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WINTER WHEAT CROP SHOWS ADVANCE

Yield Expected to Be Nine Per Cent Greater Than in 1920.

Washington. — The winter wheat crop was forecast at 8,000,000 bushels more than estimated a month ago, the total production being estimated at 629,287,000 bushels by the department of agriculture.

Acres abandoned during the winter was less than 5 per cent of the total area planted last autumn, compared with an average abandonment of 11 per cent during the last ten years.

The crop this year is almost 9 per cent larger than last year, while the acreage to be harvested is 2.5 per cent more than last year.

The area to be harvested is about 1,884,000 acres or 4.8 per cent less than the acreage planted last autumn and 948,000 acres or 2.5 per cent more than the acreage harvested last year.

The May first condition is indicative of a yield of approximately 16.5 bushels an acre, assuming average variations to prevail throughout the remainder of the season.

This would indicate a total production 8.9 per cent more than in 1920, 13.7 per cent less than in 1919, and 11.4 per cent more than in 1918.

POLISH INSURGENTS TAKE TOWN OF KOZEL

Oppeln, Upper Silesia. — Insurgent Polish forces have crossed the Oder and captured the town of Kozel after hard fighting.

The population is fleeing in panic. The French control officer took refuge in the Kozel barracks and the Poles opened fire on him there, according to inter-allied commission reports.

Numerous casualties are reported to have occurred at the Krandrain railway station, when the Poles drove out the Germans after three days' continuous fighting.

Italian troops declare that they have lost severely in the fighting with Polish insurgents and appear to be greatly incensed.

They are declared to have shown unkindness toward Polish prisoners, who generally have been handed over to the Italians by their German captors.

SECOND TRIAL FOR ALBERS

Confession of Error Does not Acquit, Says Solicitor General.

Washington. — The case of Henry Albers, a native of Germany, convicted in Portland, Or., of having violated the espionage act, has not been closed through the recent confession of error entered in the supreme court by the government, Solicitor General Frierson declared in a statement, but has been "merely remanded to the district court for a new trial."

The supreme court ordered judgment reversed. The government's action, Mr. Frierson explained, was taken because the district attorney who prosecuted Albers introduced as evidence against him certain statements he was alleged to have made in 1914 and 1915, or before the United States entered the war.

In two circuit cases, the second and eighth, it had been held that the admission of such evidence rendered the trial unfair and was a reversible error, the statement said.

Haitian Charges Declared "Rot"

Washington. — Characterizing as "rot" the charges made by three Haitian delegates in a memorial to the White House, state department and congress protesting against American occupation of Haiti, Secretary Denby declared that the navy department welcomed any investigation congress cared to make of conditions in that republic.

A Long Time to Wait.

"Well, professor," inquired the young musician, "how do my compositions please you?"

"Why, I think," responded the older man, "that they may perhaps be played when Mozart, Haydn, Mendelssohn and Mererbeer have been forgotten."

"Really?" exclaimed the young musician in ecstasy.

"Certainly, but not till then," remarked the other.—Houston Post.

L. S. WOOD, WAR VETERAN ANSWERS FINAL SUMMONS

Luman Sanford Wood, civil war veteran and for fifty years a resident of Weston, passed away at six o'clock Tuesday morning, May 10, at his late home on north Water street, after a long illness. He was 83 years, eight months and 23 days old.

Mr. Wood was born August 17, 1837, in Chazy, Clinton county, New York, and was of English and Irish stock. He spent his early boyhood in New York, Iowa and Minnesota, and saw much service during the civil war as a member of the First Minnesota Volunteers. He was with this celebrated fighting regiment three years, taking part in many battles and skirmishes, and at the expiration of his first enlistment re-enlisted in the First Minnesota Heavy Artillery. He served with the latter organization until the close of the war, and was mustered out as a first sergeant.

Among the engagements in which the departed veteran participated were Bull Run, Ball's Bluff, Siege of Yorktown, Flint Hill, Antietam, Fredricksburg, Gettysburg, Bristow Station and Edward's Ferry. Although often in the thick of the fighting with his Minnesota comrades, he escaped without a wound of any sort, but was compelled to go to hospital for a time because of illness.

On the second day at Gettysburg, the First Minnesota was ordered by General Hancock to check the Confederate advance, and in its desperate charge lost 82 percent in killed and wounded, with none missing. This was the highest loss on record sustained by any northern regiment in any battle. Mr. Wood was on detached service at Gettysburg with Cushing's battery, which also made a record loss in men and horses. He was a grandson of a soldier of the War of the Revolution, Keuben Wood, who fought with Stark at Bennington. One of his sons, A. L. Wood, is a Philippine war veteran. Another, E. L. Wood, was with the colors during the recent great war—serving, however, in China.

