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HARVEST BRINGS VARYING RETURNS

Nearly All Fields Have Good And Bad Spots

AVERAGE TEST WEIGHT IS 55

Fair Yields Are The Rule Although Test Is Low

As threshing goes on in the county it appears that while the amount of grain threshed will be average the quality of the crop will be very poor.

It seems surprising that wheat that is so badly shriveled that it will only test 53 to 54 pounds per bushel will yield as much as ten to twelve sacks but it is the case in this county this year.

From information derived from authentic sources the average test weight of wheat so far delivered in the north end of the county is about 55 pounds. There are some fields that are very fair ranging up to 59 or 60 pounds in weight and there are patches where the test weight goes down so low as to make the wheat valueless from a milling point of view.

Fifty five pound wheat takes a discount of 7 cents per bushel and it is considered doubtful if the gluten test is high enough to counteract this discount although some wheat already tested for gluten showed nearly 12 per cent.

Some farmers are still undecided as to whether they will harvest their crop or not. At the present prices it will not pay to cut low test wheats but there is some chance that the price will raise sufficiently to make it valuable before another year has ended. Cutting it now is merely another gamble attached to the final end of what is largely a gamble all the year around.

What is being harvested in a few places in the Moro district. Frank Burnet started Monday on Turkey Red that is making about ten sacks of nearly 58 pound wheat. East of town several machines are running and their yields are in general satisfactory being a little more than was expected earlier in the season. Eight sacks to the acre is given as the probable yield in the district east of Hay Canyon except some of that on the point. Some of this wheat is pinched but not all of it.

Harvesting south of Grass Valley
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Clarence Cochran Here After Bonus Trip

Clarence Cochran dropped into town Wednesday afternoon, fresh from his travels around the United States. He is nephew of the Powell family and a son of Charles Cochran and is a native son of Moro.

He spent a month with the Bonus Expeditionary Force in Washington, D. C. and camped with the ex-soldiers at Atlantic City during their July 7th when it appeared that there would be no bonus. His story is that the bonus would have been if the army heads would have consented to accept interest bearing bonds instead of insisting on the currency feature of the Patman bill.

Local Man Given New Duties and Promotion

As a result of the reorganization of the branch agricultural station administration by the new Dean and Director, Dr. W. H. Schonfeld, D. E. Stephens, the present superintendent of the Moro and Pendleton stations has been assigned the new duties of scientific crop research adviser to the branch station superintendents at the following stations: Moro, Hermiston, Pendleton, Union and Burns.

Another action recently taken by the board of higher education reduces the salaries of all employees of the experiment stations in Oregon on a scale agreed upon by the board. Mr. Stephens will continue to live in Moro but will be required to supervise the four other stations which will necessitate considerable traveling.

Moro Church Elects Officers and Directors

At a meeting of the Moro Community Church after the morning services on Sunday 17th, the following committees were elected: Financial Board: All the trustees of the Presbyterian Church and also all trustees of the Methodist Church and to represent community at large A. H. Barnum and A. Rose.

Committee on Music: Mrs. Maude Akers, Mrs. Cope, Mrs. Pinkerton and E. E. Barzee.
Flower Committee: Mrs. Margaret Peetz, Mrs. Strong and Mrs. Amidon.
Board of Deacons: A. M. Wright, C. W. Smith, Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Anna Moore, Mrs. Ramsey and J. R. Ginn.
Boy Scouts: Dewey, Thompson, Melvin Schadewitz, Wiley Knighton.
Camp Fire Girls: Mrs. Lois Barzee, Mrs. Carroll Sayrs and Mrs. Bryant.

Read the ads in the Journal

COUNTY AUDIT FILED WITH CLERK THIS WEEK

Balances in All Funds Decreased From Last Year

SCHOOL FUNDS SMALLER NOW

County Expenses Held Below Budget Estimate

The county audit that has been completed for several weeks and has been in the hands of the members of the county court for their inspection has finally been filed at the court house and is open for the perusal of any interested persons who wish to find out the amounts spent for any county activity in 1931.

According to this audit, which was made by Chas. R. Logan of The Dalles, practically all of the county funds have decreased during the year. School district balances have dropped from \$8,050.45 to \$3,020.17. The county balance has dropped from \$117,138.32 to \$56,755.52.

Total tax receipts received by the sheriff during the calendar year of 1931 were \$175,190.53 and \$263,840.39 was disbursed which accounts for the fact that the balance was reduced to \$56,755.52.

Schools disbursed \$50,079.36 and received in checks or warrants from the treasurer \$44,049.08.

For strictly county expenses there was appropriated \$27,646.00 which was not all spent as the county court were able to make some savings. They only spent \$21,470.46.

One optimistic thing noticeable throughout the entire audit is that the court has spent amounts that were needed instead of spending the sums that were allowed by the budget committee.

For the first time in many years the county has an audit that shows practically all of the operations of the county in comprehensive form. There is a report from all of the county officers, including the prohibition fund of the sheriff, the other minor funds provided by law, the security for office holders' bonds and nearly everything related to the conduct of county business.

For those who wish to keep informed about county matters the Sherman County Journal is indispensable.

