

WALLOWA WATER NOT PLENTIFUL

Shortage Exists in Some Sections of County — Weather Doesn't Help.

By G. C. Meek (Observer Correspondent) WALLOWA, Ore. (Special) — The water shortage is said to be getting worse in many parts of the community since the colder weather set in with considerable freezing at nights. In most cases the wells and springs have held up quite well during the long spell of dry weather, but recently some of them have shown signs of going down and some fear that should the conditions remain dry until hard freezing weather sets in, that the small supply in many of the wells will be entirely frozen up. The Wallowa river is also quite low, and Bear creek from which the town of Wallowa and many of the farmers on the lower end of the creek and Diamond prairie depend for much of their stock water is said to be exceptionally low.



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Glenn Glass was in town the first of the week for a load of coal. He has been busy recently building a stone cellar at his farm in the hills. Work of surfacing the last stretch of road in this end of the valley this fall is well under way. This consists of a stretch of road east of town and extending nearly to the cemetery. Two large gravel trucks and a grader have been busy there for the past several days and a few days more time will be required to finish the surfacing to the river bridge on the east side of town.

Mrs. L. W. Minor was an Enterprise business visitor the early part of the week. A. W. Johnson who is in charge of handling the stock shipments for the Wallowa County Stock Marketing association in this end of the valley was busy several days the past week getting in touch with farmers who had stock ready for shipment. The shipment which left here on Saturday's freight consisted of a mixed shipment of hogs and late lambs and also a car of old horses which were loaded out at Evans. The association

has made many shipments of stock for the farmers of the county during the past few weeks and it is estimated that more than 500 farmers in the county are availing themselves of this opportunity of putting their own stock onto the market. Mrs. J. R. Gastin received word the latter part of the week from her daughter, Mrs. Gravelle Anderson of Payette, Idaho, that Mr. Anderson had been ill for the past several weeks and was being taken to a hospital at Boise for treatment. The past two or three weeks has seen an increasing demand for hay in this community. According to many of the farmers the available supply of hay is not considered large this year. The first cuttings of alfalfa on much of the irrigated land in the valley sections was exceptionally heavy; however, with the dry weather and shortage of irrigation water in many places at the time when it was most needed for the second crop, resulted in very light crops on much of the land for the second cutting. In some places the second crop proved so light that some of it was not cut at all. With practically no carry-over of old hay from last year there is not as much hay as in many former years. Some six weeks ago when some of those who had hay for sale put a price on the hay it started at around \$12 per ton for timothy and alfalfa but during recent weeks the price has advanced until the cheapest hay heard of in this community is \$15 per ton and some are reported to be asking higher figures than this. Many of the grain farmers in the hill sections have been purchasers of small lots of hay for use in feeding their dairy cows and small flocks of sheep during the winter. The several months of exceptionally dry weather with only occasional showers of rain has prevented the grass in the hill pastures and fields from growing much and nearly all fields are matted down very short. The warm, open weather is resulting in the saving of much feed, but when snow once comes and all forage so short it will be necessary to do fairly heavy feeding from then on. A number of years ago before the use of the combines for harvesting the grain crops became so general most of the grain farmers were well supplied with much rough feed in the form of a number of large straw stacks to which they could run a large part of their stock cattle and horses the greater part of the winter season, however, since the greater part of the grain is cut with combines no great amount of the straw is picked up and consequently required much more hay for putting the stock through. A number of farmers have been busy recently hauling hay to their farms while the road conditions are good for heavy hauling.

Mrs. Emma Harmon and brother, Elmer Dunlap, of Prescott, Wash., were visiting at the A. W. Harmon home in the Leap community the first of the week. Mrs. Harmon was a former resident of that community having lived there a number of years, following the death of her husband about a year and a half ago she has been making her home with her father, R. C. Dunlap, at Prescott, Wash. John Couch, Sam Meek, F. H. Weinhard and other farmers of this community were delivering loads to the stock yards the latter part of the week for shipment with the stock marketing association. Bruce Fisher and family and W. M. Downing and wife were visiting at A. W. Harmon's Tuesday evening. A surprise party was given at the Joe Feagin home in Upper Leap Wednesday evening. The event which was in honor of Mr. Feagin's birthday, was arranged by a number of his friends and relatives. Roy Gastin was a business visitor in town Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Gastin has been busy fixing up a cut-off saw and expects to start cutting wood soon. T. O. Pezinas who lives in the north woods was a business visitor in town the first of the week. Earl Burchfield visited Sunday with Roy and Cora Hechtel. Mr. Perman, of the Standard Oil company here, was delivering gas and oil to some of the farmers in the Leap community Wednesday. Lester Jackson who is working

for Dr. Gregory has been busy the past several days hauling feed to the Gregory ranch about two miles east of town for use in feeding a large bunch of hogs there. John Prince, of Dry creek, has been busy the past several days hauling wheat into town. L. W. Minor who is ranging his sheep on Whiskey creek reports the loss of two fine black-faced bucks recently. The bucks were thought to have been dropped in with a band of sheep which were moved through the section recently. Sam Meek was busy several days the past week hauling hay from the C. A. Hunter farm east of town to his farm in the Leap section.

WOMAN ATTEMPTS MURDER
Vaticano City, Nov. 25 (AP) — A Swedish woman named Marguerite Gudm attempted to shoot Mr. Smil, titular archbishop of Puala and former apostolic vicar of Norway, in St. Peter's Cathedral yesterday. The woman, who seemed to be mentally deranged, was disarmed by visitors to the cathedral and handed over to the national gendarmes.

GIRL IS WRECK VICTIM
TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 25 (AP) — Thelma Sloan, 19, was killed when the light car in which she was riding to a dance with three companions, left the road in a fog and struck a telephone pole. The car was driven by Andrew Anderson, of Puyallup.

TRIAL ADJOURNED
NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (AP) — The trial of George McManus for the murder of Arnold Rothstein was resumed today, but was im-

mediately adjourned until tomorrow because of the lack of a full jury box caused by the illness of a juror.

FIRE LOSS \$10,000
PORTLAND, Nov. 25 (AP) — Loss estimated at \$10,000 was caused here last night when fire swept through the glass bottling plant of the W. P. Fuller Paint company. Building, machinery and stock was damaged.

CREW RESCUED
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25 (AP) — Eighteen members of the crew of the wrecked lumber steamer Putnam, which went ashore in a dense fog near Punta Gorda light-house, arrived aboard the coast guard cutter Cahola which rescued the men on the beach. A writer says that before long Americans will have forgotten how to walk. Oh no! As long as there are babies men will walk.

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