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PEAK OF HARVEST HERE THIS WEEK

Full Quota of Machines In Operation With Bulk of Crop Threshed.

With the full quota of machinery in operation this week the 1929 Athena wheat crop has passed the peak of harvesting. The weather has been ideal for the work, and due to the fact that machinery instead of horses does the harvesting now and transports the grain to storage, everything has been going in "high," with the result that the crop is being saved with small chance of any loss from unforeseen weather conditions.

The completest and most efficient threshing outfits in the world are now to be seen operating on Athena wheat ranches. Combines equipped with bulk grain attachments, pulled by caterpillar tractors, transfer the grain to trucks which whirl back and forth between machine and elevator; you just simply can't beat them.

Threshing outfits in this vicinity gave the Farmers Grain Elevator company plant a real workout Wednesday, when at times the lower end of Main street was blocked by wheat trucks waiting in turn to dump at the scales. A total of 411 truck loads of wheat passed on to the scales, dumped on the conveyors and passed into the storage bins—approximately 27,000 bushels. Just one day's work, but it stands as the banner day for receiving wheat at the elevator, which this year made provision for receiving grain, by constructing a new addition to the plant.

Harvest Notes

On the John Banister place east of Athena, a yield of 37 bushels per acre is reported.

Carl Sheard finished harvesting his Federation crop Saturday noon. Carl's crop averaged 57 bushels per acre.

Ernest Haynie's Federation acreage north of Athena averaged 61 bushels, it is reported. This is the highest yield yet reported to the Press.

Two grain fires in the Walla Walla valley, one Sunday and one Monday destroyed about 60 or 70 acres of standing grain, approximately 1600 sacks of harvested wheat and a large expanse of stubble field. The extreme hot weather has rendered the wheat very dry, it is reported, and the danger from fire is great at present.

An eighty acre field on Mrs. Lila Kirk's farm averaged 52 bushels per acre.

George Shepard's crop of wheat averaged 51 1/2 bushels per acre.

The Dudley home place, east of town, cropped 55 bushels per acre.

Frank Coppock's field averaged a little better than 47 bushels per acre.

A. B. Crawford had an average yield of 49 bushels.

Wheat on the John Walker farm, south of town, is credited with a yield of 53 bushels per acre.

W. O. Read threshed an average of 48 bushels.

Laurence Pinkerton's field averaged 42 bushels per acre.

Heat Wave Increases As Fire Hazards Mount

The first real heat wave of the summer began Monday, increased Tuesday and waned so strong Wednesday that Athena thermometers registered as high as 106. In the Press office—the hottest spot in Oregon—a reliable instrument recorded 101 plus.

The mark of 106 is thought to be the maximum for the summer here. Starting with a reading of 83 at 7 o'clock, Wednesday morning, after an excessively warm night for this altitude, at 1 p. m., the 96 point had been reached. At 3 p. m., the top notch of the day was recorded.

Increased danger from forest fires has resulted from the excessive heat which has further dried up the inflammable undergrowth already reduced to a very dry degree by continued drought in the mountains. Forest authorities are prevailing on vacationists and campers to exercise extreme caution until such time as rain comes to relieve the situation.

In the lumber districts it is expected that fire hazards will be declared and action taken to guard the timber interests.

Shoe Caught; Woman Killed
Trapped on the tracks by her shoe, which had caught under a rail, Mrs. Zola Hook, 26, of Moscow, Idaho, was killed by a freight train at a crossing in Pullman, Washington, reports to the coroner said. No one saw the accident, but investigators found her shoe at the crossing, and a piece of the heel wedged under the tracks. The freight engine carried the body 100 yards.

A. A. Foes was in town Tuesday from his Walla Walla valley farm.

St. Louis Robin Down Endurance Flight Ends With All-Records Beat

Cramped in a plane for 420 hours, flying a distance equal to the circumference of the earth, exceeding more than seven full days the previous record, the St. Louis Robin was brought down Tuesday evening by its victorious pilots, Dale Jackson and Forest O'Brien.

The plane landed in the glare of floodlights around the field. Flight officials and members of the ground crew assisted the fliers from the plane and with the assistance of guards made a lane through the crowd to a hangar.

