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STILL IN THE LEAD

UMATILLA COUNTY ALONE
MAKES GOOD IN HARVEST.

Whitman, Banner County of Washington, Falls Millions Short In Wheat.

It seems that Umatilla county is the only county in the great Inland Empire wheat belt that is making good on the early estimates of the total yield. Whitman county, the banner county of Washington, is falling several millions short this year. The commercial editor of the Portland Oregonian after investigating the situation in that county gives the following writeup:

Whitman, the county of magnificent distances, will not harvest a record-breaking wheat crop this year. This banner wheat county of the Evergreen state has a big crop and at present prices it will sell for more money than any previous crop ever harvested in the county, but it will fall short of early wild estimates by 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 bushels.

The juvenile fruit peddlers who flock around the trains on the O. R. & N. line assure their prospective customers that the fruit is "jes' as good in the bottom of the box as it is on top." The newspapers that have been booming Whitman's crop for a record-breaker apparently did not get below the top layer of big crops, for while about all the 40-bushel and 50-bushel yields came to light early in the season, the 10, 12 and 15-bushel yields in the eastern part of the county were not mentioned.

It is these diminished yields that are pulling down the high average that will be reached in the western part of the county, where 35 bushels to 40 bushels per acre are quite common.

Not enough spring grain has been threshed to enable accurate estimates to be made, but from the best data obtainable the crop of the county does not seem to indicate more than 9,000,000 bushels, and a number of very well posted grain men are predicting that it will fall to 8,000,000 bushels.

The straw, in fact, all through the Palouse indicated a 40 to 50-bushel yield but the heads failed to fill. The berries, though few in number in a head, are mostly plump and well formed, and the wheat is cleaner than it has been for years. This condition is particularly noticeable in the eastern part of the county in the districts which usually turn out the best crops.

HUNDREDS OF GUNS ON PORT ARTHUR

Awful Losses Expected When Final Assault is Made on Fortress.

Tokio, Aug. 25.—10 a. m.—The final assault on Port Arthur is imminent. Hundreds of Japanese guns continue to pour a destructive fire into the city and harbor, along the lines of forts and entrenchments, preparatory for the infantry assault. It is evident that the Russian lines have been weakened and partly penetrated in the vicinity of Antsban and Itsehan forts. The entire line of Russian defenses immediately about the harbor is within range of the Japanese guns. A number of Russian forts and batteries continue to be vigorous. The Japanese death roll will be heavily increased before they are captured. The direction of the attack creates the impression here that the city's defenses on either side of the harbor entrance will fall first.

The firing on the Russian forts by the cruisers Nisshin and Kasuga yesterday

is the only disclosure made for several days.

It is believed here that both sides have suffered heavy losses and that the final record will make the siege the bloodiest since Sedan. The Japanese are supremely confident of the ultimate result. The leaders of the government await the outcome in calm assurance. The people are everywhere decorating streets and houses and erecting arches and flag-staffs in preparation for a national celebration of the expected victory.

Russians Lose Another Warship.

Tokio, Aug. 25.—9 a. m.—Two Russian torpedo boat destroyers struck mines at the entrance of Port Arthur last evening. The larger one of the two destroyers, a four funneled one, was sunk. The names of the vessels and the number of lives lost are unknown.

Big Storm Suspends Traffic

San Francisco, Aug. 25. The main line of the Santa Fe is tied up indefinitely by washouts. The storm is still raging today. There are fierce electrical disturbances.

Three overlands held at Barstow returned here by a detour over the Southern Pacific. Balls of fire play along the steel rails for miles. Miles of road is swept away. Santa Fe officials say traffic in Arizona cannot be resumed before Saturday. Many trains are held at Needles. Repairs made Wednesday have all been destroyed.

The Knights Templars are not expected now before Sunday. Needles is entirely shut off from the west. All trains arriving since Sunday are still there. A cloudburst yesterday tore up miles of track. The Knights' Templars trains are also tied up by Eastern Arizona washouts.

Girl Sinks in the River

Albany, Ore., Aug. 24.—Miss Ora E. Simpson, a prominent young society lady, was drowned in Calapooia river, two miles above Albany, this afternoon while bathing in company with several other young women. Miss Simpson was floating on a board over a deep place in the stream when she slipped from the board, and being a poor swimmer, sank before the eyes of her horrified com-

panions. A young man on a bridge 100 yards away, who witnessed the accident, hastened to the girl's rescue, but before he could reach her she sank. The body was found an hour later. The young lady was 20 years old and a graduate of Albany college. Her father is G. F. Simpson, a prominent resident of this city. She was a sister of F. E. Simpson, formerly with the Athena Mercantile Co., of Athena.

Wm. Piper Seriously Hurt

Wm. Piper, the pioneer farmer of Helix neighborhood, is reported to be in a critical condition as the result of the plunging and kicking of a runaway horse. Mr. Piper was seated on a hay-rake when the accident that may cost him his life took place. The harness was not equipped with hold-back straps

and on going down a hill the hay rake ran forward on to the horse, causing it to become unmanageable. Mr. Piper was thrown to the ground on the heels of the horse. The old gentleman was severely kicked in the face and on the left breast. He is reported to be in a precarious condition, is unable to lie down and bleeds internally.

