

ROUND-UP PLANS STARTING WELL

Pendleton Interest Centers in Big Annual Frontier Event.

Pendleton.—With the Round-Up more than a month away, Pendleton is already taking time from its wheat harvesting and other private business to think, talk and plan for the city's biggest event. The 22d annual Round-Up, with its pioneer night pageant, Happy Canyon, will be staged August 27, 28 and 29.

Though contestants do not register until the week before the show, word has come that the southwest will probably be represented by the largest number of top hands it has ever sent. This word was brought, as is usual, by an occasional letter or by riders, ropers and bulldozers passing through here.

At least two famous strings of relay and flat race horses will compete. McCarty & Elliott will bring their horses from Chugwater, Wyo., and George Drumheller's will come from Walla Walla, Wash. Fierce-bucking Brahma steers will also be brought by the former outfit.

Riders in the world's bucking contest will face at least one horse that has never yet been ridden. That is Midnight, a big black animal. The riders refused to accept him in the bucking contest last year, but this year, the management declares, Midnight will be in the finals whether they like it or not. He is an even more vicious buck than Long Tom, of unpleasant memory to many top riders.

Mabel Strickland, now of Burbank, Cal., one of the Round-Up's most brilliant stars of years past, will be back to ride Drumheller's relay string, to top buckers and to rope. She is recognized as the best woman steer-roper in Round-Up records. Another entrant in women's relay events will be Vera McGinnis, who has been jockeying at Tia Juana and Agua Caliente.

Bob Crosby, Monument, N. M., who won permanent possession of the Roosevelt trophy in 1928, is understood to be returning to offer stiff competition to Jake McClure, Lovington, N. M., who got a leg up on the Sam Jackson trophy last year.

Other top hands reputed to be looking toward the Round-Up are Dick Shelton, Fort Worth, Tex., bulldogging champion in 1928 and 1929; Carl Arnold, Phoenix, Ariz., star roper;

Big Terminal Elevator Goes Into Possession of National Corporation

Chicago.—Negotiations for the purchase of the Soo Line terminal elevator at Minneapolis have been practically completed, it is announced by the Farmers National Grain Corporation. The house has a capacity of 2,300,000 bushels, is of modern concrete construction and electrically equipped for fast operations. Sufficient ground for additional storage space, should it be found desirable later, is included in the purchase.

The grain corporation also announced the leasing of 23 warehouses and elevators in the intermountain states of Idaho and Utah. Several other elevators have been purchased or located in the Colorado territory, insuring stockholders of the grain corporation in the three states efficient service in the handling of the new crop.

"Acquisition of elevator and warehouse properties in the intermountain territory, following the launching of a \$1,000,000 facilities program in the Pacific northwest, puts the national grain cooperative in a strong position for the handling of the grain business of these two territories," said C. E. Huff, president of Farmers National Grain corporation. "Facilities built and to be built or acquired in the Pacific Northwest include not only warehouses, but considerable storage space both at the important terminals and inland."

Harvest of Peas Begins
Harvesting Australian peas for seed has begun in the Dayton vicinity and mowing with a side delivery attachment in a nine-acre upland field in the E. M. Alderman farm in the Unionvale neighborhood. The threshing will be done with a combine.

Wheat Sacks Take Fire
A smut explosion in a stack of sacked wheat was believed to be responsible for a fire at Vanderhae brothers ranches near Milton. Between 800 and 1000 sacks of grain were destroyed.

Dick Truitt, Okmulgee, Okla., steer-roping champion in 1929; Pete Knight Calgary, bucking champion at Pendleton, Cheyenne and Calgary last year; Turk Greenough, Jackson Hole, Wyo., roper and E. Pardee, La Junta, Colo., another roping specialist.

Ed Wright and his educated mule will be among the clown riders. Wright is an all-around hand capable of entering any of the contests.

Principal events prior to the Round-Up will be the arrival of the Texas longhorns about August 5 and the dress-up parade the night of August 15. Dan Clark general livestock agent for the Union Pacific, is now purchasing the cattle in the southwest.

BULK METHOD BEST FOR GRAIN GROWERS

Study of Northwest Farms Reveals Savings Except on Steep Land.

Oregon State College.—Savings of from 3% to 4% cents per bushel in production costs will be made this year by farmers equipped to handle their grain in bulk instead of in sacks, judging from findings set forth in a preliminary report on a thorough study of this question just released by the Oregon State college experiment station. G. W. Kuhlman of the farm management department of the experiment station cooperated with the federal department of agriculture and men from the Idaho and Washington experiment stations in making an actual field survey of 316 typical grain farms during the harvest season.

