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MOISTURE, WHEAT RELATIONSHIP SHOWN

One Inch of Usable Moisture Good
For 3 bu. Average Year

AVAILABLE WATER NOT GREAT

Only About 11 Inches Can Be Used By
Crop

How much wheat can we grow on an inch of rainfall? Of course, it varies with the weather conditions and farming conditions, but—

As sort of a history of the soil moisture from the time of taking off one crop until the time of harvesting another might explain some of the changes that effect varying crop results.

When the crop goes off the field in August there is left five per cent of moisture in the ground that the wheat is incapable of removing. This is equivalent to 4.6 inches of rainfall. It is distributed in six feet of soil.

In the fall and winter months until plowing time in the spring the average precipitation is 8.7 inches which wets the soil down three or four feet and increases the per centage of soil moisture to 11 per cent on the average. This is equal to 5.6 inches of moisture. This means that of the 8.7 inches of precipitation that falls between August and March 5.6 inches are absorbed by the ground. The other 3.1 inches are lost through runoff and evaporation. This is average.

Summerfallowing and summer rains on plowed ground are usually insufficient to keep the soil moisture as high as it was in the spring when plowing was started. Good, early summerfallowing, kept free from weeds keeps more moisture than later weedy summerfallowing, however.

During the winter after the land is seeded it takes less moisture than it does during the winter when it is in stubble because it is not so dry and does not soak up moisture so readily and because there is more runoff on the comparatively smooth summerfallow surface than there is on stubble ground. The spring after the crop is in the ground the soil moisture is 13.5 percent. This is equal to 12.5 inches of water.

This means that the crop has available for use 12.5 inches of water minus the 4.6 inches that it cannot get from the soil or 7.9 inches of water as it is measured. Of course any rains that fall during the growing season are to be added to this amount. Spring and summer rains usually increase this available moisture from 7.9 inches to about 11 inches which the crop is capable of using.

Now here we are just before harvest with average conditions back of us giving this available 11 inches of water for the crop to use. How much wheat can be expected?

If the season has been favorable, that is without hot east winds to too great an extent, and if the rains have not come in little showers that have evaporated before they could soak into the ground we may expect 3.5 bushels of wheat for every inch of this moisture. If the weather has been unfavorable this may be cut to

Keystone Class To Start Winter's Study

The Keystone class of the Presbyterian Sunday school met last Sunday evening after church services and with a "pot-luck" dinner that dispelled thoughts of depression again organized for a winter's study club like the one that created so much interest and mental excitement last winter.

R. B. Webb was named president, Dewey Thompson, vice president and Mrs. Theodore Johnston, secretary. The book that will be read and discussed for the first course is "God and the Census." Leaders will be appointed for each meeting night.

Tri-County Council Meets in The Dalles

The Tri-County Council of this district of the American Legion met at The Dalles Wednesday night with a number of Sherman county executive men present.

The evening was spent in conducting the business of the organization, discussing means of aiding the unemployed and later in a general dance and friendly get-together of visiting men and women.

The next meeting will be held in Dufur, November 23rd. As this is the first meeting in Dufur for several years it is expected that it will be a large one.

Two Scouts Honored By Wasco Troup

Scout Executive W. W. Belcher and Scoutmaster N. Sherman Hawk presided at the Sherman County Boy Scout Court of Honor, held in the Wasco Methodist church Monday night, October 26th. Three mothers of scouts were honored members of the examining committee that passed upon the awards to be made to the scouts coming before the court. The entire committee consisted of Mrs. Lydia E. Darby, Mrs. Esther Proudfoot, Mrs. Grace McDermid, Miss Leona Clothier and John S. Hawk.

Leonard Fields and Robert Ferrell were advanced to the rank of Star scout, the highest rank presented at this court, receiving their badges from Mrs. McDermid, who spoke a few words of encouragement to the scouts.

