

WALLOWA HAY HARVEST ON

First Cutting Keeps the Farmers Busy; Most Fields Yield Crop Below Normal.

WALLOWA, Or. (Special).—Some of the valley farmers have been busy the past week, cutting their first crop of alfalfa. Practically all those who did not begin cutting before the Fourth commenced the first of the week. Reports from all parts of the valley are to the effect that but very few pieces of hay are to be found which will give anything like a normal yield. The hay crop in general will be light. It is stated that farmers who figure on having hay to sell, expect to hold for \$20 per ton. The hay shortage will be relieved to some extent, due to the fact that there is a considerable carryover of old hay from last year. Much of this hay, where well stacked, has kept good.

Farmers say they have experienced no difficulty in securing plenty of good hands. The wages for haying in the vicinity of middle valley and Lostine, is said to be \$2 per day. While some few farmers in the lower valley say they expect to pay \$2.50. Reports from the upper part of the valley around Enterprise and Joseph, place the average wage for haying and the hay crop at around \$2 per day. With the small amount of operations going on in the logging camps and sawmills in the county, there is plenty of help, practically all men being used in the lumber camps of this section are men who have come here from other sections of the country. Farmers in the dry sections are beginning to cut their grain hay.

The dryness of the season has advanced the harvest period nearly a month in the dry sections. Farmers seldom begin cutting their grain hay from the fall crops before the middle of July. The next two weeks will see much of the grain which is to be threshed, bound and put into the shock. The fall wheat crop over the county has been placed by many farmers at less than half a normal crop. Some farmers in different sections of the county expect to use combine harvesters in cutting their crops, however the majority will bind, as all expect to see the price of all kinds of feed go high early in the fall.

Hoppers Bad.
The grasshoppers are said to be very bad in the Trout Creek section northwest of Enterprise. Farmers from that section say in places the grain is fairly covered with the hoppers. They have attained a considerable size and are doing much damage to spring crops in many

places. Some of the farmers say they expect to try out some of the hopper poison mixed by the man in charge of the insect campaign. Reports from various sections of the country have been to the effect that the hoppers were present in great numbers. The dry weather apparently has been a very satisfactory one for their growth. It is something unusual for many grasshoppers to be noticed here this early in the season, and it is expected that the coming fall will see them much thicker than in former years.

Many people from all sections of the county spent the Fourth of July at Maxville, a record crowd being in attendance. The celebration put on by the people of Maxville is said to have been one of the most enjoyable ever held in the county. The big free barbecue of beef and pork was one of the most enjoyed parts of the occasion. The supply was ample to feed the large crowd. The afternoon program included races, bucking contests, boxing and wrestling matches, etc. Dr. Thompson of this place carried away first prize of \$25 in the bucking contest with Wayne Willett taking second of \$15. All the races are said to have been very good, especially the ladies and the horse race with three entrants coming out almost even. Miss Palmer won first prize in this race. Miss Mead second. At 7:30 p. m. a wrestling match between Jim Noregard and Jack Oakesby, was put on. The match is said to have been very snappy from the start, with both men displaying their wares in clamping on holds and breaking away from the other. After 27 minutes Noregard secured an arm seizure from which Oakesby found trouble in getting away from. He began kicking, trying to release himself in this way. He was warned against these tactics by the referee, but apparently gave them no attention. The match was awarded to Noregard on a foot. This is the third time these men have wrestled here in the last few weeks. On the first and last occasion Noregard has won the match. In the second encounter each secured a fall in the hour and a half time limit, resulting in a draw.

Residents of town were aroused shortly after midnight Saturday night by the fire alarm. It was discovered that the large residence of Mrs. J. H. Minnaugh was on fire. By the time the fire fighting force could be rushed to the scene of the fire it had gained such headway that it was impossible to do anything. The house and contents were destroyed in the blaze. The house had not been occupied for some time, and it is a mystery how the fire became started, some express the opinion that the fire must have started from the inside, due to the fact that a shower of rain was falling at the time of the fire and for some time before. The house and furnishings represents a loss of several thousand dollars. The house was erected about twelve years ago by Mr. Minnaugh and was one of the finest and most modern in town. It was not learned regarding the amount of insurance which was carried on the

house and contents.

The forest fire situation is very dangerous in this section of the country. The continued dry spell, with only a light shower of rain occasionally, has allowed the forests and vegetation to become as dry as is usually the case here at a later season. The local forest office received word the last of the week from the fire protective service to forbid the use of fireworks of any kind in the National forest areas.

During the past week a number of men have been placed on duty at lookouts, and as patrolmen, by the forest service. The fire hazard is said to be the worst experienced in the county. Two large fires have been burning in the timbered sections north of town during the past week. The largest fire has been on some cut-over lands belonging to the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company, and is said to have burned over about 600 acres of land. The other fire has been burning in standing timber further to the north and is said to have burned about 100 acres. The fires have apparently burned themselves nearly out at this time. Some of the farmers in the dry creek section state they fear that, due to the dryness and the nearness of the fire hazards to them, that they will have trouble in keeping their crops from being destroyed. F. H. Wainwright, living near where the fires have been burning, states that one of the fires the past week reached the edge of his grain field at one place. He says his entire large crop of fall wheat is in great danger at all times during the dry season, as only a small strip of pasture separates the grain fields from the dead brush and slashings, which may catch on fire at any time. It is probable that should the dry spell continue, that stricter restrictions will be drawn governing smokers entering the forests, without permits at least. Wallowa county has had as many fires so far this season as have been experienced during the entire season in many other years.

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YAKALOS HELP MEAT SUPPLY

WAINWRIGHT, Alta. (AP).—A new breed of livestock which may have a bearing on the future meat supply, has been developed in the national park here by crossing buffaloes with yaks. Superintendent A. G. Smith says the stock has heavy beef qualities, combined with a good running nature.

The breed has been given the name "yakalos," which Mr. Smith believes will prove more practical than "catalo," evolved several years ago by crossing buffaloes with domestic cattle. "Yakalos" breed true to type, are sturdy and fat being made in the Lostine country.

Joseph Feagins of Alder Shapo, was among the Wallowa business visitors the last of the week.

Resort Popular.
The Wallowa Lake Wonderland appears to be coming into its own, as a summer playground for tourists. During the past few weeks many cars have passed here daily enroute for the resort. The resort has been given a large amount of publicity during the past few months. A number of important meetings which have been held there during the past few weeks, has also brought many people who had never visited the lake before. Practically all of those visiting there express themselves highly pleased with the accommodations and with the beautiful scenery.

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of "CAMP PIERCE" camp on the Klamath Falls-Elmer cut-off, received injuries which caused his death. The two who were with him were placed under arrest, and were taken to Klamath Falls where the incident was to be held. Their names were not known at present.
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