

# NATION'S CROPS IN GOOD SHAPE

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, July 21.—Generally favorable conditions for crops prevailed during the first half of July and livestock is in good condition, semi-monthly reports to the department of agriculture indicate. The farmer-labor shortage continues general, although the situation has been satisfactorily handled in most localities thus far.

The corn crop is late but is growing fast, with generally favorable weather, although rain is needed in some areas. The crop has suffered injury in spots from excessive rains and in some localities from great heat. On the whole it averaged well up in condition.

**Threshing in Progress.**  
The winter wheat harvest is on in a large part of the belt and threshing is in full swing in the southern areas. Good yields are in general except in a few small areas and the quality is excellent as a rule. In northern areas the crop is near the cutting stage and harvest is about to begin.

Winter rye is showing slightly better condition than wheat in most areas and harvest in general is ahead in a few small areas and the quality is excellent as a rule. In northern areas the crop is near the cutting stage and harvest is about to begin.

Spring wheat in northern areas is mostly in the filling stage with weather conditions favorable. Stem rust damage is only nominal to date, but infection is predicted to a greater extent than last year.

Oat yields appear to be light in many areas. Flax has had favorable weather. Rice is making good growth. Early potatoes have suffered from dry weather in many sections where yields have been unsatisfactory.

Late potatoes have made improvements of late in sections where rains have been obtained. The hay crop as a whole is likely to be short. Ranges generally are in good shape, though needing rain in the mountain states and in Texas. Sugar beets are in good condition in all areas.

**STEIGER MILL DESTROYED.**  
KLAMATH FALLS, Or., July 21.—The Steiger sawmill, near Chiloquin, was destroyed by fire late Saturday night with a loss of \$25,000. The mill machinery was damaged beyond repair, but the blaze did not spread to the lumber yards. Following the Steiger mill fire, the Mallory garage at Chiloquin was burned today with a total loss of the building, machinery and a number of automobiles approximating the value of the mill loss.

**Liquor Fines Break Record.**  
PENDLETON, Or., July 21.—What is thought to be a record for fines in liquor cases in Umatilla county for one day's work was established in the court of H. E. Fitch, justice of the peace in the Athens district, Monday evening, when seven defendants were assessed a total of \$1440. The charges ranged from selling intoxicants to being drunk, and the size of the fines ranged from \$5.00 to \$40. The arrests were made by state and special local officers.

**Bee Law Held Defective.**  
SALEM, July 21.—Because of flaws found in the law enacted at the last session of the legislature providing for the licensing of bee keepers, the Marion county court has refused to appoint an inspector. In case the law is remedied at the next session of the lawmakers the inspector will be appointed, members of the county court said.

## Tracks of Ancient Race Found on Pacific Islands

(By Associated Press.)  
HONOLULU, July 21.—Traces of a hitherto unknown civilization that may have existed in the Pacific 2,000 years ago have been discovered on the little islands of Necker and Nihoa in the Hawaiian bird reservation, to the northwest of the Hawaiian group proper, according to the revelations made by returning members of a government scientific party which is investigating and surveying the islands about the E. S. Tanager.

For centuries past these isolated spots have sheltered the secret of once powerful colonies that may have flourished prior to the main Polynesian migration which resulted in the settlement of the Hawaiian group, according to A. L. C. Atkinson, president of the territorial board of agriculture and forestry, who was one of the scientific party.

Time and the elements have failed to obliterate the traces of the temples, houses, and the agricultural systems of long ago, and it is expected that the discoveries of the scientists may aid appreciably in the final solution of the problem of the origin and migrations of the Polynesian races.

Bowls wrought from solid stone, a headless idol, and a stone adz were among the many specimens that the party brought back from the islands. The scientists told of fallen foundations that once supported houses, sections of stone monuments, the ruins of what were terraces upon which foodstuffs were grown, and the ruins of temples—evidence, it was said, that tended to show that Necker and Nihoa were cradles of civilization and the rendezvous of a people who were skilled in crude handicrafts and the art of navigation thousands of years ago. These specimens, together with all others gathered by the Tanager party are being studied by scientists here now.

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The total valuation of the entire plant when completed, including the transmission line now under construction, will be about \$150,000, according to J. P. Lottridge, vice-president of the company.

**BODY FOUND IN HARBOR.**  
ASTORIA, Or., July 21.—The body of Chris Sorenson was found this morning floating in the lower harbor and was recovered by Captain Will-

iam Ervasti, master of the cannery tender C. R. P. A. Mr. Sorenson, who was a fisherman, and his 11-year old son Harry were drowned early on the morning of July 12 when their fishing boat was sunk in the upper harbor by the lumber-laden steam schooner Multnomah. The body of the boy has not been found.

**Boy Injured.**  
SWEET HOME, July 21.—Merl Bem, 9 year old son of John Bem of this place, was accidentally shot recently by a younger brother while the boys were playing with a .32 caliber rifle while in bed. The shot took off the end of the forefinger on his right hand and on examination it was found that the finger had to be removed at the second joint.

An Observer Want Ad will sell it.

## ANDY BUSHMAN GETS SEVEN-YEAR TERM

PENDLETON, July 21.—Andrew Bushman, found guilty in the circuit court by a jury Monday on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, was sentenced to serve a seven years in the Oregon State penitentiary Thursday by Judge Fred W. Wilson. A severe lecture was given the defendant by the court.

**Cherry Shipments End.**  
HOOD RIVER, Or., July 21.—The last car of Hood River black cherries, bringing the total to eight cars, was forwarded to eastern markets yesterday. The damage from the heavy rain of the week before last struck individual cherry growers here heavily. The heaviest loss was suffered by J. R. Nunamaker,

who had a large tonnage of Lam-berts unpicked when the rain prevailed.

It was estimated that four cars of cherries were ruined by the rains. All the fruit was shipped by the Apple Growers' association.

**Harvest to Commence**

HILLSBORO, July 21.—Farmers in Washington county are preparing to start harvesting the grain the latter part of this week and early

next week harvest will be in full swing. Bidders are being put into shape to follow the completion of haying. Much baling is being done although in many cases farmers have had to turn the hay several times to thoroughly dry it. Hay that was cut around the 4th of July was caught in the deluge that followed.

Considerable hay is under grade in Washington county as a result of the moisture. This especially applies to clover hay.



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