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WHEAT HARVEST NEARING CLOSE

Cargoes to United Kingdom and Orient Relieve Congestion at Terminals.

The Umatilla wheat harvest is practically at an end, with but few machines remaining in the fields next week. From the standpoint of weather conditions, the season has been ideal, without an hour's time being lost on account of rain for there has been no rain to contend with. Aside from ditches washed out in the fields by heavy rains earlier in the season, the harvest crews have faced no trouble in garnering a crop that in many Athena fields averaged 50 bushels and over.

Storage facilities in Athena have been kept adequate by shipments of wheat at intervals, and from Portland comes announcement that terminal storage room has been relieved by shipment of half a million bushels which was sold for export by the Farmers National Grain corporation.

One cargo—about a quarter of a million bushels of white wheat was sold to the United Kingdom. The other was turkey red, and went to the Orient.

Northwest Wheat
"This wheat was not grain stabilization corporation wheat, but northwest wheat held by Farmers National Grain corporation in its warehouses at Portland and Seattle," said an official. "The stabilization corporation is holding its stocks off the market to avoid depressing the price the farmer might receive for his new crop."

"Sale of these two cargoes of bulk wheat will aid materially in relieving congestion in storage facilities."

Harvest Notes
A considerable amount of wheat was sold to Athena buyers this week at prices ranging from 32 to 34 cents for bulk grain.

The Hansell-Wood crew moved to the Hansell mountain ranch yesterday where a good crop of wheat will be harvested.

Joe Scott harvested 400 acres of wheat. Fall sown grain averaged 45 bushels, and spring 40 bushels per acre.

Joe Cannon's wheat crop averaged 47 bushels per acre.

Floyd Pinkerton threshed a 50-bushel crop. He is now harvesting his bottom land west of town.

Laurence Pinkerton's 200-acre crop averaged 40 bushels.

George Gerking cropped 50 bushels per acre from 212 acres on the Kirk place east of town. An 80 south of Athena averaged 50 bushels.

Huckleberrying Huckleberries

Huckleberrying is proving to be one of the most popular of out-door sports and pastimes in which numbers of Athena people have been indulging recently. Mr. and Mrs. Sias returned last Thursday from High Ridge where they camped for several days. They were successful in finding the berries and brought home thirteen gallons. Mrs. W. S. Ferguson and Mrs. Mollie Worthington were also in the mountains last week. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pittman and George Pittman spent Sunday huckleberrying on the target range and the breaks of the Walla Walla river where the berries are plentiful and the country rough. Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jenkins, Dorris and Dale Jenkins, Rachel Smith and Mrs. Charles Potter, spent last week-end near the Toll Gate where they found many berries.

Portland Fishermen

M. D. Hutchings and Si Flook, both of Portland, were fined a total of \$137.60 for catching fish of illegal size. Each was fined \$4.20 when taken before Judge Hall at Oswego, and Flook was fined an additional \$29.20 for fishing without a license. When arrested on Milk creek they had in their possession 147 trout, only twelve of which were over the six-inch limit. The others ranged from three inches up.

The Deadly Cigarette

Miss Marie Stahl, of Port Arthur, Tex., whose arm was severed Sunday night when she held it out of an automobile window to flick off cigarette ashes died Tuesday night. The arm was caught in the uprights of a parked truck.

Store Has New Front

Gordon Watkins' pharmacy has taken on a new front this week. Justin Harwood toned it up with a fresh coat of cream paint. Last week, new oak doors were put in place of the old ones.

Playing at Beach Resorts

Bob Fletcher's Round-Up orchestra will play engagements at beach resorts for the remainder of the summer.

Diving Accident at Langdon Lake Takes Boy's Life

As a result of a diving accident at Langdon Lake Friday, Billy Duncan, 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Duncan of Walla Walla, died in that city Sunday morning. The mother of the boy was formerly Miss Nellie Froom of this city, niece of Mrs. Laura Froom of the Athena Hotel.

When diving at Langdon Lake the lad struck his head on a log that was part of an improvised raft. Paralyzed by the blow, he was helpless in the water and was rescued through the efforts of Jimmy Ralph (12), of Pendleton, who grabbed young Duncan and kept him afloat for several minutes before a boat from shore reached them. His condition was critical from the first.

He died at a Walla Walla hospital after an attempt had been made to relieve pressure on his spine, through an operation, Saturday night.

He was born January 17, 1917 at Teshastin, Wash. He was a member of Troop 19, Boy Scouts, of the Pioneer Methodist church and had participated in the recent bicycle race from Lowden to Walla Walla.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a sister, Marjorie, and one brother, Donald of Pasadena, California, who formerly attended Whitman college.

