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MARQUIS WHEAT IS GROWN SUCCESSFULLY

This wheat has done so very well in the American Northwest since its introduction that the farmers in those areas should give much heed to the claims made for it. It first came prominently into public notice at the Dry Farming Congress held at Lethbridge, Alta., Canada, in 1912. It excelled all other varieties shown, both in yield and quality, and was awarded highest honors at the exhibit held in connection with the Congress. Since that time it has been grown in various areas in the Northwestern states, and the results obtained have generally been of a gratifying character.

It has been grown under the direction of the writer in various places since that time, and some of the results obtained should prove interesting. The work was conducted more especially under the direct supervision of my assistant, Mr. E. A. Wilson. It was grown at Elgin, N. D., in 1913, 1914 and 1915, and also some other places. In 1913 the yield on the Elgin Demonstration Farm was 19 bushels while the average from other wheat in the vicinity was 9 bushels. In 1914 the yield at Elgin was 33 bushels against 17 of Blue Stem grown under similar conditions. All the Marquis grown on the experiment farm at Elgin in 1914 was sown on other station farms in 1915 or sold for seed to farmers in that part of Dakota. In 1915 at Elgin the yield was 36 bushels against 23 of Blue Stem. At Halliday and Golden Valley the yields were 44 and 38 bushels, respectively, from the Marquis. The nineteen farmers near Elgin obtained an average of 19 bushels in 1915, against an average of 13 and 15 of the Blue Stem and Red Pife, respectively. The great value of this wheat viewed from the standpoint of yield is not to be questioned.

Good reports are also received regarding its behavior in Montana and places farther west, but these areas are not so distinctively in the spring wheat belt, hence the growth of Marquis is not so important relatively, as in Western Dakota. Where we tried it in Central Oregon, the results were encouraging.

This wheat is characterized by several excellent properties among which are the following: (1) It matures from 5 to 10 days earlier than other wheat. This tends to protect it from the adverse influences of injury from hot winds and drought. (2) It does not shatter nearly so readily as Blue Stem or Red Pife during the harvesting process. This is true of it even when over-ripe. (3) The straw is shorter and stiffer than that of Blue Stem, hence in a dry year it suffers less from drought and in a wet year it suffers less from lodging. In one of our experiments near Prineville in Central Oregon in 1913, the yield was 10 bushels per acre against 4 bushels of the variety usually grown there, though produced under the same conditions. The summer that year was abnormally dry at Prineville. (4) It does not rust nearly so readily as Blue Stem. This was shown very clearly in 1915 in Southwestern Dakota, in crops grown under similar conditions. (5) It is fully equal to if not superior to the Blue Stem and Red Pife in its milling properties. In dry areas the rate of seeding should be about 4 pecks per acre, and it is very important that the seed should be sown early and preferably on corn land. If sown on stubble the best results will usually be obtained from fall plowed land. If spring plowed, the work should be done quite early and the land should then be packed as soon as plowed. On loose soils the aim should be to sow the seed with a press drill, burying it to the depth of 2 to 3 inches. Those who intend to sow this variety of wheat should secure the seed in ample time.

The fact that the Woman's Club of Ontario has sent in \$17.88 to the scholarship loan fund speaks well for the enthusiasm and interest of the club women in that district. Yesterday Mrs. Frederick Eggert, chairman of the fund, made the 93d loan to help a girl complete a college course necessary that she may obtain a departmental position.—Oregonian.

The Hye Parent-Teachers' association at Fruitland enjoyed an evening meeting last Thursday at which Mr. E. O. Sisson spoke in the Methodist church.

BIG MONEY MADE IN CHINA PHEASANTS

Why not raise China Pheasants and make big money? If you have two or three acres of land you can make from \$1200 to \$1500 the first season from an investment of \$250 to \$300 and four months work.

I have the whole equipment to start you. The birds I have will furnish you with from 2500 to 3000 eggs which sell readily for from \$2 to \$3 per setting, and the birds sell from \$2.50 to \$4.00 each. They are no more trouble to raise than turkeys and the food costs very little. A quart of grain a day is enough for one hundred grown birds.

