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Hybrid Wheat For Winter Sowing And Hard Federation For Spring Sowing Have Increased Union County Yields

The degree of success in wheat raising in Union county as well as in other wheat sections is dependent largely on the varieties planted. Experiments are being carried on constantly under the direction of the farm bureau to determine the best varieties to raise. Harry G. Avery, county agent, has prepared the following comments on the latest experiments in wheat varieties and also comments on the Pacific International and the relation Union county bears to it:

Hybrid Wheat.

The importance of Washington Hybrid 128 was fully demonstrated at the Northwest Hay and Grain Show held at Pendleton, September 19th to 26th. The show included over four hundred entries among which were all classes of grain and hay products. Of these over one hundred entries were Washington Hybrid 128 wheat. The winning sample of wheat weighed between sixty-two and sixty-three pounds to the bushel and was very plump and of good color. Union county's two samples exhibited, weighing 61.5 and 61.8 respectively, came in for consideration, but due to slight mixtures were not good enough to win a place.

Hard Federation.

When Frank McKennon of Alsea, Oregon, secured some Hard Federation wheat seed from the Moro Experiment Station this spring, he planted it as an experiment, not knowing what the results would be. The seed was planted on twelve acres, all being two in apples prepared in the same manner. Both wheats are spring wheats. The Federation wheat grew very rapidly and seemed to be little damaged by the wheat stem maggot. It ripened at least three weeks earlier than the Red Chaff Club. After threshing, the grain and land were measured by Mr. McKennon with the assistance of the county agriculturalist and it was found that the Hard Federation wheat made slightly over thirty bushels per acre, while the Red Chaff Club made only a little over twenty, giving a difference of more than ten bushels in favor of the new variety.

The Federation wheat was introduced into the United States by D. E. Stephens at Moro, Oregon. He secured a few grains of this variety from Australia and from it has come the seed which is distributed to a considerable extent in Oregon. Mr. Stephens was very much pleased to learn of the success which this wheat had given in this county and reported that it had made an average of at least ten bushels more than other spring wheat varieties wherever tried. In some cases Hard Federation wheat has made fifteen bushels to the acre more than other spring varieties grown under test with the same conditions. At the Northwest Hay and Grain Show at Pendleton, five samples of Hard Federation wheat were entered all graded No. 1 hard and were given the first five prizes in the common white class of thirty-four entries which speak well for the quality of the wheat. Union county farmers will do well to secure some of this seed and give the wheat a trial if spring wheat is to be grown. I believe the general adoption of Washington Hybrid 128 as a winter wheat and Hard Federation as a spring wheat, will add many bushels to the yields to be secured in Union county. Actual tests here and elsewhere have already proven this to be true. At least three times as much Washington Hybrid 128 wheat as was seeded last year has already been seeded in Union county for 1922. Farmers who are growing spring wheat should make arrangements now to secure some of the Federation seed as a means to increasing 1922 yields.

Livestock Entries.

Entries for Pacific International Livestock Exhibition must be in the hands of the Association by October 10th, according to Mr. Plummer, manager of the exposition. It is likely that fully as many entries from this county will go to the Portland show as went to the State Fair. W. R. Ledbetter is anxious to have another chance at the Shire horse competition. J. E. Reynolds with his Clydesdales and DeLay and Townley with their Shorthorns also figure on making a good showing at Portland. Several Union county men who saw the horse show at Salem expressed the opinion that several local horses should have been able to get in the money at the state fair. The strongest competition in the saddle horse classes at Salem was among the Portland owned entries and not the McCleave string of Canadian horses as had been expected by local men. From the showing made at the Union Stock Show, it looks as if Union county had several other herds of Shorthorn cattle which would look good at Portland.

Union County Exhibit.

Officials in charge of the Land Products Show, to be held in connection with the Pacific International at Portland, have requested that Union county and four other counties in the state make the same display at Portland as was shown at the State Fair.

The Union county exhibit has been stored in the International Exposition Building at Portland with this in view and it is expected to add considerably more to the exhibit in the way of fruit, potatoes, corn, etc., which were not ready for the State Fair, as well as to replace some exhibits which could not be preserved. Expenses for displaying the Union county products will be defrayed by the Land Products Show. The county agent would appreciate information regarding good material for exhibits from those who have it or know where it may be secured. It is considered to be quite an honor to be among the counties selected to make the exhibit and should be worth considerable to Union county as an advertising feature.

Open classes of the Land Products show provide many opportunities for Union county farmers to display their products. Six classes of wheat are provided for with premium money \$10.00 for first prize and \$5.00 for second prize and sweepstakes with a premium of \$25.00. As many classes for oats, barley and rye are also provided.

Potatoes are divided into five classes of five bushel exhibits with \$25.00 for first, \$10.00 for second in each class and five classes of one bushel entries with \$7.50 for first prize and \$5.00 for second.

