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Weather and Wheat

THE world has been submerged in a mountain of wheat which seemed to grow larger each crop year. "Overpro- 000 each, to be of the Delaware which by the blessing of God we duction" was the cry, and the constant appeal came to re- type. duce acreage. This call came from the department of agriculture, oftentimes without realization that some sections are limited to wheat production by their geographical situation. or that switching to some other crop merely meant to build up its surplus. Farmers felt they could not individually reduce their acreage because the secret of their individual prosperity lay in producing the most wheat they could,—often with the hopes that other farmers would raise little wheat.

As has occurred so many times in the past nature takes a hand in the crop game. After all the margin between consumption and production is never large. While wheat is being harvested every day of the year in some quarter of the globe it is also being consumed in every quarter of the globe every day. Suspend production for a few months and there but later was amended to include Kayuse tribe, were added to our would be deficiency of cereal crops for the proper sustenance

Last year nature took a hand and the winter wheat production of the American southwest was sharply reduced. The effect however was slight for still there was a world surplus. This winter nature is again interposing unkind elements and the southwest crop will be the lowest since the expansion of that great wheat country. In addition to a dry fall there has been a freezing winter. This week's blizzard is adding to the destructive nature of the season. The winter wheat through the northwest has been winter killed. It is true even in the Willamette valley where such a thing is

It may be that nature will restore the balance and reduced production will result in increased price. A great deal of course will depend on the spring wheat production especially in Canada, where the total is always variable, and last year's large yield may not be duplicated this year. Price will also depend on the buying power of the importing countries, and on their domestic production.

Such a crop failure in 1897 led to a sudden rise in the price of wheat which was a great factor in the restoration of prosperity to the American farms of that period. European crops were very light, the American crop was good, and our exports went abroad at a high price. The immediate need is for better prices for farm crops and wheat is noted as a pace-maker. It may not be predicted with any degree of assurance: but the elements are present for an up-surge of grain prices which will bring farm relief more substantial and more satisfactory than mortgage moratoriums or congressional doles.

The wheat situation is not hopeless; and while the farmers feel badly as they gaze out over fields of dead wheat, they may in the end be much better off if it helps bring about a rise in agricultural prices.

Prohibition Repeal

No matter how much we may dread the resubmission of the prohibition amendment to our state constitution, such a step seems logical in view of the repeal of the enforcing act in the last election. If statutes to effectuate prohibition have been wiped off the books, then the amendment impotent. It is worse than impotent because then it effectually bars any control legislation of any kind. So while we are not supporting repeal of state prohibition, we do say that it is necessary that the state clear up the present anamolous situation where we have constitutional prohibition and, through silence, statutory nullification.

The dries, if the question is resubmitted, then have the opportunity to fight directly for the cause of state prohibition; and if it is retained, to insist on legislation to carry out the constitution effectively. Until this situation is cleared up, and until the federal situation is cleared up, beer

bills and booze bills are out of place.

It is obvious that the wets have no well formulated program which will give any assurance of "true temperance" or any kind of temperance. They are proposing now on comprehensive and intelligent method of liquor control. The Beckman bill would make a liquor dispensary out of every grocery store and restaurant. Intelligent wets should see its menace and the inevitable reaction it will invite.

Where are the "prohibition reformers", the "Crusaders" and other "temperance" organizations enrolled under the wet banner? They seem to have deserted the field for the genuine wets, the brewing and saloon interests to come in to capitalize on the victory. Throw the state open to general beer selling backed by the power of modern advertising, and moral conditions will grow steadily worse. The mild beer will stimulate the appetite for stronger liquors, and the demand will be satisfied, legally or illegally.

The wets assumed responsibility as a result of the November election. They are doing nothing toward a decent solution of the question from their own point of view.

Interesting Days at Legislature

THE legislative session is approaching its climax. Yesterday's debates in the senate on the utility bill and the house on the repeal bill were highly interesting. The well crowded galleries testified to the general public interest in these important questions.

Ahead are revenue laws, motor license bills, school bills, business bills, and many others which are sure to evoke general discussion on the floor. Salem people and residents of the valley have an unusual opportunity in the privilege of attending the legislative sessions and following the course of law-making.