Plans are being made to present two Eagle badges, the highest rank in Scouting, at a special church court to be held at the morning session on the first Sunday following Christmas. These will be the first Eagles

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2 bushels or even less. On the average, at Moro, an inch of moisture has produced 3.04 bushels of wheat.

It requires 373 pounds of water to produce a pound of crop, leaves stalk and seed, everything above the ground, on good summerfallow or 1336 pounds of water to produce a pound of wheat. On poor fallow it takes 499 pounds of water to produce a pound of crop or 1492 pounds of water to produce a pound of wheat. Sounds like a lot of water, doesn't it, but there are 113 tons of it to every inch of rainfall.

GRASS VALLEY, 6 MORO, 6 FINAL SCORE

Even Game Ends With Neither Side
Having Advantage

FLASHY RUN DECIDES GAME

Little Yardage Made Through Line By
Either Team

A flash of color as the red jerseys tangle and intermix with orange and here comes a lad carrying the ball, closely followed by that defensive demon Miller wearing the Moro orange. Miller prepares to tackle the speeding Ruggles, who hesitates enough to throw the pursuer off his stride; he speeds on around the end, around the crowding backfield and finally across the line to safety and the game is tied into a knot that proves untieable and Grass Valley and Moro ended their season's game 6 to 6.

Moro made their score early in the third quarter. Vintin, playing safety for Grass Valley fumbled the ball when tackled and Moro recovered on the twenty yard line. Two plays thru the line gained four or five yards and Grass Valley took time out for Roth who was hurt tackling McKinney. Five yards penalty was added to Moro's yardage when Roth was unable to play at the end of two minutes.

This left Moro with four tries at the goal line four yards away. A buck by McKinney gained half the needed distance, another try through the line took the ball to the one-foot line, but two more line plays, were needed to put it over. Moro failed to convert on an attempted pass.

As the third quarter ended Vintin received a punt on his twenty yard line and ran it back to the Moro forty yard mark to be tackled by Miller and laid out. Glen Perry, who had taken the end position after Roth was injured, was moved to quarterback. He made some good gains through the line and off tackle and then Ruggles after threatening all afternoon with his end runs got away for the run that saved the day for the slim lads from Grass Valley.

After they had tasted the sweetness of a touchdown the boys from the south end of the county put up a better show of fight than they had displayed previously and held tenaciously on to their even score as they had failed to gain the extra point after touchdown.

For Moro the same boys were responsible for the showing of the team as in the Goldendale game. Miller from his position back of the line on defense stopped plays through the line of scrimmage and around end. McKinney did good defensive work and was probably the most consistent ground gainer for the home team.

Grass Valley has a fast backfield. They call signals fast, start the plays fast and run them fast for a green high school team. Baker, a slight youth who looks like anything but a line backer made some good gains off tackle; Ruggles is fast enough to run the ends and Boyce, a stocky

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Armistice Celebration To Have Bugle Corp

The plans for the celebration of Armistice by the legionnaires of Sherman county at Wasco have been expanded during the week to include several new features.

The Fort Dalles drum and bugle corp will be on hand in the morning to take part in the parade and buglers from the outfit will aid in the service at the school house at eleven. Company H, 186th Infantry, of the National Guards from The Dalles will also be among the marchers to add life and color and a real army touch to the days program.

The Fort Dalles Drum and Bugle corp has recently been organized and now is comprised of nearly 30 pieces. They play their music with a snap and dash that invigorates the slowest pulse.

The speaker of the day will be Francis V. Galloway of The Dalles, whose ability at patriotic oratory are well known to many of the residents of Sherman county.

In the afternoon the annual football clash between Wasco and Moro will be held and in the evening the famous picture, "With Byrd at the South Pole" will be shown, followed by a dance.

Honors Won By Wasco Students

With the close of the first six weeks and the posting of grades in the Wasco High School a very high quality of work during the year so far seems to be manifested. Almost one fourth of the students enrolled made grades of such quality as to warrant their names on the honor roll. To qualify a student must have no grade below a two and at least one final grade of one.

