

THE YIELD IS MIXED

Walla Walla and Umatilla Below the Average.

BIG CROPS IN THE FOOT HILLS

Several Thousand Acres Too Poor to Harvest—High Prices Make a Stand-Off for Small Out-Turn.

Walla Walla and Umatilla, two of the best wheat counties in the Pacific Northwest, will this year have less than 1,000,000 bushels of wheat, the decrease from an average crop being 25 to 30 per cent.

The heaviest falling off is in the Eureka flat district, where a portion of the decrease is attributed to poor farming, although climatic conditions were decidedly unfavorable.

The high prices offered will more than offset the shortage in yield, although the distribution will be unequal as the wealthiest farmers have the best crops.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 16.—(Staff correspondence.)—The intelligent but forceful epigram of the Kansan that "those who have, gets" fairly bristles with truth when applied to the wheatgrowers of Umatilla and Walla Walla counties this year. The rich farmers owning the best lands and conducting their operations on approved methods are in most cases securing very good yields, and in not a few instances, the out-turn has been phenomenal. On the lighter lands, and where farming has been more carefully conducted, there are thousands of acres in both counties that will not be cut at all, and many more thousands of acres where the yield is running from three bushels to eight bushels to the acre. The condition of wheat on this latter class of lands is such that the good showing made elsewhere is totally inadequate to bring the average up to even last year's proportions, and it will be remembered the crop last year was short.

Small Yield in Both Counties.

As near as can be estimated at the present time, Umatilla's crop will be in the vicinity of 2,500,000 to 2,700,000 bushels, and Walla Walla will probably be about 500,000 bushels short of Umatilla's yield, the total for the two big counties barely approximating the record yield of Umatilla. The high price of wheat compared with that of last year will make the aggregate value of the 1903 crop slightly greater than that of its predecessor. The distribution of this money is no equal, however, that the man with a three-bushel crop does not take kindly to any allusion to it.

"Darn queer figuring some of you fellows do," said a farmer to whom the equalizing process was suggested. "How is the county going to be just as well off with a small crop and high prices as with a big crop and low prices when the big fellows are getting it all? There's George Farringer; he's got money to burn, so of course he is getting 40 bushels to the acre, but where does the man with the three-bushel crop, or no crop at all, come in on this 'just-as-much-money-in-the-county' calculation. It's the same way over on Eureka flat. Old man Babcock will have a big crop, as he always does, but those poor ranchers on the light lands over near the Snake River breaks are all in the soup, and will not get enough wheat to feed their chickens. The same amount of money that was here last year may come into the county all right, but it will be in the hands of a smaller number of men."

Cause of Shortage.

It must not be inferred that the light lands and poor farming are responsible for all of the shortage, for nature has played queer pranks in both of these big wheat counties. She has laid a blight on one field, while that adjoining has a good crop in many cases where there is no apparent difference in the soil or in the style of handling it. These spotted yields are no universal throughout Umatilla County, but it is a difficult matter to make accurate estimates at this time. So far as the Eureka flat has progressed, however, it has disclosed the fact that the fields which gave promise of good yields are turning out even better than expected, while, on the other hand, the fields which gave little promise of a crop are turning out even worse than was expected.

The east end of Umatilla County will produce more wheat than last year, there being quite a number of localities where exceptionally heavy yields are reported. Near Weston, Alex. Johnson secured 46 bushels per acre from a 120-acre field, and Eddley & Hartman had 47 bushels from an 80-acre field. G. W. Starks, on Dry Creek, is getting 40 bushels from a 30-acre field, and W. H. Reeder's farm, near Athena, averaged over 45 bushels to the acre. All through this section yields of 35 to 40 and 40 bushels are quite common. In the western part of the county, however, the yield falls away sharply, and in the vicinity of Helix, where 25 bushels is considered high this year, and over a large scope of country five and six-bushel yields are entirely too frequent for the prosperity of the country.

Crop is Uneven.

Opinions differ as to the cause of this unfortunate condition of affairs in an old reliable wheat country like Umatilla, but it is apparent that poor farming, frost and dry weather all took a hand in bringing about the result. The worst "spotted" districts—that is, localities where one field is bad and the adjoining one good—received their damage from frost the latter part of May. Wheat that was well advanced was blighted beyond repair, so that the rains which came later in the season did not help it. The frost also hit the later wheat, but it had not got far enough along to prevent its recuperating and receiving the benefit of the rains which came later. In some of the dry districts well-tilled farms are turning out pretty fair yields, but where the soil has not been worked thoroughly the out-turn is poor.

