

O. R. & N. CORN CROP

INTERESTING REPORT MADE
BY COL. R. C. JUDSON.

The Total Area of Corn in Umatilla County This Year is 8,000 Acres—Largest Yield on the Farm of T. J. Kirk, Was 35 Bushels Per Acre—Largest Crop This Year Was 140 Acres Owned by Charles Brotherton Near Athena.

The following interesting article from the report of R. C. Judson, industrial agent of the O. R. & N. corn crop of the inland Empire will be read with pride by the citizens of Umatilla county.

Umatilla county is the parent corn district of the inland Empire, the first small beginning having been made near Athena five years ago, with seed furnished by R. B. Miller, general freight agent and R. C. Judson, industrial agent of the O. R. & N.

The report of Mr. Judson on the industrial department of the O. R. & N. is an interesting little volume and should be read by every farmer and stockman in the state. A copy of it can be obtained by mailing a postal card to R. B. Miller, general freight agent O. R. & N. or R. C. Judson, Portland, Mr. Judson's report on "Corn" is as follows:

"Some five years ago in our district we advocated the raising of corn upon summer-fallow land, claiming that it would not take any more work to cultivate the corn than it did to summer-fallow and would be as effective in destroying the weeds. Some small fields were put in, in the vicinity of Athena, Weston, Walla Walla, and Garfield. Those that cultivated their fields well were pleased with the results, and put in increased acreage, and the result was good yields. As the corn was purchased at our seed stores, and the farmers put in what came handy, I was instructed to purchase some different varieties of seed corn and distribute it among the farmers along the lines of this road.

Agreeable to instructions, I purchased a quantity of seed grown in North Dakota that would ripen in 90 days, and of a good variety. I secured some eight kinds of tested corn, and while as proved a valuable acquisition to that grown, the corn that proved the best was the Dakota Yellow Dent. It was found to be the earliest, and the yield of good size weaver hard and firm.

The largest field of corn that was grown in 1902 was that grown by Mr. W. J. Wilkinson, Athena, Oregon, who put in a field of 226 acres. He reported the yield at twenty-nine bushels per acre, and the cost up to husking time no more than it did to summer-fallow the land. This was a valuable experiment and means much for our territory from all over the state and the surrounding states, and some first-class shooting was done during the two days. On the second day of the second day the wind worked a hardship on some of the visitors who had not been used to the saloon building, and this had a tendency to lower the records made.

H. J. Stillman of Pendleton, won the medal, with the highest average of 90.75. T. J. Kirk of Spokane, with an average of 90.25, was the second on the list, and Jack Forbes, of Spokane, with 89, filled the third place. T. J. Kirk of Pendleton, won the blanket offered as a prize for the lowest average.

The Spokane squad took the first place in squad average, with a score of 87.75; Pendleton came second with 85.75; the Portland and Salem joint squad third, with 83.00; East Washington, with 77.4, came third, and Heppner fourth with 77.41. There was a difference of but three birds out of 2,000 between the worst of the East Washington and the Heppner squads.

The average of each man who shot through the tournament is as follows: Roscoe Shelton, Salem, 80; A. J. Winters, Portland, 83.75; W. W. Caldwell, Portland, 83.75; George Palmer, Salem, 87.75; H. Palmer, Salem, 85; G. W. Tanahill, Lewiston, 86.5; L. N. Baker, Pomeroy, 72.50; George H. Baker, Dayton, 80.75; J. H. Blake, Lone, 62.3; J. C. Sewell, Pendleton, 75.75; T. W. Ayres, 69.75; George W. Ayres, Elgin, 83.3; Kershaw, Walla Walla, 72.75; B. Ayers, Borah, Walla Walla, 73.75; H. C. Watkins, Gray's Harbor, 86.25; H. J. Stillman, Pendleton, 90.75; A. D. Stillman, 82.25; W. W. Hoch, Pendleton, 84.25; D. C. Clark, Pendleton, 85.25; Kirk Telford, Sumpter, 80; O. Kincaid, Geiger, 78; F. Shields, Harrington, 78.50; F. Roberts, Heppner, 81; C. A. Minor, Heppner, 77.75; Lee Matlock, Heppner, 78; W. B. Irwin, Heppner, 82.75; George C. Beck, Spokane, 82.50; Ganes, Spokane, 80; P. J. Holohan, Wallace, 88; F. B. Ware, Spokane, 90.25; and Jack Forbes, Spokane, 89.

Now here is something raised before nothing was raised before, and I feel especially grateful to those farmers who have made it possible to show that corn can be grown at a profit in the summer-fallow. I also feel very grateful to the press for their efforts to help in the experimental work, and I hope that it will only be a few years before Eastern Oregon and Washington and Western Idaho will be known, not only as the wheat country, but a corn and livestock country second to none.

YOUNG GEE'S STORE ON ALTA STREET THE PLACE.

Two White Men Were Hitting the Pipe and Both Were Fined—Pro-pretor of the Place Held Under Bonds—Discovery Made During Investigation Under Fire Ordinance.