In apples \$150 is offered for the best twenty-five box display commercially packed, one or more varieties with \$75.00 for second prize. Classing in apples provides for a five-box display of one or more varieties, with \$50.00 for first prize and \$25 for second prize. Class three provides for a one box display in any one of the ten of the best commercial varieties, premium money being \$10.00 for first prize and \$5.00 second prize.

In pears \$50.00 is offered for the best display of five one-half boxes commercially packed, all varieties, and \$15.00 is offered for second premium.

All the first premium winning samples of the above products are to be retained by the Land Products Show for exhibition at the State Exhibit Building at Portland, Oregon. Keep the above list and plan to enter in this show. The agriculturalist will assist you in preparing your exhibit.

SERMONETTE

Church-Going.
The fact is that we are seeing now what has not been seen in the so-called Christian world for several centuries—a second churchless generation. The first churchless generation is made up of the parents of the present boys and girls. These people do not go to church, yet for the most part they lead pretty decent lives. And why? Because, though they do not realize it, they were mostly brought up in Christian homes and were as children trained in religious principles. The effect of this training will probably last out their lives, but they have failed to hand it on to their children. These latter, having had no vital training whatever, are today completely and pathetically in the dark. They actually have no way of knowing right from wrong.

For, after all there is no "why" for going right apart from a religious principle, and if there is any other way for people in general to get religious principles than through the Church, that way has not yet been discovered. People may think that they themselves can get along without the Church, but if they have a true sense of family or race responsibility they will see that they must nevertheless keep it going for the children's sake. Morals may change, or seem to change, from age to age, but spiritual principles are permanent. We cannot solve our children's problems for them, but we can and must try to see to it that they have the principles upon which a right solution must be based. If these are given them, we can have confidence that they will find a way of living which will be as right for them as ours for us.

—E. M. L. G.

Bobbie's Preference.

Bobbie's mother had a terrible time trying to keep a satisfactory nurse for her small son. It was quite necessary that she have one, as she was a young mother rapidly acquiring recognition throughout the country. One day when the nurse failed to come and Bobbie saw how perturbed his mother was over the situation, he went up to her, put his arms around her, and said: "Mother, I wish you would play with me and hire a nurse to write your books."

Gowns for Both Sexes.

In the fourteenth century men as well as women wore gowns, and until the end of the sixteenth century it was not unusual for men to wear gowns. In some long robes, just as monks do today.

Churches

St. Peter's Episcopal Church—Corner Fourth and O streets. Sunday services: Holy Communion, 8 a. m.; church school, 9:45; morning prayer and sermon, 11:00; evening prayer, 7:30 p. m. Topic of the morning sermon will be "Citizenship in Heaven." We know good citizenship in the best country on earth, so heaven must bear some near relation to it. This will be our line of thought. Come and help us preach by your interest and attention. Other special notices will be given from the chancel. A week from Sunday Bishop Paddock plans to be with us and preach at the morning service.—Jos. W. Gunn, Rector.

Christian Church—The Revival Meetings are finding a fine response in the hearts of the people. The singing, under the direction of the Cutlises, is showing that hymns and songs were written to be enjoyed and stir the emotions of the heart. Bible school at 9:45 and preaching and communion at 11:00 a. m. Evening services at 7:30, preceded by the G. E. at 6:30. Sunday subjects: morning—"In Touch With God"; evening—"How to Be Saved." The Revival Meetings will continue all week.—O. W. Jones, Minister.

Church of Our Lady of the Valley—Children's Mass at 8 o'clock. Parish Mass at 1:30 o'clock. Sunday evening the monthly Holy Hour will be held at 7:30 o'clock. All should make a special effort to attend this service. The week-day Mass at 8 o'clock is the Mass of the Rosary. Visitors are always cordially welcomed at this church.—A. F. Loeser, Pastor.

First Presbyterian Church—Bible school at 9:45 a. m. At this time there will be a class organized for the high school students who wish to work for the credit allowed for Bible study. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the eleven o'clock hour. There will be the reception of members and opportunity for the baptism of children. The subject of the Communion meditation will be "Jesus, the Bread of Life." The Y. P. S. C. E. will meet at 6:30 p. m. The pastor will have charge, the topic being, "Investing Our Lives." The theme of the evening sermon will be "Looking to the Heights."

Zions English Lutheran Church—Morning, between Third and Fourth streets. Services at 11:00 a. m. The subject for the sermon is "The Conversion of the Ethiopian." You are cordially invited to attend this service.—C. A. Pellett, Pastor.

Church of God—Meetings and Sunday school in tent on Adams avenue near Greenwood. Preaching at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Sundays, and 7:30 each evening during the week except Saturday by Rev. C. K. Chapman of Enterprise. Sunday school at 2:30 Sunday afternoon. A cordial welcome to all.—Charles A. Plummer, Pastor.

