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## SELL ALFALFA SEED

Athena Farmers are Putting In Average Acreage—Last Years Seeding Not Satisfactory.

A canvass among the dealers selling alfalfa seed verifies the statement made some days ago that the average acreage was being sown this spring to alfalfa crop. The fact also developed that much of the seed sown last year was of inferior quality, the result being that many farmers who planted have a poor stand.

To date, T. M. Taggart & Co. have sold a thousand pounds of seed for this season's use; C. A. Barrett & Co. as much more, and other dealers lesser quantities. Most of the seed comes from Malheur county, where large quantities are threshed each year for the market.

In this vicinity 20 pounds of seed to the acre are sown, the price paid being 20 cents per pound, or \$2.20 per acre.

The fact the alfalfa acreage is being increased demonstrates that livestock is beginning to require more attention of the farmer, but at present prices wheat will by no means be overlooked. The constant increase in the demand for hogs and cattle is the prime incentive for additional alfalfa production. The establishment at Portland of an immense packing plant insures a steady market for stock, the demand at this time being so great that territory as far east as Nebraska is to be drawn on for stock.

## ARE EXPLOSIONS DUE TO OIL

Colfax Man Thinks He Has Made a Discovery Regarding Smut.

Silas Privett of Colfax, who for 25 years was a practical threshing machine man, 10 years of which he spent in the Palouse country believes he has made a discovery that means the saving of thousands of dollars every year, not only to farmers and threshermen of this section, but to those of other localities where smut is prevalent says the Waitsburg Times. There are two points in Mr. Privett's argument that are borne out by the record of so-called "smut" explosions in Whitman county. The first is that while threshing machines had been handling smutty wheat in this section for years without an explosion, when they did begin to blow up there were 27 of them burned in the first harvest, smut fires seeming to be almost epidemic.

The second point is that neither prior to that memorable first run of explosions nor since that time has a machine on which there was used only castor or lard oil as a lubricant been known to generate a conflagration in its interior, while those on which the commonly called black or petroleum oil is used catch fire with alarming frequency. Mr. Privett deduces from this that the black oil, a crude petroleum product, produces the explosions which are attributed to smut in the grain, in the same manner that gasoline produces the explosions which operate a gas or gasoline engine.

**Heny's Protest Put In.**  
Tracy C. Becker, who is in Washington opposing the appointment of ex-Senator Fulton as a federal judge in Oregon, called on the attorney general and presented a new protest from Francis J. Heny. Later, Mr. Becker had a brief conference with the president. What transpired at these conferences cannot be learned, nor can any information be secured as to the nature of Mr. Heny's most recent attack upon Mr. Fulton.

**Bank Expects to Reopen.**  
According to information received from Prairie City, the Stockmen's and Traders' Bank, of that city, which

failed to open its doors for business Saturday, expects to experience only a temporary suspension. Attorney Poland of the failed institution is now on his way to Salem and Portland, and he states that the whole matter will be fixed up and the bank reopened without a doubt. There is, so far as known, no speculation or other transactions that has involved the bank, and the people of Prairie City are inclined to the belief that the institution's funds have been loaned in such a way that notes fail to fall due at proper periods to keep the cash account large enough for daily business transactions.

## Milton Ice Plant.

During the past week all heavy machinery and operating materials for the new ice plant in South Milton have been placed in station ready for operation within the next two weeks. The large warehouse and machine rooms of the plant together with the handsome office building have been painted a nut brown color, giving an improved appearance in that part of the city. Actual operations are to be commenced as soon as power can be secured from the city plant.

## Cougar Kills Horses.

Reports continue to come in at Dayton from the mountains of wild animals attacking live stock on the ranges. Two valuable horses owned by Joe Ables, a rancher living eight miles east of Dayton, were killed by cougars last week. The horses were killed in the open and the remains of one of them were found partially covered by leaves and debris near the home.

## COW A RECORD BREAKER

Supplies Ten Gallons of Milk Every 24 Hours.

Ten gallons of milk every twenty-four hours is the record made by a three year old Shorthorn cow owned by A. L. McCauley of Dayton. That the cow will become one of the wonders of the country from the viewpoint of the dairymen, is the belief of Mr. McCauley. Although she has been giving ten gallons of milk daily for several weeks, the cow has subsisted during the winter on hay. Only Saturday did the owner commence feeding the animal mill feed. Mr. McCauley predicts that she will be giving twelve gallons of milk daily before the first of April.

To test the butter producing qualities of the milk Mr. McCauley yesterday made five pounds of butter from the cream of one days milking. Last year the receipts from the sale of milk totaled more than \$150. This amount will be increased \$50 this year says Mr. McCauley. He refused an offer of \$150 for the Shorthorn.

