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Umatilla county wheat raisers will be interested in the following statistics relative to wheat production in the Argentine republic:

Aside from the production of cattle, by which Argentina first attracted attention, the country is known as a wheat grower and will continue to increase in importance in this direction. The extraordinary gain made during 1903-04 in crop raising as against animal production was not due to any unnatural or phenomenal causes. Exports of farm products during the first six months of 1904 increased more than a third over the same period in 1903, which was considered a very good year. At the same time the exports of animal products fell off 8 per cent. The total wheat export of Argentina up to the 1st of October, 1904, was 100,000,000 bushels, while the total for the year 1903 was only 75,000,000, and for the preceding year only 23,690,070 bushels. The wheat area is rapidly extending to the west and southwest. The acreage estimated by the Argentine department of agriculture for the past season was 9,275,178, and the estimated production 224,160,608 bushels. This is chiefly in the provinces of Buenos Ayres, Santa Fe and Cordoba, with smaller amounts in Entre Rios and in the territory of the Pampa.

The Barnes brothers of Elgin have purchased 150 head of goats and will engage in goat raising. They made their purchase from goat raisers in Western Oregon and have a fine herd to start with. The promoters of the new scheme have several hundred acres of timber land north of that city on which the animals will be kept a greater part of the time. On some of the land the timber has been removed and it is thought that the goats will greatly assist in clearing the land of undergrowth and brush. Goat raising has grown to be quite a large and profitable industry in the western part of the state and there is no reason why results as good should not be obtained east of the Cascades. Mohair readily sells for 30 to 60 cents per pound.

In Eastern and Central Washington the farmers' telephone lines are being connected with the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company's long distance system, and wherever the change has been made, after thorough demonstration, the service is said to be found much better than under the old method of having your neighbor to call up another neighbor before you are enabled to talk with some other neighbor. The rural lines en-

tering Athena are accommodated in the matter of making connections by Wm. McBride and C. A. Barrett & Co. These firms have for the most part given time and attention to telephone calls free of charge. The rural telephone business has assumed such proportions that the point is reached where an operator is necessary, and the question has been raised whether it would not be more satisfactory to merge the rural lines with those of the long distance company and have all the work done through one office and with one set of operators. Argument favoring this consolidation is made strong by the claim that charges would be low and the service would be of the best.

A neat swindle has been worked on the state of Washington, whereby that state is loser by several thousand dollars. Our sister state has a bounty of \$1 on coyotes and \$2.50 on wildcats, and a genius named Wright has been raking in the shekels pretty fast during the past six months. His record has been great during the past six months on coyotes and wildcats in King county, he having presented 450 coyote and wildcat scalps. This led to an investigation and it was learned that the scalps were brought on from the east and passed off on the easy county officials.

The News Letter published at Hood River celebrates its first anniversary by getting out a fine, 20-page illustrated edition, setting forth the great advantages of Hood River and that valley. The edition is the best that has ever reached our desk. Not only is it well edited but the illustrations excel those of the ordinary magazine and the press work is perfect. The edition is a credit to the publisher and the town which it advertises.

The democrats nominated W. R. Hearst for governor of New York, and endorsed Bryan. The republicans nominated Hughes for governor and endorsed President Roosevelt's administration. Tammany hall helped Hearst to defeat the Jerome democrats, and now the latter will bolt Hearst. Such is politics in the Empire state.

William Pinkney Whyte, the new senator from Maryland, was 82 years old in August. He has for colleagues Edmund W. Pettus, 85 years old, and John T. Morgan, eighty two, the two from Alabama. These three men are senators indeed, in the original sense of the word.

The Hermiston Herald is the youngest and latest newspaper swaddling to make its appearance on the Press exchange table. It is a healthy infant, comes to us in a handsome dress and apparently is nursed by some one who is well up in the ways and manners of newspaper work.

