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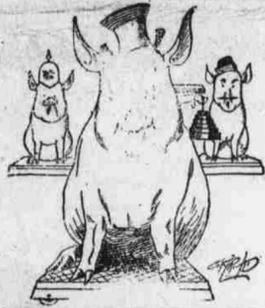
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THE M'REA COMBINE

After Years of Hardship and Toil, Well Known Inventor's Fond Hopes Are Realized.

The nine McRea combine harvesters which are being operated in Umatilla county wheat fields this season are said to be giving satisfaction, and Alex's friends are congratulating him on the success of his invention.

The machines are manufactured in Spokane by a company which is financially able to carry the proficiency of the machines to the highest point attainable.

Mr. McRea's inventive ideas have been carried out in the construction of the combines and on each one sold, he is paid a royalty. His individuality as the inventor of the machine is in no way impaired or usurped by the Spokane company for his patents and designs are in full force in construction of the harvesters.

After years of toil his efforts have been crowned with success, and right here in Athena, where his friends are acquainted with the details of his great struggle, he will find the warmest congratulations.

With a few minor alterations, it is conceded by practical machine men, that the combine will take front rank with the leading harvesters. Mr. McRea expects to have fifty of his machines at work in Umatilla county wheat fields next season.

ADOPT NEZ PERCE TONGUE

Mingling of Tribes Causes Loss of One Indian Language.

Professor G. A. Spinden of Harvard university is again at Sweetwater, Idaho, where he is continuing his study of the Nez Perce Indians with special reference to their language, the work being done for the American Museum of Natural History. Last year Professor Spinden spent the summer with the Indians. The Harvard student teaches anthropology in the Massachusetts institution. The American Museum of Natural History has engaged him to continue his research under their auspices.

While Professor Spinden makes a close study of the language he also gathers information on the characteristics of the tribe and the relationship with kindred tribes. The Umatilla Indians now use the Nez Perce language although they are separate and of different characteristics. The fact that the Umatilla Indians have discarded their own language and adopted the tongue of the tribe of Nez Perce is not generally known, but Professor Spinden declares that the Umatillas have allowed their own language to become unspoken because of their association with the Nez Perce tribe.

Professor Spinden lives at Sweetwater, where he boards with a white family. During the day he spends much time with the old tribesmen, who are full of superstitious tribal legends and untold stories of the early Indian wars.

HE DIED A HORRIBLE DEATH

Englishman Succumbs After Sixteen Days of Awful Torture.

After living in terrible torture and agony for 16 days, alone without food, death finally came to the relief of W. H. Gulliver in the mountains near Olive station, in Sanders county, Montana.

The only thing known about the man is contained in a diary kept by him when he was slowly dying.

The first entry reads: "Notify my people. My name is W. H. Gulliver, and my home is in Birmingham, Eng-

land. Notify my wife, mother and child at K. E. South St. I fell down the mountains and broke my legs."

The next memorandum was made the following day and says he had dragged himself through miles of wilderness with his broken legs dangling behind.

On the seventh day he wrote: "I could see section men across the river on a hand car. I yelled and was sure they heard me."

On the 13th day he wrote: "Two young men passed me and promised to go for help. They never returned." It is thought this last note is an hallucination.

On the 16th day he still had sufficient vitality to write. He wrote: "This is my last day." His body was found in a state of decomposition. He was about 30 years old.

YES, SUSIE, HE STILL LIVES

Colonel Wood Gives a Spectacular Sub-Marine Exhibition at Wenaha.

Not since Wood took his memorable salt bath at the Mormon capital, has he received so much for his money as he did Sunday, in the presence of a large crowd of pleasure seekers, at Wenaha Springs.

No, Susie, dearest. You could not compare his aquatic stunt to the systematic gyrations of a Holland submarine, but more like the laborious movements of the whale did the colonel disport himself in the limpid depths of the pool. His acrobatic inclination appears to have been boundless, and the swimmers took to the benches and surrendered the pond to the water freak.

His antics held the spectators spellbound and swelling with egotistical delight, as plaudits welled from many throats, Wood mounted the teetering spring-board and poised in silhouette disabille, ready for the climax of his feat.

"Jump, you rhinoceros!" yelled some one, and the colonel sprang upward, forward, downward. "Twas a wonderful sight. The ungainly form struck the water with a sickening thud and put one in mind of the high-diving cannibal at the Lewis and Clark fair. Down, down, beneath the placid surface of the pool shot the colonel. His proboscis came into close contact with the cement bottom of the pool, and when he came to the surface his nasal appendage was peeled to the queen's taste and resembled the blooming end of a Rhode Island Red onion, for which his Gardner ranch is noted.

