

1 PERCENT DAMAGE TO WINTER WHEAT

CROP OF 16,000,000 BUSHELS IN 1921 IN OREGON FORECAST BY GOVERNMENT.

A crop of 16,020,000 bushels of winter wheat in Oregon in 1921 is forecast by F. L. Kent, agricultural statistician of the U. S. bureau of crop estimates. This forecast is based on an estimated area remaining for harvest of 712,000 acres and a May 1 condition of 99 percent. The winter damage to the crop was less than one percent and spring moisture conditions have been very satisfactory over the greater part of the wheat producing area of the state. The 1920 Oregon winter wheat crop was finally estimated at 17,580,000 bushels, produced on 791,000 acres.

For the United States as a whole the abandonment of wheat acreage sown in the fall of 1920, was much less than usual, being estimated at 4.6 percent as compared with 11.9 percent last year and a ten year average of about 11.0 percent. Owing to the low abandonment figure the total winter wheat crop of the United States is now estimated at about 8,000,000 more than the April 1 estimate; that is, 629,287,000 bushels.

Hay.—There appears to be a slight decrease in the total hay acreage of the state as compared with a year ago but condition of the hay fields and meadows on May 1, 1921, was estimated at 99.0 percent of normal, compared with 93.0 a year ago. Considerable new acreage was seeded to alfalfa last year but a considerable area of old fields have been plowed up and seeded to other crops which will later be resown to alfalfa. The high prices prevailing for hay during recent years (prior to this year) have caused growers to hold on to run down alfalfa fields longer than would ordinarily be considered good farming practice. Present hay crop condition indicates a state production of about 2,025,000 tons of tame hay and 240,000 tons of wild hay. The percent of last year's hay crop remaining on farms on May 1, 1921, is estimated at 12.0 percent, compared with 5.0 percent in 1920, with 5.0 percent in 1919, and 3.0 percent in 1918.

Spring plowing and seeding.—The acreage finished is considerably below the usual in the western part of the state. In most counties of the eastern part of the state, this work is at about the usual stage. Ordinarily it is possible to do considerable plowing in the western portion of the state during the months of January and February. This season there was practically no early spring plowing done before the latter part of March. This condition has thrown practically all of the spring work forward, with the result that the normal amount has not been accomplished at this date. In the eastern portion of the state, the conditions have been very favorable for spring plowing and seeding, except in the counties of Union and Wallowa where the work has been delayed by more than the usual amount of rainfall. In the principal wheat growing districts the summer fallow plowing is well along, in fact, has been finished on many farms.

Fruit.—Considerable difference of opinion exists with reference to the condition of the fruit crop of the state. It is known that there was considerable damage to early fruits such as peaches and apricots, from freezing. In some sections, while other sections suffered no injury. Just what effect the continued rainy weather of the latter part of April and early May has had on pollenization is yet to be determined. In some parts of the state apples are just now in full bloom and the amount of fruit that will set is yet to be determined.

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New York Letter

by Lucy Jeanne Price



NEW YORK, May 17.—For the first time since New York can remember the details of its life, the belongings of one of its socially and financially prominent families are to be sold to the tune of "Going! Going! Gone!" None less than the William K. Vanderbilt furniture, it is, which is to go under the hammer. The mansion on Fifth avenue, which Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt is about to abandon for her new home in the renovated square on the East River, holds furnishings so massive that it has been deemed impracticable to take them to the new home, and so one entire floor full of things is to be disposed of at one fell swoop. They belong to that part of the home which is a perfect reproduction of the wing of a famous French chateau, and the furnishings are of tremendous value.

Henry Jason is a conservative, law-abiding, prudent commuter who crosses from the Jersey side six days a week to his broking job, in the Wall street district. So conservative is Mr. Jason that he carries his lunch each day because he "likes to know what he is eating," and prefers the cooking of his own. His catastrophe came on one of the early days of the new state prohibition enforcement law. Just as he reached the sidewalk from the subway at his regular hour of 8:55 a. m., a policeman spied the bulge of the bottle on his hip in which Mr. Jason carries his luncheon refreshment. Up he stepped with speed and tapped that bulging spot none too gently with his stick. Breaking glass—and the outpouring of Mr. Jason's pint of certified milk! "It wasn't that I minded the loss of the milk to any degree," said the law-respecting Mr. Jason afterwards, "but I had to go 'way back to New Jersey to change my suit. It was quite ruined."

