

CONDITIONS IN OREGON ARE GOOD

BERNARD COUNTY OF THE STATE SHOWS PROSPERITY.

The past few days one of the greatest mercantile associations has conducted a business survey of Oregon county by county, and has made a detailed report which, as a whole, makes a mighty good reading. This report, still further condensed, follows:

WASCO COUNTY—Wheat increased 20 per cent in acreage and 10 per cent in yield. Other cereals increased in acreage, slightly increased in yield. Lumber output \$1,000,000 feet is an increase and there is also an increase of 10 per cent in cattle and sheep, and 30 per cent in hogs. Farmers are in fully good condition as last year, and conditions are somewhat slower. There is a 10 per cent increase in bank deposits; an 8 per cent increase in loans; merchants' stocks are higher; no new industries were established; mining industry is on a better basis than formerly; more work done than for years.

HERNAND COUNTY—No change in acreage of grain; 10 per cent increase in hay. Apples increased in yield 25 per cent. Prunes and small fruits decreased 40 per cent and 10 per cent. Lumber output is 40 per cent less. Farmers and merchants are about the same condition. Bank deposits are practically unchanged. No new industries. Prospects are very fair.

CLATSOP COUNTY—Slight increase in oats, hay and potatoes; less fruit the same as last year, except prunes, which are 50 per cent less. No change in condition of farmers; merchants' sales 15 per cent less. Loans and deposits about the same; stocks lighter. Sawmills are about the same, but the outlook is good.

CLATSOP COUNTY—Farmers are in better condition, as well as merchants; loans and deposits show some increase. Merchants' stocks are unchanged. A new flourmill of capacity of 150 bbls. per day. Logging is in poor condition and a few camps are reported running at this time. The salmon industry is in splendid shape, a large pack and good prices.

COLUMBIA COUNTY—Slightly increased in acreage and in yield. Cereals and small fruits show a slight increase. Lumber output decreased 25 per cent. Farmers and merchants in satisfactory shape, but conditions are slow. Loans and deposits are unchanged; merchants' stocks lighter; no new industries. Good prospects for fall.

COOS COUNTY—Dairying, timber and livestock are unchanged; hay shows slight increase. Cherries and small fruits decreased. Lumber output decreased 50 per cent. No change in condition of farmers; merchants feel quietness of lumber industry and stocks are lighter. No new industries. Loans and deposits unchanged. Prospects fair.

CRONK COUNTY—Wheat, cattle, sheep, root crops, the principal products, have increased 25 per cent in acreage of grains. There is no change in fruit crops. Condition of farmers will be 25 per cent better after harvest. Merchants' condition loans and deposits unchanged; stocks are lighter; new elevator and flour mill under construction. Prospects fair. Fall grain was slightly damaged by frost; growing conditions good.

DOUGLAS COUNTY—Light crops generally this year. Merchants are looking their own. Loans and deposits 25 per cent less; no new industries. Prospects are only fair. A decent crop this year will make it necessary to wait for another year.

HEPPNER COUNTY—There is no change in the acreage of grain, but wheat will show an increase of 40 per cent in yield. No commercial fruit. Shipments of products will be about the same. Conditions of merchants and farmers unchanged, with prospects slightly better prospects. No new industries.

HEPPNER COUNTY—A small acreage in wheat and oats increased 10 per cent. Fruit is a practical failure. Livestock shipments will increase 5 per cent. Farmers and merchants are in about the same condition. Stocks lighter. Loans and deposits unchanged.

HARNEY COUNTY—Wheat increased 20 per cent, barley 10 per cent, oats 5 per cent. There will be a 10 per cent increase in the lumber output, 5 per cent in livestock and 25 per cent in hogs. Condition of farmers and merchants somewhat improved. Stocks are lighter. Prospects fair.

HOOD RIVER COUNTY—Hay has increased 100 per cent to 200 per cent; potatoes show slight increase; apples are increased 10 to 25 per cent. Other fruits show a 20 per cent increase. Lumber output has decreased from 25 to 50 per cent. Other shipments will increase 10 per cent.

JACKSON COUNTY—No change in acreage. Apples will show a slight increase, but all other fruits are decreased. Livestock shipments will increase 25 per cent. Where the fruit was frostbitten farmers will be hard up. Standing of merchants unchanged; diversified farming is improving conditions.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY—Nominal grain and hay crops are unchanged. All fruits show an increase of 10 per cent. The lumber output, 12,000,000 to 15,000,000, shows an increase of 10 to 25 per cent. Livestock shipments will increase 25 per cent. Conditions of farmers and merchants slightly better. Deposits and loans increased. One creamery; four new sawmills established. More attention given to stock and dairying is improving matters here.

