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WEALTH OF WASHINGTON

Millions of Dollars Worth of Products
Last Year.

Here are some interesting statistics
of the state of Washington for the
year 1906, compiled by the West Coast
Trade of which Orno Strong is editor:

Wheat crop, 1906, 28,000,000 bushels;
value, \$19,000,000.

Other grains, 16,000,000 bushels; val-
ue, \$8,000,000.

Hay and forage product, \$13,000,000.

Fruit yield, \$12,500,000.

Hop crop, 45,000 bales; value, \$1,000,-
000.

Dairy and creamery output, \$9,500,-
000.

Aggregate value of farm products,
\$79,800,000.

Lumber cut, 4,250,000,000 feet; val-
ue, \$50,000,000.

Shingle output, 9,000,000,000; value,
\$17,000,000.

Total lumber, shingle and manufac-
turers' products, \$100,000,000.

Salmon pack, 467,042 cases; value,
\$2,607,360.

Total fisheries products, \$7,175,614.

Coal mined, 3,600,000 tons; value,
\$11,400,000.

Farm, forest, fish and mine products,
\$198,375,614.

Returns per capita to population,
\$199.

Flour manufacture, 4,000,000 bar-
rels; value, \$15,000,000.

Lumber exports, foreign, 235,000,000
feet.

Lumber shipments, coastwise, 800,-
000,000 feet.

Rail shipments, east, 1,250,000,000 ft.

Shingle shipments by rail, 7,000,000,-
000.

Cars, lumber and shingles shipped,
103,000.

Flour exports, 2,544,524 barrels; val-
ue, \$8,601,431.

Foreign wheat shipments, 8,978,953
bushels.

Foreign exports, 1906, \$43,810,315;
1896, \$9,979,050.

Direct foreign imports, \$18,919,714.

Foreign commerce, 1906, \$62,730,029;
1896, \$13,667,478.

Vessels entered, foreign, 1,945; ton-
nage, 1,516,647.

Clearances, foreign, 2,090; tonnage,
1,610,354.

Population of Washington, 1,000,000.

Population in 1900, 518,103; 1880, 75,-
116.

Railways in state, 4,200 miles.

Total assessed property valuation,
\$520,209,882.

Cotton exports, 77,927 bales; \$4,727,-
429.

Cotton manufactures, value, \$5,388,-
103.

Standing timber in the state, 195,-
000,000,000.

To Prevent Car Shortages.

In accordance with the request of
President Roosevelt, Senator Hans-
brough of North Dakota has prepared
the outlines of legislation which he be-
lieves will tend to prevent a recurrence
of the recent congestion in
freight traffic and coal shortages in the
northwest. Some of the points con-
templated by Senator Hansbrough are
provisions giving the interstate com-
merce commission power to inquire
into the equipment capacity under
stress of extraordinary requirements
of all interstate railways; giving the
commission authority to require ship-
pers holding cars in demurrage to un-
load and reload such cars within 24
hours; making it a misdemeanor for
common carriers to compel trainmen
to attempt to move trains containing
tonnage in excess of the registered
tonnage capacity of the engines haul-
ing such trains; authorizing the com-
mission to require the temporary use
of idle equipment of one road to sup-
plement the overtaxed equipment of
another.

The interstate commerce commis-
sion recently held a sitting at Kansas
City to investigate the car shortage
matter and it was agreed by all parties
concerned that much benefit would re-
sult if a free interchange of cars
among railroads could be brought
about. Probably the best means of
bringing this about was, as suggested,
by the establishment of a car clearing
house with every railroad in the coun-
try a member, so that a freight car
would be "at home" and available for
use whenever and wherever unloaded.
Other means suggested were as fol-
lows: Increase of a per diem charge
to railroads for retaining foreign cars
beyond a specified time limit; adop-
tion of a reciprocal demurrage law re-
quiring railroads to pay a penalty for
failure to furnish cars to shippers
within a reasonable time from the date
they are ordered; reduction of the

free time allowed shippers to unload
cars; and construction of new terminal
facilities by both railroads and ship-
pers in thickly populated districts.

The proposition to interchange cars
is good though it will not meet all
situations. Often it is motive power
rather than cars that is short. During
the last couple of years the demand for
iron and steel has been something
enormous. Mills have been unable to
supply the demand and are months be-
hind on their orders. The railroads
could not foresee such an enormous
increase in traffic and their orders for
new engines were not as heavy as they
should have been. Furthermore they
have found it difficult, probably impos-
sible, to get all of the motive equip-
ment ordered. It is likely the conges-
tion this fall has been caused more by
scarcity of engines than of cars.

Educating the farmers.

E. Benjamin Andrews, chancellor of
the University of Nebraska, makes an
earnest plea for more scientific meth-
ods in agriculture. In an address be-
fore the Social Education Congress at
Boston he placed the farmers of this
country at the head of the list of public
educators. He credits the numerous
institutions of learning with accom-
plishing great things for the agricultur-
ists, but sees in the future brighter
and more prosperous days for those who
will till the soil. In the course of his
speech on "Industrial Education in the
Prairie State," he said:

"Gigantic and encouraging as our
propaganda for agricultural enlighten-
ment is, it is only beginning to succeed.
In agriculture as in medicine, knowl-
edge far outruns practice. The expert
agriculturist, like the up-to-date physi-
cian, finds patients callous, often more
in proportion to their need. The
great desideratum of agricultural edu-
cation today is missionary methods and
enterprise. We still know all too little,
yet could we bring farmers to live up
to their best available light they would
speedily become the wealthiest of men.
One is at times tempted to think that
people actually hate wisdom."

