

WHEAT FEEDS 100 BUSHELS TO ACRE

Remarkable Yielding Quality of "Alaska" Variety Originated in Idaho.

MARVEL TO GRAIN WORLD

Abraham Adams, Juliaetta Farmer, Proposes to Make Fortune From Sale of Seed Wheat Off 700-Acre Field.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—If he who makes a bushel of wheat grow where one bushel grows, then he who makes two bushels of wheat grow where one bushel grows, must also come in for a full meed of praise, and that is what Abraham Adams, of Juliaetta, claims for his "Alaska" wheat, a mysterious bearded grain which is growing luxuriantly on 700 acres of Juliaetta farming land.

Mr. Adams is as mute as the Sphinx regarding the development of the grain, although he is willing and anxious to show his wheat. No doubt can exist about the size of the wonderful heads. They are several times larger than club wheat heads, and the kernels are large, plump and seemingly nutritious.

Briefly stated, Mr. Adams' discovery was made in 1904, when he secured a single stalk of the Alaska wheat which he sowed in his garden. The following summer he harvested seven pounds of grain which he sowed in the Spring of 1905 and in the fall of 1905 he harvested 154 pounds. This crop was sown in the Fall of 1906 and the following Summer he secured enough grain to sow 700 acres, which is now almost ripe for the harvest. The grain so far has increased 200 fold each year.

Run 100 Bushels to Acre.

Mr. Adams believes he will harvest almost 100 bushels to the acre this Summer, although the hot winds of the last two weeks may materially reduce this production. Mr. Adams declines to make any statement as to the origin of the grain. He waves his interviewer aside with a courteous finality which precludes further probing.

In Juliaetta several stories are in circulation as to the origin of the grain, but the one most commonly accepted is that a single stalk was found in one of the fertile valleys of Alaska. "That is a commonly believed story," says Mr. Adams, who has increased it to its present wonderful production.

The grain has never been mill tested, although J. Shirley Jones, chemist of the Idaho experiment station, has made a chemical analysis which is flattering, as the following letter will show:

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 4, 1908.—Mr. A. Adams, Juliaetta, Idaho, Dear Sir: Regarding the analysis made upon the sample of "Alaska" wheat, which you brought to this laboratory, I have this to say:

The kernels from the fall sown wheat were plump and sound and doubtless will grade as number one. Judging from the chemical and physical analysis of the sample, I will say, I will probably take rank with the best grade of bluestem for flour making purposes.

The sample grown from spring sown wheat showed by chemical analysis a somewhat higher percentage of moisture than an indication of its probable strength for bread making purposes. The high protein content of the sample, however, by the somewhat shrunken condition of the berries, I am inclined to think that the wheat that you have sent me is equal if not the superior of our bluestem for flour making purposes. I should like to make a mill test of the sample and send me a sufficient quantity for that purpose. Very truly,
L. S. JONES.

Compared With Pharaoh's Wheat.

There can be no doubt about the abundance of the production. This year the best has been made under adverse conditions, but the yield will undoubtedly double that of ordinary wheat and it may reach 100 bushels an acre. Expert farmers who are in the habit of making close estimates of the yield of grain refuse to place an estimate on the production of the "Alaska" wheat because there is no basis for comparison.

One farmer says that the way to tell the number of bushels to an acre is to take an average head of wheat and count the kernels. The number of kernels will give the number of bushels to an acre. If this be true, Mr. Adams will undoubtedly harvest 100 bushels an acre for an average sized stalk contains 100 kernels, while some of the larger ones carry as many as 250 plump kernels.

Just at present Mr. Adams is busy refuting statements sent out from the Colorado Agricultural Experimental Station at Fort Collins to the effect that the "Alaska" wheat is identical to the "Pharaoh's" wonder or seven-headed wheat which is supposed to have been discovered in ancient tombs in Egypt. The wonder wheat has been used as a remarkable antidote, as some energetic fakirs have sold the seed for fabulous prices, but tests show the grain to be worthless. Mr. Adams denies that this is the same grain. He declares that his wheat is a wonderful cereal even though it be good for nothing more than feed, but he confidently relies on a mill test to show that the "Alaska" wheat is superior to bluestem for breadmaking purposes.

