

NEW WHEAT HELPED

Rain in Washington Fields Is Welcomed by Growers.

MAY ADD TO WAREHOUSES

Columbia County's Prospects Are Brightened and Dealers Assure That Moisture Insures an Average Crop—Others Benefited.

DAYTON, Wash., June 18.—(Special.)—As a result of yesterday's rain, which came at a critical time, crop prospects are materially brightened and with continued favorable weather Columbia County will produce an average crop. This is the purport of statements secured from grain dealers of Dayton who have interviewed 60 per cent of the farmers. It is estimated that this county will produce 1,200,000 bushels of wheat and 850,000 bushels of barley, as against 1,500,000 of wheat and 1,150,000 bushels of barley last year.

H. B. Ridgley, buyer for Corbett Brothers, made the following statement regarding the outlook: "The crop will aggregate about 2,050,000 bushels. While grain is spotted this season, the average indicates a normal crop. In some localities Fall grain never looked better. The crop will be 60 per cent of wheat and 40 per cent of barley. Fullman hybrid wheat No. 143, introduced here this year, will yield heaviest of all varieties. Over 2000 acres are being grown in this county as an experiment, and it will make a record yield, the stand being excellent in all localities. I believe it will become one of the principal varieties grown here in the future."

Athena Growers Welcome Rain.

ATHENA, Or., June 18.—For the last 24 hours heavy rain has fallen in this vicinity. Wheat growers have been praying for rain and eagerly awaited the downpour. It represents considerable money of the farmers, as it has increased the yield fully ten bushels to the acre, and in sections more advanced and dryer an increase of about five bushels to the acre is looked for.

VAN WINKLE IS CANDIDATE

Assistant Attorney-General Has His Eyes on Circuit Bench.

SALEM, Or., June 18.—(Special.)—Assistant Attorney-General I. E. Van Winkle announced today that he would be a candidate to succeed George H. Burnett as Circuit Judge in case Judge Burnett is not again a candidate. It is pretty well understood here that Judge Burnett will be a candidate for the supreme bench.

Mr. Van Winkle will have the support of a large part of the Marion County bar. It is reported here that P. R. Kelley, of Albany, will be a candidate for the circuit bench to succeed William Galoway, who, it is expected, will be a candidate on the Democratic ticket.

THREE MEN ARE INDICTED

Man Charged With Permitting Wife in Evil Resort, Goes to Prison.

ASTORIA, Or., June 18.—(Special.)—The grand jury Friday afternoon returned the following indictments against three men: William E. Buck, man, proprietor, and Edward Seney, bargeowner, of the Depot Saloon, on two charges each of selling liquor to minors; Kum Bow, a Chinaman, charged with criminal assault on a young girl.

George P. Nevick, who was charged with permitting his wife to be an inmate of a house of prostitution, was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of two years in the penitentiary.

CHARIVARI CAUSES ARREST

Athena Boys Break Windows in Greeting Newly-Weds.

ATHENA, Or., June 18.—(Special.)—B. D. Clemens of this city, owner of a chopmill, has filed indictments against 10 boys of this city, the complaint being that damage was done to his house and several windows broken a few nights ago. A number of boys gathered around Mr. Clemens' house about 10 o'clock for the purpose of charivaring Mr. Clemens' son, Joseph Clemens, who was recently wedded.

The boys, with the cans and sticks, broke the glass in their effort to rouse the married couple. The trial will be held in Justice Richard's Court within a few days.

FERRY CAPTAIN IMPROVES

Victim of Accident Imagines He Is on Old River Run.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 18.—(Special.)—Captain W. W. Babbidge, who was seriously injured Tuesday night by being caught in the pilot wheel on the Vancouver ferry, is reported to be slightly improved in St. Joseph's Hospital, where he is being nursed by his wife.

MAU WINS SLANDER CASE

South Bend Marshal Gets No Damages—Politics Injected.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., June 18.—(Special.)—By a verdict of the jury re-

turned last night, Peter W. Culver loses his suit for \$5000 damages against Otto Mau, whom he charged with slandering him by declaring that Culver, as City Marshal of Raymond, accepted a bribe. The jury held Mau guiltless of the accusation and the verdict is looked upon as an exoneration of John I. O'Phelan, Prosecuting Attorney, and Pat Bruin, ex-Chief of Detectives in Portland, who last night policemen here. During the progress of the case politics was said to have had a bearing, the imputation being made that Bruin offers his testimony and that of O'Phelan for Culver if John T. Welsh, ex-State Senator, Culver and others would work for the re-election of O'Phelan. When on the stand Bruin accused

PORTLAND STUDENT ELECTED PRESIDENT UNIVERSITY DRAMATIC CLUB.



Victor Voight, University of Oregon, Eugene, June 18.—(Special.)—Victor Voight, '11, of Portland, has been elected president of the University of Oregon Dramatic Club for next year in recognition of his fine work as leading man in "The Professor's Love Story," the play presented by the club as the big event of junior week-end this Spring.

