

## WHEAT SITUATION CHANGES BUT LITTLE

Local Price Remains at  
Sixty-five to Sixty-  
Eight Cents

## SHORTAGE RUMOR

from Misunderstood Conditions  
and Fears Are Groundless—Real  
Shortage Would Tax Local  
Storage Facilities

The wheat situation has changed but little during the past week, but the impression is being made among many who are watching the market that the price will go lower. The figures at present offer, locally, are 65 to 68 cents. Immense quantities are being sent to the local warehouses, and the export shipments have been considerable.

On Tuesday a car shortage arose from the fact that the O. W. R. & N. unexpectedly announced that no more cars would be set for the present for the Balfour-Guthrie Co., who had shipped several cars from the local warehouse. Investigation, however, revealed that the order arose not from a shortage of cars, but from the fact that the yards at Portland already have more cars consigned to that company than they can handle, and the order for no more cars will continue in effect for such time as the company needs to catch up in unloading its present consignments. Ashley is buying steadily on their account, and has a considerable amount of grain on hand to load as soon as facilities permit. The Farmers' Union Warehouse is experiencing some of these difficulties, and is sending a car every other day, daily. They are endeavoring to arrange for emergency orders, though, to be on the side.

The warning of a possible car shortage, however, has been spread by railway and industry publications, and in case of a contingency, local storing facilities will be taxed to their capacity, in fact would be inadequate to care for the amount of grain that the country has produced. A recent Chicago dispatch has it, in part: "The wheat of the world over has arrived at a point where it shows little anxiety about supplies. Mill-buyers in this country are easy, and the European buyer, who has needed an extra quantity of wheat to blend with the grain raised at home, is receiving offers of so much wheat from various directions that his anxiety has been overcome. Russia is shipping at an enormous rate, and is selling freely. The Canadian North-west is not selling wheat abroad as freely as is necessary if she market her surplus within a reasonable time.

The United States is to sell surplus abroad it seems likely it will have to compete in the market. If the surplus is held at home it will reduce the employment of vastly more money than was employed in wheat manipulation and carrying last year. The marketings of the first three months of the year show plainly enough

that this country has raised a large surplus.

"Primary arrivals have been at least 12,000,000 bushels larger than a year ago, despite the fact that last year's were unnaturally stimulated by the fear that the reciprocity treaty would be put into effect.

"Even allowing that this country has raised a large wheat crop; that other competing exporting countries have large supplies to sell, and that the importing countries may not call for as much wheat as now expected, there is still nothing unreasonable in current prices of wheat. The American farmer was never in better position than now to carry a full crop over to some possible short crop, and, in the present status of domestic and foreign transportation, it appears not improbable that he may have to do the carrying'".

## PREPARING EXHIBITS FOR COMPETITION

Helpful Advice About Selecting and  
Preparing—Proper Entry is  
Important Factor

One of the first things to do when considering the selection of specimens for exhibition purposes is to secure a premium list and determine in what classes you wish to exhibit. If you already have your selection of material, study your premium list very carefully and determine in what class your exhibits will stand the best opportunity of winning a place. Entry of specimens in the wrong class often prevents the winning of a premium which otherwise might be secured if properly entered.

No matter what your exhibit consists of, put it up in as neat a manner as possible. Try and make your display attractive. If you have grains or grasses, put them into neat bundles, cut all loose leaves that tend to make it look ragged, cut off the stems so as to make a neat square butt. Try and have only one variety in a bundle and ordinarily but one bundle of a variety. Take representative specimens of a variety.

With potatoes take smooth clean specimens, handle carefully, and if exhibiting in crates, make them as attractive as possible. Put up a business peck. With apples try and secure perfect specimens, always try and keep from pulling out the stems, if, however, they are missing, don't try and put in artificial ones. The more highly colored, the better.

In short, one may say, handle all your exhibits as carefully as tho they were eggs. Have them clean and free from blemishes and bruises. Put them up as attractively as possible; name them correctly and try and have them entered at the fair on time.

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Farms.

J. E. Bedingfield and wife, of Paisley, came in from their home at Paisley, in Lake County, Saturday morning and spent several days visiting friends in Madras and vicinity. Joe says that business is good at his new store where he is now located.

The meeting of the Crook County Board of Equalization has been set for Monday, October 21, when you may attend and present any kicks that you may have over your assessment. Don't all speak at once.

