

INLAND EMPIRE NOTES.

Spokane, Wash.—Spokane bankers and business men have united under the leadership of the Chamber of Commerce in a campaign to bring about the growing of more alfalfa in the Spokane country, with the resultant increase in hogs and dairying.

They have secured the services of Prof. Perry G. Holden, the Iowa corn expert, to conduct a four-weeks alfalfa campaign in the territory tributary to Spokane, beginning September 24.

Accompanied by a large party of Spokane men, headed by R. R. Rogers, manager of the Vermont Loan & Trust company, the Holden party will journey by special train and automobiles to about one hundred centers, urging the farmers to devote to alfalfa at least a good portion of their land now devoted to wheat or some other single crop.

Spokane bankers are keenly interested in the campaign, which they believe will result in increased farm production and profits, ultimately in greater prosperity for all concerned.

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By figures compiled by the industrial secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, it is shown that factories established in Spokane for the manufacture of shoes, starch, shirts, hosiery, or, in fact, almost anything with the exception of steel products, would have for customers approximately two million people.

All of the district from Spokane west to the Pacific ocean, to Nevada on the south, Great Falls, Helena and Butte, Montana, on the east, and the Canadian border on the north, would be open to manufacturers operating in this city. And, according to the industrial expert's calculation, Spokane manufacturers would be able to control the business in nearly all of this vast territory, certain cities along the coast being the exception.

It is this large territory tributary to Spokane that is attracting the attention of many eastern manufacturers with which the industrial secretary is now in correspondence. Actual investigation shows, however, that the district served from Spokane is even greater than anticipated, as the now reduced distributive freight rates give Spokane control of a large portion of Montana that was formerly controlled by Chicago and St. Paul.

On woolen goods Spokane manufacturers could serve the entire United States. For mackinaw cloth there is a great and growing demand, and especially for that manufactured in the west, as it is conceded to be a superior fabric. Those twelve or fourteen western cities which have woolen mills find it impossible to produce more than a small fraction of the amount they could sell.

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Building permits in Spokane for the seven months ended July 31, show an increase over the same period in 1912 of over 53 per cent. Tacoma and Seattle also made substantial gains. Spokane's permits the first seven months of 1912 totaled \$1,549,000; for the same period this year they were \$2,356,000.

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F. M. March, president of the National Bank of Commerce, Spokane, has gone to his old home in Glencoe, Minn., to attend the burial of his wife, who died last week in California. Mrs. March was the daughter of H. Wadsworth, a merchant of Glencoe. Mr. March expects to return to Spokane about September 7.

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TACOMA BANKS CONSOLIDATED.

Tacoma, Wash.—The National Bank of Commerce and the Pacific National bank recently issued to their depositors circulars giving the final details of the consolidation of the two banks, the actual merger of which will take place September 2.

The officers of the new bank are named as follows: President, Ralph S. Stacy; chairman of the board of directors, Chester Thorne; vice presidents, W. M. Ladd, Geo. S. Long and E. T. Wilson; cashier, Stephen Appleby; assistant cashiers, D. A. Young and R. R. Mattison.

The capital of the bank will be \$1,000,000. For the present the bank will occupy the rooms of the old National Bank of Commerce at Thirteenth and Pacific avenue. Later a building will be erected on the corner now owned by the Pacific National bank, at Eleventh and Pacific avenue.

The organization has been announced of the Tacoma Savings & Trust company, the capital stock of which will be owned by the stockholders of the National Bank of Tacoma. This bank will open for business September 2, the day of the consolidation, in the old banking room of the Pacific National. The savings bank will be capitalized at \$200,000 and will do a general banking business as well as acting as executor of wills and transacting other trust business and the handling of investments of various kinds.

The officers and directors of the new bank will be:

President, Charles H. Hyde; vice presidents, Chester Thorne, Frederick A. Rice and Fred S. Fogg; cashier, A. A. Miller; directors, Charles H. Hyde, Chester Thorne, Wm. M. Ladd, George S. Long, A. M. Ingersoll, Ralph S. Stacy, E. T. Wilson, Fred S. Fogg, W. G. Hellar, Stephen Appleby and Frederick A. Rice.

NEW CANADIAN SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE.

The Province of Prince Edward Island is arranging for a long course in agriculture to be conducted in Charlottetown during the approaching winter. The subjects included will be: Animal husbandry, horticulture, dairying, poultry, agronomy, English, mathematics, bookkeeping, chemistry, and economics. It will be sought to render the instruction equivalent to that comprised in the first year's work of any reputable agriculture college, although the term is only from the middle of November to the middle of April. The attendance will be limited to forty-six pupils, and successful applicants for admission will be given a small scholarship by the Government. The teaching staff will be composed principally of Dominion agricultural experts permanently stationed in this Province. American firms interested in supplying textbooks, charts, etc., should communicate with the Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture, at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada.—Consul Westley Frost.

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