

SHORT WHEAT CROP

WASHINGTON REPORTS TO THE STATE GRAIN COMMISSIONER

Fall Grain Will Not Exceed 75 per Cent of the Area Planted a Year Ago.

The office of the Washington state grain commissioner has been corresponding with the wheat men east of the mountains trying to secure data on which to base a report of the crop of wheat to be raised in that state the coming year, says the Tacoma Ledger. To date not all points have been heard from and the office of the state grain commissioner is unable to make a reliable estimate of the amount of fall wheat planted, nor, of course, the amount of spring wheat which will yet be planted before the advent of summer. But the conditions shown by the answers received make it very desirable the state should have a fair, long spring, or the yield of wheat for 1903 is going to fall alarmingly short of former years—not because of any particular blight on crops, but simply because the wheat is not being planted. From the letters received from all over Washington it is pretty safe to estimate the amount of fall wheat planted in no case or locally to exceed 75 per cent of the area planted a year ago, while in some localities not to exceed 10 per cent of the acreage of 1902 has been sown to fall wheat.

Still more serious is the backward condition of the spring, for with a favorable spring it was the intention of most farmers to plant heavily to spring wheat and in this way compensate for the peculiar conditions of last fall. Wilbur, in the Big Bend, reports as low as 10 per cent of former winter wheat acreage, while the best report comes from Farmington, in the Palouse, where the ground planted is about 75 per cent of former area.

Said S. S. King, chief inspector of the office of the state grain commissioner:

"The conditions last fall were decidedly adverse to extensive planting. It was the decided intention on every hand to plant heavily to fall wheat, but the weather continued extraordinarily dry too late in the fall, and when it commenced raining, it never let up sufficiently to permit of getting in the fall crop. The remedy was, of course, the planting heavily of spring wheat, for with a favorable season the spring wheat in this state does exceedingly well. Now the reports are that the spring is backward just when a favorable spring is needed to recoup the losses of area. However, I have known wheat planted in this state as late as the end of May or the first of June to turn out very well, so that there is yet ample time under favorable conditions for Washington to get in as much wheat as a year ago, even if it will be mostly spring grain. Under all the circumstances, it is particularly desirable that the fine, warm weather of the past few days should continue. Advice is that the farmers are taking energetic advantage of it, and wherever the frost has left the ground the plow is to be seen hard at work. It all depends upon the cessation of cold weather. Last summer, in anticipation of heavy fall planting, there was an unusual area of summer fallow land, and, as the reports will show, there was a disposition in some localities to plow and plant notwithstanding the drought, with the result that some of the land will have to be re-sown. The long, dry fall of last year was simply ideal for threshing, no doubt abetting materially the excellence of the crop. It is not certain today but we could have afforded some inconvenience then from rain, of which we would have reaped the benefit this year."

WESTON NEWS.

Leader: The public school has added 40 elegant volumes to its library. This was accomplished by selling certificates entitling the purchaser to privileges according to the number of shares he purchased.

Not content with their independent telephone line, the enterprising residents of Weston mountain will continue to progress in other directions. Their next step will be toward securing free rural mail delivery.

George Taylor, brother of Mose Taylor, has arrived with his family from Callingswood, Canada. He intends to locate permanently in the "Richest Part of the Rich Empire Where Wheat is King," in which his brother is an extensive and successful farmer.

After preaching a sermon last Sunday at Freewater, Moigan Gallaher, formerly of Weston, was seized during the night with an acute attack of appendicitis. He was conveyed at once to the hospital at Walla Walla where an operation was performed Monday evening. The patient is now resting easily and his condition is considered encouraging.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Maytee have returned from the Belknap school district, near Freewater, where Mr. Maytee has just finished seven months of school work. He had the largest country school taught by one teacher in the county, the enrollment being 66 pupils, with eight grades represented. He met with gratifying success and finishes his work with the endorsement of the directors.

Mabel, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Rine, was severely

burned Monday evening while playing near a bonfire. Her dress caught fire and before they could be subdued the flames had inflicted painful wounds, principally on the child's right shoulder. Mabel was saved from much worse injury, and perhaps death, by her brave little sister, Eva, who displayed remarkable presence of mind for a girl under ten years of age. She prevented the young girl from running, and securing a blanket, wrapped it around her, thus smothering the flames. One of Eva's hands was badly burned in this effort.

MILTON NOTES.

Robert Brown, an old and well known resident of this county, died at his home on Dry creek last Friday of pneumonia, and was buried in the city cemetery at this place Sunday.

An old gentleman by the name of Freeman, who lives about eight miles east of town on the Walla Walla river, died Friday and was buried in the Bonlus cemetery Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Michael of Weston are in the city visiting relatives. Their infant child Ethelwin represents the youngest generation of a family group which reaches up to Great-Great Grandmother Hummison.

