

OREGON CROP OUTLOOK IS VERY BRIGHT

Oregon's Growing Crops Improved Somewhat During September.

SUMMER RAINS WERE HELPFUL

Crops in Other States Declined While Oregon's Crops Increased; Winter Grain Crop Backward.

PORTLAND, Oct. 12.—Oregon's growing crops improved somewhat during the month of September, while the condition of crops over the country as a whole declined to some extent, is the substance of the reports reaching the office of F. L. Kent, Agricultural Statistician, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The early September rains, followed by fine growing weather, were very helpful to late potatoes, corn, pastures, cabbage, tomatoes, etc. No killing frost to date, except in some of the higher altitudes, has further contributed to the fine fall weather conditions in the western part of the state. The eastern part of the state has not fared quite so well, however, since the early September rains were lacking and there has been somewhat more frost damage, although not general.

The late September and early October rains appear to have been quite general over the state, but too light to have been greatly beneficial in the eastern portion of the state. Eastern Oregon wheat farmers have been ready to seed their summer fallow for a month or more, but have waited on account of lack of soil condition for planting, the seeding of winter wheat on summer fallow will be in full swing by October 15th, since it is not considered advisable to defer fall seeding much later than that date.

In the western part of the state the recent rains have put the soil in excellent condition for potato digging, and the early and mid-season plantings are now being dug. Fall plowing and silo filling are major farm operations in the western district at this time.

Reports from Agricultural Statisticians to the Department at Washington, D. C., for the period September 14 to 29, 1922, give the following information:

"Plowing and seeding of fall sown grains has generally been delayed in most sections by lack of moisture in the soil and is reported to be practically at a standstill in Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. In many sections farmers are delaying the seeding of wheat, waiting for dry free dates. There is ample moisture reported from Missouri, eastern Kansas, and parts of Nebraska and Iowa. Seeding is nearly completed in western Kansas, and much of the wheat is up in the eastern section of that state. Threshing of wheat is in progress in the middle northern states and is grading high in North Dakota and Montana except for slight damage in spots by rain."

"The yield of White Potatoes is running from poor to good in New England with quality about as usual. In New York blight and rot have increased rapidly of late. From many sections of the country the crop is reported as being of inferior quality. The Michigan crop has suffered some frost damage, and scab damage has been extensive in Illinois and Indiana. "Winter apples are being picked in New York. The crop is large but quality low outside of the commercial orchards. Virginia apples are going into storage in good condition. Yields are reported to be above expectations in West Virginia. In the middle west states the apple crop is generally large but under-sized and much damaged by scab is reported. Insufficient transportation facilities are reported from several districts."

Union County Pig Club Members Make Showing

Champion Boys' club members were selected this year as in previous years. The two high scoring boys in the county won a free trip to the state fair which was awarded by the county court, and were accompanied on the trip by Mrs. A. E. Frankoe, county school superintendent, who also took the two high scoring pigs to the state fair in the county. Clifford Conner, aged 16 years, of Tabor, Oregon, was one of the two high boys, and took the high pig done the best. The other high boy was enrolled in the Union Pig Club. The pig was named "Clifford" and weighed 250 pounds. The pig was owned by the Union Pig Club and was the best pig shown in the county. The pig was shown at the state fair and won the first prize. The pig was shown at the state fair and won the first prize. The pig was shown at the state fair and won the first prize.

Interstate Festival Will Mark Completion of Road into Wallowa from North

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WALLOWA, Oct. 12.—Plans are assuming form for the celebration of the opening of the Pomerooy-Wallowa interstate road to be held probably the 29th of this month. The people of the Grouse country and the Pomerooy Commercial Club have arranged to hold the meeting at the old campground celebration ground at Bartlett and plan to barbecue a beef, to make with basket lunches, a wedding feast for Wallowa and Garfield counties.

Congressman John H. Summers, of Washington, is to be present, and there will be taken to have Congressman Nick Sinnott present. Invitations have also been issued to other prominent persons and many are expected from Clarkston, Astoria, Lewiston, Enterprise, La Grande, Joseph, Lostine, Elgin, Troy, Prineas, Wallowa and every section interested in the interstate road.

About two hundred men and forty teams are at work on the road between Pomerooy and Wallowa and the forestry service will probably put on twenty more men to get the lower end of the Mount Misery-Grouse creek link completed. The people of Grouse volunteered to aid in the work. About sixty men are at work macadamizing the Pomerooy end of the road; over seventy men are completing the Mount Misery-Grouse creek road; about forty are engaged in building the road from Troy to Bartlett, and about the same number are at work on the Wallowa end of the road.

The country to be opened by the interstate road is described as grand in scenery and excellent in fishing and hunting. The distance between eastern Oregon and northern Idaho and eastern Oregon and southern Idaho will be lessened greatly by the new road. The building of the Willard canyon road will greatly improve the route, as it will provide a water grade, and will be opened a longer period of the year.

