

HAY IS DAMAGED, OTHER CROPS GAIN

Clover and Cherries Injured by Rain Storm Which Improves Grain.

HOP YIELD ALSO HELPED

Precipitation General West of Cascade Mountains From British Columbia Well Into Northern Part of California.

The rain storm of Wednesday night and Thursday morning, which covered the country west of the Cascades from British Columbia well into Northern California, caused some damage to hay and fruit in the Willamette Valley. The loss, however, probably was more than offset by the beneficial effect of the moisture to the agricultural products.

Where hay was cut, particularly clover, it was feared there would be much loss unless the weather soon cleared. In Yamhill County it was estimated that a third of the crop was damaged, and there was some loss in every county down to the California line. Some of the farmers, to save their crop from the ravages of aphids, cut earlier than usual, but on the whole a small proportion of the crop was down.

Except cherries, fruit was not injured anywhere, and the reports from the leading commercial cherry sections of the valley were of small loss. Apples, pears, plums and other tree fruits were benefited by the rain. The strawberry season is almost over and little harm was done to this fruit. Loganberries, raspberries and blackberries were helped.

Grain growers at all points also welcomed the rain. The precipitation means several thousand bales added to the Oregon hop crop. There may be an increase of aphids in the hopyards, but a few days of hot weather will eliminate the pest.

SPRING GRAIN IS BENEFITED

Early-Cut Vetch Hay in Linn County Hurt.

ALBANY, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—Little damage has been caused in this part of the state by the heavy rains. The chief damage is to hay. Because of aphids in vetch, farmers began cutting their vetch hay early and considerable of it is down in the fields. Some clover hay is also down, but the greater part of the hay crop has not been cut yet. The rain will also do much to the aphids in the vetch not cut.

The rain will benefit grain, particularly spring sown, though it is not specially needed.

The only fruit to suffer is cherries, some of which have been cracked by the rain, but in most localities the Royal Ann, Lambert and Bing cherries, the standard varieties in this section, are not yet ripe enough to crack. Other fruit will not suffer.

Ripe strawberries are rotting, but gardeners estimate that the rain will develop late strawberries enough to offset damage to berries now ripe.

The rain has caused no damage to hops and none will result unless the rain continues. Only a very slight attack of vermin is in evidence in hopyards in this section and present indications point to a big yield.

YAMHILL HAY CROP DAMAGED

One-Third of It Injured by Wednesday Night's Rain.

McMINNVILLE, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—The heavy rains here last night, though beneficial in general to fruit, grain, hops and late hay, have damaged hundreds of tons of clover hay which had been mowed and was in the shocks. Late hay, such as chest, vetch and grain hay, was not damaged any.

All grains, such as spring oats and wheat, will be materially improved by the rain. Fruit has not been damaged, except cherries, on account of being in the state of ripening, will be injured to an extent to make them unmarketable.

"To all hopyards this rain was just what was needed," stated W. B. Bishop, a hop grower and member of the firm of Bishop & Daniels, hop buyers of McMinnville. "It will be a factor in making the hop yield a large one this year."

It is estimated that a third of the hay crop of this county was damaged by last night's heavy rains.

The lightning struck and burned a large barn near Hopewell.

FRUITGROWERS NOT ALARMED

Some Damage Done to Hay in Marion County.

SALEM, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—Although a drenching, heavy rain fell here this morning, followed by mist during the afternoon, but small damage was done to crops. The prunes were unaffected, but there is fear of some damage to cherries by bursting or cracking, but fruitmen are not generally very greatly alarmed. Some hay and vetch has been damaged. Considerable hay has been cut and this will be hurt.

Hopmen are generally of the opinion that the hops will be helped by the rain. They state that the rain will wash the honeydew from the hops and kill the lice. Other hopmen state that the rain will do damage, but a majority of them believe it will be a vast benefit.

LATE STRAWBERRIES HURT

Royal Ann Cherries in Lane County Not Injured.

EUGENE, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—The inch of rain that has fallen in the past 24 hours has done considerable damage to the late strawberry crop. Berries which are not generally very ripe are being picked very soon. Early cherries may be harmed some, but the Royal Ann, which comprise the bulk of the crop in Lane County, are not far enough along to be injured. No other fruit suffered at all. Very little hay has been cut.

Hops are making a better growth than for years and growers have no fear of this rain.

The river is rising because of the rains in the mountains.

FARMERS WELCOME FINE RAIN

Only Damage at Ashland Is to Hay Already Cut.

