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CROPS BETTER THAN EXPECTED IN COUNTY

South End Wheat Going Between Eight and Twelve Sacks

QUALITY INCREASING AS WELL

Centers of Fields Yield Better Wheat Than Edges

Optimistic reports continue to come in about the harvest. Those who have been cutting in the north end of the county for two weeks are getting quite a bit more wheat to the acre than they expected when harvest first began and the quality, that was a bugaboo several days ago, has increased until a large percent of the wheat harvest is expected to be milling grade.

Wheat around Moro is also doing better than was expected in both quality and quantity. Several fields in the Erskine territory are making 30 bushels of very good quality wheat testing over 60 pounds in several cases.

Harvest is getting along in the country north of Nigger ridge and several men are through. Wheat is being hauled into the elevators and warehouses rapidly and the amount will increase for a week or more before it begins to slacken when the bulk grain outfits finish.

Wheat has been coming into the Grass Valley and Kent warehouses for the past week but will not reach the peak of the season for several days yet. Winter wheat is being cut in most cases and is yielding a better return than was thought likely before harvesting began. Most fields are making from 18 to 20 bushels and some are reported as making 12 sacks per acre.

Those who are cutting spring grain are getting lower yields and the quality is not quite as good as is the winter wheat. In most cases it is thought that the wheat will average up to milling grade when the entire field has been cut.

New Members On Relief Committee

D. E. Stephens and Mrs. B. Estelle Halley have been appointed as members of the Sherman county relief committee for the coming winter. They will assist the other members of the committee, Judge George Potter, J. C. Freeman and Earl Jones.

Read the ads in the Journal

Uncle Emmett Believes Management More Important Salaries

As Uncle Emmett was enjoying his after dinner smoke under the shade of the locust trees along the main street he was accosted by a dapper gentleman with the affable appearance of a salesman.

"Ah, Mister, I have a petition here I am sure you would like to sign. It has to do with the governmental salaries. Do you know that one of the principal causes of the troubles we are now undergoing is caused by too high a salary scale among our officers."

"I do not," replied Uncle Emmett, "but proceed with the language you sound like a speller I used to know who traveled with a circus."

"This bill if enacted into law will reduce all salaries of state officers by forty per cent with a resulting saving to the tax payers of millions," resumed the talker.

"Well, now ain't nature wonderful an ain't tax reduc'n' easy?" remarked the old man. "Folks has been worryin' about what made taxes so high for, these many years, and here some-

Sherman County Visited By Miller

Last Monday Sherman county was visited by Edward M. Miller, a representative of the Oregonian. Mr. Miller is the man who writes the motorlogues or travelogues about the northwest and was in this county for the purpose of writing an article about the production of wheat in the Columbia Basin territory of Oregon. He obtained several pictures of harvest scenes on different ranches. The article will appear in next Sunday's Oregonian.

Preservation Of Food By Evaporation Popular

CORVALLIS—Homemade evaporators are among the latest creations of many Oregon homemakers judging from the demand for directions for making these inexpensive cabinets, trays and boxes. Hundreds of copies of the illustrated leaflet, "Home Drying of Fruits and Vegetables," which is a reprint of a portion of Exten. Bul. 450, "Home Food Preservation," have been distributed free from the home economic office of the extension service. It gives directions for making three dryers, tells how to prepare various fruits and vegetables for the dryers, how to dry the products and how to store them for later use.

State Fair Offers Free Grandstand

The new concrete and steel grandstand at the State Fair grounds costing \$150,000 is one of the finest of such buildings in the west. The building is unpaid for and it was the intention that receipts from racing should pay for the building. However, during the past two years approximately an average of three fourths of all the immense seating capacity of the building has been vacant, while thousands of people were cut on the grounds without a place to sit down. Guards were hired to keep them out of the vacant seats.

This year general admission to the grandstand will be free, with only a slight charge for loges and reserved seats. A free grandstand is a new departure for State Fairs, but is deemed very timely for this year. Fair attendance will be much larger when one admission ticket admits to both the grounds and the grandstand. In spite of times, people crave some amusement and diversion. This year people are looking for their money's worth in every line and there is no place along this line where so much can be had for the money as at the State Fair.

