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CROP CONDITIONS GOOD IN COUNTY

Rainfall Has All Soaked Into Soil
Without Usual Runoff

WHEAT GROWING RAPIDLY NOW

Turkey Red and Federation Wheats
Both Doing Well

Observers who have been out and around the county during the past week are unanimous in the belief that Sherman county will have one of the best crops in the decade unless something unforeseen happens between now and harvest time.

The precipitation since the first of September, from which date the year's rainfall is calculated, has been nearly eight inches. Of this amount practically all is in the ground which is an unusual condition as normally a portion of our moisture runs off with melting snow in the spring freshets.

While we still have a deficiency of moisture, we have nearly a normal amount in the ground.

Due to the fact that the preceding years have been drier than usual it may take a large amount of moisture to make a bumper crop, but most of the farmers are convinced since the record breaking rain of March that they will be able to raise a pretty fair crop in spite of anything the weather may do before July 1st.

Even the old-timers who are accustomed to compare the present unfavorably with some year in the past are practically agreed that the prospects for wheat this year are as good as any in the history of the county. In nearly every field there is a good stand of wheat whether it is the winter Turkey Red and Hybrid in the north end of the county or the spring sown Federation in the south end of the county where moisture conditions were unsatisfactory for seeding last fall.

There have been a few farmers who have had to reseed for various reasons. In the dry ground of last fall some grain died before it sprouted and early snow spring grain treated with formaldehyde died in one two hundred acre field before the rains came to sprout it.

The grain in the south end of the county is not nearly so far along in growth as it is nearer the river but this is a healthy condition as frosts are later there and its backwardness now is merely frost protection later.

Pupils Of Mrs. Doris Blake Give Recital

A gypsy musical party was given by the pupils of Doris E. Blake for their parents in the Masonic hall Friday, April 10, 1931.

The hall was prettily decorated in rugs, floor lamps and plants making it a home like scene.

The musical numbers were as follows:

1. Piano Solo Melvin Balzer.
2. Piano Logue Rachel Poley.
3. Piano Solo Janet Wilcox.
4. Piano Duet Martha Hodgkins and Doris Blake.
5. Piano Solo Ralph Balzer.
6. Trio Janet Wilcox, Vivian Reynolds and Marjorie Blake.
7. Piano Solo Catherine Burton.
8. Solo Vern McGowan.
9. Piano Solo Marjorie Blake.
10. Piano Duet Ralph Balzer and Melvin Balzer.
11. Piano Solo Bruce Alley.
12. Piano Logue Marjorie Blake.
13. Piano Solo Barbara Walpole.
14. Piano Solo Vivian Reynolds.
15. Trio Bruce Alley, Barbara Walpole and Doris Blake.
16. Duet Barbara Walpole and Doris Blake.
17. Solo Catherine Burton.

After the recital numbers were given, Bandana Kerchiefs and huge red ear rings were passed and everyone had to play gypsy. The guests were soon busily engaged in gypsy 500, and the children were entertained with games. The prizes going from person to person as the evening progressed until the final scores were added, Mrs. Dean Reynolds and Mr. Ed Alley receiving first prize and Mrs. Poley and Bruce Alley receiving consolation prizes. A dainty lunch was served by the pupils of the class.

Miss Shirley Olds Wedded In March

At the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Olds, near Knight, California, at noon March 31, 1931, Miss Shirley V. Olds was married to Mr. Hugh Peterson.

After a short wedding trip the young couple will be at home in Los Angeles.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 15

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
April 9	58	31	.00
" 10	56	40	.00
" 11	59	38	.00
" 12	57	30	.05
" 13	53	34	.09
" 14	57	34	.00
Total for week			.14

Miss Dorothy Stradley's Engagement Announced

At a formal banquet at the Chi Omega house, at Oregon State College, Corvallis, the betrothal of Miss Dorothy Stradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Stradley of Grass Valley, Oregon, to Dave Morris of Portland, Oregon, was made known to sorority sisters, Monday evening.

