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MAKING A DESERT

ARE FARMERS RUINING PRODUCTIVENESS OF SOIL?

Professor Withycomb Says Our Farms Will Become Wholly Barren In Time.

Now and then you hear the other fellow tell the farmer how to farm, but it is not often that you hear advice given the wheat grower of this great inland wheat belt, for the reason that about the only effort required on his part is to get the seed in the ground when fertility of soil and climatic conditions insure the crop.

However, the wheat grower, according to Professor Withycomb, is ripe for a "hunch" that he needs fixing, and the Prof. gives the "hunch." The professor has a theory; a theory that for all we know is original. We'll give him credit for breaking the shell of a new bubble of pointers for the rancher, and allow him to rest peacefully on his laurels, at the same time refraining from mentioning anything about 50 bushel wheat that grows year after year on land that has been summer fallowed. Here is the professor's prophecy, made in Portland the other night, and printed in the Journal:

"Unless the farmers in the great wheat growing districts of Eastern Oregon adopt scientific methods in farming, that productive country will be reduced to a desert waste within a few generations.

"Many farmers have the mistaken idea that summer fallowing the land is a benefit to the soil," he said. "The farmer who erroneously rests his soil is not only losing the crop of that year, but he also loses strength from his soil. The loss of strength in a piece of land in one summer fallow is sufficient to grow four heavy crops of wheat.

"Within a few generations, if the present method of farming is continued, Eastern Oregon will become a desert waste. When the organic matter in the soil is reduced by the present methods, instead of growing crops with 9 to 12 inches of rain annually, the soil will require from 18 to 20 inches. If they would occasionally alternate their crops of wheat with crops of alfalfa, or vetches the soil would always be productive; if not the soil of this country will become the same as in certain districts of France where large areas once covered with farms and forests are now unproductive." The speaker said that

the white lands in Linn, Benton and Lane counties which are considered worthless could be made very productive by planting vetches to renew the organic matter in the soil.

THE CHANGE OF POLICY

President Takes First Step Toward Revision of Philippine Trade.

Washington, Oct. 23.—President Roosevelt's reference to the Philippine question in his speech at Atlanta, it is learned, indicates the nature of legislation to be proposed by his friends in congress this winter. A bill is to come through the ways and means committee providing for the free entry into this country of Philippine products, and also opening the islands to investment. The restrictions at present imposed are to be swept away.

Mr. Roosevelt's reference in his speech to "unfortunate measures which have seriously, in some respects

vitaly, hampered the development of the Philippines," marks his first step away from the policy of "The Philippines for the Filipinos."

He serves notice that the policy excluding capital has failed. The Philippines need capital, and there are two ways of securing it. One is by alteration of the tariff arrangement which now levies a heavy burden upon Philippine products exported to the United States. Another is by removing some of the restrictions which have prevented the investment of capital by individuals or corporations from the states.

NEEDS THE MONEY

HEPPNER WOULD LIKE TO USE THE RELIEF FUND.

Construction of a Big Dike for Protection Against Cloud Burst Disasters.

When the town of Heppner was nearly destroyed and wiped out of existence by a cloud burst and scores of her citizens were swept to a watery grave, not only the people of Oregon, but of other states heeded the cry for help, and generously sent assistance to the stricken town.

Nearby towns were the first to respond with help and money, Athena sending down several workers and something over \$500 in money. Of the enormous fund raised for Heppner's relief there remains unexpended in the hands of a Portland committee, \$17,000. It is now proposed to take this remainder of the fund and expend it in the construction of a dike for the purpose of protecting the town from a recurrence of a cloud burst disaster.

"The people of Heppner would be glad to receive the \$17,000 that remains in the hands of the Portland committee for the relief fund raised here two years ago for the assistance of our town after the terrible flood," said Henry Blackman to the Portland Journal.

Mr. Blackman has been commissioner from Morrow county during the exposition and boasts that his county secured 41 gold medals, the record for a county in the state in proportion to population. He is one of the executors of the estate of the late Henry Heppner, after whom the town was named. Mr. Heppner was living when the flood occurred and gave \$500 toward the relief of his town, although he was a heavy loser.

"We people in Heppner," said Mr. Blackman, "believe that it would be a graceful act for the custodians of the \$17,000 relief fund to devote it to straightening the course of Willow creek, the stream which, swelled by an almost unprecedented cloud burst, nearly wiped the town from the map. It is proposed to straighten the creek, build a dike along the banks and widen the channel, so that hereafter if cloud bursts occur the water will flow away without meeting any of the obstructions now in the course of the stream.

"When the people of Heppner partially recovered from the awful devastation caused by the flood they indulged in a burst of generosity and said to the committee of Portland business men in charge of the relief funds that the residue of the money should be kept in Portland. They little realized that the people of our town were going to suffer because of the fear that there might be a repetition of the flood of 1903. Only one thing will cure that timidity and that is to straighten the banks of Willow creek and build the proposed dike."

WILKINS' KONCERT CO.

Good Entertainment for Athena People at Opera House Nov. 6 and 7.

S. L. Spencer announces that he has secured the well known Ery and Nellie Wilkins' Kinetoscope Koncert Co. for their excellent entertainment to take place here in the opera house Monday and Tuesday evenings, Nov. 6 and 7. Their performance consists of music on over 20 different instruments. Among them the old and well known Swiss bells—the aluminum chimes—the most beautiful musical instrument known this one alone costing \$165 and the first one ever brought to the west. The South American Mirambaphene sleigh bells and many others. Nellie Wilkins and her mammoth troupe of parrots, cockatoos, canaries are positively the finest troupe of trained birds in the world.

