



## QUALITY WHEAT BEST IN YEARS

### Yield of Fall Grain Is Proving Happy Surprise to Farmers

Wheat grain farmers are harvesting the best quality wheat in a decade or more and what is of equal importance is that the yield is the heaviest for a number of years. Another thing in connection with it is that the long spell of weather had led the farmers to expect that the crop would be short. Straw indicated this condition, and threshing revealed a heavy yield and deliveries at the warehouses that the quality is exceptionally

George W. Girard, who is handling receipt of grain at the Monmouth house of the Oregon Milling & Flouring company, is of the opinion that this is the best yield of fall wheat in 10 years.

About 30,000 bushels of wheat have been received at the Monmouth warehouse, and there will probably be 50 bushels to be delivered there. The price for No. 1 wheat is now 95 cents, but this must weigh full 60 pounds to the bushel. The wheat in the valley grades better under this and brings a few cents less per bushel.

Grain is short, exceptionally so. There has not been enough yield to determine with any accuracy the average yield, but it has been estimated that it will not be a 50 percent crop. Fortunately, a large proportion of the grain is fall wheat, consequently the farmers are not in luck.

## SCAFFER'S DEATH BLOW TO MOTHER

Shocked and heartened over the tragic death of her son, John A. Schaffer, Julia Schaffer returned last Saturday night from Toledo, Oregon, where that morning burial services were held from the undertaking parlor and interment was made in the cemetery.

Schaffer was burned to death in his car had gone over a slight embankment about 20 miles this side Toledo while driving from Independence to Toledo on Wednesday of last week. William LaValsetz met the same fate, a third occupant of the car, Marshall Elkins, escaped with slight injuries.

Reports from the scene of the accident were to the effect that Mr. Schaffer was missing, but subsequently his charred body, almost beyond recognition, was found a short distance away, making it evident that he had not been seriously injured when the car went over the grade, but that something had caught fire and he endeavored to extinguish it.

Schaffer was a son of Mrs. Schaffer, the widow of a Civil War veteran, who is running a rooming house near the Southern Pacific station. During the past summer he had been employed as a donkey operator at Valsetz and was on his way to Toledo, where he had resided, to attend to some business matters when the accident occurred.

Schaffer was 43 years old, was born in Minnesota December 12, 1878. He is survived by a wife and three sons: Joe, 13, Arthur, 10 and Otto S. He also has three brothers living at Toledo, Ohio: Julius and Robert, and their brother, Frederick, who resides in Minnesota; four sisters, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Jessie Strawn, Mrs. Rachael Scraftford, all of Independence, and another sister in North Dakota.

LANDERS AWARDED CONTRACT FOR MILE WALKS

Landers Bros., Independence contractors, were awarded a contract Friday night by the city council for the construction of a mile of side walks on various streets in Monmouth. The mixture of cement, two of sand and gravel. The price is 16 cents per square foot for over 25,000 feet. Work is to be started next Monday and will be pushed to completion quickly.

Grades for the new walks were finished by A. E. Horton of Independence.

## LOCAL AUTO PARK IS GIVEN STRONG ENDORSEMENT

The Independence auto park is attracting considerable attention from tourists. It is about the only park in the valley which furnishes accommodations and is still on the free list. Chief of Police Parker is keeping a register of visitors and it shows that it is being quite liberally patronized. One visitor there expressed his views in this way:

"I have stopped at practically all of the camps from the California line north and I have found none which suits me better than the one you have here in Independence. It is a pretty, shady nook with ample room and excellent accommodations and situated almost in the heart of your city. The only reason that it is not filled all of the time is that travelers do not know how comfortable you are making it for them.

"Your chief of police is courteously considerate to all visitors and seems to take delight in extending a welcome."

Owing to the poor condition of the highway between Corvallis and Albany, traffic is routed through Independence to Salem, and of course this brings a good many tourists here and quite a few are taking advantage of the camp.

## DALLAS WILL PLAY HERE SUNDAY AFTERNOON

A big attraction in baseball circles is scheduled for the high school diamond for Sunday Aug. 13, with Dallas and Independence as the contestants. Dallas has lost but one game this season, Independence being among the scalps garnered in a rather exciting go at Dallas a few weeks ago.