Miss Frances C. Lansdale became the bride of Luman S. Wood in Wasceca county, Minnesota, May 6, 1866. They were the parents of five children, four of whom, together with the widow, survive. They are: Clark Wood of Weston; Mrs. Warren A. Wood of Gold Beach, Oregon; Edmund L. Wood of Weston, and Alpha L. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood crossed the plains by mule team in 1871 and located in the Weston neighborhood, of which deceased had since been a resident. He at first engaged in farming, and was one of the earliest settlers on Weston mountain. He was appointed postmaster of Weston in 1878, during President Hayes' administration, and afterward served for many successive terms. In recent years ill health compelled his retirement from active life. He was one of the first members of Weston Lodge No. 65, F. & A. M., and served a number of successive years as its worshipful master. He was a kindly man, a devoted husband and father, a good neighbor and a worthy, upright citizen.

Impressive funeral services were held Wednesday forenoon at Memorial hall, with prayer by Rev. Alfred Lockwood of Pendleton and sermon by Rev. W. S. Payne of Weston. Appropriate hymns were sung by a male quartette, and the floral tributes were many and beautiful. Burial was in Masonic cemetery, and in accordance with the solemn rites of that order. G. A. R. members from Milton and Weston attended as a guard of honor.

A delightful social event of last week was the Mother's Day entertainment and luncheon sponsored by the Saturday Afternoon club May 7 in Memorial hall. A profusion of purple and white lilacs and white narcissus made the scene of festivities most attractive. About twenty-five elderly women were guests of the club and enjoyed the opportunity to meet and engage in friendly chat. An interesting program was presented, after which the ladies were seated at tables where covers were marked by hand-painted place cards and individual nosegays fashioned of white lilacs and purple pansies, surrounded by a lace paper frill. A two course luncheon of appetizing dainties was served by club members. Mrs. McDonald of Walla Walla, being the oldest mother present, received a potted plant as a souvenir of the occasion.



FROM "OVER THE HILL"

In a well played game, excepting an inexcusable fielding misplay or two, Athena won from Touchet Sunday on the home lot by the score, 5 to 2.

Joe Banister was in the city from Stanfield, yesterday.

C. L. McFadden attended the convention of druggists in Seattle this week.

Boone Watson, old time democratic war horse, was in the city one day this week from Thorn Hollow.

Miss Fay Muir of Portland is visiting at the homes of Mrs. Charles Dudley and Mrs. Wall.

Miss Iris Lowther, music teacher, has been confined to her home this week, as the result of having a severe case of chickenpox.

Scott Fisher will leave tomorrow for Clayton, Idaho, where he will visit a brother and probably be employed for a time at his trade.

Mrs. William Rice is recovering from her recent operation in a Spokane hospital, and it is hoped will be able to return home one day next week.

C. L. McFadden is improving his cottage on High street, with a cozy sleeping porch.

Mrs. Dora Hall, sister of Bert Logsdon, died at Walla Walla, Monday. The funeral took place yesterday. The deceased leaves her husband, five daughters and one son.

Dick Winship will leave today by Ford, for his father's new home in the suburbs of Salem. He will return in a few days.

Austin Foss is adding some very substantial improvements to his home premises on South Third street, in the erection of a poultry house on a pretentious scale, indicating a permanent venture into that business.

Mrs. William Winship and daughters, Mildred and Audra, will leave Athena immediately after school for their new home near Salem. Rex Hopper and his mother, Mrs. Hopper, will reside in the Winship residence on Fifth and College streets.

The Athena town team will play the Milton-Freewater team on the home grounds Sunday. The game will begin at 2:30. From the showing that was made by the team in the Touchet team last Sunday, a large crowd is expected to attend the session with the pebble scratchers.

Mr. Bennett, instructor in Athena High school department has been elected to a position in the Lincoln High school, Portland.

Auto tourists are beginning to take advantage of the camping privileges at the City Park. Auto travel is beginning later this season than last owing to the backward spring.

Mrs. Susie Gerking, well known here, and sister-in-law of Mrs. Ann Taylor, was seriously hurt in an automobile accident last week while visiting relatives near Echo. Her arm was broken and she received other minor injuries when the car turned over. She is with relatives at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gross and Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson will leave Sunday by automobile for Albany where Mr. and Mrs. Gross will attend the grand lodge of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will also visit friends at Brownsville and other points in the valley.

