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MAY TAKE OVER RAILROADS?

WHEAT YIELD IS AVERAGE 19 BUSHEL

Government Issues Crop Report on Oregon Which is Not Gloomy.

SPRING WHEAT 62 PER CENT

Harvest Wages Run From \$3 to \$3.50 per day and Sufficient Help is at Hand to Care for Crops.

PORTLAND, Aug. 11.—"Better than we expected" is the report of most growers of winter wheat who have threshed their 1922 crop, but a further decline in the condition of practically all other crops, during the month of July, is the August 1st Oregon crop situation, according to F. L. Kent, Agricultural Statistician of the Bureau of Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture, just issued.

Winter Wheat.

The winter wheat harvest began about two weeks earlier than usual in some parts of the state. A very large percentage of the crop had been threshed by August 1st, particularly in the western district, where the principal wheat producing counties nearly a third of the crop was in the sack on August 1st. The quality of the crop is generally good. Mill operators state that the milling quality of the winter wheat is the best in many years. While there is some light weight condition, due largely to hot weather conditions, the crops as a whole will doubtless grade well up to the average.

Average yield per acre for the state as a whole is estimated at 19.0 bushels, or a total production of about 16,300,000 bushels, compared with an estimate of 20,862,000 bushels last year, and a five year average of 14,867,000 bushels. The United States winter wheat crop for 1922 is now estimated at 54,460,000 bushels, being a decrease from the July 1st estimate of about 23,000,000 bushels. The 1921 U. S. crop was finally estimated at 58,032,000 bushels, and the five year average is 65,950,000 bushels.

Spring Wheat.

The Oregon spring wheat crop is estimated at 62 per cent of a normal condition. This condition would be much lower except for the fact that a good June rain occurred in some of the larger spring wheat growing sections, and the further fact that there is considerable spring wheat grown on irrigated lands. The Oregon crop will probably amount to about 3,000,000 bushels. The Washington state crop is estimated at about 12,000,000 bushels, with a 50 per cent of normal condition. The United States spring wheat crop showed some improvement during the month of July, and is now estimated at 263,292,000 bushels, which is an increase of about 16,000,000 bushels over the estimate of a month ago. The 1921 crop was finally estimated at 267,861,000 bushels and the five year average is 243,600,000 bushels.

Oats.

Condition of the Oregon oats crop declined during July. The low figure of 60 per cent of normal, and the figure would be still lower except for a heavier than usual seeding of winter oats last fall. The present condition figure indicates a probable production of about 6,400,000. The 1921 production was estimated at 8,704,000 bushels, and the five year average is 7,404,000 bushels.

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LIVE STOCK MARKET

PORTLAND, Aug. 11.—Cattle were steady today, hogs and sheep nominally steady, eggs firm and butter steady.

WHEAT IS THE SAME

PORTLAND, Aug. 11.—Wheat prices remained the same on this market today.

Over Twenty Bombs Are Exploded In The Yards

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal. Aug. 11.—Deputy Marshal Albertson was seriously injured when a bomb exploded in his hands today. Shortly after the explosion twenty-three bombs in the Santa Fe railroad yards exploded.

APPEAL TO SPIRIT OF PEOPLE, SAYS VICE - PRESIDENT

Our Countrymen Must Remember That They Have and Can Have No Dependence Save Themselves, States Coolidge.

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11.—Vice-President Coolidge, addressing the American Bar association here tonight, declared, "It is time to supplement the appeal to law, which is limited, with an appeal to the spirit of the people, which is unlimited."

"No reliance upon the national character has ever been betrayed," the vice president asserted. "But our countrymen must remember that they have and can have no independence save themselves. Our institutions are their institutions. It is for them to enforce, support and obey. If in this they fail, there are none who can succeed."