The farm of today must be handled
in the best manner possible to give sat-
isfactory results. It is a modern busi-
ness institution. There is an invest-
ment and annual expense account. The
income must be enough to return inter-
est on the capital and pay the owner
yearly dividends. If this farm does not
do this it is a financial failure. Almost
every cultivated tract can be made to
bring good results if correct methods
are followed. There is where practical
education has the advantage over the
old-time systems of farming.

We have many educational features
connected with our agricultural devel-
opment. The general government is a
perfect college and free information
bureau. The farm institutes and asso-
ciation are classes in local science ap-
plying to all home conditions. The ag-
ricultural colleges are institutions of
learning that can be approached by old
and young. They have the winter
schools, dairy classes, horticultural and
agricultural meetings to which all are
invited. One by one the poor farmers
are disappearing before the light of
education. They find work in the cities
where day laborers command only liv-
ing wages.

There are greater opportunities on
the land than in any other line of in-
vestment. The soil and climate pro-
duce abundant crops and the people of
the world must have these products.
Some of the best men in finance and
government comes from the farms.
There is the place to graduate for all
the active duties of life. Let no young
man think he is above farm labor.
When such thoughts enter the mind
and take formal possession the man
thus directed becomes a wage earner
for the remainder of his days. Look
upon the farm as a profit payer and
work it accordingly.—Seattle Post-Int-
elligencer.

Wheat Men Elect Officers.

At the state convention of wheat
men, which has been in session at Pull-
man this week, the following officers
have been elected for the ensuing year:
President, R. C. McCroskey of Garfield;
vice presidents, J. T. Bibb, Tacoma,
and D. A. Scott, Ritzville; secretary,
S. C. Armstrong, Colfax; treasurer, J.
S. Klemgard, Pullman; directors, H.
M. Hauser, Pomeroy, R. J. Stephens,
Almira, Sam Glasgow, Spokane, J. W.
Fry, Davenport, and Professor E. E.
Elliott, Pullman.

A meeting of the officers and di-
rectors will be held in Spokane in Feb-
ruary to arrange for legislative work
and other matters of interest to the
members.

Counties May Take the Land.

Governor Albert E. Mead, it is an-
nounced, will champion at the coming
session of the legislature, says the
Spokane Chronicle, an act providing
that delinquent tax certificates shall
remain in the hands of the county
treasurers of the state, instead of
being disposed of to private individuals,
and that counties may bid for property
sold at delinquent tax sales, and hold
title to the land after the expiration of
the time when the back taxes can be
paid and the land redeemed by the
original owner.

"Outside investors are in the habit
of securing these delinquency certifi-
cates," the governor is quoted as say-
ing. "As a rule the back taxes are
paid by the owner of the property be-
fore the land finally passes from his
possession and it is the delinquent
property owner who pays this heavy
rate of interest. While tax payers are
compelled to pay 15 per cent for loans
during the present prosperous condi-
tions, so long as some one is to ben-
efit from this, why can not the county
extend the period covered by the delin-
quency certificates and advance this
money now furnished by investors? A
majority of the counties have plenty of
money with which to conduct their af-
fairs without having to call upon this
outside capital. Even if the county has
to borrow the money, I know of no bet-
ter disposition the state can make of
the millions at its disposal than to loan
the county what money it needs at a
rate of 5 per cent interest. Even this
would save the tax payers of the coun-
ty the difference between 5 per cent
and the 15 per cent now paid the peo-
ple who secure delinquency certificates.

"Again, there is no reason why the
county can not become the owner of
the property to which owners forfeit
their title by not paying taxes. The
county might as well bid in this prop-
erty at the tax sale and reap any rev-
enues which may result from its fu-
ture sale at market valuations. This
will be productive of a large revenue,
and together with the saving effected,
will equal an income equivalent to that
from a general assessment of several
additional mills.

Ask Money For Rivers.

An appropriation of \$42,000 for the
improvement of the Columbia river in
the vicinity of Wenatchee will be asked
for at this session of congress, and
will, if granted, be another step to-
ward the conversion of the Columbia
into a continuous navigable waterway
from Canada to the Pacific ocean.

It has been proposed to ask for an
appropriation of \$400,000 for the im-
provement of the river from Celilo to
the mouth of the Snake, but it is hard-
ly expected that this will be granted
at the present session.

The Dalles-Celilo canal has been
already authorized and the war depart-
ment recommends an allowance of
\$750,000 for next year's work. This
may be cut down to \$600,000 in the
river and the harbor bill.

It is confidently expected that Rep-
resentative Jones, the northwestern
representative on the river and harbor
committee, will secure the incorpora-
tion in this year's bill of authority for
the following important surveys, in-
cluding estimates of cost:

Bellingham harbor; Blain harbor,
Chehalis river, Skagit river as far as
Sedro Wolley; Puyallup river from
Tacoma to Puyallup, Cowlitz river as
far as Castle Rock, Pend d'Oreille river
from Newport to Box Canyon and pos-
sibly a survey of the proposed water-
way connecting Puget Sound with
Grays harbor. The survey for this
waterway will, if made include an esti-
mate of cost and expert opinions as to
its feasibility and advisability.

Senator Kennedy Early on the Ground.

Senator George A. Kennedy of Odes-
sa, Lincoln county, is the first legislator
to arrive to remain for the session.
Senator Kennedy had not yet made
arrangements for quarters during the
session and so came early. His family
will accompany him. Both Senator and
Mrs. Kennedy are well remembered in
Olympia. He was a member of the
upper house two years ago and was
former state librarian. His wife for-
merly resided in Tumwater and they
were married in this city.—Olympia
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580 acres is under cultivation.

640 acres, all fine wheat land. All under
cultivation; 160 acres ready for spring seeding.
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easy terms. This is certainly a snap.

Here is another: 1480 acres, of which 1100
is under cultivation. The balance is fine grazing
land. Good spring water, well and windmill;
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