Crawford Named

James W. Crawford, state senator from Multnomah county, was appointed circuit judge to succeed the late Judge R. G. Morrow of the Multnomah county circuit bench. The appointment was announced by Governor Meier.

Toll Gate Resort Company Is Incorporated

Kidwell Brothers, owners of the Langdon Lake resort, were in Freewater this last week and made arrangements with their attorney, G. H. Bishop, for the incorporation of their holdings which under the new arrangement will be known as the Langdon Lake Resort company, says the Times. There will be \$25,000 worth of stock, fully paid and non-assessable. The entire amount of stock is owned by Kidwell Brothers.

Arrangements have already been made to have the acreage surveyed and platted and L. A. Reineman left the first of the week for Langdon Lake where he is making the survey. The property sites are to be laid out on the plan of city lots and no more leases will be made until the survey is completed.

Harvester Caught Fire

Late Saturday afternoon the R. B. McEwen harvester caught fire, the cause of which has not been determined. It originated presumably in the cylinder house and before it could be extinguished it spread to the chaffer igniting and destroying feeder sticks and canvas. A portion of the surrounding stubble was burned but by diligent effort the fire was prevented from destroying any wheat. Repairs were made Sunday and work was resumed Monday morning. Damage to R. B. McEwen's harvester was covered by insurance.

Weston People in Accident

The Weston correspondent of the Walla Walla Union recounts that Henry Beamer and family had a narrow escape Sunday while on a huckleberry picking trip. His auto engine stopped while on a grade on High Ridge, and the brakes failed to hold, the car turned over twice. Mrs. Beamer suffered a deep gash in her arm and others were bruised.

Antelope Die of Thirst

American's last big herd of antelope will soon be extinct unless the Oregon state game commission takes immediate steps to aid these dainty animals, which are dying of thirst in Lake county after being driven from the few remaining waterholes with high-powered rifles by hunters placed there by the commission.

Taylor's Return

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Taylor of Pendleton, well known in Athena, have returned from a trip to California by motor. They were in California for five weeks where they visited relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor encountered hot weather all along the coast.

Oregon Trail Forest Fire

A forest fire near Boiling Point service station on the Old Oregon Trail highway east of Pendleton burned over 200 acres before it was brought under control by fighters. The fire spread from the north fork of McKay creek.

New Deputy Appointed

To take the place of deputy in the sheriff's office, vacated by Wayne Gurdane who was appointed to a captaincy in the state police force, Ralph Minnis has been appointed, and is now on active duty.

Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—Miss Betty Bond, a member of the Junior class in the University of Oregon, who has been selected as queen of the annual round-up at Pendleton, Ore., which will be held this year August 27, 28 and 29. 2—New picket boats of the United States run fleet and two larger convoys photographed in Chicago harbor as they were being taken to New Orleans for service in the Gulf of Mexico. 3—Delegation from Hawaii to the Christian Endeavor convention in San Francisco, representing six nationalities—Filipino, Portuguese, Japanese, Hawaiian, Chinese and American.

Milton-Freewater Ships 102 Carloads Tomatoes

A Milton-Freewater special to the Walla Walla Union says that with the last of the local tomatoes for shipping in sight a checkup shows that to date there have been 102 carloads shipped to eastern markets, and there probably will be 8 more to roll eastward in the next few days, bringing a successful season to a close.

The quality this year has been very good, and until the extreme hot sun of the last ten days affected the crop by wilting and burning there were very few bad lots in that section. The 102 carloads shipped were handled by Mojonier & Son for the Freewater Tomato Growers Co-operative, and several cars were shipped by the Pacific Fruit and Produce company, but most of these shipments not going east.

Within ten days prunes will start rolling to market, and as yet there is not a decision as to the probable number of cars that will be shipped. Yet as the season approaches the estimated amount of tonnage gets lower, until now many growers say the yield will probably be less than 700 cars. It also appears that there will be a greater percentage of culls than heretofore.

May Return to Athena

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Worthington were in town from Pendleton Wednesday looking over their Main street business property. They will repair the building, which has been vacant for some time. Mr. Worthington stated there was a possibility of their returning to Athena and again making their home here. He has been engaged in painting and decorating while living in Pendleton. Their son, Emory Worthington, is employed in a Pendleton store.

Would Save Half Million

Elimination from the state tax levy for the year 1932 of the half-million provided by law for application on interest and principal of world war veterans' state aid bonds was recommended by Governor Meier in a letter sent to the state tax commission. This action by the state tax commission would save the taxpayers of Oregon approximately \$500,000 in 1932, Governor Meier said.

