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MASS PRODUCTION APPLIED TO FARM

Kansas Scene of Operations On a 10-County Ranch Yielding Wheat.

project covering more than 50 square

That degree of mass production has been achieved in 10 north-western Kansas counties by the Wheat Farming company, a \$1,500,000 corporation, which owns and farms 33,000 acres.

Without using a single horse, the concern this year is harvesting a grain crop, mostly wheat, that probably will total 400,000 bushels enough to fill more than 200 freight cars. A yield of nearly 300,000 bushels of wheat alone is assured.

This company, whose stockholders exceed 800 and include retired farmers, doctors and field workers, has pioneered in large scale production in the wheat belt. It is the largest farm project in Kansas and probably

in the entire southwest.

J. S. Bird of Hays, where the world's largest farm experiment station is located, is the company's president. Formerly a college chemistry professor, he has a background of years of experience in Kansas dry

5,000 acres, with a foreman in charge of each. A production manager, a specialist in soil management and machine farming, supervises opera-tions. Grain is sold under the direction of a sales manager.

The concern's equipment includes 22 tractors, 11 combined harvesterthreshers and swathers, several heavy trucks and a proportionate amount of other machinery. That outlay is capable of cutting and and requesting to have it corrected threshing upwards of 2,000 acres of wheat daily.

The swather, a new machine in the sible with a combine. Cut stalks are runs from 24 to 30. strung out in long windrowsby swathers, and combines thresh it a few days later.

So efficient are production methods on this farm that wheat can be raised for less than half the amount common to unorganized farming. The company's cost accounting system shows \$4.64 per acre as the cost of production. Most Kansas farmers list \$10 for that expense.

Last year the company paid a dividend of 12.5 per cent. A dozen similar concerns are being organized in efforts to equal that record.

Washington Farmers Facing a Good Year

A. S. Goss, master of the Washington state grange, declares that the farmer this year faced more actual prosperity, was receiving higher prices for his produce and that his land was worth 5 per cent more than la died at a hospital Wednesday it was last year.

"Farm land valuation in Washington," he asserted, "has increased in value by 5 per cent, and crop prices child's arm and the symptoms and are better than the average for the last several years.'

lowest ebb," Goss continued, "and cause. there is a general stiffening of farm prices and farmers are considering land purchases as good buys.' This improvement in prices is based on the

is Seriously injured

ranch north of Athena, Monday. The young man was kicked by a horse and his injuries were such that he was removed to a hospital for treat-

Leave For Vacation

Mrs. Fred Kershaw and daughter Lake. They made the trip by motor and are the guests of Mrs. Castleman who has a summer home at the

Mercury Hops Up
The mercury hopped up around the
100 mark Monday and Tuesday in

Pump Gives Trouble At Legion Swimming Pool; May Yet Furnish Water

With a head of water backed up by a temporary dam in Wild Horse creek near the Legion swimming pool at City park, the big tank is still dry because the temporary pumping out-fit has failed to work properly.

The pump is one formerly used in the auxiliary plant at the head of the city's gravity water system. It worked admirably in hoisting water from a deep well into the feed pipes and We have some good sized wheat could always be relied upon to funcranches here in Umatilla county, but tion to its full capacity. But for some imagine a train of 200 freight cars reason of other it has been a jinx filled with grain from a single farm since being installed in the creek to supply water for the pool.

The delay has already put a crimp in the season's proceeds from the natatorium. People have wanted to bathe and swim more than ever since the pool went dry, inspiration to do so being helped along by the very hottest period of the summer.

No water, no swim, no money coming in to cut down the indebtedness incurred in construction of the natatorium last year-all of which does not look good to the Legion Post, as present conditions place it on the wrong side of the ledger and disappoints the swimming public.

However, the boys are keeping everlastingly at it, and hope to have the pump in operation in time to have water in the pool for Saturday and Sunday swimming.

Brakes on 566 Cars Found to Be Defective

Are the brakes on your automobile 100 per cent efficient?

The brakes of two out of a number of every seven cars tested by Experts manage this gigantic factory-like enterprise. The land in divided into units of approximately summary given by the officers. The brakes of 1,968 automobiles were tested, showing defective brakes on 566 cars, satisfactory brakes on 792 and excellent brakes on 620.

Twenty eight per cent of the cars in the Walla Walla district have brakes that are defective, the test showed.

All drivers found with defective brakes were given state highway patrol cards indicating the trouble within five days.