The regular meeting of the Etude club yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. C. Emmel was one of marked pleasure and profit to the 20 members who were present. The rooms were graced with wild flowers and sprays from the honeysuckle tree Mrs. F. E. Russell led the program, the subject being "Sacred Music." An organ voluntary by Mrs. Stephens,

was followed by a paper by Mrs. Boyd, a quartet by Mrs. George Woodward, Mrs. M. L. Watts and Mrs. McEwen and Mrs. Fisher, and a solo by Mrs. Stone. Mrs. Foss and Mrs. Reeder were hostesses, serving a dainty collation at tables centered with magenta bird bills and feathery ferns.

Athena High School Commencement Week will begin next Sunday at 11:15 a. m. in the Christian church, when Rev. Bollen of Walla Walla, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon. This occasion will in the nature of a union service, all the ministers in the city participating. Rev. Russell will be in charge, assisted by Rev. Lowther and Rev. Johnson.

Plans for the organization of a cemetery Association, have proceeded far enough to receive the sanction of the three lodges now having jurisdiction of the Athena cemetery. The lodges are ready to transfer their property rights in the present cemetery grounds with the object of placing their burial places under control and supervision of the association for general upkeep and the acquirement of additional land.

Two Clean-up Days. Two regular, big, busy, bustling clean-up days are announced for Athena. One by the Civic club, when on next Tuesday, May 17, the City Park will receive undivided attention of the entire populace armed with rake, hoe and shovel. For this occasion, the stores and business houses will remain closed from 10 a. m., to 1 o'clock p. m. and at noon a regular picnic dinner will be enjoyed by the workers.

For a general clean-up of the alleys, streets and vacant lots of the city, Mayor Barrett has set aside Wednesday, May 25. The city authorities will be assisted in conducting the clean-up by the Civic club and next week's Press will contain detailed announcement of organization for the day's work.

Grocery Store Burglarized. By smashing in the glass of the front door entrance to the Pure Food Grocery Store, some time last night or early this morning, entrance was made by a burglar who rifled the till of the cash register of \$12.45, change which had been left over from yesterday. Nothing else was taken so far discovered by Mr. Stephens, the proprietor.

At Radtke's Department Store entrance was attempted at the rear of the building, but the iron window shutters could not be opened, though a bent iron bar holding one of the shutters in place was bent in the attempt to pry the window open.

Standard Oil Distillate. In a few days 20,000 gallons of distillate will be received at the local plant of the Standard Oil company and by July, 50,000 gallons will be in stock. Distillate has not been obtainable from the Standard Oil company, for some time, and summerfallow plowing was done by many tractor owners on gasoline at the advanced price.

Walter Adams Loses Farm House. The farm house on the Walter Adams place east of Thorn Hollow was destroyed by fire one afternoon last week, together with all its contents. The blaze is thought to have started from the stove pipe and made such rapid progress that nothing could be saved except the out-buildings. The loss to Mr. Adams is estimated at \$1000. N. B. Foster, Durham Foster and Tom Eagleton, who were employed on the place, lost clothing and other personal belongings in the fire.

SPECIAL ELECTION JULY 15 ORDERED BY THE COUNCIL

Wednesday evening the city council passed an ordinance referring five charter amendments to the people, to be voted upon at a special election to be held at the council rooms Friday, July 15. The action taken was unanimous, with Mayor Jones presiding and all the councilmen present. The proposed amendments are:

First—Making the charter conform to the state law with regard to the terms of city officers.

Second—Making the charter conform to state law with regard to the time and manner of holding elections.

Third—Raising the tax limitation to 35 mills on the dollar.

Fourth—Raising the indebtedness limit for general purposes to \$35,000. Raising the indebtedness limit for special purposes to \$50,000.

Fifth—Making certain provisions for improvement of streets and sidewalks and for construction of sewers and sewage systems.

These amendments will be published in the Leader, and also printed in a convenient form for general distribution.

Arrangements have been consummated for financing the proposed street improvements in Weston on a basis that should be satisfactory to the taxpayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl McConnell and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Banister Jr. and daughter, of Helix, were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fisk.

OREGON NEWS NOTES

The assessor of Lane county estimates that if all the old soldiers or their widows in that county take the exemption a reduction of \$100,000 in the assessed valuation will be the result.

The 78th anniversary and 21st celebration of Founders' day at Champoog was held Saturday under the auspices of the Oregon Pioneer association and the Oregon Historical society.

The Branch Line club of Enterprise recently purchased a 120 acre tract of land at the head of Wallowa lake to be used as a camping ground for local and visiting members of the Elks lodge.

