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NORTHWEST LEADS IN WHEAT YIELDS

Idaho, Oregon, Washington Ahead in Federal Bureau Estimates.

Seattle.—Final returns on the wheat crop of 1928, based on federal and state reports, show that Washington, Idaho and Oregon produced 100,754,000 bushels of wheat. The combined yield of the three states was 1 per cent short of the 1927 crop, but slightly above the average for the six-year period.

Washington, with the largest area in crop, had the biggest crop, raising 48,644,000 bushels, Idaho was second with 28,792,000 bushels, and Oregon was third with 23,318,000 bushels. Each of the three Pacific northwest states exceeded California, which raised 16,380,000 bushels, in total production, yield per acre and in cash value.

Moreover, Washington, Oregon and Idaho, outstripped the rest of the United States in production per acre. The average yield for the United States was 15.6 bushels per acre, while the average for the three Pacific northwest states was 22.9 bushels per acre, or 7.3 bushels per acre more than the average for the whole country. In this respect, Idaho topped the northwest, if not the nation, with Oregon a close second and Washington running third. The per acre yield

in Idaho was 24.8 bushels; in Oregon, 22.7 bushels in Washington, 21.4 bushels.

The value of the wheat crop of the three states, according to federal estimates, was \$98,616,000, or approximately 98 cents per bushel. Oregon showed up best under crop value, its 23,318,000 bushels being valued at \$24,083,000 on December 1, or more than \$1 a bushel—topping the average value per bushel of the northwest and the whole country. Washington ranked next to Oregon in per-bushel value, averaging a fraction less than \$1 a bushel, but it ranked first in the inland empire region in total value, its wheat crop being valued at \$48,620,000. Idaho's wheat was valued at \$25,913,000, a little above the total value of Oregon, but the Gem state's per-bushel value was a little more than 91 cents, falling below that of Oregon and Washington.

Probably the most cheering feature of the 1928 wheat crop, however, is that the growers of the three Pacific northwest states did not rush their wheat to market, having an unusually large portion of their 1928 crop still on hand. This is taken to mean, for one thing, that the wheat growers of the inland empire have been somewhat relieved of the economic pressure that compelled them to hasten the marketing of their wheat in recent years.

It means, too, that the inland empire producers have some wheat to market in the second quarter of this year, a period when prices are comparatively better—and such a movement, as noted by the Spokane & Eastern Trust company, "will liberate much money and will substantially increase the credit position of the country banks." That means, in turn, that the wheat growers of the inland empire will not have to borrow so heavily as in recent years to finance their coming crop.

Has No Authority
H. H. Corey, member of the Oregon public service commission states that the commission has no authority to regulate oil companies or the sale prices of gasoline for the reason that oil companies are not public utilities. Corey made this statement in commenting on press reports that Oregon motor fuel dealers would appeal to the public service commission as well as to the federal trade commission concerning the activities of the oil companies in the present gasoline war. The appeal has not yet reached the Oregon commission.

All Pullman Train
Officials of the Northern Pacific railway announce an "all Pullman" service from Chicago to the Northern Pacific coast to start June 9. The officials said the service would apply to the road's North Coast limited, which on June 9 will start a schedule on 63 hours westbound, and 61 1/2 hours east bound, a reduction of five hours in the present time.

Janitor Assassinated
George M. Hess, janitor in the post office building at Roseburg, was assassinated at his home during the night, Saturday, when a shot was fired through a window at his home. His son Norman Hess, is a student at Whitman college.

To Increase Traffic Fines
Traffic violations in Walla Walla for the month of March numbered 150, and during April they totaled 135. Action to reduce the number of such violations will be taken by authorities by assessing higher fines.

EUROPEAN GIRL LIFE DIFFERENT

Miss Craven Tells of Four Month's Trip To Europe.

Miss Florence Craven, Camp Fire Girls' executive, who has visited Athena in connection with her campfire work, has returned to Walla Walla after a four month's trip abroad.