The dinner, a founders' day custom of the sorority, readily lent itself to the charming place cards which told of the engagement of the couple. Small red hearts, bearing the two names were pulled from bouquets on the announcement cards as the traditional box of chocolates was passed around the table. The table was decorated with flowers of cardinal and straw, sorority colors, and lighted with tall tapers. To his fraternity brothers at the Delta Tau Delta house, Mr. Morris made the announcement at the same time.

Miss Stradley has been on the business staffs of the daily Barometer and of the Beaver, Oregon State annual publication, while in college. Mr. Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Morris, of Portland, is manager of intramural sports at the college. Both he and Miss Stradley will graduate in June and plans are being made for a wedding early in the new year.

Large Crowd Expected To Hear Tax Commission

Reports coming in from all over the county lead to the belief that the meeting of the Commercial Club scheduled for Friday evening April 17th will be well attended. At this meeting Charles V. Galloway and Earl Fisher of the State Tax Commission will discuss the new tax measures placed on the statutes by the last legislature.

As Sherman county is one of the most active counties in Eastern Oregon in tax matters it is only natural that many persons here should be interested in talks by these men. The meeting will begin at 7:30 and will be held in the dining room of the Hotel Moro.

Wasco Teachers To Hold Local Institute

Next Saturday, April 18th the teachers of the Wasco school will give a local institute which will be attended by the teachers of the county and any of the parents who wish to hear the discussions.

This will be the third local institute to be held in the county this school year, Grass Valley and Moro teachers having given their program. At these meetings the teachers talk about their problems in an endeavor to better their work.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

The annual observance of Blossom day in the Willamette valley was held Sunday, with more than 20,000 visitors in Salem.

Governor Meier has announced the reappointment of M. A. Lynch of Redmond as a member of the state highway commission for a four-year term.

Douglas county sportsmen will lend full influence to the fight to defeat the referendum on the Rogue river closing law and the McKenzie boat bill.

The state land board turned over to the state treasurer during March a total of \$47,163, according to a report by George G. Brown, clerk of the land board.

The Salem city council has adopted a resolution withdrawing the offer of \$1,100,000 for the local plant of the Oregon-Washington Water Service company.

The annual meeting of the Apple Growers' association was held in Hood River recently. A board of 11 directors was elected. More than 400 growers attended.

Depositors of French & Co., defunct bank of The Dalles, will receive a final dividend of 7.9 per cent. in a few days. This will make a total of 79.9 per cent.

MORO FINALLY WINS TWO SUNDAYS GAME

Hectic Encounter Almost Stopped By
Rain Second Time

SCORE 17-14 AT GAMES END

Six Pitchers, Showers Fail To Dampen
Batter's Ardor

After two Sundays of effort, fourteen and a half innings and two rain storms the Moro baseball team defeated the Grass Valley nine 17 to 14 last Sunday on their fair grounds diamond.

For those who like their baseball lively and full of spice the game was a dandy for hardly an inning went by without scores counted. In fact the score was tied in almost every inning until the eighth when the locals gained a lead of three and were not headed. The six pitchers who officiated on the mound were all treated with utter disrespect by the batters. Barzee retired in the fifth after his arm became unable to withstand the storm of hits and was relieved by Tucker who did pretty well until he began hurrying up his pitches when he was hit hard.

Grass Valley used four pitchers. Olds started but was relieved in the third inning in favor of young Barnett who the management wanted to try out before the threatened rain storm materialized. He lasted an inning and a half. Rolfe and Rutledge finished the game in relays.

The play of the game that brought the most laughs was the fielding of Miller who played at right field for Moro during one inning. With the bases full a ground ball was knocked into his territory by Perry. Miller committed three errors before getting the ball back into play in the meanwhile allowing four men to score.

There will be no game Sunday out of deference to the fishing season which opened the fifteenth.

