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VERY DOUBTFUL.

From a report of the department of agriculture it is learned that the wheat farmers of the northwest are going to increase acreage this fall for another crop. Oregon's acreage is expected to jump from 824,000 to 898,000.

Evidently someone has concluded that the farmers of this neck of the woods are particularly anxious to raise wheat for 85 cents per bushel and perhaps that some of them would anticipate a profit thereby. Someone is certainly all mixed up in his "figurements." Sherman county, as one of the block of eastern Oregon counties that might be expected to plant more acreage if this estimate were correct, has almost an ironclad summer-fallow system that will not be discarded in favor of spring wheat in the face of wheat at this price.

Farmers when approached on this subject are more likely than not to declare in most certain terms that they will sow less wheat or feed more another year.

It looks like some government clerk, harried perhaps by the heat of a Washington summer or unduly anxious for a Saturday afternoon off, had hit the wrong key on an adding machine and made an eight out of the first figure when a six was intended. Let's give the farmer credit for knowing when he is hurt.

FISHING FOR SPORTSMEN.

A neat little booklet, "To Make Oregon Famous For Fish," has been received from the state game commission. Passing over the prejudice we naturally have for mimeographed booklets in general, we find this one to be interestingly odd. Some genius with a stylus has made a few appropriate pictures to decorate the pages and the game commission has stated the policy they will follow while in charge of Oregon's wild-life program.

Several pages are given to blanks for stream surveys as the commission feels that it does no good to propagate millions of fish and place them in streams where they cannot survive. They will try to increase the number of catchable fish out of each can of fry put in the streams by putting them in places where they can live and grow.

There is an estimate of the numbers of wild animals of all kinds in the national forest area; there is an inventory of the amount of property the game commission has and plans for a food and cover survey for game birds which looks like the boys in charge of the state's game want some information before they go ahead.

It ends with a quotation from Rudyard Kipling about fishing for steelheads in Oregon that is good for anyone to read whether he knows salmon on the hook or only in the form of juicy orange-colored steaks.

FALL

Now begins the season of the year when summer wanes. The days still resemble summer, unless as sometimes happens the sun is hidden behind the rain clouds, but at the end of the days one can feel winter approaching.

There is a chill in the air as the householder goes out to split the kindling for the morning fire; the axe handle, laying there on the ground where the wife left it when getting wood for supper, is damp and clammy to the touch. And it isn't as light as it seems it should be causing the man of the house to conclude that perhaps he arose earlier than usual for some especially pleasant diversion that day.

The evenings just settle down into darkness without the long preparatory period we have grown used to during the summer. Supper, we're in the country, you know—is just nicely over when father has to call for some of the children to turn on the light for him to read the paper where he has been going to sleep before lights were needed.

The first rains lay the dust and molds the already falling leaves into wads of yellow ochre on the sidewalks. And the trees keep on shedding their covering like women in the spring.

The year might be said to have reached maturity and is starting its decline to senility and death by growing more mellow in the daytime and snappy and irritable in the evenings when tired. These manifestations of the weather are as old as time itself and yet they seem as new as the year, even as everything seems bright and new in the spring.

The weather and the seasons do affect us. We silently mourn and look sad with the falling of the leaves and we smile and look happy when the grass comes from the ground again.

Look over the wheat crop report of 1892 in the old time news and remember that there was as many people here then as now. The population in 1890 was 1792 but the county line was one mile south of Grass Valley. The old timers might have been discouraged, but now they refer to those days as "good old times."

Ben Tucker says that if the young fellow who persists in standing on the corner and singing that song comparin' himself to a gypsy don't quit it, Ben will make the resemblance more noticeable.

Now that it is all settled, it is safe to think that the old soldiers will appreciate turkey and broccoli more than they would philosophy and economics anyway.

Grass Valley again raises the question: Are Americans better sportsmen or slicker competitors?

Grass Valley

Dean Olds has moved his family into the house belonging to Mrs. Pauline Wilcox.

E. M. Alley shipped a truck load of hogs to the Portland markets the first of the week.

Mrs. Ernest Estinger returned to The Dalles last Tuesday morning after a visit with her sister, Mrs. L. D. Eakin.

L. R. French and family left Grass Valley for the balmy climate of Portland where they expect to remain during the winter.

Grace Edmonds was here for a few hours the last of the week getting located for the starting of school. She will teach in the high school.

Harold Hughes and Henry Tetz, not daunted by the chilly aspect of fall weather, drove to Kaskela last Tuesday for a little late fishing.

Miss Helen Bryant was here from Moro last Tuesday with that serious look on her face that teachers assume upon the beginning of school.

Boyd Homewood and family of The Dalles, were here last Friday to see Mr. Homewood's mother, Mrs. L. R. French. He is a teacher in his home town.

