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THE HARVEST FIELD

Athena Wheat Tests No. 1, and Yields
Will Be Moderately Fair Con-
sidering Season.

Every sample of the new wheat crop that has been brought to Athena buyers, easily tests No. 1 in quality. The average test this year elings around 60 pounds, the required test for No. 1. wheat being 58 pounds to the bushel. Harvest will not be in full blast until next week, therefore exact lines on what the yield will be cannot at this time be fully determined, but enough grain has been run in to the sack to show that a moderately fair crop, season considered, will result.

Estimates given the Press show that the yield in this vicinity will range from 35 to 50 bushels per acre.

The price at which the bulk of the new crop will be jarred loose, is now the principal topic for discussion. Bluestem advanced two cents in the last week, indicating that the millers will still depend on domestic trade for their output, and that the high price will continue to smother Oriental traffic in flour.

The local market quotation is 85 cents for No. 1 grain. Dollar wheat is heard talked of on all sides and indications lead to the belief that if the raiser is in position to hold, he will get that figure.

Harvest Notes.

Casper Woodward has a field of Hybrid wheat, No. 128, the seed of which was developed at Washington State College, which tests 64 pounds, and is yielding between 30 and 35 bushels.

M. L. Watt's big field of bluestem is free from smut, is yielding 35 bushels per acre and tests 60 pounds.

The Gerking boys are harvesting a 30 bushel crop. Reporting good quality of grain, but some smut.

James Bryan's crop on the light soil, over in "the basin" averaged 20 bushels per acre of plump Dale and bluestem. His variety of good quality, averaged 30 bushels per acre.

Forty-seven bushels per acre is the average in the Kirk field east of town. This is the yield so far as threshing has progressed.

The first car of new hay has been shipped from Union by S. E. Miller and was consigned to the United States reclamation service at Hermiston. The hay was No. 1 timothy and brought \$15 per ton on the car at Union. The hay crop was never better in the Grande Ronde valley and cutting is in full swing.

According to the reports brought to Walla Walla by four tillers of the Eureka Flat soil, the wheat yield on the flat will be phenomenal this year. Almost every field will run not lower than 35 bushels per acre, while many will average as high as 40 and 45 bushels per acre. The farmers in that section are also counting on disposing of their crop at \$1 to \$1.10 per bushel.

Barley raised on the W. E. Singer ranch, a mile west of Waitsburg was reported Saturday to local grain dealers to be yielding 100 bushels to the acre. This eclipses the record yield heretofore reported by nine bushels an acre and is one of the largest yields ever made in the Touchet valley. Numerous eighty bushel yields have been reported within the last few days.

In the lower Touchet valley in the vicinity of Waitsburg and Prescott harvest is well under way, particularly in barley. Near Dayton harvest will commence pretty generally this week. That the valley will produce the largest crop in 15 years is the estimate of the grain dealers.

Wheat on the Dell place is averaging 45 bushels per acre.

Chas. Carpenter harvested over 60 bushels of wheat per acre from a field southeast of town.

Wm. Pinkerton's barley is reported

to be yielding 70 bushels per acre.

The first carload of bluestem, this season's crop, arrived at the mill yesterday. It was shipped from Downing station by M. L. Watt's.

"People Think I'm Pretty."

Publicity Manager Larned E. Meacham of Walla Walla is in receipt of a letter from a girl in a little Oregon town, says the Bulletin, who is seeking a position as clerk in a bakery or waitress in a hotel. In her epistle she states that she is 16 years old, tall, a brunette, and "most people think I am very pretty." Her mother, she also says, is anxious for a position as a chambermaid. The girl is now working in a bakery shop and can stay there all summer, but would like to come to Walla Walla, providing the climate is satisfactory.

DUST, NOT DIRT IN CARS

O. R. & N. Cars Are Disinfected Twice
a Week and Cleaned Daily.

"The O. R. & N. coaches are unquestionably dusty when they pass through Walla Walla, but it is because they are traveling over the dustiest stretch of road in the United States—the line between Starbuck and Pendleton," said C. F. Vandewater, traveling freight and passenger agent of [the company]. Mr. Vandewater was discussing the recent criticism made by a traveling man regarding the condition of the coaches. "The dirt is clean dirt—or dust," said Mr. Vandewater. The coaches are disinfected twice a week and are mopped out every night. They are cleaned at each end of the line, the dirt and dust being blown out of them by a compressed air machine.

"Between division points the passengers, who eat fruit, may throw the refuse on the floor, but it is removed at each end of the line and the cars are given a thorough cleaning. "We cannot clean the coaches at each city, because the passengers would object to the dust raised. "We cannot help the dust in the cars, because of the country through which we pass, but the cars are not filthy."

