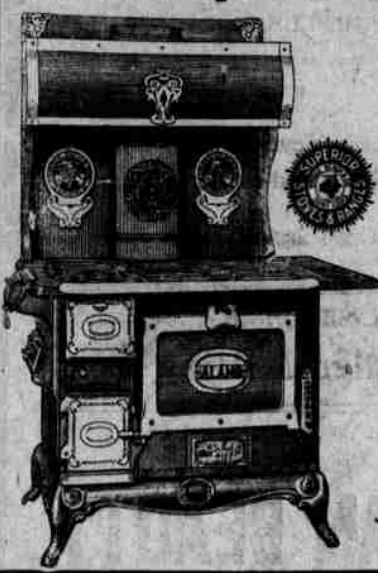


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AN \$80,000 LOSS FROM GRAIN FIRES

NEARLY 2500 ACRES BURNS IN WALLA WALLA VALLEY.

David Ferris' Crop Included In List of Sunday's Grain Field Conflagrations.

Almost 2,500 acres of grain, valued at approximately \$80,000, was destroyed in the Walla Walla valley between noon Sunday and four o'clock Monday afternoon, despite the efforts of hundreds of men and horses in backfiring, plowing and in wading wet sacks. The total loss for that period is said to have broken all previous grain fire records in the valley. There were three separate fires, two Sunday, one near Walla Walla and one at Wellsburg, and one Monday on the Coyle, Ferris and Loney places. Monday evening the acreage of turned wheat lands was estimated as follows:

Ennis estate, 1,020 acres; Ed McGaw 400; Dave Ferris, 350; James Archer, 300; John Miller, 100; Coyle Bros., 100; W. Williams, 70; Henry Zuger, 60; Samuel Loney, 40, and Henry Lee, 35 acres, totaling 2,475 acres destroyed.

News of the Ennis fire first reached Walla Walla Sunday afternoon about 1 o'clock when the dense smoke could be plainly seen. Scores of automobiles rushed to the scene and witnessed the costly conflagration, which was an appalling sight, and of which many pictures were taken.

Altogether about 1020 acres were reported destroyed. The wheat was said to be about 50 bushels yield and was insured at 45 bushels per acre and at a price averaging around 70 cents.

There was a light wind blowing Sunday afternoon and as an engine county road near the state penitentiary, it is claimed a spark set the straw afire and that this was the cause of the Ennis fire. The fire at times was a mile in width.

Starting from a threshing outfit on the Samuel Loney place west of Walla Walla, another grain fire ate up about 500 acres of wheat on the Loney, Dave Ferris Henry Lee and Coyle Brothers' places. Most of the Ferris wheat had already been threshed by a combine and was burned lying distributed about the field in the sack. Hard work stopped this fire in time to save several other big fields.

About the same time the Ennis wheat was burning Sunday the fire above Prescott was reported. This was supposed to have started from a straw stack fire which occurred on Saturday.

JAMES B. P. WOODRUFF DEAD

After Few Days Illness with Pneumonia, Dies at Two Rivers Home.

James B. Woodruff, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tompkins, of this city, died at his home at Two Rivers, Wash., Monday, after a short illness from pneumonia.

Mr. Woodruff, ordinarily a man of powerful physique, some time ago contracted rheumatism while working in a well. He apparently recovered from the attack, and was then taken with a severe cold which rapidly developed into pneumonia and resulted in his death in a few days.

Mr. Tompkins and daughter, Mrs. Arthur Coppock were present at the end. The deceased leaves a wife and three children. He was developing a fruit ranch, and was known as an honest, upright, hardworking man.

The remains were brought to this city Wednesday. Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Episcopal church at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. Gornall.

James B. P. Woodruff, son of Wm. and Annie Woodruff, was born June 13, 1870, in the state of New Jersey. On November 23, 1901, he was united in marriage with Clara J. Tompkins. For the last seven years he has made his home at Two Rivers, Wash. He died at the age of 44 years, 1 month and 7 days. He was clean in his habits, attractive in temperament and held high moral ideals, and was a loving husband and father. He is survived by his wife and three children, a mother, four brothers and four sisters.

Knives Drinking Spouse.

