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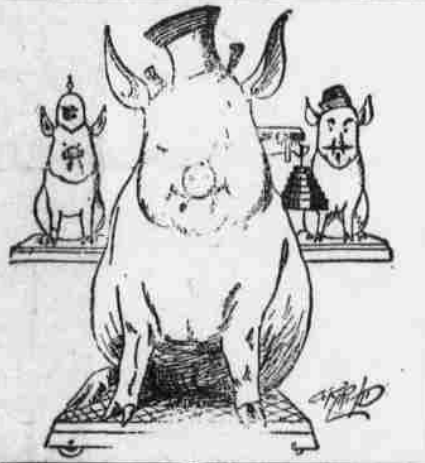
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**THE HARVEST FIELD**

**Thirty-five and Forty Bushel Wheat Yields Are Reported in This Neighborhood.**

Harvest is far enough advanced in this vicinity to form estimates of what the yields are to be. Indications go to show that the yield will be all the way from 30 to 40 bushels per acre. So far no average has been reported under 30 bushels and only one field has reached an average of 40 bushels, that of T. J. Kirk, just east of town.

Weather has been ideal for harvesting grain and many machines are at work. The grain is of good quality, though considerable complaint is heard about smut.

Joe Scott's combine is at work in Dale wheat which is making 35 bushels per acre, and the grain tests A 1 in quality.

The Watts crew finished threshing on the Kirk place last evening and after the sacks were counted it was found that the big field had yielded up 40 bushels per acre.

E. A. Dudley reports a yield of 35 bushels per acre on his farm west of town.

The Taylor place, west of the city, turned out 35 bushels of good wheat to the acre.

The Pacific northwest wheat harvest is in progress in at least half the districts of the three states and reports are encouraging.

The general condition of the fall wheat crop seems to be good in practically every section where the harvest has begun and actual returns greatly increase the yield over the pre-harvest estimates.

Yields of 20 to 25 bushels to the acre are quite common in the inland empire thus far, no returns being received to date placing the cut at less than 15 bushels to the acre. Returns of less than 20 bushels are very uncommon and thus far are noted only in sections where the rain supply was short at least six inches from the normal.

Even in the Condon district the returns are much better than expected. In that section it has been noted that by far the best returns are being received from places that were well cultivated. In such a dry season the well-cultivated wheat field suffers but little from drought, but in sections where little attention was given cultivation and where wheat-growers allowed nature to take the full burden of the crop, the initial reports of the yield were far from favorable—but still not so bad as had been forecasted in some of the early damage reports.

Returns of 25 to 30 bushels to the acre were lately received from Heppner section. Around Lexington, Heppner, Eight Mile, Gooseberry and several other spots of the Heppner section the yields are seldom ranging below 25

bushels to the acre, and never to date this season have they fallen below 20 bushels.

Around Pendleton harvest returns show yields ranging from 20 to 35 bushels to the acre, the latter being an exception as well as the former. While there is little doubt that considerable damage was done the wheat crop of the light lands around Pendleton, the actual returns from the harvest indicate that, as in other sections, the loss by reason of a deficiency in moisture was badly over estimated in the earliest reports.

**WAITING FOR THE NEW CROP**

**Local Wheat Market is Practically a Standstill Now.**

Trading in old crop wheat is on a small scale in the Walla Walla market, says the Union. On the basis of foreign prices exporters are quoting club at 77c and bluestem at 79c. If they wanted to buy any wheat, however, it is not probable they could get any at these figures. In fact, a small sale of club was recently made as high as 80c.

Interest centers in the market for the new crop, in which very little business has been done so far. The purchase of a small lot of bluestem in the country on the basis of 80c was announced Wednesday.

Advices received from a California authority are that that state will produce 200,000 tons of wheat this year and will want 350,000 tons. The California barley crop is estimated at 450,000 tons, while oats will yield 35,000 tons and 45,000 tons will be needed.

**LIDLAW IS A BILK**

**J. N. B. Gerking Has Sunk Thousands in Crook County Land Which Has No Title.**

J. N. B. Gerking, who left his fine Umatilla County home and went into the crook county desert, seeking investment in irrigation lands, stands to lose thousands of dollars, should his damage suit for \$16,000, which he recently filed in Portland against one W. A. Laidlaw, chief mogul of the Columbia Southern Irrigation company, fail to materialize.

Whispers that the company was not on the square have been made from time to time wafted to the public, and now the charge is made that the promoters can not give title to the lands they have sold to settlers. Relative to Gerking's suit, the Oregon Daily Journal says:

Threatened with the loss of his home and improvements he has made on a tract of land in Crook county, J. N. E. Gerking has begun suit in the circuit court against W. A. Laidlaw for \$16,000 damages.