While making an investigation of the means taken in the Chinese quarters to prevent fire yesterday afternoon, Councilman Wells, Fire Chief Withee and Marshal Carney ran into an opium joint in full blast.

Mr. Wells and the fire chief had made one trip through the rats' nests of Chinatown the other day and left orders for the Chinamen to change the stations of several stoves and make extra precautions for the prevention of fire. Yesterday the men in company with the marshal, made another trip to see that their instructions were being carried out.

While in the house of Yung Gee, on Alta street, back of Tallman's drug store, the party came to one room where the door was locked and which the Chinamen refused to open. On the order of the marshal the room was broken open and two white

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Burglars Stole Tools From Local Blacksmith Shop and Tried to Force Safe, But Failing in This, a Charge of Dynamite Was Applied—Building Was Shattered by the Explosion—Bozerino Saloon at Freewater Also Robbed Last Night.

Milton, Jan. 25.—(Special to the East Oregonian).—The safe in the O. R. & N. depot was blown open by burglars about midnight last night, and \$19 in cash taken. The south side of the depot building was shattered by the force of the explosion and all the windows in the building were blown out. The door on south side of the depot building was blown across the tracks, about 50 feet distance, and the floor was badly damaged by the force of the dynamite.

Agent R. E. Bean left the depot last evening after the Spokane train passed, and he had finished his work of the day, and there was no one in the depot building during the evening.

The robbers effected an entrance to the office through the window, and at first attempted to break the safe open with blacksmith tools, stolen from a local shop, as the tools were found on the floor of the depot this morning, and the marks of the chisel and crowbar were visible in the door of the safe.

Failing in this they resorted to the sure method of blowing it open with dynamite and succeeded admirably, but were poorly repaid for their night's work, as there was but \$19 in the safe at the time.

Many people in Freewater and Milton were still up at the time of the explosion, and rushed to the depot to find the safe rifled and the burglars out of sight.

Two Suspicious Characters. Two suspicious characters seen in Milton and Freewater yesterday were at once suspected, and as they are absent today, it is almost certain that they are the guilty parties.

One of them is described as being five feet seven inches tall, very light, smooth shaven, wearing a dark suit of clothes and a negligee shirt. The other is dark man, somewhat taller than the first, dressed in a similar suit of dark clothes. They were seen hanging around the saloons and had no particular business in the city, and the authorities are certain they are the burglars.

Nothing else of value was taken from the depot, although there was a large amount of valuable freight in the warehouse at the time. As there is no family living in the depot building, the robbers could work at their ease from early in the evening, without interruption.

BOZERINO SALOON ROBBERED.

Freewater, Jan. 25.—The Bozerino saloon was also robbed last night. Burglars effected an entrance to the building about midnight, through the window, and carried out the cash on hand, which was about \$100, but contained a valuable gold watch.

The register was broken in a mill race this morning, found open and the watch missing. Several rooms were sleeping in the upper story of the saloon building, but were not awakened by the burglars.

SUFFERING FROM SEVERE ATTACK OF HEART DISEASE.

Returned From Visit to Brownville—Marriage of Popular Young Folks, Who Will Live in Franklin County—Gone to Utah on Business—Quite Ill With a Nervous Affection.

Milton, Jan. 25.—L. B. Plants, one of Milton's old and highly respected citizens, is suffering from an attack of heart trouble.

Mrs. E. L. Smalley came over Saturday from Walla Walla, and is visiting her mother Mrs. R. Manella. Merle Roby returned yesterday from a two weeks' visit with his parents at Brownville, and has resumed his position with the Milton Fruit Co.

Mrs. J. L. Hays is quite ill of a nervous trouble, and is confined to her bed.

Mrs. R. H. Coston of Spokane is here visiting at the home of her brother, Pro. W. C. Howard.

A. E. Troyer has fitted up a real sitting room in the room vacated by the Bee Hive, and is ready to do business.

Miss Lena Isaac, who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Nellie Yates, has returned to her home near Pendleton.

M. R. Stuart, manager of the Hazelwood creamery, has gone to Utah on business. His wife accompanied him as far as Pendleton, and will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Edwards, until Mr. Stewart returns.

Chas. Williamson of Weston, is here today visiting his mother, Mrs. J. L. Williamson.

Yesterday the marriage of Jake Matheson and Miss Sophia Torgeson was solemnized at the home of the bride's brother, Swan Torgeson, Rev. R. L. Cartwright of the Christian church, tying the knot. The groom owns a farm in Franklin county, and in a few days they will depart for their homestead.

SWAGGART-MINZIES.

Well Known Young People to Wed in This City Next Wednesday Evening.

The wedding of Miss Maude Swaggart of this city, and Mr. Gordon Minziez of Walla Walla, will be solemnized at the Church of the Redeemer at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, Feb. 2, by the Rev. W. E. Potwin officiating. Invited friends of the contracting parties will be present to witness the ceremony.

MINTAGE OF 1836.

Gold Coin Sixty-Eight Years Old in the Savings Bank.