At the council meeting Monday evening a committee was appointed to locate a site for a pumping plant and reservoir for the city waterworks system. The proposition to make the improvements is meeting with popular favor and it found practicable will doubtless be done during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Elam and Miss Bertie Elam returned Sunday evening from an extended tour through the southern and eastern states. They report an enjoyable time and are most enthusiastic over the wonderful things witnessed on the trip.

The Walla Walla Produce Co.'s packing house at the depot was discovered to be on fire about 4 o'clock Wednesday evening. An alarm was turned in and a bucket brigade formed which quickly subdued the flames, but had it not been for the prompt assistance of the volunteer firemen the building would evidently have been consumed, together with several dwellings, as a strong wind was blowing at the time.

LADY'S QUARTET COMING.

Will be at the Christian Church Friday Evening, April 10.

One of the really nice things touring west to the coast this season is the Philharmonic Lady Quartet of Chicago. We have noticed nothing but the most flattering press comment of them through the western exchanges. Musical critics cite their program as the strongest ever given by any similar organization in this country.

We understand arrangements have been completed to bring them here for one night, to be heard in concert in the Christian church Friday, April 10. The Philharmonic company includes Fanny Ferguson, prima donna soprano; Harriet Gean Eddy, mezzo soprano and accompanist; Ethel Cavanagh March, first alto; Elizabeth Ferguson, prima donna contralto; and Daisy A. Torrey, impersonator.

The company while new to western audiences have successfully toured the eastern and middle western states for the past eight years and come here guaranteed to the committee under whose auspices they appear as the strongest lady quartet now before the public in this country. Efforts will be made to make the advent of these accomplished artists one of the social as well as musical events of the season. A special reduction will be made in the price of seats.

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THE REASONS FOR IT

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Hogs Bring all the Way From Half a Cent to a Cent More in Athens Than in Pendleton.

"Why is it that Athens buyers will pay all the way from a half a cent to a cent more per pound for hogs than can be obtained in Pendleton?" asked a Birch creek farmer.

The situation is just about as he expressed it, says the Pendleton Tribune. Today the highest price offered in Pendleton is 6 cents and but few are offering that, the greater majority offering only 5.75, while in Athens they are paying 6.75 cents per pound. Not only that but buyers for the Pendleton market are forcing the farmer to sell his hogs for less than he can obtain in other markets and then charging him higher prices for the meat. A buyer from Seattle has been in Pendleton for the past week endeavoring to purchase a carload of hogs. He offers 6.75 and will return in a couple of weeks when it is altogether probable that to make out the full car he will pay 7 cents for the pork. Still the local market is at 6 cents.

In Athens today there will be two carloads of hogs shipped for the Sound cities and they have been purchased from farmers in that vicinity at a price averaging about three-quarters of a cent more than the Pendleton markets provide. The reasons given for the low prices offered in Pendleton is that the farmer who has hogs to sell has always far less than carload lots and consequently cannot dispose of them to out of town buyers at the proper time. It takes about 75 hogs to fill a car and the average farmer has about six or a dozen to offer for sale. He cannot ship them, neither can he secure enough to make out a car and consequently he is compelled to accept a smaller price for the hogs than he would could he get them to a larger market.

The buyer from Seattle found only two big bunches of hogs in that community ready for market and they were not sufficient to make out the car. He took an option on the porkers and secured the promise of another dozen in about two weeks, and left the city for fields more prolific in the pork line. Still the farmer asks why pork is cheaper in Pendleton than elsewhere. It is suggested that if he would only raise two carloads and have them ready for market at one time he could get a higher price for them.

Notice of Final Account.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, County of Umatilla County. In the matter of the estate of S. S. Groves, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as executor of the last will of S. S. Groves, deceased, has this day filed in this Court his final account and report, and said Court has fixed 11 o'clock in the forenoon of Friday, May 1, 1903, in the Court House of Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place, when and where all objections and exceptions to said account and report shall be heard and the same settled.

Dated this 26 day of March, 1903. Ad. Pinkerton, Executor.

Administrator's Notice.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, County of Umatilla County. In the matter of the (Notice of administration of the estate of Enos P. Tucker, deceased)

Notice is hereby given that I have been duly appointed and qualified administrator of the estate of Enos P. Tucker, deceased; that letters of administration were issued to me on March 17, 1903. All persons having claims against the estate will present them to me at the law office of Will M. Peterson, in Athens, Umatilla County, Oregon, within six months from March 20, 1903, date of first publication of this notice.

Will M. Peterson, Robt. J. Boddy, Atty. for Estate, Administrator.

Administrator's Notice to Creditors. Notice is hereby given that William McBride has been appointed administrator of the estate of Mary E. Rainville, deceased, by the County Court of Umatilla County, State of Oregon, on the 13th day of December, 1902, and all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same to me at my place of business at Athens, Oregon, within six months from this date.

W. McBride, Administrator.

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Mid Week Meetings. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Ladies Aid, Thursday 2 p. m. Christian Woman's Board of Missions, each second Saturday in the month 2:30 p. m. Church Officers' Meeting, each first Saturday in the month 2 p. m. A cordial invitation to our services is extended to all.

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