Laidlaw is a principal stockholder and general manager of the Columbia Southern Irrigation company, from whom Gerking purchased the land, but he says Laidlaw is unable to deliver title without fraud upon the United States government and committing subordination of perjury in making proof.

Gerking paid \$6400 for the land and water right, and he says that with the improvements he has made the place is worth \$16,000 today. He cleared 100 acres, seeded 50 acres to alfalfa and planted the remainder to trees, berries and vines. He ran laterals for irrigation and fenced the place, only to learn, as he says, that the defendant is not able to furnish a good title as it agreed to as soon as he had finished paying for the place.

The operations of the Columbia Southern Irrigation company have been under fire for some time, and Gerking's suit illustrates the position of settlers who have in good faith settled upon the land and made improvements on it.

**THE REV. BARD FOUND BOOZE**

**Walla Walla Minister Says Oregon "Dry" Towns Are Not "Dry."**

Rev. Andreas Bard, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church returned this morning from a trip to Portland and other Oregon points says the Walla Walla Bulletin. He will leave tonight for Loon lake to get his family and will return to Walla Walla later going to the beach where he intends to erect a cottage.

Rev. Mr. Bard was telling this morning about some of the local option districts in Oregon.

"Talk about your dry towns all you like," he said. "Since I have seen some of them in abstinent Oregon I have formed an idea of my own. You know I have ever tried to be impartial and to avoid cant on either side. I had, therefore, assumed that if prohibition had once become a law, that no liquors would be sold in the community.

"My traveling companion, who was of a more cynical turn of mind, pook-pooed this idea and said that he knew better. I insisted that I was from

Missouri. As we came to the city, he introduced me to the host, leaving out the "reverend" part, and whispered in his ear that I desired "to be initiated."

"After I had been carefully looked over and deemed acceptable we were ushered into a side room and found whisky in abundance, just as before, only we had to pay double for the prohibited juice. Now I am not going to name the town, nor will I give our host away, because a minister is not necessarily a detective. But you can take my word for it that this is gospel truth.

On the glorious Fourth I saw in the self-same town various celebrants full of joy water, and am ready to believe that if you drive the devil out of one door, he will come in through another."

**KILLED BEAR WITH PISTOL**

**McCumber Goes Fishing and Returns With Bear as Big as a Horse.**

Mart McCumber killed a large bear on the North Fork about 16 miles from Milton Friday, says the Eagle. In company with P. J. Kelley he was whipping the stream for trout when he saw Ere's Bear on a log about 25 feet away. Mr. McCumber carried a 38-calibre revolver for just such an emergency, but hesitated just the fraction of a second before he decided to use it on a bear that looked to be as large as the side of a mountain. Throwing discretion to the winds, he blazed away and hit the side of the mountain with ease. Ere's Bear, startled at his noonday meal, gave a couple of leaps straight forward, which happened to be directly in Mr. McCumber's direction, and soared that gentleman out of several years' growth. Concluding that he was in for it, Mr. McCumber shot and missed again. By this time the bear had discovered the fellow who was using him as a target and he didn't like his looks so he turned to make his getaway, when Mr. McCumber laid him low with a shot just below the forelegs. The bullet went entirely through the bear and he fell dead in his tracks. Mr. Kelly, who was an interested spectator of the fight, said the bear was as big as a horse.

**INDIAN AND AGENT**

**Umapine of Umatillas Claims Interest On Deposits is Withheld.**  
By McFratridge.

A Pendleton despatch to the Spokesman-Review says:

That Major A. E. McFratridge, agent of the Umatilla reservation, is withholding Indian interest which it draws from the banks was the declaration made in this city today by Umapine, head man of the Umatillas.

Umapine came to Pendleton with the belief that Secretary of the Interior Garfield was still here or was to return soon for a conference with the Indians. Learning that the big man was not here and would not be again Umapine declared that he would probably leave for Washington in a few days to again present the grievances of his tribesmen to the white father at Washington. This will not be the first trip for the old Indian, for he went there a few years ago on a similar mission.

Umapine refuses to believe the agent is acting under orders from the department to the effect that the Indians are only to be paid a certain sum each month in order to prevent their spending all their money at one time and then being reduced to beggary the remainder of the year. He says the educated Indians who know just how much is coming to them have no trouble in getting their money, but that the old and ignorant ones are given about one-third of the money paid into the agency for them by the white renters.