I would like to sell to some one living near Ontario, so that I may show them how without cost to care for the birds and help them get started.

This is a fine opportunity for some one to make easy money. My business takes all my time is the only reason I have for selling.

For further information call at Kroessin's harness shop, Louis Kroessin, Proprietor.

GEORGE T. MARYE



George T. Marye, who has resigned as American Ambassador to Russia on account of ill health.

W.C.T.U. INSTITUTE HELD AT FRUITLAND

The W. C. T. U. institute held by the Fruitland union at Epworth hall on the 16th in an all-day session was a decided success, both socially and as an advance step for the work here.

The morning session was devoted to business and was presided over by Mrs. Julia Brainard of Payette.

The noon hour was delightful around the tables spread with delicious edibles and became better acquainted.

At 2 o'clock Mrs. Brainard led a devotional meeting, deeply spiritual and thoughtful following which the new union recently organized by Mrs. G. ant Fisher, president of Fruitland union, and Mrs. R. G. Wilson in Friendship district, were welcomed and presented the emblem of W. C. T. U., the white ribbon, by the state president, Mrs. Nettie Chipp.

Miss Eve Wilson gave a temperance recitation, "Vote as You Pray," which made quite a hit. The music was furnished by a ladies' quartet.

"The L. T. L. boys sang in chorus.

"The Cigarette Must Go" and were duly applauded.

Mrs. Chipp gave the address of the afternoon in her usual winsome and practical way, telling of the work of the past year and outlining plans for the coming year. Mrs. R. G. Wilson was elected a delegate to the mid-year executive meeting to be held at Goding Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 23 and 24.

D. Ehfe, who was injured fourteen years ago by being thrown out of his wagon, is still confined to his bed.

COMMERCIAL CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY

Elected Officers for Ensuing Year-- Many Matters of Interest to Town Taken Up and Discussed--In Good Financial Condition.

The annual meeting of the Commercial Club was held in the rooms of the Club, in the City Hall on Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance and a regular smoker was the order.

The reports of the officers showed the club to be in a fine condition financially and also that there had been a substantial increase in membership during the past year. Applications for membership were received from 21 candidates, and the prospects for the coming year are that the Club will be able to help the community in many ways.

The committee on the establishing of a canery reported progress, but asked for more time in which to get the farmers interested sufficiently to sign up acreage for the growing of vegetables as they are a little skeptical about the canning being built.

The road committee handed in reports which were discussed and

some needed changes will be recommended to the county court.

There was some discussion of the road to connect over the Blue Mountains with the Columbia highway and it was concluded that the state should assist in this movement.

The travelling of the road to Vale seems to be waiting the discovery of a gravel pit at a convenient point.

The election of officers resulted in the selection of A. W. Trow for president and E. A. Fraser for vice president without opposition. When it came to directors there were many placed in nomination and the following selected: W. W. Wood, W. H. Doolittle, H. C. Boyer, E. G. Bailey, D. M. Taggart, A. L. Cockrum, and E. C. Van Petten.

There was a long communication received from the Royal Rosarians of Portland, but as they did not even know what state Ontario was in the matter was laid on the table without being read.

DEMOCRATS ARE TO FORM WILSON CLUB

The democrats are planning on a celebration here on March 4th and among other things will organize a Woodrow Wilson club.

Mr. Ad Simons tried to get Governor Alexander here for a talk to the braves, but he had a previous engagement at Idaho Falls for that date and some other speaker will be secured.

The Moore dining room has been secured for the banquet and in answer to invitations sent out many acceptance are being received indicating there will be a large attendance.

P. Monroe Smock has been secured as the principal speaker.

The democrats feel that it will be a fitting tribute to their president and also an opportunity to get together.

DAIRY RANCH CHANGED HANDS

D. C. Griffin, of Burbank, Calif., has bought the dairy from W. H. Doolittle, also the twenty acre tract, where the dairy is located. The twenty acres are set to apples, and some of the trees will bear this season.

