

# STRIVING TO SECURE FAIR

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special) — The meeting held here Monday evening in the interests of the community fair was well attended. The fair was discussed by a number of persons. Some were in favor of incorporating and putting on the fair, while others felt the expense and work necessary would be too great. A committee was named to investigate the matter and work out plans. S. T. Bailey, H. M. Major and H. M. Shaffer were selected as the committee. The time is quite short and if the fair is to materialize, it is probable that another meeting will be held within a few days. A number of the grantee members have failed in order that a good collection of farm exhibits would be available to select from in making up the exhibit for the grantee. It is to be exhibited at the county fair at Enterprise, this fall.

Dr. John H. Gregory left recently for Portland. He expects to be away until about the first of September. Dr. Ten Brook of Maxville is here taking care of the practice while Dr. Gregory is away.

Frank Southwick and wife, of Hood River, visited here the latter part of last week for a few weeks visit with friends in this section of the country.

Harmon Sims, of Leap, are finishing up their crop of wheat. They report a yield of around 26 bushels per acre.

John Couch, of Leita, has finished combining his field of forty-four wheat, which gave a yield of between 15 and 20 bushels per acre.

The Hanny threshing outfit raised to the M. A. Peterson ranch on Whiskey creek the first of the week. They have been threshing further up the ridge during the past week on crops belonging to Tom Scott, Jack Martin and others.

Miss Leola Anderson commenced work for Mrs. Humphrey the first of the week.

Mrs. E. H. Weinhart lost a valuable set from a ring in front of the post office here Sunday. A thorough search was made of the ground near the curb where the ring was found.

E. H. Weinhart has just finished planting his large crop of wheat in the Dry Creek section very good, and will make a good average yield. Four threshing machines are headed to that part of the country and should soon clean the threshing there.

Large numbers of outside cars pass through here daily on routes to the Wallowa lake, and other camping places in the county. The resort at the head of the lake is said to be crowded a good share of the time.

## State's School Fund Suffers Heavy Reverse

SAULTS, Ore. (AP) — Largely because of an apparent shrinkage of nearly \$1,000,000 in the state's school fund, known as the irrevocable school fund, a shrinkage attributed to bad loans, Arch J. Tourtelotte, certified public accountant of Portland, recommends that the state discontinue making loans from the fund and invest the money instead in carefully selected bonds. The recommendation is made in a report that was filed yesterday with the state board following an audit by Tourtelotte.

Should the fund board choose to continue making farm loans, Tourtelotte further recommends that the department be organized under a system of minute supervision instituted over appraisal of loans offered as security for loans.

**Investigation Ordered.**  
The investigation was requested by the board.

A total of 550 loans from the fund are classified as in "bad order" and these aggregate \$907,245.65. Further, it is stated that about \$75,000 in interest has been lost to the state on properties foreclosed upon or now in process of foreclosure, and in addition \$15,035.95 interest due on defaulted delinquents and \$21,747.55 on temporary delinquents.

One hundred and twenty nine of the loans classified as in "bad order" have been foreclosed, says the report, 181 are in the foreclosure process, 22 are frozen doubtful delinquents and 15 are resold foreclosures.

The report declares that it is impossible to estimate accurately the loss that the state will sustain in liquidating these loans for the reason that very few inspection reports concerning the property and security are on file in the department. Tourtelotte asserts that methods of loan approval and subsequent administration of the loans must be completely reorganized. Approval of loans based on the opinions and recommendations of local attorneys is declared to be inadequate loans and foreclosed property require field administration, which is now lacking.

**Departments May Join.**  
Reference to a reorganization of the auditor suggests a union of the field and legal functions with the ex-service men's state aid commission, believing that the two departments ultimately can be consolidated.

Establishment of a sinking fund from reducible sources, involving a discontinuance temporarily of the distribution of school fund income is suggested in the report as a remedy of the time.

Some salmon has begun to fish in the river. A number of fishermen have been able to land some large ones, from the river, and also in Hurricane creek near Enterprise. E. H. Roberts caught one in Hurricane creek the last of the week weighing 20 pounds. The trout fishing is said to be quite good at many points.

The warm weather and drying winds have obliterated all signs of the recent heavy rains. The vegetation and brush in the woods is getting very dry again. A fire started in the woods north of here Monday afternoon, but apparently did not burn over a very large area.

The ranges and pastures in all dry parts of the county are very short at this time. Much stock that has been held in dry bunchgrass pastures, is in very poor condition. A number of sheep have been moved into the woods during the past week in search of forage.

H. C. Boggs began hauling wheat from his ranch to town the first of the week.

for the revolt against the Pacific Northwest Academy of Arts & Letters, which became thoroughly stagnant and unwilling to do any more than to organize a session and elect a president known as "The Wanderer". The fact that the group of people who succeeded took their flight from city to city. These people were life, truth, movement, and freedom in the use of color.

Leipine turned exclusively to Russian national themes. Russian songs and fairy tales often supplied the theme. He was also fond of depicting the life of the peasants of Russia with a feeling of sympathy and admiration which would have landed him in jail had he not been so prominent.

**PAIRM SURVEY STARTED**  
WALLOVA, Ore. (Special) — E. O. McMillan and W. J. Gilmore, men of electrical engineering at the Oregon Agricultural college, arrived here and began a survey of the rural community, to ascertain the extent to which electrical energy is employed by fruit growers. The report of the men will be turned into the college, which will co-ordinate the information with that contained in a separate survey being made by the Pacific Power & Light company.

Professor McMillan stated that similar surveys were being made at various points in the Willamette valley, at Astoria and in central and eastern Oregon to gain comparative data on electric use in agriculture.

Minnesota is one of the states that makes co-operation a religion, and consequently a success. One of its outstanding movements is an organization of 70,000 farmers playing the butter and dairy game together. This co-operation controls 472 creameries, selling 257 cars of butter within a year, to the value of more than \$4,000,000. This association was organized in 1921; it has a net worth of \$2,500,000; total assets of \$870,522.

Five hundred million pounds of oleomargarine are sold every year in the United States. Oregon and Washington are leading the way to shut out these counterfeits. Both states have passed laws forbidding the use of milk in these imitations, and in both states the packing interests have had up the laws on a referendum. Every farmer and every friend of the farmer should uphold the law by voting "Yes".

Correct this sentence: "The flowers look fine," the wife said to the husband, "I'm extremely glad you remembered to water them during my absence."

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