

ROAD PROPOSED AS CONNECTING LINK

Wasco and Wheeler Considering Building 31-Mile Market Road

Stretch Between Antelope and Clarno May Divert Travel This Way From J. Day

At the next meeting of the county court the matter of constructing a connecting market road link, beginning at Antelope and joining the Wheeler county road at Clarno, will be considered.

The soil through the line of highway is gumbo, which makes an ideal road binder, and with a surface of gravel that stretch of road from Antelope to Fossil will be made one of the best in this section.

A meeting of interested ranchers and members of the county courts of both Wasco and Wheeler counties is to be held soon at Clarno. At that meeting the matter of voting a millage tax to assist in the building of the road will be considered.

With the completion of this link much travel will be diverted this way. There is a great deal of travel over the John Day highway, and the new link will shorten the distance to Portland and bring many tourists through Maupin and The Dalles.

Musical Much Enjoyed

The musicale and reading program given by the ladies of the U. B. church at Legion hall Thursday night was a treat to all who attended. Mrs. Fowles, who headed the program, proved to be all that had been said regarding her vocal ability.

New Resident For Maupin

Phil Starr and family are new residents of Maupin, they having come over from Moro on Monday. The Starr family is occupying the parsonage residence.

Visited Olallie Lake

H. R. Kaiser and family drove to Olallie lake Sunday. Ralph says the road leading to the lake is very rough but it can be made by careful driving.

Mirth and Mystery At Haley Medicine Show

The hand is said to be quicker than the eye, and this is being proven each night this week at the Legion hall, where the Dr. Haley Medicine show is holding forth.

Dr. Haley has been in the medicine show business for 40 years. He is a graduate of an accredited medical school, and comes from a family of practitioners. He knows his subject from A to Z and his talks are brief and to the point.

The company will remain the balance of the week and a change of bill is given nightly. The first three nights of the week were free, but beginning tonight a charge of 10 cents for children and 25 cents for adults will be made.

Warm Springs Road

Nickerson's road building equipment was moved to the north line of the Warm Springs Indian reserve Tuesday and the crew will soon be at work on construction of a four-mile stretch of road leading toward Wapinitia.

Engineer's Decision

The long-delayed decision of the state water engineer anent the filing of L. D. Kelly on the surplus water of the upper spring on the Staats place, was sent to Mr. Staats last Saturday.

The Wool Industry in South Africa

(Letter from E. S. Barthol, Bloemfontein, O. F. S., Africa)



Underwood's Underwood. Weaving wools with primitive looms in Africa. Note the Overseers.

The Union of South Africa is rightly classed among the great wool producing countries of the world. Climatic conditions there are admirably adapted to the breeding and raising of the Merino type of sheep with a long, staple wool.

A large part of this country is suitable only for the raising of sheep, and the government is making progressive and intelligent efforts to improve both the sheep and the manner of preparing the wool for market.

It is a fact being a strong menace in South Africa, long-time government plans are extended to sheep owners for the erection of jackal-proof fencing. Government sheep experts are maintained permanently in allotted districts so that their services and advice may be assured at a nominal fee.

The mutton sheep of South Africa is the fat-tailed, black-headed Cape, a non-wooled sheep. As no cross-breeding for mutton lambs is done, the wools are purely Merino in character.

Progress in this South African industry is particularly noticeable in the harvesting. Despite the fact that Kaffir labor can be secured at the equivalent of \$3.50 American, per month, there is a trend towards the modern shearing machine as against the age-old hand blades, which, even in America, have not been discarded by many otherwise entirely progressive wool raisers.

A study of this fact, however, readily reveals the reason for it. While there is a first cost for the machine, the unskilled block adapts himself to its use much more readily than to the hand blades, and soon does a remarkably smooth job of shearing with the machine.

Once adapted to the use of the machine, its economic value is demonstrated.

Heat Kills Chickens

Carl Pratt and family visited at Wamic Sunday. He left an old hen and 21 chicks in his chicken yard, providing water and feed for them. He overlooked the fact that the day was hot and that chickens need shade.

Visitors From Iowa

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Morris are enjoying a visit with their daughter, Mrs. M. L. Kinzey, and husband. The Kinzies left their home in Iowa early in June and made the trip here via auto, stopping at points of interest enroute.

Drove From Kansas

Tom Dyer and wife, the former brother of Frank Dyer of Maupin, are visiting at the Dyer home, having driven from their home in Kansas. The visitors have a fine farm in the state made famous by "Sockless" Simpson and Mary Ellen Lease.

A Long Life

The Long Creek Ranger comes to our exchange table this week with a new number and volume at its head. The paper starts off on its 28th year and the number is one of that volume. We do not know where Long Creek is on the map of Oregon, but congratulate the editor of that paper, Grace Tallir, on the longevity and superiority of her publication.

strated in the materially greater number of sheep shorn daily, the better market value of the wool, the fewer maimed sheep, and not least important, the additional 5% to 12% more wool obtained with the machine over and above the amount of wool secured with the hand blades.

Steadily, the science of wool-marketing in South Africa is fast approaching the scientific efficiency of the Australian marketing plan, which is, without doubt, the most practical and efficient in existence today.

Considering that the four provinces, Natal, Transvaal, Orange Free State, and Cape Province, which comprise the Union of South Africa, have 29,000 square miles less of territory than Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming combined, it is surprising to note that they contain two and one-half times as many sheep as our five states name.