Don Barton has succeeded W. B. Huggins as manager of the Independence team, and is of the opinion that Independence ought to wallop it all over the county seat aggregation. He is endeavoring to put more kick into the team with the expectation of evening up the score with Dallas. The game will be called at 2:30.

## CIVIL WAR VETERAN IS MARRIED AT DALLAS

Thomas J. Fryer, a Civil war veteran and a resident of Independence for many years, and Mrs. Martha A. South, also of this city, were married at Dallas last Friday by County Judge Asa B. Robinson. After a brief honeymoon they will take up their residence at the home of the groom on C street.

The event came as a surprise, but a pleasing one to a large circle of friends to both the bride and groom, and congratulations are being freely extended.

## POULTRY STUDENTS STOP HERE ON INSPECTION TOUR

An advanced class in poultry husbandry, made up largely of rehabilitation students of the Oregon Agricultural college, under the guidance of Prof. Fox, stopped here Monday forenoon and visited the poultry yards of F. E. Hennagin and Dr. R. E. Duganne. There were about 40 in the party and they are on a two weeks' jaunt and a part of them will go into Washington.

## NO RUBBISH FIRES DURING DRY SEASON

Messrs. Stokes and Sykes, deputy fire wardens, were in Independence a few days ago investigating conditions. They found some things to which they objected, but the main idea is to see that every precaution is taken to guard against fires. Due to the extreme dry spell they gave Fire Chief George H. Wood strict injunction against permitting the burning of trash or the starting of fires for any other purpose.

## ADDITIONAL CENT TO BE PAID BY OREGON GROWERS

An additional one cent a pound is soon to be advanced by the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association. A payment of 1 1/2 cents was made during the picking time and the coming disbursement will reimburse members for their cost of picking.

## T. W. HART HAS GROCERY ON WHEELS

T. W. Hart has remodeled a cook-house truck into a grocery store and has moved it to the Ruch hop yard on the Marion county side of the river, where he will supply hop pickers during the season.

## TIGHTEN PARTY LINES IS EFFORT

### Republicans Meet at Dallas and Listen to Address by State Chairman

Walter Tooze, Jr., of McMinnville, chairman of the republican state central committee, is endeavoring to put some "kick" into the county organizations with the big idea the welfare of the party in the years to come. He met with Polk republicans at Dallas last Friday forenoon and went into detail in regard to plans which he desires to have carried out.

"It is necessary to reorganize the lines throughout the state into a fighting unit," said Mr. Tooze. "We must get rid of the 'isms' that flourish when party organization is lax by organizing the voters into two dominant parties. I am perfectly willing that the democratic chairman shall do for his party what I am trying to do for mine. For in strong party solidarity lies the ability of the people to get what legislation they desire."

County Chairman E. E. Paddock of Independence presided at the meeting and there was a fairly good representation of precinct committeemen. C. E. Ingalls, of Corvallis, state secretary, was also present and so was Senator I. L. Patterson of Eola and Representative Fletcher of Independence.

The women are to be given an active part in the organization, Mrs. Ora B. Cosper of Dallas being named vice chairman.

## JERSEY PREMIUMS AT STATE FAIR ADVANCED

Salem-Jersey premiums at the state fair next month will be as high as those of any of the other breeds, which is a maximum of \$30 for first awards. Some years ago the national Jersey association withdrew its support from the premium list and the fair board lowered the maximum premium to \$25. This has been objected to by Jersey breeders and the board, at a meeting Monday, voted to put it back at the former figure.

The board took up business relative to amusements at the same time. The policy in this regard will be the same as that of last year, barring all games of chance and other amusements to which objection might be made as improper for a state exposition.

## SALEM MAN TAKES SAWMILL AT PEDEE

W. T. Grier of Salem has taken over the Cleveland & Hedges sawmill at Pedee, under a lease, and is remodeling it preparatory to a resumption of operations. Mr. Grier is an experienced sawmill man.

## PYTHIANS INVITED TO PICNIC AT RICKREALL

Under the auspices of the Salem Dokks, a picnic is to be given at the park at Rickreall on Sunday, August 13th, to which all Pythians and their friends are invited to be present. It is expected that well filled baskets will be taken.

W. C. Wood, head of the local Pythian lodge, is in receipt of an invitation for the lodge members here, to be given on such the same plan as it is planned to do in Oregon.