REDS ROUND UP CAYUSES

Buyers Will Ship Umatilla Ponies To
Montana.

Hundreds of Indian cayuses now roaming the ranges of the Umatilla reservation are to be rounded up this week and shipped to Montana. Buyers expect to take the animals out by train load. The roundup commenced Monday morning and will probably consume the entire week, as the cayuses are scattered over thousands of acres.

The big drive is under the personal direction of Gilbert Minthorn, one of the best-known and prominent young Indians on the reservation. He will be assisted by about 100 Indian cowboys, thus making it one of the picturesque events of the year for the local reservation. The roundup will not be as large as it would have been, however, had not last year's winter's severe cold spell, killed many of the horses.

The animals will be gathered together at different points, notably Upper McKay Creek and Thorne Hollow, and will then be brought down to the big Mission corrals.

DECLINES "BURIAL ALIVE"

Former Umatilla Indian Agent to Re-
fuse New Post.

Major A. E. McFatrige, recently dismissed as agent of the Umatilla Indian reservation and transferred to the Grande Ronde reservation in western Oregon, has returned to Pendleton and announced that he would not accept the proffered position. He said he spent two hours at Grande Ronde agency and intimated that he would not spend that much time there again. He explained that there are only 48 Indians on the reservation under the government care, that the place is out of civilization and that there is nothing for a man to do and no place for his family to live. "They can't bury me while I am alive," were the words he used to express his opinion of the position offered him.

Freewater Bank.

Freewater is about to have a new bank. Messrs. Wilson and Nicolay, capitalists from Iowa, are in that city this week and have about decided to establish a banking institution, both in Freewater and Milton. They are favorably impressed with the possibilities of the valley as a center for banking operations. While there they interviewed all the business men and all the fruitmen and ranchers that they could reach, receiving enough substantial encouragement to justify them in massing their capital in that section.

RACE TRACK MAYBE

Naturally a Convenient Ball Park and
Commodious Fair Grounds
Would be Included.

There is again talk of securing grounds for a race track at Athena. A couple of years ago the matter was before the public and died out. This time the question comes up in entirely different form.

The proposition now is to form a joint stock company for the purchase of a 10-acre tract, adjoining the city park on the south, which would be devoted to a race track, base ball grounds, amphitheatre, stables, exhibition pavilion etc.

The prime object, of course, would be to hold a fair each fall, but inclusively the project embraces the possibility of giving Athena good base ball during the regular season and also affords a convenient place for other sports during picnics, holidays, celebrations, etc.

A good speed way would be liberally patronized by horsemen of Athena and Weston. In this section it is to be found just as well bred light harness and running stock as anywhere in the Northwest and all that is wanted in developing is a good track on which the stock can be worked out and properly trained.

Several influential Athena men have taken up the matter and the enterprise has already assumed proportions of a possibility.

SELL GRAIN GROSS WEIGHT

Farmers Refuse to Buy Sacks and Then
Be Docked.

At a meeting in Walla Walla the farmers' union ratified the action of Pullman convention, agreeing to sell no wheat except at gross weight, that is, including the weight of the sack, and, further, it chose H. H. McLean, president of the Walla Walla local, as agent for southeastern Washington in marketing the crop.

Relative to the first proposition, H. D. G. Cox, state organizer, said:

"This is an important step. Heretofore we have always been docked one pound for the weight of the sacks, but we will not in future sell under that condition. We were compelled to buy the sack of the grain men and then give it back to them; in fact, we were compelled to give them one quarter of a pound to take it back, for the sack weighs but three-quarters, while we were docked a full pound. "The saving to the farmer of Washington if this practice were followed would be not less than 40,000, and in a prosperous year, such as this, might run to 50,000 or over."

INDIAN INCIDENT OF 1855

"Bill" Woodward Tells of Skirmish On
McKay Creek.

Uncle "Bill" Woodward, pioneer Indian fighter and scout, would like to know the whereabouts of Bill Rexford and Silas Price, Indian war veterans, who participated in the war of 1855.

The old scout called at the Press office Monday, and being in a reminiscent mood, related an incident that took place on the banks of McKay Creek near Pendleton on a moonlight night in the year above mentioned.

Woodward, Price, Rexford, and Francis J. D. Wolff, who died recently at Caldwell, Idaho, were detailed from the camp, where Echo now stands on a scouting expedition. Coming on a big band of Indians on the banks of McKay Creek, Woodward and Wolff went forward to parley with the redskins.