In Umatilla, as in Sherman, Wasco and Morrow, the quality is above the average, there being very little shriveled wheat, and the percentage of heavy wheat being greater than ever, 61 and 62-pound club being frequently in evidence, while some fields of red chaff have showed as high as 64 pounds to the bushel. There is

HEAD OF TILLAMOOK BAY NAVIGATION FOR SMALL OCEAN STEAMERS



VIEW OF WATER FRONT AT TILLAMOOK CITY.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—The accompanying photograph shows the water front at Tillamook City and the head of navigation for small ocean steamers. At this point nearly the whole of the butter and cheese manufactured in Tillamook County is shipped. At the present time large consignments of cheese are being made, the steamers taking away between 1000 and 1500 cases every trip. The steamer at the dock is the Soe H. Elmore, which makes weekly trips between Astoria and Tillamook, and in all probability a line of steamers will be put on between Portland and Tillamook City. The dock and warehouse in the distance is that of Mr. P. McIntosh, the largest manufacturer of cheese in Tillamook and the State of Oregon.

very little selling in Umatilla County, about the only transactions so far reported being with the mills, which are paying higher prices than the exporters can touch. Even at a good premium over export values, they are not shaking out much wheat, and there will need be a pause in the bullish antics of the Eastern markets before holders will loosen up much.

Walla Walla Also Mixed.

In Walla Walla County, the elements were exceptionally kind to the farmers living in the O. R. & N. territory, and for that reason Portland exporters will handle a larger proportion of the wheat of that county than they have handled in many years. Eureka flat, which is the corner-stone from which the Hunt road built its business in Walla Walla County, has the poorest crop it has harvested in many years, while up in the G. R. & N. territory some phenomenal yields are being reported. On Eureka flat proper, careless farming is blamed for much of the shortage. That old reliable district has, year after year, turned out such fine crops that some of the farmers thought that failure was impossible and that a good crop would be secured without the need of much effort on their part. This theory was all right so long as climatic conditions were favorable, but it has proved woefully wrong since frost and drought and a cold spring tackled the growing crop.

Eureka Flat Far Short.

There are a few good yields on the flat, but they are not many, and practically all of the shortage in Walla Walla County is in this district. Over toward Snake River there is considerable new acreage in the light lands. Some of this was put in by old-timers, who realize the uncertainty of wheatgrowing on the light lands and are accordingly not disappointed at getting little or nothing. A large number of new-comers, however, are less philosophical, and would have preferred having the off-year postponed until they had secured one or two of the crops which make the light lands famous when they are on their good behavior.

Aside from the men so unfortunate as to lose their entire crop, the average farmer, owing to the high prices offered for wheat, will not be such a heavy loser as might be supposed. A 30 per cent decrease in yield, with a 50 per cent advance in prices, would prove beneficial to a farmer. A Walla Walla dealer, explained it to me in about this fashion:

Less Wheat, More Profit.

"A fellow from the flat was in here kicking because he only got 15 bushels to the acre, compared with 35 bushels last year, and yet, according to my figures, his profits this year will be far ahead of those of last year. They claim that it costs 40 cents per bushel to raise wheat here. This being so, his 35-bushel yield, which he sold last year at 50 cents, netted him a profit of but \$3.50 per acre. This year he can get 70 cents per bushel for his 15-bushel yield, or a profit of \$10.50 per acre. From this it is plain, if the figures on cost of production are right, that a yield of even 10 or 15 bushels per acre at present prices is as good as 30 to 40 bushels at last year's prices."

Fears for Late Crops.

While harvesting is at full swing in both Walla Walla and Umatilla counties, and some of the farmers have all of their wheat under cover, there is considerable grain that early rains would damage, and constant allusions are heard to that wet September which wrought such havoc in 1894. The damage over here would

be light, however, compared with the Palouse, or even in Sherman County, where the crop is very late in many localities. A shortage of over 1,000,000 bushels of wheat in each of the best counties in the Northwest is a matter of deep regret to every one in any way connected with the business. Such a contingency, however, is one of the chances that must be taken, and when it comes after six good years and with prices far above the average, there are mitigating circumstances which soften the blow.

