

UMATILLA WHEAT CONTRACTED AT \$1

1,000,000 Bushels Believed
Already Sold.

RECORD CROP EXPECTED

Farmers and Business Men Declare
They Are Enthusiastic Over
Disposal of Product.

PENDLETON, Or., June 28.—(Special.)—Seven hundred thousand bushels of the new crop of wheat have been contracted for at \$1 a bushel, or prices near that figure, by H. W. Collins, prominent local grainman, according to announcement made today.

This is the largest contract yet made known here, but in the opinion of grain experts the amount of contracting done by other houses will bring the total amount already sold to the million-bushel mark or higher.

Wheat purchased by the Collins house will be exported through the company's export connections, as it is said the bulk in the milling business at present has put a damper on buying for northwest mills.

The bulk of the Collins purchase will be from the Umatilla county harvest, although Mr. Collins has purchased considerable grain in counties west of Umatilla.

Sale Is Unusual.

The sale of so much wheat before harvest is almost unprecedented, but is greeted with enthusiasm by farmers who have contracted for it by business men. It was confined to grain which can be delivered in July and August.

The first harvesting operations in Umatilla county this season started today when several growers of turkey red wheat began cutting. The Turkey red variety ripens a week or ten days before the white hybrid class, but reports say that several grain men are ready to start on the latter variety. This week and next will see many outfits begin harvesting, although operations will not be underway in all parts of the county for ten days or two weeks.

In the opinion of H. W. Collins and other prominent grain men of the county, the condition of the crop at present indicates that the yield will be the greatest this year that Umatilla county has ever known.

Big Yield Expected.

A total yield of 6,000,000 bushels, compared with 5,200,000 last year, is expected. The crop in a greater part of the county is nearly made, so that danger of damage is slight. The H. W. Collins company plans to start construction of a new grain warehouse with a bulk storage capacity of 75,000 bushels, to cost approximately \$100,000 on July 5 at Rich, five miles from here. Arrangements have been completed with the exception of final settlement of right of way.

WHEAT GROWERS GET AID

Association to Assist in Warehouse Purchase.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 28.—(Special.)—The executive committee of the Washington Wheat Growers' association today adopted a policy not to buy warehouses, but rather to help farmers of communities where warehouses are needed to lease the properties under a plan whereby they will ultimately own them.

"The impression has gone forth that the association has planned to buy these warehouses outright," said W. J. Robinson, president, today. "This is not true. To protect our members, however, we will back up plans made by farmers of a community to take over certain warehouses by payments paid through warehouse storage. In this way farmers furnished with warehouse equipment pay for it rather than having the money come from the general association fund. It takes a group of farmers about six years to obtain a warehouse in this manner."

The Wheat Growers' Warehouseless association adopted by-law today and perfected its organization. Three warehouses have been leased through the association for its members. Lee Lampton, chief organizer of the association, declared the growers' associations of Washington and Idaho have 1700 members and have 19,000,000 bushels of the 1921 wheat crop, figured on the 1918 crop basis, signed up for pooling.

"We expect the 1921 yield to be much greater than the figures of 1918," said Lampton. "The Oregon association has signed up 4,500,000 bushels and the Montana growers have reached the 5,000,000 bushel mark, making a total of about 20,000,000."

900 bushels on the 1918 crop basis." It is estimated that this year the membership of the growers' associations in the four states will harvest about 40,000,000 bushels of wheat to be pooled for selling.

WILL CONTEST IS FILED

Francis Hargreaves Says Brother Promised Property to Him.

EUGENE, Or., June 28.—(Special.)—On the contention that his brother, Frederick Hargreaves, an Englishman who died at Glenada, Lane county, some time ago, promised before his death to leave him all his money and property, Francis Hargreaves has sued Frank Knowles as administrator of the estate and others, to set aside the will, which provided for a division of the property among a number of relatives.