Mrs. Carl Davis is in the women's ward at the city jail in Walla Walla, and George Wether is held as a witness as the result of an attack with a knife on Davis by Mrs. Davis on Main street in that city Saturday night. Scores of people saw the attack. From the story told the police Mrs. Davis entered a saloon on Main street where her husband was drinking and asked him to come outside and a crowd gathered. Evidently Davis would not go home for suddenly the woman attacked him with a pocket knife, gashing him in the neck and shoulders and also wounding another. Wether, the witness, grabbed her hands to protect the other and he says she stabbed at him twice.

The "Big Three" Who Will Try to Lift America's Cup



Photo by American Press Association. HERE they are, the "big three" who will endeavor to take the America's cup away from Uncle Sam. Left to right the men are: Sir Thomas Lipton, owner of the challenger, Shamrock IV; Designer Nicholson and W. P. Burton, skipper of the challenger. Burton is said to be the best amateur sailor in Great Britain. The Shamrock IV has proved exceptionally fast in her trial heats, and a thrilling series of contests off Sandy Hook in September is promised.

JOCK COLEMAN IN NEW STUNT

Takes Up Harvest Job on Farm Near Pilot Rock.

Jock Coleman can do other things besides dance and sing songs about the bonnie lassies is evident from his present employment, says the Pilot Rock Record. When he came up to the Scotch picnic at Athena some time ago he was invited to the McDonald ranch below town.

There the clans gathered and many a song was sung while feet kept time to the instruments. In a bustling manner Jock asked Dan McDonald for a job in harvest, and Dan, thinking he was joking, promised him he might shovel smoke on the hoe down.

The banter was kept up and Jock stuck around until harvest commenced. Jock finally convinced Dan he was in earnest—that he really wanted to get out in the field and harden his muscles again. He said he did not want so easy herb, but desired to be placed with the rest of the men and not be treated as a guest. When Dan finally realized his guest was in earnest he informed him his wish would be complied with to the letter. So if you wander out to the McDonald ranch and find a man on the combine with a tuft in his tongue who looks like a peeled onion with red stripes down the cheeks, you may know that is the Scotch comedian, Jock Coleman.

If you cannot quite locate him, ask who the chap is running the header part of the machine and you will find the lost comedian. Mr. Coleman has an engagement on a voodoo circuit this fall and believes there is nothing like a little hot and manual labor to put one in condition.

Jobbers Will Entertain.

Oregon merchants will be entertained by the jobbers and manufacturers of Portland August 10 to 15, during Buyers' Week, when the buyers of merchandise and supplies from all over the Pacific Northwest will be gathered in Portland to make their annual purchases. Banquets, luncheons, receptions, a smoker and automobile rides about the city are on the program. The underlying purpose of Buyers' Week is to develop the buy-at-home spirit, not only as applies to Portland, but to every community of the Pacific Northwest.

"Peck's Bad Boy."

Dr. Plamondon reports an 8-12 pound boy out at Harry McBride's ranch. The youngster arrived early Sunday morning, July 19, since which time he has been the central attraction of the family, and more especially of "Peck," who has christened the little fellow, Nate Edward McBride, and avers he will put a head on the first person who attempts to nickname the lad.

Tot Lost in Woods.

After wandering, lost in the mountains for two nights and two days, but guarded by a faithful shepherd dog, the little two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Paterson, of Burns, was found by searchers up to her arm pits in a pool of water and near death from exhaustion. The little tot had wandered 12 miles from the camp of her parents, 17 miles northwest of Burns.

SPECIAL ELECTION FOR SCHOOL BONDS

RICHARDS AND HAWKS ELECTED MEMBERS OF BOARD.

Morris, Brothers, Successful Bidders at 5 Per Cent. Carrying Optional Conditions.

B. B. Richards and Byron N. Hawks were elected members of the Athena school board at a meeting held Monday afternoon. Their election is to fill the unexpired terms of E. E. Kootna and Henry Koepke, resigned. The third member of the board is M. I. Watts.

The new board at once took up the matter of providing the district with a new school building and equipment, with the result that it has already accepted a bid for a \$50,000 bond issue, subject to confirmation by the tax-paying voters of the district at a special election for which legal notices will be posted, the election to be held 30 days after posting of notices. The notices will probably be posted tomorrow.

Morris Brothers, of Portland, Oregon, were the successful bidders for the proposed bond issue, bidding against four other bonding companies. Their bid, as accepted by the board, is at 5 per cent, with 10 year option of redemption.

Murder and Attempted Suicide.