ASHLAND, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—Weather conditions herabouts are not

only unusual, but phenomenal, especially regarding the rainfall, which has been over one inch during the past 24 hours, with a decided fall in the temperature since yesterday. Gardeners, fruitgrowers and ranchers pronounce the moisture to be just the thing for growing vegetation. The only discordant note is in regard to the hay crop, especially that portion which has been cut and is liable to be damaged if present rains continue much longer. Many farmers have tons of hay down and are hoping for clear weather tomorrow.

MORE GOOD THAN HARM DONE

Late Grain and Many Kinds of Fruit Are Helped.

ROSEBURG, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—According to reports received from various sections of Douglas County late today, the recent downpour of rain has resulted disastrously to cherries. Other fruits are said to be unharmed. Much of the hay cut prior to the rains is injured, but this represents but a small part of the entire crop. Counteracting the loss of cherries and hay, the farmers contend that the rains have proven beneficial to the late grains and many varieties of fruit grown in this section.

Talking from an unbiased standpoint, judges of present conditions claim the crops will be larger than ever this year. Today's downpour was one of the heaviest of the season, and it was

NEWBERG GETS 1913 GRAND ARMY MEET

State Encampment Contest Brings Lively Tilt With Tillamook Boosters.

PORTLAND MAN HONORED

T. B. McDevitt Is Named Department Commander—Drastic Resolutions Against I. W. W. Expected.

Death Toll Heavy.

SALEM, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—After a lively but friendly tilt between Newberg and Tillamook, Newberg won

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Parade Is Called Off.

The morning session of the convention was given a damper because of a heavy rain which fell and caused the veterans to declare off the grand parade, which had been scheduled for today.

One of the features of the morning was a talk to the veterans by John Minto. He is a pioneer Oregonian of 1844, and has figured largely in the affairs of the state.

He presented each of the members a book containing an account of his life.

HYDROPLANE TRIP MADE

CHRISTOFFERSON, PORTLAND BIRDMAN, MAKES TRIAL.

Aeroplane Used in Recent Flight From Hotel Roof Attached to Pontoon for Water Work.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., June 20.—(Special.)—The first hydroplane flight in this section of the Northwest was made here Wednesday by Silas Christofferson, who achieved fame recently by flying from the top of a hotel in Portland to the artillery drill grounds here in 12 minutes. The flight was a complete success, and Christofferson proved that he could handle his craft as easily as though the pontoon was not attached.

The aeroplane, the same one used in making the flight from Hotel Multnomah, was landed on the shore of a body of water east of the military reservation, where it was laid on the pontoon, 15 feet long and 55 inches square. On the end of each lower plane was fastened a floater to keep the tips out of water in case the machine dipped.

The engine was started and in less than 250 feet the hydroplane rose evenly into the air. Christofferson made a circuit and came to the water easily and smoothly. It is much easier to alight on the surface of water than on land with a machine. It is probable that Christofferson will make flights in Portland during the Elks convention in July.

After making several flights with the pontoon attached, it was taken off and the machine was flown back to its hangar, where Christofferson tried out a larger machine built by the Manning Bros. of Portland. This machine is of the latest Curtiss type, and has no "head" in front, but carries a heavy tail, which proved to be too heavy. Christofferson made the initial flight with the machine after 4 o'clock.

WEISER AFTER GOOD STOCK

Arrangements for Public Sale of High Grade Animals Are Made.

WEISER, Idaho, June 20.—(Special.)—Answering a growing demand among ranchers in the wide territory surrounding Weiser for more thoroughbred stock, the Weiser Commercial Club is undertaking to arrange for a public sale of improved dairy cattle to be conducted under auspices of Professor W. L. Carlyle, director of the agricultural experiment station of the University of Idaho.

Secretary Charles W. Melghan, of the local club, has been in correspondence with Professor Carlyle and, if the initial sale to be held soon at the university proves successful, an effort will be made to bring the next public sale to Weiser. Stock-raising is one of the growing industries of the Weiser Valley, and there is a strong tendency on the part of all growers in this section to improve the quality of their flocks.

LOW RATES EAST.

The Canadian Pacific makes low round trip rates to Eastern points. Ticket office, Third and Pine. (Multnomah Hotel bldg.)

Oregon Electric Rates on July 1.

SALEM, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—The tariff for the Oregon Electric extension, to become effective July 1, was filed this morning with the State Railroad Commission. This indicates that the road will be in operation by that time at the latest. The tariff places the fare from Salem to Albany at 80 cents.