A copy of what is purported to have been a letter written by Frederick Hargreaves to his brother in Victoria, B. C., offering to leave all he had to him if the brother would come and care for him during the remainder of his days, was contained in the complaint. Frederick Hargreaves was sick at that time, and was alleged to have written to his brother that his physician advised him to keep someone close at hand to care for him.

The estate is said to amount to several thousand dollars, much of it consisting of the property of a number of relatives.

AIRPLANE TO SEEK BODY

Aviator to Fly Over River Looking for Drowned Girl.

EUGENE, Or., June 28.—(Special.)—One of the airplanes of the 31st aero squadron, now stationed in this city on forest-fire patrol duty, will be used in an attempt to find the body of Miss Swabauer, who was drowned in the Willamette river at Independence several days ago.

Councilman Walker yesterday was asked by his brother, R. M. Walker of Independence, to seek the assistance of the aviators, and Captain Lewis H. Smith, in command of the squadron, promised to send a plane with a pilot and observer today or tomorrow.

It was asserted that a body in water, if not obscured by brush or sand, can easily be seen from an airplane.

CONTRACTS ARE AWARDED

Bandon Will Rush Hydro-Electric Power and Lighting Plant.

MARSHFIELD, Or., June 28.—(Special.)—The city council of Bandon has awarded contracts for practically all material that will be used in construction of the city's hydro-electric power plant, including pipe, copper wire for the transmission line, insulator pins, insulators and transformers, besides much other paraphernalia.

The city is buying its wire at a little more than 16 cents a pound, and considerable saving was said to have been made on a number of other necessities included in the bidding.

The plant will supply power and lights to the city and acquire a transmission line of nearly 30 miles in length.

PIGEON BACK AFTER YEAR

Bird Returns to Cote When Owners Revisit Old Home.

DALLAS, Or., June 28.—(Special.)—In July, 1920, A. C. Morris and wife moved from Hood River to Dallas. They brought with them a pigeon that was a family pet. The day they arrived in this city the bird was released and immediately flew away and did not return.

After a few months' residence here the Morris returned to Hood River and last week were surprised when the pet pigeon returned to its cote there. They have no trace of where the bird stayed during the year.

HUSBAND SAVES WIFE

Forgery Charges Dropped When Victims Get Lost Money.

DALLAS, Or., June 28.—(Special.)—Satisfactory settlement having been made by her husband with all her alleged victims, the criminal proceedings will be dropped against Mrs. L. F. White, arrested a few days ago by Sheriff Orr, charged with being the mysterious woman forger who victimized numerous Dallas and Falls City merchants with bad checks.

Mrs. White is the wife of a respected farmer living a few miles west of this city, and the mother of several small children.

HOG PRIZES INCREASED

Pacific Exposition Adds \$600 to Fancy Breed Awards.

Through the efforts of Ray J. Fox, one of the directors of the Pacific International Livestock exposition, the prizes for fancy breeds of hogs at the exposition have been increased by \$600.

and vice-president of the American Swine Record association, \$500 will be added to the premium money for Poland China bred hogs at the next exposition here. Mr. Fox collected a total of \$300 from breeders and has received notice from the national association that they will meet this amount, making a total of \$600 to be added to the \$150, the regular show classification.

An addition has been built at the grounds to the main hog barn, which now provides double the space available for hog entries last year. Plans are under way for enlarging the judging ring, while seats for at least 200 persons will be provided above the judging ring, making of the coming show.

FAIR FUND SIDESTEPED

Washington State Officials Doubt Wisdom of 1925 Backing.

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 28.—(Special.)—If the attitude of state officials is to be taken as a criterion of the attitude that may be expected from the state legislature in the event Oregon asks for an appropriation from Washington for the fair at Portland in 1925, the appropriation will be very small, if any.

Because of the extreme agitation for the reduction of taxation in Washington, figures showing the manner in which the money of the state has been expended for the last 30 years have been prepared in state departments here, and it was pointed out today that \$1,947,719.94 had been expended in that time for fairs.

The amount appropriated for the Lewis & Clarke exposition was \$75,000, but state officials were open in the expression of the belief that such an amount would not be appropriated for that purpose again.

