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## YIELD OF NURSERY PLOTS ENCOURAGING

### Hybrids Bred On Station Lead All Wheats

## FIVE NURSERIES MAINTAINED

### Plots at Condon, Culver, Moro, Kent and Wasco County Combined

How much would it be worth to Sherman county to have developed for its farmers a wheat that would yield two bushels more per acre than do the wheats grown at present? If our average production is twenty bushels a two bushel increase would be ten per cent. Quite a little raise in income, that.

Which is all apropos to the report of the average wheat yields of the various nursery plots maintained by the experiment station in this county and the nearby counties. Turkey red made about 9 bushels in fields in this county and about 10 in the nursery plots. Several hybrid varieties that have been developed on the station have made better than 17 bushels and this is not an accidental yield for they have not been doing it since 1924 or since the nursery plots have been established.

A wheat, which a horse breeder might describe as sired by Arcadian by Hard Federation and bearing the prosaic title of No. 979, has led the field in the production derby for the past several years. This year with the same disadvantages as other wheats it made an average of 18.7 bushels per acre on the plots at Moro, Kent, Culver, Condon and one in Wasco county.

Of the Turkey wheat in the plots Blackbull, a good drought resistant variety, made the best average with 14.1 bushels per acre.

There is one objection to this wheat from the farmer's point of view and this is the fact that it is not resistant to smut and must be carefully treated before seeding. There are several of these hybrid wheats made by crossing Hard Federation with Arcadian and Forty Fold and while they all yield better than the average wheats No. 979 has been the best in the tests so far.

Another cross that is smut resistant and yet gives good yields is No. 1003, a hybrid of Hard Federation and White Odesa. This year it made 13.8 which was enough to place it in the first twenty of wheats tested. It usually is higher in the ranking than this figure would indicate, however.

The nurseries where these tests are made are average tracts of land loaned to the experiment stations by farmers for the purpose of just such experiments as the above.

There is one in each wheat growing

## Board of Equalization Meeting Announced

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING**  
NOTICE: There will be a meeting of the County Board of Equalization for Sherman County, Oregon, at the Court House on the second Monday in September, that being the 14th day of September, 1931, at Moro, Oregon, to publicly examine the Assessment Rolls, correct all errors in valuation, description of lands or other property assessed by me, and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed. All petitions must be made in writing and verified by oath of the applicant and filed with the Board within fifteen days from the time it is by law required to meet.  
Margaret W. Peetz,  
County Assessor.

## Wasco's Fall Library Festival Suspended

The conservative trend of the day was again manifest, when the members of the Wasco Library Board met last Tuesday and voted to suspend for this year, their annual Library Festival.

Altho the action taken by the board needs no explanation, it is announced with regret, for the Festival is unique in its being our one community gathering and for the last eight years has met gratifying success and loyal support.

However the efficiency of the library will not be impaired and new books will be added from time to time.

The Board wishes to thank the community for their generous support of past festivals and hold forth the hope that these times may pass and be replaced by a more secure feeling when play times are more appropriate.

county. Through knowledge gained in this way Mr. Stephens is attempting to find a wheat that will be satisfactory to growers in the entire wheat district in which he is testing. To a great extent the same problems confront wheat growers in the counties near the home station. A wheat to be successful must be able to grow with a small amount of moisture, must stand the cold of hard winters and the heat of hot summers and should be more or less resistant to smut, as that is the wheat disease most prevalent in this territory.

No variety is distributed to farmers until it has shown to be better than the ordinary wheats in some essential characteristic. Sometimes they do not do so well under field conditions, but usually they maintain their reputation and provide another means for farmers to increase their incomes by producing more for the same expense.

## Funeral of Edgar Justesen Held in Moro Sunday

The funeral of Edgar Justesen, who was killed in a truck wreck near Hood River, was held in the Presbyterian church last Sunday afternoon at two o'clock with Rev. W. B. Knox, of the Methodist church in The Dalles preaching the sermon.

The deceased was born in Nebraska and came to Oregon when a young boy when his parents decided to move west. After a few years in the Willamette valley they moved to Sherman county and settled near Kent where the family home has been since that time.

After finishing school in Kent Edgar went to California and had been working for the Asbury company for several years in that state before coming to Portland this spring. It was while driving a truck for that company that he met his death in an accident.

Pall bearers were old friends of Kent; I. E. Wilson, J. L. Davis, C. B. Andrews, C. B. Gregg, Amandus von Borstel and Frank Haynes. Interment was made in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Moro.

Surviving members of the family are: four brothers; Arthur who farms the home ranch east of Kent; Theodore, a garage owner of Portland; Harry, of Milton; and Roy, also a driver for the Asbury company located in Portland. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Justesen still living on the farm near Kent, Mrs. Soren Hansen of Moro, an aunt, and Ove and Elmer Hansen and Mrs. R. P. Brisbane of Moro and George Hansen of Vancouver, Wa., and Dr. Viggo Haufelt, a cousin of Portland.

