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COUNTY RED CROSS Walter Pierce Deals With Farmer Problems

Walter M. Pierce, speaking before the Chautauqua at Gladstone, Satur- Information To day morning, dealt with "Farmers Problems," Lack of profits made, high taxes and lack of modern conveniences were given, as some of the difficulties which the farmers of In his address he said, in part:

farmer is this:

budget. He is in a position like that located at Medford, Bend, Klamath receipts, bringing the sum to \$2,of many nations in Europe; his ex- Falls, Pendleton, and Ontario. penses are too big for his income. the standards of living. It means road maps covering Oregon, Washgiving up the few little conveniences ington, California, and Idaho. Of that we have provided in our country this number fully 100,000 have alhomes, in fact, the things that are ready been distributed. The bureau generally considered necessities of also has for distribution maps and

"It takes four and one-half bushels sections of Oregon, but carries maps of wheat to make a barrel of flour. and data covering Yellowstone Park, that wheat will bring the farmer to- Rainier National Park, Glacier Natday about \$4. If made into bread it ional Park, the Yosemite and other will make 260 loaves, which will cost attractions, and is in position genthe consumer \$26. Too much money erally to direct tourists to any sechas disappeared in transportation and profits. That bushel of wheat has cost the average farmer \$1.25 if he its activities by the erection of pictallows even 5 per cent interest upon orial signs covering various scenic the assessed value of the land.

tween the producer and the real con- and a picture of Mt. Hood in its sumer.

taxes demanded from him. The as-sessed value of all farm land im- "American Alps" on the Lincoln provements, cattle, sheep and all oth- Highway east of Salt Lake, and Walis almost \$400,000,000. This is just highway east of Pocatello, Idaho. These farms with the cattle and 58 per cent of the taxes. Is it fair? | tions. More than 50 per cent of rental value today of Oregon's cases the economic rent of a farm is not enough to nav the taxes.

\"Today more than one half of Oregon's wealth is hidden away in safe-

Many Tourists

Literally thousands of tourists are the country are facing and must ov- availing themselves monthly of the contributing memberships \$50 and ercome before the drift back to the free tourist information service of sustaining memberships \$20, making farm from the city can be secured. the Oregon Tourist and Information a total of \$2,518. Of this, \$1,230 was Bureau which maintains, in addition remitted to the Northwest division "The first great problem of the to the main office in Portland, five leaving \$1,288. Added to this are dobranch bureaus in as. many sections nations, contributions, sales of mer-"He cannot balance his annual of the state. The branch offices are The bureau has had printed for

spots of Oregon. The signs, which "A finished steer, weighing 1000 are painted in the highest type of the nounds, costs a cattle raiser \$80. sign painters art, are ten feet high That steer has sold during the last and fifty feet long. One sign loca-12 months for about \$60. In other ted on the most traveled road near words, the cattle that have been sold Los Angeles shows Crater Lake in ciation, F. R. Marshall, secretary of in the Portland stock yards in the all its magnificence; the Oregon the wool growers' association says: last 12 months haveb een sold at a Caves, with their splendid mystery loss to the cattle raiser, provided the are shown on a sign on the "Coast" cattleman is allowed 5 per cent in- road connecting San Francisco and terest on the assessed value of his Los Angeles and is located near Belproperty. This steer has probably mont; the Columbia River Highway cost the consumer about \$150. Too is shown on a sign erected on the licly explain how the trade is justi-

snowy splendor is shown on the \$4." "The next great problem for the Yellowstone Trail east of Walla Walfarmer is the excessive amount of la; the Blue and Wallowa Mountains er personal property on the farms lown Lake is shown on the main

sheep, pay 40 per cent of all taxes. Reserve Bank of Portland, accompan-Money assessed pays less than 2 per led by G. M. Rice, J. W. Maloney and cent of the taxes, as the assessed J. B. McCook, Pendleton bankers, value of all money, notes and ac- was in the city Tuesday, and visited eral services were held at the home counts in Oregon is only \$21,000,000. the local banks. Mr. Greenwood was of Samuel Pambrun, brother of the counts in Oregon is only stronger the local canks. Mr. Greenwood was deceased, Saturday, July 1, and in- land sections that a few years ago wheat is shown this season. The fam- gon 4½ per cent highway bonds; tery.

