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32,000 Acres in Winter
Wheat This Year and
6,000 in Spring Wheat
in Grande Ronde

A few weeks ago George Gray, 57 years of age and one of the oldest of the Union county pioneers told of his early experiences in growing wheat. His special story, it will be remembered, told how he and his brother took two ploughs, a horse and a cow and through the beginning came the big acreage of forty-fold wheat as it is known in this county today.

About three weeks ago, wheat growers in Union county commenced the harvesting of the season's crop of wheat. The manner of harvesting, as usual, was varied. Some cut, bound and thrashed; others headed and threshed; a large number that ever resorted to the combine. The end is not yet, but the harvest has progressed sufficiently far to show very near a bumper crop.

Weather conditions have interfered to a considerable extent in certain areas, particularly on Sand Ridge. Out on the heavier land, the yield is reported to have been very large. The areas which have been affected by climate, etc., have been unusually large, so that taken all in all, the probabilities are that the crop will be around normal, with the advantage, if any, slightly above that mark.

It is estimated that about 32,000 acres in this county were in winter wheat this year and 16,000 in spring wheat. The average yield of winter wheat for this county last year was 25 bushels, as given out by state authorities. This makes rather small, but when compared with other counties is large. The yield was exceeded only by two counties, Clatsop where 28 was the average, but there were only 30 acres in wheat and by Columbia, with an average of 26, with 725 acres in wheat. Union county came third with over 20,000 acres. Washington county also averaged 25 moving in about 15,000 acres. The average last year for spring wheat was 18 bushels, and ranked sixth among the counties in the number of acres. Of the counties ahead of Union all were either in western Oregon, or were irrigated lands.

Of the two varieties of winter wheat favored most in this county, it is possible that about 50 per cent of this year's crop is Hybrid No. 123, while the remainder is the Forty-fold. Experiments have been in progress for the last few years, using these two varieties. The grain has been on the side of Hybrid which has been out-yielding Forty-fold. Last year in some instances the yield of Hybrid was from three to fifteen bushels higher per acre than of the other variety. This led to a larger acreage of Hybrid this year. Just what the returns for this year are will not be known until harvest is finished.

The comparison of Federation and Hard Federation wheat has also been an interesting experiment among farmers during the last few years. Federation has heretofore been the popular spring wheat in the valley. Demonstrations have been held and in 1925, 30 farmers in the county tried the Federation for the first time. Reports from that year found that it seemed the better of the two on deep moist soils. The yield was considerably greater than with the Hard Federation. This year a much larger group of farmers have had the Hard Federation. Its outstanding qualities aside from the greater yield are that it has seemed to be

among the pioneers to produce the most and the best was cited in the history of the late J. W. Lytle who as a pioneer settled at Allen. Finding nothing here in the way of seed wheat to satisfy him, he sent back to Philadelphia and secured a bushel of Forty-fold wheat, for which he paid \$7.50. The story goes on to say that he stepped off an acre of ground, carefully moved away all vegetation about that plot and planted his precious seed. That year he realized over 40 bushels from that one acre, and through the beginning came the big acreage of forty-fold wheat as it is known in this county today.

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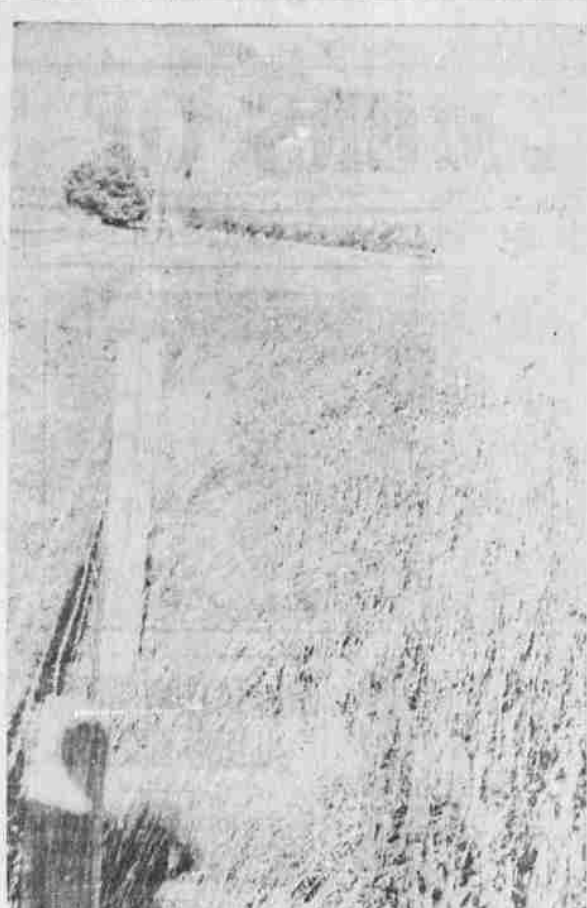
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PLANTS PEAS IN WHEAT IN
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J. A. Gaskill, of Imbler, shows his progressive spirit, perhaps in no better way than in the ventures he makes to determine which methods, which varieties, which crops would be the most successful or productive on his farm. This picture demonstrates the value of planting peas in wheat in the hay row of his wheat field.