While attendance on public hearings and general sessions is as time-consuming as a trial in circuit court (and sometimes quite as uninteresting) it is highly educational. Ignorance of the contents of laws, their purpose, and the method in which they are drawn would not be so great if persons followed more closely the workings of the legislature. nect the Lincoln school with the And perhaps citizens would not be so critical of legislators if city sewer system. they saw the magnitude of their labors and the generally conscientious attitude which marks the vast majority of senators and representatives.

Those who have time will employ it profitably the next ing of the building on front street established at Lapwai, Idaho, perten days in attending the legislature.

Yesterdays

. . . Of Old Salem Town Talks from The States-man of Earlier Days

February 10, 1908 Mayor Harry Lane of Portland has written to Mayor George Rodgers of Salem evolving what he terms a radical but rational plan for relieving seasonal unemployment. He suggests that thehordes of men unemployed after harvest seasons be put to work building sidewalks and improving roads at \$2 a day. He also would have cities establish information bureaus concerning hoboes.

FREEWATER, Ore. - Falling nto line with other towns in Oregon and Washington, Freewater is to have a market day, to be inaugurated Saturday. Lots have been secured on Main street and work will be commenced on the corral next Monday.

WASHINGTON. - The house committee on naval affairs rejected President Roosevelt's urgent ecommendation that congress authorize the building of four battleships at total cost of \$38,000,000, and instead authorized construction of two battle ships at \$9,500,-

February 19, 1928 the county school superintendent

lay to romp through the house L may remain with us till his reengaging in burlesque discussion turn & if able assist in the school. of a bill to prohibit smoking in the house and senate. The bill. introduced by Rep. Campbell of past God has shed down his & Multnomah, by request, first proonly the house and senate cham- church who have been on trial 2 bers. The bill was finally voted

and La Follett yesterday contintheir war against secrecy in the ways and means committee meetings by introducing a resoluion permitting newspaper representatives to attend the sessions sin, & a determination to devote of the committee.

"In what matter of bill before the legislature are you most interested?" was the question asked vesterday by Statesman reporters.

S. B. Dodge, auto salesman: "The criminal syndicalism law. I think it's oppressive legislation against a certain class fighting for existence—designed for that purpose. It's class legislation."

John Nelson, advertising man: The bill for \$2.50 auto licenses till the first of the year."

WOODBURN, Feb. 9 Marion county W. C. T. U. in- grounds, fisheries &c for a part stitute will be held at the Meth- of their subsistance till they can odist church Feb. 10. An all day obtain ploughs &c from some program is planned with a cover- source in sufficient nos by which ed dish luncheon to be served at to obtain an adequate supply of the noon hour. Miss Daisy Fred- food from the soil. Ploughs are erick will be in charge of the eagerly sought after by this peo-

The program will be as fol- few weeks in the vicinity in perlows: 10:20, opering of institute suit of Beaver & only obtained by Mrs. Necia E. Buck, presi- one Otter. The Beaver were & dent of the state organization and are still all in reserve for ploughs Mrs. Lehman of Salem; 11:00, & cows. crusade plans; 11:30, white ribon recruit service: 12:00, noontide prayer followed by luncheon to be served in the basement of the church; 1:15, song service I think the no has been increased and prayer; 1:30, talk on the place of the Loyal Temperance Legion, by Mrs. Goodrich, county L. T. L. secretary; 1:50, music talk by Mrs. Ruth Tooze; 2:20, short talks by Mrs. Cole, speaking of religious education, Mrs. Lehman, Christian Citizenship and Mrs. Buck will give reports on medal contests; 3:30, open forum; 4:00, adjournment.

WALDO HILLS, Feb. 9 While every farmer is busy plowing or reseeding there are three also last May, & introduced a especially busy and optimistic ones. Rudolf Stadeli Sr., has men at work setting out two hop yards, with a combined acreage of 10 1/2 acres. The yards are in

the Evergreen district. His son, Rudolf Jr., of the same district, who has a newly mission. Yours truly, H. H. Spaldcleared farm has just put out

two acres of hops. J. J. Doerfler of Waldo Hills has completed setting 800 filbert trees which means 10 acres on

his own ranch. He has men at work this week setting out 40 acres at Wilsonville and another crew setting a 10-acre orchard of the nuts for Roy Melson near Salem.