## JOHN STOUT RECEIVES FATAL INJURIES IN RUNAWAY SPILL

### TEAM GOES OVER EMBANKMENT

Near Top of Agency Plains Grade—Fracture at Base  
of Brain Causes Death, Injured Man Never  
Regaining Consciousness—Buried  
at Former Home

The Agency Plains grade north west of this city was the scene of a fatal accident Saturday afternoon, in which John Stout, a well known and popular young stockman, received injuries which resulted in his death.

Stout and his brother-in-law, William Nartz, had been in town from Trout Creek looking after business matters, starting home about the middle of the afternoon, driving a pair of mules to a hack. The mules are not afraid of autos or the usual bugaboos, but have the peculiarity of disliking the approach of persons on foot. When near the top of the long hill, the men with the team met a lad on foot coming down, and the mules immediately proceeded to get scared. The boy hugged the bank, throwing the team to the outer edge of the grade, and in a second they had become unmanageable and had gone over the hill, turning the hack over and throwing the occupants out on the rocky hillside. Nartz was unhurt and was up and about in a moment, but Stout lay unconscious.

Eye-witnesses hurried to the scene, and the injured man was brought back to this city and given attention by Dr. Long, but all efforts to relieve him were useless. Dr. Pemberton of Metolius also made an examination, but was unable to suggest any measures short of an operation, and Dr. Haile, who was camping

at Warm Springs, was sent for, arriving in the night. It was the opinion of all that only an operation could afford relief, and Sunday morning Mr. Stout was taken to the hospital at the The Dallas by Dr. Haile, accompanied by the sufferer's wife and brother who had been summoned from Trout Creek, and his employer, H. L. Priday.

Sunday afternoon an operation was performed by Doctors Haile and Coburth, but proved unavailing, and the patient passed away about half past eleven o'clock Sunday night without having at any time regained consciousness. Death came as the result of a fracture at the base of the brain.

John Stout was a man of thirty, of exceptional physique and energy. He had long been a resident of Crook County, having been in the employ of H. L. Priday for a matter of seven or eight years as foreman of the ranch on Trout Creek, and had formed a wide circle of warm friends. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. and was married before coming to Oregon to Miss Vena Wilson, of Tennessee, who survives him. He was a native of Mountain City, Tennessee, and it was to that place that his body was taken for interment, leaving The Dalles Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by Mrs. Stout and a brother who had also made his home in Crook County.

## LET 'ER BUCK AND ROLL YOUR STEEL!

The Round-up is On and Wild Bunch  
is Corralled in Pendleton  
for Three Days

This is the week for the big doings at Pendleton, and a large number of Crook County folks have made the pilgrimage to the Umatilla metropolis to take part in the gayeties of the occasion. The Round-up in the short time since its inauguration has gained great favor, throughout the country at large, and through the west especially, where the phases of life that it portrays are fast passing away.

The publicity bureau of the Round-up has been busy this year, and the event has been heralded far and wide as the one big celebration of the west. Buckaroos from all over the cow country are in attendance, including those famous for freshly won honors at Cheyenne and at the Stampede, at Calgary, and those who are so fortunate as to be there are being furnished with thrills galore.

Born to the wife of James P. Read of Culver, Oregon, Thursday September 26 th., a boy.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE GROWS STEADILY

High School and Grades Receive Aid  
Conditions Daily—Assistant May  
Become Necessary

As was anticipated, the attendance at the local schools has increased steadily during this week, and new names are appearing on the rolls daily. The delay in getting started to school is unfortunate for the child, but seems unavoidable under the circumstances, and it will be some time before the children of the district are all able to be on hand for the daily lessons.

The attendance in the high school has somewhat exceeded expectations and the original plans, but such a contingency was considered when the district was formed, and will be promptly cared for if occasion arises. The time of Prof. Kilgore is fully occupied with the classes as they are at present, and with the coming of more pupils for advanced grades, the hiring of an assistant instructor for the high school looms as a near necessity.

Mrs. Max Wilson and daughter Maxine, are visiting at the home of S. E. Gray this week.

## Get Bootlegger on Reservation

Last Friday evening United States Deputy Marshal Frank Beatty of Portland arrived in the city with a warrant for Frank Winnishut, an Indian, on the charge of illegally introducing whiskey within the limits of the Warm Springs Reservation and on Saturday made the trip to the agency in Jim Robinson's auto. With little difficulty, his man was located within a few miles of headquarters, and the return was made in the afternoon with the prisoner. Winnishut evidently realized that he had been caught with the goods, as he made no resistance but waived examination and was taken to Portland to await the action of the Federal Court.

