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Distribution of Farm and Orchard Lands in County Are Shown in Tax Reports

In order to have vital statistics as to what is really raised in Oregon in the way of fruits, berries and grains, and in order that there might be an official record of such acreage, the last legislature passed a law requiring all assessors to carry special blanks to gather this information.

With the exception of two deputy assessors, all have turned in their reports to county assessor Ben F. West, who will not only keep such records on file, but will make a report each year to the state tax commission.

J. N. Gooding of Woodburn assessed for the extreme northern part of the county in the neighborhood of Champeog and St. Paul, township 4 south

range 2 west, about 25,412 acres of land.

His agricultural and horticultural statistics for this year, show that this extreme northern part of the county cares very little for fruits or berries, but goes in strong for winter and spring wheat, oats, corn and hay crops.

It is strictly a farming section. Of the 25,412 acres assessed, 2759 are in winter wheat, 1921 in spring wheat, 179 in barley, 1312 in corn, 978 in clover and 1076 in other hay crops.

But in this section, oats is the big crop, as the assessment shows 4032 acres growing this spring, or 18 per cent of the acreage. Winter wheat has 11 per cent of the acreage and spring wheat 8 per cent.

This farming section cares very little for fruit trees. Of the total of 25,412 acres around Champeog and St. Paul, only 125 are in apples, three fourths of one acre is in cherries, 10 acres of peaches, no pears, two acres of prunes with 20 acres recently planted, and only three acres of walnuts.

Loganberries are hard to find in this section of the county. The report of Mr. Gooding gives a total of only 17 acres. There is only one half an acre of strawberries in the whole section.

The largest landowner in this section is N. L. McKay of Donald with 794 acres. He has 35 acres in winter wheat, 130 acres oats, 15 of corn, and 20 acres in hay crops. A. Brantley of St. Paul has 623 acres, with 106 in winter wheat, 85 in oats, 12 in rye, 50 in corn, 35 in clover and 35 acres in other hay crops.

Henry Zorn of Aurora has 636 acres planted, 50 in spring wheat, 50 oats, 60 corn and 24 in hay crops. J. E. Smith of St. Paul is assessed with 644 acres and his crops this year are 33 winter wheat, 80 spring wheat, 9 oats, 38 corn and 25 acres of other hay crops.

B. C. Belleu of Newberg has 530 acres and he has in crop 45 acres of winter wheat, 30 acres spring wheat, 30 acres oats and 20 acres barley.

The largest winter wheat crop in this section was put in by Frank Kirsh of St. Paul who rents 426 acres. He has 116 acres winter wheat and 85 in oats. Other large land owners in this section are Theo. Boutin of St. Paul, 323 acres; S. Managre of St. Paul, 345 acres; Juliana Knapp of Aurora, 569 acres; John Beontano, St. Paul, 316 acres; J. N. Schneider, St. Paul, 426 acres; P. G. Smith, St. Paul, 317 acres; heirs of H. B. Genrin, Aurora, 467 acres and J. G. Murphy of Newberg, 400 acres.

Just east of this Champeog-St. Paul district is the Butteville-Aurora-Hubbard assessment district, assessed by M. B. Kroning. In this district there is 18,917 acres, all in township 4 south of range 1 west.

Oats is the big crop this year in this north end of the county, as the assessment records turned in to assessor Ben F. West shows that out of the 18,917 acres in the district, 2430 acres are in oats or about 13 per cent. The winter wheat acreage in this district is 2131, or a little more than 11 per cent of the total acreage.

Other acreage in this district is as follows: Spring wheat 324, barley 76, rye 83, corn 738, clover 819 and other hay crops 827 acres.

Some attention is being given to potatoes as the assessment shows 460 acres now growing, with 66 acres in field beans.

Fruit trees are being given more attention around Aurora and Hubbard than in the Champeog-St. Paul district. For around Butteville-Aurora and Hubbard there is now growing 107 acres of bearing apples with 179 acres not yet bearing. There is 5 1/2 acres in bearing cherries, and only 1 acre in peaches.