Mr. Doolittle had built up a nice business, but like many other farmers, objected to a steady job and made a sacrifice to escape the work.

Mr. Griffin is here with his family and has taken charge of the dairy. He is a man of experience along that line and promises to keep up the standard set by Mr. Doolittle.

Mr. Doolittle will devote his time to the real estate business and believes that this is going to be a busy year for real estate owners. There is much inquiry for real estate and there is a general movement from the middle west to this state, where land values are still low.

Rev. D. Loree, Colporteur of the American Baptist Publication, who has been working throughout this part of the county since the first of November under the direction of the local Baptist church closed his last meeting for this part of the county at Valley View Wednesday evening. He has held meetings at Owyhee, Drewsey, Mallett, Arcadia and Valley View. There has been a large number of conversions and baptisms. He will go to North Powder Saturday, where he begins meetings Sunday.

And what has become of the old subscriber who used to begin his communication, "I take my pen in hand"?

ONTARIO IS TO BE ELECTRIC CENTER

On Wednesday the workmen arrived here to overhaul and alter the electric substation of the Electric Investment Co., so that all the power plants of the system will be connected up here in such a manner that the juice can be switched on from any one of the plants without delay, in case any accident occurs.

While all the plants have been connected up it was not in such a way that a quick change could be made.

Mr. W. L. Hall, formerly located at Emmett, is moving his family here and will have charge of the sub station.

The business of the company in this section is growing rapidly and this improvement was necessary to give them proper service.

NO MILITIA IN EASTERN OREGON

A writer in the Oregonian says: If the National Guard Association bill for Federalization of the state troops passes, the maximum number of troops will be 500 for each Congressional district, or a total peace strength of 200,000. This is an increase of 70,000 over the present strength of the National Guard.

Eastern Oregon, the Second Congressional District, including 16 counties, had a population of 142,870 in 1910 census. It has no state troops. This district has six towns much larger than Woodburn, which has a good company. So let preparedness start in those towns. If each will raise a militia company, Oregon will do her share.

MRS. FARLEY ENTERTAINS.

Mrs. J. H. Farley entertained the Good Will Club of Beatrice Rebekah Lodge 1. O. O. F., at her home Saturday afternoon Feb. 12th.

The rooms were in Valentine decorations and about 25 members were present.

The time was very pleasantly passed with games and music. Social reminiscences of "old times" were served after which the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Walter Glean, Feb. 26th.

Either the administration will take the lead in making this nation prepared for whatever may happen, or it will find itself bereft of the nation's patience. This is no time for dilly-dallying.

When a woman isn't hearing burglars in the dining room, she's always smelling something burning.

HOG PRICES AGAIN ON THE ADVANCE

CHURCH SOCIAL PLEASANT AFFAIR

The annual meeting of the members and friends of the Congregational Church was held at the church on Tuesday evening, Feb. 15.

Many pioneers and organizers of the Sunday school and Ladies Aid in Ontario were present. Mrs. Peterson, President of the aid, in her pleasant cheery manner presided over the meeting.

Hon. G. L. King gave an interesting psychological retrospect. Mrs. Pogue, first president of the aid, requested Mrs. Boyd to read from the secretary book the account of the organization, constitution and by-laws of the society. Mrs. J. A. Draper told of the vast scope of country solicited by the committees for the first Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. K. S. Rutherford gave an account of starting a fund for building the first church in Ontario, which is the Congregational church. A burlesque anthem by the choir was heartily enjoyed. After a guessing game, light refreshments were served.

GEN. VON GALLWITZ



Photo by American Press Association. General von Gallwitz, commander of the Turko-Bulgar troops opposing the allies around Saloniki.

SPECIAL FEATURE AT DREAMLAND

A strong play will be featured at the Dreamland Theatre next Monday evening. The celebrated actress Theda Bara will star in Alexandre Dumas' masterpiece, "The Clemenceau Case."

In the Clemenceau Case Dumas has attained the capstone of his towering genius. Of Iza, the pantherish heroine of this deathless drama, he himself wrote: "I snail never create another such character though I scribble till doomsday."