## A CALL AND A RAISE

If You Must Have Really, Truly Snake  
Story, Sink Your Eye on This

Not satisfied with the absolutely true tale of the snake-killing mule as set forth in last week's Pioneer, now comes the Crook County Journal with the statement that Ralph Gibson and his little brother got into a rattlers' den up on Crooked river last week and killed 21 of the critters.

The writer always did have hard luck whenever he started anything but now that he is in it he is there to stay.

Speaking of snakes:  
Once the writer was running a cow outfit down on the Red river in Texas, and the cook had a pet bull snake that traveled with the chuck wagon all the time. Say, he was a whopper. Authorities all agreed that he was the granddaddy of all the bull snakes, and the way he loved that cook was a caution. And he was dead stuck on the near wheeler of the wagon team, too—sometimes when he'd get tired of riding with the cook, he'd crawl out on the wheeler's back and ride a while. Seemed like it was hard to tell which one he thought the most of, the cook or that mule. One day the outfit was fording the river in a boggy place and Claude Algernon Muldoon, which same was the snake, was riding on the mule. When they hit the water he started to crawl back onto the wagon, just as the lynxpin busted. There was the team going ahead and the wagon bogging down in the quicksand and the snake was being separated from his friends, or one of 'em. It was hard luck for Claude Algernon. He hated to think of quitting either one of them for a minute. He was right there with the quick thinks, though, and stayed with the kite. Throwing a couple of half hitches around the tongue with his tail, he took a turn around the double trees with his neck, and held the wagon and team together until they were clear across the river. That snake sure did believe in keeping his friends together. The hard part of it was, that the strain had stretched him out so blamed long that there wasn't room enough on the seat for him to coil up any more, and the only way he could ride the mule was by wrapping himself around the critter's body. There wasn't any way to keep him along with the outfit any more, so the cook finally took and sold him to Barnum's show as the only boa constrictor captured on North American soil, and got a job exhibiting him.

It's a bum breeze that don't bring somebody a snap.

## FARMER'S INSTITUTE, MADRAS, OCT. 14

Demonstration Farm and  
Experiment Station  
Officials

## TO TOUR CROOK COUNTY

On Educational Mission—Results of  
Work at State Farms To Be  
Told Fully and Local Con-  
ditions Discussed

Visitors to the Crook County Demonstration Farms since their founding have been very numerous, and all who have had the opportunity to make a trip to them have done so, and been greatly benefitted thereby. That there are many farmers who would like to make the trip but who have been unable to do so is well known, and in order that these may not be deprived of the benefits to be gained from a full knowledge of the ways and means of farming on the model tracts, the officers of the same, accompanied by one or two members of the state experiment station, will hold a series of Farmers' Institutes throughout Crook County during the month of October, the dates and places having been arranged with the idea of meeting the convenience of almost every farmer in the district, including meetings during the potato show at Redmond and the fair at Prineville.

The results of the work at the demonstration farms will be fully set forth, with the lessons to be gained therefrom, and local conditions will be thoroughly discussed in each locality. The importance of these meetings to the farmer cannot be overestimated, and every man who is depending upon the products of the soil for his prosperity—and this means every man in Crook County—should make a special effort to attend at least one of the meetings.

The institute at Madras will be held on Monday, October 14, and the experts of the state farms will meet with the cooperation of the local commercial club, and progressive farmers, in an effort to make the affair an unqualified success. Full particulars concerning the event will be published at a trifle later date. The complete schedule for the series of institutes is as follows:

Madras, October 14, 2.30 P. M.  
Metolius, October 14, 8 P. M.  
Culver, October 15, 2.30 P. M.  
Terrebonne, October 15, 8 P. M.  
Redmond, October 12, 8 P. M.  
Bend, October 19, 8 P. M.  
Sisters, October 18, 2.30 P. M.  
Lapine, October 19, 2.30 P. M.  
Prineville, October 17, 8 P. M.

Haycreek Ranch Sells Sheep  
James Rice and Jack Church, passed through Madras yesterday morning on their way to the summer sheep range, where they expect to be for several days, classifying a bunch of sheep that the Baldwin Sheep Company sold a few days since.

The sale was made by Mr. Rice of 9500 head of lambs, wethers and ewes, the price being \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00 per head, and were purchased by Frank Ketchum of The Dalles, who will ship a greater part of them for feeding purposes, the rest being sent to the Portland market.