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CROP OUTLOOK GOOD

Commercial Editor Cohen Finds Good Wheat and Some Smut—Write-up in Portland Journal.

Hyman H. Cohen, commercial editor of the Portland Journal, was in the city Monday. Mr. Cohen drove through the Athena wheat district and being a crop expert, the following article by him appearing in Tuesday's Portland Journal will be read with interest by Athena wheat growers:

Athena, Or., July 6.—This section of Oregon, that has never known a crop failure or even a partial one, comes forward this season with a wheat production that would be the envy of the light soil districts in their best years.

Sixty bushels of wheat per acre or practically that many dollars is not to be sneezed at during any year, but this year, when nearly every section of the world is crying about much shortened crops, the showing is almost beyond belief.

This statement is not to be construed to mean that the whole district for even during the "bumper" of 1907, this was not possible.

While fields of wheat that will go 60 bushels are not common, still several of them are noted.

Thirty and forty bushel prospects are frequently met with in this grandest of wheat countries. While 30 bushel fields are met with more will run to 35 bushels than to the lower figure.

This unusual record of an unusual season is maintained in the 15 mile belt that surround Athena in every direction.

On the reservation the yield is phenomenal, considering the dry weather the crop has passed through recently.

With all this glorious showing, still many things may happen to the wheat before the combines write finish to the growing season. The past three days has not done the wheat any good and some damage is reported by hot winds. The extent of this however can only be ascertained when the wheat is in the sack.

Smut is the principal worry of the wheat growers here as elsewhere the present season. In the Athena, Weston and Adams country some fields show more smut than a year ago, when so much talk was heard regarding the blight. Some fields—in fact many of them—are entirely free of the trouble, but it is safe to say that more smutty wheat was grown than during 1908.

Regarding the smut evil there are many ideas among producers as to the extent of the damage. Some growers are inclined to the view that the yield on their place will be cut down five bushels per acre thereby, while others agree that two bushels will form the total. Still others are inclined to believe that the damage will be too trivial to consider. In any event one large tract will not be harvested at all on this account.

Spring wheat has gone out of fashion in this section of the country but the small acreage still planted will yield better than the best of fall sown in many other sections. It is quite safe to say that the general run of spring wheat will run from 20 to 25 bushels—a most remarkable showing this season, when the absence of rain fall is considered.

Lightning Killed Boy

Clarke Downing, a 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Downing, of Wall-owa, was struck and instantly killed by lightning at 6 o'clock Sunday evening. The boy started to the field after the cows. When about 250 feet from the house he was hit by the bolt. A younger brother saw him a few minutes before the flash, and when Clarke did not return an older brother started to find him. He found the body within a few feet of where the smaller brother had last seen him. His hair and body were badly burned and death had been instantaneous.

NEW LAND DECISION

Interior Department Is Determined to Shut Out Homestead Speculators.

A most important decision has been handed down by the interior department—a decision of intense interest to thousands of men who expect to take a chance in Uncle Sam's big lottery of August 9.

If you're trying to get a homestead for a real home, go ahead.

If you're hoping to draw land, live on it 14 months, commute as quickly as possible, then move away.—don't do it.

When the time is up you may find you have lost the land.

Even though proof offered shows technical compliance with respect to inhabitancy of land entered for the period ordinarily required in commutation cases, it must further be shown that the entryman went to the land with the intention of making it his permanent residence—this is the meat of a ruling that has been handed down by the secretary of the interior. In other words those who propose to make entry of Uncle Sam's domain must remember that if he goes to the land with the intention of commuting after he has made his entry, proof may be rejected by officers.

Residence within the meaning of the homestead law must be established and maintained with the intent to make a permanent home upon the land to the exclusion of a home elsewhere. It cannot be acquired by mere occupancy with a view solely to acquiring title by a colorable compliance with the law, but actual residence must be maintained in good faith with the intent to make it permanent. Such intent must be present at the initiation of every entry, whether the title is acquired after the full period of residence prescribed by law, or at the expiration of the shorter period under the commutation provisions of the act. There is but one character of evidence applicable to every homestead, and that means a residence having the character of permanency, and established and maintained with such intent.

HOMEBOUND DIED ON TRAIN

John McIntyre Expired at Wallula Tuesday Morning.

Homeward bound from Salem, John McIntyre died on the train at Wallula Tuesday morning.

Hugh McIntyre, a brother, was bringing the sick man to his home in Athena, and when he left Portland the evening before, the patient gave every evidence of being able to stand the journey but his physical condition was such that when the sinking period was reached, the end came quickly. Cancer of the stomach was the cause of death.