The cow is a product of Columbia county, having been raised by J. H. Ingraham, one of the leading breeders of fine stock. Mr. McCauley desires to have the animal in the Columbia county exhibit at the A. Y. P. exposition at Seattle and it is altogether probable that if the little cow continues to maintain the standard she has set, she will be taken to Seattle during the summer.

## FUNDS FOR BASE BALL TEAM

First Game of Season Won by Weston Score 6 to 2.

Ed. Koontz and Byron Hawks have taken the matter of raising funds for the ball team in hand, with the result that they expect to raise \$200, which with the proceeds from the games is considered sufficient to finance a first class amateur ball team through the season, which closes about July 1.

The first game of the season took place in Athena Sunday afternoon, the long end of the score going to Weston 6 to 2. The game was a good one, considering the raw condition of the players. Both teams presented a strong lineup. Athena worked out three pitchers, LaBrasche, Stone and Wilson. The Weston battery showed up strong, and the NorDeau brothers, former "Yellow Kids" are on the team.

The prospective lineup of the Athena team for the season is: Hawks, catcher; Stone, Wilson, LaBrasche, pitchers; Willaby, 1t; LaBrasche, 2b; Lieualen, 3b; Strauss, ss; DePeat, 1f; Myrick cf; Stone, Wilson, rf.

A game will probably be played by the Weston and Athena teams on the Weston grounds, Sunday afternoon.

**Milton Pioneer Passes Away.**  
David M. Wilkinson, a pioneer, passed away at his home Friday and was buried Saturday afternoon in the Odd Fellows' cemetery. Mr. Wilkinson was 83 years of age and came west from Ohio when a young man. For 15 years he has lived in Milton. Death was due to paralysis.

**Geer In Real Estate.**  
Ex-Governor T. T. Geer, formerly editor of the Pendleton Tribune, has gone into the real estate business in Portland. He has an office in the Atington building.

## AN ABLE ADDRESS

The Temperance Question Discussed by a Lawyer as Regards the Traffic and Common Law.

Emmett D. Nichols of Boise, Idaho spoke last Sunday evening in the M. E. church, this city, to a full house. Mr. Nichols is attorney and secretary of Idaho for the International Reform Bureau of Washington, D. C.

Before coming west he had practiced law in Pennsylvania for 25 years. He has been in the lecture field in the Northwest for nearly two years, speaking in Washington, Idaho and Oregon. He has been in reform work a portion of the time for 30 years.

When he began working in Idaho he looked up the laws of that state and found that every village and city outside of Boise had the right to prohibit the liquor traffic through the council. Hardly any one seemed to know this. The most of the lawyers were in ignorance of the fact. He opened up his campaign in Moscow, and as a result a prohibition ordinance was passed in that city. The case was taken to the Supreme Court of the State, and that tribunal sustained the action of the council in passing the ordinance in every particular.

Mr. Nichols afterwards was instrumental in getting a prohibition ordinance passed in Troy, Payette, and Malad. He has the reputation of discussing the liquor question in an entirely new light and those who heard him last Sunday night say he "made good" his reputation.

He discussed the question from the view point of a lawyer, maintaining that the whole license system was null and void, being contrary to the laws of God; the principles of the Declaration of Independence and the federal constitution. Among other things he said:

"Any business that can be arbitrarily prohibited must necessarily be unconstitutional and contrary to the common law. The constitution and common law of the land protect a man in the pursuit of any legitimate business. Such a business may be regulated under the constitution and the common law but it cannot be prohibited.

"For instance, the farmer in selling apples may be prohibited from selling infected apples, but he cannot be prohibited from selling apples free from infection. The liquor traffic may be entirely prohibited. It cannot therefore, have any constitutional or common law right to exist. We talk about adopting prohibition. We never adopted prohibition. We have adopted license, contrary to all law, correctly interpreted.

"The liquor traffic is a legalized outlaw. In the words of Blackstone, 'Law is a rule of civil conduct, prescribed by the Supreme power of the state, commanding what is right and prohibiting what is wrong.'

"Through the so called liquor license laws, we command what is wrong and prohibit what is right."

Many who heard the speech say it was the best ever delivered in the town on the subject. Several went up and shook hands with him at the close of the address.

## OPPOSED BY ORGANIZED LABOR

Resolutions Strongly Protest Fulton's Appointment.