Harold Hughes and wife have rented the rooms over the drug store for the winter and have moved into them. Mrs. Hughes will remain here this winter instead of returning to school.

Millard Eakin and wife were here over the week end to attend the wedding of Ralph Eakin and Katherine Reckmann. Their friends welcomed them to the community to an old fashioned chivari.

George Wilcox was in Portland last Friday to visit around the town and to bring his family home. While the children were playing around his sister's home they were close to the gun battle between police and an escaping bandit, but none of them were injured by bullets.

MARRIED.

EAKIN-RECKMANN

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Diederick Reckmann was the scene of a charming home wedding last Sunday, September 6th, when Miss Katherine Reckmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Reckmann became the bride of Ralph E. Eakin, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Eakin.

The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. L. Dillinger of Duffur, before one hundred thirty two guests and relatives who had assembled for the occasion.

The bride was lovely in a gown of peach georgette. The veil was arranged with sprays of sweet peas and pearls. Her bouquet was sweet peas. Miss Marie, sister of the bride was maid of honor and John Reckmann, brother of the bride was best man. Mrs. Jesse Martin played the wedding march.

Following the ceremony the wedding dinner the young couple left for a trip to Southern Oregon.

Kent News

Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Leonard of Hood River, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gentry of Moro, visited with friends at Kent Sunday.

Miss Della Helyer, Mr. Virgil Schadwitz and Mr. Walter Wilson attended a show in The Dalles Sunday evening.

Those who have visited in The Dalles recently are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Guyton, Mrs. Ida Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson.

Miss Evelyn Davis, daughter of J. L. Davis, was a visitor at Mrs. Ida Davis' home Tuesday.

Kent Grange has reopened for their regular meetings, after the harvest season is over.

Mrs. Elmer Swett and daughter are visiting at the home of Mrs. Belle Hogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stout of Shaniko visited at the home of Mrs. Stout's parents, Saturday evening.

W. G. Helyer motored to The Dalles Wednesday.

M. and Mrs. J. L. Matthes accompanied by their daughter Velma, left for Enterprise, Oregon, Wednesday morning, where Miss Matthes is engaged in teaching.

Notice.

Sherman Chapter No. 132, O. E. S. requests all members and their families to attend a basket picnic at DeMoss Springs Sept. 13, at 10 o'clock. Coffee free for all.

Committee.

WHEAT MEETING

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Saturday night, September 12th will open at eight o'clock. The plan will be explained and steps taken to organize a unit of the wheat-control league in Sherman county as it has been organized in other parts of the wheat producing area.

In the afternoon of Saturday, Walter Ward will attend the meeting of the Pomona Grange at Klondike and will give a reading that is a burlesque on the hard working farmer. This is guaranteed to bring a smile, if not a hearty laugh, to anyone no matter what troubles he or she has stirring around in his or her head at the time.

TEACHERS

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Helen Osborn, Nellie Kylo. Harmony: Mrs. Gloria Hansen. Fairview: Gertrude Kruger. Grass Valley: Henry E. Tetz, Prin. Harold Hughes, Grace S. Edmonds, Vern B. McGowan, Patsy Thompson, Helen Bryant, Mrs. Lillie Coon. Rutledge: Lucy Adams. Liberty: Doris Thompson. Klondike: Margaret McKee. Other schools will transport the children of the district to one of the larger town schools where they can view the battle front with a larger perspective.

Water Revenues of City Increasing

The entire city council assembled at the city hall last Tuesday night for a regular weekly meeting. L. L. Peltz was elected to serve the unexpired term of Joe Truitt, resigned, but Mr. Peltz declined the honor so the place is still looking for the man.

Marshall Williams presented his report for July and August which showed water collections for August to be \$502.60 and for July \$353.60. The increase is partly caused by greater use of water during the warm part of the year, but is principally due to the greater effort being made to collect water rents.

The previous agreement with the hotel management was ratified by the council in regular session assuring the continuance of the present force for some time.

School Teachers

Arriving Daily

County school teachers are hustling about the streets of their own chosen towns these days and are calling at the office of the county school superintendent for information and advice on the little problems that confront those charged with the solemn duty of teaching the young mind how to shoot.

Last Saturday a group of the primary teachers was instructed in the new Gates-Huber method of sight reading by three primary teachers who had received previous instruction from Miss Grace Forette, of the Mcmillan Co., makers of books.

Civil Service Exams

Coming Soon

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows: School social worker (visiting teacher), \$2,300 a year, Indian Service. Closing date, December 30, 1931.

Assistant radio operator (airways), \$1,800 to \$2,100 a year, Bureau of Lighthouses, Department of Commerce. Closing date, September 18, 1931.

All states except Delaware, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, Vermont, Virginia, and the District of Columbia have received less than their share of appointments in the apportioned Departmental Service at Washington, D. C.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office of any city which has a post office of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

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