Rexford and Price mounted on mules, remained in the rear. The Indians were obdurate, and began whooping, whereupon the mules, carrying their riders stampeded on the back trail, and Wolff's horse stepped in a badger hole. The rider became entangled in a lariat and both horse and man lay prone on the ground, with the Indians preparing to give chase. Woodward dashed back and extricated his companion, thus saving his life, for the Indians followed them, until nearly daybreak, when their designs were frustrated by the arrival of the old Walla Walla trail of a Hudson Bay pack train which the redmen mistook for a reinforcement of troops, and promptly decamped.

The ranks of these old Indian fighters have been depleted by time's reaper and Mr. Woodward would like to know whether Rexford and Price are still alive.

Barnett-Maynard.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Barnett, 541 Tillamook street, on Wednesday evening, July 14th, says the Portland Oregonian, when their son, Arthur Rex Barnett, was united in

marriage to Hazel Genevieve Maynard daughter of C. E. Maynard, of Colton, Wash., by the Rev. E. S. Muckley, formerly pastor of the First Christian Church. Mendelssohn's march was rendered by Mrs. Lena Chambers. The bride was attired in an empire gown of white crepe de chine, with panels of hand embroidery and veil, with a crescent of pearls. The bride was given away by her foster mother, Mrs. M. E. Chambers, with whom she has lived the past eight years. The porch was canvassed in and decorated with Chinese lanterns and ferns and crimson ramblers. The wedding was followed by a reception with 100 guests present. "O Promise Me" and "I Love You Truly" were rendered by Mrs. F. C. Jones. The groom is a graduate of the 1907 class, Oregon Agricultural College, was captain of Company B, of the O. A. C. Cadets. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett departed for Seattle and other points on the Sound.

LAD'S NECK BEARS HALF-TON

Wheel Pins' Child's Neck to Ground
Until Father Lifts Wagon.

In a runaway at Waitsburg Roy Casey, six year old son of I. D. Casey, proprietor of the Casey poultry farm was thrown from a wagon and caught and held with his neck under the front wheel. That the little boy escaped death is considered miraculous. For several seconds, according to Mr. Casey who was driving when the team ran away, the boy's head was held under the vehicle, the wheel resting on his neck.

Swerving into a fence while running at a frightful speed, the team turned sharply throwing the youngster from the rig. The wagon "cramped" with the boys head under the wheel and the father horror stricken was powerless to turn the team. Finally he jumped from the wagon and succeeded in lifting the heavy load from the neck of his son.

Then he turned to the boy expecting to pick up his lifeless form from the ground. But the plucky lad gave a little groan, rubbed his head and rolled out from under the wagon, unable to talk audibly as a result of the excessive weight, and with a deep gash across the back of his head. "Drive me to town father I want some candy" were the first words the boy whispered confidentially in Mr. Casey's ear. The father believes the back and contents weighed half a ton.

HILL MAY BUILD IN OREGON

To Purchase Oregon and Pacific
Eastern.

With what the Oregonian says comes to it with a fair degree of authenticity and from a man possessing minor railroad interests in Oregon, as a groundwork, that paper publishes an article in which the forecast is made that James J. Hill is about to embark in extensive railroad construction in Oregon, and perhaps into California.

The alleged scheme embraces the purchase of the Oregon Trunk, a parallel line to the Deschutes road now under construction by the Harriman system into central Oregon, and of the Pacific & Eastern railroad, a short road running from Medford, Ore., into the Cascade mountains. This latter road, indirectly, is an asset of the defunct Oregon Trust and Savings bank of Portland, and from a source closely connected with the bank it is learned, the paper states, that negotiations are pending for its sale. It is also stated by the Oregonian that Porter Bros., owners of the Oregon Trunk survey, were in close touch with John F. Stevens, formerly chief engineer of the Panama canal, said now to be in the employ of the Hill interests and who has been in Oregon for some time under an assumed name.

Dr. J. F. Reddy of Medford, who has reorganized the Pacific & Eastern, is quoted by the Oregonian as admitting that he spent several days in going over his company's lines with Mr. Stevens.

Cyrus Langley, Aged 80.

Cyrus Langley, aged 80 years, died at his residence in Walla Walla Sunday afternoon. He is survived by a wife and three children—two sons, William and J. C. Langley, and Mrs. D. C. Dunlavy—all of that city. The funeral was held from the family residence Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. J. C. Reid officiating. The remains were interred in the city cemetery. Mr. Langley came to Walla Walla in 1858.

Baptist Church Notes.

Services as usual Sunday at the Baptist church. In the evening Pastor Ryder will speak on the miracles of Jesus, illustrated by magnificent pictures. Every one made welcome. The usual offering will be taken.

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