This alone makes that country a strong contender for future leadership in the wool industry. It is interesting to note however, that the great bulk of foreign progressiveness is due to American initiative, American implements, and machinery and American ingenuity.

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Celebrated Birthday

Last Sunday was the natal day of Mrs. Ernest Confer, and to fittingly celebrate the event guests to the number of 14 gathered at the Confer ranch and proceeded to make merry. A sumptuous dinner was served and all resolved that when another year passes over their hostess' head they will again assemble and celebrate the birthday.

Held Up By Convicts

While in Maupin Tuesday R. H. Kennedy, representative of the Mergenthaler Linotype company, told of being held up for a ride by the four convicts recently recaptured after an escape from the penitentiary. Kennedy was driving west of Salem when he discovered two men in the rear of his car. They ordered him to stop and when he did so two other men boarded the Ford.

Thirty Bushels of Wheat

O. P. Weberg recently threshed 30 acres of his 110-acre field and obtained 30 bushels to the acre. Mr. Weberg says the remaining 80 acres promise to go even better than that recently put through the separator.

Jack Staats arrived home Monday evening, after having spent a few days at Portland and in the mountains.

Extremely Hot Weather Causes great Discomfort

Whew! Hot! Hotter! Hottest! Not a breath of air to vary the temperature; sun shining as though its main object was to melt all things on this mundane sphere. Buildings and verdure soaking up heat so that nothing but a blizzard would temper the air sufficient to enable people to sleep.

That is what Maupin people have been up against several days lately. Portland complains of a measly 104 degrees in the shade; The Dalles boasts of 106 degrees and so up and down the coast. But Maupin, sequestered in the Deschutes valley, has it all over the places reporting. Sunday, on White river and in a deep shade, a standard thermometer registered 110 degrees and 3:00 o'clock and it was still hotter an hour later.

Yes, it was and is hot, with indications of no cessation of the Sahara wave in sight.

Wasco Most Healthful

Wasco is among the healthiest of Oregon noted for its healthful climate. According to bulletins sent out by the Health Service division of the Treasury department there was not a single case of contagious disease reported from this county for the week ending July 10.

Wheat Coming In

The first hauling of wheat crop of 1926 has begun to arrive at the two Maupin elevators. Dee Talcott has the credit for hauling in the first grain of the season, and the Richmond trucks have been busy all week hauling wheat from the Flat. Up to Tuesday the Hunts Ferry warehouse had received but 1400 bushels, although several thousand bushels are waiting available trucks for hauling to town.

Escape From Drowning

Last Sunday Mrs. Ernest Confer, with a number of guests from her birthday party, went to Tygh creek for a swim. In some manner that lady stepped into a deep hole and went down. She sank three times, when her mother, Mrs. Frank Dyer, noticed her predicament. The elder lady called for help and George Cunningham, Arthur Morris and Ernest Confer ran to the assistance of the submerged lady.

Mrs. Confer suffered no serious ill effects from her deep sea plunge other than a slight pain in her chest for a day or so after.

Old Papers For Sale

This office has a pile of old papers for sale. Come in and get a big bundle for 10 cents.

HOLDING PENS FOR OUR FISH HATCHERY

Fish Commission Decides on Addition to Oak Springs Plant

Fry Will Be Held Until Able to Escape Dollies, Chubs and Other Cannibal Fish

At a recent meeting of the Oregon State Game Commission it was decided by the members thereof to build additional holdings pens at the Oak Springs fish hatchery. This means that trout hatched there will be held until they have reached a size of from five to six inches before being turned into the river.

It has been estimated that only about 10 per cent of the fingerling fry turned into the Deschutes succeed in escaping the cannibalistic tendencies of the larger fish. With the additional pens trout of a size sufficient to combat the raids of the larger fish will be liberated, and eventually the Deschutes river will regain its old time name of being the finest trout stream of the world.

The Game commission will soon meet with federal commissioners and take action looking to opposition to the government including Diamond lake in the Crater Lake national park. Parmelia lake, in the Cascades, was closed to fishing because of a leak which has developed. A similar leak developed some time ago and that was stopped up. The present leak will be plugged up, the Game commission supplying the material and the forest service men doing the work.

The taking of fish from Diamond lake may be limited to five fish a day. This provision is to be recommended for passage and inclusion in the game code to be revised at the next session of the state legislature.

Thieves Very Busy

Some person or persons, whose fingers seem to be sticky, took a magneto from the newly purchased McCormick-Deering combine belonging to Mr. Singer. The machine had been parked near the intersection of the intersection of the Sherman and Dalles-California highways and during a night recently appropriated the magneto. Several such thefts have been reported lately and it behooves owners of mochines with removable parts to be careful where they leave them.

Markets 500 Sacks of Grain

Jake Davidson has marketed part of his wheat crop, he having hauled 500 sacks of grain to the Maupin Warehouse company's elevator. The Davidson crop surprised all, as many estimated that crop as below a low average.

Enjoying Newport

L. C. Henneghan and wife are at Newport, on the coast. Lew writes that since they have been at the coast resort they have been enjoying cool weather, L. C. stating that many times while down on the clam beach it has been so cool that an overcoat was most comfortable.