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THRESHING NOW WELL ADVANCED

Crop Report Issued by Government Shows Much Progress

EASTERN POTATOES HAVE SUFFERED

Improvement is Noted in Fruit Crops; Oats are Not Yielding Good; Corn Damaged by Hail.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Crop conditions for the week ending August 20 are covered in reports received by the Bureau of Market's and Crop Estimates, United States Department of Agriculture, from its field statisticians in the different states.

Corn.

The late corn crop continues to improve, due to more favorable moisture conditions. The crop is approaching maturity in the Central States, though in some instances growth is retarded by cooler weather. In New York, the crop is reported two weeks ahead of normal and cutting will begin about the last of August. Silo filling has begun in Michigan. In North Dakota the crop is in the soft hard dough stage. Some hail damage is reported in the east-central portion of Iowa and injury from high winds in Arkansas and Illinois. The corn ear worm threatens to be a factor in reducing yields in Illinois.

Winter Wheat.

Threshing of winter wheat is practically completed and plowing for fall sowing is in progress. In Kansas an unusual amount of fall plowing has been done and conditions for fall sowing are good. Some high yields are reported from the Kanred variety in Colorado and a good demand for Kanred seed wheat in Nebraska. Shipments continue in Texas and mills are buying more now than earlier in the season.

Threshing of spring wheat is well advanced in the north Central States with yields reported below expectations and quality variable. There has been some damage to grain in shocks in Illinois. Heavy receipts at warehouses are reported in Idaho.

Oats.

Threshing of oats is nearing completion in the Central States and is in progress in the Western and north Central States. Yield and quality vary from poor to fair, and in general are below the average. Further deterioration to non-irrigated crops is reported in Idaho.

Cotton.

The boll weevil continues to damage the cotton crop in many states, though the high temperatures have had a tendency to check ravages. Considerable shedding is reported and in general the crop continues far below the average. Picking is reported in Southern Alabama and the picking of Pima cotton is in progress in Arizona. Some southern counties of Texas have more than half of the crop already picked and ginned. Early plantings of cotton are opening in South Carolina.

Potatoes.

The yield of Irish potatoes in the principal Eastern and north Central States will be very low owing to the heat and drought. The later plantings have been benefited by rains in some sections. Harvesting of the crop is in progress in New Jersey. The harvesting of the commercial crop in the Kaw River Valley of Kansas has been interrupted by rains. The sweet po-

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PAT FOLEY'S ADVANCE AGENT HAS ARRIVED

"Here is Pat Foley's advance agent," said Jimmie McNamee, head clerk of the Foley hotel, early this morning when he saw a porcupine in front of the Foley hotel that had arrived during the night. No one knows just where the animal came from but Jimmie has no doubt that the porcupine got wind of Pat Foley's intention of running over to La Grande again, and, knowing Pat's love of animals, dropped in from its mountain home as self-appointed advance agent. When Pat was here he kept open house for his animal friends and often had quite a few around eating chicken.

Border Patrol is Fired Upon

Airplanes Distribute Harding Proclamation to the Insurgents

LOGAN, West Va., Aug. 31.—The border patrol on Blair mountain was fired upon this morning by men from the east slope. The fire was returned and the attacking party was driven back by Logan county deputies holding the sector.

Quiet conditions are reported from the fronts held by McDowell and Mingo county forces. Airplanes today distributed throughout the district copies of President Harding's proclamation commanding all engaged in "insurrectional proceedings" to return home before noon Thursday.

John Gore, a Logan county deputy sheriff, and a miner were killed in a fight on Blair mountain.

LOGAN, W. Va., Aug. 31.—Armed bands are reported advancing over Spruce Fork bridge. One deputy sheriff has been captured by the insurgents. The invaders are within four miles of the outposts at Logan and six miles of the state field headquarters.

GOLF CONTEST IS NEAR NOW

Rules and Handicaps Will be Posted Monday; Provisions Made for Women Players.

Arrangements for those who do not prefer to compete for President Stoddard's cup on Sunday, to declare themselves in advance and play out the 18 holes on Monday, have been made by the officials of the La Grande Country Club.

Every member who owns a club is invited to participate for the adjustment of handicaps will make all things even. President Stoddard is anxious to see 100 per cent of the playing membership out for his cup.

Rules and handicaps will be posted at the first tee Sunday morning. The Monday provisions are for those who cannot or do not care to play Sunday, but they must so declare themselves and cannot play both days and take the best 18 holes.

Provision for women players is being made and they, too, are urged to get in the play. Liberal handicaps will be provided them.

A meeting of the team which will participate in the quadrangular tournament a week from Saturday was held last evening and many of the details of the tournament gone over with a motive in mind of having everything in shape.