The operating cost of the State Fair has been reduced drastically and this reduction should either be passed on to the patrons of the Fair in the

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RAKES RESIGNATION ACCEPTED BY COURT

Knighten Appointed To Serve Until January First

COURT IS BUYING OWN BONDS

Send Money From State To Be Spent For Road Bonds

The morning session of the county court was broken into by a trip to a part of the Shearers road which the court made with Dr. M. B. Taylor. The men visited this section of road to discuss a matter of payment for right of way. The road was built while I. E. Wilson was owner, in name at least, of the property and the line is said to be unsatisfactory to Mr. Taylor since he has reacquired possession of the land through which it runs.

The final payment of the county's share of state secondary highway money was received from the state. This is the remainder of the money to repay the sums used for the building of Shearers road last winter. The court instructed that this money be used to purchase county bonds if any are available at a satisfactory price.

Lawrence W. Rakes handed in his resignation as county school superintendent to take effect September 1st and the resignation was accepted. Mr. Rakes is resigning to teach in Rufus next term. He did not file in the primary and his term would normally expire January 1st 1933.

Wiley W. Knighten, Republican nominee, and the only candidate for the office, made application to be appointed as superintendent and his application was acted on favorably by the court to take effect when Mr. Rakes leaves.

The court has begun to arrange for relief work during the coming winter and are gathering information from the state committee handling the federal funds as to how the state's share of the \$300,000,000 relief fund is to be expended.

Homer Wall, county engineer, is working part of his time in Wheeler county where he is engineering a road from the top of the hill between Fossil and Clarno toward the latter point. His check from Sherman county this month amounted to \$117.00, which is lower than the county has engaged an engineers' services for some time.

Grass Valley Purchases Truck For Fire Control

Grass Valley is going to have a fire department. Tuesday evening a truck was delivered to the city. On it will be mounted the chemical tanks now on a cart and the hose and ladders belonging to the city will also be placed thereon to make a first class fire fighting unit for a small town.

The cost of the truck was approximately \$250 and it is estimated that the entire cost of the completed fire fighting plant will not be over \$400.

Oro Wheat Grown By A. C. Thompson

Oro wheat developed at the Moro experiment station, has been found very satisfactory by A. C. Thompson who grew it on his place east of town farmed by Martin Melzer. This variety of wheat is very smut resistant and it was sown with the ordinary smut treatment. The yield was two bushels over the yield of other types of wheat on the same sort of land and the test weight, being above 62 pounds. There was no smut in the wheat.

Morrow county is buying two car loads of Oro wheat this year from Jefferson county farmer who has been raising it for several years after getting his first start from the Moro station.

Wheat And Pig Crop Reported To Be Less

World wheat supplies during the summer and fall months are expected to be considerably smaller than a year ago, says a market report of the O. S. C. extension service. The carryover is smaller and the new crop less than last year in the Northern Hemisphere.

Production is expected to be smaller in Europe as well as in North America, according to the report.

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WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING AUG. 3

| DATE | MAX. | MIN. | PRECIP. |
|----------------|------|------|---------|
| July 28 | 82 | 52 | .00 |
| " 29 | 71 | 46 | .00 |
| " 30 | 72 | 48 | .00 |
| " 31 | 79 | 49 | .00 |
| Aug. 1 | 79 | 49 | .00 |
| " 2 | 93 | 50 | .00 |
| " 3 | 97 | 57 | .00 |
| Total for week | | | .00 |

ROAD REPAIRS BEING MADE IN COUNTY

Highway Crew Have Finished Work South of Kent

REOILING DONE NEAR MORO

Jobs Completed in Fast Time by Van Schoick's Crew

The road repair crew under the direction of I. J. W. VanSchoick have made excellent progress in the oiling and resurfacing of the road south of Kent. Nearly five miles of road was resurfaced from Wednesday evening when the crew arrived from Maupin to Tuesday night when the work was finished.

This work consisted of scarifying the surface of the road as deep as the old oil had penetrated and working it over and over until it was thoroughly broken up, mixing in the new oil and then smoothing and rolling it again. This stretch of road had become very badly pitted and was extremely unpleasant to drive over. This resurfacing will make it satisfactory for travel again.

