

SHORT CROP IN LEXINGTON DISTRICT

Present Signs Point to Shipments of 100,000 Bushels as Compared to Four Times That Amount in 1907—Ione Section Short.

By Hyman H. Cohen.

Lexington, Or., July 2.—A year ago Lexington shipped 45,000 sacks of wheat, or about 75,000 bushels. Two years ago during the "bumper" season, 178,000 sacks or about 400,000 bushels were sent forth. Indications this year are for shipments of 40,000 sacks or 100,000 bushels. Therefore the country surrounding Lexington has but a small showing of wheat this season—about one fourth of the volume of two years ago but a fair increase over the production of 1908.

Personal observation and interviews with leading grain growers and dealers would indicate an average yield of about eight bushels per acre, although wheat will be cut that will not produce more than four or five bushels to the acre.

Several instances are noted where farmers will harvest wheat that will not go over one sack or two bushels per acre.

Only in extraordinary seasons, or when the present year is one, would it be possible to harvest any such crop and make it pay. Dollar prices will accomplish much, however, and much more wheat will be cut than usual when such a small percentage of production is noted.

Harvest Already Started.

Harvest has already started here, but will not become general until after July 4. Some few are cutting but labor sufficient to handle any large amount of work will be scarce until after the day holidays.

Practically all the fall sown grain in this vicinity is ripe and ready for the harvester. Hot winds—the fear of all—would do little damage. Some of the wheat could possibly be shriveled by the warm blasts, but that would be the extent of the damage.

E. Nordyke, upon part of whose ranch the townsite of Lexington is laid, has 250 acres in Portfield that is rather heavily mixed as to the amount produced. About 40 acres of it will run between five and ten bushels to the acre, but the remainder will be unfit to cut.

J. M. White has 100 acres of forty-five and bluestem, but principally the former. Out of this total 1100 acres will be profitable to cut and will give forth on an average of probably five bushels an acre—this not counting the acreage which will remain unharvested.

Russian chaffin has again played havoc with the wheat of this section,

and united efforts will in all probability be taken to eradicate it.

Ione, Or., July 2.—Unfavorable weather conditions, aided by a shortage of water and a lack of proper cultivation, have cut down the wheat yield in this section of Morrow county. This applies more to the section of Morrow lying between Ione and the Columbia than to the southern portion.

In the northern district the yields of wheat will not range much above five or six bushels to the acre, and were this showing made in any other season but this, the larger portion of the wheat there would remain uncut.

Even as matters stand—with the highest prices in years possible—some of the larger tracts are unprofitable to cut. One owner of an 800 acre planting said he would not harvest this year. The aggregate of uncut acreage will run into the thousands.

Along Rhea creek the showing is much better. Frank Mason, who is farming about 600 acres along Rhea creek, 10 miles from Ione, is confident that he will average 13 to 15 bushels, and a magnificent showing is noted on the 400 acre tract of William Padberg, 12 miles from here. Mr. Padberg's place is believed to be one of the best in Morrow county this season. He expects a 25 bushel average.

Many fine showings of alfalfa are also along Rhea creek, although even the excellent output there will not make any material difference in Morrow's light yield this season.

Along Willow creek George Swagart has about 600 acres in wheat and alfalfa.

R. W. Robison, 18 miles out on Rhea creek, has a very good showing of barley, both as regards quality and quantity. He is one of the oldest settlers in this section.

The showing of wheat in the northern part of the county is better than was expected a short time ago, when it was not believed that any of the grain would be fit to cut. Good growing weather in the district early in the season when other sections were shivering with cold probably gave the plant sufficient vitality to carry it through. Cool nights during recent weeks have freshened up wheat considerably. Taken as a whole the soil shows a wonderful degree of growing power and when viewed in light of the absence of rain at critical times, the showing is even more wonderful.

No Contracting Thus Far.

As in other sections visited there has been no contracting of wheat here thus far for the present season. Buyers are not disposed to make offers because they realize it would be a waste of energy to bid less than \$1 a bushel and the market has not yet reached that figure, although growers say it is traveling fast in that direction.

A Woman's Reward.

A woman tides up the altar, the strings around her spoons and gives a strawberry social, and does a man's work to keep the church going, and this is all she gets for it.

"A woman is no more qualified to be a voter than a man is to be a wet nurse."

Such is the opinion of Bishop William Crowell Doane, a widely known Episcopal preacher.

To speak of voting as a right is ridiculous," the bishop continued. "The ballot privilege is conferred by the state on those it considers qualified to exercise it. The privilege of voting entails that of being voted for. It means, therefore, potentiality of women congressmen, women senators, a woman president."

"And why not?" was asked.

"Women cannot do man's work," replied the bishop earnestly. "There is not, in my opinion, any mental equality—women are just as bright as men, but they are less logical, more moved by impulses and instincts."

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