COLUMBIA COUNTY LOGGING.

Railways Have Revolutionized the Business in the Last Few Years.

ST. HELENS, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—The logging business of Columbia County is steadily growing in volume. Three logging railways are already headed toward the Nehalem. They are the Columbia Timber Company, lessee of the Goble, Nehalem & Pacific Railway, the Columbia City & Nehalem Logging Railway and the Beqon Logging & Lumbering Company, which is building up the Clatskanie river. The donkey engine and the logging railway have revolutionized the logging business in this county during the past few years. While the donkey engine manipulator is not, figuratively speaking, the important personage as the bull-puncher of past days, the rapidity with which the former handles logs is such that the large logs are dexterously hauled out of deep and precipitous canyons and loaded on the train on short notice, and when the logging railway train reaches the river bank it is but the work of a few minutes to dump the contents of a dozen flat cars into the boom.

Each of the logging railway companies control thousands of acres of the best timber lands in the Northwest, and the high quality of timber remains untouched. The roads are extended whenever it is necessary to go a little farther back to reach the lumber and pole products more conveniently. It will probably



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GIVEN TWENTY DAYS MORE

FINE THEN IMPOSED ON DELINQUENT CORPORATIONS.

Question Whether Those Who Have Not Paid Tax Can Maintain Suit During That Period.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Yesterday was the day upon which the annual license fees of corporations were to be paid, but owing to an uncertainty in the law, corporations will not be held to be delinquent until 20 days more have expired. The act providing for license fees for corporations provides that the Secretary of State shall furnish to the State Treasurer on the 15th of July a list of the corporations authorized to do business in this state, with the amount of the annual fee due from each.

The foregoing quotation is from section 5 of the act. Section 9 provides, among other things, that no corporation which shall have failed to pay the last annual license fee, or any other tax or fee which shall have become due and payable against it, as provided in this act or any law of this state, shall be permitted to maintain any suit, etc., while such delinquency shall continue, and it is made the duty of the State Treasurer to furnish the Secretary of State, at the time that any such annual license fee or other tax shall become delinquent, a list of

delinquent it is in no different legal condition after August 15 than it was before that time, and the law really means that corporations must pay within 20 days from July 15, instead of 30 days. If the corporation becomes delinquent on August 15, but is not liable for a fine for 20 days longer, it would still be subject to the prohibition which says that it cannot maintain a suit during the delinquency.

About two-thirds of the corporations have made their payments and the remainder seem disposed to make the payments, but have delayed the matter because they are not subject to a fine until another 20 days have elapsed. Since many companies will make their payments during the next 20 days, the State Treasurer will not file his delinquent list with the Secretary of State until that time has expired. It would seem that so far as the workings of the law are concerned the requirement that payment shall be made within 20 days might as well have been left out, as the law really gives the corporation 50 days in which to make the payment without being liable to a fine or suffering any lapse of a right to bring suit. This law might be construed, perhaps, to mean that the delinquency begins after August 15, but that it may continue 20 days before the company is liable to a fine. In that case the corporation could not maintain a suit during the 20 days. That seems to be the only construction of the act that makes the termination of the 20 days of any legal effect.

The question whether a corporation which has not paid is now delinquent could be raised only by a defendant who had been sued. By objecting that the corporation had not paid its fee he could present the question when the delinquency begins.

ESCAPED CONVICTS VISIT CAMPERS.

Told Who They Were and Obtained Supplies of Food.

PLACERVILLE, Cal., Aug. 14.—Attorney Fred Irwin, of this city, who has been camping at Phillips Station, near the summit, in company with J. F. Armstrong, Register of the United States Land Office at Sacramento, reports that last Friday morning three men, armed with Winchester carbines, came into their camp at Phillips Station and stating they had gone two days without food, asked for something to eat. The women of the camp gave them breakfast, after which they left, taking some provisions away with them.

When getting their provisions they stated they were escaped convicts, and that, while they would intentionally harm no one if it could be avoided, they were making a strike for their liberty. Theron, who was recognized from a picture, caught sight of Register Armstrong, who in appearance and size resembles Sheriff Bosquit, and placing his hand on his revolver, inquired, "Isn't that the big Sheriff?" They left by the Glen Alpine trail.

