

COHEN ESTIMATES THE UMATILLA CROP

Expert Finds Wheat Yield Will Exceed Earlier Made Estimates.

Hyman H. Cohen, Oregon Journal crop expert, writing to that paper after an inspection of Umatilla county crops, says:

If one was to listen to the folks at home who spread the gossip of hard luck there would be no wheat crop in Umatilla county this season. In fact, the reports I heard previous to starting this trip were very discouraging and ranged from a quarter to a half crop, the latter being given for good measure.

I have just completed a journey through Umatilla county from one extreme to another. I have gone from north to south and west to east and find the crop killers have misrepresented a trifle more than usual. There is no record crop in Umatilla county this season. That much should be definitely known at the start. There is no crop failure in Umatilla county. That much is due producers and this section which usually comes through a crop season with some of the best yields in this country.

In the light land sections the crop is short, as is the straw, but it is better than any other section visited to date this season. In the heavier lands the loss compared with a big crop is less than had been generally conceded.

In the Pilot Rock district the crop is perhaps 5 per cent short of what is ordinarily called a good crop. I would call the present showing normal in both the probable yield of grain as well as the height of the straw. It is not a record crop but a fairly good one.

On the Umatilla reservation yields this season will be close to normal. The heads are large and usually well filled. The straw is just a trifle short of the normal, which would look like a bumper affair to those in the semi-arid land districts. Yields on the reservation will range up to 40 bushels per acre, but little will go above 32 to 35 bushels, with the average perhaps 28 to 30 bushels. One thing is apparent, the wheat looks cleaner than usual, the percentage of smut being comparatively light.

The last couple of seasons have shown considerable smut which means that the price paid for wheat has been cut somewhat from top quotations. This means that if later wheat

Mrs. Fowler Convicted of Embezzling LaGrande City Funds, Second Trial

Baker.—Convicted of embezzling \$108,925.13 of the city's funds, Mrs. Emma Fowler, former La Grande city treasurer, faced the possibility of a 1 to 15-year prison sentence and a fine of twice the sum for which she failed to account.

Although the first jury that tried Mrs. Fowler disagreed, it took a circuit court jury here only an hour and a half to return a verdict convicting her of failure to pay over and of converting to her own use the exact sum charged in the information.

Presiding Circuit Judge Hall S. Lusk, who set 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon as the hour for passing sentence, said it was mandatory upon him to fine Mrs. Fowler twice the sum she embezzled.

Only two ballots were taken by the jurors. The first, it was reported unofficially, found the jurors divided 10 to 2 for conviction and the second was unanimous.

Mrs. Fowler displayed no emotion when the verdict was read. Defense attorneys did not say whether or not they would appeal the case.

Mrs. Fowler served as La Grande city treasurer for 12 years, but her office was eliminated through consolidation early this year. She left her office at noon last February 3, the day she was to turn over her books to her successor, and when she failed to return in the afternoon a search was instituted. She was arrested at Pendleton.

Prices are fairly good, the slightly smaller crop on the reservation will bring about as much money, if not more, than the larger crops of the last two years.

Down in the light land section of Echo and Stanfield as well as through the Cold Springs district, yields are considered normal to perhaps a fraction better as regards winter planting while spring wheat may do some real stunts in production if weather conditions at the close of the season are as favorable as they have been during recent days.

Around Athena, Adams, Havana, Weston and Milton the wheat has close to a normal appearance. The straw is up high and the heads thick and heavy, as well as well filled. In fact, nothing else could be expected from this premier producing section of Oregon.

Some of the finest, if not actually the best wheat seen thus far on the trip is just outside Pendleton in a circle that takes in Myrick and Helix. The much advertised Helix district, where the word goes that 1,000,000 bushels of wheat are shipped annually, is not a joke at all. The wheat is there.

JARDINE ACCEPTS FEDERAL POSITION

Director of Oregon Experiment Station Leaves to Become Chief.

Oregon State College.—The United States department of agriculture has just come to Oregon for a man to fill the highest office in the field of co-operative agricultural research in the country.

Dr. James T. Jardine, for 11 years director of the Oregon State college experiment station, has been appointed chief of the office of experiment stations in the United States department of agriculture.

During Jardine's stay in this state, national recognition has come to the Oregon experiment station. Some 400 projects have been carried on under his direction, which, in addition to those which came before, are estimated to be worth from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 annually to the farmers of Oregon. Among the most outstanding of these have been the introduction of Federation wheat, discovery of methods of clearing spray residue from fruit, determination of the value of sulphur as an alfalfa fertilizer, development of a new chicken pox immunization method, and of control methods by which contagious abortion is rapidly being eliminated from dairy herds of the state.

