



RAINMAKER

EMPLOYED

Hatfield Will Again Operate in Sherman County.

Charles M Hatfield, the Los Angeles rainmaker, was a Portland visitor Monday, leaving in the evening for Wasco, Sherman county, where he has a contract to increase the season's rainfall for the benefit of the wheat farmers of that district says the Journal.

Hatfield reached Portland, Sunday morning, coming from Volta, Merced county, California, where he has just closed a contract with the farmers of that section. During the past season there the country received a 10 1/4 inch rainfall as against a five inch fall of the year before. After fulfilling his contract in Sherman county this summer the rainmaker will return to California and put in two plants near Volta for the next season there.

Monday next the operation of persuading the vagrant moisture to come down to earth will be commenced in Sherman county and kept up continually until July 25. The contract calls for one and one and one half inches of rain. Hatfield's apparatus consists of a series of elevated stations, canvases enclosed, containing a large number of trays and disks. In these disks and trays various chemicals are placed, and the whole mass is heavily charged with electricity. This current is maintained throughout the entire time of the contract. It is contended by the inventor of the system that the chemical changes produced by this means will cause overhead moisture to condense and precipitate in the form of rain.

Ball Team Organized.

A number of players and baseball enthusiasts came up from Ione last Sunday for the purpose of organizing a Morrow county team by taking the best material from both Heppner and Ione.

The players got together, tried out a little in practice, organized with Joe Cronan as captain and the following players have signed up: Walter Rood, Harry Jaynes, Duffy King, Ernest Clark, Sam Ganger, Mr Stone, Cy Aiken, Willis McCarty, Levi Morgan and Ralph Hymer.

Morrow county has the timber for a winning team.

Mr Cronin will make a good captain, having a cool baseball head as well as being a crack player.

Negotiations are under way to secure a pitcher.

The first game will probably be with Condon, however, the necessary arrangements have not been completed.

The boys should be encouraged and we will have a good team this season.

The contracting firm of Twoby Bros, who are straightening the O. R. & N. track between Pendleton and Yoskum, have now got well started with their work. They now have nearly 200 men employed on the different gangs and they expect to more than double the force in a short time. The main camp of the company is about three miles west of Pendleton.

The marshal of Corvallis picked up in a street there a Spanish piece of 1802, the size of a quarter and bearing the words "Carolina." The coin is badly worn and battered, making other words undecipherable.

Better Feeding.

From a letter written by Dr. Withycombe, director of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station, the following extracts are taken.

The Northwest offers unlimited opportunities for producing high class beef. Despite the fact that corn may not be available, other feed stuffs equally as good can be produced in great abundance. Good killing stuff can be secured from well cured wild or alfalfa hay. There is little waste in feeding well cured alfalfa hay cut at the proper season, but when overripe or coarse its value will be increased from 20 to 25 per cent by running it through the cutter.

Some grain or succulent feed should be fed with hay to fatten cattle. In practically all of the stock feeding districts the field pea or fodder can be grown. If these are ensiled and fed in the following ration—15 pounds of alfalfa or wild hay, 30 pounds of corn or pea silage and 5 pounds of rolled barley, a gain of 2 pounds per day should be secured for a period of 90 days. It would put the steer in prime condition and thus add from 1 to 2 cents per pound to the value of his initial weight.

Another excellent feed for fattening cattle is a combination of alfalfa and beardless barley hay. These may be grown separately or in many instances grown together advantageously. For example, fields where alfalfa is not thickly set should be thoroughly disced with a spike tooth disc in the spring and beardless barley drilled in and the whole cut for hay. This combination is excellent for putting beef cattle in the very best condition for market.

Prime mutton can be economically produced from the same feeds suggested for cattle. In Eastern Oregon the principal winter fattening feed should be alfalfa and beardless barley hay and rolled barley.

School Notes.