Shepherdess" one of the best pictures week. He estimates the yield at 15 isolated instances from 30 to 35 properts are fully normal. Therefore 020. bushels per acre.

Following is a report of the Umatilla County Red Cross chapter as given in Monday's East Oregonian. The head office is calling in from the various branches, their revolving funds, and asking that each branch assist in increasing the amount in the treasury by any available means. Expenditures made to meet the de mands for aid in the county are said

to exceed the receipts in the amount of \$4,383.47, during the past year. Annual memberships total \$2,448 chandise, interest and miscellaneous

104.57. penses are too big for his income. Reduction of expenses means lowering free distribution this section, 175,000 \$604.78; for civilian work, \$1,351.39; production, \$147.05; salaries, \$2, 587.20; auto expenses, \$657.58; stationary and printing, \$383.15; tele-phone and telepraph, \$236.65; postage, \$98.08; general administration, literature covering not only various \$74,10; miscellaneous, \$194.68, and suspense, \$103.68, showing the excess expense over revenue to be \$4. 333.47.

WHEAT GROWERS ASKING CLOTHIERS TO EXPLAIN

The National Wool Growers Asso ciation has issued a challenge to the National Association of Retail Clothiers to present the full facts in regard to their statement that the proposed tariff on wool would increase the price of a suit of clothing \$5. In a letter to the clothiers' asso "We object to your published statement that the proposed duties justify an increase of \$5 in the price of the average ready-made suit. We ask you to modify this statement or pubmuch money has disappeared be- Yellowstone Trail east of Spokane, fied in using a possible \$1 of added costs to secure additional profits of

> DEATH OF PETER PAMBRUN Among other items crowded out of last week's Press on acconut of the Linotype being out of commission,

was the announcement of the death Herbert Greenwood of the Federal deceased was aged 77 years, and for many years had resided on a farm the production for the section will the east end of the county. No apolsouth of Athena. He is survived by two sons and two daughters. Fun-



complished, the Nation-wide organi-

zation will then have 371 stores in all.

The present expansion policy of the

company contemplates still more

stores next year. The growth of the company has

been remarkable. The first store was

Holds That Umatilla Wheat Isn't **Materially Damaged--Normal Yield Will Be Harvested**

opened twenty years ago, 1902, do Hyman H. Cohen, crop expert of ing a business of \$28,898.11. Last ing through Umatilla county on an gross volun- of sales amounted to forecast will show a material reduc-\$46,641,925,20. inspection trip, has the following to say of the crop prospects:

Some persons have been "spoofing" themselves or the general public chairman of the board of directors. when they have allowed themselves to speak of Umatilla county having

INSTALLS BURGLAR ALARM a serious crop loss this season. Such loss appears to be more of the mind than an actual fact. I have traveled Lock company burglar alarm system the damage, not only of the recent from one end of the county to the in the Kirst National Bank. The in- heat wave, but of previous unfavorother-from the east to the west, and stallation of this modern alarm sys- able conditions. from the north to the south, with tem made it necessary to move the mingling of directions. I find no big bank safe into the vault from the Illinois is largely completed in the such loss in the wheat crop as some counting room. Mr. Goodmansen is southern counties, and is now behave reported, and as some would being assisted in the installation by coming general over central portions. like the public to believe. Scott Fisher. Umatilla county will not, or can-

not, duplicate the crop of 1921, sim- few years ago will be seen but few stage, and to some extent to rust and ply because it is not likely that such times in this section. Instead of be- insect impairment, reports indicate ing the rule as during a few years spotted condition and less favorable a crop will ever be duplicated in the ago, the 15 bushel average will be county or anywhere else.