Iza's sinister beauty and its fatal effect on the lives of two noble men from the main plot of The Clemenceau Case, Pierre, her husband, whom she casts off for Constantin Ritz, she leaves with his career as a talented sculptor blasted forever. In turn she toys with the infatuated Ritz, shattering his hopes, ambitions and home life.

But Pierre saves Ritz against himself. With heroic self-sacrifice he allows himself, apparently, to fall once more under Iza's spell. He meets her in her oriental boudoir. As she presses her false lips to Pierre's he stabs her to the heart just as Ritz enters.

"I have saved you for your wife," says Pierre calmly as he telephones for the police. "As for me, Iza killed my heart years ago."

The Music Club will hold its next meeting on Saturday, Feb. 26th, at the home of Mrs. H. L. Peterson. A Brahms program will be rendered.

Hog feeders again went through the inevitable slump in prices in marketing their hogs last fall. There has been much comment on it, much searching for the reasons and some suggested remedies. We seem to forget from one year to the next that it is an old story with, perhaps a little retouching, says the Country Gentleman.

A study of hog prices at our markets for the past five years shows that "high spots" and "low spots" come at well defined times. They vary somewhat, but in the main one can figure ahead a few months and tell something as to what the hog market will be. Taking out of consideration the foot-and-mouth situation a year ago and also during the present season, and we have conditions about normal.

As a general thing there are two high spots as well as two low spots each year. Let us find the reasons for this and see if the farmer cannot plan his hog raising and feeding in such a way as to reach the market when it is at the top rather than at the bottom.

The record shows that the months of March and April and August and September are good months in which to market hogs. During these months the supply of hogs reaching the markets is small. But a small percentage of the fall pigs now on hand are large enough to be finished for the March or April market. Most of them will be finished in the early summer and will get to the market when it is not very attractive. In order that the spring litters get to the market before the price begins to take its autumn slide it is necessary to have them come early and to be pushed along rapidly with corn of the year before. Both these factors—the inconvenience of having pigs come in February or March and the lack of corn to finish them early—mean that many a farmer loses the "velvet" in the hog-feeding game.

About the first of October, when hogs were selling in the local market for \$8.10, a young farmer asked me what I thought about the hog market. I told him if I had hogs anywhere near finished I would sell them at that price rather than wait, and I worked out my reason on paper and showed it to him. It was something like this: He said that he had 40 hogs weighing about 150 pounds each. He wanted to keep them six weeks longer and put about 60 pounds apiece on them by feeding new corn. With hogs at \$8.10 those 150-pound hogs were worth \$12.15 each that day. He wanted to feed them six weeks, run the risk of cholera and that of a lower market, simply because he had the corn handy. We figured that in six weeks hogs would be selling for six cents—they actually sold for less. A 210-pound-hog at six cents is worth \$12.60. The 60 pounds of gain would have cost at least \$2.40, so that for the same hog which he could have sold for \$12.15 he would have realized \$10.20 six weeks later.

This is a universal practice. Farmers everywhere plan to finish their hogs with new corn. I fail to see why they do not hold the same corn until next season, feed it to hogs on pasture and have them matured before the "new-corn" hogs get on the market in sufficient numbers to bear it down.

In hitting the right hog market, then, two things must be considered—the time of farrowing and the method of feeding. If pigs come early they must be fed liberally to get on the market in finished condition by September. If they come later they will not see a good market before late the following winter. Another disadvantage of late spring pigs is that the fall pigs must come so late that they will "eat their heads off" before spring. Sows that have produced early spring litters may be bred for early fall litters.

It is hitting the market when prices are on the peaks that brings the most money, but it takes some planning to arrange the schedule so that the hogs are ready when the market is good.

V. A. PLACE.

At the meeting of the directors of the Farmers Mutual Telephone company the resignation of A. Kaessner as superintendent and manager was accepted and Zane Schubert named in his place. Miss Laura Hooker is to remain with the company.