Sown in Fall or Spring.

One remarkable feature of the grain is that it can be sown either in the Spring or in the Fall. In either case the grain is a hard wheat of remarkable plumpness, the berries being much larger than any of the local varieties. Mr. Adams claims that his wheat will show an increase of more than 200 fold under exceptionally favorable circumstances. He has tested the grain and has shown an increase of 222 per cent. If this be always true it can be seen that the farmer who sows one bushel of wheat to an acre can expect a yield of 200 bushels an acre, but if these figures are cut in two and an average yield of 100 bushels an acre be secured, Mr. Adams has proven himself a benefactor to mankind for his grain will multiply the wheat yield of America by three if, as Mr. Adams says, the wheat will grow in any climate.

Government to Investigate.

Mr. Adams has been in communication with the Department of Agriculture and it is probable that an agronomist will personally investigate the grain yield, as the following letter will show:

Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. July 2, 1908.—Mr. A. Adams, Juliaetta, Idaho.—Dear Sir: Your letter of June 18 is at hand. Thank you for the information enclosed regarding "Alaska" wheat. I shall appreciate very much receiving a head at harvest time. I may be able to visit you some time in August, if so, I shall let you know beforehand, and the exact date of my arrival. Yours very truly,
W. M. JARDINE,
Agronomist in Charge of Experiments with Dry-Land Cereals.

Mr. Adams does not claim to be a sec-

ond Luther Burbank, but he does claim to have produced a wheat that will revolutionize the grain production of the world. He declares that he is anxious to give to the world this wonderful wheat, and to accomplish his purpose he will sell the grain to the farmers, one bushel only to each man, at \$20 a bushel. His reason for limiting the amount is frankly stated. He desires to make a profit from the seed next year and he has secured the services of his son-in-law, O. K. Hobe, a wholesale lumber-dealer of Minneapolis, who will have charge of the distribution of the seed. An office will be opened at Juliaetta and shipments will begin next week, if any of the grain is threshed by that time.

If Mr. Adams produces 70,000 bushels of grain this Fall he will sell at least 70,000 bushels for seed, and it can be seen that he will break into the millionaire class at one jump. He will sow 200 acres of grain this Fall for seed production which he hopes to dispose of next year.

Personality of Mr. Adams.

Mr. Adams is a tall, active man, past 60, but he is not a practical farmer, he is a lumberman by profession, having spent most of his life in the timber-section of Wisconsin. He has suffered many reverses in the lumber business, but at thirty he became a millionaire, but he expects to make a fortune from his wheat, although he says he is more anxious to become a benefactor to mankind than to become a millionaire.

Many wheat growers from all sections of the United States have visited the wheat fields and all of them seem enthusiastic. If Mr. Adams raises 25,000 bushels of wheat this year he will more than double the production of grain in the Juliaetta country, for on all the broad acres tributary to the little town no such crop has been harvested, as last year the wheat shipments were less than 70,000 bushels.

GREAT MEDICAL CONGRESS

DOCTORS TO DISCUSS WAR ON TUBERCULOSIS.

Dr. E. A. Pierce Urges Public to Take Interest in Conference Soon to Be Held.

"The medical profession and the laity as well should be interested in the International Congress on Tuberculosis, which will convene in Washington, D. C., from September 21 to October 12," said Dr. E. A. Pierce, yesterday, a physician who has done much in the fight against that disease in Oregon.

"The work of the congress has attracted world-wide interest and enthusiasm. Mr. Roosevelt has accepted the presidency of the organization. Dr. E. L. Trudeau has been elected honorary president, while Vice-President, Fairbanks, Speaker Cannon, and the Governors of many states will be vice-presidents. The committee from Germany alone numbers 150, among whom are Dr. Robert Koch, Dr. Emil von Behring, Dr. A. Frankel and Dr. Richard Neisser.

"In the tremendous struggle against this deadly disease the attention of the civilized world is now being directed. Every civilized nation, almost without exception, will be worthily represented. The committee has decided to award testimonials to special meritorious exhibits. These testimonials will take the form of medals, diplomas or money prizes. Several \$1000 awards are offered.