Robert Ferrell, a freshman, was the only student who received all grades of one. Edward Gray received four grades of one and one grade of two since he is carrying five subjects.

The distribution on the Honor Roll of the classes is as follows: Freshman, 3; Sophomores, 4; Juniors, 2; Seniors, 3. The first six weeks Honor Roll as published in the Wasco High School is as follows: Robert Ferrell, 4 ones; Winifred Fortner, 3 ones and 2 twos; Geraldine Funk, 2 ones and 2 twos; Myrtle Garland, 2 ones and 2 twos; Edward Grady, 4 ones and 1 two; Nyl Grady, 3 ones and 2 twos; Paulen Kaseberg, 2 ones and 2 twos; Harry Proudfoot, 1 one and 3 twos; Mary J. Sargent, 3 ones and 2 twos; Arthur Spencer, 3 ones and 2 twos; Marvin Thomas, 2 ones and 2 twos; Mignon Wall 2 ones and 3 twos.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 29

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Oct. 22	56	42	.26
" 23	54	41	.05
" 24	57	35	.00
" 25	57	37	.05
" 26	49	34	.02
" 27	56	36	.08
" 28	58	47	.02
Total for week			.948

CO-OPS TELL VALUE OF SALES SERVICE

Constant and Steady Market Given
By Farmer Organization

BULK OF WHEAT PURCHASED

Large Sale To China Made Possible By
Co-operation

Spokane, Wash., October 29.—Success in the Pacific Northwest of farmers National Grain corporation, national cooperative sales agency, in the face of private grain trade competition is graphically described by a letter made public today.

The letter, addressed to W. W. Richardson, vice president of the Farmers National Grain Growers Association, local cooperative stockholder of North Pacific Grain Growers, was made public following widespread demand for copies from farmers and officials of local cooperatives throughout the territory. It was written in answer to a query from Mr. Richardson as to the comparative prices paid in the county by Farmers National and private trade.

"In putting our prices daily as Farmers National is obliged to do all over the Pacific Northwest, it cannot help but run into local competition at times from the mills or others who are needing wheat badly and will bid above Farmers National prices," said Mr. Adams.

"However, if the complaints of competitors were based on facts, it is reasonable to think that it would be impossible for Farmers National to do the surprisingly large volume of business which it transacts daily. When it is realized Farmers National purchases in the country average about 150,000 bushels a day, which probably is greater than all of the wheat bought by all competitors combined, it must be admitted it is the national cooperative agency that is setting the pace."

"An interesting phase of Farmers National operation in this country as compared with the operation of competitors is that Farmers National does not buy only certain lots of wheat as do other buyers, nor does it go into the market one day and get another as has been the custom of the private trade."

"As you know, Farmers National puts out a price throughout the country and maintains it, taking all wheat of all kinds and qualities which may be offered until 11 o'clock at night."

"You can easily realize what an assignment this is, and how easily a competitor bidding for a certain kind of wheat in a certain community can strike at the national sales agency. What a simple thing it is for a grain buyer without responsibilities to a membership or organization looking to him for support to "spring" prices in occasional instances and retreat if any considerable volume is offered."

Declaring he realized Farmers

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Sherman County Horses Win Show Ribbons

With one exception, every horse taken to the Pacific International by T. M. Rolfe from his farm and C. J. Thompson's won a place in the judging. Maple Grove Lages, the new stallion recently bought by Mr. Rolfe won second place among Perchons being defeated by none but the grand champion. His three year old stallion born and bred in Sherman county, also took second place in his class. In addition to this the nine horses belonging to these exhibitors won five third place ribbons and three fourth place ribbons.

Wasco Reduces School Budget

Reduction of \$1000 or 21.3% of the 1932 budget of the Wasco High School was accomplished after a meeting of the school board last evening. The total amount of the 1932 budget was \$47,000.00 against \$48,000.00 for 1931 and \$21,582.00 for 1930 or a total reduction of 31.4 per cent over the 1930 budget. This reduction is one of the largest cuts in the history of the school.

