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For the preceding three days the weather had been unusually warm, with prevailing winds from the east. At 4 P. M. the thermometer registered 90, and there was every indication of a big rain. Suddenly, about 5 o'clock, a gale sprang up from the south, which in a very brief space of time assumed the force of a hurricane. In five minutes the big breath from the skies had passed.

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WHEAT CROP SAFE

Warm Days Have Helped to Round Out the Berry.

BIG YIELD IN WALLA WALLA

Buyers in This District Expect the Market to Open About the Seventy-Cent Mark for No. 1 Bluestem.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 22.—(Special).—Harvesting operations are in full headway in Walla Walla County, and the entire crop is safely beyond damage from hot weather. The past three days have been excessively warm, but the grain was all well filled, and most of it already ripe, and the hot weather only tended to hasten the ripening of some of the Spring wheat that was a little behind.

The yield from the crops that have already been threshed has fully equalled the anticipations of a few weeks ago, and in some cases it was even better. Taken all in all, the wheat crop of this year will be first-class in quality and a bumper in quantity.

The only things that could possibly injure the crop prospects at present would be disastrous fire or a veritable flood of rain for an indefinite period. In nearly every section the danger from shattering from high winds has passed according to those who are acquainted with growth of the cereal.

The market has not as yet hardly opened, although the buyers seem to think that it will start out on a basis of about 70 cents.

A crop equal to any ever before known in this section with the price hovering around the 70-cent mark certainly puts the farmers of Walla Walla Valley among the favored ones.

ALL UMATILLA WHEAT IS SAFE

Today Harvest Will Be in Full Swing in the County.

PENDLETON, Or., July 22.—(Special).—The wheat crop of Umatilla County will be a bumper, according to reports now being received from different sections of the county. During the past two days a number of outfits have begun operations in the large wheatfields on the reservation, and tomorrow harvest will be general.

The yield of Fall-sown wheat is averaging from 30 to 40 bushels to the acre, while Spring wheat is even better than usual, about 20 bushels being the average.

The quality of wheat was never better. New wheat purchased here today stood a test of 60 pounds to the bushel. Spring wheat is also testing well in weight, though the berries were somewhat shriveled by the intense heat of the past three days.

All wheat in this county was too far

advanced to suffer any injury from the hot wave of the past week.

STORM BREAKS THE HOT WAVE

High Temperature at North Yakima With Low Humidity.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., July 22.—(Special).—The backbone of the hot wave was broken this afternoon by a storm that came in from the north, but no rain fell in this vicinity. The atmosphere was cooled considerably. It is thought now that the hot wave has been dissipated.

The thermometer Friday reached 95 degrees, as everywhere it is too far advanced to be injured by heat. However, it is hastening harvesting, as Spring grain is now ripe and must be harvested along with Fall grain. Most of the threshing is now running, and good yields are reported.

Many Threshers Are Running.

THE DALLAS, Or., July 22.—The past three days have been the longest continuous hot spell recorded in Wasco County for several years. In the valley the highest record was yesterday at 4 P. M., when the thermometer showed 99 degrees, but in places in the surrounding country 110 was reached.

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Spring-Sown Grain Suffers.

GARFIELD, Wash., July 22.—(Special).—The hottest wave ever experienced in the Palouse country has been on for the past three days. At noon today the mercury stood 99 degrees.

Senator B. C. McCroskey, the wheat king of the Palouse country, says he is being damaged \$1000 per day. James Walters and Mr. Gilliam, both big wheat-growers, are also being damaged.

"So far, Spring-sown grain, both wheat and oats, are damaged 25 per cent, and if the hot spell continues until Monday night the damage will be 50 per cent. Fall grain is practically safe. The damage to Spring grain thus far has been slight, owing to the absence of hot wind. Five per cent is the loss estimated."

Heat Tells on Spring Wheat.

MORCOW, Idaho, July 22.—(Special).—All records for hot weather in this vicinity have been broken, today's maximum being 100. The extreme heat is beginning to tell on the Spring wheat and oats. Fall grain is practically safe. The damage to Spring grain thus far has been slight, owing to the absence of hot wind. Five per cent is the loss estimated."

Harvest On in Lane County.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., July 22.—(Special).—Harvest is well advanced in Lane County. About half the Fall grain is already in the shock. Nearly all hay is in the barn or stack, and threshing will begin about the middle of August, if not prior to that time. All indications point to a good crop.

Ground Is in Good Condition.

ELLENBURG, Wash., July 22.—(Special).—The mercury nestled around 95 today as against 100 yesterday, but the humidity was greater and there is more personal discomfort. The sky has been clouded more or less all day, with a few drops of rain. No injury has been done to crops, as the ground was in good condition when the hot spell came. The grain is too far along to be hurt. Much of the hay is already out of the way.

Hot Winds Did Not Come.

DAVENPORT, Wash., July 22.—(Special).—The weather moderated today, although it was warm. The dreaded hot winds have not yet been experienced. There was a good growing day for wheat. Towards evening the sky became cloudy and threatened rain. The thunder shower of Friday evening did not reach here. It passed from west to east, seven miles north of town. The rain belt was only about five miles wide. The downpour was quite heavy.

Good Yield Is Predicted.

WILBUR, Wash., July 22.—(Special).—The weather was fully as hot today as yesterday, but no hot wind. Twenty-five per cent of the wheat is yet in the milk, and continuation of this hot spell will damage the crop by cutting down the yield. Farmers report very little damage to wheat and oats. Fall grain is too far along to be hurt. Much of the hay is already out of the way.

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