A few moments later O'Brien and Jackson were examined by physicians and entered an automobile which took them to a downtown hotel, where they were to take rest after speaking over the radio in a nationwide hookup.

Both men were pronounced in excellent physical condition. O'Brien had gained two pounds since he and Jackson went up July 13, scaling 140 pounds tonight as against 138 pounds when the flight began. Jackson's weight was the same as it was when he went aloft, 154 pounds.

The heart action of both men was pronounced normal and physicians said their hearing was normal. They conversed with reporters and friends in the hangar.

Jackson told newspaper men he thought they could have flown the St. Louis Robin 300 hours longer. O'Brien declared they could take the same plane as it now stands and break their own record.

Both men agreed that their biggest thrill of the entire flight was late today when they flew low over the field and saw a crowd of 8000 to 10,000 watchers standing in the rain wanting to see them land.

Both said the first 100 hours of flying was the hardest and after that it was not bad at all.

An Interesting Meeting

The W. C. T. U. held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Bert Kirby, Adams, Tuesday. Eighteen members were present and the guests were Mrs. L. L. Lieullen, Mrs. Shotts, Mrs. W. McPherson, Mrs. A. H. Curtis and Mrs. Crane. After the regular business session a very interesting talk on the effective work of the W. C. T. U. in Pennsylvania, was given by Mrs. A. H. Curtis of Wayne County, Penn., who is visiting her sister Mrs. Barney Foster. An entertaining program prepared by Mrs. Clarence Tubbs of Pendleton, was given by a few of the members, after which dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Chas. Betts and Mrs. C. L. McFadden. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. L. McFadden, on the last Tuesday in August at which time a talk will be given by a representative of the Boys and Girls International Anti-Cigarette League of Chicago.

Here From South Dakota

Mr. and Mrs. Justin Harwood have returned to Athena to permanently reside here. They came Monday from Huron, South Dakota, where they went when leaving Athena over a year ago. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harwood are glad to be in Oregon again. South Dakota is not so good this year. Drought seriously affected the crops in that state. Mr. Harwood will engage in painting and decorating in Athena.

Grain and Truck Burn

A fire which for a time threatened destruction of the buildings on the Alex McKenzie farm near Adams, Tuesday, destroyed acreage of standing wheat and a farm truck. The fire is supposed to have started from the exhaust of the truck which was being driven through stubble. The fire spread with such rapidity that the driver could not save the truck. Men from Adams helped in battling the flames and saved the farm buildings.

Water Becoming Scarce

Water is becoming scarce in farm wells in this vicinity, and the services of Johnny Hoye are consequently in demand. Johnny recently completed digging a well on the Francis Lieullen ranch, south of Adams. A plentiful supply of water was encountered at a depth of 60 feet.

Resigns Clerkship

J. F. Kerahaw has resigned the clerkship of School District No. 29, and of Union high school District No. 7. The school boards met and elected Chase Garfield to fill both vacancies, and Mr. Garfield has qualified and is now clerk for the two district boards.

Portland Takes Game

Ontario, which defeated the Milton-Freewater Legion ball team at Baker, was in turn defeated by the Portland juveniles at Pendleton Round-Up park, Sunday, 15-8.

No Open Season

The Walla Walla county game commission has decreed there will be no open season on upland birds in Walla Walla county this year.

Making Whoopie Back in Grandma's Day Was Lots of Fun too, Say These Happy Pioneers



Here are the four Eugene Sunset Trail queen candidates and Pioneer Cal Young, giving a first hand demonstration of just what the pioneers did for amusement as they trekked across the plains. Yards and yards of calico and cumbersome hoops didn't interfere with their particular brand of "Charleston." Dancing are Miss Ann Steele, Cal Young, Miss Mary Gierhart and Miss Bertha Waldorf. Peeping demurely out of the covered wagon is Miss Claire Curtis. The photo was taken at the Cal Young ranch, and the covered wagon is a real one, just like they used in the good old days.