Council Submits Razing Problems

WOODBURN, Feb. 9 .- The first council meeting of the month was held at the city hall Tuesday night. A permit was granted the school board to con-

The new city marshal's bonds were filed. The city recorder was all American experience. instructed to write the heirs of George Joseph regarding the razberg blacksmith shop.

Spalding's Mission, 1843: Old letter tends to refute. Whitman saved Oregon" myth: 8' 8 8

Concluding the Spalding letter: 'School: For the last 4 years the school has steadily increased in Nos just in proportion as house room was furnished for it & advanced in learning to read & write their own language. Last winter it No over 200 most of the time & for several of the last weeks 240 in daily attendance including most of the chiefs & principle men of the nation, & crowding the school-house above & below to overflowing & nearly every other room in the house. Probably half of the school consists of adults. Two thirds of the school print their own books, with the pen. The first class from two or from the books of the 1st & so on. The lessons are translated or iversity, Salem. furnished from scripture. Perhaps 1-6 of the school can read & spell any thing furnished them in their own language. The chiefs govern the school.

" 'A house is in progress 30x50 hope to finish this fall, & will doubtless greatly enlarge the school & serve as a house of wor-No holiday for Marion county ship. Br & sister Littlejohn were students on Lincoln's birthday, with us from Dee to May when they went to assist Br Walker on his house, & returned in Aug last. Br L left last week for Wailatpu House members abandoned im- to make arrangements to return ortant committee work yester- to the States in which case Sister

" 'Church: For several winters several have passed from death to ibited smoking or chewing of to- life we trust. Last summer 10 inbacco on all state owned property, cluding the principle chief of the & 3 years. Last winter the glorious work of God appeared more extensive & genuine than at any Senators Zimmerman, Taylor former period, the subjects clearly showing more knowledge of divine truth. Several hundred & perhaps a thousand publickly expressed a hope that God had delivered them from the bondage of themselves to his service. Out of all these however only some 55 or 60 have been selected & often examined & in a manner propounded as candidates for church membership at some future time. The Lord only knows their hearts. It is a most fearful step to proseed either to receive or not reeive a supposed heathen convert into the church of the living God. Oh how much wisdom from above is needed in such an hour. The sabbath congregation as also the increases or rather becomes more permanent every winter for 6 or 7 months in proportion as the quantity of grain raised in this vicinity yearly increases. It is quite probable that for many years at least what is done in the way school teaching especially, & preaching may be added, must be done during the 6 or 7 must be done during the 6 or 7 months of cool season. Partly because much of the missionaries time during the remainder of the year, is taken up in looking after his own affairs, & partly on account of the great heat, but more especially because the people must The continue to resort to their rook

> 'Last year about 140 families cultivated from 1/4 of an acre to 5 acres each. About half cultivated in this valley. This year 1-3. Last year one of the members of the church raised 176 bushels of peas 100 bush of corn, some 400 of potatoes. An other raised 153 of peas, 160 of corn. squashes, potatoes, melons &c. The principle chief 60 miles from this place raised more than either of the above, but I know not how much. Some 40 other individuals raised from 20 to 100 of various kinds of grains, besides potatoes &c. This year I have not yet ascertained the quantities but judge from the appearance of the crops, that it is considerably increased. They now display considerable taste & economy in cultivating their little farms. There are now some 40 head of cattle among this, & many more among the Kayuse. The Indian Agent (Doct White) visited us last winter as simple cods of laws which seem to have no good effect as yet, but I The Lord give us great wisdom to do his work among these Indian

ple. Last spring a trader spent a

5 5 5 The point where the letter reached Dr. Whitman telling of the sickness of the Spaldings was n the Grand Ronde, Oregon, section. The letter was sent by Elkanah Walker. Dr. Whitman at once responded, leaving Chief Sticcus of the Cayuse band of Indians to pilot the 1843 covered wagon train over the Blue mountains, the most difficult part of the whole route, not excepting any portion of the way over the To Joseph Heirs Rockies; and that was the first wagon train to get over the Blue mountains.)