Asserting that the supreme court has stood as the guardian and protector of our form of government, the guarantee of the perpetuity of the constitution, and above all the great champion of the freedom and the liberty of the people, Mr. Coolidge, referring to the proposal to give congress power to make valid by enactment a law declared unconstitutional by the supreme court, declared:

"Such a provision would make

ADVANCE SCOUTS LEAVE FOR HILLS

The advance party of the La Grande Boy Scouts will leave the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow morning in cars bound for the old mill a few miles above Cove on their way to the summer camp site at the Minam Dam on the Big Minam at five o'clock. The party will be composed of Harvey Carter, scoutmaster of Troop No. 1, Leo McCorkle, Francis Robinson, Fern Kelley and E. Fitzgerald. They will leave from the old mill to the camping site and will prepare the camp for the arrival of the main party four days later.

Every preparation with the exception of obtaining a cook, has been arranged and all that remains to do is to go. Roy Jewell was to have been cook but notified the scout officials yesterday that he would be unable to make the trip, which put a cramp in their plans momentarily. Another cook will be secured, however, within the next few days.

The advance party will erect the tents, put the grounds into shape, arrange the camp fires, and attend to all the other details necessary to have a complete and efficient camp. Then on Wednesday morning at the same hour the remainder of the boys, about 25 in number in charge of A. E. Pryke, camp director, and Rev. William Crosby Ross, in charge of Troop No. 2, will drive to the old mill and hike the rest of the distance. Lester Stoddard, scoutmaster of Troop No. 3, is planning on making the trip but it is possible that he will be unable to go.

The camping supplies were sent to Cove this afternoon and will be taken to the camp tomorrow by packhorses so that they will be on the scene when the advance party arrives.

EXECUTIVES ARE NOW IN DEADLOCK

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Railroad executives in session here to consider President Harding's last appeal for the settling of the strike, late today reported that they were deadlocked over the proposal to end the strike by taking the labor board's decision and letting the Labor Board settle the question of seniority.

QUIGLEY ASKED TO COME BACK

Methodist People at Quarterly Conference Make Request for Return of Minister.

Rev. George H. Quigley, pastor of the Methodist church of this city, will be returned to La Grande for another year if the annual conference abides by a resolution unanimously adopted by the official board at its fourth quarterly session last evening. The resolution asks for the return of the present pastor in no uncertain manner, and it is entirely probable that the bishop will abide by this decision, though he has the authority to transfer, even without the consent of the local church.

Rev. Ira R. Aldrich, district superintendent, presided at the meeting last evening. Reports were heard from the many subsidiary organizations of the church, all of them showing a healthy and wholesome state.

Henry T. Hill's Father Died at His Home in Pendleton This Week

The father of Henry T. Hill of this city died at his home in Pendleton Wednesday. Of his death the Pendleton East Oregonian has the following to say:

John F. Hill, who came to the west in April, 1886, from Kentucky, died this morning at 6 o'clock at St. Anthony's hospital. Mr. Hill, while not bed fast, has been in the hospital for years. He has stayed at the local hospital for the past four years and previous to that time was in a hospital in Portland. At the age of 16 John Hill enlisted in the Union army and for four years fought for his country. He was the father of ten children, nine of whom survive him. His wife was taken from him in 1909 and since that time he has gradually declined in strength. Death came as the result of old age. His survivors are Mrs. Ralph Stanfield of Echo, Mrs. R. N. Stanfield of Washington, D. C., Mrs. William Lytle of Salem, Mrs. Kelly Bloomquist of Seattle, H. T. Hill of La Grande, Jas. H. Hill, George Hill and David B. Hill of Pendleton, and Tom Hill of Weiser, Idaho.

POCATELLO YARD MEN WALK OUT

(By Associated Press) POCATELLO, Aug. 11.—Yard employees of the Oregon Short Line quit work today as a protest against the state constables and guards stationed there. A meeting of the brotherhood has been called to consider the situation.

NO TRAINS OUT OF LOS ANGELES NOW

Santa Fe System Will Not Start Trains East Because Of Needles Walkout.

MEN ON ARIZONA DIVISION ARE OUT

President Hibbard Says Will Not Take Chance of Having Passengers Lay In Desert During The Trouble.

