

WHEAT YIELD TO BE NEAR RECORD

Northwest Crop Put at 55,000,000 Bushels.

REPORTS IN FROM 350 POINTS

Oregon Output Will Be About 14,000,000 Bushels.

RECENT RAINS BIG FACTOR

Prospects Much Brighter Than Few Weeks Ago and Though Bumper Year Will Not Be Equaled, Prices Are Much Higher.

BY E. W. WRIGHT.
Estimates compiled from data received from more than 350 of the principal wheat stations of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, indicate the 1909 wheat yield for the three states to be approximately 55,000,000 bushels, compared with 40,000,000 bushels last year, 60,000,000 bushels in 1907, and a five-year average of 48,500,000.

These figures are, of course, susceptible to some change in case of wet weather damage at harvest, but with cutting already begun south of Snake River and plenty of moisture to carry the Spring wheat along to maturity, there is only a slight chance for much deterioration. Practically all of these reports, which were gathered by special correspondents of The Oregonian, by rail-road agents and by representatives of the warehouse and milling interests cover the situation to July 8.

Rain Worth Millions.

The reports are all enthusiastic regarding the great benefits from the recent rains, some of the railroad men estimating the increase in yield directly traceable to the rains, as high as 10,000,000 bushels, while the most conservative credit the last rain with adding more than 1,000,000 bushels to the crop.

Of the three states, Idaho has the best crop, with Washington showing up exceedingly well, while Oregon, especially in the river counties, suffered from dry weather to such an extent that the damage could not all be repaired by the late rains.

Some of the poor yields in Oregon have been offset in the totals by an increased acreage in that territory. The most noticeable increase in yield is in the along the Willamette extension of the O. R. & N. The building of the railroad to Joseph resulted in a liberal increase in the acreage, and the yield in that section has been very satisfactory. Fall wheat running 40 to 50 bushels an acre while Spring wheat is yielding 30 bushels an acre. There is a large acreage in oats and barley in this new territory. The former will run 50 to 60 bushels an acre while barley will average 40 to 50 bushels an acre.

New Acreage Swells Total.

Another locality in which new acreage will aid in swelling the totals is the Haysstack and Bake Oven country where there is an increase of about 20 per cent in the acreage with the yield about 10 per cent better than last year. Agency farms have a large crop, but in the absence of railroad facilities nearer than Shaniko, very little of it will be hauled out, unless the price holds at good figures. Sherman County is somewhat spotted, but early in the season the outlook was poor. Rains in the latter part of June helped, however, and there will be a material increase over last year's output. The increase in acreage is slight. The barley crop will be larger than that of last year. Conditions in Wasco are similar to those in Sherman, being the improvement since the rains being quite pronounced. The growth of the stalk has been stunted, but the heads are large and the berries plump.

Heavy Crop Near Condon.

Along the Arlington branch of the O. R. & N. the crop is light until Condon is reached. Exclusive of the latter point it is believed that 200,000 bushels will cover the yield from Arlington to Condon. Around Condon, however, the outlook is far from gloomy. With the exception of about 20,000 acres, which have been taken by weeds, there will be a pretty fair yield and Condon will maintain its prestige by handling upwards of 1,000,000 bushels, some of which will come from Wheeler County.

Morrow County is not quite so good as Gilliam, but there, as elsewhere in the river counties, some very short stalks of wheat are turning out well filled heads since the showers in the latter part of June. Heppner, Lexington, Ione and Cecil, the principal stations in Morrow County, will probably handle about 500,000 bushels.

Umatilla Below Average.

Umatilla, the banner wheat county of the state, is not coming up to its usual standard. The light rains suffered by the dry weather early in the season, and the showers that came later were not general throughout the county. In the old, reliable country around Weston, Athena and Adams some very heavy yields are reported, but in the vicinity of Echo and Pilot Rock the output will be below the average. The crop is so uneven that there is a wide difference of opinion even among men who are in a good position to judge of its size. The estimates

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BOAT SPEEDS OVER DRY LAND AND SEA

DANISH INVENTOR HAS CRAFT THAT FLIES AT TIMES.

Vessel, When Going at Full Tilt, Rises From Keel and Shoots Through Air Like Bird.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, July 8.—(Special.)—Herr Elenhammer, inventor of a flying machine, made a demonstration today before the naval authorities of his new "air-pressure boat." It is propelled by compressed air and when the craft is running at full speed it rises from the water until it just clears the surface with its keel.

