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EXECUTIVE NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Lucy E. Cowles, executrix of the estate of J. W. Cowles deceased, has filed her final account of her administration upon said estate in the county court of Yamhill county, Oregon, and said court has fixed and designated the fifth day of September, A. D. 1897, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day as the time, and the county court room at the county court house at McMinnville, Yamhill county, Oregon, as the place for the final hearing of said final account. From that time all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified and required to appear at said time and place and show cause, if any there be, why said account should not be allowed and approved, said estate forever and finally settled, and said executrix released and discharged.

Dated this 20th day of July, A. D. 1897.
LUCY E. COWLES,
Executrix of said estate.
GRAMSEY & FENTON,
Attorneys for estate

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

PORTLAND, OREGON, Aug. 23, 1897.

The past week has been one of the warmest on record in western Oregon. The mean temperature for the week averaged 78°, 7° higher than for the preceding week, and 5° higher than the preceding warmest week this year. The maximum temperatures averaged 91°, and the minimum 65°. Wednesday and Thursday were unusually warm, the minimum temperature being about 70° in the interior valleys; as a rule 60° is a high minimum. Temperatures of 100° occurred in Josephine and Jackson counties, in other interior counties they were from 85° to 98°. Along the coast they were from 75° to 85°. No rain during week, except in portions of Jackson and Josephine counties, where thunder occurred on Thursday and Friday with a variable amount of rainfall, from a trace to .33 of an inch. The atmosphere is becoming more smoky. The winds have been northerly.

Threshing of fall and winter sown wheat and oats is about finished. The yield has been equal to expectations, and the quality above an average; it is seldom that the fall-sown grain yields more to the acre or weighs more than it does this year. Harvesting of spring-sown wheat and oats is in full operation; threshing of them has commenced, and reports agree as to the excellent yield and weight. Within ten days, the grain crop will be out of the way; that already threshed is being hauled to warehouses and mills for shipment to tidewater or for grinding.

The second crop of clover is from 8 to 12 inches high in coast counties, while in the interior the grass is drying up. Buckwheat, which is grown principally in Clackamas and Washington counties, will not be an average crop, owing to the heat and absence of rainfall.

The hot weather has been of especial benefit to the hops, checking the ravages of the hop louse and drying up the honey dew. The hop crop has been injured by the hop louse, but to what extent can not be determined; if it should not appear among the hops then the crop will be fair. Picking of early hops has commenced, and this week will find picking quite general; the active and general picking will not begin for ten days yet.

Peaches and Bartlett pears are ripening, and trainloads of fruit are now being shipped east of the Missouri river. The peach and pear crops are unusually large and of extra good quality. Prunes are ripening and evaporating has commenced. Figs are ripe in Curry and Jackson counties, and the trees have on them heavy crops. Grapes are making good growth and a heavy crop will be secured.

Eugene Guard: The imprisonment of men in the Oregon penitentiary without employment is inhuman and uncalled for. Some employment that would not compete with free labor should be provided. Some states use their convicts in making roads. The better class of the unfortunate in the Oregon prison

Beware Of Mercury!

Mr. Henry Roth, of 1848 South 9th Street, St. Louis, was given the usual mercurial treatment for contagious blood poisoning. He was twice pronounced cured, but the disease returned each time, he was seized with rheumatic pains, and red lumps and sores covered his body. "It was a horrible fix" he says, "and the more treatment I received, the worse I seemed to get. A New York specialist said he could cure me, but his treatment did me no good whatever. I was stiff and full of pains, my left arm was useless so that I was unable to do even the lightest work. This was my condition when I began to take S. S. S., and a few bottles convinced me that I was being benefited. I continued the medicine, and one dozen bottles cured me sound and well. My system was under the effects of mercury, and I would soon have been a complete wreck but for S. S. S."

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Senator McBride reached Portland Saturday, as also did ex-Senator Mitchell. The extreme hot weather or the fact that it was Sunday had no deterrent effect on the swarm of men flocking to see and have a word with Senator McBride. The thermometer in the 90's and the pealing of church bells "cut no ice" with them. Most of the callers were applicants for office, and those who were not after a place for themselves were on hand to put in a good word for some friend who is. Senator McBride made his first appearance about 10 a. m. in the corridor of the hotel and found that, even that early, he was in demand. After passing an hour in the hotel corridor, he returned to his apartments and the elevator messenger from that time on was kept busy carrying cards to the senator's rooms. No sooner had one departed than there was another to take his place, and so it continued all day long. Sunday was Senator McBride's busy day.

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R. W. KING, Pastor.

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E. E. THOMPSON, Pastor.

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P. A. POWELL, Pastor.

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T. BRIDGY, Pastor.

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