

RECORD NEAR RECORD

Reports From 350 Points Put Yield for Northwest at 55,000,000 Bushels.

RECENT RAINS BIG FACTOR

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

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Run from 3,500,000 bushels to 5,000,000 bushels, with most of the conservative figuring on about 4,000,000 bushels. This figure is greater than seemed possible a few weeks ago, but the heads have been filling out quite satisfactorily as harvest-time approaches, and the total output will not fall far short of 4,000,000 bushels. Union County has an excellent crop and 400-bushel yields will begin work next week, and has made some inroads on the Willamette Valley has ceased to figure in the export wheat market, but the yield is an important factor in the milling business. Dry weather has reduced the amount per acre, but the high prices caused a slight increase in acreage and present conditions indicate a return of 2,500,000 bushels. In the remainder of the state, wheat growing is almost exclusively for home consumption, but will help to swell the total for the state to approximately 14,000,000 bushels.

Washington Reports Good.

Washington reports are uniformly good. Walla Walla, with its never-failing foothill land, promises an out-turn of 4,500,000 bushels. It is an exceptionally poor year when this famous wheat county cannot show some 60-bushel yields, and they are in evidence this year, although there are in evidence poorer yields on the light lands. Barley is also turning off well in this county, and has made some inroads on the wheat acreage.

Columbia and Garfield Counties are both expected to turn out record yields of wheat and barley. This region was favored with rain at a time when the river counties in Oregon were missed. Columbia will turn out about 1,000,000 bushels of wheat, and fully as much barley, with Garfield not far behind. Some estimates credit Columbia County with 2,500,000 bushels, but the latter figure will hardly be reached.

Whitman, the banner wheat county of all the Northwest, gives excellent promise of breaking records. The acreage is large and the crop conditions are far above the average. Estimates run from 3,000,000 to 3,500,000 bushels, the latter being generally regarded as too high, while 3,000,000 bushels is regarded as a conservative estimate. Whitman County has been steadily drifting away from wheat growing exclusively, and the yield is nearly one-third of the grain acreage is in the hands of the wheat raiser. The Whitman County crop is nearly ready for harvest, and binders will begin work next week, while it is expected that the combines will be in operation ten days later.

Weather Cuts Down Lincoln.

Lincoln County, which in "light land" years has come very close to Whitman's yield, has suffered a loss by dry weather. A few good yields are reported between Davenport and Edwall, but the rest of the county is in the vicinity of Wilbur, Almira and other places has been seriously affected by the dry weather. Lincoln County will be doing extremely well if the weather turns half as large as that of Whitman. Adams County is still in the uncertain class, as the crop is not yet in, and even the winter wheat in that region is not yet in. The outlook is not so good as that of Whitman County's exceptionally favorable weather prevailed. Douglas County lost the winter wheat part of its wheat territory when the part of its crop was carried out this year, and Grant, which has an increased acreage as well as a good yield, gives promise of about 3,000,000 bushels. Some new wheat land in the northern part of Douglas County will make the yield for the old county in excess of 3,000,000 bushels.

Spokane County was in the moisture belt with Whitman, and as a result has a fine crop in prospect. Not only is the yield above the average, but the quality is excellent. Estimates as to the probable yield range from 1,250,000 bushels and 2,000,000, with 1,500,000 bushels regarded as very conservative.

Franklin Somewhat Behind.

Franklin County is somewhat behind its neighbors in yield, and in the vicinity of Connelton the crop will be smaller than that of last year. Farther east the outlook is more favorable, and at Eltopia the prospects are excellent. The best crops in this county are along the line of the O. R. & N. Kinkaid County, which has always been in Portland territory, gives promise of a very good yield, with some increase in acreage. Not only will the output be much greater than that of a year ago, but the quality will be far above the average.

The Horse Heaven country, lying just across the Columbia from the river counties in Oregon, suffered from the dry weather that cut down the Oregon yield. Spring wheat in this district is almost a total failure, but some of the winter wheat will make a fair crop.

Asotin County was in the moisture belt and promises to turn out a crop that may break records. No poor yields are reported in the county, and on the upper portion of the valley, estimates of 50 and 60-bushel yields are being made. The crop for the entire State of Washington will approximate 35,000,000 bushels.

Idaho to Set Record.

Idaho has the best crop on record. There is not very much increase in acreage, and there is a big crop in barley and oats, so that the wheat yield may not quite reach that of 1907. Latah County probably harvest 1,000,000 bushels of wheat, and Nez Perce and Idaho counties will have from 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 bushels. These estimates are only about one-half as large as some that are in circulation, but are the figures generally given by grain men and railroad men in close touch with the situation. They are believed to be ample for any surplus in the way of a greater output.

