

### SPRING WEATHER IN WALLOWA CO.

#### Farmers Preparing for Year—Condition of Winter Wheat Uncertain

WALLOWA, Ore., Mar. 16 (Special)—Spring weather has been here in full force during the past few days, during the latter part of the week, light rains and wind caused the remaining snow banks to melt away rapidly. The frost has been drawn from the ground in most places giving the water an excellent chance of getting into the ground. A rather unusual condition has been in evidence here during the melting away of the snow. Severe freezing earlier in the winter caused several inches of the surface of the ground to be heaved up, some leaving an open space below the surface. Before the frost had left the top layers of the soil enough to let it crop back, no water to speak of could be noticed running off, the greater part of it having sunk into the underground spaces. It is probable that this will result in a much greater amount of moisture being taken up than if the ground was solid allowing much to run off without having sufficient time to be soaked up by the ground.

While much of the winter wheat

fields are getting bare in places at this time, it is difficult to determine what condition the grain is in. In some instances the tops of the grain appears to have been killed down quite close to the roots by freezing. Grass has started up some during the past few days, since there has been no freezing to speak of but it will require at least two weeks good weather before there will be sufficient feed for stock.

**Close Watch on Lambs**  
The stormy weather conditions during the past week has made lambing operations more difficult and a close watch has had to be maintained in preventing the young lambs from being chilled by the cold winds and rain. Most of the farmers who have been engaged in lambing out their flocks recently report very good success in saving a large percentage of the lambs.

Roads in practically all sections of the county are at their worst at this time. Some heavy haying has been done on some of the dirt roads in the hill sections recently and this, with the frost just leaving, has caused deep ruts to be cut in many places and gives the roads a poor chance of draining off readily.

Some work of poisoning ground squirrels is being done as the rodents continue to make their appearance in large numbers, giving indications that unless some very effective work is done before the young appear, that they will be as plentiful as usual.

### Baker County's Agricultural Outlook Good

BAKER, Ore., Mar. 16.—The agricultural outlook for this year in Baker county is as good or better than the average year, County Agent Roger Morse declared in an address before the members of the Kiwanis club here.

Although the beef market is good at present, he said there is a tendency to picture the farmer's and stock raiser's condition as better than it really is. Beef prices are high, but stock raisers are getting no more than a fair recompense for their products after experiencing the slump in the beef market since 1926, Mr. Morse said. He anticipates good demand for cattle during the next year.

The county agent sees a further strengthening of the wool market with a good lamb crop. He described prospects for cattle, sheep, potatoes, dairying and turkey growing as good.

**GIRL PLEADS GUILTY**  
OAKLAND, Cal., Mar. 16. (AP)—Lorraine Boothe, 18, arrested at Grants Pass, Ore., recently on a charge of stealing an automobile owned by Elgin Erickson of Berkeley, pleaded guilty in superior court here yesterday. Monday was set for sentence.  
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