AROUND RANCHS

Sico farmers have 745 acres of flax.

Hops this year are an exceptionally fine quality.

The prune crop of the Willamette valley is larger than for years,

Summer fallow land in Wasco this year, it is reported, will yield 40 bushels of wheat per acre.

Wool buyers for the Eastern wool crop expect to pay prices that will be satisfactory to owners.

Between 30 and 40 new fruit evaporators have been built this summer in Marion county.

Lincoln county's apple crop will be large. The trees are loaded with fruit of the best quality.

Harvesting is about over in Eastern Oregon and crops are reported good.

Eight cents per pound seems to be the prevailing price for hops in Clackamas county.

Weston reports the largest grain crop this year, that was ever raised in that section. The quality is also very choice.

The freight rate on hops from Portland to New York has been reduced from $2 per 100 pounds to $1.50 the old rate. This is to ½ cent per pound reduction.

California buyers are in the market buying Oregon prunes with which to fill their orders. Large prunes sell for 4 cents. Smaller ones bring 3½cents.

There was a heavy rainfall in LaGrande and vicinity last week which will prove of incalculable value to the farmers. It is said that the rain has increased the sugar-beet crop 15 per cent.

R. M. Powers, of Weston says that in the vicinity of Weston there is the biggest crop raised there since the county was organized and that is the best quality yet produced. We have No 1 wheat for sale." said Mr. Powers, "the grain being clean and bright."

Harvesting is far enough advanced in Wasco county to make it evident that the yield this year will be but little greater than last year. Fall grain is yielding an average of about 25 busels to the acre and spring grain about 14 bushels.

Fred Bailey, of Hood river, had picked and shipped 102 crates of blackberries up to Monday last from one-quater of an acre of 2-year old vines, this being his first crop. He thinks there are 25 crates yet on his vines, and that he will have blackberries until frost comes.

One hundred and fifty head of fine beef cattle were shipped from Myrtle Point to San Francisco last week, making the second like shipment within the past two weeks. Russell and Taylor Dement and J. W. Sears were the chief contributors and received 3¼ cents for cows and 3 cents per pound for steers on foot.

Hop picking is well under way in Lane county. Only 30 cents per box is paid for picking, and in consequence it is difficult to secure a sufficient number of pickers.

G. C. Millett, a well-known Lane county farmer who lives near Junction City, completed threshing his crop Monday of last week. He saved 14,000 bushels of wheat and 2,000 bushels of oats and barley from 600 acres of land, an average of 26½ bushels per acre.

Wool is still arriving at the warehouses in Heppner in considerable quantities. So far this season there have been shipped from there only about 1600 sacks. Over 2,000,000 pounds is now stored in warehouses, with fully 500,000 more to come. Buyers and sellers are as far apart on prices as they were in June. Wheat is also arriving at the warehouses, and by September 10 it will be coming in very fast. The quality is much better than usual this season.

FACTS ABOUT GREECE.

It has a population of 2,187,208.

By its inhabitants Greece is called "Hellas."

No part of Greece is 40 miles from the sea or ten miles from the hills.

About one-half of the population are agriculturalists and shepherds.

It has an area of 24,977 square miles, or a trifle over one-half that of Pennsylvania.

Though not much more than one-half the size of Portugal, it has a coast line greater than that of Spain and Portugal together.

Only about 70,000 of the inhabitants speak any language other than Greek and only about 20,000 profess any religion other than the Orthodox.

Its present boundary limits were determined by arrangement between Great Britain, France, Russia and Turkey, concluded at Constantinople on July 21, 1832.

The present king, George I., came to the throne in 1863, in his 18th year. He draws an income of $260,000 annually including $20,000 from Great Britain France and Russia.

How Gold Gets Its Place.

R. P. Dexter of Galva, Ills., asks:

"Why was silver demonetized?

"Did any country ever come to a gold standard through the efforts or the wishes of the people of that country?"

The two questions may be answered together. The people of many countries have discontinued the use of silver as standard money (demonetized silver) because they prefer gold.

Secretary Morton said in a public address the other day that they deferryized flatboats on the Missouri river in the neighborhood of Omaha because steamboats served the purpose better. Later they deferryized steamboats because a steel bridge served their purpose better still. They didn't make those changes as the result of an election, but as a matter of business.

In like manner the principal commercial nations have abandoned silver and accepted gold as the standard. They have not done so by any town meeting process, but simply as a matter of business.

In the dealings of men living in different countries, or in what is called international trade, there is no standard prescribed by law, or lawful money. But gold has been accepted as the standard by common consent. The people engaged in this trade prefer gold.

Only a short time ago Bolivia deliberately abandoned the silver standard and adopted the gold standard. What the people think of the change may be learned from a citizen of this country who was there at the time of the change, and who "describes the scenes of rejoicing among the people as something far surpassing any other demonstration he ever witnessed. They regarded the change from silver to gold as deliverance out of a wretched condition into the light of a new and better era."

The people of other gold standard countries, whether that standard was originally of their own choosing or not, are not agitating for its abandonment. This country may be regarded as an exception, but the agitation here is less formidable than many people seem to suppose.

Silver mine owners, dishonest debtors and boy orator demagogues are not "the people."—Chicago Chronicle.

Carlisle's Five Points.

I.

"There is not a free coinage country in the world today that is not on a silver basis.

II.

"There is not a gold standard country in the world today that does not use silver as money along with gold.

III.

"There is not a silver standard country in the world today that uses any gold as money along with silver.

IV.

"There is not a silver standard country in the world today that has more than one-third as much money in circulation per capita as the United States.

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Portland Market.

As given by Allen & Lewis.

WHEAT—Practically no business going on. Nominal value for Eastern Oregon, 58c to 59c. Valley, 57c to 58c.

OATS—Market steady with fair demand. No. 1 white, 35c to 37c Nothing but strictly first class stock will bring 37c. Greys, 33c to 35c.

BARLEY—The market supplied. Nominal value at $19.00 to $20.00.

BUTTER—Market is firm. Demand good Eastern butter will arrive here next week, which may weaken prices. Creamery, 50c; dairy, 40c to 45c. State 25c to 30c.

POULTRY—Moderate demand. Old chickens $3.75 to $4.50; young $1.50 to $3.00

EGGS—Steady at 17½c.

DRIED FRUIT—Nothing doing. Nominal values for old apples, 3c to 5c; prunes, 1½c to 3c each. (unbleached) 3c; pitted prunes, 3c. Prospects for fair prices on new prunes are favorable. Growers to sell evaporated apples this year must sell dry stock only.

POTATOES—Good demand, 40c to 50c,

PELTS— 5c@10c

HIDES—Dry, 11@14; green 6c to 7c½.

WOOL—Valley, 14c@15c; Eastern Oregon 10@12c. Market dull.

PEARS—Sun and evaporated, 3@6c.

CHICKENS—Old, $3.75 @ $4.50; young $1.50 @ $3.00.

TURKEYS—Live, 11c. 13 @ 14c

DUCKS—$3.50 @ $4.00

GEESE—Old, $4.50 @ $5.00; young in demand at $5.00 @ 6.00

OATS—No 1 white, 35@37c; grey, 33 @ 35c for choice.

GROCERIES—Sugars of all grades advanced ½c on the 6th. Beet sugar (dry granulated) are again offered at ¼c less than cane. The quality this season is fine.

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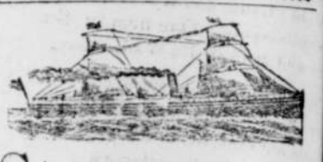

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