## BOND ISSUE NOT VALID, IS CLAIM

### Suit to Prevent Sale of Polk Securities Started at Dallas

In a suit filed Monday, R. M. Walker, S. C. Hanna, H. W. Mattison, J. E. Hubbard and Charles D. Calbreath, all of Independence, are asking that Polk county and the county court be restrained from selling \$40,000 worth of bonds for the West Side Pacific highway.

In the complaint it is alleged that a special bonding election, held in Polk county June 3, 1919, was illegal on the ground that the question of the rate of interest which the bonds were to bear is not fixed, but only a provision that interest should not exceed 6 percent per annum; and that the first numbered paragraph is void because it does not conform to provisions of section 4 of chapter 103, general laws of Oregon, 1913, in that it does not describe what particular roads within the county between the said point on the Yamhill-Polk county line and the point on the Benton-Polk county line are to be built or improved by the money raised nor where the said road is located within said county or give the beginning or terminus thereof.

The plaintiffs allege further, that between the two county lines there are a great number of established road districts and established county roads and it is impossible to determine from the language of said order upon which of the said established county roads the money is to be expended, or otherwise fixed or determined with any degree of certainty, the route of the road pretended to be described in the bond, paragraph number 1, and the said order does not describe the said road between the said points as a part of the West Side Pacific Highway or any part thereof.

A. B. Robinson, county judge, T. H. Graves, county commissioner and Floyd D. Moore, county clerk have been served with the notice. J. N. Heigerson, district attorney of Polk county, will handle the matter for Polk county and will have until Wednesday, August 16, to appear and plead.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs are Martin L. Pipes, John M. Pipes, George A. Pipes, all of Portland and D. E. Fletcher of Independence.

## BARN AND SILO BURN ON S. MUHLEMAN FARM

A barn and silo on the S. Muhleman farm, just southwest of town were entirely destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon. There were about four tons of hay in the barn, some farm tools. A horse escaped incineration by a narrow margin. There was an insurance of \$350 but this will not be anywhere near as much as the loss.

## FUNDS READY FOR TWO BUILDINGS AT FARM HOME

Sufficient funds are available for the construction of two buildings at the Children's farm near Corvallis, according to a statement just issued by the board. A. C. Schmitt, president of the board, recently returned from the east where he inspected the Mooseheart home near Chicago which is being operated on much the same plan as it is planned to do in Oregon.

## CALIFORNIA MAN TALKS TO LOCAL POULTRYMEN

George W. Wood of Santa Cruz, Calif., a director of the affairs of the Poultry Producers of Central California, accompanied by R. Roy Putman of Clackamas, gave a talk in the city hall Tuesday night of interest to poultrymen. The meeting had not been properly advertised, and only about 25 or 30 were present.

Mr. Wood in a statement to the Enterprise said that the Oregon association is meeting with experiences similar to those of the California organization in the first years of its existence, and is of the opinion that eventually it will be made to operate satisfactorily.

Last year, the central California organization sold \$9,000,000 worth of eggs, of which \$2,000,000 was shipped to New York city. The association makes a charge of two cents a dozen for handling the eggs. The Oregon organization was patterned after the California institution, and the presumption was that the cost of marketing was not to exceed two cents.

## AUGUST APPLE SPRAY NECESSARY, SAYS CARPENTER

Paul Carpenter, Polk county agent, has issued a statement to apple folks in which he says:

"We are not able to get away from the August worm spray this year. The worm situation is bad due to the fact that eggs were laid all during the month of June. It would be poor business to bring fruit to this season and then abandon our worm control at a most critical point."

"About August 20th apply arsenate of lead, three pounds of the powdered to 100 gallons of water.

"To avoid blotchiness of fruit and to seal the poison coat so it 'won't come off' the use of a quality spreader is urged. A high grade commercial spreader will run about two bits to a 200-gallon tank.

"Anthracnose. This disease can be brought under complete control by a late summer application of Bordeaux, 4-4-50. If a property is seriously affected by anthracnose it will be well to combine the Bordeaux with the August lead spray.

"Bordeaux in August likely means wiping the fruit.

"It is just possible that the August lead application will call for the same treatment, but not probable where a spreader is used.

"In a few orchards the Bordeaux for anthracnose was put on with the July spray. This early use of Bordeaux may control the disease and still avoid wiping.

"The last one. Don't pass it up."