KLAMATH COUNTY—Grain shows an increase. Farmers in better condition; merchants unchanged, deposits and loans increased; no new industries. Cold Spring retarded crops, but late rains make prospects good.

LAKE COUNTY—Wheat increased 10 per cent in acreage and 50 per cent in yield; oats 5 per cent and 20 per cent; barley 10 per cent and 20 per cent. Fruit yield is decreased 50 to 60 per cent on account of frost. Livestock shipments will increase 15 per cent. Farmers are in better financial condition, and merchants about the same, with stocks unchanged. There is a new sawmill and creamery.

LANE COUNTY—Prunes are 70 per cent short, otherwise a slight increase in fruit. Lumber shipments will decrease about 40 per cent. Condition of farmers is fully as good as last year, but merchants not so well off; their stocks were too heavy and they are buying but little now. Crop conditions good.

LINCOLN COUNTY—Oats, hay and potatoes show increases; fruit about the same as 1913. Lumber output increased 25 per cent. Not much change in condition of farmers and merchants. Creameries have been established at Toledo and Nashville; an ice, cold-storage and fishing plant at Newport. Merchants do not find much increase in general business.

LINN COUNTY—Not much change in acreage and a good average yield of grain. Fruit is a fair crop, except prunes, which are a one-third crop only. Clover seed, a very important product, has good prospects. Lumber is a local product only. Beef and butter show lower prices than one year ago. Farmers are better off than one year ago; merchants are not doing so well. Deposits are higher by 10 per cent and loans 15 per cent lower. If the good crop prospects are realized general business will be better.

MALHEUR COUNTY—Wheat slightly increased, also apples, peaches, prunes and cherries a practical failure; livestock shipments will increase 50 per cent. Farmers and merchants are somewhat better off. No new industries. The light crop of peaches, prunes and cherries is owing to early frost.

MARION COUNTY—A normal acreage in grain, with good prospects. Apples, pears, cherries and small fruits a normal crop. Prunes 25 per cent crop. Lumber shipments will be normal; livestock will increase 25 per cent. Farmers on an average are in better condition; merchants only fair. Hunt Brothers of San Francisco, have established a large cannery here. Looks like a very good year; the only short crop is prunes.

MORROW COUNTY—Wheat is increased 20 per cent in acreage and 30 per cent in yield. Livestock and wool shipments will decrease 20 per cent. Conditions are better than they have been since 1912. A creamery is being started in Heppner.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY—Farmers are all in pretty good shape; better than last year. Merchants are also in better condition. Bank deposits and loans are increased. A cannery is being organized at Gresham.

POLK COUNTY—Condition of farmers and merchants unchanged. Prospects for mixed farming good. Fruit will be short; prunes one-half to one-third crop. Lumbering in very bad condition. Good prices for livestock, wool and mohair. No new industries.

SHERMAN COUNTY—Wheat, an increase of 25 per cent. Farmers and merchants in good condition. Collections, however, are very slow. Loans and deposits smaller. Prospects good.

TILLAMOOK COUNTY—During 1913 the county produced 4,101,992 pounds of cheese, valued at \$627,185.10. This shows an increase in production over 1912, but a decrease of \$20,000 in receipts, owing to lower price being received. This industry is growing and prospects are good. Lumber output shows a fair increase, while it is expected a good run of salmon will be derived this year. Farmers are in good condition, but are buying conservatively and merchants find collections very slow. Not much building is in progress. Loans and deposits about the same as last year.

UMATILLA COUNTY—Wheat increase of 5 percent; barley is normal. Farmers and merchants are in about the same condition. Loans and deposits have increased. No new industries; good prospects.

UNION COUNTY—Grain and potatoes show an increase of 10 per cent to 15 per cent; apples increased 40 per cent; prunes 25 per cent, pears, peaches, cherries and small fruit are short crop. The lumber output is decreased 25 per cent. Livestock and other products 15 per cent increase. Farmers are buying conservatively and merchants operating at less expense. No change in loans and deposits, business conditions appear brighter.

WALLOWA COUNTY—Wheat, oats, barley and hay are increased 10 per cent. Lumber shipments will be same as last year. Sheep will decrease 10 per cent. Other products will increase. A large sawmill is being erected at Enterprise, and a railroad to the Northern part of the county. Prospects are good, a bumper crop is expected.