Resolutions strongly protesting against the appointment of ex-Senator Charles W. Fulton as a United States district judge for Oregon were adopted by a unanimous vote at the meeting of the Central Labor Council Saturday night, says the Portland Journal. Senator Bourne and Senator Chamberlain were asked, by the resolution, to use every means in their power to prevent Fulton's nomination by the president. Copies of the resolution were forwarded to Washington by the secretary of the organization.

The resolution in general terms, set out the fact that Senator Fulton has been in the past, and now is, unfriendly to the cause and interests of organized labor; that he is a machine politician who does not have the betterment of the conditions of the common people of the state at heart; that his record as a politician unfits him for a place on the federal bench; that he is opposed to the principle and operation of the initiative and referendum, and from that to the exercise of the rights of the people under that amendment to the constitution.

## Buy Pullman Ranch.

Mrs. Isabella Taylor has purchased a farm near Pullman, Wash., and expects to make her home there in the future. Mrs. Taylor owns a first class wheat ranch here, which she has rented for a cash rent of \$10 an acre per summer fallow crop, the lease covering six years.

## Ben Hur.

The famous illustrated lecture on "Ben Hur" will be given in the Baptist church on Friday evening, April

2. This lecture is profusely and magnificently illustrated by specially prepared and hand colored views—the finest obtainable. Crowded houses have heard this lecture and the opportunity is one you should not let pass. You pay a much higher price to see inferior shows and entertainments. Here is a way up and first class entertainment for the smallest price. There will also be the great song "The Holy City," sung and illustrated by 17 magnificent pictures, also some comic pictures and other miscellaneous ones thrown in. Over 125 pictures in all projected upon a 20-foot screen by a powerful electric projectoscope. Don't forget the date, Friday, April 2, 8 p. m.

## Sues to Collect \$300.

Claiming he has \$300 due him from Robert Coppock from the sale of a fine horse, F. G. Lucas has brought suit against the former in the circuit court, says the East Oregonian. The complaint was filed Tuesday by Messrs. Fee & Slater. In the same Lucas states that he had an understanding with the defendant that if he, Lucas, should find a purchaser for the horse at the price of \$1000, the defendant would give him \$300 as commission. The complaint further states that the animal was sold to a Washington man for that amount. The commission was not paid the plaintiff though he declares he brought about the sale.

## California Primary Law.

Gov. Gillette will sign the direct primary bill passed by the California legislature although he is not in favor of it.

## NORMALS GIVEN TO MARCH 26

Regents Will Accept Contributions to That Date.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the state board of normal school regents at Salem the time within which money may be contributed for the support of the normal schools was extended from Friday, March 12 to Friday, March 26. This does not mean that the state will be responsible for the support of the schools up to that time.

The board has no authority to expend the state's money for the support of the normal schools after December 31, 1908.

The action of the board yesterday was taken so that the people in the normal school vicinities might contribute if they wished to the support of the normal schools and have them conducted as state institutions to the end of the present semester, in order to enable the members of the present graduating class to complete the course required by the state.

President French of Weston was in attendance and made arrangements for the continuance of the Weston school until the end of the year. Mouth has arrived at a similar agreement with the state board of regents and it is expected funds will be forthcoming from Ashland within a few days.

## \$50,000 for Whitman.

Fifty thousand dollars, unsolicited and graciously given for the education of deserving students and intended to serve as a supporting girder in the fast building financial superstructure of a Greater Whitman, has been placed in the hands of the college authorities by Stephen H. Mathews, of Spokane.

The gift is to be used for the creation of a scholarship fund to be known as the Stephen H. and Mary Mathews Scholarship Fund. According to the conditions submitted by the donors and agreed to by the college in accepting it, the \$50,000 is to be invested under direction of the board of trustees and the accruing income to be loaned to worthy students who are in need of financial aid.

## Benson Opposed to Election.

Although no official statement has been made, it is known positively that Governor Benson will not be a candidate for the office he now holds as governor of Oregon at the next general election. That Governor Benson will, however, be a candidate for reelection as secretary of state is not denied by his political and personal associates at Salem.

## Weston to Rock Streets.

Arrangements have been made by the Weston city council to set up the city's rock crusher at the Beamer ledge. Mr. Beamer having given free to the city the privilege of setting up the machine on his property and to use what rock may be needed for city purposes free of any cost for the season.

## Bluestem at \$1.15.

The Preston-Parton Milling Co. paid \$1.15 per bushel for bluestem wheat Monday. The wheat, a lot consisting of 568 sacks, was stored in the warehouse at Grandview station and was the remnant of the Parris and Dickenson crops. This is the highest price paid for bluestem yet reached this season by millers.

E. A. Dudley was a visitor to the county seat yesterday.