(By Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, Aug. 11.—Twelve transcontinental trains on the Santa Fe railroad were stalled at desert points at noon today, following refusal of trainmen to proceed. The number of passengers involved is approximately 22,000. Oregon Short Line train No. 441, was delayed leaving here.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 11.—East-bound passenger service on the Santa Fe is tied up and no through trains are permitted to leave Los Angeles until the walkout situation at The Needles is cleared. "We do not want passengers to be held up on the desert," said President Hibbard. Conductors, firemen, engineers and trainmen have refused to answer their calls on the Arizona division, tying up all trains unexpectedly.

BIG FOUR DON'T REFUSE

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Aug. 11.—The Big Four here said it was not their intention to refuse to take out Santa Fe trains. The westbound California limited is being held here this afternoon. Railway officials said passengers on all trains destined for California would probably be held here.

DESCHUTES GETS FAVOR OF BOARD

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Utilization of the Deschutes river for irrigation of 140,000 acres of now arid lands with power developments incidental to the project was recommended by the Federal Power Commission today.

INTERFERENCE!



NICHOLAS WEISS FROM SIBERIA

Elgin Lad Finishes Four Years in Uncle Sam's Navy and is Home to Stay

Some jolly tar is Nicholas Weiss, son of Judge and Mrs. Weiss of Elgin. He returned from Siberia a few days ago, having been discharged and paid off by Uncle Sam after four years' first class service, which entitles him to all the scrolls and flourishes a discharge paper can carry.

Nicholas served in the Philippines for a year and a half, where the weather was hotter than most any place on this earth, and then he was ordered to Siberia, where it is colder than North Pole in mid winter.

"You have no idea how cold it can get in Siberia," said the navy boy to the Evening Observer. "And to think that those little yellow Japs, used to a mild climate, have invaded Siberia and grabbed her. I've grabbed her, I tell you, even to the railroads. There's nothing to it but Japs over there, and it is no place for one of Uncle Sam's lads. Come to think of it, I believe your uncle is pulling all his 'hins and interests out of Siberia, at least that is what I heard when I was on the continent and started for home, and it is a good thing if he does."

Knew Charles Moran. Weiss was well acquainted with Charles Moran, a La Grande boy who is serving with the marines on the U. S. S. New Orleans, which was in the boat with Weiss. In speaking of Charles he said: "Do I know him? Now, listen, does an Indiana voter know a two dollar bill on election day? Say, Charles is some man. You won't know him when he comes sailing in for he is heavier than he used to be and if there ever was a chap in the pink of condition, Moran is. He will be home pretty soon, for he only had a little unused time when I left Siberia."

That Weiss is through with the service was apparent. While he appreciated the experience and liked the discipline, he admitted that now that "he had his fling" he was ready to "hit into civil life."

TO CURB KU KLUX KLAN.

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—Nationwide effort to curb the activities of the Ku Klux Klan was announced today. A national conference for such a campaign will be held here September 5th, to which delegates from every state will be invited.

LINER EXPLODES AND TWO KILLED

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Two were killed today when the liner Adriatic had an explosion. Five persons were seriously injured in the hold, according to wireless reports.

OREGON CARED FOR BY CONGRESS

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Allotment of \$35,000,000 for river and harbor improvement was announced today by the war department.

The Coos Bay harbor gets \$50,000. Columbia river from Cello to Snake river gets \$12,500. Columbia river from Vancouver and Portland gets \$850,000. Yaquina Bay harbor gets \$300,000. Snake river gets \$10,000. Yamhill river gets \$27,500. Cowlitz river gets \$11,000.

FIRE IN O.-W. YARDS ATTRACTS

A fire occurred in the O.-W. railroad yards last night about 11:45, a car, or small building, which had been used as an oil house, according to reports, being partly destroyed. The fire apparently broke out on the inside of the car practically destroying the top before the men employed in the shops could extinguish the fire. No knowledge of the damage is known as Superintendent W. Bolton stated that no report of a fire had been made to him. The fire raged for about five minutes but was quickly extinguished. No alarm was turned in to the city fire department, only the alarm whistle at the shops being blown.