tribes. May his good spirit con-

tinue to hover over your favored

The remarkable success of the Spalding mission in teaching the Nez Perce Indians, getting them to pursue the arts of agriculture, and converting them to the Chris-

To this day, the church thus formerly occupied by the Mosh- sists and maintains services, after nearly 100 years and it has al-

ways, from the first years, had Indian pastors.

The lower Nes Perce Indians, in the Lapwai district, were (Continuing from yesterday:) among the most friendly of all American tribes; most friendly to the whites. The upper Nes Perce branch of that tribe, under Chief Joseph the elder and the younger, were often hostile-and the younger Chief Joseph led United States soldiers one of the longest campaigns in point of distance in all the annals of Indian warfare.

5 5 5 Chief Lawyer of the lower Nez Perce branch was upstanding in scholarship and leadership in friendly relations with the whites. One of his grandsons was long a pastor of the Lapwai church. Miss Mylie Lawyer, his daughter, great granddaughter of the original three copies furnished, the 2nd Chief Lawyer, is a member of the present class of Willamette un-

MFU AND MOWFU IN

AUMSVILLE, Feb. 9 - A most enjoyable program was presented by the Salem Zonta club under the auspices of the Salem chamber of commerce, at the Community club meeting held at

the school house Tuesday night. A short business meeting preceded the program. It was voted to cooperate with the Parent and l'eachers' association to provide some entertainment for the children and young people of the community. It was also decided that the men should give the March program and the women the April program. Five judges. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Porter, A. A. Niccolson, Mrs. Cornelia E. George and Theodore Highberger. were appointed to see which gives the better program. The osers will entertain with a par-

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Carlson were appointed as chairman of a committee on civic improvement. The program consisted of six numbers by pupils from the Barhara Barnes school of dancing. Pauline Chambers, Marian Cooley, Jean Adams, Audrey Fehler

and Eugena Sawell Dr. J. Vinton Scott who with his wife went to China in 1919 and lived there until recently. showed some wonderful pictures of China. He also showed pictures taken while the actual fighting was going on in Shanghai, Mrs. Scott also gave an interesting of the private life of the Empress of China with whom she was a personal friend. She was dressed in full Chinese costume.

The largest crowd of the year was present at this meeting.

DETROIT, Feb. 9 - A large slide reported by Oliver Johnson Tuesday, has taken place just below Blue - Lick creek, leaving about 3000 yards of dirt to be excavated before any traveling of vehicles can take place. This slide will have to be removed before any operations can resume at the Guthrie-McDougall Co. road camp, located right at Pamelia creek.

A bad blizzard Wednesday hit the Detroit area, and is one of the worst known in a good many

Among those registered at Hotel Detroit over the weekend was D. Cook, timekeeper and assistant camp superintendent for Guthrie McDougall Co. He reports there was nine feet of snow at the camp and 11 feet of snow in the Independence Prairie district late last week

Numerous cougar tracks have been reported on Whitewater flat and Lou and Jake Myers from Mehama were summened They arrived at Detroit Saturday with their hounds.

Liberty Community Club Meets Tonight

LIBERTY, Feb. 9 .- The com munity club will meet Friday night at the hall. The Woman's club of Salem is scheduled to put on the program. Sheldon F. Sackett will speak on "What the Legislature is Doing?" Mrs. Forster, in charge of refreshments, reports that a jitney lunch approknow not what the end will be. priate to Valentine's day will be

> Robb, Arrested as Slayer, is Former Resident of Dallas

DALLAS, Feb. 9-A. A. Robb, who was arrested Tuesday for

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Navestock. The young doctor's greatest obstacle in trying to betin curing their ills. He cautions would be tempted to give up if it were not for lovely, young Jess Mascall, whose sincerity and courageous outlook are an incentive to keep fighting. Filled with curiosity as to how Wolfe spends his time, Mrs. Threadgold searches his room and finds a map he has prepared showing Navestock's polluted areas. She informs her husband of what she calls Wolfe's "gross disloyalty and underhand spying" and suggests that her husband either make him discontinue his researches or discharge him. Wolfe is summoned to a case of sunstroke in the "Pardons" fields, the estate of the wealthy Brandons, where he meets beautiful Mrs. Brandon. Her bored, lifeless attitude puzzles him.