Blames Local Units

The blame for excessive taxes in Oregon was laid in large measure to unrestricted home rule privileges of local tax levying bodies by Charles Galloway of the state tax commission in an address at Pendleton Wednesday before the Umatilla County Tax Equalization league. "Instead of paying as we go, we go on and try to pay afterwards," he said.

J. F. Slover Dies

James F. Slover, for many years well and favorably known in Milton-Freewater and surrounding districts, died at the General hospital in Walla Walla Tuesday evening of last week, following a short illness of heart failure. He had been in ill health for a number of years.

Makes Seven Arrests

Merle Anderson, state police officer, made seven arrests in the vicinity of Milton-Freewater Sunday. Two were taken and fined \$50 each for being drunk in a public place. Four other arrests were for driving with four in the front seat.

Miner Killed in Cavein

Charles Barnard, about 75, lost his life in his mine near Baker Monday when the roof and walls of a tunnel gave way and caved in on him. Barnard had lived at Baker several years. His wife died last spring.

World Surplus of Wheat Still Grows Is Report of Government Experts

Washington.—The world wheat surplus swelled more than 100,000,000 bushels during the crop year ended June 30.

Government economists have unofficially estimated that the world carry-over at the beginning of the new crop year was 690,000,000 bushels a year ago.

On the Chicago market Tuesday September wheat touched 47 3-4 cents, a new historical low for that future while December wheat sagged to 53 1-8 cents, also a new low.

The July 1 estimate of more than 670,000,000 bushels for the world carryover includes a tentative estimate of 300,000,000 for the United States, a large part of which is in the hands of the grain stabilization corporation.

While the world surpluses have increased yearly since 1926, the agriculture department has forecast a 1931 world crop of between 250,000,000 and 300,000,000 bushels less than last year. Drought in the United States spring wheat territory and in Canada may reduce that crop by more than 100,000,000 bushels.

The world carryover figures do not take into account Russian surpluses of which no accurate estimate is available. Russia is considered a formidable factor in world wheat trading operations.

Fire Causes \$75,000 Damage At Grangeville

Fire which swept along five blocks of a residential street at Grangeville, Idaho, burned itself out late Monday afternoon. Firemen estimated the damage between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

The flames destroyed ten homes and ten barns and garages, besides a number of smaller buildings. Fire fighters were handicapped by a low water supply and lack of pressure, while a strong southwest wind spread the blaze.

Furniture and belongings were saved from only four of the houses burned.

Huns Eating Melons

Shooting of Hungarian partridges to save the crops of ranchers near Finley on the Columbia river in Benton county was started by Game Warden N. E. Palmer. The ranchers reported large flocks of the birds descending on their watermelon fields, pecking holes in the melons. The birds will be given needy families.

Wheat Lowest Ever

Wheat Tuesday regained the center of interest in the Chicago grain pits by dropping to the lowest price ever paid for a regular grade, 47 3-4 cents a bushel for a car of No. 2 red winter. The previous all time low price was 48 cents July 31.

Cow Has Pneumonia

One of Louie Ringel's prize Guernsey dairy cows has been seriously afflicted with pneumonia, but is showing symptoms of recovering during the last few days. The cow is one of Mr. Ringel's high test milkers of his Guernsey herd.

Nine Are Baptized

Following a picnic at Walla Walla park Sunday, sponsored by the Dixie Nazarine church, nine persons, four from Dixie and five from Milton, were baptized at Wildwood park.

Rabbit Breeders Exhibit

The Walla Walla Rabbit Breeder's association will have an extensive exhibit of their stock at the Walla Walla county fair.

Cigarette Smoker Sets Bed on Fire and Vamooses

What might have been a serious fire was averted about 2 o'clock Monday morning when Mrs. Laura Froom heard a commotion in one of the upstairs rooms in the Athena Hotel. Following the noise she found the room full of smoke and the bed on fire.

The mattress was burned through and the linoleum on the floor was damaged. The room was empty, the occupant apparently having made a hasty get-away.

Mrs. Froom states that she had not rented the room and thinks some one came in at a late hour and while smoking dropped asleep with the dangerous results.

A Ford car which had been parked near the Post Office was heard to drive hastily away but it was impossible to see the driver so no clues were available.

Buildings Saved From Fire

A fire which assumed alarming proportions in an incredibly short time burned over two half sections on the Wallen and Hales ranches west of Athena Wednesday afternoon. A trash fire burning in a rock quarry and fanned by a brisk breeze, jumped the road and burned rapidly over the stubble toward the Hales house. By hurriedly back-firing and plowing a furrow around the buildings they were saved. In the meantime the fire had spread toward the Wallen house and by the same means the fire was held under control and extinguished.