Voight is also a football player and stunt man on the Glee Club, besides being prominent in other student body activities. He is majoring in the electrical engineering department. President of the Dramatic Club has come to be one of the most important offices in college.

Welsh of offering him a bribe to manufacture evidence favorable to Culver's case.

WIRELESS AGENT BUSY

SEATTLE MAN SELLS THOUSANDS OF UNITED SHARES.

Success of Stock Flotation Now Being Probed as Fraud by Government, Due to Parker, in West.

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RENTS AND SALES

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List your property with us.

MERCHANTS SAVINGS & TRUST COMPANY

Corner Sixth and Washington Streets

Station Named Chavner Junction.

GOLD HILLS, Or., June 18.—Chavner Junction is the name selected by the Commercial Club for the junction of the new Gold Hill railroad with the Southern Pacific. The club has also voted that the new caves discovered at the line ledge on Kanes Creek, which is the objective of the new line, shall be known as the Gold Hill Caves. An excursion will be run to them on the Fourth, in case the road is completed.

Read half-page ad. on page 13, section 1, auction sale of lots and fruit lands.

DOZEN MILLS BUSY

Year's Cut in Wallowa Will Total 20,000,000 Feet.

BOX FACTORY IS ADDED

Annual Output of Lumber in Eastern Oregon County Is Expected to Reach 30,000,000 Feet After Next Year.

WALLOWA, Or., June 18.—(Special.)—The lumber industry of Wallowa is daily becoming a more important factor in the growth of the town. From a paucity shipment of 22 cars in the last 12 months, the exportation promises to reach nearly 20,000,000 feet during the coming year.

Twelve sawmills are running full blast within a radius of 11 miles of this city and all are marketing their product here, the bulk of it being purchased by the Nibley-Minnaugh Lumber Company and the Bear Creek Lumber Company. The daily cut of these 12 mills is averaging very close to 200,000 feet.

The largest mill, that of the Nibley-Minnaugh Lumber Company, while in operation for the first time this season, is cutting about 50,000 feet every day; the Bear Creek Lumber Company is sawing in the neighborhood of 40,000 feet daily; four other mills are each averaging over 20,000 feet daily, and the other mills are sawing from 5000 to 15,000 feet, according to crew and capacity of mill. The three largest mills expect materially to increase their output within the next few weeks.

In order to make the most of their product, the Nibley-Minnaugh Lumber Company will have in operation about July 1, one of the finest planing mills and box factories in Eastern Oregon; it will occupy a floor space of 60x120, exclusive of the lumber sheds and powerhouse. It will contain the latest machinery for the surfacing of lumber and the making of boxes. The Bear Creek Lumber Company is building an exclusive planing mill. It will contain only three machines—a 10-inch molder, a 19-inch planer and a rip-saw. The planer is to be the finest machine built and will occupy a floor space 16x3 feet, weigh 19,000 pounds and be delivered under a guarantee to do perfect work while running at a speed of 150 lineal feet per minute.

The Bear Creek Company has just received a large donkey engine that will double the logging capacity of the mill to keep running full time. The Nibley-Minnaugh people are running a logging train and delivering two to four trains of logs daily at the mill. Many of the smaller mills find difficulty in securing sufficient crews to meet their demands. Logging operations have been seriously hampered by the shortage of men, and this, coupled with the late start which many of the larger mills made, will make this, the first season cut, only about 20,000,000 feet for the territory tributary to Wallowa, but mill men state with confidence that the total cut of each succeeding season for the next generation will be fully 30,000,000 feet annually.

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Benjamin Clothes advertisement featuring a man in a suit and hat, and a hat. Text includes: 'for Summer appeal to every man because they present just the style, patterns, fabric or shade he wants at just the price he wants to pay; they are absolutely the finest ready-to-wear garments in the world.' Products listed: Knox Straws, Suits (\$25, \$30, \$35, \$40), The Bristol hat (\$3.00). Location: 311 Morrison Street, Opposite Postoffice.

Association, Trades and Labor Council, society women and others will handle brooms and shovels along with the Mayor and Councilmen in an effort to make the city a "spotless town." Ministers of the various city churches will appeal to their congregations tomorrow to aid in the good work; the school children will be given a holiday to assist; business firms of all kinds have been requested to lend their rigs to the city's cleanup day.

GREAT \$16,280 MUSICAL EDUCATIONAL ADVERTISING CONTEST! Grand List of Prizes Offered by Piano Manufacturers in Big Publicity Campaign of Skill and Merit. FREE! PIANOS! FREE! Chickering, Steinways, Sohmers, Kimballs, Hazeltons, Knabes, Autopianos, Hobart M. Cabes, Mason & Hamlins, A. B. Chase, Etc., Etc.

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