Two important factors were found to delay the more general use of bulk handling. These are the rough topography of many fields which are not suitable for combine harvesting in bulk handling facilities at local shipping points.

"Bulking machinery for use on level land has long since passed the experimental stage," says the report. "Where grain is bulked directly from combine to shipping point, little outlay is necessary in converting sack equipment for bulking. With the present meagre facilities at most country shipping points, however, few growers may enjoy this change without overtaxing these facilities."

"Farm storage, on the other hand, was found to be more expensive for the average farmer than commercial storage at regular rate. The inability to obtain loans on farm-stored grain and the lack of an entirely adequate system of improved roads to permit delivery at any season, are factors further discouraging farm storage."

The preliminary report concludes that while an ultimate shift to bulk handling is desirable over much of the northwest, the change would best be made cautiously to make sure of shipping facilities. In many instances such facilities may have to wait until growers are able to erect them by cooperative effort.

George Winship who now makes his headquarters in Pendleton was a business visitor here last Friday.

Farm Debt Moratorium Gains Favor in Kansas and Southwest Section

A Kansas City dispatch of Saturday says a movement for an informal moratorium on farm debts, unparalleled in the history of the Southwest, gained strength throughout the Kansas wheat belt.

Farmers, business men and bankers alike showed increasing determination to take whatever steps were necessary to save at least a little cash from the greatest wheat crop the territory has ever known.

The continued drop in receipts of grain at terminals offered positive evidence that growers, aided by their creditors, were determined to hold as much of their huge stocks of grain as possible for an expected rising price.

Only 1036 cars of wheat rolled into Kansas City, as compared with almost 1500 cars a week ago, and the market held well. There was strong demand, and closing prices were unchanged to 1/2 cent off, while cash prices showed an even slighter sag.

The move to aid the farmer through allowing him a little extra time in which to meet his debts was assuming increasing scope with every passing hour. Bankers and merchants met with their farmer-debtors, and between them worked out plans for their own informal moratoriums.

Storekeepers who could find a place to store grain accepted wheat in payment of bills at prices 15 to 25 cents above the market. Bankers and implement men were giving postponements of weeks or months for farmers to settle with them.

In several known cases, farmers who accepted the offered price were permitted to keep their elevator checks to get a new start for the next year.

Efforts for an organized moratorium on debts continued. Congressman Edgar C. Howard of Nebraska was en route to Washington to present to President Hoover his plea for a five-year postponement of farm mortgages.

Pressure still was being brought on the federal farm board for a definite statement it will hold its 200,000,000-bushel old crop surplus until the new crop has moved.

The Daily Drivers Telegram of Kansas City, Kan., saw hope for a rising price in the fact that prices sagged only 1 cent in the 10 days from July 6 to 16, in which record receipts of wheat reached Kansas City. The strong demand indicates, the paper said, that prices will rise as receipts fall.

Certainly that is the view of the farmer. A few days ago he chuckled his crop overboard at market prices. Monday, in fighting spirit, he sought any way that might enable him to hold it.

Walla Walla Wheat Samples Look Better

Last week reports received from Portland on grading Walla Walla new crop wheat were very discouraging to valley growers. Now the Walla Walla Union reports:

After noting that the first certified wheat samples received from Portland were light and smutty, grain dealers of the district have expressed themselves as agreeably surprised with the latest samples, many of which tested highly. Hard winter wheat from Stone and Pleasant View stations showed over 60 pounds to the bushel with no smut while western red at Packard station also graded No. 1.

Hard winter samples from Clyde showed 60 pounds to the bushel with no smut while eastern red from the same district was 58 pounds with one-half per cent of smut. One Walla Walla station sample was very light, a western white with No. 4 grade and two per cent smut.

These samples were taken as representative by most of the dealers as the farmers are now well out in their fields.

More Pigs This Fall
Figures gathered by Oregon State College indicate that about eight per cent more pigs may be raised this year, the largest increase in prospect being in fall pigs although there was an increase in spring pigs. The western states, especially the coast states show the greatest prospective increase in percentage, but in actual numbers the corn states are expected to increase the most.

McNaught Family Leave
The C. S. McNaught family have sold their holdings at Hermiston and departed for Portland, where they will reside. They were one of the first families to settle on the Umatilla project, and Mr. McNaught was prominent in civic affairs of his community. He will open an office at Portland where he will handle sales of alfalfa hay.