Statistics have a fatal fascination for some people; especially statistics of foolish things in huge quantities. Therefore an extra-enterprising computer has demonstrated that the French pastry baked each year in the kitchens of leading New York hotels would roof a building covering two and one-half city blocks. And to haul the toilet and laundry soaps used by five hotels would take a procession of half-ton trucks almost three miles long. Truly, they give the figures proving all that. It's true.

The Manhattan Opera House is going to be generous—U. S. government or no U. S. government. The people are to be befriended along the line of opera if nothing else. The company first announced that the public need pay no war tax for the current production of "The Three Guardsmen;" the theater would pay it. And all the nice pink tickets were printed in

words to that effect. But up spoke the U. S. government and said, "It can't be done." The people must pay their own tax whether or no. So now the little tickets have all had to be re-printed; and where they once said, "Two dollars. No tax," they now have been forced to say, "\$1.82; tax 18 cents."

The Women's City club has renewed the fight to gain women admittance to the law school of Columbia university. A group of women petitioned the faculty several months ago without avail. So the City club has jumped over the heads of the faculty and carried their plea to the trustees of the university.

The Writers' club is planting a tree in Washington Square as a memorial to Alan Seeger, the young American poet, killed in action while serving with the Foreign Legion during the world war. Seeger, who is particularly famous for his poem, "I have a Rendezvous with Death," was the first American writer to be killed in the war.

Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, bachelor rector of the Church of the Ascension, has been one of the active—almost radical—supporters of free speech in the country. So active in fact—and so radical—that he has received rebukes from his bishop. The other night he suffered from effort to suppress such freedom as violently as though he had been the tyrant over freedom all of his career. For a 10-day baby was dropped on the rector's doorstep. It seemed to be a baby with a grievance, and there was no one in the bachelor household to look after it but the rector himself. So all night long, in bathrobe and slippers, he walked the floor while the baby wailed. He was still walking when some of his parish came to his rescue in the morning.

NEW YORK, May 16.—The young man who gives the best tips to waiters in New York restaurants nowadays isn't necessarily the careless spender he might be taken for. It may very well be his special mark of thrift. Since the cost of food soared up and up and still girls seem to expect to be asked out to dine, an understanding grew up between the men who took them and the waiters of the special restaurants. The waiters are generally a sympathetic lot—if it doesn't cost them anything. So now when the young man leans back and says with the air of a millionaire, a connoisseur, and so forth, "What is particularly good tonight, George?" "George" responds impressively with the least expensive thing on the menu. It's easy then to order it—without even glancing at the card. And the good-

sized, tip represents interest on the money saved.

Fifth Avenue's special way of putting on gala attire is to change her electric globes from white to yellow. During the recent visit of President Harding, the change was made, and on other festive occasions. It really isn't at all productive of a gay look, and our complexions are something awful to behold underneath it. But for some reason, somebody in charge of such things, likes it as an indication of a celebration. And we have it, in all of its foggy effect.

The moot question, "Who has Mrs. Julia Brown's new \$55 set of false teeth?" was asked in Essex Market court the other day and not one answered. Mrs. Brown says that John Mayorowitz took them one night when she was staying with the Mayorowitz family. Her host insisted that she swallowed them and has offered to pay for an X-ray of the complainant's stomach to prove it. Mrs. Brown doesn't believe in such "amperings as X-rays and so the judge dismissed the case, much to the chagrin of the assemblage.

Cedarhurst, L. I., is perfectly willing to be loyal when it comes to a war or anything of that sort; but it's off'n the U. S. government on matters of weather predictions. After everybody got caught in a clothes-devastating rain the other day because the weather report had read "Fair and Warm," Cedarhurst called a town meet to do something about it. They decided to secede and run their own weather. So a collection was taken up to buy a barometer. This will be put up in the park and everybody can consult it and scorn the very existence of the government words.

If a manager had engaged the cast for the Actors' Equity performance the other night, it would have cost him \$480,000 for one performance—\$3,840,444 for a week's salaries.

One of New York's residential hotels has solved the problem of what to do with the children under its roof. It's put them to school just as people have done since time immemorial when homes became too chaotic. On the roof of the Majestic hotel, this school is flourishing, and it takes boys and girls of almost all ages, beginning with those no much past the first year of walking. It's not merely a play school, either, but a fully accredited and smoothly running institution.

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