While the crop of the three states will hardly reach the proportions of the record crop of 1907, the prices at which it will be marketed are so much higher than those which prevailed two years ago that it will bring into the country many millions more than were disbursed for the record crop. Details

Table with columns: FROM PORTLAND, WHEAT TO, 1908 Crop, 1907 Crop, 1906 Crop, 1905 Crop, 1904 Crop, 1903 Crop, 1902 Crop, 1901 Crop, 1900 Crop, 1899 Crop, 1898 Crop. Rows include various regions like Europe, Africa, South America, etc.

CONDITION REPORTED AT 80

Federal Figures Given Out on Oregon Crops.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 8.—Crop report issued today by the Department of Agriculture shows that the condition of Oregon winter wheat at harvest time this year was 80, and the condition of the spring wheat last year condition in Oregon was 85. The 10-year average condition at harvest was 88.

MANY LICENSES ISSUED

PORTLAND HUNTERS AND FISHERMEN OBEY LAW.

Receipts of County Clerk's Office From This Source \$3600 Since Beginning of Year.

Since the first of the year approximately \$3600 has been received in the office of County Clerk Fields from the issuance of fishing and hunting licenses. To date there have been issued 2320 fishing licenses at \$1 each; 282 combination hunting and fishing licenses at \$2 each, and 658 hunting licenses at \$1 each. The receipts from these licenses are transmitted to the State Treasurer at Salem and become a part of the fund established for the use of the State Game and Fish Warden for the protection of the fish and game of the state.

SENTENCE WIFE DESERTER

Man Who Long Fools Officers Will Receive Punishment.

COLFAX, Wash., July 8.—W. H. McNabb today pleaded guilty to the charge of wife desertion. Judge Canfield gave the indeterminate sentence of three to six months in the penitentiary at Walla Walla.

Many States Represented.

In the hotel arrivals yesterday 30 states aside from Oregon were represented. These were North Dakota, Nevada, Missouri, California, New York, West Virginia, Ohio, South Dakota, Illinois, Nebraska, Idaho, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Arizona, Indiana, Michigan, Montana, Florida, Iowa, Texas, Massachusetts, Utah, New Jersey, Washington, Minnesota, Louisiana, Kansas. In addition there were travelers here from Ontario, British Columbia and the Hawaiian Islands.

TO SELL \$60,000 BONDS

Will Raise More Funds for Towing and Pilotage.

Authority was yesterday given Treasurer Adams of the Port of Portland Commission, to sell \$60,000 of towing and pilotage bonds. The funds thus provided are to reimburse the general fund for the sums expended for new tugs and equipment. This makes the second issue that has been sold, the first issue consisting of a lot of \$50,000.

COMING IN CROWDS

Tourists From East Are Flocking to Portland.

Estimated That 20,000 Visitors Will Be Here This Month and Many of Them Are Looking for Chance to Invest Money.

HOTELS FILLED TO DOORS

More than 1900 tourists, it is estimated, were in Portland yesterday, en route to or from the A-X-P Exposition at Seattle.

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Great Increase Shown in Number of Tourists Now Visiting Portland.

More than 75 per cent more people are being carried on the "sewing Portland" cars than was the case a year ago. This is much as anything else is a striking indication of the number of tourists spending a few days in Portland. The hotels seemed to be just as full a year ago and just as enthusiastic reports were turned out by the railroads, but there has been no such startling indication such as this of the enormous volume of traffic of a tourist nature that is passing through the city.

Each car is running double according to Portland Railway, Light & Power Company officials and often there is not sufficient accommodation and depart before, Sundays and holidays many people are left behind.

Estimated place the number of people coming into Portland daily from the East at about 1500. This is exclusive of the large number of private parties given here in the morning and the afternoon and evening. The average of 1500 persons a day would be increased 25 per cent.

Northern Pacific railroad officials say about 3000 people a day enter over their lines. W. A. Robbins yesterday said No. 8, on one of the regular trains, carried 1000 tourists alone destined for Eastern points.

Many of the visitors merely pass through on their way to other parts of the coast, but many are stopping a night and in compiling the daily average of 1500 persons, it was only paid to those who passed one or more nights in the city.

Harrison estimates are just as high. The preliminary report of the traffic kept by any of the roads is not estimates at the best can be obtained.

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USE HOME MATERIAL

New Courthouse May Be Built of Oregon Products.

A FINE ADVERTISEMENT

County Commissioners Have Been Urged to Prepare Plans That Will Call for as Much Local Stuff as Possible.

There is a possibility that Multnomah County's new Courthouse may be constructed and furnished from base material with Oregon materials, but we have the quality as well. I am inclined to follow the plan proposed and certainly shall consider it further with my associates.

Members of the Court will meet today finally to consider the bids submitted for furnishing the steel required for the Fourth-street addition to the present building. These proposals were received about ten days ago and have since been checked over by Whidden & Lewis, architects employed by the

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