"The publications will be printed in German, French, Spanish and English. Preparations were set in motion in Oregon by the action of Governor Chamberlain by appointing 17 delegates to the congress. Governor Hughes, of New York, requested the Governmental departments to co-operate in the preparation of a suitable exhibit. Most of the states are putting forth an effort to secure exhibits, and enlisting as large a membership as possible.

Would Serve Mt. Scott

New Water Company Will Ask County for Permit.

B. S. Kelsay, of Eugene, will file a petition with the Multnomah County Clerk tomorrow morning asking for the use of streets, rights of way and other franchises necessary in inaugurating and operating the Mount Scott Water, Gas & Power Company. The proposed company hopes to serve the people of the Mount Scott district, which is now being served by the Woodmead Water Company.

The new company will be incorporated as the Mount Scott Water, Gas & Power Company. Associated with Mr. Kelsay are several large property-owners of Portland. It is said that the undertaking is not a promoting scheme, nor is it opposed to annexation.

Representatives of the new company declare that the company stands ready to give ample bonds to the county to carry out the terms of the franchise.

PLAY NOT ON BILL

Indian Braves From Mexico Keep London Police Busy.

WILD WEST SHOW FEUD

Mexican Village at Crystal Palace Scene of Exciting Battle Between Rival Factions—Pretty Apache Woman in the Case.

LONDON, August 1.—(Special.)—A fierce feud between rival bands of braves attached to the Mexican village at the Crystal Palace has ended in the arrest of Pedro Esquivel. He was taken into custody in the Palace on a charge of injuring another Mexican villager. The Mexican village under the north tower of the Crystal Palace has lately been the setting of stirring and romantic scenes. The Mexican cowboys in their slouch hats, red shirts and moccasins have long had friendly rivalries in horsemanship and with the flying lasso, but for a week past graver matters have agitated the native village.

The trouble began when Chihuahua, a beautiful Apache maiden of 15, with skin of European type, received an undesired love-letter. Her friends believed she had been insulted, and a band of young men of the village prepared to do battle in her behalf. Rival parties met on Tuesday evening outside the Crystal Palace grounds. Words led to blows, and bowie knives and lassoes were suddenly produced in a real Wild West encounter.

In the Mexican village next afternoon, there was a prospect of even further trouble just as Fricco Tomstone Bill was preparing for his exhibition of lassoing and lariat throwing. Certain Mexican villagers had loosed some of the rock-work of the native fountain to use as missiles in case of an emergency. Others had procured bamboo, knives and whips with which to emphasize their opinion of the course events had taken. A Mexican woman was armed with a rawhide whip and with this she managed to keep at a distance those who intended to surround her and cut her off from her friends.

The trouble was brought to a sudden climax by an application for a warrant by friends of a man who had been injured in a meeting between the two parties. This warrant was executed by two detectives just as Pedro Esquivel had finished his exhibition.

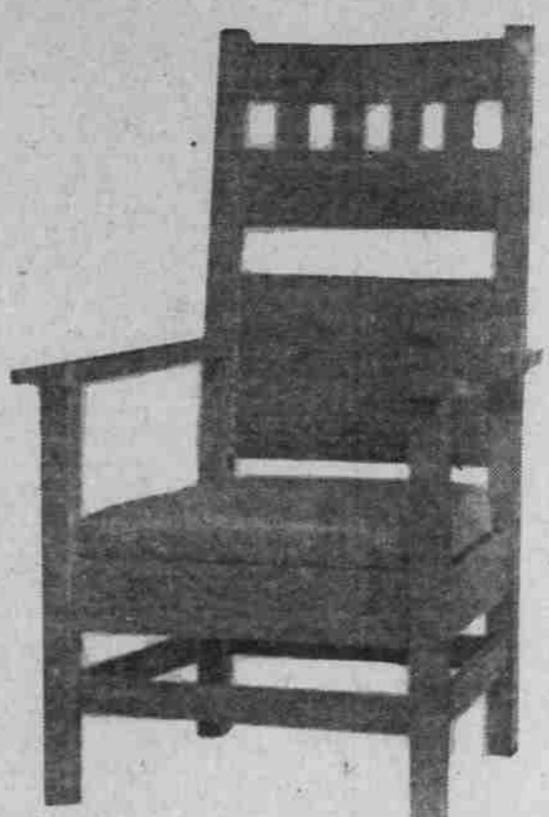
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CASE UNDER ADVISEMENT

BLOCH TELLS COURT ABOUT LOST POCKETBOOK.