Still Higher Prices Forecast For Wheat

The State Market Agent bulletin draws attention to what may be expected in the wheat market as set forth by Charles D. Michaels, the Chicago Tribune's market writer, who says:

"Not only are crops in the American and Canadian northwest facing the most serious drought in years with production regarded as cut down 50 per cent and possibly more, but there is drought in Argentina, South China, Australia and the central and New England states of this country, and is also spreading in Europe.

"It presents a most serious world situation as regards supplies of wheat and changes the position to the most bullish known. This means higher prices ultimately, with a close adjustment of world's supplies to requirements. It is expected to force foreign buyers, who are said to have delayed buying when prices were down, to pay 50 cents, and possibly 70 cents higher or more, before the end of the season.

One new fact of which is considered as bullish is the attitude of the new federal relief board in forming a \$20,000,000 co-operative corporation to handle wheat. It means the maintenance of a higher standard of price levels for wheat, which should be reflected in all agricultural commodities."

Rev. Dow Honored

Last Thursday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kibbey entertained at their home fifteen youngsters and seven adults in honor of their son Paul and Rev. Dow's birthdays. Paul was the recipient of many little useful gifts. Wafers and ice cream were served the children, while the adults enjoyed the huge birthday cake that the hostess prepared for Mr. Dow, it having the 42 candles neatly arranged on it. As a complete surprise, Mrs. Kibbey also presented Mr. Dow with the birthday offering (\$22.78) that she had so successfully raised a few days prior. Mr. Dow expressed his sincere gratitude to all the participants in the offering. A most enjoyable afternoon was reported by all present.

In Hospital

Flint Johns is afflicted with a swelling on the right side of his throat and has been in a Walla Walla hospital this week receiving treatment. Several months ago a hard lump formed and little attention was given it at the time, and last week a severe swelling took place, with the result that Mr. Johns was forced to leave the harvest field for the hospital.

Dr. Sharp Home

Dr. S. F. Sharp returned home Sunday from the hospital where he was confined for several days. The doctor is somewhat improved, but is yet unable to resume regular practice.

Three Snake Bitten

James Wimp who was bitten by a rattlesnake on a Redmond ranch several days ago, is recovering. Wimp was the third man to be snake bit this season on the same ranch.

Promotion of Team Work Aim of Board Declares Its Chairman

Outlining the policy of the federal farm board, Chairman Legge has declared before the American Institute of Co-operative movement:

"The federal farm board, as now organized, is not going to buy or sell any commodity, agricultural or otherwise," Mr. Legge said. "It is our duty to assist you in doing a better job of it yourselves. True, while we are assisting you, we will want to have some voice in the transaction, particularly when you call for government funds to aid in the operation."

"It is probable that you may find this board of real assistance, even though you may not need financial aid. The board will provide a contract between organized farmers and the government and any organized group may come to the board for counsel, advice and assistance."

"There are many people who think the board's activities should be directed to the arbitrary raising of the price level for agricultural products. The board cannot raise prices arbitrarily. Prices, as has been said many times, are determined by basic economic conditions. What the board hopes to do is to assist farmers to become better able to compete with other groups in the markets of the nation and the world. It expects by aiding in the development of co-operative associations to make possible economies in marketing and stabilize marketing conditions, and to assist farmers to obtain their just share of the national income.

"The farmers and the public must be patient," concluded the chairman. "The problems of agriculture are of long standing and cannot be solved overnight."

New Gasoline Process

Gasoline extraction of 100 per cent by weight and a slightly greater amount by volume from crude oil so heavy that it yields no gasoline when put through the old-fashioned refining stills has been accomplished by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, using the new hydrogenation process. This compares with approximately a 60 per cent recovery possible in the more modern cracking plants now generally in use.

Chamber Votes \$2500

Directors of the Portland Chamber of Commerce have voted an appropriation of \$2500 to further the work of the Umatilla Rapids association. As agreed at a meeting Monday, the money will be turned over to the Columbia Valley association and then re-allocated to the Umatilla project as a unit in the general river development program.

Belt Strikes Bend Man

Charles Rude, 44, was killed and five fellow workers narrowly escaped death at Bend, when a bolt of lightning struck the yards of the Brooks-Seaman Lumber company. The bolt that killed the mill worker was one of at least a dozen that hit in or near Bend, shattering trees at the base of Pilot Butte, and starting several forest fires.