Prior to coming to Walla Walla the highway department had tested apwheat belt, is used because it cuts proximately 48,000 cars this summer. grain at an earlier stage than is pos-

Those who have seen Richard Dix in "Redskin" at the larger theatres, pronounce it to be a splendid picture. Photographed in technicolor, the beautiful and impressive natural scenery of the hills and valleys of the Navajo Indian country in Arizona is graphically brought to the screen in all its splendor. Plot and story blend in making this one of the best photoplays the popular actor has ever appeared in. Mr. Dix has a part that exactly fits his type and he is ably supported by Gladys Belmont, Jane Novak, Tully Marshall and Larry Steers, with a cast of Paramount's Famous Players. The "Redskin" will be at the Standard Theatro for two nights, tomorrow and Sunday.

Bee Sting Kills Infant The eight months-old son of Mr and Mrs. John Quimby, of Walla Walmorning from the poison from a bee sting. No one saw the bee sting the

baby but from the mark's on the complications, which resembled those caused by a bee sting, doctors thought "The prices of land has reached its the baby's death was due to that

Umatilla Forest Lucky The Umatilla forest area is lucky so far this season in loss from fires, by comparison with other districts. agriculture has reached its lowest Twenty-four fires have been reported limit." resulted in no extensive damage to timber. One was started from a Sims Clark was seriously injured camp fire. Five fires were started by while at owrk on the Jesse Gordon careless smokers; two were started from sparks of railroad locomotives and 16 from lightning.

Electricians At Weston

The Preston-Shaffer electricians are still employed at Weston in replacing the old service with new equipment. Foreman Singer and his force are spending several weeks at Payette of men will finish the erection of new poles and string heavier copper wire throughout Weston until next week. Then two weeks will be spent

Two Months Without Rain There has been no measurable rainfall in the Walla Walla valley since Athena. Wednesday was considerably cooler, with a wind coming out of the southwest.

fall in the Walla Walla valley since June 10, according to records in the weather bureau office. The last trace of rain came on June 18 and Large Yield of Hay was preceded by a comparatively There is a much larger yield of al- heavy rain on June 16. For 55 days, falfa hay at Hermiston this year than counting yesterday no rain has fallen, at Columbia park Hermiston. There Hermiston, and in fact from other Falls. Prior to going to Klamath last, and most of the second crop is although twice during the period was a good attendance of the memparts of the county, will hold their Falls he was engaged in business in

Ccast Guard Cutter Shelling an Iceberg



In the course of their work for the protection of Atlantic liners the coast guard vessels seek to destroy the buge icebergs that float down into the steamer lanes every summer. The picture shows the men of the cutter Tampa shelling a big berg.

Attractive Singer in Sunset Trail Pageant



Miss Nacy Thielsen, summer school student of University of Oregon. who was Sacajawea in Sunset Trail Pageant,

Pioneer Freighter Dies

At Walla Walla, at 84

out any older members of his family,

From 1862 to 1869 he operated

bull team freight line between Wal-

at his homestead until 1903 when he

again came to Walla Walla where

He is survived by his widow, and

a daughter, Mrs. Roy Mosher of Se-

attle, and six sons, Victor, Raleigh and Jack of Walla Walla, Bert of At-

talia, Harry of San Francisco and Roy of Belle, California.

"Red" Crane former manager of

the Seattle Coast League baseball

club, has been held without bail at

Harrisburg, Pa., on two murder charges. Crane shot his ex-sweet-

heart and his rival, when he came

upon them in a roadhouse.

he has since made his home.

Fifth Drowning In Week At Points Near Yakima

Yakima.—The fifth death by drowning in the Yakima valley in three days occurred Sunday when Alta Walla valley died Monday evening. Frick, 16, was suddenly seized by He had been in poor health for the cramps while swimming at Joyland past two years.

park, near Mabton.

Mr. Van Nattan was born in Fort

The girl fought off two men, Harry Madison, Wisconsin, September 12, and George Sparks, who jumped in 1845, at the age of 17, in 1862, crossthe stream to save her. Harry man- ed the plains to Walla Walla with a aged to catch hold of her once but wagon train. The youth came with-Miss Frisk dragged him under three times and he was forced to relinquish driving his own ox team.

Alta was the daughter of Charles Frick of Mabton and in addition to lula and Boise, taking up a homeher parents is survived by her twin stead at Pomeroy in 1869. He lived sister, Alma.

Last week three members of the Praetorius family and a relative who was visiting them were drowned when their sailboat capsized on Rimrock lake near here.

Rankin Makes Flight

Tex Rankin, flying a tiny mono-plane, carrying 100 gallons of gas, powered with an 80 engine, was sucin Athena, completing the replace-ment work here. from Vancouver, B. C., to Caliente, Mexico. He made the hop in a lit-tle over 13 hours, establishing a record for the coast flight.