REGISTRAR OF UNIVERSITY.

Herbert T. Condon is a Graduate of the University of Oregon.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 15.—Herbert T. Condon, the new registrar at the Washington State University, is one of the best-known college financial agents on the Coast. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon and of the law department of the University of Michigan. After a short time spent in the practice of law, Mr. Condon felt the desire to enter college work too strongly to resist, and in 1902 he took a position in the business office of the Oregon Agricultural College. After two years spent at that institution he left to take the position of registrar at the University of Idaho, where he remained until his election to the similar position in the Washington school.

During the years he has represented the financial end of various colleges in the Northwest. Mr. Condon has made a very brilliant record, and one which has made his services much sought after by university authorities.

PRAYER RESTORES SIGHT

REMARKABLE CURE OF A COTTAGE GROVE WOMAN.

Doctor Was About to Remove Useless Optic When of a Sudden Vision Returns.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Dr. L. W. Brown, of this city, relates a most peculiar circumstance. He was called to Cottage Grove Friday night to assist in an operation to remove an eye from Mrs. Hinnicutt, who has been blind in one eye for 35 years, and it had been deemed advisable to remove the useless member. The operation was to be performed this morning and the woman was placed on the operating table and the attending surgeons got their instruments in readiness for the operation when the woman shouted that the Lord had restored her sight.

Those in attendance were greatly surprised at this outbreak, but the good eye was closed and she was shown several articles and could see them plainly with the eye that had been blind for years and called the articles by name. There were half a dozen witnesses of the occurrence and all were dumfounded.

The woman had spent several hours in prayer previous to the time for the operation and just before going on the operating table offered a final prayer to God to restore her sight. She naturally feels that her prayer was answered.

Mules Were Stolen a Year Ago.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—C. C. Hartwig has been arrested in Jackson County for the larceny of a span of mules here nearly a year ago, and an officer went this morning to bring him in.

Tired

After Mental Exertion—No Rest. Nervous, Irritable and Wretched.

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FIEND MAY BE LYNCHED

TERRIBLY MUTILATED MONTANA BOY'S BODY.

Corpse Found Hidden in a Slough—Public Indignation is Running Very High.

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 15.—A special to The Miner from Stevensville, Mont., says: The body of the 6-year-old Jackson boy, who it was believed had been abducted by a stranger, was discovered near here today. The boy had been made the victim of the most heinous crime of the interior mountain country. The child's body had been shockingly disfigured with a knife.

The Coroner's jury at Stevensville this afternoon returned a verdict that the boy had been murdered by Walter Anderson, of Missoula. Anderson is now in jail at Hamilton. Stevensville citizens are preparing to lynch him tonight.

An angry crowd had congregated on the streets of Stevensville, and apparently the only thing lacking to complete a lynching party is a leader. The parents of the murdered boy, who was only six years old, are doing their utmost to prevent mob violence, and thus far the mob appears to be respecting their wishes, though indignation at the heinous crime charged to Walter Jackson is running high. The nature of the crime has aroused the people to almost a frenzy. Sheriff Tond of Hamilton, has sworn in ten extra deputies, and they are now on guard at the Hamilton jail.

Thomas Baird made the gruesome discovery of the boy's body while wading in a slough. He was one of a party of ten men engaged in the search. The body had been carefully hidden, and its discovery by Baird was the merest accident. The remains were found with the face lying downward in the mud and slime.

Witnesses positively identified Jackson as being seen with the boy shortly before his disappearance was noticed. He refuses to talk of the crime, and maintains stolid silence to all questions.

BADLY INJURED IN RUNAWAY.

Mrs. McCall was on Her Way to Her Daughter's Funeral.

THE DALLAS, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Mrs. S. M. McCall, of South Dakota, was seriously injured here yesterday in a runaway accident, suffering a fracture of six ribs, a broken shoulder and severe scalp wounds. Mrs. McCall was on the way to the funeral of her daughter, Mrs. Mills, of Harland, where the accident occurred.

Electric Plant Will Be Complete.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—The foundation of Albany's new electric light plant has been completed, and the engine is in place. The foundation is of solid masonry, and surpasses anything in the city. The new water wheel will be shipped from the East in August, and will give the plant 200 horsepower.

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