ROAD SURVEY ORDERED

Routing of Section of Roseburg-Reedsport Highway Disputed.

ROSEBURG, Or., June 28.—(Special.)—The first step in the construction of the Roseburg-Reedsport highway was taken today when the county court ordered the survey of the Reedsport-Brandy bar section. The road when finished will follow down the Umpqua river and will give a connecting road to the Reedsport section, which is now completely isolated from the county seat because of the lack of a suitable highway.

There is a question as to whether the road from Scottsburg to Brandy bar is to be built on the north or the south side of the river, and that piece of road will not be built until the matter is investigated more thoroughly.

STILL IN CAVE IS SEIZED

Raid Is Made on Ranch Between Astoria and Seaside.

ASTORIA, Or., June 28.—(Special.)—A 65-gallon still, 30 gallons of mash and four quarts of moonshine were seized by Sheriff Nelson, Chief of Police Carlson and deputies last night at the John Isaacson ranch on the old Fort Clatsop road between here and Seaside. Isaacson was arrested. The still was located in a cave or dugout, which had been excavated in the side of a ravine in a densely wooded tract, and its only entrance was a small tunnel.

The operators of the still were said to have made a delivery of their manufactured product yesterday. Isaacson was alleged to have had a partner in the operation of the plant.

PASTOR QUILTS COUNCIL

Eugene Clergyman Resigns From City Board to Visit East.

EUGENE, Or., June 28.—(Special.)—Rev. A. M. Spangler, who, a few days ago, announced his resignation as pastor of the First Congregational church, last night tendered his resignation as member of the city council from the fourth ward, and the resignation was accepted with a vote of regret and a resolution of appreciation of services.

Rev. Mr. Spangler and his wife expect to leave soon after August 1 for Rochester, N. Y., where their daughter resides. The daughter is now visiting them and they will accompany her home.

MCKENZIE PASS CROSSED

Motorcar Bucks Snow and Arrives in Bend From California.

BEND, Or., June 28.—(Special.)—On his way to his home in Powell River, B. C. from California, Horace Cadman arrived in Bend today from Eugene, the first motorist of the year to drive across McKenzie pass. A team was required to pull the car through five separate drifts, but, although the snow was still heavy, it would be gone in a few more days, Cadman said. At present chains are necessary in making the trip. Cadman reported the road badly

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SHEEP MUST BE DIPPED

Four Thousand Head Temporarily Barred From National Range.

BEND, Or., June 28.—(Special.)—More than 4000 sheep, which passed through scab-infested areas on their way from Wheeler and Crook counties, were being held at Crescent and must be dipped before they will be allowed to enter the Deschutes national forest range. H. L. Plumb, supervisor, reported today. The route through the infected section was made the shorter and it is probable that some 20,000 head which had received certificates of inspection at Prineville will have to be treated at Crescent. Mr. Plumb said.

BERRY GROWERS ELECT

J. S. Dellinger of Astoria Chosen President of Exchange.

ASTORIA, Or., June 28.—(Special.)—The Pacific Cranberry exchange at its annual meeting here elected officers as follows: J. S. Dellinger, Astoria, president; A. B. Moore, Ilwaco, vice-president; Dr. G. W. Hill,

Long Beach, Wash., secretary-treasurer; W. E. Schimpff, Astoria, sales manager.

This exchange has charge of the marketing of the crop from Oregon and Washington. About 125 growers are interested in the cranberry industry of the northwest, and estimates submitted at the meeting indicated this year's crop will total about 60,000 bushels, with a market value of \$250,000.

STATE TO ADVERTISE FAIR

Board of Control Secretary Paves Way in Publicity Campaign.

SALEM, Or., June 28.—(Special.)—R. B. Goodin, secretary of the state board of control, has set the pace to be inaugurated by other state officials in advertising to the world the electrical exposition to be held in Portland in the year 1925. Hereafter all literature sent out by the board of control secretary will bear the words: "Oregon Will Hold a World's Fair in 1925."

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