On the 19th inst. I visited the school in district No. 15. The teacher, Miss Josie Eskelson, and the pupils were busy with the review work of the closing week of school. I was much pleased with some work in rapid calculation. The pupils have been doing some work in picture study. They have studied copies of a few of the world's famous paintings and have learned something of the painters. Their study of the painters was made the basis of work in composition. This feature of the work has proven very profitable. There is some talk of building a new school house before the next term opens. The proceeds of a box social, \$64.00 have been placed to the credit of the building fund.

In the afternoon I visited the school on Social Ridge. Miss May Severance teaches this school. This school is small. The pupils are interested in their work and are doing well. The pupils have been experimenting with a school garden. Their plans have been interfered with somewhat by the squirrels. However, the study of plant life under such difficulties is not without profit. The pupils rendered an interesting program on Arbor Day. I was much pleased with some of the stories written by the pupils in their language work.

On Friday last, Mrs Jessie M Phelps closed a successful term of school at the Blackhorse schoolhouse. Accompanied by Assessor Hendricson, I visited the school a short time before noon. At the noon intermission, quite a number of the good people of the district came in. They brought with them well filled baskets, and a large table was arranged across some of the desks. Upon this was placed an abundance of good things to eat. After the dinner had been properly disposed of, the pupils, assisted by Mrs J F Wilder and Mrs Josie Brown, rendered an excellent program. At the close of the program, everyone went home feeling that this had been a very pleasant and profitable occasion. The people of this district take a lively interest in their school and are determined to keep it up to a high standard.

S. E. Notson, Co. Supt.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Services for Sunday, April 31. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Epworth League devotional meeting in the church basement, 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor, Walter L. Airheart. Subject morning sermon: "The Life Everlasting." Evening: "The Repentant Malefactor."

M. E. Church, South.

May 1st. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by pastor. Subject: "The first commandment." Epworth at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m., by Prof. W. H. Martin, president Columbia College, Milton. The public is invited. E. P. Warren, pastor.

A man on a small place near Goshen is making a success of poultry raising on a small scale, such as hundreds of others might do in Oregon. He has hatched 300 full blood White Leghorn chicks already this spring and has orders to hatch something over 1000 chicks for other parties.

Old Jailbreak Recalled.

The escape of five prisoners from the United States penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, by using dummy revolvers made of wood recalls to the minds of old timers in the Northwest the celebrated delivery of the King county jail, at Seattle in 1894, by Tom Blank, a desperado under sentence of death. Previous to the Harry Tracy hunt it was the most noted jail break in the history of the Northwest. Blank made a dummy revolver out of pieces of wood, stuck them together with chewing gum. One night he proceeded to hold up the jailer with this weapon, took the latter's keys, delivered fourteen prisoners from the jail and locked the jailer in, together with a man accused of wife beating, whom Blank said was so mean he ought to stay in jail.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following letters remain uncalled for in the post office at Heppner, Oregon: Boyer, J S, letter; Brooks, Mrs Minnie, card; Dolan, Mr Patrick, card; Giesar, Charlie, card; Giarrhart, Miss Winona, card; Gasch, Rudolph, card; Mrs John Mobley, S S Rose, Geo Spondiles, Mrs Minnie Satherlin, cards; J E West, Wm Williams, J G McGee, letters.

Raisin Day April 30.

The above date has been set apart as an annual event by the people of California in which all are asked to join by eating raisins in the form of "raisin bread" or in any form that may be desired. The object of this special day is to create a wide spread raisin sentiment that will result in a greater demand for that fruit, and to direct the attention of all good housewives to the excellence of the raisin as an article of food. The good people of the Northwest are invited by their neighbors to participate in the pleasant custom and "break" raisin bread on April 30.

During three or four days last week sales of orchard land in the immediate vicinity of Medford total nearly \$500,000. As high as \$2375 an acre was paid for a bearing orchard, and \$428 for unplanted upland.

The first rose of 1910 in Eugene has bloomed out. One appeared in Roseburg about a week earlier.

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