> Farm Bureau Speakers Miss Edna Flanagan, county health nurse and Miss Olsen, county librarian, were speakers at the Farm Bureau Auxiliary meeting August 2 linois, Indiana, Iowa and Ohio, of

The Morning Oregonian summarizes

Many Timber Districts

the forest fire menace of the week as

Flames Are Ravaging

With fires of varying magnitude reported in nearly every wooded section of the Pacific northwest, from northern California to British Columbia and from the Coast range to the Rockies, attention of the greatest number of fire-fighters was centered on the Dollar mountain fire in Colville national forest and the Camas creek fire in Chelan national forest, both in Washington. The nearburned over 70 acres of Sandy Lumber company land, near Sandy, and was controlled by 50 fire-fighters from Portland.

The Dollar mountain fire spread 15 facilities.

miles into the valuable timber stand Mr. Booth, who formerly resided in

In addition to the 15,000 acres burned to Camas creek, the Chelan forest has had 1500 acres burned over at Timber Wolf creek, 3500 acres at Wolf creek and 6000 acres at Remmel

The Chain of Lakes fire in Wenatchee national forest, which burned 3000 acres, was reported in good shape, but the White Pine mountain fire in the same forest was causing more trouble than ever before and was threatening good stands of Douglas fir, pine and hemlock.

The Daley road fire near La Grande was unofficially reported under control after burning 200 acres of dense insect-killed lodgepole pine jungle. Favorable weather helped the 275

men fighting the fire in Rainier national forest get the blaze within

A fire burning some 600 acres of yellow pine and fir timber near the California-Oregon boundary was reported controlled by rangers of Siskiyou county and fire-fighters of the Klamath Protective association.

About 150 men are estimated by the region state forestry department to be fighting a timber fire east of Sublimity which started in Four S Logging company operations. Several threshing crews are fighting to keep the fire out of grain fields.

It was definitely established that the Dollar mountain fire was not caused by lightning, as was at first thought, but by careless campers. No electric storms had passed over that district. A camping party is known to have been near where the fire broke out.

But Little Threshing Left But little threshing remains to be done on farms tributary to Athena storage facilities. Henry Koepke, who began the season on his ranch near Helix, has some grain yet to harvest on the farm south of Athena. W. J. Kirk, who has a big crop this season, and who had some difficulty with his machine, is not through threshing and has added the Charles Kirk machine to his equipment for the time being.

Former Walla Walla Man H. W. Bathiany, 48, prominent Klamath Falls business man dropped dead at his office Wednesday. Bath-Annual Picnic iany was an active member in the August 25, former residents of Il- Masonic lodge and organized the order of Demolay chapter in Klamath afternoon when they defeated the was found dead in the furnace room, last, and most of the second crop is harvested and quite a lot of it is bering traces of moisture have been ing sold for \$11.00 per ton.

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Salem.—Umatilla county's products, along with those of the whole state of Oregon will be exhibited to the

Umatilla Products Will

people of California in that state's Diamond Jubilee, during the ten days Results of Cooperation Is from August 31 to September 10 at Sacramento, it is announced here by Governor I. L. Patterson.

The cooperation of the Commercial clubs and chambers of commerce throughout the counties as well as the county court and other local agents, is asked by the state in getting up this exhibit, which is being sponsored by the Oregon State Fair Board. with D. M. Lowe, of Ashland, in charge of arrangements.

The exhibit will make particular The exhibit will make particular had have reached an agreement for appeal to tourists, who will be able to see there Oregon's great beauty of flowers and trees, and her wealth of wild game and fish, as well as of agricultural and industrial products.

It will be as representative of the president long has been opposed to the herbarged and offer any whole state as it is president and offer any whole state as it is president and offer any appeal to the herbarged an agreement for the appeal and agreement for the appeal and agreement for the appeal and agreement for the appointment of a joint commission to determine the point and agreement for the appointment of a joint commission to determine the point agreement for the appointment of a joint commission to determine the policies to be pursued in the development of the pursued in the development of whole state as it is possible to make

quail, two pet bear, as well as numer-ous agricultural and industrial pro-about a comprehensive program of ducts, will all be a part of the ex- development. tensive exhibit, which will occupy a space 34 x 68 feet in the machinery forth during several of his campaign building at the 75th aniversary of the addresses in which he declared for California State Fair.

The booth will be returned to Salem the Oregon State Fair, September flood control and power.

23 to 28, in order that Oregon people may have an opportunity of seeing it. federal government and Florida in

Contemplates Establishing Complete Auto Camp

C. T. Booth, who recently purchased the acreage property and service station on Third street, near City Park, of D. A. Pinkerton, contemest fire to Portland was one which plates making extensive improve-

ments there in the near future.