## UNCROWNED HERO ANSWERS FINAL CALL

At Dallas last Sunday, honor was bestowed upon the memory of Uda Burke, Elkins farmer, who died in the Veterans' bureau hospital in Portland on the preceding Wednesday, as a result of injuries which the young man received during the World war. The funeral services were military in character, solemnly impressive, and were attended by a large number.

Mr. Burke was an uncrowned hero of the world war. Enlisting in company L of the old Third Oregon when recruits were sought to put the company on a war strength, he went overseas with that organization. While serving as a corporal at the training camp at Cortes in the summer of 1918, he was engaged one day instructing a squad of drafted men in the use of the hand grenade. One of the men dropped a grenade after he had pulled the safety wire. Burke saw the grenade fall among the men and knowing that within a few seconds it would explode, he rushed forward, grabbed it from the ground and threw it. The grenade exploded a few feet from his hand, filling his chest, neck and face with particles of iron. For several weeks Burke was in a critical condition in an army hospital, but was eventually discharged as recovered and returned to duty with his company.

Returning to Dallas, Burke was married to Miss Elone Clamfield, and purchased the Harvey Dickinson ranch in the Elkins district, which he successfully operated until just a few days preceding his death. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Burke of Dallas, who survive him, together with his widow and a small son. Burke was 29 years old. He was a member of Carl B. Fenton post, American Legion of Dallas.

## PICKING WILL START MONDAY

### Employment Will Be Furnished for About 5000 Pickers.

The J. R. Cooper yard on the east side of the river will be the first one to start hop picking this year. Pearl Cooper, who is handling the yard announces that operations will be started Monday; Henry Ruch will begin on Tuesday and Virgil De Coster on the succeeding Monday. Mr. Ruch has about 30 acres and Mr. De Coster a like amount. These are all fuggles or early hops. This will be about a week or 10 days in advance of the customary time for harvesting.

The Wigrich has considerable acreage in early hops and Walter Acocks has about 15 acres. It will probably be 10 days or two weeks before either starts picking.

The cluster hops which form the large part of the crop will not be ready to pick until about the first of September in the estimation of some of the growers, although it is possible that some picking will be started before that time.

It will require 5000 pickers and helpers to handle the crop in the Independence district this season. The most of these will be brought here from outside points. Fifty cents per box is the price which will be quite universally paid.

In the larger yards preparations have been made for the accommodation of the pickers. Tents or buildings are provided and other conveniences.

There will be one important change in the amusement line. There will be no dancing at either the Wierich or the Horst ranches. Dancing is to be centralized in Independence. Buff Bros. have been granted a permit by the city council to run a dancing hall during the picking season. They are now negotiating for the use of the C. L. Starr lot at the corner of Second and C streets. They have a tent 50x100 feet, and will build a suitable floor.

One of the large hop growers in speaking of the help situation, said: "We are advertising in Portland and other places for pickers. We have succeeded in booking many but there are still many vacancies. An overplus of help in the hop fields is a rare occurrence. We try to make it as pleasant as possible for the hop workers and most of them appear to enjoy their stay."

## MANY ATTEND HOLMAN FUNERAL AT DALLAS

Many Buena Vista residents were in attendance at the funeral of the late Mrs. Holman at the Methodist church at Dallas, last Friday. Rev. Frank James of Dallas officiated and interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery south of town. The pallbearers included G. A. Wells, E. E. Paddock, Marion Smith and Mr. Mixer.

## ADDITIONS TO VALSETZ SAWMILL

Beginning today, the Cobbs & Mitchell company will curtail operations to the day shift only at the Valsetz plant. Since early in the spring the mill has been running double shift.

Plans have been made for the expenditure of nearly \$100,000 in remodeling the plant. It has been found that the front end of the mill is too speedy for the rear end and additional equipment is to be installed to bring balance to the plant, and changes will also be made in the planing mill.

These alterations are to be made without interruption to the day shift of the plant.

## MULKEY TO BOX AT SALEM ARMORY

"Dubs" Mulkey of Monmouth is matched with Billy Gradeau of Boise, Idaho, as the head liner in a "smoker" to be given in the armory at Salem tonight.

Mulkey is a good, clean boxer, exceedingly popular with the fight fans, and it is expected that the Salem bout will be highly interesting. Gradeau is a 150 pounder, said to be in perfect condition.

There are to be a number of other bouts.

## Auto Tourists Take Notice