The general trend of the times being reductions of from 10 to 15 per cent. However, more general reductions may be expected in many 1932 school budgets. The elimination of one teacher in the high school next year and the general reduction of operating costs and salaries constituted the major divisions of the cut. The high school this year was organized with one less teacher in the faculty and with one less next year the figure of instructional costs for 1932 shows a reduction of 22.6 per cent over last year and 27.1 per cent over the last two years period. The largest single item of reduction, that of 24 per cent was made under the item of General Contract at the suggestion of Principal McCulloch. Operating expense over the last two years period which includes janitor's salary, lights, fuel, and water was cut 21.4 per cent over 1930 or \$1885.00 against \$1950.00 for 1931 and \$2400.00 for 1930.

The present high school enrollment is the same as two years ago with a probable increase for next year, but the courses were so organized a year ago as to make possible these reductions without lowering the efficiency of the high school or the quality of instruction. In discussing the matter Mr. McCulloch stated that the instruction in the high school has been improved rather than lessened in the re-organization. Not only have costs been reduced but classes have been enlarged through the alternation of subjects each year and the change from the forty five minute to the hour period and the direction of students in the proper arranging of their courses.

The Wasco high school is the smallest standard high school in the state to become a member of the Northwest Association of High Schools. With the reduction of one more teacher in this organization will be

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INDIAN MARRIAGE SERVICE DESCRIBED

Mildred Ginn Hears All About Ceremony From Groom

THREE DAY CELEBRATION HELD

Old Costumes of Children Cause Much Merriment Among Teachers

Thevally, Quillon, Sept. 20th 1931.

Dearest Mother and Daddy: Did I tell you in my last letter of our invitation to the Hindu wedding and of our non acceptance because of it taking place on Sunday? At any rate the following Monday we received an invitation to call in the afternoon. This we accepted and had a most interesting time. Mr. Narimbu is very wealthy (he is our house owner) and the wedding was put over in great style. Over two thousand guests attended the wedding on Sunday and about three hundred relatives and out-of-town guests spent the three days of festivities in his home. A large pandah was erected in the yard and elaborately decorated in Indian style and lighted with a dozen or more, yes more, large petrol lights. When we entered this Monday afternoon a number of the guests were snatching a little sleep lying about on the floor. We were ushered into the presence of our host the bride-groom, who was in a room which had been cleared of sleeping guests with one or two exceptions and these were rudely aroused and departed. Narimbu was dressed in a lovely white silk shirt and silk mundu (skirt), beautiful large diamond earrings and his wedding necklace which was composed of an unpolished diamond, sixty four rubies and numerous pearls on a pendant of gold. He quite freely answered our questions regarding their customs, etc. The date and hour of the marriage had been set by an astrologer who studied the stars of each (this was also studied before the Bride was picked for the groom—love had nothing to do with it) and the auspicious time is decided upon. The Brahmins celebrate their marriage for five days but this lasts for only three but during those three days no kind of work is to be done. Even the note he wrote asking us to call was out of order.

After talking with him for a time he asked us to the verandah where the orchestra played for us. It was an Indian orchestra but with all quite musical but noisy and continuous while it lasted. The perspiration was dripping from the players faces as they pounded and blew on their instruments. In time they were dismissed and he took us to the room where the ceremony had taken place. A shrine five feet square and perhaps eight feet high, covered with tiny pieces of mirror on which colored lights were reflected at night was where the Brahmin priest sat with the bride and groom before him.

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Old Time Papers Yield News Of Early Days In County

From the Observer October 28th, 1892.

Among those whose notices of final proof appear in this issue of the Observer are J. O. Elliott, Chas. H. Belshee, Frank Belshee, Elwood Thompson, Tom Vanlandingham, G. E. Thompson, H. H. Peterson, Henry Burro, Tirpin Hill.