Oregon's banner wheat crop pro- an extreme rarity. ducer will grow a big crop of the Over in the Pilot Rock section, cereals for 1922, but the totals will where strenuous efforts were made a result of the recent heat and dry be slightly below those of 1921, al- by interested persons to show me weather. Many fields with straw for though still somewhat in excess of that the crop had gone to the bow- 30 bushels will yield about 10 bushels the average for many years past. I wows, examination showed an out- of shriveled wheat. There is pracmake this statement without qualifi- look that is far in excess of the nor- tically no contracting of new wheat cation, excepting the possibility of a mal, although still somewhat below by farmers. calamity such as might yipe out the the perfect crop of 1921. There is a mixed appearance in the wheat culture estimates that the hot weathcrop in a day or so.

Last year's crop cannot be dupli- fields of the Pilot Rock section. The er reduced the total yield for the cated, simply because the crop of '21 good fields predominate, although state 8 million bushels, making the was perfect in every detail-from the there is quite a respectable showing present forecast 36 million bushels. day the seed was planted until the of fields that indicate that the stool- Extensive shriveling of the berry recrop was in the warehouses. It would ing was too light and that more or sulted from the recent heat wave in therefore, be idle, in fact unfair to less harm had been done by weather Kansas. The extent of the damage compare the 1922 crop or any other conditions when the wheat was em- has not been determined. Harvestseason with 1921, simply because per- erging from the soft dough. That is ing is general in the southern and fect crops are such a rarity that the critical time for wheat and it is middle counties. their duplication cannot be figured then, generally, that a hot wind or

upon with any degree of assurance. two will inflict much damage, there- spell of three to four week's dura-While last season the west end of by cutting down the average output. tion in some places has been severely tary Smith, Roy W. Ritner and H. Umatilla county-the light land sec- Barley crop will be about an aver- cutting the wheat prospects. Foretion-produced a perfect crop, this age production for the Pilot Rock casts of yields are being reduced, and

season the west end has a crop that section, although wheat appears to in many places rains are needed soon is only better than the normal. In be the nominal cereal this season. about the same amount of money as is on deposit in the banks in Oregon. SURVEY FINANCIAL CONDITION hospital in Pendleton, June 29th. The to be scant, but taking the average gram, no reflection is meant against

compare favorably with what is us- ogy is needed for that section east of ually considered a rather good pro- Pendleton to the Walla Walla and ing in Portland a total of \$1,141,697,-Washington state line. Up through 37 in road improvement bonds. Of duction. Some of the crops of the semi-light Sax and Adams the normal crop of these \$1,000,000 are state of Ore-

all other kinds of property pay only ascertaining general financial condi- terment took place in Athena ceme- would have been considered as un- ous Umatilla reservation, the Athe- \$91,000 are Clackamas county 5 per usually liberal when the output was na and Weston sections, all have cent road bonds; \$44,000 are Dougaround 15 bushels per acre, this sea- good prospects, but all below the las county 41/2 per cent road bonds,

son will show in many instances as perfect crop of 1921. The loss in the and \$6697.37 are city of Rainier 6 Anita Stewart, alyays a favorite in the line outfit will begin harvesting his isolated instances the output will much less than many had believed. Sale of this issue will bring the the tomorrow night in "The Fighting crop on the Pine Creek ranch, next reach 30 bushels, and even in more Up Milton and Freewater way the state's indebtedness up to \$33,884,bushels. The 15-bushel average of a there is no need for alarm.



Government July

prospects for June 1.

Winter wheat in Nebraska suffered

In the Pacific northwest a hor, dry

SELL BIG BOND ISSUE

The state highway commission is

offering for sale at its July 25 meet-

to save the crops.