It is Mr. Booth's intention to convert his two acres of land into a tourist park, with modern camping

of South Sherman valley since Tues- Adams county Washington, is accomday afternoon when flames jumped a panied to Athena by his daughter, fire in Chelan national forest also was temporarily. Miss Booth is instrucdriven on by a high wind into the tor in music at the Montana State

Geese In Early Flight With conditions perfect for the take-off a band of geese started the land. The fleet was sighted here ed at higher prices. winging in usual formation and by the speed of the flight it is estimated that the travelers will soon reach their southern destination. There being no official airport in this though the Umatilla wheat fields fueling station. It is unusually early friends and those who believe in signs might consider this an omen of an carly fall.

Increase In Pension A. T. Metz, one of the few remain

ing Civil war veterans in this part of the county, has been granted an increase of pension to \$72 per month rheumatism, reports the Weston Leader. C. W. Avery, local attorney, interested himself in behalf of Mr. Metz and in turn interested Congressman Butler, with the result that the increase was granted within two

Prune Harvest Ready

Prune harvesting will start on Mon-day, August 19, in the Walla Walla valley according to shippers. The harvest is due to continue for twenty or twenty-five days, however, small 1800 cars.

Sawmill Burns

The Wilson sawmill and yards on Graves creek, fifteen miles north of Grant's Pass, were destroyed by fire of unknown origin. Nearly 200 acres the most unusual stills ever captured of forest land was burned over by the in this county was brought to Penfire. The loss to the mill was esti-dleton Tuesday by the sheriff's ofmated at \$200,000, the plant was not fice. It was the second large still insured. Recent labor trouble and taken in the Albee district within the

Portland Jr's. Are Champs The Portland Gyro Cards became the American Legion junior base-ball champions of the state Friday at the Umatilla county court house, Silverton club, 5 to 2. Schwab pitch- Saturday last about noon. He was

Be Exhibited At California Diamond Jubilee PRESIDENT LINKS FEDERAL AND STATE

Shown In California Program.

Washington.-Cooperation between he federal government and the states in the solution of their problems was presaged in the announcements today by President Hoover that his administration and the officials of California have reached an agreement for

posed to the haphazard and often conflicting action of different agencies, A live Oregon buck, a whole colony federal and state dealing with these of live beaver, a large quantity of problems, and is determined to exert live wild ducks, wild pheasants and his influence to coordinate the work

His views on the subject were set forth during several of his campaign omplete coordination of the work of improving the inland waterways of in time to be shown in its entirety at the country for navigation, irrigation,

> controlling the flood waters of Lake Okeechobee already has received the attention of the president as a result of his personal inspection of that district during the days before his inauguration.

Government aid is sought there and appointment of a joint commission to make a comprehensive survey is like-

Tomatoes Stop Moving In Outside Shipments

Athena housewives may look forthe quality of tomatoes for canning four-mile canyon,. The Camas creek Miss Mira Booth, who will remain purposes, and maybe further reduc-

tion in prices. Yesterday all tomato shipments to Methow river drainage.

Normal school in Dillon, and will outside points and also to canneries, some of the crew which managed to get the American fork fire under term of the normal school begins. control were sent to the Sheep creek A son, Herman Booth, at present other sections are now in the fire, which was uncontrolled. Both in Idaho, is expected to come to Athmarkets with their tomato crops, ena to assist his father in conducting forcing the Umatilla county product the tourist park and service station. to seek local sales for the remainder

of the season's product. Until recently local markets were supplied with a brand of tomatoes that were decidedly of the cull order. first of the week on their first lap and they brought fair prices at that. of the annual migration to the South- First grade tomatoes here were quot-

Will Teach In China

Miss Rose Leibbrand of Milton-Freewater, sailed from Stattle for Shanghai, China, on August 9. Miss vicinity, no landing was made here, Leibbrand goes to accept a position at the American university there. often prove a lure and a perfect re- She will head the music and physical education department and be librafor the departure of our feathered rian. Miss Leibbrand graduated from Whitman college and has taken work at the University of Washington. For several years past she has been teaching in the high schools of Kennewick and Pilot Rock.

The barn at the Van Slyke brothers' daughter house several miles north by reason of being incapacitated by of Freewater burned to the ground Sunday evening between eight and nine o'clock. Some twenty-five head of cattle were in the building when the blaze started but were turned loose by neighbors and all but two escaped. Equipment for packing the prune crop of the ranch was destroyed but was insured. The cause of the fire was unknown.

Death of R. M. O'Brien

The Weston Leader reports the death of R. M. O'Brien, which transpired recently at his home in San ameunts will be shipped out of the Diego, California, from paralysis, at district until the middle of September the age of 83 years. He was at one or the first of October. All indica- time one of Weston's most prominent tions are for a good crop, with es-timates running from 1200 cars to the countryside as "Bud" O'Brien. He left Umatilla county for California in 1910. Mr. O'Brien is survived by his widow and two sons.

Sheriff Finds Still

One of the largest and also one of litigation incident to unpaid wages caused an investigation of the fire, plant.

Janitor Found Dead