"Director Jardine ranks among the very best and most capable experiment station directors in the entire country," said President Kerr. "His contributions to the agricultural development of Oregon are known and recognized everywhere. I know of no superior in his field. His leaving is a great loss to the college and to the state."

Oregon, Jardine said, has always supported an agricultural research organization comparable to any in the country, and will continue to do so, as demands for assistance are increasing rather than decreasing.

Melon Tosser Apprehended
A watermelon, tossed from a north-bound stage near Albany crashed through an automobile window and caused injury to four persons. Mrs. Henry Cassidy and Kenneth Cassidy of Corvallis were cut in the eyes by flying glass. When officers met the stage at Salem, Fred Lang, Los Angeles, told them he threw the melon. He was allowed to continue to Portland after giving an address at which he could be located.

Stanfield Assault On Trial at Baker—Former Senator First to Testify

Baker.—Accused of having deliberately driven his automobile over Robert N. Stanfield, former United States senator from Oregon, John Stringer of Weiser, Idaho, Monday went on trial in circuit court here on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. Stanfield was the first witness.

Stanfield was severely injured by Stringer's automobile after the two had an altercation over fence cutting. The affair occurred April 22, near Huntington.

Stanfield testified that he and Phil McCabe, foreman for the Stanfield Feeder company, were repairing a fence when Stringer drove up and after an argument with the two, cut the wires.

The former senator said both he and Stringer picked up rocks and quoted Stringer as shouting "I'll kill you!"

Stringer then went to his automobile, the witness said.

"He headed the car straight for me," Stanfield testified, "but I did not think he would hit me. I stepped to the left to give him room enough to drive through the opening in the fence. But he stepped on the accelerator and drove directly toward me. I jumped and was caught between the radiator cap and the right fender and was catapulted over a corner of the car."

Stanfield testified that Stringer then drove away, but presently returned and shouted to another man whom the senator was unable to identify:

"Get out of the way—I'm going to run over him again."

The witness said the man he did not know warned Stringer to keep back, McCabe carried him to safety.

Farmers Plea for Waiver by U. S. Grain Crop Lien
Wenatche.—A plea for a waiver by the government of its first lien on wheat crops in Grant county, Washington, to permit farmers to obtain harvesting expenses was telegraphed to Secretary of Agriculture Hyde Monday by Representative John W. Summers.

The telegram, made public here by Congressman Summers after an inspection of conditions in Grant county, follows:

"Have personally inspected crops and investigated financial condition of wheat growers in drouth-stricken area of Eastern Washington and assure you hundreds of farmers cannot harvest crops on which government has first lien unless lien is waived for harvesting expenses. Drouth is worst ever known in these counties. I urge immediate and favorable action for protection to farmers and government."

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Death of Former Resident of Athena Neighborhood

Mrs. Aurilla Fletcher Stone, wife of Ezekiel H. Stone, former Umatilla county farmer, residing west of Athena for many years, died at her home near Thornton, Wash., Thursday night of last week, following an illness of six weeks.

The Stone family sold their Athena farm about 25 years ago and purchased a farm near Thornton, where Mr. and Mrs. Stone have since resided. Mrs. Stone was born in Preemption, Illinois.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p. m., a son-in-law, the Rev. Eddie W. Sewall of Downey, Cal., officiating. Grave services were at Walla Walla Monday at 11 a. m.

Mrs. Stone is survived by her husband, Ezekiel H. Stone, four children, Dr. Alvin B. Stone, The Dalles; Lois A. Alsburg, Thornton; Bertha E. Sewall, Downey, Cal.; John F. Stone, Honolulu; brother, Elsworth B. Fletcher, Salem, Or., and a sister, Emaline F. Hobart, Silverton, Or.

Hog Enters Home and Kills 6-Month Old Infant

Grandview, Idaho.—A hog entered the home of W. E. Horton, a Castle creek farmer, 15 miles west of here, night of July 4 and killed Betty Lou Horton, six months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horton.

The baby was asleep on the porch while the parents were butchering a sheep in the barnyard. The hog forced its way through a door, leaped upon the bed and chewed and trampled the child. The parents found the infant a few minutes later but she died before medical aid could be reached.

Home Made Calf Meal
By using home grown feeds supplemented with some purchased materials, Elmer Guerber of Hillsboro has decreased the cost of calf meal more than 30 per cent, he recently reported to W. F. Cyrus, county agent. Mr. Guerber is using the calf meal ration developed by the dairy department at O. S. C. He says that in addition to the saving, the heifers fed this meal in 1930 where the finest bunch he has ever raised.

A 1000-Acre Wheat Fire
Fanned by a high wind, fire destroyed one thousand acres of wheat ready for harvest, seven miles east of Lewiston. The fierce grain fire, with flames eight feet high ragged unchecked through the rows of golden wheat, driving back volunteers who tried to stop it. A great column of smoke billowed up was visible for 40 miles.