The body arrived in Athena Tuesday evening and the funeral took place from the home of Mrs. A. M. Johnson, a niece of the deceased, Wednesday afternoon.

John McIntyre was born in Aigyle, Scotland, and at death was 64 years of age. When a small child he was taken to Ontario, Canada, by his parents. Shortly after reaching Canada he was left an orphan by the death of both parents.

At the breaking out of the civil war he entered the navy and served in the department of the Great Lakes. At the close of the war he settled in Michigan where he married Sarah Loomis. She lived only four years after the marriage. He came to this section about thirteen years ago, and has since made it his home.

He leaves behind him one brother and a number of nephews and nieces to mourn his departure.

A Thrilling Rescue.

The days of heroism are not over, as is attested by the following thrilling story, told simply in a dispatch from Chelan, Wash.: A 12-year-old boy while in a rowboat on the Chelan river, was capsized on the boom above Woodin avenue bridge Sunday afternoon. The swift current carried him to the dam a few hundred feet below the bridge where he climbed desperately for five minutes to some drift. Men on shore tried to reach him by laying planks down. Asa Post started to the boy's rescue in a rowboat, but before assistance reached him he was carried over the dam, seemingly to certain death. Post heroically shot his boat over the dam, narrowly escaping being swamped, and reaching the drowning boy in the edge of the rapids. He lifted him bodily into the boat as he was in his last struggles. Post regained the oars just in time to avoid being carried against a large rock and the rapids and reached shore safely. The boy soon recovered consciousness. Prominent citizens who saw the thrilling rescue speak in high praise of Post's heroism and say he should be awarded a Carnegie medal. The river is high, swift and dangerous.

A SHOCKING DEATH

James Mosgrove Instantly Killed in a Runaway Saturday Near His Home in Alberta.

James Mosgrove met a shocking death near Nanton, Alberta, Saturday afternoon, being instantly killed when thrown from his tuggy by a runaway team.

A telegram announcing the death was all the information received here until Wednesday, when a letter came giving the particulars.

Mr. Mosgrove, in company with Duncan McIntyre, left Nanton for home. Mr. Mosgrove drove a mile out of his way to let Mr. McIntyre out at the home of Johnny McIntyre.

Proceeding on his way homeward, that was the last seen of James Mosgrove alive. The team came tearing home and his son-in-law, Felix Moran, immediately started over the road and found him dead.

He had been thrown from the rig and was doubtless killed instantly, for on examination his neck was found to be broken. He was a powerful man physically but was badly crippled thus making it difficult for him to protect himself in falling.

At the time of his death James Mosgrove was aged 56 years, 8 months and 20 days. He was born in Ireland and came to the United States many years ago. He lived in Colorado before coming to this state. For several years he farmed on the reservation and retired to engage in the mercantile business in this city at the time he and his brothers, Matt and William, incorporated the Athena Mercantile company. Later he purchased a large body of wheat land near Nanton, Alberta, since which time he has resided there.

James Mosgrove was a big man and he had a big, warm heart. In his quiet, inoffensive way he did many a kind turn for his fellow man—deeds that will ever be remembered by those who were benefited by them. He was a Mason, having an honored membership in Dolph Lodge, No. 80, of this city.

Besides brothers and sisters, he leaves a wife and one daughter, Mrs. Felix Moran. The body arrived in Athena yesterday, accompanied by relatives and the funeral, conducted by brother Masons took place this afternoon from the M. E. church.

WHITE FISH COMMIT SUICIDE

A Real Fish Story as Told By "Gith," a Real Fisherman.

There are legions of fish stories, but there is only one real fish story. It is told by Postmaster Githens and the veracity of the tale is vouched for by him, and him only. However, "Gith" is deep in the lore of the finny tribe and when it comes to luring the speckled beauty from his native haunts in the narrow confines of the creek, he carries the banner, as attested by his splendid catch of last Sunday. But to the story:

Down somewhere near Cayuse station, Mr. Githens was strewing the tanks of the stream with squaw fish, suckers and chubs and now and then was adding a fine Rainbow trout to an already fine collection. Finally his attention was directed to a shallow portion of the stream. He beheld a white fish, 15 inches in length, dart head-on against a rock. The fish backed away and again rushed at the rock at quicker speed. Again it retreated and the third time it came at the rock at full speed, struck it fairly and the force of the collision was so great that it was thrown out on the river bank, where it lay for an instant and then fell back into the water and floated off on its back.

