The regular funeral service was conducted by Dr. McGuiness, assisted by Rev. G. Nelson, archdeacon of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York. A male quartet and the choir of Grace church, New York, sang "Abide With Me" and "There is a Land of Pure Delight," Mr. Harriman's favorite hymns. The service lasted but 20 minutes. Then the bearers carried the casket to the burial plot, 100 yards up the hill. There was no room inside the burial ground for more than 15 or 20 beside the mourners and the two officiating clergymen. Others stood on the road outside and looked over the stone wall.

Several hundred Harriman employes and their families stood with bared heads outside the church during the service.

CHILDREN GREET TAFT.

Spectacular Feature Given President When He Goes to Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—The sound of 150,000 children's voices singing "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean," in unison will greet President Taft within half an hour after he steps off his special train in Chicago next Thursday morning, according to official plans for the celebration of the coming of the nation's chief executive, announced tonight.

The board of education this afternoon officially designated Thursday as "Taft day" and declared a holiday for all public schools. The committee from the commercial bodies which is in charge of the entertainment of the president has completed the arrangements and it is proposed to make the demonstration by the school children the most spectacular feature of the president's visit. Places have already been arranged for 150,000 children in the parks through which the president will pass during the parade arranged for his party.

The president will remain in Chicago from 11:15 a. m. Thursday to 2:45 a. m. Friday, when he will depart for Milwaukee.

Practical Joke Wins Farm.

Hamilton, Ohio, Sept. 13.—Miss Etta Ross, of this city, a stenographer employed by Slayback & Harr, lawyers, has been notified that she has drawn a 160-acre tract in the government land lottery at Spokane, Wash. Miss Ross and Miss Blanche Maguire of this city were in Spokane at the time of the drawing on a pleasure trip. Purely for amusement they deposited the 25-cent fee and made a drawing. Miss Ross' joke made her one of the three Ohioans to win a free quarter section.

Haul \$90,000,000 Through Streets

Chicago, Sept. 13.—More than \$90,000,000 in cash and securities was carried through downtown streets in an immense van, when the Continental bank moved from LaSalle and Adams streets to its new quarters at Clark and Monroe streets. The van was guarded by a squad of heavily armed police.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

VACANCIES ARE LIKELY.

Justices Harlan and Moody in Poor Health and May Retire.

Washington, Sept. 10.—When the Supreme court of the United States convenes for the October term it is probable that two of the chairs upon the bench, those that have been occupied by Justices Harlan and Moody, will be vacant.

Justice Harlan is eligible for retirement, but until recently his health has been exceptionally robust for one of his age. It is reported that he is likely to go from his summer home at Murray bay to California to recuperate, and that unless a change of climate restores his health he will retire.

Justice Moody, who recently suffered a severe attack, does not recover, it is stated.

Reports concerning the condition of Justice Day are not reassuring. Chief Justice Fuller is eligible for retirement.

President Taft will, it is believed, have within a short time the designation of at least one Supreme court justice.

Governor Hughes, of New York, and Justice Lurton, of Tennessee, are among the prominent lawyers mentioned for the first vacancy.

BARBERS AND BAR BOYS USED

All Entrymen Engaged in Conspiracy From New York.

Washington, Sept. 11.—The entries on account of which Dally, Sully, Ireland and Wells were arrested involve about 60,000 acres of valuable coal land in the Lander, Wyo., land district. The entries were made in 1906, and it is charged that all the entrymen, about 190, were residents of New York city, most of them being barbers and bartenders. In the indictment it is asserted that the entrymen engaged in a conspiracy with Dally, Sully, Ireland and Wells and others to defraud the government, the entries being made in the interest of the Oil Creek Coal company and the Northwestern Coal company.

Others indicted were Samuel W. Gebro, of Montana; Thomas McDonald, of New York, and John Nelson and John B. Wright, of Wyoming.

Railroads May Refund.

Washington, Sept. 10.—An order involving approximately \$1,000,000 in reparation was issued by the Interstate commerce commission today. It includes claims in the Central Yellow Pine association territory—Louisiana, Mississippi and Western Alabama—and involves a refund of amounts paid by shippers of lumber from the territory to points in other states in which an overcharge of 2 cents a 100 hundred pounds was collected by various railroads.

Great Secrecy at Beverly.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 10.—Interest in the errand that brings Secretary of the Interior Ballinger to the summer capital was intensified today by the greater secrecy with which his conference with President Taft was veiled. The secretary remained in Boston throughout the day, in company with Mr. Lawlor, assistant attorney general for the interior department, awaiting an opportunity to renew his deliberations with the president.