Work to Be Thursday.

There is some work to be done about the Country Club house next Thursday evening beginning at 5 o'clock and General Manager Siegrist has asked as many as can be there that evening to assist.

Wasco County Civil War Veteran Passes

THE DALLES, Aug. 31.—D. O. Davis, 76 years old, a pioneer resident of Wasco county and one of the few remaining members in The Dalles of the Grand Army of the Republic, died early Sunday morning following an extended illness brought on by old age.

At the outbreak of the civil war Davis answered Lincoln's first call, enlisting in the New York infantry. After serving nine months he was discharged because of sickness. Upon recovering he at once re-enlisted, this time in the 21st New York cavalry, in which he served until the end of the war. He later served with government forces in the Colorado Indian wars.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Eva Davis and five children. They are Mrs. Cora Fagan of The Dalles, Mrs. A. E. Johnson of Baker, Mrs. T. P. Tweet of Bend, E. O. Davis of Salem and Mrs. Lula Bieren of Ilorida. He also leaves a brother, S. U. Davis of Bend and two sisters, Miss Ida Davis of The Dalles and another living in Michigan. He is survived by 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

New Grasshopper Crop To be Fought in Bend

BEND, Aug. 31.—War against the grasshoppers of Crane Prairie will be resumed early in September, County Agriculturist D. L. Jamison states. At present water is so high at the prairie that the insects have for the most part retreated to the Cultus lake side, now rather inaccessible to mankind.

The egg-laying season is due to start soon, the county agent says, and he is particularly anxious to be able to start operations against the hoppers just before that time.

An Informal Meeting of the Supreme Council

This group of the Supreme Council of Diplomats was snapped in the garden of the presidential chateau at Rambouillet, France. From left to right are Premier Briand of France, U. S. Ambassador Harvey, Lloyd George laughing at a funny one, and U. S. Ambassador Herrick facing Lloyd George.

Number Killed in Auto Smashes During Year is Appalling—Injured Many

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—An estimate that $4,500,000 was paid by life insurance companies in death claims from automobile fatalities during 1920 was published by the Insurance Press. Statistics are quoted to show that during the year the automobile caused 12,000 fatalities and 1,500,000 non-fatal injuries.

Life insurance distributions for the year in the United States and Canada aggregated $1,092,066,434.

Largest among the death claims was $55,000, paid to the heirs of Wallace L. Pierce, Boston, grocer. The heirs of Jake L. Hamon of Ardmore, Okla., received $465,000. Olive Thomas Pickford, motion picture star, who died suddenly in Paris, was insured for $125,000.

Greeks Deny Reports Of Asia Minor Reverse

ATHENS, Aug. 31.—Reports that Greek troops engaged in the offensive against the Turkish Nationalists in Asia Minor have suffered a reverse are denied in an official statement issued here. It is declared, however, that the battle along the Sakaria river is continuing with violence.

Towns along the southern coast of the Black Sea have been bombarded by Greek warships, the statement says.

Newspaper dispatches from the front state the Turkish nationalists are making continuous counter attacks, arresting the advance of the Greeks. The army is bringing new reserves to the front to take the place of troops killed or wounded in the fighting, it being said that the Turkish losses are heavy. Turkish cavalry is participating in the battle.

EXTRA

SALT LAKE, Aug. 31.—The Los Angeles Limited of the Union Pacific System was held up by two masked and armed robbers shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon near Clearfield, nine miles south of Ogden while on its way from Ogden to Salt Lake. All mail passengers were robbed.

TOKIO, Aug. 31.—Japanese foreign office has been informed that points at issue between Japan and the United States over the island of Yap will soon be settled. The United States is to recognize Japanese mandate and United States to control the cable between Yap and Guam.

Two Years Service And Still Going Well

When Rev. J. A. Smith drove from Kansas to La Grande two years ago he put new tires on the front wheels of his car. That trip and the distance he has driven since then makes a total of over 12,000 miles and the tires are still doing service. This is a remarkable record, Mr. Smith believes, especially as he has just completed a 1200-mile trip through Oregon and on crossing the mountains on his return avoided all tire trouble. He passed several cars that had ruined tires trying to negotiate the fifteen-mile stretch of bad road, but the tires that have been on the car the past two years held out in spite of the rock mountain trail.

Force of Workers to Be Greatly Reduced at Pueblo Steel Plant

DENVER, Aug. 31.—Deferred orders and overproduction will result in the closing down of so much of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company's steel plant near Pueblo that operations in the company's Wyoming iron mines and coking coal mines in the Trinidad district of Colorado will cease after Saturday next, it was announced at the company's offices here Tuesday.