E. J. Wilkins the upsidedown American Jap juggler with his barrel table and cross are alone worth the price of admission, as are also the dancing marionettes, up to date tricks, modern magic, funny songs and laughable sketches. They come well recommended by the pulpit, press and public. Don't forget the date.

For Sale.

O. G. Chamberlain, the real estate dealer, offers for sale:

One dwelling and three lots, \$1100.

One house, barn and three lots, \$300.

A good cottage, outbuildings and one lot, \$1000.

One dwelling, barn and three lots and other choice city and farm property.

Local Wheat Market.

Wheat is quoted today by Athena buyers at 61 cents.

Separate Four Bowls With Cascarons. Candy Catherine, cure constipation forever. No. 75c. If C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

FIRST WHITE CHILD.

Mrs. Sarah O. Hennessy Said to Have Been Born at Meacham in 1843.

Another "first white child born in Umatilla county" has been discovered. It is Mrs. Sarah O. Hennessy of Portland, who died Saturday, aged 63 years. Of Mrs. Hennessy and her history the Portland Oregonian says:

The body of Mrs. Sarah Olinger Hennessy was shipped to Gates, Ore., last night by Dunning, McKintee & Co., and the burial took place there. She died at the North Pacific sanatorium Saturday of cancer. She was aged 63 years. The husband accompanied the remains to the family home.

Mrs. Hennessy was the daughter of Abraham Olinger, pioneer of Oregon, and was the first white child born in Umatilla county. Her birth occurred at Meacham, a station on the Oregon Short Line, in the Blue Mountains. The date was October 7, 1843.

Her parents, accompanied by other pioneers of Oregon, among them Judge Waldo, were just arriving in the "Oregon country," having crossed the plains on their western journey.

The birth was a great and notable event, and was celebrated in camp by a jollification meeting and general felicitation. During her lifetime of 62 years, Mrs. Hennessy never saw any but her native state, with the single exception of Washington. She visited relatives in various sections there but never went to the homestead of her parents in the east. She was married to E. Hennessy 22 years ago. Prior to that time she was a school teacher, and by careful, painstaking work, wrought quietly but faithfully and unceasingly in the upbuilding of the mental and moral welfare of the youth of earlier Oregon.

These are things which all persons familiar with the growing importance of Athena have doubtless long known. But most of the Portland people did not know them, and they were just as glad to find them out as Athena people appeared to be to tell them.

MONEY-ORDER DODGE.

Singular Scheme Worked by Weston Brickyarder.

Says the Weston Leader: J. W. Leech, postoffice inspector, was in town Wednesday. He is said to have been summoned to investigate the case of C. E. McGavran, who is accused of attempting to "work" the money order department to his own advantage. It appears that McGavran before leaving Weston, where he had been employed at the brickyard, bought two money orders for a total of \$16, payable to his own order at Vancouver Wash. These he pledged for \$11 with Roy Stewart at the White House saloon without endorsement. Upon reaching Vancouver he made affidavit at the postoffice there that he had lost the orders and the Vancouver postmaster having received the advices and supposing that everything was correct sent to Weston for duplicates. These Postmaster Baker would have issued without question had not Mr. Stewart called meanwhile to see if the original money orders were O. K. What action Inspector Leech will take remains to be seen as of course he kept "mum" over the affair as is the habit of inspectors. McGavran is a well-informed man of middle age whose friends are at a loss to account for his somewhat shady transaction, especially as he is said to hold a good position at Vancouver.

Sunday School Institute.

Rev. W. C. Merritt, Sunday school field worker for Washington, and a man of national reputation in Sunday school work, will hold an institute in Pendleton, Nov. 4th and 5th. All Sunday schools in the county are urged to send delegates to the meeting. The opportunity of hearing a man familiar with all phases of Sunday school work should not be missed. The institute will be held in the Congregational church of Pendleton, Saturday and Sunday, afternoon and evening, November 4th and 5th.

Helix Hotel Fire.

Fire early Saturday morning completely destroyed the Arlington hotel at Helix. The damage amounted to about \$1,500, but the amount of insurance is unknown. The conflagration started in the kitchen, presumably from a range. A number of guests were in the hotel at the time the blaze was discovered. No one was injured, but one girl, Miss Miller, barely escaped and had no time to secure her clothing, which was all destroyed.

Installs a Sawmill.

William P. Reser, who lives in Walla Walla, but owns a large ranch in the northern part of Umatilla county, has just completed a big sawmill plant thirteen miles southeast of Walla Walla, in a heavy timber section of Umatilla county. Mr. Reser will engage in the lumber business on an extensive scale.

Jerry Simpson Dead.

The funeral of ex-Congressman Jerry Simpson, who died at Wichita, Kansas yesterday, will be held tomorrow in the Scottish Rite temple in that city. The body will lie in state from 1 to 5 o'clock today. The funeral will be Scottish Rite entirely.

Court Convenes Today.

The jury session of the state supreme court convened this morning at Pendleton, Judge W. R. Ellis presiding. The new court room, though not as yet completed, will be sufficiently in order to be occupied, an extra force of men being employed all day yesterday to get the room as nearly ready as possible, reports the Tribune.

To Sheep Owners.

I wish to correspond with sheep owners with a view of taking from 1800 to 3000 head of sheep on shares or to purchase. Best of reference given. Address, W. Rulan Williamson, Pocatella, Idaho.

For Sale.

The desirable piece of real estate on Main street known as the Carden property is now offered for sale. For price, apply to Charles Norris, Athens, Oregon.