A National Figure
J. C. Penney, organizer of the J. C. Penney system of stores and a national figure in the financial and mercantile world, will speak at the membership dinner of the Pendleton chamber of commerce, July 28. While in Pendleton Mr. Penney will be the guest of J. E. Akey of the Penney store in that city.

Fire in Weston Hotel
Fire Friday morning broke out in the upstairs rooms of the brick Weston hotel building. After an hour's work on the part of volunteer firemen the flames were brought under control. The loss is estimated at \$2500.

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Hoss Still Favors a Cut in Auto License

Salem.—The proposal of the Oregon Tax Conservation league to reduce the cost of motor vehicle license fees from 25 to 33 1-3 per cent, has received the approval of Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state. Hoss has jurisdiction of the state motor vehicle department.

Hoss declared in a statement that he would go a step farther than the conservation league and reduce the motor vehicle license fees 50 per cent. He also went on record in favor of a 5-cent gasoline tax, which would be distributed so as to give the counties an opportunity to recoup the losses in revenue they would receive when the license fees were reduced.

Trapped Cat Bites Girl
Miss Annie McDevitt was badly bitten in both hands Friday by a cat which was caught in a coyote trap on the McDevitt ranch near Heppner. On finding the cat she tried to release it, but the animal, crazed with pain, fastened its teeth in one hand. She attempted to pry its jaws open and in so doing was bitten on the other hand. She was taken to Heppner to a physician, who dressed the wounds and gave tetanus antitoxin.

New Lookout Tower
The forest service is building a lookout tower about 70 feet high at the Bone Springs ranger station 49 miles northeast of Tollgate, near the Skyline road reports the Leader. The superstructure is of huge logs bolted together, and these will be surmounted by a convenient log cabin from which the forest fire lookout may make his observations.

Seed Experimentation
Weston Leader: The Weston Mountain Seed Potato Improvement association, whose membership comprises ten leading growers, is experimenting this year with certified netted gems from Montana with a view to improving its own product. Each of the association's ten members has planted several sacks of the Montana seed in "tuber unit."

Improving Airport
Airway engineers from Salt Lake City and Washington, D. C., are making improvements at the Meacham emergency airport for convenience of the Varney airmail line. So far sites have been laid out for radio and telephone buildings. The runways are also to be reconstructed.

Old Home Burned Down
While Mr. and Mrs. Phil Worth stood helpless, flames destroyed their home in Walla Walla which had been theirs 38 years. The building was a total loss and was uninsured. Firemen were summoned, but were unable to check the blaze.

Huseby-McEwen

A wedding of much interest to the friends of the contracting parties, was the marriage Friday at Milton of Miss Mary Eleanor McEwen and Paul Gilmore Huseby. The officiating clergyman was Rev. T. S. Wheeler, who performed the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents. A wedding breakfast was served immediately after for about 49 guests and the young people left for a honeymoon on the coast. In about ten days they will be at home to their friends at Matheson, California, where Mr. Huseby is a mining engineer.

New Project Settlers

A number of new settlers have recently come to the Westland irrigation district, on the west side of the Umatilla river in the Hermiston district and took advantage of cheap land there to make homes. Water has been plentiful this season and newly seeded alfalfa fields have been turning out well. The second cutting of hay there promises to be a bumper crop.

Milton Wheat Harvest

The harvest in the Milton district was at its peak this week, with many machines completing the season's run. The yield can be said to be much better than was anticipated at the beginning of harvest, but the quality is not up to the usual standard, due to a period of hot weather pinching the grain.

Fractured a Vertebra

Earl Diviney, an employe of the city of Milton, who fell from a tree last week fracturing a vertebra, is improving at the St. Mary's hospital at Walla Walla. It is said that he will be in the hospital about eight or ten weeks to allow the injury to heal properly.

Recovering From Injuries

Elvin Mays, the young man who was injured at the Corwin ranch near Pilot Rock last week, when a derrick rock fell on him, is reported to be recovering at St. Anthony's hospital. He suffered a fractured skull and a broken leg.

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TO MILTON AND WALLA WALLA 8:55 A. M., 11:10 A. M., 3:10 P. M., 5:50 P. M.

TO PORTLAND 7:50 A. M., 12:35 P. M., 9:20 P. M.

TO BAKER, BOISE AND EAST 3:55 P. M., 9:20 P. M.

For further information refer to GORDON M. WATKINS

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