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Small Farms' Days
Declares Numbered

MADISON, Wis., (AP)—Vast farms, operated with motorized equipment and with farm houses as modern as city dwellings, in the inevitable future of American agriculture, declares W. W. Barlow, University of Wisconsin agriculturist.

Barlow's population will continue to decrease, he thinks. "As mechanized equipment becomes more general, small farms will not be prosperous," he says. "Acreage will be consolidated and farms operated as in industry."

John Danahy, a member of the Cove Pig Club, led out the second best pen of hogs in the Portland Union Stock Yards feeding contest last year. Danahy had four hogs, of from one litter, weighing in the aggregate 600 pounds. Danahy won first place among Oregon entries and in the entire northwest section was credited only by a boy from Washington state.

Great Progress Made
In Boys' and Girls'
Clubwork in County

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time. That reason is the fact that 30 members of these organizations were exhibitors at the Union Livestock Show this year. The exhibits, too, by the way, were among the most interesting on the grounds and attracted considerable attention each day. The character of the exhibits displayed, the interest manifested by the boys and girls were proof positive of the great benefits they are receiving from their club work. At the same time it is indicative of the work they will do and the livestock they will grow, in all probability when they come to mature years, so men of years and judgment say.

Most of the hogs exhibited at Union were those of the Pig Clubs; seven head of fat steers, and still other staff of fine dairy calves, cows and heifers were brought in by club members and in the hog department, considerable money awards (around \$200) were reaped by them.

The Club Organizations

Each of the 29 clubs has its own individual organization. There is a leader, a president, vice president and secretary in each. The roster of the clubs, together with their officers and location, and in some instances the club name, is as follows:

Poultry Club: Mt. Glenn—Leader, A. Henshaw; president, Fern McCoy; vice president, Vern Nebeker; secretary, Gertrude Nebeker; five members.

Cooking Club: Island City—Leader, Mrs. I. Shafter; president, Mary Shafter; vice president, Mary Shafter; secretary, Mildred Wardell; five members.

Sewing Club: Island City—Leader, Mrs. John Boswary; president, Mary Jane Chadwick; vice president, Margaret Kerr; secretary, Daphne Boswary; seven members.

Camp Cooking Club: Island City—Leader, Mrs. Katherine Peterson; president, Thomas Cooper; vice president, Gene Hockland; secretary, Donald Steinbeck; five members.

Girls' Sewing Club: Fruitdale—Leader, Zelpha S. Carls; president, LeNeve Salkield; vice president, Emma Rhodes; secretary, Myrtle Ward; six members.

Bachelor Sewing Club: Fruitdale—Leader, Mrs. Alice Standley; president, Harold Barker; vice president, Lester Doss; secretary, Raymond Doss; thirteen members.

Boys' Sewing Club: Ferry—Leader, Naomi Robertson; president, Vernon Lark; vice president, Theodore Matheson; secretary, Wesley Smith; sixteen members.

Girls' Sewing Club: Ferry—Leader, Mrs. Northcott; president, Marie Smith; vice president, Sadie Fisher; secretary, Norma Larson; eight members. Name of club, Sunshine.