After Saturday the working parts of the big Pueblo mill will include only those used in making barbed wire, nails and iron rods. According to Fred Farrar, executive assistant to President J. F. Welborn, of the company, the plant near Pueblo will employ only 1500 men after Saturday as compared with 7500, the normal number.

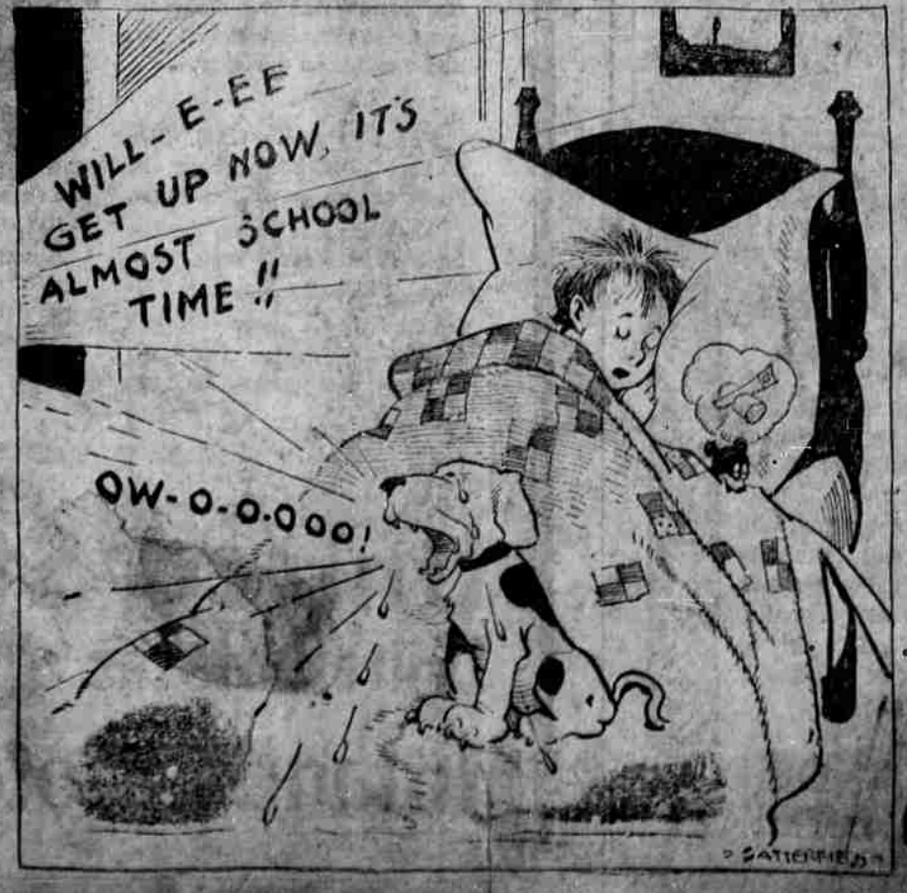
G.A.R. Plans Big Meeting at Baker

BAKER, Aug. 31.—J. M. Yeates, commander of the local post of G. A. R. veterans, has announced a meeting of the organization to be held on Tuesday evening, September 6, at the Baker court house. Members from many parts of eastern Oregon are expected to attend this meeting, according to Mr. Yeates.

The local post usually meets on the first Monday in each month, but the date has been changed on account of September 5 being Labor Day.

Every G. A. R. veteran is urged to attend, as business of special importance will be considered. Plans for sending delegates to the national encampment will be completed at this meeting.

THE COLD, GRAY DAWN



Fighting Worst Belfast Seen

Fourteen Dead and Scores Have Been Wounded—Snipers Are Active

BELFAST, Aug. 31.—By mid-forenoon with fighting still progressing in some of the city's main thoroughfares between the Ulster Loyalists and Sinn Feiners, the total death toll since Monday night reached fourteen.

Scores have been wounded. Lord Mayor Coates early today made strong representations to General Campbell, commander of the British forces in Ulster, for protection of the citizens.

The Ulster special constabulary, nearly all former soldiers, were in action last night in Stanhope street area. Snipers are active, using field glasses to get their aim. Last night's battles were declared the worst in the city's history.

HOT WEATHER BREAKS.

Tonight and Thursday there will be rain and the Eastern half of Oregon will be cooler, says the weather observer.

STREET WORK EXPENSE IS LOW

La Grande Does its Work Much Cheaper Than Portland, Cost Records Show.

George Garrett, city manager, has records of the cost of all work being done by the city and whenever possible he secures figures on costs on all like work done in other cities. Recently he secured some cost data from Portland on street work. Comparison with the figures on several jobs done here this spring shows that La Grande's street repair work is being done at a cost much lower than that done in Portland.