BOTH PENDLETON AND BAKER PLAY

Round-Up Boys Take on Athena and Enterprise Journeys to Baker; La Grande Doesn't Play This Week.

Eastern Oregon scholastic football is again the chief item of interest today in two cities. At Pendleton the Athena team, a darkhorse in the race, will take on the Round-Up city high school team, and Enterprise will test their strength against the Baker team. The reason for the scheduling of two games today is that no school is being held the latter part of this week, due to the teachers' institute at Baker.

Tomorrow will find two more cities harboring football contests. Imbler and Elgin are expected to clash at this time. The game rests a bit. Elgin shows up strong against the Imblerites, who were defeated 48 to 5 by La Grande, then she may be considered in the race as her team was strong last year and promises to repeat. Joseph journeys to Union and does strongly points to a Union victory.

Baker Hopeful.
According to Baker sport writers, the B. H. S. should win from Amine's pets. They expect a victory, due to the fact that Enterprise won from Imbler by a small score. "Bud" King expects to start with the following players: Kohner, center; Ballamy and Wadell, guards; Oxman and Chaffin, tackles; Babo and Payton, ends; Ryder and Bartholomew, halfbacks; Cundiff, fullback, and Hill, quarterback. Ross Dooley, Kirkland, Strayer and Ostrom will grace the sidelines.

La Grande's next game will be with the Elgin team at Elgin next Saturday and "Skeet" is working them hard in preparation for the contest. The local team is improving steadily but still has many weak points that need ironing out.

CONSOLIDATION OF RAILROADS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The interstate commerce commission today announced it would resume on November 17 consideration of plans for the consolidation of railroads, taking up first the proposals for combinations of transcontinental lines through the northwest.

REFUGEES ON WAR SHIP TO ARRIVE TODAY

Transfer to Army Ship From Rescue Boat Made This Morning.

ELECTION DAY DRAWING NEAR, BALLOT GIVEN

With election day but a little less than four weeks distant, political interests are beginning to dominate in many cases competition between the candidates is exceptionally keen and the November election promises to be exciting and possibly of a sensational nature.

The greater share of the warm interest in Union county, as well as in Oregon at large, rests in the race for governor. Several other offices, many county and some local are also producing their share of discussion and campaigning.

Ballot Given.
The ballot has been completed and the candidates for state and county offices to be voted on in Union county are as follows:

For representative to Congress, Second congressional district: James Harvey Graham, Baker county, Democrat; and N. J. Sinnott, Wasco county, Republican.

For Governor of the State of Oregon: Don W. O'Leary, Marion county, Republican; Walter M. Pierce, Union county, Democrat.

For state treasurer: O. P. Hoff, Multnomah county, Republican; P. I. Ton Velle, Jackson county, Democrat.

For Justice of the State Supreme Court: George H. Burnett, Marion county; John McCourt, Multnomah county; and John L. Rand, Baker county, all Republican-Democrat candidates.

For Superintendent of Schools: J. A. Churchill, of Baker county, Republican-Democrat; R. S. George, Lane county, Independent.

For Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Inspector of Factories and Workshops: C. H. Grant, Multnomah county, Republican-Democrat; H. H. Hanson, Multnomah county, Independent.

For Commissioners of the Public Service Commission of Oregon: Thomas K. Campbell, Multnomah county, Republican; Gus E. Erickson, Multnomah county, Democrat; and T. M. Kerrigan, Multnomah county.

District and County.
For state senator from the 19th district: Colon R. Eberhard, of La Grande, Republican; H. J. Taylor, of Pendleton, Democrat.

For representative from the 24th district: Charles A. Hunter, Wallowa county, Republican-Democrat.

For representative from the 25th district: A. B. Hunter, Union county, Republican-Democrat.

For county commissioner of Union county: C. L. Galloway, Elgin, Republican; John Wells, Alsea, Democrat.

For county treasurer: Hugh McCull, La Grande, Republican-Democrat.

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Central Figure In Murder Case



With the release of youthful Hayes as the victim of a jealous revenge by Schneider, the Mills girl, shown above, again stirs authorities to redoubled efforts to find the slayer of her mother. Miss Charlotte is 16 years of age, and has been an insistent prodder at county and state officials to keep after the mystery.

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Y DRIVE YET UNFINISHED

While the campaign for finances is not yet at an end, the end is in sight the entire campaign is expected to be completed and the amount raised. It was hoped to complete the canvassing of the districts last evening but owing to various conditions that developed, it was found impossible for some of the committees to entirely cover their districts.

"We have been meeting with a wonderful response," states the general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. "Nearly everyone that has been interviewed has appeared ready and even anxious to subscribe his quota and the only thing that has materially delayed us is that many of those on the committee have been called out of town on business. If the remaining few to be interviewed respond as we expect them to we are confident that the drive will go over the top satisfactorily."

Of five districts in the city two have been put over the one hundred percent "quota raised" mark and another one is expected to be added to the list this evening. One district is being canvassed today and the remaining districts will be finished Monday and Tuesday.

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