In the experiment today the propelling apparatus was used on a motor boat of several tons burden. The trial was successful and caused a sensation among the observers. The boat passed over all kinds of surface obstacles, including a narrow strip of land.

It is believed that the invention will be highly useful for war purposes. Elenhammer was assisted in perfecting the invention by Count Frederik Moltke, a relative of Count Carl Moltke, the Danish Minister at Washington.

PASSENGERS GIVEN SCARE

Steamer Iroquois Has Thrilling Experience From Sidney.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 8.—(Special.)—The 45 passengers for Victoria from the Islands of the Georgian Gulf, by the steamer Iroquois, yesterday had a thrilling tale of shipwreck or almost to the rescue to anxious families and friends when they ultimately reached here by train from Sidney before midnight.

They were still a pallid company, for seasickness and fright made a bad combination. The Iroquois' rudder was carried away off South Pender Island. The weather was clear and sea calm at the time, and realizing the futility of other action than the prompt delivery of passengers, the services of a large passing launch were secured and the passengers transferred to her.

A mile or so out the overlaid craft encountered a heavy and choppy sea, and for an hour or more terror ruled the company. A safe landing was eventually made at Sidney, and a special train brought all to the city. A tow-boat was at once dispatched for the disabled Iroquois, which is today shipping another rudder.

FRENCH SOLONS TO FIGHT

Deputy and Minister Exchange Cards; Duel to Follow.

PARIS, July 8.—As he was leaving the Senate this afternoon, M. Caillaux, the Minister of Finance, was struck in the face by Charles Bos, an ex-Deputy, who claimed that the Finance Minister slandered him in the Chamber of Deputies by charging him with lobbying against the bill to renew the subsidy agreement with the Messageries Maritime Company.

According to the ex-Deputy, M. Caillaux raised his cane, but he did not strike Bos, saying as he drove off, "A blow by you doesn't count."

M. Caillaux later sent his seconds to Bos. It is understood that the clerk of the Senate will begin proceedings against Bos in the Correctional Court for insulting a magistrate in the exercise of his duty in the precincts of official premises.

Vote in Detail.

Yeas—Aldrich, Borah, Bourne, Bradley, Brandegee, Briggs, Bulkeley, Burnham, Burrows, Burton, Clark (Wyoming), Carter, Crane, Depeew, Dick, Dixon, Dupont, Elkins, Flint, Frye, Gallinger, Gamble, Guggenheim, Frye, Gall-berner, Johnson (North Dakota), Keam, Lorimer, Jones, McCumber, McEnery, Nixon, Oliver, Page, Penrose, Perkins, Piles, Scott, Smith (Michigan), Smoot, Stephenson, Sutherland, Warner, Warren, Wetmore—48.

Nays—Bacon, Bailey, Bankhead, Beveridge, Bristow, Brown, Burkett, Chamberlain, Clapp, Crawford, Culberson, Cummins, Daniel, Dolliver, Fletcher, Foster, Frazier, Gore, Hughes, Johnson (Alabama), La Follette, McLaughlin, Martin, Money, Nelson, Newlands, Overman, Sherman, Tamm—41.

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BUTTON CLOGS WINDPIPE

Fit of Coughing Relieves Spokane Man of Throat Trouble.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 8.—(Special.)—Martin Smith, a Spokane householder, for two months had been losing flesh and sleep because he thought he had something like a lid on his windpipe. It would shut off his breath at intervals and threatened to kill him. Physicians treated him for throat trouble and tested him for heart trouble, but could not diagnose the ailment or relieve his suffering. Wednesday Smith had a paroxysm of coughing and after a violent heave, cast forth a white vest button he had forgotten he swallowed. He is now recovering.

NEW THEORY OF MURDER

Italians Now Believe Petrosino Killed by American Associate.

ROME, July 8.—(Special.)—The Italian police are at their wit's end to identify the murderer of Detective Petrosino, of New York. Of the dozens of men arrested, all have been released except those wanted for other crimes.

It is believed that the murderer is still in Palermo, though the opinion is gaining ground that the officer was killed by an American associate, who committed the murder in Italy in order to lead American and Italian police to limit their inquiry to Italy and Italian emigrants to the United States.

