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THURSDAY July 12, 1906

Fifty-one deaths and 3551 maimed or otherwise injured was the price Americans paid for the celebration of their "Independence Day", this year. Of those injured many others will doubtless die, as the deadly tetanus so frequently follows injuries of this kind. The toy pistol was responsible for a large percentage of the injuries, and for six of the deaths. Last year the deaths resulting from the effects of injuries received from fireworks alone was 59. And even these statistics, showing the fearful price of our present manner of celebrating, seem to bring the "Safe and sane Fourth" no nearer.

### CONDITION GENERAL.

The hot winds of the past two weeks, resulting in the partial destruction of the grain crops of this locality, is not a climatic condition which can be charged entirely to this section of country. Those pessimists known as "knockers" will say that the country is no good; that last year there was a partial failure owing to the drouth, and that this year when rain was plentiful, the hot winds burned up the crops. There is some truth in these statements concerning conditions that existed during the past two years, but these conditions did not prevail in this section alone but were general throughout the state. Both years were very unusual in every section of the state, and were "off years". Last year's drouth cut down the crop in Sherman county, Gilliam and Umatilla. Sherman county is recognized as one of the best wheat counties in the state, and yet, the yield per acre in Sherman county, was no greater than in this section, last year. This year the disaster wrought by the hot winds is likewise general, and reports from every wheat district in the state indicate that the damage has been great, and in a number of instances, much greater than that in this district.

Farmers and settlers of this locality should not become discouraged, or at least they should not lose faith in the country, on account of the short crop last year and the prospects for a partial failure this year. The unusual conditions and the fact that it is a brand new country, with farming yet in its experimental stage, are sufficient reasons why the past two years should not be taken as a test of the worth of the country. Similar failures, even under more favorable climatic conditions, have been the rule in every new country. And, there is every reason to believe that there will still be a fairly good crop this season. While the crops have been cut down probably 30 per cent by the hot blasts of the past two weeks there is still a good prospect for a fair crop. A good soaking rain at this time or within the next day or so, would insure very nearly an average crop.

## RULES FOR FILING

Instructions For Homesteading Land in Forest Reserves.

There is considerable misunderstanding in regard to the proper procedure to homestead agricultural land included in a forest reserve under the provisions of the act of Congress of June 11, 1906. The following information and instructions bearing on the subject have been issued by the Forester to the Forest Supervisors throughout the West:

"No claims can be initiated for agricultural land in forest reserves until it is classified as chiefly valuable for agriculture, listed in the local Land Office, and opened by the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with the act of June 11, 1906. Applications for classification and listing must be mailed to the Forester, Washington, D. C., by the applicants, and will secure to them a preference right of settlement and entry unless the land was occupied by a bona fide settler prior to January 1, 1906, in which case the settler has the preference right.

"All applications must give the name of the forest reserve and describe the land, examination of which is requested, by legal subdivisions, section, township and range if surveyed, and if not surveyed, by reference to natural objects, streams or improvements with sufficient accuracy to identify the land.

"Only one tract of land will be examined on the application of the same person, but if it is rejected or withdrawn a second application will be considered for other land. Applications received at Washington in the same mail for the same tract of land will be treated as simultaneous. Notice of all conflicting applications will be given.

"Areas known to have been occupied by actual settlers prior to January 1, 1906, will be examined first, and when such areas are found chiefly valuable for agriculture, they will be listed in order that the occupants may make entry under the act. The mere fact that a person has settled upon the land will not influence the decision with respect to its agricultural character. Settlers must not expect to include valuable timber land in the entries. Settlement made after January 1, 1906, and in advance of opening by the Secretary of the Interior is not authorized by the act, will confer no rights and will be trespass.

"Settlement and entry under the act will be within the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, who will issue appropriate instructions.

"Homestead claimants are required to live upon and to cultivate or graze the land embraced in their claims. The interior Department excuses temporary absences when rendered necessary, but they must be the exception and not the rule, and the land embraced in the entry must be used for the home of the claimant to the exclusion of a home elsewhere. Lands may not be appropriated and patented under the homestead laws if entrymen use them merely for grazing headquarters during a few weeks or months each year and maintain their homes elsewhere."

### Card of Thanks.

We desire in this manner to express our heartfelt thanks to our neighbors and friends, for their many acts of kindness and sympathy to us during the illness and death of our infant baby. MR. AND MRS. J. B. BROWN.

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## GRAIN IS DAMAGED

Scorching Winds of Past Two Weeks Burn Much Wheat.

The scorching winds of the past two weeks have done much damage in this locality, the crops having been already damaged to an extent of not less than one-third. Up until three weeks ago there were unusually bright prospects for a big crop throughout this section of the country, and in fact it was claimed by old settlers that the crop conditions had never been more promising since the first grain was grown in Crook county. During the early part of June there was a number of good soaking rains, and there appeared to be plenty of moisture in the ground to insure a bumper crop under any condition that might arise, but the intensely hot winds of the past two weeks not only burned the growing grain, but sapped the moisture in the ground, and crops have been badly damaged as a result.

Fall grain has not suffered as badly as the Spring grain, the Fall grain having filled out while the spring grain was just beginning to head when the hot spell came. It is estimated now that the crops of this locality have been damaged not less

than one-third, and the damage may be even greater should the warm weather last much longer.

T. A. Hudson of the Hudson Land Company of The Dalles, was in Madras yesterday, on his way to Bend.

Mrs. S. D. Percival returned Tuesday afternoon from Bend, where she visited with her parents for two weeks.

Mrs. James Magness left Monday evening for Portland, where she will visit with relatives for several weeks.

E. O. Shepherd, publisher of the Tygh Valley Bee, and Preston Hamilton, a blacksmith of that place, were in town several days this week. They are spending a vacation in looking the country over.

A. C. Lucas, proprietor of the Pilot Butte Inn, at Bend, was in Madras on Tuesday. He was on his way to the railroad to meet a party of timber men who are on their way to the timber belt adjacent to Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brown had the misfortune to lose their infant baby on last Saturday night. The little one only lived a brief day to gladden the hearts of his parents, who have the deep sympathy of the community in loss of their first-born.

Howard Cosgrove and a Mr. Houser, of Pomeroy, Washington, are in this locality, looking over the territory. Mr. Cosgrove is practicing law at Pomeroy, but he and his father are both heavily interested in wheat lands in Washington. Mr. Houser is in the milling business at Pomeroy, and came through here merely for the purpose of looking over this new wheat section. This is his first trip into Central Oregon, but Mr. Cosgrove was here during the winter with his father.

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