Hot Scrap—Horse Cut In Wire.

Yesterday closed the season's run of the Stone & Potts threshing outfit. The event was celebrated by a hot scrap between Montgomery and Tabor, harvest hands, between whom bad blood existed. Two rounds settled the matter, Tabor getting the worst of it. The fight started at the water trough, the boys were separated and Montgomery's team ran away, one of his horses being severely cut in a wire fence. This didn't heal Montgomery's temper in the least and on his return to the machine, the scrap was renewed and ended so it is said, to the satisfaction of a majority of the crew.

A Good Record.

Joe and Will Scott have finished harvesting their 300 acres of wheat. Their grain averaged 46 bushels per acre, and was cut with a Holt combine. The last four days of the run the machine averaged 30 acres per day.

Basement Walls Completed.

The concrete basement walls for the new fraternity building are completed. Contractor May and his force of brick layers are compelled to lay off for the reason that the lumber for the building has not arrived. With the arrival of

lumber, the carpenters will put in the window frames and other wood work, then brick laying will commence.

Fifty-one Bushels per Acre.

The Kirk place east of town continues to sustain its reputation as a wheat producer. This year's crop averaged a little over 51 bushels per acre.

Local Wheat Market.

Athena, Aug. 26—Wheat in Athena today is quoted at 67c per bushel.

Personally Conducted Excursion to St. Louis.

On September 6th the O. R. & N. will run a through tourist sleeper to St. Louis under the personal supervision of Mr. R. A. Smith, city ticket agent at Walla Walla, who will go through to St. Louis with the car. A side trip will be made to Salt Lake City where arrangements have been made for an organ recital in the big tabernacle for the benefit of passengers in this car. Reservation can be made with the local agent and should be made as early as possible. Detailed information can be had by calling on or addressing,

M. W. SMITH,
R. BURNS, Agent O. R. & N. Co.
General Agent Walla Walla, Wash.

ANOTHER FIELD FIRE

MACHINE NARROWLY ESCAPES
BEING BURNED.

Fire Starts in Straw Stack—Only a Few Sacks of Wheat Destroyed.

Yesterday morning on the Taylor place, northeast of town, fire came near destroying Chas. Baddeley's big separator and a setting of wheat. The machine had just started up and in a short time would have finished work in the field. Only a few bushels of grain had been threshed when the straw stack was seen to be on fire. In a very short time the entire stack was enveloped in flames.

Fortunately but little wind was blowing at the time, and the breeze coming from the northwest fanned the flames away from the big pile of wheat, giving the crew time to remove all but eight or ten sacks.

The straw carrier was ablaze when the separator was pulled away from the stack and the rear portion of the machine was badly scorched. The derrick table apparatus was destroyed, but aside from this the crew averted further damage. A plow was brought into requisition and furrows were turned around the stack, preventing the fire from spreading into the stubble.

THE FIRST TEST.

Local Option to Be Taken Into Courts in Portland.

The anti-prohibitionists of Portland are going to test the constitutionality of the local option law and the outcome will be awaited with interest by the majority of people of the state.

The prohibitionists of Multnomah county have decided to put the question to a vote in that county at the November election, and for this purpose a petition signed by I. H. Amos and 527 others, the cream of the prohibition party of that county, has been filed with the county clerk of that county demanding that the clerk shall place on the ballot the question of prohibition to be answered by the voters yes or no.

This petition will be attacked by a suit brought in the circuit court by those interested in the defeat of the local option law and an injunction to restrain the county clerk from putting the question on the ballot will be asked. If this injunction is granted by the local

NO HUNTING OR FISHING.

Agent McNichols Has Notices Posted on the Reservation.

Whites must keep off the Umatilla reservation when business or necessity does not call them there. Under orders of Acting Superintendent McNichols, Indian police are posting the following notices: "No fishing, hunting or pleasure camping on this reservation under penalty. Chas. S. McNichols, special agent in charge."

Mr. Nichols in explanation said: "I have no desire to be severe with persons coming on the reservation, but by the terms of the treaty with the Umatillas, no white person has any right on the reservation without a pass. The regulation regarding camping, hunting and fishing has been generally disregarded and complaints have been coming to me ever since I took charge of the agency. They declare white men come on their allotments and shoot among the stock."

court the prohibition party will probably carry it to the supreme court, and if the injunction is denied then those opposed to prohibition will carry the question up. On just what grounds the constitutionality of the measure will be attacked is not known at present. If the supreme court says that the law is unconstitutional then the question is settled for the entire state, and other communities will be saved the expense of fighting it.—Tribune.

Ready to Handle Grain.

S. B. Calderhead, traveling freight and passenger agent for the W. & C. R., says that wheat movements are very light at present but predicts as soon as the harvest is completed there will be a big rush in this line. The W. & C. R. is making preparations for this immense crop and has plenty of cars on hand to take care of the shipments. A big Northern Pacific "hog" engine now pulls the local train in and out of Athena.