A suit to test the constitutionality of the law which prohibits the catching of salmon and other food fish by trolling off the coast of Oregon in May and June was filed in the circuit court at Astoria.

A deal has been closed whereby the Great Northern Steamship company sold to the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway company the steamship terminals at Flavel for a consideration of \$182,000.

Governor Olcott has announced that he would appoint Frank S. Word of Portland as a member of the state board of pharmacy to succeed Clyde G. Huntley of Oregon City, when the latter's term expires May 20.

Plans are now under way for another big hotel to be constructed on the Columbia river highway near Dodson, about 35 miles east of Portland. Efforts are also to be made to open a tract of about 600 acres as a homestead.

The Postal Telegraph company has a force of men at Astoria making arrangements for the erection of its proposed new line between there and Portland. Work on the construction will be commenced within a few days.

A larger and better plant will replace the creamery of the Albany Creamery association, which burned last Sunday morning. While no final plans have been made the directors of the association have decided to rebuild.

The Marion county court has paid to W. J. Herwig, secretary of the Oregon Anti-Saloon league, \$996, covering compensation and expenses of operatives of that organization in conducting liquor raids in the vicinity of Salem.

Elimination of the high trestle on the Oswego-Southern Pacific electric line near Portland has been decided upon by the driving of a tunnel through Elk Rock for a distance of 1400 feet. Bids will be asked within 30 days and it is hoped to complete the project next fall.

Mining men of Homestead are taking great interest in the development at the Red Ledge mine, 20 miles down the Snake river. A company has been running diamond drills on the property for months and it is estimated that they have more than \$30,000,000 worth of ore blocked out.

HOUSE MAY DELAY PEACE RESOLUTION

Measure Expected to Remain With Foreign Affairs Committee For a Month.

Washington, D. C.—Announcement of President Harding's decision to have American representatives on the supreme council, the conference of ambassadors and the reparations commission was followed by intimations from house republican leaders that action on the Knox peace resolution might be deferred until the larger economic and other problems are settled.

House leaders generally said the measure would remain with the foreign affairs committee for a month, perhaps, or certainly until the European situation had cleared.

President Harding accepted the invitation of the allied supreme council that the United States be represented at the meetings of that body as well as those of the conference of ambassadors and the reparations commission.

George Harvey, newly appointed ambassador to Great Britain, will sit with the supreme council and "take part as the representative of the president of the United States in the deliberations" of that body.

Representation at the conference of ambassadors in Paris and the reparations commission will be unofficial. The ambassador to France will be the observer on the former and Roland W. Boyden will sit in unofficial capacity on the latter.

Ambassador Harvey will be empowered to take part in the supreme council's deliberations and, it is understood, will have authority to initiate such discussions as the president may direct.

His status thus will be different from that of Mr. Wallace and Mr. Boyden, who will act as observers.

U. S. ENVOY TAKES PLACE ON COUNCIL

Paris.—The United States Monday formally resumed her place on the inter-allied council of ambassadors. Acting upon instructions from the state department at Washington, Hugh Wallace, the ambassador, attended a meeting of the ambassadorial council.

The American ambassador was warmly welcomed at the foreign office, where the council happened to be meeting, and was given a seat at the right of Jules Cambon of France, the president of the council.

The problem of Upper Silesia was the subject of the deliberations of the council Monday forenoon.

The council made formal request to Poland to use all possible measures to calm the Polish population in Upper Silesia. A communication was sent to the interallied commission in Upper Silesia asking it to issue a formal statement to the Polish people denying that any formal decision has been taken upon the partition of Upper Silesia as a result of the recent plebiscite.

EVADERS TO BE RECORDED

Congressional Publication to Carry the Names of Slackers.

Washington, D. C.—The war department slacker lists, as issued from time to time, will be published in the Congressional Record. Request for such publication was made in the house by Representative Johnson, republican, South Dakota, a former service man, and there was no objection.

Mr. Johnson said that in his opinion, publication of the lists in the Congressional Record would make of them privileged documents and relieve newspapers of any liability at law in the event that names appeared erroneously.

Matches in China.

One of the things that practically everybody in China can afford to buy is a match and as the population is estimated at 400,000,000, the number of matches consumed reaches a great volume. Chinese manufacturers have been making matches for thirty years, but they have never made enough for their own use so that the deficiency has been made up by Japanese and Swedish manufacturers principally. During the war when the outside supply was cut off the activity of the Chinese match-making establishments increased considerably as well as the imports of material for match making.