First Methodist Episcopal Church—Sabbath school at 9:45 with class for all. Morning worship at 11:00. Sermon theme, "The Girding of God." Special music by the choir. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. A helpful meeting for young people, conducted by young people. At 7:30 p. m. we will have an unconventional, informal service in which all will be made to feel at home. A prominent place will be given to the singing of the great hymns. There will be a brief practical address on "The Religion of Love." You will find this a good place in which to spend an hour.—G. H. Quigley, Minister.

'Straw' in Princess' Wedding Gown



First photo of beautiful Princess Elizabeth of Rumania in her wedding gown, taken on the occasion of her wedding to Prince Carol of Greece. An odd feature of the costume is the band of straw around the head, knotted at the back and draped over the shoulders.

AROUND THE EDGES

By BRUCE DENNIS

With the Ad club at Elgin the other evening it was pleasant to meet the busin' men of the neighboring city—and Elgin is quite a city. It is a complete American unit possessed of about everything needful to the happiness and contentment of a people.

Henry Huggs, who formerly ran a grocery store in La Grande, has a well-kept store of the same kind in Elgin and is doing a good business. J. W. Leighton, who has been in Elgin a number of years, has one of the most complete hardware and barbers stores in the state. He knows his business and recently when a man wanted to buy him out he said: "No, I will not price this store. I have worked and built up a good business by treating the people right and they have treated me right. This place is not for sale."

Ernest Vehter, an old La Grande boy has one of the drug stores in Elgin and is doing an excellent business. He is a fine wire and keeps something going on most all the time which pleases and entertains the people of that end of the valley. The local drug store is another well-conducted institution and both places of business have a good trade. L. Denham, the old reliable lawyer of Elgin, is on the job every day and dispenses justice in the way of advice to the Elgin people besides doing a fine office business.

Frank Keller has a big dry goods store on the corner and he smiles while he sells the people what they want. Mr. Keller is an out and out Elgin booster. He believes the future of the little city is assured and nothing pleases him more than to talk Elgin prosperity.

Prof. Bader still has the brass band in Elgin for which he has gained such a reputation over Oregon. Mr. Bader is almost another Louis. Feeling when it comes to keeping a band running.

Dick Shoemaker, who still does business in eight per cent interest in the Elgin bank, insists that things are not so bad as they might be and that the corner has been turned. He is wild with joy over the fruit crop and probably H. H. Weatherpoon.

is now one of the most successful agents the New York Mutual Life Insurance company has in the west. Recently he went back to New York just to see how it would feel to trot down Broadway, but he did not like it. "The hills for me," said Lee. "I want to be with the people who understand the land and nature. These folks in New York are all artificial."

One of the successful industries of Elgin is the Adams Brothers' box factory and it is running regularly with plenty of orders. It is a lively institution and consumes the product of a number of smaller saw mills in that part of the county scattering a lot of money in the different trade channels.

The Elgin schools are losing none of their fine reputation. In fact they are forging ahead under the supervision of that prince of good fellows, E. G. Bailey, who conducts a school largely because he loves the work and is successful at it. This year the high school has one hundred students, which is a remarkable showing for a city the size of Elgin. And Elgin people are loyal to their school. It is the center of interest and as a result students are graduated with a lot of knowledge, wisdom and experience.

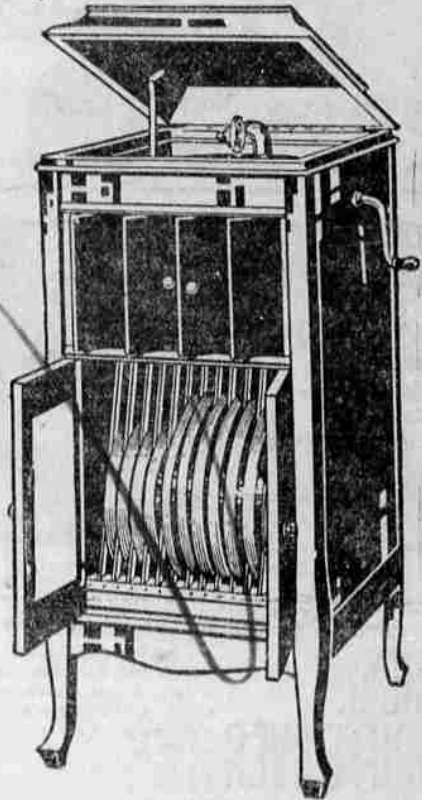
As a whole the little city is a fine place, full of business and peopled with a class of people who love their fellowman, who like to assist their neighbors, and who hold to the belief that money is not all there is in the world worth while.

Down With the Aristocracy! The mosquito is an aristocrat—some of the best blood in the country runs in its veins.—Boston Transcript.

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