1930 Wheat Leaving County Rapidly

The wheat that has been held in the warehouses and elevators since the last crop was harvested is now being moved out. Most of this wheat belongs to the Federal Farm Board and they have been requested by the warehouse owners to move their wheat in time for the storage of the next crop. At all of the stations along the line wheat is being shipped every day, from two to four cars being loaded in that time.

Within a few days the houses will be near enough cleaned out that the managers can begin their annual repair and clean up job in preparation for the July rush of new wheat.

Day's Changing Length
Brown's measurements of the changing length of days show that in 1928 the earth was 32 seconds ahead of its average rotational motion for the past three centuries. There appears to be a cycle of 300 years of lengthening and shortening.

Typing Speed Necessary For Award Changed

A special Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting was called Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of changing the rate of speed that had to be typed to win awards. The rates were 45-55-65 for the typing I students and 55-65-75 for the typing II students. It was decided at the meeting that these rates were too high and they were changed to 40-50-60 and 50-60-70.

The Twesow Camp Fire girls left Wednesday evening immediately after school on a hike out to Lone Rock. A delicious lunch was enjoyed and some of the members returned by cars while a few of the more energetic ones hiked back again. Laura Ruggles was in charge of the excursion which is one of the requirements for completing her Torch Bearer's rank.

Miss Brauminger enjoyed the weekend visiting with friends in Golden-dale.

Some of the student are thankful their "lucky stars" that there are no more six weeks exams this semester. Moro school had two visitors last week, Margaret Webber, from Oregon City, a sister of Mrs. Glen Ryan, and Clara McDonald.

The high school glee club has been asked to sing at the Odd Fellow's Convention, Sunday, April 25.

The same teams entered in the Eastern Oregon contest will participate in the Oregon State contest to be held at Corvallis on April 18. It is hoped that the typists will have gained sufficient confidence from their past experiences to make a good record at this meet.

The cooking club, whose leader is Miss Grayless, cooked and served a very good dinner Wednesday evening, April 8.

Dr. D. V. Poling, from the Extension Service of Oregon State College, and former pastor of The Dalles, Oregon for fifteen years was warmly welcomed by the students of Moro high when he addressed them on Friday afternoon. His message was of vital interest to the students, especially the seniors, and his advice was very appropriate to present conditions. He met the senior class in private conference and gave them considerable vocational guidance.

An achievement test was given to the Moro high students by Mr. Rakes April 14. This test will be given to all the high schools of the county. It was an extremely difficult test and took all morning.

Light Company Man- ager Makes Statement

G. L. Corey, manager of the Pacific Power and Light Company in The Dalles makes the following statement regarding the halting of the sale of stock issued by that company.

"The campaign was not carried to a conclusion because of economic conditions. We found that the quick response to our offering resulted in a very serious drain of cash from agricultural districts and reduced the money available for crop sowing and production."

"This situation had not been completely foreseen when the campaign was started, and we felt that the communities served should have first call on sufficient funds to finance crops."

NEW RAILROAD RATES NOW AFFECT US

Groceries and Like Goods Will Be
Delivered

SERVICE MAY BE EXTENDED

Merchants Will Ask For The Inclusion
Of More Items

The Union Pacific pick-up and delivery service which was instituted in Sherman county this week makes it possible for some goods to be shipped by rail and delivered at the door of the consignee.

According to the tariff received here applying to the new service groceries of nearly all kinds can be shipped from Portland to any point in the county and will be delivered free of charge to the purchaser. A few other items including tin ware and cotton gloves usually carried by wholesale grocery firms are also on the list of deliverable articles.

On shipments from Portland to The Dalles the railroad company will pick up and deliver a much greater variety of merchandise including some kinds of hardware, fresh fruits and produce. Shipments of agricultural machinery can be delivered in Hood River but at no other point between here and Portland.

A group of business men representing the firms of the county interested in increasing the list of merchandise that can be shipped by the new system expect to go to Portland early next week and interview the heads of the Union Pacific there to see if the provisions of the act cannot be extended to include a greater number of items.