BASIL GRAY STILL FREE

Reports received from the searching parties at Thornhill and in the vicinity adjacent state that the sheriff of Union county and his deputies and posse have still failed to find trace of the missing cattle rustler who escaped a few days ago while on his way to the state penitentiary, where he was to serve two years. The officers are of the opinion that the man must have been injured when he jumped from the window of the car and that he is probably hiding out.

Unofficial rumors have reached La Grande stating that a man answering the description of Gray, appeared at a house a few miles from where he escaped and sought lodging and something to eat. The man was injured and being badly bruised. His excuse was that he had been thrown from his horse. As the sheriff's officers are of the opinion that he was injured it is possible that he might have escaped from the scene and may be secretly hidden several miles away. Sheriff Lee Warnick and Deputy Sheriff John Strick are in charge of the searching parties.

ENGINEERS TO HAVE MUSEUM

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Plans for the establishment of a national engineering museum, the first of the kind in the United States, were announced recently by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The collection, which will be a part of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum at Washington, will be started with various models, drawings, diplomas and medals that once belonged to Captain John Erickson and Cornelius H. Delamater, founders of the Monitor, and the pioneer engineers of America, who were associated for 50 years in the Delamater Iron Works, the largest institution of that kind in the United States half a century ago.

All the engineering societies in America have accepted the Mechanical Engineering Society's invitation to participate in assembling material for the museum.

Ku Klux Klan Witness in Collapsed Condition

(By Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, Aug. 11.—Nathan A. Baker, one of the thirty-seven defendants, was unable to appear for trial today following his collapse in a hospital today. The state informed over again when Baker is able to attend with the case without Baker and asked for a commission to investigate his physical condition. If his condition today following his collapse in a hospital today is found to be bad the state will trial today following his collapse in a hospital today. The state informed over again when Baker is able to attend with the case without Baker and asked for a commission to investigate his physical condition. If his condition today following his collapse in a hospital today is found to be bad the state will trial today following his collapse in a hospital today.

LEGISLATION PENDING TO GIVE POWER

Cummings Admits Such May Be The Case When Interviewed Today.

BLANTON SENDS OUT TELEGRAMS

Indication That Washington Realizes The Enormity of Present Crisis Confronting The Transportation Lines. quest for Return of Min-

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Chairman Cummings conceded today that legislation is under consideration which would empower the President to take over the railroads if transportation becomes seriously paralyzed by the present strike situation.

Claims It Is a Fact.

(By Associated Press) ABILENE, Texas, Aug. 11.—Congressman Blanton today sent telegrams to numerous political leaders throughout the country asserting that President Harding had summoned congress together for the purpose of taking over the railroads.

SALT LAKE ROAD NOT AFFECTED

(By Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, Aug. 11.—The Salt Lake railroad, now operated by the Union Pacific, will not be affected by a tie-up of two Union Pacific and one Oregon Short Line trains at Ogden, according to General Manager Comstock.

TRAINS WILL LEAVE

OGDEN, Aug. 11.—Trains delayed at Ogden by refusal of firemen to work were marked up to leave this afternoon. This is taken to mean that a settlement of differences here has been reached.

City of Baker is Now Using La Grande Ice; Her Ice Condensed

Baker is now using La Grande ice and has been doing so for some time. The Baker ice was condemned some time ago by one of the state health officers on account of containing too large a number of bacteria.

The ice is being shipped out of here weekly by several auto trucks from Baker, carrying from ten to twelve thousand pounds.

BULLETINS

WILL ANSWER TOMORROW. (By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Union leaders agreed to answer President Harding's appeal Saturday.

DECLARES FOR UNIFICATION. (By Associated Press) WAICHOW, China, Aug. 11.—Chen Ching Ming today emphatically declared for unification of China and the redacting of a constitution on lines of the constitution of the United States.

\$75,000 WORTH OF EDOZE. (By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11.—Whiskey valued at \$75,000 was seized today by the police on the water front.

ASKS FOR FLEXIBLE TARIFF. (By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—President Harding today asked for a tariff with a commission to investigate changes from time to time.