O. E. Leet started east last week with sixty head of the Davenport and West horses.

From Grants—Kerr & Buckley's sheep have come across from the Klickitat side.

Young people of Grass Valley gave a party at Moore & Rollins store. About 40 people tripped the light fantastic till the wee small hours in the morning. Music was furnished by Knight Bros.

From the Observer October 31, 1902.

Hon. A. Noltnier, one of the pioneer editors of Oregon, paid us a very pleasant visit today. He is here in the interest of his Portland successor the Evening Journal.

Settlement of the legal questions involved in the Oregon King mining suit will materially assist in leading

to greater activity in regions tributary to the C. S. Ry. and may hasten construction of their proposed extension.

From Kent.—The Kent Commercial Co. have enlarged their store to double its former capacity and are now better prepared than ever to furnish anything in the grocery or dry goods lines.

George Hall and A. C. Crowther, of Waucoma, Iowa, have purchased 320 acres of land near Klondike from Elrod & Moore. Consideration \$4000.

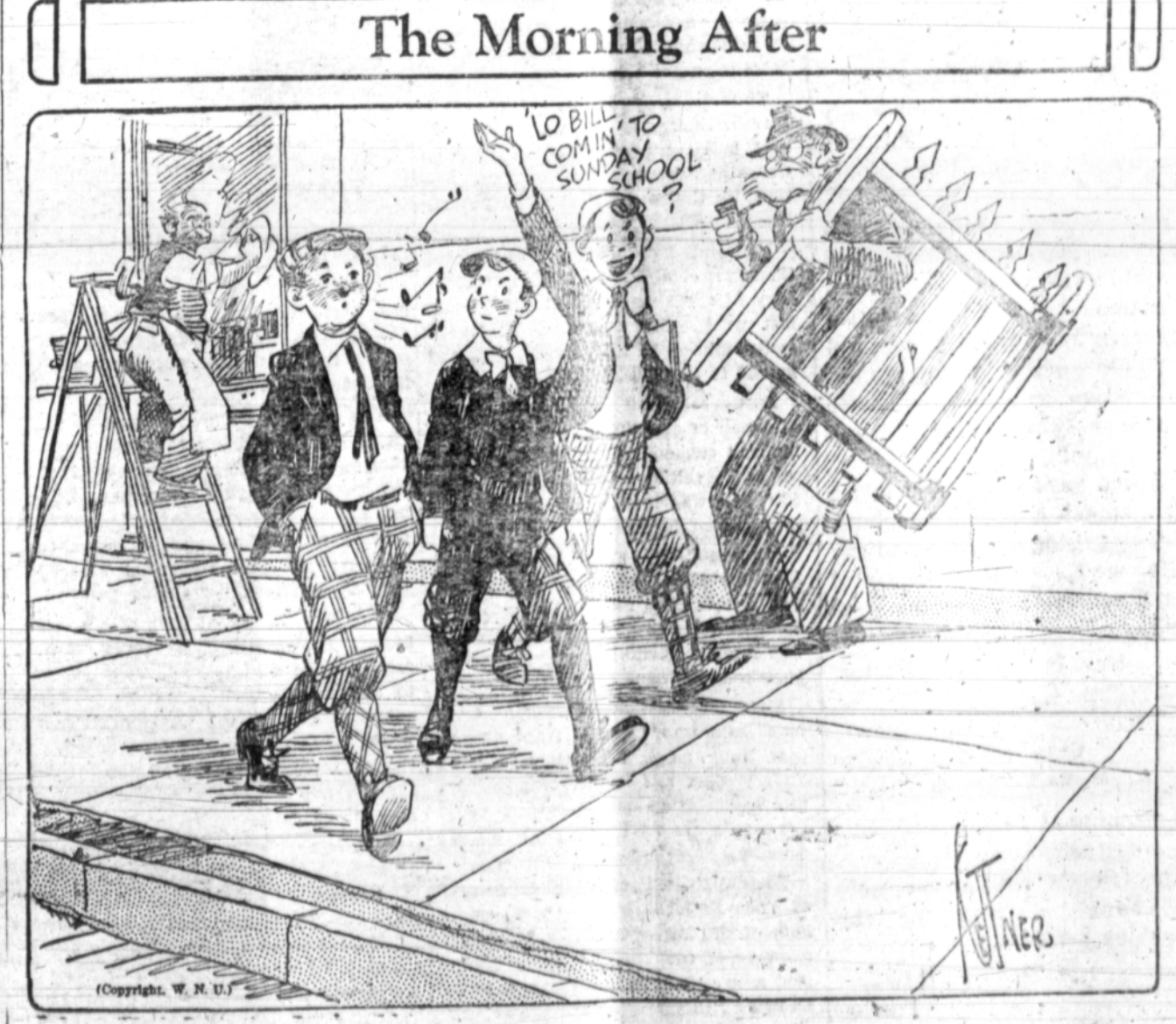
From the Observer November 1, 1912.