Goods to be shipped under the ruling must be billed Union Pacific stages and may be sent by merely calling the local drayman whom in most cases is the delivery man for the railroad. He will take care of all ship-ments and deliver goods that come under the proper classifications.

Gas War Begins On Sherman County Front

The war is on, the banging of gasoline cans and the reek of petrol odor is on the land along with the sound of motor trucks traveling to the river where gas sells for a mere twelve and a half per gallon. The tractor has a cheaper chuckle and the tractor owner a more pleasant countenance which all makes the gas war a happy affair compared to more sanguinary engagements.

All of this week farmers have been hunting cheap fuel with considerable success and the gasoline pumps in Moro at least are displaying sign-quotes 18 cents instead of the 21 cents that has been asked for some months previous to the last battle.

This is the first time in years that the war which reigns annually in the thickly settled portions of the state has reached Sherman county and it is believed that the farmers will make the most of it.

OREGON NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

The four paper machines of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company plant at Oregon City were put in operation a few days ago, and a large number of employees who had been idle for some time are again at work.

Perfection of a maraschino process which may provide profitable outlet for the growing surplus of Royal Ann and other white cherries in Oregon is announced by the horticultural products division of the Oregon experiment station at Corvallis.

P. R. Brooks, financier and owner of considerable property in central Oregon, is heading a corporation which has applied for a charter, to open a bank at Redmond. The new institution is expected to be in operation in less than six weeks.

Approximately \$10,000 will be spent in the 1931 program for maintenance and construction of telephone lines, lookout houses and shelters in the Cascade national forest, according to P. O. Thompson, supervisor. The program has been approved by the government.

Plans are under way for a wood-products exposition in Eugene, April 23, 24 and 25. The show will be conducted through the co-operation of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association, the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen and the Eugene Chamber of Commerce.

The Oregon insurance rating bureau has informed citizens of Baker that if a well with a capacity of 100 gallons per minute were bored and two pumps of 500 gallons per minute capacity were installed an approximate reduction of 2.2 per cent would be made in the insurance rate on mercantile buildings.

The forest service road east of Bingham Springs was practically destroyed by the recent high water in the hill district of the Umatilla national forest. The road was constructed during the past winter as an unemployment relief job. Reconstruction work will be started after forestry officials have surveyed the damage.

Authorities at The Dalles have been trying to check on a mysterious bee ailment that is threatening to wipe out all hives in that district. The malady is believed to have been introduced by a recent shipment of 200 colonies from California, despite the fact that they were supposed to have been inspected before entering the state.

Thirty-four and one-half miles of highway, costing \$600,000, will be built in and near Crater Lake National park during 1931, states John R. Sargent, resident engineer of the bureau of public roads, who, with a crew of engineers, is at Union creek, near the west entrance, finishing the location of a road between Diamond lake and Union creek.

Bent Landreth, Baker county water master, has announced that there was a third more water in the mountains in the county now than in April, 1930. He said the ground proved to be in better condition than in 1930. Last year was considered the driest for some time, and even though increased snow in moisture this year it is still below normal.

Alsea is going to have another cheese factory to replace the one that burned several months ago at a loss of \$15,000. Andrew Christensen has the framework completed now and has progressed far enough with his building to allow him to continue his manufacture of cheese. Christensen receives from 12,000 to 15,000 pounds of milk daily from the dairies in the Alsea community.

It will require 15 1/2 tons of meat and 60,000 eggs to feed the 3100 men who will attend the national guard encampments to be held at Camp Clatsop and Fort Stevens in June. This was announced at national guard headquarters. Other items of food will include 20,000 loaves of bread, 3500 pounds of butter, 6000 pounds of coffee, 5000 pounds of flour, 10,500 pounds of sugar, 3000 pounds of onions and 400,000 pounds of potatoes.