The Savings Bank today received a \$5 gold piece of the mintage of 1836, in good condition and apparently unused to any considerable extent. The piece is larger than a money of today, and has an entirely different design on both sides.

It is unusual for a coin so old to be found in such good condition, and it is one of the oldest pieces that has ever gone over the counter at the bank.

EASTERN OREGON GRANGES.

Two Active Branches in Both Walla Walla and Umatilla Counties.

The two branches of the Grange in Umatilla county now have a membership of about 100, and are both

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New members are being added all the time and a public installation of officers will be held in the near future.

There are two other branches in Eastern Oregon, both being in Gilliam county. One of them has been organized for about eight years, having witnessed the crash of the Farmers' Alliance and Grange several years ago, the other was only organized two years ago, and both are in flourishing condition. The membership of the two branches amounts to over 100.

Further organizations will be made in Eastern Oregon this season. The farmers in different portions of the state are inquiring about the organization and several branches will probably come into existence this year.

The Grange is very strong in Western Oregon, there being over 100 lodges with about 5,000 active members. They conduct stores, shops, warehouses and different industries on the most effective plan and are eminently successful.

The only authorized organizer of the order in Eastern Oregon is J. C. Clem of Freewater, who is a devoted organizer and will make an active campaign through the eastern counties this year.

Mr. Clem moved from Willamette Valley to Umatilla county in October, 1902 and has been very active in promoting the order in this portion of the state.

County Is Stripped.

Viento, a few years ago was a bustling planing mill town and shipping point of the Oregon Lumber company, but it is now almost deserted. The Oregon Lumber company's store has been shipped to Ingalls on the Lower Columbia, and after a couple hundred thousand feet of lumber now on hand are finished, the planing mill will be removed and the town of Viento will be no more. C. T. Early, now superintendent of the Mt. Hood Lumber company, was appointed postmaster at Viento while in the employ of the Oregon Lumber company, along in the early 90's. Mr. Early says he never saw the town of Viento, but saw the mill and the planing mill, and saw the mill hands and families have all left town, going either to Chewach or to Hood River—Hood River Glacier.

AN IRRIGATION MAP.

OFFICIAL PLAT LITTLE WALLA WALLA DISTRICT.

Shows All the Streams in the Tumbul Delta and Also the Water Courses Before the Delta Is Reached, and After They Converge—A Valuable Addition to the Store of Information on the Subject.

J. W. Kimbrell, the county surveyor, has completed a map of the Little Walla Walla Irrigation district for the use of the people of the district and the convenience of the attorneys and court in the settlement of the water for the people of the district. The map is now in the hands of the county clerk, J. H. Minnaugh, who has just completed a statement of what it has cost to make the different parts of the county government during the year 1903, and according to this statement it is found that it amounts to \$53,132.25, or an average of \$4,427.77 per month, or about \$148 per day.

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BREVIETES.

J. B. Wilson, of Kamela, is in the city for a visit of a few days.

T. Roberts, of Heppner, visited with friends in the city yesterday. Gertrude Jordan returned yesterday evening from a visit to Adams.

S. A. Pennick, of Adams, was a Pendleton visitor today for a short time on business.

Ed Beethorn has returned from a visit to Portland, where he went last week on business.

W. H. Colwell, of Arlington, was a visitor here today for a short time on business.

Mrs. L. Hansen, of Bingham Springs, is the guest of friends in the city for a short time.

George P. Goodhue, of Salem, promoter of the Franklin county fair, is expected to arrive tonight.

Mrs. Alex Oliver, who has been quite ill at her home on West Webb street with bronchitis of the lungs, is improving.

Puri Bowman was in the city today from his farm to not far from his fine hotel building on Main street.

Professor J. E. Cherry of Adams was in the city Saturday for a short time on business of County Superintendent Nowlin.

F. B. Holbrook, superintendent of the Oregon Water and Land Company's irrigation farm lands at Irrigon, is in the city today.

Wade Bailey, a son of D. W. Bailey, formerly of this city, but now practicing law at Lewiston, Idaho, is in the city on a short visit.

J. F. Slover of Walla Walla, representing the Moneyweight Scale Company of Chicago, is in the city for a few days in the interest of his firm.

L. B. Reeder is in the city for a short visit, having come here from Portland to oversee the removal of his personal effects to his new home.

Gay Yowell, a prominent saddle and harness maker of Union, is in the city today, en route to Walla Walla on a business and pleasure trip.

Jerrold Tuttle, of the firm of Brock & McCanna, has returned from a visit to La Grande, where he was called by the illness of his father, who was sick on the ranch near La Grande.

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The Peoples Warehouse

WHERE IT PAYS TO TRADE

Goose Rapids on Snake river on Friday was that of Sam Weber. Mr. McFarland had hoped that the body was that of one of his brothers, who were drowned while rescuing the boilers of the wrecked steamer on Wild Goose Rapids, about two months ago. Two of his brothers were lost in the river at that time and no trace of either of their bodies has yet been found.

A. Van Puymbroek to