

## FALL WHEAT O. K. IN WALLOWA CO.

Grain Survives Cold Weather; Horses on Winter Range Not So Lucky

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WALLOWA, Ore., (Special)—Investigation by some of the farmers into their winter wheat fields since the melting away of the snow reveals the fact that all fields in which the grain got a good start last fall have come through the winter in fine condition. In some instances where the dry spots have been examined during the past week or two, some rotted kernels have been found and some of the seed which had laid in the ground since being sowed was found to be sprouting. A few weeks warm weather will be required before farmers will be able to tell whether re-sowing of these places will be necessary.

Each week sees the appearance of many ground squirrels, all appear to have withstood the long cold winter in fine condition. Some squirrels have been making their appearance on the south slopes near the edge of the valley since early in February, while further back in the hills where the snow has laid deep over the ground until recently, many of them are just coming out at this time. Some spreading of "poisoned" grain has been done on some of the farms during the past two weeks.

Mrs. John Couch, of Leap, was a visitor at Lostine and Enterprise the latter part of the week. Mrs. Grace Out, of Summerville, spent several days the past week visiting with relatives in the Leap and Parsnip Creek communities.

Reports from some of the stockmen who have made trips to the range sections where a considerable number of range horses were left out during the winter, state that the past winter has been one of the most severe on stock wintering out for a number of years. In some of the range areas many dead horses have been noticed. Usually horses are able to come through the winter in very good condition when allowed to pick their feed on the winter ranges.

Mrs. Emma Harmon, of Leap, was a visitor at Enterprise the last of the week, she reports considerable snow in some of the roads through the hills making it almost impossible to get over the roads with cars yet. Teams and hacks are still being used by most of the up-land residents.

Weather conditions in this community during much of the past week have been such as to remind residents of some of the back-sets of spring which have been experienced in former years when such nice weather was enjoyed during the early part of the month of March. The weather up until near the 20th of the month was very warm and spring-like with practically no wind or storms. During the past week however much hard wind has swept over the county followed by some rain which later turned to snow. Saturday snow fell the greater part of the day while most of it melted as it fell, higher in the hills sections as much as three and four inches of snow covers the ground. Before the last snow the ground had begun to warm up considerably and the grass was starting some on the south slopes. Much feeding of stock is being done yet. Some of the farmers having pastures in the hills have been able to put part of their stock out and where the last year's crop of grass was not eaten off too short during the fall and winter the stock are able to do quite well without additional feed. A number of the farmers in the valley state they expect to find it necessary to feed their dairy herds for some time yet, because of the fact that grass in the valley pastures is starting up quite slowly yet.

Some work has started on the farms in this community in the way of sod plowing. In the fields in the valley the frost is well out of the ground giving an excellent opportunity of getting the sod plowed while the ground is wet and before the vegetation starts. Lester Jackson, of Diamond Prairie, moved his plow team to the Dr. Gregory farm about two miles east of town the latter part of the week where he has a field of sod to plow. The fall-plowed fields which were nearly dry enough to commence work on before the storms started has been wet considerably again and will require some little time now before any work can start there. The recent moisture is considered

a good thing, even though farm work is being somewhat delayed. In some instances where farmers have done some digging of post holes and so on during the past few weeks some of them say the ground did not appear to have been wet to any great depth. The thaw of late February was so rapid that much of the water ran off before the frost left the soil.

Friends and neighbors in this community were saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Frank Walker at the family home on Trout creek early Saturday morning, March 23, following an illness of about a week. The Walker family have been residents of this county for the past 20 years and for a few years previous lived near Elgin.

Until late in the fall of 1928 the family have lived on a farm in the Leap community, also owning a farm on Trout creek where they moved late in the fall to be nearer school during the winter months. Mrs. Walker was the mother of nine children, eight of whom survive with the widow, the youngest being a baby about two years of age. Funeral arrangements have not been completed and are awaiting word from relatives living in the east.

Bruce Fisher, of Leap, went to Hurricane creek the latter part of the week to get a bunch of his horses which he wintered at a straw stack in that section. The horses are not doing well on straw and farmers are making an effort to get them onto grass as soon as possible.

Joseph Feagin, of Leap, has been at Enterprise during the past several days with his nephew, Ted Brown, who is a patient at the Enterprise hospital where he underwent an operation for appendicitis during the early part of the week. He is reported to be in a serious condition, having contracted a severe cold on his lungs following the operation.

Giles Plass has been busy the past several days building some new fence at his farm in the hills. G. L. Martin, of Whiskey creek, visited his wife and daughters in town the latter part of the week. Roy Gastin has been sawing some wood for J. A. Roberts of Middle valley.

Mrs. Bruce Fisher and Mrs. W. M. Downing, of Leap, were recent visitors at Evans.

George Hearing, of Minam, was a business visitor in town last Thursday. Mr. Hearing states that some logging is being done in the Minam vicinity and that himself and son have been busy loading logs recently.

Frank Fisher, of Hurricane Creek, visited relatives in the Leap community last week.

