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KNOCKING OUT THE GRAIN.

Farmers Are Study Threshing Once More, and Crowding the Work. East Oregonian. "How many bushels of wheat were threshed yesterday in this county?"

"Now that the weather has cleared up, no time is being lost, but everyone is rushing his work to the utmost." The wonderful character of this county as a wheat raising section is being proven.

It was commonly said on the streets here some weeks ago that, if the rains continued for any length of time, there would be lots of mortgages to be placed on record.

The position of the farmers of Umatilla county appears to be just as strong as it ever was, and there is a remarkably small amount of complaining heard from those who are engaged in raising wheat hereabouts.

Other varieties of fruit were badly injured. Yet, people up there appear to be getting along in good shape, and a visitor to that town would not suspect, unless told, that there had been any undue damage done the fruit crops.

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WANTS A BIG LOT OF SHEEP.

A Wyoming Stockman in Quest of 25,000 Head. Morning Oregonian. J. I. Carson, manager of the Pardee Livestock Association, of Rawlins, Wyo., is in Portland, with a view to the purchase of 25,000 head of sheep from Oregon stockmen.

BIG SHEEP SALE.

Jonas Bros. of Deer Creek, Retire From the Sheep Business. Long Creek Eagle. One of the largest deals in sheep ever made in this county was consummated in Long Creek last Monday.

Jonas Bros. are also owners of 1000 acres of fine grazing land in the Deer creek country, and they remarked to an Eagle reporter that they would not rest long enough to fence it and then would likely take a trip to Alsace Lorraine, their mother country.

A Patriotic Father. An attorney's son of Hood River asked his father's consent to enlist in the 35th and the following is the father's reply: "Dear Son: Your letter, asking my consent to your enlistment, just received and I am proud of you."

"Now, my boy, remember that a soldier's first duty is explicit obedience. They every order given you without a murmur. You may think what you please, but say nothing. Remember that it is the province of a soldier to act, not to talk."

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Be sure your ticket reads via the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry.. "Rock Island Route." Latest design Pullman palace sleeping cars, elegant reclining chair cars free, library Buffet cars, on all through trains, and best dining car service in the world.

COST OF SHIPPING.

H. V. Gates Water And Electric Plant Established at Elgin. Hon. H. V. Gates returned home last Thursday somewhat the worst for wear, says the Hillsboro Independent of the 1st.

His next work is the Prineville proposition. A big item there is the transportation of the heavy machinery from Moro to Prineville, 100 miles. Wagons drawn by horse or mules are the freight cars. It costs one cent per pound for the haul.

At first glance it might seem that \$20 per ton is a profitable freight rate, but when analyzed there is no great profit. One man with three wagons and eight horses will make a trip in 15 days, transporting 6 tons at a cost of \$120 to the shipper or \$8 per day for the team.

WEATHER AND CROP BULLETIN.

The following climate and crop bulletin was received from B. S. Payne under date of September 11th: Rain fell on Monday and Tuesday, in amounts from a trace over southeastern Oregon to about one-half and inch in Umatilla county.

The rains of Monday and Tuesday delayed farm work, but otherwise they were not really injurious. The grain was thoroughly wet, but since Sunday the dry warm weather has dried out the grain.

Full-sown grain is practically all out and threshing now proceeds under the most favorable circumstances. Cutting of spring grain has commenced. With our weather for two weeks more, the grain crop will be entirely secured.

The first clover crop was out in July, and the second is now ready to cut and it is as good as the first. In a few localities the first crop was out in June, a second was out in August and a third will be cut in October.

Range food and pasturage for stock are very good. Seldom is stock in better condition than at present. Hop picking is active in all yards. Mold appeared in the yards about the 1st and great damage was feared during the last rains; the clear, warm, dry weather checked the mold.

Prune drying will begin within ten days. Prunes are ripening. The crop, as heretofore noted, is small, but it is good in quality. Greater care will be exercised this year in drying and packing. Prune dryers are now being put in condition for this season's run.

A SMOKE CONSUMER.

Device Well Tested on the Colorado Flyer and Results Pleased. The Rock Island Railroad has established a precedent in the West by equipping their engines with smoke consumers, which entirely do away with the heavy volume of black smoke which is so disagreeable to passengers.

This smokeless firing, as it is properly called, will be valuable to both the patron and the road. To the patron it does away with the black, sooty smoke and sinders, thus adding much to the pleasure of traveling; and, to the road, it is a saving in fuel as well as making the appearance and equipment of the train up to date.

The manner of equipment is briefly as follows: In the firebox of the engine is built a hollow brick arch. Below this and about a foot above the grates are bored four holes in the sides of the firebox. In each of these holes is inserted a Sharp's patent deflecting air tube, connecting with the hollow arch.

Assistant General Manager W. I. Allen and Superintendent of Motive Power G. T. Wilson of the Rock Island, express themselves as more than pleased with the results of this new move on the part of the road.

HE HAD ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

But This Honest Tramp Couldn't Use His Surplus Money. "I've slept under a shed with the thermometer 'way below zero," said the tramp, "and I've gone two long days with nothing to eat, but I'm telling you straight that when I once had \$1000 in my pocket I was worse off than at any other time I can remember."

"That \$1000 meant a heap to me, you understand, but I was so excited that it was two hours before I could do any planning. The first thing was to buy a new suit of clothes, and I entered a store and picked them out. When I exhibited that \$1000 bill the clerk ran to the door to call a policeman. I got away by a close squeeze, and then I realized the situation. Tramp that I was, I couldn't get it changed at a bank nor use it to make me more comfortable. If it had been a ten I could have had lodgings and a bed, but I'm telling you that I walked the streets as hungry as a shark, and slept at police stations and in lumber yards."

"Under the circumstances the bill might as well have been a piece of brown paper. I tried all sorts of dodges to get it busted, but it was no good. Every time I showed it I ran the risk of arrest. I offered a butcher \$100 to get it changed, but he refused to have anything to do with it. I'd have sold it for half price and been glad to, but there was no such thing as making a deal. Finally I went to one of the newspaper offices and looked up the advertisements for a week past. The loser had advertised, and I went to his office in a big building and gave up the bill. The reward was \$50, but he counted out \$10 on top of that and said: 'I wouldn't have believed there was such honesty in the world. You could have kept the bill as well as not.'"

"He took down my name and all that and gave the affair away to the reporters. They wrote me up as the 'Honest Tramp' and had my picture in the papers, but you may guess I didn't enjoy it over-much. I had \$60 in piece of \$1000, and for my honesty, it was all bush. I returned the bill because I had to, and though I'm hungry and dead broke and don't know where to turn in for the night, I'm not looking for any more big finds. Something with a figure '2' on the corner will just about fit my vest pocket."—Boston Herald.