After Old Licenses

State police have been making numerous arrests for use of old license plates on automobiles, according to S. C. Linville, sergeant in charge of the Pendleton district, says the East Oregonian. Practically all drivers have by this time obtained or attempted to obtain new plates, and the work of the officers has been limited to a few stragglers, he said this morning. No arrests are being made where drivers made application for licenses before April 1.

A Tripple Wedding

A mother and her two children, of Fernwood, Idaho, went to Spokane to be married. Mrs. May A. Kirkpatrick won leadoff honors in the triple ceremony, and was married to Alex Iversen, Fernwood. Her son, Clarence Risteen, 21, was married to Helen Gardner, 18; then the daughter, Nola Risteen, 18, and Edward Anderson, 38, had their turn before the fast-tiring judge.

After Fifteen Years

Carrying 2,850 bags of Gilliam county grain, the stern wheeler Umatilla left The Dalles for Portland at 9 a. m. Tuesday. It was the first shipment forwarded to Portland by water in 15 years, excepting the cargo which was aboard the steamer Cowitz which sank last month with 100 tons of grain.

Double Wedding Performed

Andrew Ingalls and Bessie Smith and Jerry Ingalls and Vernita McBean, all of Adams, were principals in a double wedding performed Tuesday afternoon by Fred Hedger, justice of the peace at Walla Walla. The two couples had been issued licenses by the county auditor.

Lad Shoots Sheriff

A 10-year-old barefoot boy, Hubert Nichols, Jr., shot and killed Sheriff John Wormell, 72, at Asotin, Wash., Wednesday. The boy fired at close range through Wormell's brain from behind a barrel when the sheriff and deputies caught him robbing a store.

Lynch Out; Hanley is Named as a Commissioner

Salem.—Confirmation of reports which were current here during the past week, was given by Governor Julius L. Meier over the week end. He announced the appointment of William Hanley of Burns to succeed M. A. Lynch of Redmond, who he removed from the state highway commission, and his decision not to call a special session of the state legislature to consider tax matters.

M. A. Lynch was appointed a member of the highway commission by Governor A. L. Norblad and was reappointed in March by Governor Meier. When asked whether he had removed Lynch or whether Lynch had resigned the governor replied, "I have not yet received Lynch's resignation." He would make no further comment, other than he believed Hanley would make a good commissioner, as he had been active in highway development for many years.

Lynch attended the meeting of the highway commission here last Thursday at which time he denied reports he had resigned or had intended to resign. Governor Meier last Thursday also denied he had received a resignation from Lynch, or that he had made a change on the highway commission. William Hanley attended the meeting here last week and had a long conference with the governor at that time. Yesterday Hanley joined chairman H. B. Van Duzer and commissioner Charles K. Spaulding at an adjourned meeting of the commission to be held in Salem.

Agricultural Inspectors Holding up Bridge Traffic

Agricultural inspectors "held" the approaches to the Interstate bridge connecting Oregon and Washington Tuesday, and the "war" on vegetables is on, each state challenging the products of the other.

A Washington grower who stored some potatoes in Portland and then tried to take them back to Washington, found his way barred by a Washington inspector who declared "You can't bring that stuff into this state. The potatoes are not branded according to law."

So the grower trundled his cargo back toward Portland but on the Oregon end of the bridge was accosted by an Oregon official who refused to permit him to pass. "Your Washington potatoes," the Oregon inspector declared, "are misbranded under the Oregon law and you cannot bring them into this state."

Fire Precaution Taker

Persons making use of the Umatilla National forest are being more careful this year than in the past according to Albert Baker, district forest ranger. Last year on the whole forest fires were two to three times more numerous. The Walla Walla or north district has had but four fires this year as compared to between 25 and 30 for the same months last year. Fire hazards are said to be just as bad as last season.

Indian Fighter Committed

Tom O'Brien, 83, famous Indian fighter who once staged a one man parade in Spokane was committed this week to the Eastern Washington hospital for the insane. Several weeks ago police found the aged scout wading into Hangman creek to escape what he thought was an Indian attack. Since then he has been in a hospital with pneumonia.

Estate Contest Dismissed

The East Oregonian reports that the action of Jeanette Elder against Frank Duff, administrator of the last will and testament of T. J. Kirk, and others has been dismissed upon motion of the defendants by Judge Calvin Sweek. Court costs incurred by the defendants were ordered paid by the plaintiff.