The Blue Mountain Highway meeting and banquet at Weston Saturday was a success beyond the expectation Wheat Forecast of its sponsors. Seventy-four delegates were present from various

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towns and cities of the Inland Em-There is little doubt now that the pire, when sixty was the largest the Portland Journal, after travel- year, 1921, it had 312 stores and the government's July wheat production number hoped for. One hundred quet, at which Weston Mountain potion from the June report. Private tatoes and strawberries were an Mr. J. C. Penney, the founder of estimates run as much as 52 million the viands served. Mutual delight the company, is still active in the below the June figure of 607 million was expressed by the guests and affairs of the organization, being bushels for winter wheat. A severe hosts over the entire affair, which heat wave lasting for two to three was arranged by the Weston Comweeks was responsible for most of mercial club and the Weston mounthe trouble. Threshing returns of tain Community club.

It developed at the meeting that there is widespread interest in and approval of the proposed connection of northern Union and northern Umatilla counties by building a Winter wheat and rye harvest in highway on the Elgin-Weston route: that the courts of both these counties will aid the undertaking with suitable approaches, and that the Due to the adverse effects of the mid-Forest Service is favorably disposed June heat wave during the filling toward helping the road, which tra-verses part of the Wenaha National forest.

> The Blue Mountain Highway Association was organized, and the following officers elected:

severely both in yield and quality as Col. Paul H. Weyrauch of Walla Walla, president; Lee B. Tuttle of Elgin, first vice president; E. M. Smith of Weston, secretary and treasurer; Roy W. Ritner of Pendleton, M. L. Watts of Athena, J. O. Hales of Adams, A. F. Alexander of The Missouri state board of agri-Walla Walla, H. S. Murray of Freewater, R. E. Bean of Umapine, H. M. Cockburn of Milton, J. M. Richards of Stanfield, C. W. Metz of Weston Mountain, Philip H. Dater of Portland, F. H. Moes of Helix, S. A. Barnes of Weston, vice presidents.

It was decided that the active direction of the association's work be vested in an executive committee of five, to consist of President Weyrauch, Vice President Tuttle, Secre-M. Cockburn.

Delegates in attendance were: Athena-M. L. Watts, E. C. Rogers C. L. McFadden, O. O. Stephens, F. S. LeGrow, Fred Ratdke, M. W. Hansell

Adams-J. T. Lieuallen.

Elgin-S. E. Harris, G. E. Smith, A. J. Patton, E. C. Gettings, C. A. Galloway, E. A. Bailey, C. E. Bean and Lee Tuttle.

Freewater-H. S. Murray, J. W. Chaunalt and R. E. Gleason. Milton-D. Demaris, G. W. Miller, H. M. Cockburn and W. C. McKin-

Pendleton-J. V. Tallman, R. W. Ritner, E. B. Aldrich, G. A. Hartman, S. A. Lowell, I. M. Schannep, Fred Bennion, Lee Shannon, J. C. Kuhns, C. I. Barr, Frank Saling, Ernest Crockatt.

ty deposit boxes and investments First National has prod that the assessor cannot find. One son, Sunday night an R. C. production half of the burden at least should be "Shams of Society" will be screened. taken from real estate and placed Good comedy will be on both pro-

upon intangible property, most of grams, which has fixed dividend. This should be done in the form of an income tax.

POWER LINEMAN KILLED

"Oregon has increased in popula-W. N. Thompson, a lineman in the tion 16 per cent in the last 10 years. employ of the Pacific Power and Assessed value has increased in the Light company, was electrocuted at same time 20 per cent. State taxes State Line station Tuesday, while in the same period have increased doing work on the trolley system 521 per cent. Total taxes of all kinds of the Walla Walla Valley Railway company. Thompson was working on have increased 243 per cent. "Six years ago we had no state a pole when in some way he received

bonds, Today we are the heaviest the heavy voltage currents. bonded state in the Union if wealth and population are considered.

"We have a total bonded debt authorized and issued, in the state and its subdivisions, of \$188,000,000.

"Another problem that is promininterest that must be paid for moncy borrowed. The farms of Oregon are mortgaged today for over \$88,- Mr. Ferguson.