Sewing Club: Mt. Glenn—Leader, Mrs. Ella Walter; president, Muriel Walter; vice president, Fern McCoy; secretary, Augusta McCoy.

Sewing Club: Imbler—Leader, Mrs. Frank Perry; president, Marie Perry; vice president, secretary, Mary Peterson; six members.

Sewing Club: Elgin—Leader, Mrs. Ida Hattigarth; president, Evelyn Hattigarth; vice president, Laurence Harris; secretary, Muriel Nicolson; five members. Name of club, Rainbow.

Sewing Club: Elgin—Leader, Nora Rudner; president, Annie Bennett; vice president, Jessie Jones; secretary, Ida Phipps; seven members. Name of club, Sunset Needle Club.

Cooking Club: Cove—Leader, Mrs. Pearl Blank; president, Estella Blank; vice president, Ellen Brotherton; five members.

Home-making Club: Cove—Leader, Mrs. T. C. Hefty; president, Melba Mitchell; vice president, Dorothy Barker; secretary, Alice Stacey; five members.

Garden Club: Cove—Leader, Mrs. J. E. Mills; president, Allen Mills; vice president, Harold Blank; secretary, Carmen Daniel; seven members.

Sewing Club: Cove—Leader, Mrs. Jessie Daniel; president, Carmen Daniel; vice president, Dora Hunt; secretary, Lee Ellen Brotherton; five members.

Bachelor Sewing Club: Cove—Leader, Mrs. Jessie Daniel; president, Muriel Hunt; vice president, Harold Blank; secretary, Allen Mills; five members.

Boys' Sewing Club: Telecast—Leader, Mrs. Beth Christensen; president, Carl Baxter; vice president, Ralph Haller; secretary, Edin Hager; six members.

Girls' Sewing Club: Telecast—Leader, Mrs. Beth B. Christensen; president, Helen Spain; vice president, Wythele Ackley; secretary.

PRIZE FAT STEERS



This country was well represented at the Pacific International last year at Portland and our most interested exhibitors were the boys and girls from the different Pig and Club organizations. This is a picture of the fat steers taken up there from this county by the members of the Union County Best Club.

Leona Miller, nine members.

Cooking Club: Union—Leader, Miss Zella Peterson; president, Dolores Carls; vice president, Remonden Myers; secretary, Burnadine Richens; thirteen members.

Sewing Club: Union—Leader, Betty Matthews; president, Dora Chaney; vice president, Edith Chaney; secretary, Amylinda Knight; twelve members.

Sewing Club: Wall Creek—Leader, Betty Niles; president, Len Niles; vice president, Olive Hunt; secretary, Edna Elstrom; nine members.

Cooking Club: Willow School—Leader, Mrs. Helen; president, Mrs. Hough; vice president, Edna Johnson; secretary, Gladys Johnson; eight members.

Sewing Club: Willow School—Leader, Mrs. Weagler; president, Frances Alexander; vice president, Virginia Campbell; secretary, Mildred Reader; six members.

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Garden Club: Elgin—Leader, Edith Hattigarth; president, Allen Mills; vice president, Harold Blank; secretary, Carmen Daniel; seven members.

Cove Dairy Club: Elgin—Leader, Ray Bell; president, James Grady; vice president, Allen Mills; secretary, Harold Blank; twelve members.

Cove Hattigarth Club: Elgin—Leader, Mrs. J. E. Mills; president, Virginia Campbell; vice president, Mildred Reader; secretary, Mildred Reader; six members.

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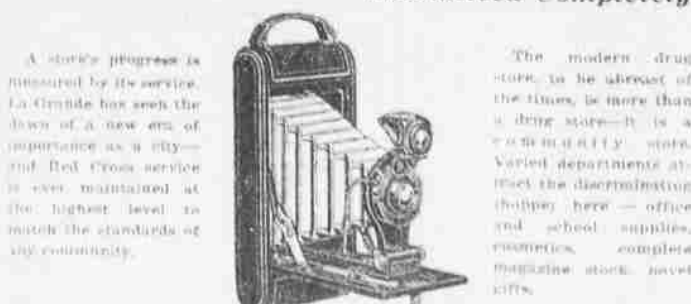
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