

Government Issues Its Crop Report

WEATHER UNUSUALLY MILD IN
NOVEMBER—CONDITION OF
WHEAT 90.10 PER CENT

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—
The government crop report for Ore-
gon is issued as follows:

The Weather

The Portland office of the United
States weather bureau reports for No-
vember in part as follows:

"The month was unusually mild and
was the warmest November of record
since 1904. There were heavy rain-
showers in the western division dur-
ing the first decade, elsewhere the
rainfall was light and scattered until
the last three days when copious rains
put the ground in fine shape for fall
plowing, which had been practically at
a standstill on account of dry soil. De-
ficient moisture prevented satisfac-
tory germination of late seeded grain,
but early sown grain that was above
ground was generally a good stand
and looking fine. Pastures and ranges
were improved, and appeared to be
furnishing sufficient feed for stock.
The long season permitted the har-
vesting of all late crops in prime con-
dition."

The favorable November conditions
have continued this month to date,
except that heavy rains have fallen in
the western portion of the state dur-
ing the past few days. It will be re-
called that the month of October was
very dry and therefore unfavorable
for fall seeding operations.

Fall Seeding

While conditions for fall seeding
have not been ideal they have been
much better than last year, and as a
result there has been a very material
increase over last year in the acreage
seeded to winter wheat and rye. The
rains of the latter part of November
and early December, followed by mild
temperatures, have been very benefi-
cial to growing crops. While fall
seeding was generally considerably
later than usual, the favorable mois-
ture and temperature conditions have
developed a growth well up toward
normal, which, combined with the in-
creased acreage, gives promise of a
large winter wheat crop for 1918 har-
vest. Reports indicate that the per-
centage increase in the rye acreage
is not as great as that in wheat. Es-
timates are as follows:

Winter Wheat

Oregon—Area seeded fall of 1917,
562,000 acres, compared with 450,000
acres seeded last fall. Increase, 112,-
000 acres or 25 per cent. Condition
90 per cent of normal, compared with
78 per cent last year, and a ten-year
average for December 1 of 94 per cent.

United States—Area seeded fall of
1917, 42,000,000 acres, compared with
40,534,000 acres seeded last fall. In-
crease, 1,466,000 acres or 4 per cent.
Condition, 79.3 per cent of normal,
compared with 85.7 per cent last year,
and a ten-year average for December

1 of 89.3 per cent.

Rye

Oregon—Area seeded fall of 1917,
35,000 acres, compared with 31,000
acres seeded last fall. Increase, 4,000
acres or 13 per cent. Condition, 95
per cent of normal, compared with 94
last year, and a ten-year average for
December 1 of 97 per cent.

United States—Area seeded, fall of
1917, 6,120,000 acres, compared with
4,480,000 seeded last fall. Increase,
1,640,000 acres, or 36.6 per cent. Con-
dition, 84.1 per cent of normal, com-
pared with 88.8 last year and a ten-
year average for December 1 of 92.2
per cent.

A general review of crop production
and values for the year 1917 for Ore-
gon and for the United States will be
issued in the near future.

F. L. KENT,
Field Agent.

Low Down.

"I'm having a new dress made,
but my heart isn't in it."
"Is it as low as all of that?"

Good to Have in the House.

Coughs, colds, croup and grippe
are prevalent. Colds promptly
checked mean saving of time, money
and health. Pneumonia and other
serious illness may follow a neglect-
ed cold. T. F. Lynch, 100 Spring
Ave., DuBois, Pa., writes: "For many
years we have kept Foley's Honey
and Tar in the house and it has
saved many dollars in doctors' bills.
It is fine for colds." A child's health
is too precious to risk giving im-
itations or substitutes; insist on Fo-
ley's. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

BUILDING MATERIAL

FUEL, HAY, GRAIN, FLOUR, PRODUCE, LIME, PLASTER
AND CEMENT

Lehigh Portland Cement

Aberdeen Coal

Wholesale and Retail

The Sawyer-Holmes Mercantile Co.

LA GRANDE, OREGON

AUTOMOBILE TOPICS

BUY MAXWELLS

Dr. Gilmore of Imbler, bought a
Maxwell Tuesday. Dennis Charlton,
an O-W. engineer, bought a Maxwell
Monday. Clyde Charlton bought one
last week. This makes the second
Maxwell car that each of the three
has purchased.

Miss Myrtle Steadman recently
spent sometime at the Chalmers and
other Detroit plants getting material
for a forthcoming movie production.
Gordon Muir, Chalmers advertis-
ing manager, was eager and anxious
to meet pretty Myrtle—and they
posed for the camera with the follow-
ing results:

HOOT BONNY MYRTLE

Stood "Sandy" Mac Muir and Myrtle
together
Shiverin' as though there was ice on
the heater
Just about freezin', still he kept
squeezin'
Her wee pretty hand, as soft as a
feather.

The camera was standin' and ready
for clickin'
This picture of "Sandy" and Wee
Bonny Chickie:
The wind—beat the band,
An' he still held her hand
While the man at the camera kept
squearin' and clickin'.

Says Muir to the Lassie, as nice as
you would
"I'd stand here forever if only I
could."
And the wind kept a beatin'
With "Sandy" repeatin':
"It's a mighty ill wind that disun-
blaw guid."

Telecast Items.