The particular work is based on the cost per square yard in re-surfacing gravel roads. In Portland the work cost from three to five cents a square yard. The work in Portland did not include any rock work, which kept the cost down.

In La Grande the cost on Adams avenue, where rock work was necessary, was at the rate of .0422 cents per square yard, 26,120 square yards of work costing $1,103.26. This compares mighty favorably with the Portland costs on work where rock work was not involved.

The mill cost on the Harrison avenue job was .0108 cents per square yard, the total cost being $195.03 and on the Island Avenue job the cost per square yard was .0319, the 4,169 square yards on this job costing $132.91. On both of these jobs there was no rock work involved. The unit cost on these three jobs shows how that work has been running in La Grande, in all cases the cost being in favor of the city when compared with the cost of similar work in Portland.

Stills in Umatilla Located by Sheriff

PENDLETON, Aug. 31.—A huge still, declared to be one of the largest ever taken in the county, which was found a little over a mile from the Wright cabin in the mountains 45 miles south of here, where Louis Ragsins was killed, for which crime Jess Brunn was exonerated by the coroners jury on evidence which indicated self-defense, is being regarded with suspicion by officials, who believe it may have been connected with the slaying.

The deputies believe that the operators had quarreled over the still and had deserted it. Dishes for three persons were lying about the canyon in which the still was located, which officials believe indicates the number of persons operating it.

Deputy sheriffs last night located a still at a house near the city limits close to the cemetery, in a raid in which Tom Griffith, owner of the house was taken into custody but later released on his promise to appear for a hearing before county officials this morning. The still was a copper boiler plus a double coil which drained the distilled stuff through a barrel of cold water. A quantity of mash and a gallon and a half of liquor was also taken.

Dirigible and Kite Ship Are Total Loss in Fire That Destroyed Hangar

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Dirigible balloon D-1, the largest naval aircraft of its type, and Kite balloon A-P, were destroyed today by fire which razed the hangar at Rockaway Point naval aviation station. A gasoline explosion started the blaze.

The Blimp B-1 was also destroyed by fire.

BASIS FOR TAXATION IS SMOOT OFFERS

Utah Senator Would Also Have Fewer Sources of Revenue.

HIS PLAN WOULD RAISE THE FUND

Simplicity of Taxation His Aim; Gets Away from the Technical and Complex Features.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—A basis for taxation [illegible] practically all [illegible] proposed Tuesday by Senator Smoot, Republican, Utah, who [illegible] was preparing a tax revenue plan, which he estimated would yield $2,425,000,000 this year. He said that he would take the question up with the senate finance committee when it begins Thursday.

The use of only six sources of taxation, including sales on manufacturers' sales, instead of the more than 36 now in the statutes, was advocated by the senator. The six were those which he proposed to raise [illegible] the amounts he estimated would yield annually [illegible]:

Income taxes, [illegible] 32 per cent, $816,000,000.

Tax per cent tax on corporation profits, $415,000,000.

Tobacco taxes, [illegible] $200,000,000.

Estate taxes, $150,000,000.

Manufacturers' sales tax, [illegible] cent, $1,200,000,000.

Other [illegible]

While the [illegible] duce only $2,[illegible] estimated that [illegible] 000 would be [illegible] tion of [illegible] war salvage and [illegible] drawals of liquor [illegible] houses. Duplicate [illegible] should add $2[illegible] year's revenue, [illegible] should be [illegible] the liquor tax [illegible] other $70,000,000.

The $2,895,000,000 [illegible] the law's yield [illegible] expense [illegible] $494,700,000, [illegible] Smoot.

The surplus he said, [illegible] by the treasury to reduce [illegible] bonds while [illegible] might be used.

One argument which Senator Smoot said could be made in favor of his program was its simplicity. "Anybody can take out his tax revenue," he said, adding that it would result in a saving of millions, $25,000,000 in tax collections and would do away with about two-thirds of the employes in the revenue service.

PARADE PLANS ARE STARTED

Counter March on Portion of Route Will be Worked Out by Committee in Charge.

Details of working out a route for Labor Day parade that will include at least a sectional counter march were started last evening at a joint committee meeting of which J. C. Hughes is chairman. The narrowness of the streets precludes a complete and perfect counter march, and a means will be devised to give practically complete, but not entirely counter march results.

Arrangements for parking cars were also gone into and when the final route is chosen and announced, provisions will be made for parking of cars along one side of the line of march, excepting where the march touches Adams avenue. The police department will be asked to co-operate in keeping Adams avenue free of traffic during the parade, more particularly sections where the counter march will occur.

Although a counter march is not satisfactory as a rule, the participants in the parade are asking for the opportunity to see other parades which would be partially denied without the counter march facilities. Friday or Saturday the definite route will be announced.