CROP VALUATION FOR 1914 TOTALS NEARLY 5 BILLIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—This year's principal farm crops are worth $4,945,852,000, the department of agriculture announced today.

The value of each crop follows: Corn, $1,702,599,000; winter wheat $675,623,000; spring wheat $203,-057,000; all wheat $87 ,680,000; oats, $459,f31.000; barley, $103,'03,-000; rye, $37,018,000; buckwheat, $12,892,000; flaxseed, $19,540,000; rice, $21,849,000.

Potatoes, $198,609,000; sweet potatoes $41,294,000; hay, $779,068,-000; tobacco, $101,411,000; cotton, $519,612,000; sugar beets, $27,950,-000.

Details of the Crops

Corn—Production 2,672,804,000 bushels; acre yield 25.8 bushels. December farm price 63.7 cents.

Winter Wheat—Production 684,-990,000; yield 19.0. Price 98.6.

Spring Wheat—Production 206,-027,000; yield 11.8. Price 98.6.

All wheat production 891,017,000; yield 16.6. Price 98.6.

Oats—Production 1,141,060,000; yield 29.7. Price 43.8.

Barley—Production 194,933,000; yield 25.8. Price 54.3.

Rye—Production 42,779,000; yield 16.T. Price 86.5.

Buckwheat—Production 16,881,000 yield 21.3. Price 76.4.

Flaxseed—Production 15,559,000; yield 8.3. Price $1.26.

Rice—Production 23,649,000; yield 34.1. Price 92.4.

Potato Production

Potatoes—Production 405,921,000; yield 109.5. Price 48.9.

Sweet Potatoes—Production 56,-574,000; yield 93.8. Price 73.0.

Hay—Production 70,071,000 tons; yield 1.43. Price 11.12.

Tobacco—Production 1,034,679,-000 pounds; yield 845.7 pounds Price 9.8.

Cotton—Production 15,966,000 bales; yield 207.5 pounds. Price 6.8.

Sugar Beets—Production 3,142,000 tons; ;yield 10.6 tons. Price $5.43.

The year's principal crops are worth $20,645,000 less than last year, when their value was $4,966,852,000.

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GLENDALE MURDER MYSTERY PROBED BY GRAND JURY

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 15.—Roy Farnum, accused of killing and burning the body of Edna Morgan, near Glendale, last week, faced the grand jury today. In case he is indicted he will probably be tried immediately, unless the defense causes delays. Many people here who have known Farnum declare their belief that the girl committed suicide, while the girl's father is not satisfied that his daughter is dead, according to statements made by him Saturday.

Roy Farnum, a young man 25 years of age, had been keeping company with Edna Morgan, aged 15, for a year past. The latter lived with her aged father. The inquest held at Glendale identified the charred remains found December 9 in the ruins of the barn of H. H. Beamer, seven miles east of Glendale, as those of Miss Morgan, who was last seen alive by her father the night before when she bade him good night and went to her room about 9 o'clock.

MASTERLY DELAY FOR BEET SUGAR

Naming of the committee to have charge of the campaign to secure acreage for the beet sugar factory, is still unselected. W. H. Gore, having charge of selecting announcing today that it would be made at a meeting to be held the middle of the week between members of the Farmers and Fruitgrowers League and F. S. Bramwell representing the beet sugar interests. Most of the committee has been secured, but a couple of vacancies thereon are yet to fill.

It is the intention of the committee to proceed slowly at first, and select committeemen, who have a wholesouled interest in the beet sugar factory, the same as a general would select his aides in a battle, and avoid having any lukewarm citizens in the ranks. A systematic campaign of the valley will be made, and it is expected to have it in full swing by the first of the year, so that the final details will be under way by the first of February.

WANT ROOSEVELT TO TESTIFY ABOUT NATIONAL DEFENSES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Colonel Roosevelt loomed up today as a possible witness before the house naval committee in its discussion of the preparedness of national defenses. At today's session Representative Hobson pressed Chairman Padgett to call the former president, and after some discussion the question was left to be decided in an executive committee meeting.

"Why invite him?" inquired Butler.

"He has been assistant secretary of the navy and at present a commander-in-chief and in a position to know the facts about national defence," returned Mr. Hobson, who protested that his suggestion was being put in a cavallierly way.

Representative Buchanan remarked that "due to the fact that Mr. Roosevelt seldom expresses himself through the newspapers and magazines, it might be well to get hold of him and drag something out of him on the subject."

With that the committee turned to the examination of Commander Stirling, who testified there were eighteen submarines in the Atlantic fleet.

M'GOVERN CONCEDES HUSTING'S ELECTION

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—With the certifying of the election by the state canvassing board of Paul O. Husting, democratic candidate for United States senator, Governor Francis E. McGovern, republican, concedes Mr. Husting's election, according to a statement today by A. C. Umbreit, attorney for Governor McGovern.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(By Glenn Laidley.)

Mrs. W. F. Isaacs gave a splendid musical reading at the local high school Monday morning, December 14, and concluded with a number of splendid musical numbers. This was deeply appreciated by all.

Miss Helen Howard of the girls' basketball team is playing a steady game and has good chances to make the first team.

The Medford high school basketball team will play Central Point next Saturday. The girls' team will also be seen in action, the visiting girls' team have a number of teachers playing, as not enough girls would come out.

Walter Brown has returned to school after a short vacation.

There was a very poor showing of the basketball team Monday evening, there hardly being enough to make two squads. And as it happened, Pinkey Rader was out to see the men go through their evening practice.

George Howard, one of the stars of the gridiron, is thinking of coming out for basket ball in a short time.

There will be an entertainment at the Page Friday evening, proceeds will be turned over to the high school to help pay for the athletic field.

MAIL ORDER FAD PASSING

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favorable natural condition would acount for its being spared the fate of its neighbors. It seemed in violation of all known laws of reasoning and logic that one town could so abundantly prosper while its neighbor a score of miles away, would be slowly decaying under the same general conditions. Investigation, however, would always prove my suppositions wrong. Upon inquiring as to what was due the apparent miraculous salvation of their community happiness and prosperity, citizens of such towns would invariably answer, in substance: "Co-operative, intelligent, and persistent effort on the part of our merchants in teaching the people the truth about mail order competition and educating them to the dollars and cents wisdom of comparative investigation."

Mail Order Efforts

I found that many different methods had been employed to accomplish this result, and although they were all based on the same fundamental theory, I think the one that proved most successful and at the same time most expensive in dollars and effort, was the plan adopted by the business and professional men of a city of some 9000 population located in southwestern Nebraska. Crops had been good and prices high for two or three years and the farmers who had humbly begged accommodations in the way of credit, and in many cases, cash, during the preceding hard times, now found themselves out of debt with an abundant supply of ready money they were dying to spend. The big mail order concerns who keep watchful eyes on every little nook and cranny of the country, and are always the first to take advantage of favorable trade conditions, lost no time in getting their always ready machinery in motion. Soon after the first good crop had been harvested and sold, they began their campaign of unrest and innuendo. Every mail brought hundreds of apepals to the citizens of the town and country to: "Cut out the middle man," "Save money," "Buy direct from the factory," "Cease being hoodwinked by your country merchant," and countless other insinuating phrases of a similar nature. It "took,' and took good. The seductive influence of the beautiful illustrations, and the well chosen words of the silent salesman soon had the merchants of the town at their wits end as how to combat this insiduous influence that seemed each day to be gaining a firmer hold on the purse strings of their former patrons.

In next issue I will relate the details of the plan the merchants of this town used in convincing the people the financial wisdom of comparative investigation.