Taft Has Heard Ballinger.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 11.—Although he had concluded his conference with Secretary Ballinger today President Taft refrained from making any statement as to the controversy that brought the cabinet officer to Beverly. Mr. Ballinger has returned to Washington. He will not see the president until September 29, in Seattle, unless he finds time to reach Colorado on the day the president visits the Gunnison irrigation project.

Cotton Crop Shorter.

Washington, Sept. 11.—The first bulletin of the director of the census showing the operations of the cotton ginneries for 1909 was issued today. It covers the period up to September 1 and shows that for that time 377,552 running bales have been ginned, as against 402,229 for the same period last year.

Are Railroads Overpaid?

Washington, Sept. 14.—It was announced today that Postmaster General Hitchcock will institute an inquiry to determine whether the \$50,000,000 which the government annually pays the railroads for carrying the mails is too much or too little for the service performed.

Orders Three Billion Postcards.

Washington, Sept. 14.—The contract for supplying 3,487,000,000 postal cards to his department in the next four years has been awarded by Postmaster General Hitchcock to the government printing office at the lowest bid, \$934,717.95.

SHIPPERS GET REBATE.

Sensational Charges Made Against Atlantic Ocean Lines.

Washington, Sept. 14.—In official circles here more than ordinary interest is excited over the investigation in New York into the alleged illegal operations of some of the trans-Atlantic steamship lines, especially the Holland-American line.

The charges that these lines have entered into conspiracy with certain American railroad lines in restraint of trade, that rebates have been paid them by some railroads and that they have laid themselves liable to prosecution under the terms of the Sherman anti-trust act did not surprise those who had followed the proceedings in what was known as the Cosmopolitan shipping cases before the Interstate Commerce commission.

The commission dismissed the case on the ground that it had no authority to act. The evidence was turned over to the Department of Justice. Wade E. Ellis, assistant to the attorney general, expressed surprise that the matter had become public and declined to discuss it.

Ban on Certificates.

Washington, Sept. 11.—Secretary Ballinger received today from Attorney General Wickersham a second opinion, holding that the co-operative plan of building government irrigation projects is illegal. Under this plan settlers were permitted to aid in building canals, laterals, etc., and were paid in certificates, which later were to be accepted by the government from settlers in payment for water rights in lieu of cash. Secretary Ballinger says no further certificates will be issued, but that all outstanding certificates heretofore issued by the reclamation service will be redeemed at full face value and paid in cash as quickly as the money is available in the reclamation fund. He expected all such certificates to be redeemed in the near future.

Parts of Canal Finished.

Washington, Sept. 11.—"Good progress is being made on the Panama canal and four sections of it have been finished," said Colonel Goethals, chief engineer in charge of the construction work, upon his arrival here last night from the isthmus. "The canal must be finished some time and the excavations will fall off from time to time as each part is finished," he said, when asked to what he attributed the decrease in the average excavations in August compared with those of the preceding month. "If the work for Culebra cut alone were figured out, it would be found we are doing more there at the present than at any previous time."

To Gaze From High Point.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Scientists will soon have at their disposal the highest meteorological and astronomical observatory on the Western continent. It is on the top of Mount Whitney, California, over 14,000 feet above sea level. Realizing the value for effective astronomical and meteorological work of an observatory far above the clouds, the Smithsonian institution decided to build a suitable one on Mount Whitney. It has been difficult to construct the small three-room stone structure, as it was necessary to take all the material to the great height on pack mules over narrow, rocky trails.

Studying Up Coal Cases.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Special Agent Sheridan, of the land office, who has been assigned to conduct the government's case at the hearing on the Cunningham Alaska coal land entries, to begin at Seattle October 15, is now in Washington familiarizing himself with such records in the case as are now on file in the general land office. Upon completion of this investigation he will return to Seattle in time to begin the hearings at the time set.

Naval Contracts Signed.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Contracts with the San Francisco Bridge company for the construction of the Pearl harbor drydocks, Hawaii, at \$1,700,000, and with the Maryland Steel company, of Sparrows Point, for the construction of a fleet collier at \$889,000 were signed late today by Acting Secretary of the Navy Winthrop.

Crop Yields Increase.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Soils of the United States are not wearing out and crop yields are increasing rather than decreasing. These facts are demonstrated in a bulletin to be issued soon by the bureau of soils of the Agricultural department.

Sat in Schley Inquiry.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Captain Samuel C. Lemley, formerly judge advocate general of the navy, who became prominent in connection with the famous Schley court of inquiry, died in St. Elizabeth's hospital in this city last night.