Mrs. Bruce Hendricks, who has
been quite ill, is able to be about
again. The new coal chute has been
completed. A program and Christ-
mas tree will be given at the school
house Christmas eve. Miss Edith
Hodgkins has gone to Summerville to
spend the winter. Lee Young and
family moved to Hilgard this week.—
North Powder News.

Read The Observer Classified ads.



Give Something
Electrical
This Christmas

Everybody wants—this
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and useful.

Here is a suggestion which
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actly and you can't make
a mistake, no matter for
whom the gift may be in-
tended—

Table Lamp
Vacuum Cleaner
Tree Lighting Outfit
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Flatiron
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Chafing Dish
Percolator
Portable Floor Lamp
Sewing Machine Motor
Curling Iron Heater
Grills
Heating Pads

Nash Electric Co.
Foley Building

NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE WORLD OF SPORTS

BOXING CONTENTS ARE HELD AT ARMY CAMPS

By H. C. HAMILTON
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Winners of
boxing bouts in Camp Devens at
Ayer, Mass., are going to get a chance
to branch out during the winter. So
much enthusiasm has been thrown
into this branch of military training
at the camp that winners of elimi-
nation contests that have been started
will be sent to Boston to take part
in the A. A. U. championships to be
held there.

Organization that first was made
at Camp Devens for teaching sports
has fallen down and a new system
built around the old plans.

Lieut. Robert C. Downing, division-
al athletic officer, expressed to The
United Press the view that athletics
as it was carried on at first tended
to develop the few rather than the
many, and that some plan was neces-
sary to give every man an opportu-
nity to gain the benefit of athletic
work.

"We are developing a far reaching
plan," he said, "that should take in
every man in camp and give him not
only physical action but mental re-
laxation. This will be especially
necessary and beneficial during the
coming winter months when the men
will not get very far from their bar-
racks. This plan is to have weekly
schools for non-commissioned offi-
cers, these to be taught games of ev-
ery sort, two or three new games a
week, and each man to pass these

on to the company he represents.

"By this means we plan to reach
every enlisted man. Our experience
shows us that the men take to these
games with great enthusiasm and
with great benefit to themselves.
The period now given to physical drill
will undoubtedly be given over to
this purpose. As the skeleton for
this system we have the first division-
al athletic officer and his staff of
men (trained in this sort of work),
then the brigade and regimental ath-
letic officers, and the company ath-
letic officers, the latter the most im-
portant unit. These officers have
been appointed since the opening of
camp, but the divisional officer has
only been named very recently. With

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
In the matter of the estate of
Robert S. Forbes, Deceased.

Notice is by this given that the
undersigned administrator of the es-
tate of Robert S. Forbes, deceased,
has filed his final account in the
county court of Union county for the
state of Oregon, and that said court
has made an order setting January
21st, 1918, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the
County Court Room in La Grande,
Union County, Oregon, as the time
and place to hear objections to, and
the consideration of, said final ac-
count. All persons interested should
attend such hearing.

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Save Gasoline—Save Tires
—Drive a Maxwell Car

The automobile has suddenly become
more than ever a necessity in passenger
service.

We must go about from place to place to
carry on our part of the world's work.

We can no more get along without motor
cars than we can without the telegraph or the
telephone.

But motor cars to-day must be light, dur-
able, economical.

The Maxwell has always been light, dur-
able, economical—made so to meet an im-
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the time.

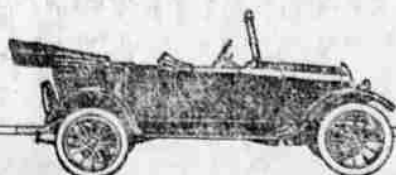
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Jefferson Street



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One Hundred and Fifty
Turkeys to be shot off
next

Sunday
Dec. 23rd

at

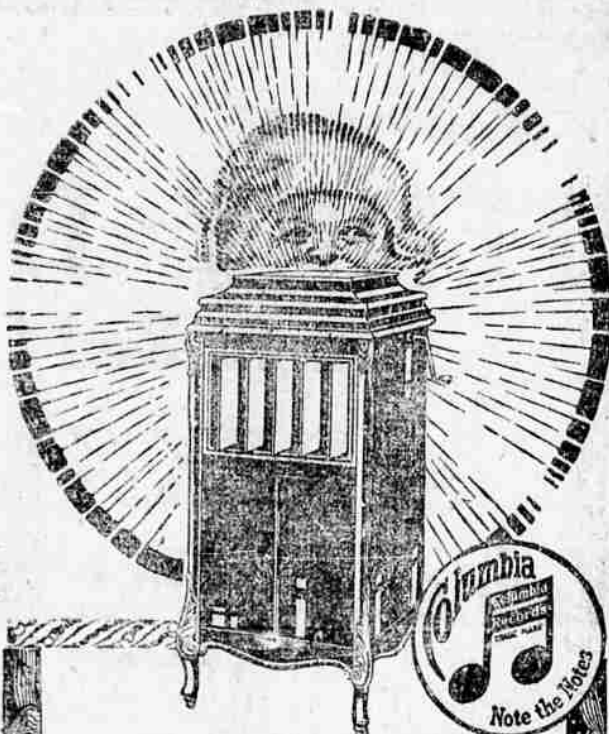
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