Mrs. McFarland, Who Demanded Reward, Given Hearing Before Judge Van Zante.

The trial of Mrs. C. McFarland on a charge of larceny preferred by M. M. Bloch, came up before Municipal Judge Van Zante yesterday and after listening to the evidence introduced to substantiate and refute the charge, the court took the case under advisement and will render a decision probably on Monday.

According to the complainant's story, Mrs. McFarland had been carrying some unhygienic city and county warrants about three weeks ago, and on the morning of August 6, he had received a telephone call from a woman who had offered to give her name, and who informed him that if a suitable reward was offered the pocketbook would be returned. Bloch testified that he had agreed to an advertisement in The Oregonian announcing that \$100 would be paid for the return of the missing article. As soon as the advertisement had been arranged for, Bloch visited the District Attorney's office and obtained a Jane Doe warrant for the arrest of the woman on a charge of larceny, and shortly after she had paid a visit to the Courthouse in search of Bloch and not finding him she was arrested by Detectives Hawley and Inskip who had been given the warrant to serve. Mrs. McFarland denied absolutely that she had entertained any idea of holding Bloch up for a reward, but said she had found the pocketbook and had handed it to the lost and found column each day in hope of learning the identity of the owner of the lost article. She told of having visited the Courthouse in search of Bloch to return his property and also to claim the reward and was highly indignant at having been arrested.

Deputy Sheriff Nate Bird testified that Mrs. McFarland had visited the Courthouse and had inquired for Bloch, but that the warrant-broker was not in at the time. Bird said that he had advised her to retain the pocketbook until he had seen Bloch and he had paid her the amount he promised through the advertisement. Several other witnesses testified upon the case, and when the testimony was all received, Judge Van Zante announced that he would take the matter under advisement.

CHAPLAIN OF THE STATE GRANGE

Oswego Grange and Clatskanie County Pomona Grange, was observed yesterday at the regular meeting of Oswego Grange.

"Father" Eaton, as he is known, has long been an honored member of the Patrons of Husbandry and he has been chaplain of the State Grange for many years.

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A SINGLE STALK OF "ALASKA" WHEAT, PLANTED THE SAME DAY IN THE WINTER SOIL

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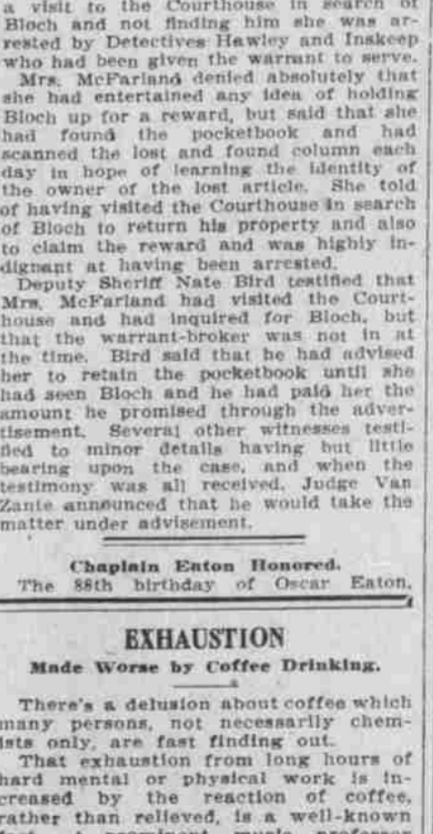
A HEAD OF "CLUB" WHEAT AND HEAD OF "ALASKA" WHEAT PICKED THE SAME DAY FROM ADJOINING PLOTS. BOTH WERE PLANTED THE SAME DAY IN THE WINTER SOIL

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