Wert McGinnis, of Lower valley, was a business visitor in town the

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of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on the 31st day of December, 1928, made to the insurance commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law.

|                                                                             |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Total premium income for the year                                           | \$ 7,881,316.72 |
| Interest, dividends and rents received during the year                      | 1,389,378.03    |
| Income from other sources received during the year                          | 431,619.81      |
| Total income                                                                | \$ 9,702,314.56 |
| Disbursements:                                                              |                 |
| Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrender values during the year | \$ 1,773,832.39 |
| Dividends paid to policyholders during the year                             | 832,143.31      |
| Commissions and salaries paid during the year                               | 1,910,252.84    |
| Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year                               | 108,967.06      |
| Amount of all other expenditures                                            | 897,802.18      |
| Total expenditures                                                          | \$ 5,522,995.58 |
| Assets:                                                                     |                 |
| Value of real estate owned (market value)                                   | \$ 1,913,137.43 |
| Value of stocks and bonds owned (market or amortized value)                 | 1,798,510.00    |
| Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.                                     | 1,522,318.81    |
| Premium notes and policy loans                                              | 8,362,686.50    |
| Cash in banks and on hand                                                   | 405,564.58      |
| Net uncollected and deferred premiums                                       | 2,867,006.58    |
| Interest and rents due and accrued                                          | 318,167.56      |
| Other assets                                                                | 275,444.27      |
| Deduct assets not admitted                                                  | 217,104.94      |
| Total admitted assets                                                       | \$27,942,661.22 |
| Liabilities:                                                                |                 |
| Net reserves                                                                | \$20,861,629.84 |
| Gross claims for losses unpaid on the 31st day of December, 1928            | 818,411.31      |
| All other liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of no stock laws          | \$26,821,383.56 |
| Business in Oregon for the Year:                                            |                 |
| Gross premiums received during the year                                     | \$ 148,881.34   |
| Premiums paid during the year                                               | 18,117.50       |
| Losses incurred during the year                                             | 1,351,765.34    |
| Total income                                                                | \$5,226,736.91  |
| Disbursements:                                                              |                 |
| Net losses paid during the year including adjustment expenses               | \$1,026,732.32  |
| Dividends paid on capital stock during the year                             | 31,499.63       |
| Commissions and salaries paid during the year                               | 248,468.77      |
| Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year                               | 42,318.84       |
| Amount of all other expenditures                                            | 201,382.30      |
| Total expenditures                                                          | \$1,550,401.46  |
| Value of stocks and bonds (market value)                                    | \$ 829,000.00   |
| Cash in banks and on hand                                                   | 1,711,703.34    |
| Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1928           | 331,710.42      |
| Interest and rents due and accrued                                          | 17,049.17       |
| Other assets                                                                | 4,334.96        |
| Total admitted assets                                                       | \$2,921,796.89  |
| Liabilities:                                                                |                 |
| Gross claims for losses unpaid \$ 483,324.03                                |                 |
| Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding policies                     | 355,030.81      |
| Due for co-insurance and brokerage                                          | 45,362.80       |
| All other liabilities                                                       | 57,124.90       |
| Voluntary reserve and surplus                                               | 1,060,354.55    |
| Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$200,000.00               | \$2,421,796.89  |
| Business in Oregon for the Year:                                            |                 |
| Net premiums received during the year                                       | \$ 103,315.51   |
| Losses paid during the year                                                 | 42,680.19       |
| Losses incurred during the year                                             | 42,290.35       |

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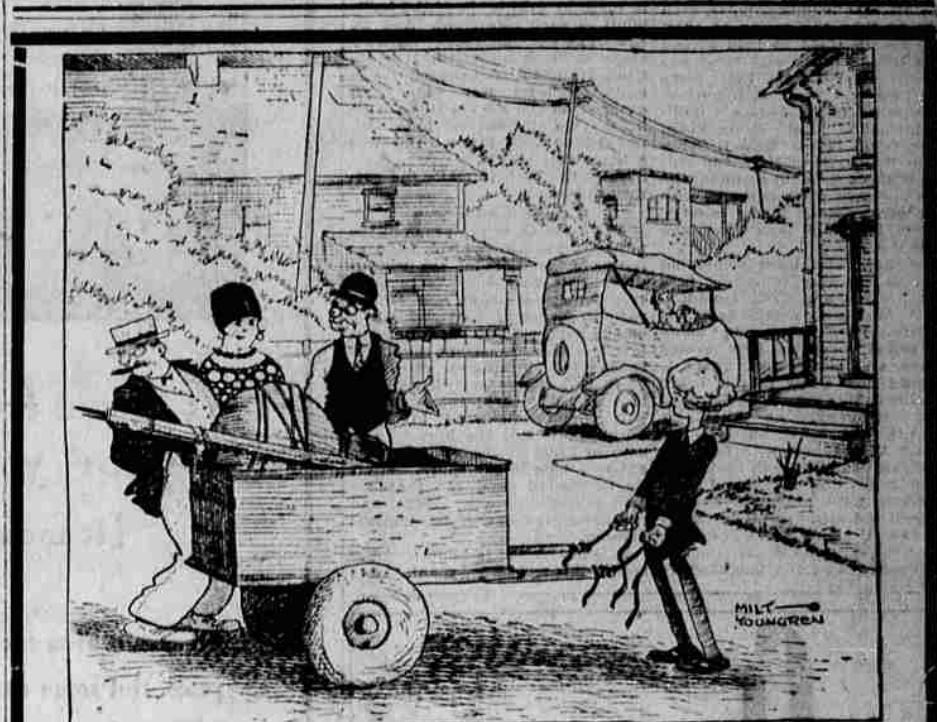
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