

## News About Oregon Industries

Portland, Ore.—While a large proportion of the woolen mills in the east are either shut down at the present time or running slack on account of lack business, those in this territory are running their normal capacity and some maintain double shifts, a report presented here shows. Through the establishment of a local market it has been possible to recently develop a large yarn and knitting industry. As an experiment, direct trade with both South America and China has been opened up by an Oregon mill and it has been ascertained that these fields are practical, offer desirable business and that the mills on the coast hold advantages in reaching them.

Tillamook, Ore.—Made-in-Tillamook products are to be played up at the county fair to be held here in September. The exhibits will include the first Oregon products display shown in the coast town of this section.

Albany, Ore.—Many growers in this vicinity pronounce the hop crop the best in many years. Numerous yards will double last year's yield. Picking begins about September 1st.

Hood River, Ore.—Complete recovery from effects of the extreme cold is being made by the Wasco county orchards. Investigation has proven. Damage was practically limited to cherry trees.

Portland, Ore.—Another step in foreign trade expansion from this port was taken by the steamer West Nivaria, the first to load with a general cargo for north China points. She is carrying, in addition to lumber, wheels, trucks and stringers for railroad cars on lines being built in Manchurian territory by the Japanese occupants.

Portland, Ore.—Much to the surprise of officials of the West Coast Specialty company, they have found that people in West Indies like knock down kitchen furniture and a market for such goods has unexpectedly developed there in the past few weeks. The company is already shipping to the Orient and New Zealand, having solved one of the secrets of economical packing by turning out goods that lie absolutely flat in their crates.

Astoria, Ore.—Oil and gas resources in this vicinity are to be investigated by the Lower Columbia Oil & Gas company, organization of which has just been perfected. Its first well will be driven in the Lewis and Clark river section.

Hermiston, Ore.—Forty thousand dollars will be distributed this year among the farmers of the Umatilla project through the sale of one of their by-products, extracted alfalfa honey.

Banks, Ore.—In an effort to arouse interest in construction of an inland highway from Portland to Astoria, passing through Forst Grove, Banks, Manning, Buxton, Seefeld and Vernonia, a highway association having 200 members has just been organized in this section. A big meeting has been called for August 18 when state officials and representatives of statewide organizations will be present to hear the plan discussed.

Hermiston, Ore.—A new, modern \$12,000 moving picture house built by local capital, is nearing completion at Hermiston.

Ashland, Ore.—Pear picking is now in progress in the Rogue river valley. The green fruit are being prepared for shipment by the five packing plants of the Ashland Fruit and Produce association.

Hood River, Ore.—Fifteen thousand dollars is being spent this summer in repairs to the warehouse of the Apple Grower's association. This will greatly increase their capacity.

La Grande, Ore.—Peppermint oil, 22 gallons of it from an eight acre tract will net a local farmer a comfortable sum, as he has been offered \$44 a gallon for it. The mint was planted only a year previous on a ranch in the Grande Ronde valley.

Portland, Ore.—Bronze bearings for motor trucks used in hauling marine, logging and sawmill machinery are among the products of the North western Brass foundry, which has also recently contracted to make a special brass castings for milk condensers and vacuum tanks, the main product of the plant is bronze tablets and metal letters.

Manufacturing rights on the Pacific coast for a new stoker with automatically feeds the cheapest grades of coal screenings in the fire box of furnaces have been secured by the Portland Wire and Iron Works, which is now turning out this new product. The secret of the stoker is a worm that feeds from the hopper into the fire-box. It is particularly advantageous in apartment houses, hotels and industrial plants.

Salem, Ore.—Loganberry growers in this vicinity will clear no less than \$858,000 from their crop this season, according to the estimate of a local buyer. This income will be higher than any previous season because of higher prices paid.

Ashland, Ore.—Even the old hen is doing big business this year, for the Ashland Ashbellet Egg society has disposed of 6245 dozen eggs during July. These brought prices up to 51 cents.

Portland, Ore.—Not only is the donkey engine getting its chimney muzzled these days by the Adams Spark Arresters company, but the concern is just now beginning manufacture of a similar contrivance for locomotives. The new device separates sparks and smoke through centrifugal motion.

Hood River, Ore.—Fifty-nine full carloads and several smaller additional shipments of strawberries went out this year from Hood River, figures just compiled show. The fruit brought record prices ranging from \$4.05 to \$5.93 a crate.

Forest Grove, Ore.—About eight tons of loganberries and an equal number of cherries are now being turned out daily by the Brownsville Canning company here. Since the season opened it has been running almost full capacity.

Bend, Ore.—To provide a steady supply of high grade building stone to meet the local demand an organi-

zation of Bend business men has been formed and will operate a quarry. This will turn out building blocks.

Bend, Deschutes county, presents a good opening for a mattress factory which enters into the manufacture of mattresses. Write C. S. Hudson, President, First National Bank of Bend.

Hood River, Ore.—R. P. Loomis, New York apple merchant, who is one of the chief owners of the lava bed orchard, a large upper valley tract, has arrived with his family for a vacation on the upper valley resort place. While in the Northwest, Mr. Loomis will study crop and market conditions of Yakima, Wenatchee and Rogue river, as well as in Hood River.

Salem, Ore.—Approximately 1,500,000 pounds of evergreen blackberries will be marketed in Salem

this season, according to W. G. Allen, of Hunt Bros. cannery, who has completed a survey of the local berry situation. Based on the prevailing price of 6 cents a pound the berries will net the growers \$90,000. Two million pounds of the berries were handled in Salem last year, but because of heavy frosts in January, many of the vines were ruined and the production decreased.

Hood River, Ore.—Sixteen members of the X. P. U. club, composed chiefly of women who attended Pacific university at Forest Grove, will assemble this week at Sunshine shanty, the Dee homestead place of Mrs. Edith Tozier Weathered and brother, Albert Tozier. The party will remain ten days. Sunday the reunionists will visit the Devil's Punch bowl, near Winans on the west fork of Hood river, for a picnic. A sumptuous dinner is planned. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Watt, local pioneers, are members of the Pacific university alumni and will join the reunion party.

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