Portland Youth Slides to Death While Ascending Pinnacle of Mt. Rainier

Seattle.—Robert K. Zinn, 21, a Portland mountain climber, is believed to have lost his life near the summit of Mount Rainier in a long slide down an icy incline which terminated in a crevasse, near a 1,200 foot drop onto Nisqually glacier.

Zinn was with a party of 11 climbers, including his brother Kenneth R. Zinn, who had reached within 800 feet of the summit about 7 a. m. when he and his brother in charge of another party, nearby, started sliding. A guide, saved the life of Kenneth Zinn by sliding after him and catching him, but Zinn disappeared about 1,500 feet below.

The slide ended in a 60-foot crevasse, and on the edge Zinn's broken alpenstock and a pair of scissors from his first aid kit were found. Search of the crevasse failed to reveal his body and it was feared his momentum may have carried him over it and over the edge of a sheer 1,200 foot drop onto the Nisqually glacier ice.

The party of which he was a member was an independent group, with the members not roped together. They were following closely behind a regular climbing party, one of whose guides, Nelsen Widman, saved the life of Zinn's companion.

Searchers for Zinn's body soon after the tragedy accidentally stumbled on two other mountaineers injured in a similar slide. They were lying bruised and helpless in a deep crevasse.

The rescued climbers, O. G. Brady and Calvin Quinlan of Portland, had slid more than 1000 feet and then fallen between 60 and 70 feet to the bottom of the crevasse.

Nine in Family Are Ill From Ptomaine

Nine members of the Jesse Ragdale family lie critically ill at their homes in the Trail district near Medford suffering from ptomaine poisoning resulting from home canned beets, eaten at a Fourth of July picnic.

Dr. R. W. Stearns, attending physician, who was summoned Sunday morning, announced Monday afternoon that no members of the family had shown definite signs of improvement. All are running temperatures of 104 and 105 and are afflicted with frequent proxyams of the stomach.

The beets were canned two years ago.

Trusty Eludes Pursuers
Continued search by Walla Walla prison authorities failed to disclose the whereabouts of L. L. Dingman, prison farm trusty who walked away Sunday during the dust storm which hit in this section. Dingman's absence was discovered at checkup time Sunday evening. The prisoner was a parole violator who had been returned to the institution after failing to make regular reports. His maximum sentence would have expired next April while capture will add a year to that and deprive him of any outside freedom.

Grain Rates to Fall, Order Effective Aug. 1

The interstate commerce commission has ordered decreased western grain rates into effect August 1. The rates originally were ordered effective June 1, but an injunction granted western carriers by the federal court at Chicago caused delay.

The reduction is intended to apply to grain and grain products hauled in the west for export. The commission estimated it would reduce the revenues of the carriers \$15,000,000 annually.

Miss Bond, Round-Up Queen
Miss Betty Bond of Pendleton, will be Queen of the Round-Up, August 27, 28 and 29. Miss Bond is the daughter of Willard Bond, Pendleton merchant and director of Indians at the Round-Up. She is a popular member of the junior class at the University of Oregon, and a leading spirit in Alpha Phi.

Schmeling Is Champion
For the first time in history of the prize ring, the championship is held by a European. Max Schmeling of Germany, gave Stribling an awful lacing in their 15 round bout Friday evening, winning in the 15th on a technical knockout. Stribling was on his feet, but utterly helpless.

Bank Statement

Charter No. 4516 Reserve District No. 12

Report of Condition of the First National Bank of Athena in the State of Oregon, at the close of business on June 30, 1931

RESOURCES	
1. Loans and discounts.....	\$ 512,125.90
3. United States Government securities owned.....	47,500.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned.....	44,414.56
6. Banking house, \$6,662.00 Furniture and fixtures, \$338.00.....	7,000.00
8. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	28,905.63
9. Cash and due from banks.....	213,724.70
11. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	625.00
Total.....	\$ 863,695.84

LIABILITIES	
15. Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000.00
16. Surplus.....	60,000.00
17. Undivided profits—net.....	28,438.20
20. Circulating notes outstanding.....	12,500.00
21. Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding.....	2,549.30
22. Demand deposits.....	421,190.17
23. Time deposits.....	289,018.17
Total.....	\$ 863,695.84


State of Oregon, County of Umatilla, ss.
I, F. S. LeGrow, Cashier, of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
F. S. LeGROW, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of July, 1931.
E. C. PRESTBYE, Notary Public
My commission expires, July 1, 1932.

Correct—Attest:
M. L. WATTS
M. W. HANSELL,
HENRY DELL, Directors

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