Dr. and Mrs. O. J. Goffin sold their house and drug store here to Dr. W. C. Nason and R. D. Jackson and expect to leave shortly.

Elwood Ginn left Moro this week with a four horse load of farm machinery preparatory to farming near DeMoss.

S. S. Hays made his final exit for his home in the Rose City Sunday satisfied with the clean up of his part of the harvest of 1912.

A. L. Landingham, having the Mowry farm, will now be at home in this city.



Schools of 1893 Were Cheap For Tax-payers and Pupils

In these days of fine school houses, many subjects, many teachers and full courses of nine months it is interesting as well as amusing to hark back to the "good old days" to see what schools cost. Through the courtesy of R. J. Ginn, who has many records of early day proceedings in Sherman county, we have a list of school expenditures of the years 1893 and 1894 with the list of school clerks to which these sums were paid.

Many of the districts are not comparable with the 1930 figures as some have been combined, others discontinued and the town schools have high school courses that were not given in the hazyon days of '93.

District	Clerk	1893	1930
No. 1.	A. Gilman	264.50	1,908.39
No. 2.	W. C. Herrin	156.15	
No. 3.	J. Seinkwick	89.95	24,034.98
No. 4.	M. McKenzie	324.78	1,897.29
No. 5.	John Henrich	303.10	2,139.20
No. 6.	J. R. Venable	239.27	
No. 7.	C. J. Bright	617.25	30,292.48
No. 10.	R. C. Kenney	219.75	1,881.17
No. 11.	W. C. Uren	170.88	1,623.95
No. 13.	John McBernid	130.00	1,314.87
No. 14.	R. W. Finkerton	161.73	
No. 15.	O. W. Richardson	133.77	1,349.02
No. 16.	D. W. Huff	227.75	1,666.89
No. 17.	W. H. Williams	600.95	19,258.49
No. 18.	J. B. Wheat	204.00	
No. 19.	C. H. Belshee	182.66	1,984.84
No. 20.	O. W. Axtell	435.53	1,991.41
No. 21.	James McDonald	151.15	1,682.86
No. 22.	G. B. Bourhill	163.75	2,262.86
No. 23.	W. H. Holder	331.26	15,280.82
No. 24.	P. H. Ruggles	291.95	2,168.18
No. 25.	S. B. Holmes	208.23	1,920.09
No. 26.	L. R. French	225.25	1,674.07
No. 29.	W. H. Bennet	175.00	1,500.30
Total		6,007.54	139,690.81

The names of those holding clerkships in the districts will recall to the memory of many old timers the days of long ago as well as the figures that show the value of a school district.

There were no high schools in 1893 and the districts only held a three months school in most cases.

Mr. Ginn also had the figures about the sum paid to the state for taxes. In 1893 this was \$7,118.61 and in 1894 it was \$4,034.82. In 1930 it took \$61,114.38 to pay off the state.