Veterans of 2nd Oregon Plan for Annual Reunion

Men of the Second Oregon regiment, who on August 13, 31 years ago participated in the capture of Manila from the Spanish, will hold their annual reunion in commemoration of that event Sunday, August 11, at Laurelhurst park, Portland.

The meeting will open at 1 o'clock with mess call, followed an hour later by invocation, offered by Colonel W. S. Gilbert, and the address of welcome from Colonel Percy Willis, president of the Second Regiment Veterans' association. Names of comrades who have died since the last reunion will be read, and taps will be blown in their memory.

Governor Patterson will deliver the principal address. The meeting will close with the reading of resolutions and the election of officers. Comrades from many Oregon cities are expected to attend.

The Manila Times, reunion paper of the organization, tells how the Second Oregon regiment was among the first to enter Manila when it was captured. The regiment also had the honor of pulling down the Spanish flag and hoisting the Stars and Stripes on the citadel.

For a number of years Laurelhurst park has been the scene of the regiment's reunion on the Sunday nearest the anniversary of Manila's capture.

Wheat Scores Gain

Chicago reported the heaviest export demand for cash wheat so far this season, with sales of domestic winters estimated at 2,000,000 bushels or more, with claims of 500,000 to 1,000,000 barrels of flour having also been taken, combined with the purchase of 1,000,000 barrels of flour in the southwest by the Ward Baking company, brought about a complete reversal of sentiment in the wheat market yesterday. Prices advanced over 4c a bushel in about half an hour, following a small dip at the opening. Wheat prices as quoted in Athena yesterday: White, \$1.21 for sacked, \$1.18 for bulk; red, \$1.17 for sacked, \$1.14 for bulk.

"Wolf Song" Tomorrow Night

Gary Cooper and Lupe Velez will be seen tomorrow and Sunday nights at the Standard Theatre in Paramount's big picture of the open spaces, "Wolf Song." Louis Wolheim co-stars with Cooper and Velez in this fine photoplay with its Spanish-Mexican plot laid in the great outdoors. Mrs. Pinkerton will be at the piano and three reels of news, sports and comedy are on the program.

Farmers Selling Wheat

Walla Walla wheat sales continued to mount Wednesday with the total sales for the last four days reaching in the neighborhood of 625,000 bushels. Shipments are being made steadily, most of the wheat going to Portland, reports the Union. Considerable wheat is being shipped in the bulk this year, several of the dealers having adopted this system entirely.

Air Port For Boardman

The United States commercial air service has leased a tract of land for a landing field at Boardman.

Heavy List Is Given To the Livestock Show

Inclusion of the Pacific International Livestock exposition on the largest and most attractive circuit ever arranged for the west is expected to make this year's show, October 26 to November 2, a record breaker for attendance. A. C. Ruby, president, announces completion of all stake subscriptions and horse show classifications will be ready for distribution within the next week.

The circuit begins in Palo Alto August 3, and then follow in order, the Stockton show, Sacramento state fair, two shows in southern California, Salem state fair, Seattle International, October 12 to 19, and the Pacific International. Following the exposition a special train will be made up to go to the Kansas national horse show at Wichita, from there to the American royal at Kansas City, and winding up at the international in Chicago the first week in December.

More than \$35,000 will show in this year's premium list, placing the Pacific International once more among the outstanding shows of its kind in the country. Nearly 100 classes have been listed. Matinees will be given Thursday, Friday and Saturday of exposition week. Prominently identified with Mr. Ruby in charge of this year's show are H. V. Alward, Paul S. Dick, Julius Meier and O. M. Plummer, secretary.

A special horse show train will leave the east over the Milwaukee system in time to make the Seattle show, and the usual Pacific International special will start about two weeks later, leaving St. Louis October 18.

Prune Marketing Studied

William A. Schoenfeld, northwest representative of the United States department of agriculture, located at Portland, and W. H. Kipp manager of the marketing department of the Portland chamber, will be in the Walla Walla valley next Tuesday and Wednesday to meet shippers and growers and discuss improved distribution for this year's prune crop. Growers and shippers of the Yakima valley and of southern Idaho are being invited to attend.