000,000 and until very recently the farmers were paying an average interest of more than 8 per cent. The John Walter will run his threshing than \$25,000,000. Short term cred- a neighbor's machine. its for harvest and contingencies are still an important problem."

THE WAYFARER

24 to 29,

REPLACES MOWER

Elmer Ferguson was down from his mountain ranch Wednesday and purchased a new mower from Watts & "Another problem that is promin-ent in nearly every farm home is the rowed from a neighbor and smashed up in a runaway. The mountain hay

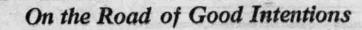
crop is about normal, according to

WILL RUN MACHINE

attempt of the money changers to outfit this year. Last year Mr. Wal have the federal farm loan act de- ter did not pull his separator into clared unconstitutional has probably the field, on account of the labor cost the farmers of Oregon more problem, but used his caterpillar with

RIVER CROPS GOOD

Crops of all kinds along both sides of the Umatilla river are exception-Eight thousand people will take ally good this year, including wheat, part in presenting "The Wayfarer," cern and potatoes. Excellent crop Scattle's spectacular pageant July prospects are reported from the south side of the river.





NINE POSTOFFICES nounced examinations to secure a list Cecil, district forester. of eligibles for postmaster for the

following named offices in Oregon, the applications to be filed by July 15: Arlington, Canby, Grass Valley, Monmouth, Monroe, Powers, Prairie City, Sherwood and Umatilla. These C Burlingsond L T. Converted are all third class offices.

TO ADVERTISE NORTHWEST Confident that the Northwest is Confident that the Northwest is going to have a remarkable develop-ment during the next few years, of the block of the Northern Panelin suit Moore and C. H. Peach. ficials of the Northern Pacific railway system have authorized a huge C. W. Metz, Charles L. May, W. B. expenditure for advertising the Hall and W. L. Rayborn, North Pacific Coast in the East next year.

BIG HUCKLEBERRY CROP Henry Dell drove to the mountains near Meacham Sunday and reports During its progress a pleasing muthat he saw indications of a big sical program was rendered, to huckleberry crop everywhere, in the which numbers were contributed by locality. Weston mountain has fine Payant's orchestra, Mrs. Anna Compprospects for a bumper crop of ber- ton Winn, Howard R. Pratt of Whitries this year. Picking days are at man Conservatory of Music, and the hand and many are making arrange Weston Men's Quartette. ments to go to the mountains.

GERKING WILL CONTEST Braden Gerking, who won the hon- hall during the afternoon. The ors for being the best all 'round cow- speakers were: Dr. Penrose, J. C. boy at the Ukiah contest July 4th, Kuhns, Col. Weyrauch, Fred Benwill meet all comers at the Round-Up nion, R. W. Fisher, Judge Schannep, in September. In addition to being W. C. Garfield, Senator Ritner, J. W. a crack rider of bucking horses, Langdon, Judge Lowell, Dr. Keating, Gerking is an expert stage coach Robert E. Allen, Philip H. Dater, E. driver and pony express rider.

Portland-Philip H. Dater, dis-The postoffice department has an- trict engineer, representing Geo. H.

Stanfield-G. L. Dunning. Umapine-R. E. Bean. Walla Walla-Ben Hill, Pal Clark, A. F. Alexander, Dr. Stephen B. L. C. Burlingame, J. T. Crawford, A. Ludwigs, Howard R. Pratt, W. Miller, L. F. Anderson, H. Whitehouse, Frank Crane, Robert Fisher, Robert

Weston Mountain-Roy D. Hyatt,

Weston-Clark Wood, E. M. Smith, Nelson H. Jones, S. J. Culley, J. M. Price, S. A. Barnes, H. Goodwin, F. nk Price and L. R. Van Winkle. The banquet was served at noon.

Some highly informative as well as diverting short speeches occupied the time very profitably at Memorial C. Burlingame