## Game Laws A Little Different This Year

Some change has been made in the game laws in the past year that make hunting for deer and pheasants a little different than formerly. Whereas the usual date for the opening of the deer season has been September 15th it is now moved up five days to the 20th. The season deer will close on October 25th. One hunter can kill two Columbian blacktail deer or one mule or one white tailed deer during any one season which is the time honored regulation, but now the rules expressly state that "both deer tags must be attached to mule deer or white tailed deer" which takes care of some deer tags not heretofore accounted for.

Pheasant hunting has been scattered over several weeks of two or three hunting days each but this year the season will be from October 15th to October 31st except in those counties where the season is closed for the entire year. Four birds can be taken in any one day or eight in any seven consecutive days and it is unlawful to take more than one female Chinese pheasant during any seven consecutive days.

**Bar to Education**  
There ought to be some easy way of looking up information in the encyclopedia. As it is now, we start looking for one subject and get interested in the article about another, and before we find the subject we started after it's quitting time.—Kansas City Star.

## EQUALIZATION BOARD MEETING DATED

### County Judge, Clerk and Assessor Check Assessments

## PETITIONS MUST BE WRITTEN

### Petitioners Have Fifteen Days Time To Ask For Re-Assessment

According to an announcement published in this week's issue of the Sherman County Journal by Mrs. Margaret Peetz, county assessor, the board of equalization will begin its sessions on the 14th day of September which is the second Monday in that month.

It is the duty of that board to inspect the assessor's books for the year and equalize all assessments between holders of property in the county. The board consists of the county judge, the county clerk and the assessor, which makes the personnel in this county George Potter, of Klondike, George Vinton, of Moro and Mrs. Margaret Peetz, of Moro.

Petitions to the board must be in writing and must be signed by the owner of the property or his attorney. These petitions must be in the hands of the board within 15 days from the date set for the beginning of the session. This year the end of the period of filing complaints will be September 29th.

The board conducts their hearings for thirty days from the second Monday in September or for fifteen days after the time for complaints to be filed which gives them plenty of time in case many objections are made to assessments.

The board has the power to correct any assessment and may raise or lower them as seems equitable. In case they raise a tax payer's valuation they must give him notice of such action. They see that all property is on the rolls and that none of it is taxed twice.

Any taxpayer who feels that he has been unjustly treated by the equalization board may appeal to the circuit court of that county and his petition will be judged at the next term of court.

**Business on Credit**  
"De best use you kin make of yob spare time," said Uncle Eben, "is workin' on de house an' in de garden fob yobsef' regardless of de fact dat maybe yob hasn't much money and ain't got de name of beln' very good pay. It's yob only chance of doin' business on credit."—Washington Star.

## WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 19

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Aug. 13	82	42	.00
" 14	88	47	.00
" 15	86	56	.00
" 16	95	51	.00
" 17	95	67	.00
" 18	91	57	.00
" 19	81	45	.00
Total for week			0.00

## Grass Valley Folks Find Huckleberries

Tales of a huckleberry patch thirty five miles long and of berries half inch in diameter are floating around Grass Valley this week since the return of those families that went after that delicacy in the mountains back of White Salmon.

According to information given to them by the ranger in charge of registration there were 2000 white people in the reserve as well as 1700 not so white, although it may be assumed when the heat of berry patches in general is taken into consideration, that there was more difficulty in telling the whites from the Indians when they came out than when they went in.

Those taking the trip from Grass Valley were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hays, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Feely and children; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Smith and Mrs. Arch Zehner; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Engstrom and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schilling and family. They brought home a goodly supply of huckleberries.

## Water Bills Must Be Paid Says Council

The city council met Tuesday night in regular session and discussed the city's problems. The bills which the city had contracted during the past month were ordered paid and it was decided to have the fire hydrants tested within the following week and have them painted a bright red to conform to the color scheme of other fire fighting apparatus.

Due to the need of the city to collect its water accounts promptly the marshal was ordered to collect such bills within a reasonable time or to discontinue service to water users.

## Unemployment Group Named For County

The governor has appointed the unemployment committee for Sherman county as announced several days ago. On this committee he has placed three men in each county, the county judge, a merchant and a banker.

In this county George Potter, J. C. Freeman and Earl Jones were chosen. They have been provided with blanks which must be filled out by men wishing to work this winter at the work the state expects to provide.

## Pendleton All Ready For Round-Up Crowds

PENDLETON, Ore., August 21. (Special.)—Things are happening this week at the Pendleton Round-Up grounds that are anticipatory of the more spectacular things that will happen there Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of next week.

Cowboys from the Horse Heaven to the Wagonire mountains are sunning their moccasins daily at \$2.50 a fall in trying out the bucking horses that will thrill spectators from most of the states of the Union and several

## GLIDER CLUB COMES HERE FOR PRACTICE

Group at Grass Valley In Search of Strong Air Currents

Since man first watched the birds navigating the air he has wished to emulate them we are told. Now that the aeroplane has been perfected to the stage where men can circumnavigate the world in a few days there are some who hold that a simpler and lighter craft is more birdlike. Some of these people are in Sherman county this week practicing with their strange wide wings.