Eastern Oregon wheat growers will utilize the Columbia river to barge their grain to tidewater as an economic measure, directors of the Mid-Columbia River association were advised at their organization meeting held recently at The Dalles. The Mid-Columbia River association embraces 28 cities between Stevenson and Cascade Locks on the west and Patterson and Boardman on the east. Each community is represented with one man on the board of directors.

The upward trend of business in Baker, which has been in progress since the first of this year, is reflected in a gain of more than 13 per cent in postal receipts for the first quarter of 1931, as compared with the same period of 1930.

TRIP TO INDIAN HILLS MADE BY MISS GINN

Automobile Journey Through Indian
Country Described

NATIVES DAILY BATH OBSERVED

Missionaries Pass Near "Burning Chat"
On Trip

Thursday evening, May 3, 1931.

Dear Mother and Daddy:
I have just returned from a lovely walk and will continue that letter which I mailed this morning. This will no doubt have many installments between now and next mail day but you are used to them by now.

I mentioned our last week in Quilon and spoke of our new place of residence but now for the few interesting hours spent between them and now. About 12:30 Friday night we watched Hazel disappear on the train. We then jumped into our packed-to-the-limit car and were off for the hills. It had been a busy day and we were rather tired to begin the trip; several times before morning Winne had to draw over to the side of the road and take a ten minute doze. Tuffy the dog and Micky the cat were squeezed between and on top of the luggage in the back seat. Poor Micky did his best to keep us awake though I'm quite sure that that was not the purpose of his yowling and carrying-on. This was a new experience for him but he became a very good traveler before the journey's end.

While we were driving along the "awfullest" "ghostliest" smell filled the air for some distance. I had never smelled anything like it before but guessed the cause before Winne exclaimed: "A burning chat!" There had been a Hindu funeral where the dead had been burned.

It had also been a night of religious festivity. At day break we passed a large number of Indians going home after their all night of celebration. We were almost upon a large elephant before we recognized his great form in the gray light of early morning. He was a huge fellow but walked along meekly under the hand of the little form high on his back. He, too was returning from his part in the past hours ceremonies.

We had to cross two ferries soon after it was light. While waiting for the ferrymen it was interesting to watch the people taking their morning bath in the river. Hair, teeth and clothes all went through the process. There was not a great deal of ceremony attached to it. Having finished the women tossed back their wet hair, quickly twisted it into a knot and went ashore to begin the duties of the long day ahead. Some of them possessed a dry cloth which they ingeniously exchanged on the banks of the river; the others were soon dried by the hot sun which was now on duty.

About 7:30 we were in Ennakalum where we stopped for a couple of hours in the Traveler's Bungalow. It was quite a filthy place but we enjoyed a hearty breakfast from our tiffin basket and threw our selves down on the far-from-clean beds for a few winks of sleep. It was an effort to get up but once on our way we felt quite refreshed. Aside from numerous halts to readjust luggage and to see to our "family" in the back seat we did not stop again till about 4:00 in the afternoon. We stopped then for gas (or petrol) and discovered a flat tire. There was quite an army around to change it for us but we didn't wait to have it repaired—and we didn't have another spare!

Driving out of town we stopped under the shade of a banyan tree and had a wee bite to eat sitting on the running board of the car. Our Thermos bottles were empty and our greatest craving was for something to drink rather than for food. We passed plenty of water but no water in India is safe to drink without first boiling it. Later we passed a stand where there were some coconuts for sale and were able to quench our thirst with coconut water from a couple of green coconuts.

We reached the foot of the mountains just at sunset. It was a beautiful sight stretched out before us and we were thoroughly enjoying it when an unusual bumpy-bump announced a flat tire. A flat tire, no spare, and several miles from a city or town! I found we were not in such a sorry predicament, however, as the same conditions might have placed us in at home where one fears to stop and help at that time of day, or night. We hailed the first motor vehicle that appeared. It was a truck driven by an Indian chap, spotlessly clean and attractive in his pink turban cream coat, white cloth and white shoes. He and his two companions

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