Prunes are rather a side line in this oats and wheat country, as out of the 18,917 acres assessed, only 25 1/2 acres are in bearing prunes with 17 acres non-bearing. Loganberries are coming to receive some attention as 73 acres are bearing with 4 acres non-bearing. There is 8 acres in blackberries and 35 acres in strawberries.

The largest landowner in this section is G. B. Hovenden of Hubbard, route 1. He has 1219 acres, planted 80 in winter wheat, 75 in oats, 20 in corn, 5 in hay crops, 8 in potatoes and 60 in other crops.

The next largest land owner in this district is John Murray of Aurora, route 3. He has 314 acres, planted 20 in winter wheat, 12 in oats, 1 in barley, 9 in corn, 10 in clover and 2 in potatoes. Peller & Barkman of Hubbard route 1, have a 430 acre tract rented, planted 90 in winter wheat, 35 spring wheat, 116 oats, 12 in corn, 28 in clover, 12 in other hay crops, 2 in potatoes and 30 acres in field peas.

G. A. Cane of Donald owns 262 acres and has rented 30. He has 39 acres winter wheat, 20 acres in spring wheat and 2 acres in oats. Jas. P. Peller of Donald owns 259 acres, planted 32 in winter wheat, 8 in spring wheat, 27 in oats, 5 in rye, 22 in corn, 8 in hay crops, 1 acre of potatoes, 28 in other crops and 2 acres of non-bearing apple trees.

The acreage put in by the various large land owners does not show the business or activity of the owners as this section of the county is going largely into fine cattle raising and many ex-

STATE HOUSE

The monthly report of the industrial accident commission shows that during the month of June there was a total of 2051 casualties, of which 7 were fatal. The expenses of the department for the month were \$12,270.02. The financial statement goes on to show that there was with the state treasurer a total balance of \$2,878,484.22 in the segregated fund and a total of \$1,820,994.56 in the segregated accident fund. Since the opening of the department in 1913 there have been a total of 70,893 cases coming before it for consideration, among which were 563 fatalities.

Notwithstanding the fact that the investigation in Portland showed that the Blake-Compton company had not attempted to violate their contract on the Gervais-Salem unit of highway, and that the hard-surface on the average was up to specified thickness, the state highway commission has issued an order that all places in the paving that show less than five inches shall be cut out and relaid.

The state printing office has been at work for some time upon the 1919-20 Oregon Blue Book, which will be even more voluminous than the last edition, containing 260 pages. Deputy Secretary Koser expects to have the volume ready for distribution the latter part of July.

Fire Marshal Harvey Wells has just issued the June statement of fire losses for the month of June, showing the losses, exclusive of Portland totalled \$446,654, there being a total of 46 fires during the month. The heaviest losses were entailed in the destruction of the Albany packing house, \$40,000; the Mashfield cannery, \$15,000; and \$29,000 worth of wheat at Hood River.

The query recently came to the office of Attorney General Brown from the secretary of Red Cross organization in Jackson county as to whether a returned soldier wishing to take advantage of state aid in continuing his education, could take a course in an institution outside of Oregon. The case was cited of a soldier whose physical condition made it desirable for him to move to a drier region. The attorney general calls attention to the wording of the act of 1919 which provides that state financial aid may be granted to any ex-soldier honorably discharged who desires to continue his education in any institution within the state of Oregon.

During the month of June \$556.85 was collected in fines by the police and justice courts of Vancouver.

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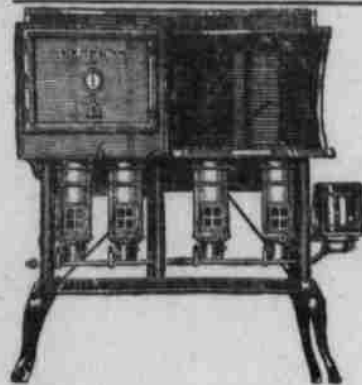
The farms around Aurora and Hubbard and also Butteville are in general much smaller than those around Champeog and St. Paul. That is, with a small acreage in the Butteville-Aurora-Hubbard assessment district, there is almost two times as many farmers, as in the St. Paul section.

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