

WHEAT BELT GETS RAINFALL

Pendleton and La Grande Districts Are Benefited by Showers.

INLAND EMPIRE SUFFERING

Greatest Wheat Acreage Ever Known in Grand Ronde Valley Saved by Deluge—Walla Walla in Need of Moisture.

WELCOME RAINS REPORTED IN SECTIONS OF INLAND EMPIRE.

Pendleton—Timely rain makes at least average wheat crop all but certain.
La Grande—Drenching rain saves greatest wheat acreage valley has ever known.
Baker—Rain will save much wheat, but dry-land ranches will benefit little.
Walla Walla—Growing wheat still suffering; rain badly needed.
The Dalles—Unless rain comes soon crop will be cut about 25 per cent. All hands on weather of next few days.

PENDLETON, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—The long delayed and anxiously awaited rain reached Umatilla County today and, according to reports, have covered the grain district in every direction. With this rain, especially if it continues for a few hours, crop prospects in Umatilla County may be considered normal at the least.

A survey of the grain fields of the county during the past two days shows that the grain has held up in a remarkable manner in the face of the hot weather and drying winds which have worried the farmers all Spring. The damage, according to well-posted grain men, was much less than had been expected.

Damage to Hay Big.
Even in the Echo, Nolin and Youkum sections, the light-land district, there are every indication of a good crop. Even the grain in the Pilot Rock section will make a yield since the rain, despite the fact that farmers have been seriously considering the possibility of hay and some were reported to be doing that this week. The damage in that section, however, was not as heavy as elsewhere in the county.

On the Reservation, the richest farming district in the county, the appearance of the grain is very good. The dry Spring gave the grain good rooting, with the result that the hot winds and lack of moisture caused a minimum loss. With favorable weather following Saturday morning, followed by the saying of mass at 9 o'clock at St. Mary's Cathedral, Fifteenth and Davis streets.

Farmers in the irrigation district also will benefit largely for the river measurement at Campbell station yesterday was lower than it has ever before been in June and irrigation rights have been cut to the limit that they have been supplied up to this time. In the Walla Walla Valley there has been no shortage of water, but more rain would be a good thing.

SPOKANE SECTION STILL DRY
Rain Still Needed in Many Parts of Inland Empire.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 12.—(Special.)—The wheat crop up to the first of this week promised to be the largest in Inland Empire history, is now beginning to need rain. Only in a few spots has actual damage been suffered and there is promise of rain tonight or tomorrow, for clouds are gathering and a wind seems to be in the right direction.

In the Palouse country Fall wheat has not yet suffered, but it is maturing under the hot weather and the hot winds and lack of moisture might injure the berry. Spring wheat should stand up better, but it is not yet in serious danger, according to agricultural experts.

Central Washington, which has an enormous acreage planted to wheat this year, reports the plants heading out rapidly. There is a good stand and the hot weather has not damaged the crops on good land to any extent. Rains would be worth much. Crops on lighter land are suffering and need rain.

North Idaho is praying for a drenching rain to help along the cereal crops. In Latah County the farmers fear the yield will be small unless there is a break in the drought.
On Camas Prairie the Spring-sown wheat is not maturing as rapidly as should be and the wheat yield would be with the growth. Rain is badly needed there.

It is yet a little early to declare that serious damage has been done. One good rain might change entirely the whole crop situation.

SPRING-SOWN WHEAT SUFFERS

Walla Walla Crop May Not Be Greater Than Last Year's.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 12.—(Special.)—A local electric storm, with a light shower brought relief today from the heat, but did little or no good to the wheat, which has been suffering the last few days.

Spring grain, especially, is in need of rain. In the sections where there is hardpan or a rock formation close to the surface, the burning is noticeable. Spring grain on deeper soil is not in as bad shape, but needs rain. A good rain would help the winter wheat wonderfully, though it is in good condition now. A few more days of the present hot weather will bring heavy damage to some of the farmers who put in their grain this year. It is already estimated that the wheat yield will not be greater than it was last year, when the returns were light.

North of the Snake River conditions are even worse.
More rain commenced falling early this evening and indications now are for a heavy fall morning. If enough falls it will do much good.

GRAND RONDE HAS DOWNPOUR

Crop of Union County Saved by Timely Rain.

LA GRANDE, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—Union County's boast of no grain crop failure was made possible for another season, barring unforeseen disaster, when a drenching rain poured down upon the Grand Ronde Valley and saved the greatest acreage of winter wheat the valley has ever known. In some isolated spots the yield, in spite of the rain, will be light, but the

great majority of ranches of big proportions tonight, it is found by an Oregonian survey by telephone, are practically assured full crops.
The drought had been prolonged to a point of extreme worry, but tonight farmer and merchant went to sleep content that there will be a splendid wheat crop.

BAKER REPORTS GOOD SHOWER

Rain Too Late to Save Dry Land Grain Crops.

BAKER, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—The first rain, except the negligible precipitation of May 14, since early March, was general throughout this section today. The surrounding country got more than Baker, but early this evening a fairly heavy shower fell, with a south wind, indicating more.
It will be worth thousands of dollars to the farmers, but the dry land grain ranches will benefit but little, as crops already were about ruined by the drought.

FARMERS OF IDAHO REJOICE

Rain Worth Millions to Inland Empire Now Falling.

MOSCOW, Ida., June 12.—(Special.)—A gentle rain, which will be worth millions to the Inland Empire began falling at Moscow this evening, with

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