Ten members of the Portland Glider Club in search of lifting winds and wide landing spaces came here last Monday and camped at Grass Valley. There are six men and four women in the party that take wing and glide for varying distances.

There is a national glider-association, of which the portland club is a branch. The members are striving for first, second or third degree licences which show their hours in the air aboard their motorless craft. It is for this purpose that the Portland gliders are here.

Glider are small compared to the ordinary aeroplane. There are two wings covered much like those of the powered machines and a fuselage with the controls in the cockpit. They are launched into the air by means of a stout rubber cord called a shock cord. The machine is held until the cord is tight then allowed to fly into the wind until the hook loosens and it is free to soar on the air currents or glide to the ground depending on the strength of the wind or the ability of the operator.

Some rather long flights have been made with gliders. One that achieved some fame was in Hawaii where a glider stayed in the air for over sixteen hours. Portland gliders have not been able to remain aloft for any such length of time but they have stayed up for several minutes.

The theory of gliding is different than flying for there is no power to make progress and to insure staying in the air. The operator of a glider must depend on his knowledge of air currents and his ability to judge each little gust of air and take advantage of its lifting power to maintain his balance and altitude. It is said to be very exciting and interesting and it must be said for the gliders in Sherman county at present that they undoubtedly get quite a kick out of it.

As many of them as possible obtained vacations at the same time and are spending it here. Others will arrive within the next few days to try their luck and test their ability.

The club is led by George Howe, who is president, Phil Zellar is secretary. Others beside the officers in the group who are trying Sherman county air currents are: Mrs. Howe and three children, Mrs. Zellar, Fred Howard and Mrs. Howard, James Yokell, Cecil Lenox, and John Peterson and Mrs. Peterson.

## Wasco

Hugh Chrisman was in Wasco on business Thursday.

Frank Peddicord of Albany is at the A. B. Potter home visiting and renewing old time acquaintances.

A. R. McCall was a Portland visitor Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Emil Herriman of The Dalles is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. Beardsley.

Miss Edna Sheppardson and Miss Gladys McIntyre of Baker were week end visitors at the W. C. Harper home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harper and son Continued on Page Four.

## Old Time News For Old Time Readers Recalls Many Events

From the Moro Observer of August 19th, 1892.

Grass Valley folks have about finished heading. Crops are averaging from 7 to 10 bushels per acre in that neighborhood.

The Peoples party met at Moro with A. C. Huff in the chair and J. A. Armstrong as secretary. Precinct chairman were appointed as follows: Grass Valley, O. P. King; Bigelow, H. E. Everett; Moro, J. A. Armstrong; Monkland, W. V. Johnson; Kent, A. C. Bennet; Wasco, Henry Sexton. W. J. Peddicord delivered a lengthy and interesting address.

Frank Sayrs had some English Mole wheat that averaged 22 bushels per acre. It is a winter wheat, the berry is good and plump, and Mr. Sayrs has been offered \$1.50 per bushel for it. The seed was furnished by R. J. Ginn.

Prof. T. C. Neece organized a singing class in Moro last Tuesday evening. We hope the citizens will take a lively interest in it as good vocal music is a necessity in every civilized community.

A crop resume says that many farmers will have 12 to 15 bushels and some who expected nothing will have from 5 to 10 bushels.

From the Moro Observer of August 22nd, 1902.

N. Hansen, Monkland's popular merchant, was on business in Moro last week.

Half a ton of neat castings were turned out at the Moro Foundry, Monday.

The melancholy days have come, the saddest of the year, when one must take his whiskey straight and leave off Lager beer.—Miles Biggers-staff.

This harvest more than any for years proves that summerfalling is the surest way to raise a wheat crop.

Hon. W. H. Moore came within an inch of death Tuesday from the bullet of a shot fired in the Blue Barn loft to scare pigeons. In glancing it crossed the Main street passing close to Mr. Moore's head and sliced the glass in the bank front.

From the Sherman County Observer of August 23rd, 1912.

A. W. Woods sold 2000 bushels of his wheat crop to W. W. M. Co., at 71 cents per bushel.

A lot of old farmers just happened in at the office of W. H. Moore, R. J. Ginn and Mr. Coleman, Friday and it looked good to us to see them. There were: N. W. Thompson, Jack Thompson, H. S. McDaniel, Henry Myers all tillucums of the days when Good Old Sherman county was considered the best place in the world for the industrious poor man to get a start; and here each got a good one, but they thought to do better elsewhere; we are here to welcome them back.

Business firms in Moro are on the move. B. F. Peetz moves across the hall to his former office; Attorney Saunders takes the office vacated by Mr. Peetz formerly occupied by W. C. Bryant and I. W. Ross will open a jewelry store in the place vacated by Mr. Saunders.

## Right About Face at the Fair