M'CLEARY FOR MINT HEAD

Nomination of Minnesota Man Is Expected at Present Session.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—There are strong indications that James T. McCleary, of Minnesota, former Representative in Congress and later Assistant Postmaster-General, will be appointed Superintendent of the Mint, succeeding Frank Leach, who resigned to accept a business proposition in California.

His nomination is expected before the expiration of the present session of Congress.

TARIFF BILL NOW THROUGH SENATE

Ten Insurgents Vote No With Democrats.

ONE DEMOCRAT VOTES AYE

Beveridge Says Insurgents Stand on Platform.

ALDRICH WIELDS THE LASH

Declares Majority Speaks for Party. Several Duties Raised at Last Moment — Tariff Commission Is Assured.

FUTURE COURSE ON TARIFF.

The tariff bill, having now passed the Senate, will be returned to the House. The House will disagree to all the Senate amendments, ask for a conference and name conferees.

The conferees will meet and endeavor to arrange mutual concessions whereby the House and Senate can be brought into agreement.

Probably during this stage the President will be consulted with a view to framing the bill in such final shape as to ensure his approval. It will be desired by the Republican leaders to avoid a veto unless the President should insist on such radical changes as would not command a majority in both Houses.

CORPORATIONS PLAN FIGHT

Treasury Officer Says New Tax Will Be Contested in Court.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Confirmation of the expectation in many quarters that the large corporations of the country will seek to hold up the collection of taxes under the corporation tax bill by an appeal to the courts to test the constitutionality of the law, was given here today by a prominent official of the Treasury Department.

An official of the Department of Justice declared he believed the bill as now framed clearly constitutional, and said that any action looking to a test of constitutionality would not prevent the Secretary of the Treasury from proceeding to collect the tax duties the usual way.

PROMINENT WOMAN FINED

Miss Lonstorf Found Guilty of Smuggling Furs From Europe.

TRENTON, N. J., July 8.—Miss Camille Lonstorf, of Milwaukee, was fined \$2000 in the United States District Court here today for smuggling. Miss Lonstorf is only 22 years old. Her fine was paid.

The young woman, with her mother and sister, had been abroad and brought into this country about \$2500 worth of furs. Her defense was that she did not know the furs were dutiable.

MILWAUKEE, July 8.—Miss Camille Lonstorf belongs to one of the most prominent families in Milwaukee.

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Launch Breaks Down and Man Is Forced to Swim to Shore to Obtain Assistance.

PASCO, Wash., July 8.—(Special.)—Stranded for 48 hours on a small island in the Snake River, near the mouth of the Columbia, with their little launch Wauke lying helpless in the sand, Mrs. H. Langdon and Engineer Howe, in charge of the boat, were rescued late yesterday afternoon after a thrilling experience.

Monday morning a party of four, consisting of G. W. Van Dyke, of the Columbia River Orchards Company; Henry Langdon, builder of the boat; his mother, Mrs. Langdon, of Spokane, and Engineer Howe, determined to give the little boat a final test by running up the river as far as Pasco.

When fairly under way the engine gave out, and they were forced to return to shore. A second trial was made, with the result that the sternal boards were lost and in their efforts to regain them the boat swept into the main current and was forced down stream. It was finally stranded high and dry on the small island. Mr. Langdon, immediately realizing the seriousness of the situation, volunteered to swim across the river in search of aid. After braving the swift current and crossing the Snake River bridge, he returned with a small life-boat containing provisions. The ferry returned with Messrs. Van Dyke and Langdon. Yesterday afternoon a large boat rescued the others of the party and the boat was brought up as far as Almsworth.

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Witness Before Probe Committee Has Respect for Jurists, but Supports Charges by Action of Court on Rehearing.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 8.—(Special.)—Before the legislative committee investigating the State Supreme Court, Attorney Governor Teats, of Tacoma, told in detail of the report that the purpose of the 1907 law was to pack the Supreme Court in favor of corporations. Before that time the court of five had ruled, in the Green case, that under the factory inspection law, failure of a mill or factory to provide safeguards required by law would be presumption of negligence in cases brought for damages by employees for personal injuries.

Decision Stirs Corporations.