Rate Hearing At Seattle Continues

The hearing at Seattle before the Interstate Commerce Commission has stretched into the second week and appears to be going strong. The railroad attorneys have battled hard to have evidence showing the condition of the farmers barred from the testimony, but the attitude of the commission has been to hear this sort of evidence as well as that showing the effects of the depression on the railroads themselves.

It is possible that some sort of relief in freight rates will be forthcoming from this hearing, but it is likely that it will be delayed so long as to be of no help for this crop season unless the state rate Commissioner is able to do something without the aid of the Interstate Commission.

Boy Scouts At Camp Ringwaik This Week

Camp Ringwaik opened Sunday with 60 boys in attendance, a much larger attendance than was anticipated, but there were plenty of tents in reserve on hand to be erected hurriedly so that all were cared for with ample room for more. All camp officers were on hand to greet the boys and everything in readiness for a summer camp of scouting and fun, from the bugle call at 5:45 a. m. till taps sounded at 9:00 p. m.

This Sunday more scouts and boys from 9 to 12 years of age will go to camp, the scouts and younger boys will have an entirely different program this year, so that both will get the best out of their camping experience.

Applications are being received every day at headquarters for this next week and the last period of camp also.

A truck plans to leave The Dalles early Sunday morning from 510 Court street for camp for all boys who have no other way to get to camp.

Those applications already received from Moro and Wasco include: Jack and Ross Coppock, Bobbie King, Stanley Jones and Douglas Tuel.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 20

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
July 14	73	45	.00
" 15	81	52	.00
" 16	78	55	.00
" 17	73	53	.00
" 18	73	51	.00
" 19	75	50	.00
" 20	86	49	.00
Total for week			.00

MERCHANTS ARRANGE TO BUILD ROAD SIGN

Travellers Will Be Told Advantages of Northern End of Highway 97

NEARLY ALL MERCHANTS HELP

Sign at Junction of Highway 97 and Dalles Road Assured

A signboard directing travelers from points south how to find the shortest and smoothest road to Washington cities will be erected at the junction of The Dalles-Criterion Highway and Federal Highway 97. This has been made possible through the cooperation of nearly every business man in the county who this week contributed to a fund that will permit the erection and maintenance of such a sign.

The Moro Commercial entered into a contract with Foster and Kleiser to build the sign, which will be done within the next two weeks. This week Fred Pickett, secretary of the club and Walter May, ex-president, visited the towns along the route of the Sherman Highway and gathered the necessary funds.

They received almost unanimous support for the project as it was felt that the county would benefit from increased highway travel and those firms that did not expect direct contact with tourists contributed, as an aid to the general welfare. Wasco, Moro, Grass Valley, Kent and Shaniko as well as stations along the Columbia river contributed.

The sign will be twelve and one half feet high and thirty two feet long and will be painted twice a year and the copy will be changed when ever painted if desired by the committee.

Grass Valley-Kent Wins Another Game

Grass Valley-Kent are not satisfied to end their baseball playing with the Fourth of July games as has been the rule in this county for years. Last Sunday they met and defeated the Tygh Valley team on the local diamond, the score being 5 to 4. Young and Fritts were the battery for Grass Valley-Kent and Claymeier and Claymeier for the visitors.

Twenty Year Old Cat Owned By A. M. Young

Over nineteen years ago a yellow cat came to the A. M. Young home and as he liked the place he just stayed. At that time he was full grown and was judged, by the Youngs to be more than a year old. Every since he has been a member of the household and is now thought to be considerably over twenty years of age which is doing pretty well for a cat.

Goods Cheap Now In Sherman County

Observation of the grocers' signs that are in the present style posted plainly on the windows in a recent trip to the city showed that prices in Portland are not cheaper than they are in Sherman county towns.

On a few items a cent was lopped off the Sherman county prices and in others several cents were added on. The recent activity among merchants of this county in changing to cash prices instead of the credit system so long followed has certainly had its effect in getting prices to a low level.

Orville Smith Killed On Okanogan Ranch

Orville Smith, son of a pioneer Sherman county family, was killed on his ranch in the Okanogan country in northern Washington last Thursday. The team with which he was hauling hay ran away throwing him off the wagon and breaking his back. Relatives from this county including three brothers, Clyde and Arthur of Grass Valley and Lloyd of Kingsley attended the funeral there last Sunday.

Los Angeles Suicide Former Moro Man

The E. M. Shutt who was in the news last week when he shot and killed his blind son and then himself was at one time a resident of Sherman county living at Moro. He was editor of The Moro Observer in 1892. Later he moved to Antelope and to Heppner where he was elected sheriff.

Lack of money and the care of the son were presumed to be the causes of his final act. He was living in Los Angeles.

SMUT PROBLEM HARD ONE FOR FARMERS

Prevention Only Means of Control Known So Far

EXPERIMENTS SHOW VARIETY

Different Smuts Attack Different Kinds Of Wheat

Smut, the wheat parasite that proves so costly in many wheat raising countries, seems to be of so hardy a nature that it defeats all of man's endeavors to eradicate it or to produce a variety of wheat that is immune to its depredations.