It was a clear case of suicide, and whether the fish feared the postmaster's prowess as an angler, or had filled up on Wood's angle worm bait, is unknown.

Bates Coyotes With Eggs.

Donald McDougall, a farmer near Nine Mile, Wash., has found the most successful and practical method of trapping coyotes. Mr. McDougall is running a large incubator and in testing out his hatch about eight weeks ago he had a large bucketful of unfertilized eggs, 10 or 12 dozen, which he buried in the field to prevent his dogs and chickens getting the habit of eating eggs. A few days later he noticed something was digging them up, and having a suspicion it might be coyotes, he carefully buried four steel traps, and the following night was rewarded with one coyote. A few nights later he got another, until he now has trapped eight, an average of one a week.

Christian Church Announcements.

Services will be held as usual next Lord's day at the Christian church. The morning theme will be "The Cost of Prayer." Every Christian should hear this. Services at night promptly at 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend.

PROJECT IS POSSIBLE

Government Men at Work on Scheme for Reclamation of Land West of Hermiston.

Through some work that is being done by the reclamation service in the vicinity of the mouth of Butter creek rumors have become rife that the government is intending to take up an irrigation project on the west side of the Umatilla and covering a large section of the now desert land of Umatilla and Morrow counties, says the East Oregonian.

For a number of weeks past a crew of men under Mr. Copeland, one of the reclamation engineers, has been at work on test pits near the mouth of Butter creek. These pits are being sunk for the purpose of ascertaining the water retaining powers of the land in that locality. Though no information has been given out by the reclamation men it is generally believed by parties familiar with the locality that the land is such that it may be used for reservoir purposes.

According to rumors that are now in circulation the government is investigating the proposition of watering land on the west side of the river with water to be stored in a reservoir at the mouth of Butter creek. If found feasible the Umatilla will be dammed below the mouth of Butter creek and a lake formed extending as far up the stream as Standfield. Lower Butter creek would be converted into a lake.

Should it be possible to store sufficient water by such a proceeding it is argued that the project could be carried out very economically through the fact that no feed canal would be needed. However the land being considered for a reservoir site is valuable and to secure it by purchase or condemnation would mean a heavy expense.

West of the Umatilla river there lies a great arid plain embracing in the neighborhood of 200,000 acres lying in Umatilla and Morrow counties. This is land which came under the original Umatilla project. For a time the reclamation men considered plans for a reservoir in the vicinity of Tub springs but the plans were not carried out but given up temporarily in order to permit of the reclamation of the present Umatilla project. During the past few years the land on the west side of the river has been known as being under the "John Day project." Under this scheme water would be taken from the John Day river above the mouth of Thirty Mile creek and carried across Gilliam county to the thirsty desert. To carry out the John Day scheme would take many millions.

Since the reclamation men have been busy with the test pits at the mouth of Butter creek much speculation has arisen as to the purpose of the movement. It is regarded as entirely probable that the government will abandon the John Day project for the less expensive plan of damming the Umatilla at Butter creek. As to how much land will be reclaimed by the latter scheme little is known. However it is the general belief that upwards of 75,000 acres may be watered.

Should the government proceed with the establishment of a project west of the Umatilla river it will be by far the largest project in this county and the reclamation of the desert land would work untold benefit to the county and especially to the west end.

THE DEADLY GIANT CRACKER

York Dell Held Miniature Bomb a Moment Too Long.

York Dell is nursing a badly lacerated hand, as the result of celebrating a sane Fourth of July at Weuhaha Springs.

York experimented with a giant fire cracker and the miniature bomb exploded in his left hand. The hand was badly lacerated and the shock was so great that little or no feeling was experienced for several hours.

The big cracker had been lighted but failed to explode. York picked it up and converted it into a "fuse," after the manner in which the small fire cracker is sometimes used. Apparently there were two compartments in the big red tube. For an instant brilliant sparks sputtered out and then ceased for an instant. Then followed a terrific explosion. The cracker was blown to atoms and York was in no condition to continue celebrating. The injured hand bled profusely, was immediately dressed and no dangerous results are anticipated.

Congressman Cushman Dead.

Congressman F. W. Cushman of Tacoma, died in New York Tuesday morning. Senator Piles was at the bedside. Pneumonia followed a slight operation on the neck, and he had been critically ill for five days. After the rally Saturday night it was thought he would recover. Hope was not abandoned by the physicians until midnight. He was unconscious from then until death.