CHAPTER TWENTY

The Rev. Robert Flemming was making an infusion of quassia for Church. the benefit of the green fly on his roses, when Jasper Turrell was shown into the rector's study. Flemming, like many country parsons, was a man with a multitude of hobbies, and a friend might find him at work at his carpenter's bench, ankle-deep in shavings, or forking potatoes in his vegetable garden, or busy making trout flies with his big, but dexterous fingers. His study was a long, low, pleasant room, its big French windows looking like painted panels let into the wall, each with its glimpse of sleek grass, flower borders piled high with colour, grey old walls, and splendid trees. Pleasant disorder prevailed here. Fishing-rods, butterfly-nets, guns, a bow, and walking-sticks were piled in the corners. spreaders for setting butterflies and town, Flemming." moths, fishing-reels, canvas bags, a hunting crop, and gloves. Disorder prevailed also over the rector's desk. Sermons, florists' catalogues, bills, circulars, pamphlets, fly-books, odd knives, and pipes lay as they pleased. The carpet, that had been worn to no colour in par-

ticular, had a big hole in the centre of the floor. It was the room of a man who led a large, pleasant, placid life, a are, Flemming; we like to go our Flemming had either love or reman who read old books, preached own way, and work in our own way. his old sermons, and was an expert We are independent, shrewd, part of Navestock, and as such in the matter of wild life and of strong-willed. We don't like being Flemming had accepted him, and flowers. Turrell found him kneeling talked to or interfered with. We ceased to be piqued by anything the on the hearth-rug in front of a fire manage our own affairs in our own brewer did. People may be classed of chips and broken wood, stewing fashion, and I'm not accustomed to with poisons, small doses given at up his infusion of quassia in a big black saucepan. As he knelt, his boots showed two worn places at the treads. He had taken off his the tobacco jar on the mantelshelf. coat, and the sleeves of his grey flannel shirt were rolled up to his

"Good heavens, Flemming, that's nice game for a day like this! Why don't you let your cook do it?" "It's not coup.

"That makes it worse. Jovel it' the hottest day this year." The brewer put his white top-hat on the desk, sat down in an armchair, spread himself, and wiped his forehead. The two patches of colour of a butterfly, stood out red and me instructions." injected. His sandy hair looked clammy, his eyelids pink along their

and father in operating a sawmill geant.

near here in 1920. He was a

Dr. John Welfe, young and capable assistant of the inefficient old Dr. Montague Threadgold, is shocked at the pollution he finds everywhere in the little town of Navestock. The young and capable assistant of the inefficient old chaps to syringe properly. When I pipe, He stood on the hearth-rug, feet spread, hands behind his back. His face expressed the heavy surprise of a quiet and placed trust.

The rector settled the saucepan about something that appeared utgreatest obstacle in trying to better conditions is the bitter resent-ment of the people themselves. The affable Threadgold appears more fresh-coloured face healthy as the angered him pretty seriously. and fattening his purse than he is face of a boy. His blue eyes moved any object they happened to notice, ing some youngster came and told Welfe against using necessary "expensive medicines when the erdi-nary" preparations will do. Wolfe never been hurried. Grave, pleasant sermons, or have your church retranquillity possessed his face. seated?" Robert Flemming was an aristocrat even in the thick of his hobbies and face pleasantly amused. his old clothes. He had something of the grand manner, a quiet, drowsy graciousness that reflected the calm of a quiet, drowsy life. "Eighty-three in the shade yes-

"I don't see -

"Thanks."

nesday in August?"

