

Heat has been somewhat by the way, and the late spring wheat is suffering from lack of moisture. But the general outlook for a good crop is very promising, unless exceptionally hot and dry weather should follow during the next couple of weeks. Harvest will be started here about after July 15th, and on toward the latter part of July the bulk of the wheat will be stored.

COVE—Fall wheat, good, but spring wheat is weeding rain badly and is burning. Wheat crop will be short unless good showers are had within the next few days. Hay crop is good; better, if August, than last year.

SUMMERVILLE—The crops all around are looking very fair here, but yet become really serious. Rain is needed, but conditions favor wheat is good and spring wheat is also making a good showing. The hay crop will likely be a little light. There is some good clover, but the timothy, which is the chief source of feed, is somewhat short.

IMBLER—Rain is badly needed here, but the grain is all standing up well under the long dry spell. There will be a good hay crop here this year, and farmers will be busy getting it put up within the next two or three weeks.

NORTH POWDER—The grain on all the irrigated land here is, of course, all in good shape. There was practically no damage by frost to the fall wheat and it is promising a good yield. The spring wheat is also fairly good and though needling rain has not yet started to burn. There will be only little more than half a hay crop in this district this year. A sixty per cent. crop is the estimate made.

UNION—The spring wheat in this section is looking decidedly poor. Very little fall grain is grown here. Though the past few days have not been hot, with fairly warm nights, there have been frosts of late that have injured the spring grain somewhat, and with the heat and drought of the last few days it has been considerably burned. There is also a poor outlook for a crop in this district. The first crop of alfalfa will be poor and the other grass is also short.

Industry.
I was industrious; whoever is equally sedulous will be equally successful.—Bach.

A Gallop in the Country.
What pleasure is keener than that afforded by an early morning gallop in the country? Choose a bright, fresh May day, a little after sunrise, when dew and flowers and bird-song and wind-rustle and all the sweets and perfumes are at their best; mount and away. Your good horse will know what you are going to do, and will show the liveliest interest, for he likes these early flights as well as you do. . . . He hears the song, too.—Maurice Thompson.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Harndon Names Outlaw Horse
Giles Harndon, who sells the products of the Tri-Blu Biscuit Company, of Spokane, in Eastern Oregon, followed his usual custom this year and attended the Union Live Stock Show. Mr. Harndon has been going to the show and boosting for it for the past eight years, or more, and he seems to have earned the friendship of the Union folks by his friendship for them. In fact, it was Mr. Harndon who on four successive occasions succeeded in getting the names of all La Grande's business men to an agreement to close up for the chief day of Union's exhibition. This was some years ago and now La Grande has got the habit and having become well acquainted does not need any solicitation to induce them to take a day off and go over to the show. Anyway, this year the Union folks decided that they might repay Mr. Harndon for some of his good work, and they accordingly introduced him to an outlaw horse they had that was throwing everyone attempting to ride him. They did not take any chances on losing a good friend by asking Mr. Harndon to try to master him, but they did ask him to saddle the wild fellow with a mauler. Mr. Harndon did not take long to make up his mind, and the outlaw will bear from now on the official title of "Tri-Blu, the Cracker for You," shortened of course to "Tri-Blu" for every day usage. John Spain is the owner of the horse and "Tri-Blu" provided some interesting entertainment for the visitors to the Union show.

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To the many people who extended acts of kindness during the illness of our beloved daughter and wife, Mrs. Al. Heisner, and especially do we extend our heartfelt thanks to those who furnished automobiles and provided the many beautiful floral offerings at the funeral.
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More popular and shorter are Russell H. Conwell's "How a Soldier Succeeds After the War," Herbert Hubbard's "A Message to Garcia," Arnold Bennett's "The Human Machine," and "How to Live on 24 Hours a Day;" Pastor Wagner's "The Simple Life," which was so popular some years ago.

Miscellaneous books of a practical nature on the shelves of the public library are:

Chemistry of Commerce, by H. K. Dunham.
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Reports From Over County Show Rain Badly Needed

In nearly every section of the county farmers are beginning to feel serious concern for the crop outlook, with the long continuation of the hot, dry spell of weather. In some districts the grain has stood the heat and the drought well and is still looking very promising, but in others it is beginning to burn badly, particularly so the late sown spring wheat. The crops on the sand ridge, of course, are suffering more than those of any other section of the county. The sand ridge is a strip about ten miles long by eight miles wide, lying north and east of La Grande, and farmers there state that unless good rains come within the next week, or at the outside in ten days, the yield of grain will be very poor. The fall wheat, which is looking fine in other sections of the county, was severely frosted early in May on the sand ridge and a great deal of moisture during the next three or four weeks will be needed to save it.

ridge farmers look for a very light out on their farms, but on the heavier soil, and especially in the Elgin vicinity, the growth this spring has been perhaps above the average.

Grain on Shallow Soil Poor
County Agent Spillman drove over a great deal of the county Thursday last and reported on his return that he saw many fields that were suffering greatly for want of rain. Crops on shallow soil are particularly poor, he says, and are already pretty badly burned. It is evident, however, taking conditions the county over, that if a few, good soaking showers come within the next couple of weeks the farmers of the county will be pretty sure of harvesting a good average crop this fall.

In the Various Districts
Reports received by The Observer Friday night from the various sections of the county show conditions in them to be as follows:

ELGIN—No serious harm to the wheat crop here has yet resulted from dry weather. Both fall and spring wheat are in good shape and are nicely out in blossom. The fall

Average Hay Crop
The hay crop promises to be an average one over the county. Sand

City Property and Farms

I have a splendid listing of choice Union County farms

WHO WANTS THIS—A modern home, plastered, heating plant, bath, toilets, wired, street improvements all paid; close in on Third street just off Adams. In addition to five nice living rooms for the family the balance of the house brings in over \$50 per month. If you have \$1000 to make the first payment besides free house rent the other rooms will pay for the home. This sounds good, does it not? Investigate.

\$1250 BUYS THIS—A neat, substantial, well built and good looking house, 4 rooms besides bath and toilet; wired, two nice level lots; located at 1501 T Avenue. Easy terms. Look this over—you will want it.

HERE IS A CHANCE—Owner is a non-resident; wants to sell. Good six room house, well built, cellar, bath, toilet, wired, street and sewer improvements all paid. On T Avenue, close to Harris Grocery. Priced right.

BARGAIN IN 10 ACRES—I have a splendid 10-acre tract in Fruitdale; a large apple crop already assured; close in, near the City Park. It only requires a few moments to reach the center of the city.

NICE SMALL HOME—Three big rooms, basement, city water, wired, garage, woodshed; first payment \$250, balance \$15 per month.

ANOTHER SMALL HOME—Located 705 M Avenue; owner leaving city. Look this property over and make us an offer. \$250 cash, balance like rent.

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