Bolting is a popular fad. Mayor McClellan has bolted Hearst. Fifty thousand republicans will bolt the head of the ticket in Iowa. The bosses must be defeated. This is a bad year for bad men.

Cuban independence is only an "iridescent dream," full of nightmares. Don't blame Palma for wanting to skidoo. The Teller resolution was a stupid and stupendous blunder.

A Kansas statesman suggests a law making it a criminal offense to give away campaign cigars. Move to amend by making it a criminal

offense to give away 5 cent cigars for campaign purposes.

Until President Roosevelt becomes a grandfather, Emperor William may claim that he is a better man than the great American.

## THE DIVORCE EVIL.

Spokesman-Review.

The recent grinding out of a large number of divorces by the courts in this city, while not accompanied by any particular sensational features has afforded to all who take an interest in the divorce question as a social problem an interesting subject for study and reflection. If the number of divorces that have just been granted were a matter of everyday occurrence there would be a strong sentiment that conditions here were terribly and regretably bad. They are bad enough, it is true, but not quite so serious as the court records of a week would seem to indicate. The practice of reserving for special dates the disposition of divorce cases must be taken into consideration.

If conditions are worse here than could be desired they are still not nearly so bad as in some other localities. It is predicted that the forthcoming report of the census bureau on marriage and divorce will not reflect any credit on the people of the United States. While the statistics are far from complete, the work of gathering them has gone far enough to convince the bureau that the complete showing will reveal a startling condition of affairs. In some cities the agents of the bureau are finding that for certain periods the courts have been divorcing men and women about as rapidly as the preachers unite them in marriage.

In nearly all the northern cities, it is said, the statistics show that the divorce mills have been working overtime. In most sections of the south the marriage vow is still held sacred. Even in the southern cities the agents are finding that divorce proceedings are seldom resorted to.

The popular demand for remedial legislation is likely to be renewed when the complete report is made public, and state legislatures meeting next January may find themselves besieged by the advocates of reform. It is understood that whatever is done will have to be by the various states, congress not being constitutionally authorized to pass a federal law on the subject applicable to all the states. There is unfortunately little reason to expect that uniformity in state legislation which is hoped for in order to give real strength and general effectiveness to correction of the divorce evil.

## AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

Baker City Herald.

Where the law conflicts use common sense. In following that method Judge Wm. Smith this morning solved the problem which has been perplexing the courts of Baker county since Oscar Jacobson was arrested charged with moving sheep from the county without a permit from the stock inspector, Carl Parker.

The circuit court through Judge Smith this morning held that Jacobson's defense, that he had a permit from the Union county inspector, was good. He directed the jury to return a verdict acquitting Jacobson.

There seems to be two laws regarding stock inspection on the statute. With one of these Jacobson had complied. One gives the permission to move stock upon the certificate of the inspector of the county in which they are at the time of moving, the other of the inspector of the county into which they may be moved.

Judge Smith decided that it was for the protection of the county into which the sheep were being taken that the law was intended, and that the certificate of the Union county inspector whose territory was about to be invaded by Jacobson's sheep, was the proper one. He held that as a matter of common sense it would not protect Baker county stock to have unhealthy sheep kept in the county, but that it would injure the stock of the county into which they were to be taken, and hence the jurisdiction should rest with the Union county man.

## NEW PUZZLE: HOW OLD IS JANE.

Denver Times.

One of the justices the other day encountered a problem that is still puzzling him. Among the witnesses in a case was a woman who had been called to tell of the quarrel which led up to a hair-pulling between two of her neighbors in a big tenement house.

She took the stand and was sworn, and counsel for the defendant asked her name.

"Jane Symonds," she answered.

"How old are you?" asked the lawyer.

"Well," responded the witness, "I am the oldest of the family. There are fifteen of us, and there is just a year and a half exactly between the birthdays. I am just eight times the age of my little sister Eva, who is the youngest of the family. You can figure it out for yourself."

The court and the lawyers are still figuring. See if you can make it out.

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