WASCO COUNTY—The crop is about the same as last year. Livestock shipments will increase. Prospects are good if prices hold up.

WASHINGTON COUNTY—Wheat crop is about the same and with increase 15 per cent to 20 per cent in yield. Other grains unchanged.

WHEELER COUNTY—There is no increase in acreage of grain, but the yield will show a slight increase. Fruit shows a decrease of 10 per cent. Shipments of lumber increase 50 per cent, livestock 10 per cent. Farmers are in slightly better condition than one year ago.

YAMHILL COUNTY—Wheat is 20 per cent short; prunes 35 per cent. Practically all other crops show 20 per cent increase, and shipments will be 10 per cent to 20 per cent greater. The hop crop is a large factor in this county, and is larger than last year. Most merchants report an increase in sales. Indications point to prosperous Fall trade. A new cannery is being erected.

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Items of Interest Concerning Oregon's Many Industries.

The 1914 state wool clip totaled \$2,700,000.

A new wharf is to be erected at Fort Stevens.

Millwaukee gets an additional school house.

Gardiner is getting up quite a building boom.

Coquille is calling \$30,000 bonds for a water plant.

City barns will be built at Portland to cost \$50,000.

Bridge street, South Baker, has been ordered improved.

A cheese factory will be built at Murphy, Josephine county.

Enterprise opens bids August 25 for a \$20,000 sewer system.

A \$2000 bridge is to go in at Oak Ridge across the Willamette.

Railroad service is to be extended from Independence to Airline.

Athena will vote \$50,000 school bonds for a modern building.

The new cannery at Gresham will be located in Mildred addition.

Alvadore and River Road, Lane county, get new school houses.

Three miles of water main will be laid on the Portland peninsula.

The Freeland Furniture and Elcar Desk Co. of Portland have united.

The Haradon Candy Co. of Portland will erect a \$4000 warehouse.

The Oregon City paper industry is not affected by the foreign war.

Forestry officials and Lincoln county will build a road out of Waldport.

A four foot sewer will be laid through Fairmount addition, Eugene.

Albany business men are trying to raise \$7500 to enlarge furniture plant.

Veronica commissioners have authorized sale of \$150,000 dock bonds.

The Orenco Co-operative Marketing Association will build a warehouse.

Thirty new houses are being built at Forest Grove and ten blocks of paving.

Lane county officials are planning a road from Coburg north to cost \$30,000.

The new S. P. & S. docks will be built at the foot of Madison street, Portland.

The Salem, Falls City & Western railroad will be extended three miles up Teal creek.

Editor Levar of the Coquille Herald refused free publicity for Portland Buyers' Week.

Molalla high school will be completed Sept. 1st, and a new water system is being installed.

A freak law that will be proposed in the legislature is to create the office of county advisor.

An extension of the P. E. & E. Ry. at Eugene will tap 3515 acres, 1200 of which are in orchard.

Klamath Falls is agitating for a state highway to reach Crater Lake and the Rogue river valley.

Total expenditures at Astoria to improve harbor facilities will amount to half a million this year.

Signor Francis Griffon of Italy is in Portland to locate fifty thousand acres of land for great cheese industry.

The Jensen Creamery Co. at Richland, Baker county, will have a cheese factory in operation by March first.

The S. P. Co. through its publicity department will spend \$10,000 in advertising Coos Bay and Siuslaw resorts and attractions.

The Oregonian calls the proposed eight-hour law throwing the Socialist hammer into the wheels of Oregon industrial progress.

The Pendleton Tribune says if the laboring man votes for the \$1500 tax exemption he will find himself the victim of his own folly.

Rev. O'Hara, Prof. Young of U. of O. and others met at Portland and created a committee to form a program for the unemployed.

Under favorable business conditions there would be many enterprises started to put water and light in thousands of farmers homes.

The Gold Ridge Mines Co. of Seattle has bought 300 acres of gold placer land on Josephine creek, and will put in a large dredger plant.

The S. P. Co. purchasing office that disbursed \$200,000 a month for supplies has been removed to San Francisco as a measure of economy.

Klamath Falls people think the Oregon-California Power Co. is making too much money and the Oregon Railroad commission will investigate.

The Harrisburg Commonwealth asks if eight bills to regulate taxation and several to appropriate money and levy special taxes will tend to create confidence in prospective manufacturers.

The Blue Sky law is being attacked in a new suit by W. B. McKinney of Portland on the ground of depriving the citizens of property without due process of law and delegates arbitrary power to the commissioner.