Market Road Completed

The South Cold Springs market road, four miles in length, connecting with the Pendleton-Cold Springs highway, will be completed this week. The road is graded and graveled according to market road specifications. The crew will move to the Mission neighborhood where it will gravel four miles of the South Mission market road.

William G. Smith

William G. Smith, 70, retired farmer, died at his home near Whitman station, Tuesday. He had farmed in that section for 40 years. He leaves his widow and five children.

Farm Buildings Burn

Two barns and a bunk house were burned Monday on the Walt Cresswell ranch, northwest of Pendleton. The fire is the third to visit the Cresswell place in the last three years.

SCOUTS ENJOYING THEIR JAMBOREE

England Is Host To Four Hundred Fifty Acres of Boys.

Athena Boy Scouts will be interested to know that 1300 American Scouts are enjoying the international Boy Scout Jamboree in Arrowe Park, England.

According to an Associated Press report, four hundred and fifty acres of boys, their enthusiasm undamped by rainy skies, are waiting the opening of the Boy Scouts world jamboree. Fifty thousand scouts from 42 nations, including 1300 American boys, are camped at Arrowe park, just across the Mersey river from Liverpool.

Most of the Americans received their baptism of English wet weather when they arrived late Sunday. Dampness, however, neither crippled their camp-making skill nor took the edge off their appetite. In fact Quartermaster Harvey Gordon of the American contingent described the appetite of the young scouts as simply ravenous.

The 49,000 other scouts also appeared to be excellent eaters, judged by the cosmopolitan crowd always hanging around the windows of the baker's shop in the quaint camp market place, where the boys can buy anything in any language. The camp even has an international bank where the scouts can cash checks of all nations and change American dimes or Russian rubles into English small change.

The great camp will be opened formally by the duke of Connaught whose speech will be followed by an address by Sir Robert Baden-Powell, 72-year-old founder of the scout movement.

The prince of Wales will visit the camp. He will stay overnight and will be the central figure of a grand rally of scouts of all nations. The jamboree ends August 13.

Weston Resident Involved

Albert Piersol, resident of Weston, was arrested Saturday night by members of the Umatilla county sheriff's office and turned over to Walla Walla county authorities as a suspect in a wool stealing case. Albert Germaine and G. L. Bisbee were arrested at Zillah, Wash., Wednesday of last week and are in jail at Walla Walla on similar charges. Piersol admits knowing Germaine, but denies connection with wool thefts. Piersol and Germaine entered a plea of guilty in Superior court at Walla Walla Tuesday, and were sentenced to serve six months to fifteen years in the penitentiary. Bisbee denied connection with the theft and will stand trial.

Dr. Raymond M. Rice Will Locate In Athena

Dr. Raymond M. Rice, late of San Diego, California, is coming to Athena to locate permanently to practice surgery and medicine. Dr. and Mrs. Rice were in Athena Tuesday and selected the Gross residence on Fifth street to live in.

Dr. Rice will locate in the offices on Main street formerly occupied by Dr. Cowan. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon, class of 1923, (B. S.) and of the University of Oregon medical school, class of 1927, (M. D.)

The doctor served his internship at Emanuel hospital, Portland, and was later resident physician in surgery in the San Diego County General Hospital.

Worms Attack Flowers

At a number of homes in Athena worms have attacked the foliage and roots of flowers and shrubs to the extent that serious damage has resulted. A long measuring worm has made lace work of leaves and a white grub or cut worm has been working at the roots. Some choice shrubs and plants have been destroyed by these pests, which heretofore have not made their appearance here in large numbers.

Hurt In Accident

Mrs. Anna Wineland, sister of Mrs. Andy Rothrock was injured in an automobile accident when returning to her home at Walla Walla from Athena, Saturday last. The Wineland car was struck in the rear by another driven by a man who is said to have been clearly at fault. Mrs. Wineland was not seriously injured.

Twenty-Three Fires Reported

Twenty-three forest fires were burning along the eastern crest of the Cascades Wednesday, but all were under control. The timber fires were started by the series of electric storms that passed over central Oregon Monday and Tuesday nights.