While the Legislature was in session in the case of Hall against the West & Slade Mill Company, of Aberdeen, the court had reaffirmed that rule. This had stirred up the corporations and the indemnity insurance companies, which insured mills against damage suit losses.

A rehearing had been granted in the Hall case and rumor had it, according to Teats, the law was passed increasing the court two members, and Governor Mead was induced to appoint H. D. Crow, of Spokane, and Milo A. Root, of Seattle, on the bench, to overrule the former rule.

Teats Blames Legislature.

Teats said he had the highest respect for the court and for the members, and expressed the belief that the blame rested upon the Legislature and the Governor for the appointments. He explained that the ostensible reason for the increase urged before the Legislature was that the enormous increase in business of the court demanded more judges. Teats did not charge that either Root or Crow were corrupt, but said they had been selected by the corporate influences because from their experience and practice they were believed to favor that side of litigation.

In support of the rumor, it was pointed out that on the rehearing Root and Crow signed a lengthy opinion in favor of the mill company, but it was a minority opinion, for the original four members stood pat on their former holding.

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Gladstone Yields When He Gives Hint.

HOPE FOR SUFFRAGETTES YET

British Minister Believes Settlement at Hand.

VICTORY OVER ASQUITH

Broad Hint From King Causes the Home Secretary to Receive Petition — Women Gain Release From Prison by Fasting.

King Brought Pressure.

LONDON, July 8.—What they could not accomplish by storming the House of Commons, the suffragettes have accomplished by a direct appeal to King Edward—the reception of a delegation by a member of the Cabinet. Mrs. Despard and the contingent which has been besieging the House was informed by the King today that the Home Secretary was the constitutional channel of communication, and His Majesty apparently followed this up with a hint that Mr. Gladstone, the Home Secretary, would be advised to receive the women's deputation.

King Brought Pressure.

In the face of Mr. Asquith's persistent refusal to meet the deputation of suffragettes, it is hardly conceivable that his lieutenant would consent to this course, as he did, without strong pressure.

When the Parkhurst delegation of suffragettes sought an interview with the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday, the regular palace guards on duty gently but firmly ejected them from the palace grounds. There was none of the violence which attended the women's last raid on the House of Commons.

Gladstone Promises Settlement.

The Home Secretary, Hon. H. J. Gladstone, accorded a very courteous audience this evening to eight of the women representatives. Mrs. Despard was leader of the deputation. After hearing arguments and reading their petition, the Home Secretary made a sympathetic speech, expressing regret at the present

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The Weather.

YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 68 degrees; minimum, 54 degrees.

TODAY'S—Probably fair; westerly winds.

Foreign.

Danish aeronaut flies in air-pressure boat.

English suffragettes gain hearing from Minister by direct appeal to King.

Persian rebels near Teheran and Shah prepares to flee.

Columbian revolution has control or chief port.

National.

Tariff bill finally passes Senate, ten Republicans voting against it.

Taft speaks in East before audience of breaking up solid North and South.

Domestic.

Weston crosses summit of Sierras and will reach San Francisco Tuesday night.

Anti-Juggernaut Club incorporated to fight speed maniacs.

Lapwai Indian headed by Indian bank in United States.

Missouri floods begin to fall, leaving death and ruin in their wake.

Teachers vote to meet in San Francisco, turn down book fraternities, woman suffrage and island independence.

Ella Gingle's story strongly corroborated and prominent politicians may be involved.

Calhoun is refused change of venue and second trial is set.

Women appointed to guard girls at Illinois militia encampment.

Sports.

Coast League scores: Portland 6, Vernon 2; Los Angeles 4, Sacramento 3; Oakland 5, San Francisco 1.

Intermountain League dissolves. Portland 4, Seattle 4; Spokane 4, Tacoma 2; Aberdeen 9, Vancouver 4.

Pacific Northwest.

Oregon people gather in Seattle for Oregon day programme today.

Salem cherry fair attracts thousands of people.

Man wanted in Nebraska for murder 20 years ago arrested at Stevenson.

Governor Teats testifies in substantiation of charge that Supreme Court was packed.

Commercial and Marine.

Southern Oregon apricot shipments started.

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Mayor Simon announces that crematory will be erected at Oregon State Fair.

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Transcontinental railroads publish livestock traffic affecting local