Mrs. Ada Mountain, wife of Walter Mountain, a bartender of Pendleton and former pitcher for the Pendleton team of the Tri State League, was shot and instantly killed at Passo Sunday morning at 3 o'clock by a dishwasher and sandwich vendor known as Jake Sentinel, who shot himself in the abdomen after killing the woman. He is still alive, with little chance of surviving. The motive of the crime is believed to have been jealousy, as it is said the man was madly intoxicated with his victim. The tragedy occurred in a tent near the depot. The slayer left a letter asking that "in case of his death," be buried next to his mother in Walla Walla. He also asked his brothers and sisters to forgive his rash deed stating he could not help it.

Poisoned Bran Stops Hoppers.

Poisoned bran mash is the most satisfactory remedy under Central Oregon conditions for grasshoppers according to Prof. H. E. Wilson, who has just returned from a successful campaign against grasshoppers in Klamath county. Its materials are cheap, easily put together, easily applied and the poison is quite effective. The only exceptions to the success of the treatment is with the hoppers that are in the moulting stage and refuse to eat much of anything. As most successfully used in the recent raid, the mash was prepared as follows: Bran, 50 pounds; paris green or white arsenic, 2 pounds; salt, 1 pound; syrup 1 quart; lemon extract, 1 ounce; water to make a thoroughly soaked mixture.

TWO NEW FEATURES ENTER THE MARKET

CHICAGO PRICE SOARS, BUT IS OFFSET BY FOREIGN TONE.

"Europe Holds off," Come the Usual Wail From Portland Dealers In Grain.

Two elements have been sprung during the week, that will have a tendency to create action in the wheat market. Black rust and heat, spoiled the Chicago outlook for even an average yield in the Spring crop belt, and made the market tend to soar.

Chicago also admits for the first time that all prospect for a big crop of wheat this year in the Northwest was gone. Experts contend that the yield in Minnesota and the Dakotas will prove to be far below normal. On the other hand, there is high authority for an opinion that notwithstanding a big loss in general from what had been hoped for, the Spring wheat harvest would yet equal an average, although some sections would be hit hard.

Portland buyers coincide with the Chicago view but whip their old argument over, to the effect that wheat is not firm in Europe. They say that a local cargo was sold at 55¢, which means that shippers there could pay 75 cents for club and 80 cents for fortyfold, then they relate that farmers, particularly in the Umatilla and Walla Walla sections, are asking 2 to 3 cents over these prices, with the result that business is still on a limited scale. They deplore the fact that red wheat is also being held firmly by the growers, "though there is no foreign demand for it."

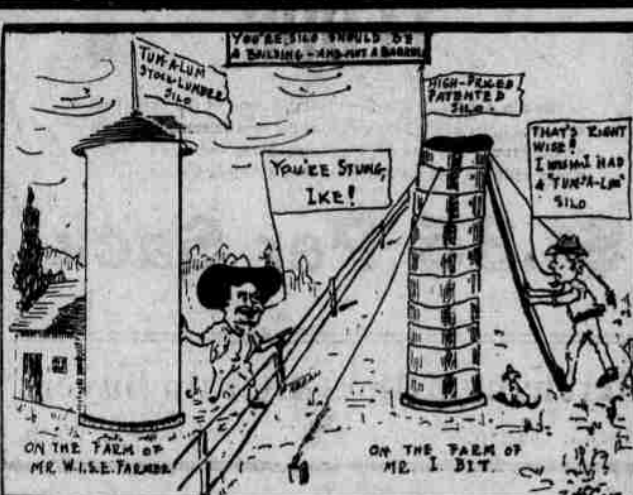
A part of the advance in the East was due, apparently, to unfavorable crop reports from Russia which for several days have been more or less a factor in the market. A London correspondent of the Northwestern Miller says:

"Market tendencies for the balance of the campaign depend, apart from crop sources, on the actual consumptive necessities of Europe and the present downward trend of prices is probably open to the influence of a natural reaction. The question of supply is still the main factor in the situation and there is no actual increase in the world's reserves. Indeed, the total quantity in sight in the United Kingdom added to the American visible, only gives a total of 5,418,000 quarters, as against 11,473,000 a year ago. Advances from Paris state that, owing to the deficiency in French crops, it will be necessary to purchase large quantities of North American wheat."

Some business is being worked in new crop export flour, but the volume of trade so far has been small and millers claim they do not look for any material increase in the near future.

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