NEW HOSTELRY AT NYE BEACH, NEWPORT, IS OPENED WITH BANQUET.



NICOLAI HOTEL FROM THE OCEAN.

NEWPORT, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—Governor West arrived here last night to attend the opening of the new Nicolai Hotel at Nye Beach, Newport's second modern hostelry. During his stay here the governor will be the guest of the City Council and the Commercial Club. He was received at Yaguina, by a reception committee composed of members of the Council and club, who escorted him back to Newport, on the steamer Newport. At the steamer landing they were met by the public school children, greeting to the Governor on behalf of the city, to which Governor West responded. A party of Silite warriors were in attendance also, in all their war regalia of paint and feathers.

The Governor is scheduled to make two addresses tomorrow, one in the morning at the Abbey Hotel, where luncheon will also be served, and one in the afternoon at Nye Beach. In the evening a grand banquet will be held at the Nicolai.

HOOD RIVER HAS A SCARE

Hail Feared but Nothing Develops. Rain Does No Damage.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—Weather conditions prevailing over the Hood River Valley this Spring have been peculiar. In former years, but very little rain has ever fallen after April. This season during the month of May, the precipitation was decidedly heavy. For three days last week, continued showers fell over the valley, and today a steady rain similar to those usual in Wintertime has been falling. Except for the ripening cherries, which will be liable to burst, the rain will be of benefit to fruit.

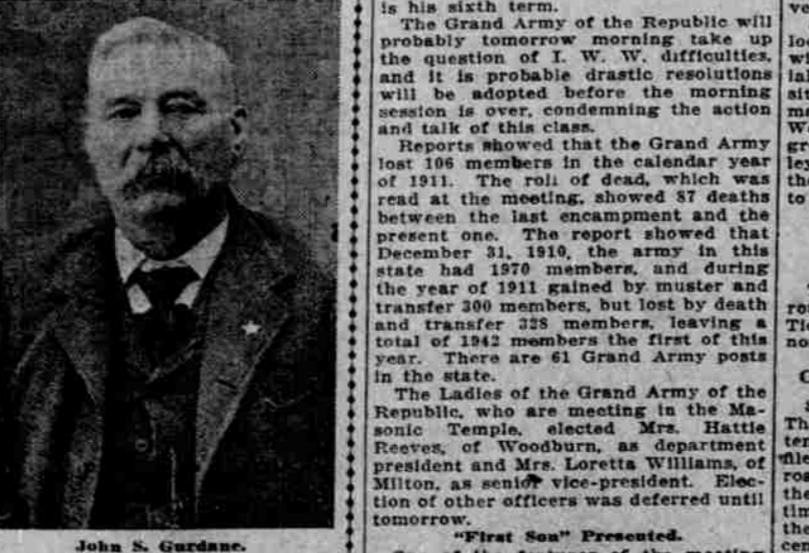
A display of lightning is so unusual here that the people remained up last night to watch it. Hood River has never had a hail storm and it was feared by the fruit growers last night that the black cloud hanging on the Western range might move over the district and a hail storm follow, but no rain, even fell.

NATIONAL DELEGATES PICKED.

Representatives to the National encampment: E. E. Covey, Post No. 3, Portland; David McArthur, Post No. 2, Oregon City; J. M. Shelley, Post No. 7, Eugene; L. C. Sharno, Post No. 1, Portland; R. C. Markee, Post No. 12, Portland.

Alternates—D. J. Cooper, Post No. 32, The Dalles; T. C. Smith, Post No. 10, Salem; Robert Kelland, Post No. 26, Portland; J. B. Stillwell, Post No. 75, Dayton; T. C. Wilson, Post No. 57, Portland.

PENDLETON DELEGATE TO G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT AGED 88 YEARS.



John S. Gurdane.

PENDLETON, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—John S. Gurdane, one of Umatilla County's oldest pioneers, is one of three delegates from this city to the state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic being held at Salem. Mr. Gurdane celebrated his 88th birthday recently and is today in splendid health, and full enjoyment of life. It was on board the vessel which was carrying his parents from Scotland to America that John Gurdane was born, just off Sandy Hook, and for 28 years he lived upon the ocean, as a sailor. In the time of sailing vessels he served three years in the Union Army during the Civil War, earning the rank of Lieutenant.

Thirty-one years ago Mr. Gurdane came to Umatilla County and ever since has been active in the life of the county, having spent the greater part of the time on his ranch near Gurdane Postoffice. He served two terms as Representative from this county to the State Legislature.

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