Miss Craven found girl life in many European countries is such that the entire social life would necessarily have to be changed before an organization like the Camp Fire Girls could take root and flourish as it does in the United States.

The Camp Fire organization in England is very strong but in other countries the girls do not have the opportunity for self development that can be found here, according to Miss Craven.

Miss Craven's primary purpose in going to Europe was to visit the many art galleries and conservatories there but she was able to observe the girl life wherever she went and spent some time at Professor Cizek's school in Vienna, where children are taught to make many artistic and useful articles. The handiwork of the children in the experimental schools in Vienna surpasses the work of other cities the art is not developed to such an extent, Miss Craven stated.

Miss Craven left Walla Walla, December 24, says the Union, and went directly to the Atlantic coast where she embarked for England. She spent some time in London, later going to Paris where she stayed a month. In Paris she found that a month was far too short a time to see the many beautiful works of art in the galleries there.

She went to Germany and Austria and later to Italy, visiting the principal cities there. She spent Easter Sunday in Lichtenstein which is situated in the Austrian Alps. She then returned to France.

Baker's Skyscraper
Baker will have the tallest skyscraper between Portland and Salt Lake City within the next two months. Contractors are at work on the fifth story of the ten-story community hotel. The structure already is looming large in the business district. Located at Main and Auburn streets, it is in a commanding position at the junction of the Old Oregon Trail and John Day highways.

Golden Jubilee
The fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the First Baptist church in Walla Walla will be observed this week with the first event of the program scheduled for James Knott who will relate the history of the church from its organization May 11, 1870, down to the present time.

Break Discus Record
While qualifying for the finals of the Eastern Oregon track meet at La Grande Saturday, two men, King of Pendleton and Keefer of La Grande, broke the discus record for Eastern Oregon high schools. King's mark was 113 feet 11 inches, and Keefer tossed it 113 feet 6 inches.

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Oregon for Umatilla County. Genevieve Peterson, Plaintiff, vs. Virgil Peterson, Defendant. To Virgil Peterson, defendant above named:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled court and cause within four weeks of the date of the first publication of this summons, namely, on or before Saturday the 25th day of May, 1929; and you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer said complaint or otherwise plead thereto within said time, the plaintiff for want thereof, will apply to the court for the relief prayed for and demanded in the prayer of her complaint, to-wit; for a decree of the court dissolving the marriage contract now and heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem equitable. This summons is published pursuant to an order made and entered by Hon. James Alger Fee, Circuit Judge of the above entitled court on the 17th day of April, 1929. The first publication of this summons will be made on Friday the 26th day of April, 1929 and the last publication on Friday the 24th day of May, 1929, and will be published for four consecutive weeks in the Athena Press, a newspaper of general circulation published weekly at Athena, Umatilla County, Oregon. Dated this 17th day of April, 1929. Peterson and Lewis, Attorneys for Plaintiff, Residence and Post Office Address, Pendleton, Oregon. A26M24

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Edwin C. Day, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That Lillian Day, executrix of the last will and testament of Edwin C. Day, deceased, has filed her final account and report in the administration of the estate; that the County Judge by order duly made and entered has appointed Monday the 3rd day of June, 1929, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon as the time and the County Court House at Pendleton, Oregon, as the place where all objections and exceptions to said final account and report will be heard and a settlement of the estate made. Dated this 26th day of April, 1929. LILLIAN DAY, Executrix, Peterson & Lewis, Attorneys for Executrix. M3M31

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT AND REPORT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Roy J. Price, Deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That Harriet A. Price, administratrix of the Estate of Roy J. Price, deceased, has filed her final account and report in the administration of the estate; that the County Judge by order duly made and entered has appointed Saturday the 18th day of May, 1929, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon as the time and the County Court House at Pendleton, Oregon, as the place where all objections and exceptions to said final account and report will be heard and a settlement of the estate made. Dated this 12th day of April, 1929. HARRIET A. PRICE, Administratrix. Peterson & Lewis, Attorneys for Administratrix. A19M17

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