And the "crowd waited to see the end, in spite of the prospects of a late dinner," to use a phrase employed by all first-class base ball writers, when they "do" a 14-inning contest in stanning style.

DEMOCRATS HARD AT WORK

Sweek Names Executive Committee for Bryan Campaign.

Undismayed by previous defeats, the Democrats of Oregon are again lining up their forces for their every-four-years' attempt to "carry Oregon" for Bryan. Alex Sweek, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, has appointed an executive committee of five members that will be expected, with his assistance, to add Oregon to the Democratic column. The members of this committee are: John Montag, of Portland; W. H. Wehrung, of Hillsboro; Will M. Peterson, of Pendleton; Lark Bilyeu, of Eugene, and S. M. Garland, of Lebanon.

Chairman Sweek has mailed notices to the members of the committee requesting them to attend a meeting at his office in the Chamber of Commerce building. At that time, suggests Chairman Sweek in his notification, some plan must be devised by which the "40,000 Roosevelt majority" may be overcome and Oregon's four electoral votes captured for the democratic candidate.

Elevator in Place.

The elevator building, purchased from the Pacific Coast Elevator company by the Preston Parton Milling company, is now nearing its new site at the mill. The big building was successfully moved from its location in the north part of town, and arrived at its destination in good condition.

Operation Performed.

Shortly after leaving Athena, Rev. Hoven was operated on in a Portland hospital for removal of a tumorous growth on the arm. This is said to be the third operation for removal of the tumor.

A Broken Arm.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Sanders fell from a horse Saturday, with the result that her right arm was fractured near the wrist. Dr. Sharp reduced the fracture and the little girl is doing as well as could be expected.

At the Springs.

Dr. Plamondos, accompanied by his wife, will spend a week at Wenaha Springs. They expect to leave tomorrow by automobile.

NEW WHEAT CROP

An Off Yield, But a Strong Market—A Few Sales Are Reported at 75 to 78 Cents per Bushel.

As the harvest season progresses, the more it is proved that the crop this year is far below par in yield. Thirty to 35 bushels per acre, with one or two 40 bushel yields is this years record of Athena wheat fields. And the smut is to be reckoned with, also.

But the market is strong and prices are good. The prices realized on a strong market will go a long way toward making up the deficiency in yield. Only a few sales are reported in Athena to date, but the wheat sold, brought 75 to 78 cents per bushel.

Wheat in the Vansycle, Helix, and Juniper sections is turning out from 25 to 35 bushels per acre, which is equally as well as the reservation lands are doing.

From 400 acres, Joseph N. Scott is harvesting from 30 to 33 bushels per acre.

The returns from Robert Coppock's crop will be a little better than 30 bushels per acre.

A. B. McEwen reports that his crop will average from 35 to 38 bushels.

The Reeder place, near town, turned out nearly 40 bushels per acre.

The Weston barley crop this season is proving far better than the wheat, most of it having fully ripened before the hot winds set in. Price Brothers report 65 bushels to the acre, and other ranchmen are doing equally as well.

SWINDLED SAY HOMESTEADERS

Cook Project Believed to Be a Gross Land Fraud.

At last coming to the conclusion that they have been swindled by H. E. G. Cooke, prime mover in the Oregon Ranching and Timber company of New York, several people from Elmira, N. Y., brought to Baker City by Cooke, are scattering, determined to make the west their home and not return to their native city and suffer the notoriety of having bitten on a "get-rich-quick" scheme. The party has been slow to believe that Cooke was not playing on the square. Even after his arrest here and his removal to Portland by a United States marshal the Elmira people thought they would get the timber lands on which they had fled. And they probably would had they filed on timber.

Late developments show that flings were made on certain sections which are covered with sage brush. This information, it is understood, came through secret service men who have just returned from inspecting the land, numbers of which appear on the record at the La Grande land office in connection with the New York people's names. Fear is expressed by members of the party that they will all be taken back to New York state to appear as witnesses for the government when H. E. G. Cooke is arraigned. It is believed that this is one of the grossest land frauds ever attempted. Most of these people are poor, having had only enough money to pay for their stock in Cooke's company and make the trip west. Several are young college boys, who are obtaining their first experience.

Adams Man Weds.

Miss Ella G. Rust, aged 50, of Walla Walla, and U. H. Ferguson of Adams, were married at Walla Walla Sunday in the presence of a few relatives and friends of the contracting parties, Rev. Robert Warner of the M. E. church in Walla Walla performing the ceremony. The groom is well known in Umatilla county and is a pioneer resident of Adams, where he is engaged in farming. The couple will make their home in Adams.