This is the first open charge that has been made against McFratridge since he superseded Major Edwards, who left the service about a year ago. It has been generally believed that his administration has been satisfactory to the Indians.

It was rumored a few days ago that McFratridge had asked to be relieved from duty, after J. R. Garfield, secretary of the interior, had made a ruling directly opposed to his recommendation, as well as those of Commissioner of Indian Affairs Francis E. Leupp and Special Agent Tinker, who was here for several months investigating the conditions on the reservation. Leupp persuaded him to withdraw his resignation.

**THE DOCTOR'S BADGER**

The capture of a porcupine was summarily effected at the home of Mayor Plamondon Tuesday evening. The identity of the beast was somewhat in doubt until after the capture had taken place. While sitting on the porch, the doctor, who is something of a sporting man (?) himself, discovered the quill-clad monster in the act of climbing a tree. He immediately diagnosed it to be a badger. Now the doctor's wife is western-bred, and knowing that badgers are not tree climbers, her opinion of his prowess as a hunter fell off a few points, and she ran for a wash-tub. With the assistance of a couple of friends, she succeeded in capturing the horrible creature, and for the first time in his life the doctor viewed a badger wearing an overcoat of tooth-picks.

Fifty Teachers Are Wanted.

School teachers are wanted to fill places in the schools of Walla Walla and Columbia counties, Wash., and Umatilla county, Oregon. About 50 places are still waiting for the arrival of teachers, some of them in good schools. Local teachers have generally contracted for the coming year, and in the ordinary promotion of applicants which takes place every year the more moderate situations are left vacant. For several years the supply of teachers has not been equal to the demand, but outside workers usually come to the relief of the county superintendents in their efforts to supply every school in time for the opening in the autumn.

**A PROSPEROUS BANK**

One of the best statements of the condition of the First National Bank of Athena, ever given the Press for publication, will be found printed in today's issue. The steady increase of business and the financial progress of this institution ranks with the leading banking houses of the Northwest. The statement is made the comptroller of the currency at the close of business, July 15, and shows that deposits were \$354,023.14; loans and discounts aggregate \$235,611.56, and cash and funds due from other banks and reserve agents total \$176,979.75. The bank has a cash reserve of 49 per cent.

Flour While You Wait.

Walla Walla Union: Pillsbury may have been there with the time record for an easterner when it came to getting standing grain from the field to the mill and thence to the bakery, with a record of 51 minutes, but westerners have the record broken in a dozen different ways, and Waitsburg has the honor of carrying off first prize, for in an attempt made yesterday afternoon to break the eastern record, growing grain was harvested, taken to the Preston-Parton mill, ground into flour and made into bread and biscuits in the short period of 22 minutes.

Use DeWitt's Little Early Risers, pleasant little pills that are easy to take. Sold by Palace Drug Co.

**MURDER AND SUICIDE**

Yesterday forenoon at Echo, E. R. Stoffel, a jealous lover, walked up to his sweetheart, Elsie Kenison, and shot her. The bullet entered the girl's mouth coming out at the back of the neck, death resulting instantly. Stoffel fled to the hills, and after a posse had started after him, he doubled back, went into a barn near where the shooting took place and hanged himself. The couple had been going together since July 4th, but recently Miss Kenison had rejected the fellow's suit.

**CHURCHES SPLIT OVER JAPS**

Because a certain faction in the First Christian church at Bellingham, Wash. objects to having their children put in the same Sunday school classes with Japanese and because the pastor the Rev. H. N. Brooks, is said to devote too much time to christianizing Japanese, the congregation is badly split. The climax came Sunday when a vote was taken on whether to keep the pastor another year or not. The minister boldly declared from the pulpit that he intends to continue his missionary work. A vote was taken, but the majority favored keeping the minister another year. Now Mr. Brooks says he is not sure whether he will stay.

**EVERY INDICATION POINTS TO MCFRATRIDGE BEING A MAN WITH MARROW ENOUGH IN HIS BACK-BONE TO CONDUCT RESERVATION LAND MATTERS ON THE SQUARE, SOMETHING THAT HAS NOT BEEN DONE FOR YEARS, IF YOU ARE TO TAKE THE WORD OF MEN OF SMALL MEANS WHO HAVE TRIED IN VAIN TO LEASE A PIECE OF RESERVATION LAND.**

The man with a pull could get what he desired, and the sidewalk rancher was among the big "it's." With McFratridge came the order of land lease limitation of 640 acres, with the proviso that the lessee must establish residence thereon. Then the fur began to fly, and it's been falling ever since. The big "us" are after the agent, and —well, an injun will say anything, with proper coaching.

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