"Confound it, Flemming, suppos

Flemming smiled, his healthy

"I don't think that would bother

"You are too good-tempered a

man, I'm not; if I see a cub I must

kick him. Well, let's leave it at

that. I dropped in to ask when you

want to have your summer school

treat. You can have one of my

"Mrs. Turrell will provide the

"Supposing I fix the first Wed-

"That will suit us. Do you re-

member last year? By George,

what a day it was! Talk about

Robert Flemming puffed steadily

at his pipe. He stared at the hole

in the carpet with the far-away

look of one who has discovered the

"Do you care to come and

"I wish you would come up some

time and convince my man Walker

Flemming looked quizzically at

"One of the most difficult things

When the brewer had gone, his

white top-hat bobbing above the

among his flowers. He would pause

and stare at nothing in particular,

the air with his gardening scissors.

spect for Jasper Turrell, He was

frequent intervals producing im-

munity and no violent reaction.

as a man of forty. He had lived in

had sunk into it like a big and

rather indolent man into a com-

fortable bed. Outside the walls of

his garden Flemming was not much

tions. Evil existed, and he had long

ago accepted it as part of the

mystical scheme of life. Death.

pain, and poverty were stones

strung upon the rosary of his re-

ligion. They were facts which he

had learned to look at through the

golden hase of a mellow mysticisms

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of an observer. He had a mind that

It could not be said to

into the town and asked for Mr.

Fool,' we should all of us send him

Providence and the weather!"

skull of some old friend.

Turrell acquiesced.

my roses?

next door."

tea, and all that sort of stuff. We

terday." "It's more today. Nearer ninety,

should imagine. Jasper Turrell lay back at his fields." ease. For many years he and Robert Flemming had shared in the life of Navestock town. They were fellowcitizens rather than friends, accus- shall be away part of August, and tomed to meet here, there, and I want you to fix the date." everywhere, to share in the patriarchal government of the place, to administer justice, and to deal with the poor, Robert Flemming was

ple's church-warden at St. Jude's "I hear there was a case of sunstroke at 'Pardons' last week." "Yes, the man recovered."

chairman of the Navestock Board

of Guardians, and Turrell the peo-

"Threadgold's assistant pulled him through.' Turrell stretched out his legs and stared at the toes of his boots. "We shall have trouble with that young man, Flemming."

that he's a fool.' "Oh! the bowl of his pipe. The rector took his coat from a chair and hunched himself into it, wrinkling up the cloth across his in the world, sir. If a stranger came

back. "What makes you think that?" "Officious young fool." "I haven't come into touch with him. Besides, he's only an under-

strapperlaurel hedge, where the public path "Exactly. A question of putting ran between St. Jude's churchyard him in his place, or getting Threadand the rectory garden, Robert The book-shelves held not only gold to shift him, if necessary. We Flemming loitered among his roses. books, but collectors' boxes, cork don't want that kind of man in the cutting off dead blooms and taking

some of the choicest flowers be-"What annoys you?" tween two fingers in order to scan "He's one of those fellows who them with the quiet delight of an can't mind their own business, med- expert. But there was not that dlesome and dictatorial. I'm not a pleasant abandonment in his mood man to be dictated to." that characterized his idle moments

The rector nodded. "Of course not."

Turrell sat up with a jerk, as sometimes rubbing a leaf between though his indignation straightened finger and thumb, or snipping at like a bent spring. "You know the kind of people we

being yapped at by a puppy." Flemming picked up a pipe from his desk, and began to fill it from Flemming had come to Navestock

"Has Threadgold's youngster the town some twenty years, and been yapping?" "He has tried it. I'm not the dog to stand that."

"But what about?" "The property here. As if I hadn't managed property before he took things for granted, kindly, was born. His officiousness doesn't patient, not given to asking quescome your way." Flemming gave one of his sleepy,

thoughtful stares. "No. But you say -"I had to put the fellow in his on his face, shaped like the wings place. He was beginning to give

> "Was he, indeed!" "No sense of humor in the cub "lemming, no sense of humour."

After the Robbs closed their

member of Company L, of the mill here he worked in several ther still lives in Dallas,

The family always had a repu-

tation for honesty and good

character around here. His me-

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