M. D.'s at Pendleton.

The next annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Medical society will be in Pendleton and it will be the only gathering of medical men in the state of Oregon next year. The decision to hold the session there was reached at the annual meeting, brought to a close at Radium Springs, in Baker county.

Merry-go-round and Pictures.

Ellis' Merry-go-round and moving picture show is holding forth this week on Fourth street, at intersection of Main. The pictures are said to be good and the foot of the whistle at the merry-go-round announces the harvest of nickles that are being gleaned.

Funeral of T. W. Brotherton.

The funeral of T. W. Brotherton took place Sunday afternoon from the residence of Charles Brotherton, the services being conducted by Rev. Blood. Undertaker Miller accompanied the remains from Salem.

Harvest in Palouse Belt.

Farmers in the Palouse wheat belt will begin grain delivering to the warehouses early in August. Scores of combined harvesters are in the field and there are hundreds of men shocking and pitching bundles. They are

paid from \$3 to \$2.35 a day, while machine men receive as high as \$6. a day. Ranchers cutting 40-fold wheat report well-filled heads and plump grain and predict an average yield of fall wheat—30 to 35 bushels to the acre. Most of this will grade No. 1. In the hay fields on the bottom lands along the Palouse river, most of the timothy cut shows one and one-half tons to the acre.

Robbed at Walla Walla.

Roy Dutro and James Louny, two Colville, Idaho, printers, who are in this vicinity to recreate in the harvest fields, were robbed of their surplus coin at the Exchange Lodging house in Walla Walla, Monday night. The boys retired and during the night their room was entered by a thief, who made a clean haul, leaving the printers only a few cents in change. Mr. Dutro formerly resided at Helix.

LOCAL OPTION IN WALLA WALLA

Steps Will Be Taken to Organize Anti-Saloon League.

Rev. Mr. Doyle, pastor of the Congregational church of Pomeroy, was in Walla Walla recently, conferring with local pastors on the advisability of organizing a local option league in Walla Walla. After a conference with Rev. J. C. Reid of the First Presbyterian church of that city it was announced that no steps would be taken immediately toward an organization; but such a league will be formed in the near future.

These leagues are being organized throughout the state of Washington and Rev. Mr. Doyle left for Dayton, where the league will probably be organized immediately. A state league has already been perfected and many local leagues formed in cities. The purpose of the league is to elect a state legislature this fall which will pass a bill providing for local option.

STOCKMAN DRAGS AT STIRRUP

Ray Fairchild of Heppner Will Probably Die of Injuries.

Dragged over the range at the stirrup of a maddened horse, Ray Fairchild, a well known cattle shipper and meat dealer of Heppner, sustained such frightful injuries that he probably will die.

Mr. Fairchild had gone out on horseback to round up a small bunch of cattle for shipment, when his horse made a sudden swerve and the saddle turned. The animal took fright immediately and bolted, dragging Mr. Fairchild by one foot, which had caught in a stirrup.

When the horse was finally caught and the victim released he was found to have sustained a compound fracture of the skull and frightful mutilations of the head and face. Every effort is being exerted by the physicians in charge to save his life, but they hold out little hope.

A Pleasant Trip, Now.

Since the management of Wenaha Springs has put in a bridge at Thorn Hollow crossing on the Umatilla river and worked the river road. The trip to the springs by auto is now a pleasant one to take. Sunday Mayor Plamondou took a party over, and the ride was most enjoyable.

An Early Shipment.

The first carload of new crop wheat was shipped from Athena, Monday, over the Northern Pacific to Tacoma, by David Taylor. To Mr. Taylor's knowledge, this is the earliest wheat shipment to be made from his station, since he has been engaged in the wheat business.

Body Found in the Woods.

The body of John Gates, a half-breed Indian, was found in the woods near Lovell, on the Coeur d'Alene reservation, Sunday. The man had gone deer hunting and evidently had been killed by the accidental discharge of his gun. His dogs led the searchers to the body.

Not Guilty of Theft.

John Brunner, who was arrested at Albion Sunday on the charge of stealing \$70 from James Curry, was discharged on the examination Monday, there being no evidence against him. Brunner has borne a good reputation.

Fruit Yields Are Heavy.

Reports from all parts of Stevens county are that the fruit crop, especially apples and peaches, will be the largest yet grown. Many of the apple trees have to be thinned. There will be a light crop of prunes and plums.

Fell Upon Saw.

Alex Valis, employed at the Hyena shingle mill at Everett, accidentally fell upon a saw Monday, and was badly out in the side. The injured man was hurried to the Providence hospital in the patrol wagon.

Drowned While Bathing.

Arthur Clyde, a young man of Euclid, was drowned there Thursday while bathing.