Some time ago wheat experimenters thought that they had produced a variety of wheat that did not smut. In the county in which it was produced there was no smut that would attack it. It was sent to the middle western states and to every station in the west and within a few years it began to have some smut in it. It seems that the smut parasite will adapt itself to any variety of wheat in time.

There are two main divisions of the smut plant, the smooth balled, *Tilletia levis* and the netted surfaced *Tilletia tritici* and these apparently have an unlimited number of varieties. Smut spores settle on the wheat kernel in threshing and attacks the young plant as it emerges from the kernel. It can be discerned by the aid of a microscope in the growing end of apparently healthy plant. Unless especially severe the plant is not effected until it prepares to form a head then the smut parasite takes possession of the plant and it produces nothing but smut.

In some cases smut spores are in the soil and wheat is infected in this manner. This is not usual in spring wheat as practically all of the smut is germinated and killed off an ordinary winter. Fall seeding in damp ground at temperatures of 60 degrees is likely to produce smut if it is prevalent in the soil or the seed.

There is no cure for a plant that has once become smutted. The only means of eradicating the disease is prevention, according to C. S. Holton, Continued to page four.

News of Olden Days Retold For Readers Who Remember

Observer July 20, 1893.
C. A. Buckley will erect a handsome residence on his newly acquired piece of property near Grass Valley.

Perry Watkins is this week building a large corral close by the Red Barn Livery and Feed Stable. This will prove a great convenience to horse men wanting to corral horses here, as there is no other of any size in town.

Only 250,000 pounds of the wool in the Pendleton warehouse has been sold, the remainder being consigned, securing advances of from 4 to 7 cents.

The W. J. Peddicord house in the south end of town will soon be completed. The carpenter work is being done by Slater Brothers.

T. B. Searcy, who has been in Chicago for some time taking in the sights at the World's Fair passed through Moro last Thursday enroute to his home near Rutledge.

Observer July 24, 1903.
N. P. Hansen has charge of the W. A. Gordon bank in Moro during the temporary absence of S. S. Hays who left for Collins with his family Tuesday.

L. L. Peets began some harvesting this week.

L. V. and E. H. Moore left with their families last week for a tour of a considerable part of Oregon. They

have two covered hacks and an extra wagon driven by Omer Sayrs and are prepared to be at home no matter where night overtakes them. They will join the Mazamas at Three Sisters, fish in the Mackenzie, paddle in the Pacific at Yaquina and come home via Portland and The Dalles.

Barnum Brothers have purchased the Martin Holman interests in the long known Holman Brothers threshing outfit.

Crops around Wilcox are being harvested mostly for hay.

Henry Schadewitz of Kent has sold his store to Bennet Brothers. Observer July 25, 1913.

Dr. C. L. Foley was called to Kent Tuesday to attend Mrs. H. A. Sommers. The trip was made with the aid of E. W. Lewis and his Ford auto.

Married: At the Presbyterian Manse, July 19th, Jonathan N. MacInnes and Miss Betsy Boyer. Rev. A. J. Adams officiating.

Last week's Shaniko Star reports the natives as having a picnic finding rattlesnakes, several being found about the city, two with nine rattles each.

C. W. Moore has been appointed chief of police at The Dalles. Mr. Moore has been registrar of the local government land office and has extensive interests at Grass Valley.

Common Sports For Common Folks Popular Again Now Days

Uncle Emmett sat cross legged in the dust under the trees where the village horseshoe game was in progress.

"Haws-shoes is a right popular sport, I hear," he confided to Wabash who sat alongside. "Folks in the cities used to write long pieces for the Sunday supplements about the decadence of rural sports. They told about the game that went on day after day behind Jud Tunkin's blacksmith shop and how excited the poor farmers got over it.

"Now they tell the poor folks in the city who ain't got nothin' to do has tore up the Keep Off the Grass signs to make pegs and are pitchin' haws-shoes on the very spots where the queen of the May was crowned. It always was plumb foolish for city folks to presume any superiority on account of the games they played when time hung heavy on 'em.

"There's that golf game. It got into society and had a flock of trick clothes an a lot of funny words hung onto it an people thought they had to play it to be up with the Joneses. Ridin' haws back can't be done in the big towns without a red coat an a get up that scare a self respectin' cow

pony into the next county."
"Haws-shoes is popular agin. It is the game of the common folks, the what ye call 'em, the proletarians. I suppose yu wonder why such a simple game of skill is found on every vacant lot, don't yu, Wabash?"

"Yu wonder why folks that has wore out their trick golfin' togs and has used their red ridin' clothes to scare the wolf from the door is content to meet with the masses and spend their time throwin' discarded footwear at a peg?"

"Wal, that's easy. Wabash, the reason so many folks engage in this proletarian sport is cause there's so darn many proletarians these days. Folks who thought they was capitalists and folks who thought they was middle class have had undeniable information from their banker thae they are just folks agin. They play haws-shoes instead of golf and nights them an their neighbors get together fer a sociable game of pedro with the kings wild instead of gamblin' at bridge at so much a point. Why, Wabash, even chewin' tobacco may come back before this is over folks has got so common."

We Still Have Our Appetites