Steelhead Run Poor

The run of steelheads in the Deschutes river so far has been disappointing, anglers say. Fishermen have visited the stream in great numbers. Only two steelheads were caught on the river Sunday near The Dalles. Heavy catches, however, are being made in the Columbia below Celilo.

New "Streamline" Tire

Airplane tires have gone streamline. Out of the search for ways of decreasing air resistance of autos and airplanes has come a new parabolic type airplane tire, exhibited at the recent national air show in Detroit. The new "shoe" was developed to be used with a new type wheel.

Fraternity House Fire

Fire in the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house at Eugene caused \$2000 damages. The loss is fully covered by insurance. The origin of the blaze, which started in the basement, is a mystery. Five members of the fraternity were sleeping in the house at the time.

FAMILIES FLEEING ADVANCING FLAMES

Blazes Destroy 22 Homes as Incendiaries Set Fire in Forests.

Spokane.—Incendiary fires roared over northwest forests, driving hundreds of persons from their homes this week.

Major Evan Kelley, regional forester said the Priest river fire in the Kaniksu national forest of Idaho, spewing flame on a front of 30 miles, was "without a doubt of an incendiary nature."

The giant Deer Creek conflagration in the Pend O'Reille and Kootenai forests, he said, was also started deliberately by persons skilled in the craft of the timber lands.

Foresters farther down in Idaho reported firebugs set a score of other blazes.

About 200 fires seared their way steadily through timber lands of North Idaho, western Montana and eastern Washington. Smoke hid the countryside, making actual count of their number and extent impossible.

Newspaper observers counted 22 houses burned down and at least 300 head of cattle killed. Flaming trees crashed across roads and trails, and telephone lines were burned down at several places. Hundreds packed household goods and fled before the wall of fire in the Priest River valley. The little hamlet of Forest, Idaho, was threatened with destruction as a fire crawled up the sides of Craig mountain, on which it perches. Its 60 inhabitants, men, women and children, fought all night and halted it within a few hundred feet of the town.

Fire fighters of the national service, state services and timber protective organizations approximated 2500, equipped with shovels, spades, axes, saws, light and heavy water pumps and fire plows. A score of pack mule trains plodded steadily into the timberland with supplies rushed up by train an bus.

Lower down, in the St. Joe and Coeur d'Alene national forests, several hundred men went in to battle smaller fires at Wevggio, Yellow Dog, Marble creek, Mullan glich and scores of other points.

Federal forest executives, declining to comment on the motive for incendiary fires, said they had hired all the crews needed and that persons setting fires either maliciously or carelessly would be severely prosecuted.

Ray James, Pend Oreille county fire warden on the Kaniksu forest, waded through hot embers and ashes near Freeman lake to rescue a white doe and a buck deer that bleated piteously near his fire camp. He found their eyes had been burned out by flames and their hair seared off, so he killed them to put them out of their misery.

On the main front of the fire approximately 40,000 acres were burning, but the total acreage could not be figured by reporters at Newport, who found the countryside smothered in impenetrable smoke.

Missionary Meeting

The Christian Missionary Society met at the home of Miss May Lockwood Wednesday afternoon, August 5th. The subject for consideration was Tibet and the program was led by Miss Jaunita Crawford. Others who participated were Mrs. George Gerking, Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton, Mrs. Garner, Mrs. William Pinkerton, Mrs. Stella Keen. Musical features of the program were a vocal solo by Miss Lieualen of Adams and a piano solo by Miss Glen Sias. The program was also supplemented with an appropriate playlet. Members of the cast including Mrs. Llyod Michener, Mrs. Mary McKay, Mrs. Charles Sias, Mrs. William Pinkerton and Rev. Sias. Following the program a social hour was enjoyed when the hostess assisted by Mrs. Sias served delicious ices and wafers. Twenty-three were present.

Wheat Pays for Bride

Frank Craig, Dodge City, Kansas, gave Judge Richard W. Evans ten bushels of wheat as a fee for performing the marriage ceremony for him and Fave Marie Rinehard of Augusta, Kan. Courthouse workers opened one of the sacks and showered the contents upon the bride and bridegroom.

Third Attempt O. K.

Jack St. Clair, 55, committed suicide by jumping into the Spokane river. It was his third try at death within a few weeks, a previous leap into the river and the slashing of his wrists having failed.

Baker Warehouses Burn

Loss estimated at \$10,000 resulted Monday at Baker, when fire destroyed three warehouses and two coal sheds containing a hundred tons of coal. The damage was partly covered by insurance.