Wednesday morning after the work was finished at Kent the oil tanks and heater were moved to Moro where the job of putting the seal coat on a part of the road between Grass Valley and Moro was begun. This job consists of spreading a thin coat of oil and screenings over the surface of approximately six miles of road. Beginning just north of the crest of Nigger ridge to Moro the road was oiled and for a distance of 1.3 miles north of Moro the same treatment was applied. This operation will seal the road against any possible chance of water leakage thus preserving the road from damage caused by percolation. The work was expected to last about two days.

Wages For Labor Lowest In Years

The quarterly farm labor report of the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics, which was released July 12, indicated that the available supply of farm labor in the United States is twice as large as the effective demand. Demand is 62 per cent normal, and supply 124 per cent. Farm wages are reported the lowest in 30 years.

Hines Home Fire Efficiently Handled

A fire that threatened to destroy the Hines house in Wasco last Tuesday just before noon was effectually put out by the Wasco fire department in jig time.

The fire siren blew at 11:26 and the streets of the city immediately became populated with running firemen coming from all directions to the fire house. In three minutes there was a stream of water playing on the fire and in seven minutes from the sounding of the siren spectators were returning to their homes, robbed of another thrill.

Mrs. Howard Hines was at home with her children. She was in the yard hanging out clothes when she saw smoke coming from the kitchen. She notified the men at the warehouses nearby with the above result. Little damage was done to the house. The paper and some of the wood work was burned from the kitchen walls and some of the furnishings were soaked with water, but a few dollars will repair what looked like a totally destroyed house.

Grass Valley-Kent To Play Bend Sunday

The Grass Valley-Kent ball club will meet the Bend team on the Grass Valley grounds next Sunday. This is a game that has been promised local fans for the past several weeks and it has finally been arranged. The Sherman county team has made a good record in its games this season and has earned the chance to play the boys from the larger city to the south. A good contest may be expected for the local team will be strengthened so to put a good game against the invaders from the south.

Moro Man Remembers Early Ice-Cream Cone

For one citizen in Moro the story in last week's paper about the discovery or invention of the ice cream cone was particularly interesting. He remembered that years ago when he was a barker on the "Pike" in San Francisco the cones were cooked in a little waffle iron, rolled quickly into the well known cone shape and when cooled were filled with ice cream. And so, the world is not so distant after all.

News of Olden Days Retold For Readers Who Remember

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R. C. Belshee has purchased the business and residence property consisting of the Moro Meat Market building, several lots, residence and garage.

Eugene Amidon was the owner of the first wheat to be hauled into Moro this season. It was from a 75 acre field of turkey red that produced 1370 sacks, better than 42 bushel to the acre.

Mrs. M. A. Bull is the chaffer in charge of the A. B. Mathews combine harvester. This is the second season that Mrs. Bull has driven and she is the only woman of our knowledge that has ever sat on the drivers seat of a combine harvester in operation.

Hon. C. W. Moore has bought the brick building now occupied by the Moro Hardware and Implement Co., from L. Barnum. Part of the consideration was stock in the Citizens Commercial Co. of Grass Valley giving Mr. Barnum the controlling interest in that concern.

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W. C. Goyton and Ada Bell were granted a license to wed on the 'bird.

Kaseberg Bros. finished threshing 1050 sacks, Mondays run, three headers and thresher working together. So far it runs about 10 to 15 sacks

THRESHING OF WHEAT AT STATION PECULIAR

Small Handfuls Threshed Separately With Toy Machine

ACCURACY NEEDED IN WORK

Nursery Wheat Weighed and Yield Is Carefully Computed

You fellows who think you are threshing when you turn out five or six hundred sacks per day, listen! This week it was the privilege of the writer to watch a threshing rig that turned out wheat at the rate of 150 sacks per hour and each sack was labeled, and checked for variety, place grown, row and number.

No. Don't rush with the lie detector. It's the truth. The threshing machine is operating at the experiment farm at Moro and may be watched by anyone with curiosity and a little carelessness about straw and dirt down the neck.

True, the sacks are somewhat smaller than those usually filled with wheat—the kind that make a man weary after the first five hundred or so. They are little paper bags.

They are threshing the nursery wheats at the station and they are all in separate bundles each a product of a row of wheat a rod long. Each bundle is cut separately, bound and the heads are covered with a wrapping of newspaper to keep the wheat from being lost through shattering. Each variety of wheat in each nursery is threshed separately and when one variety is done the machine is cleaned and brushed and the preceding variety is left to mix with the incoming brand of wheat.

Altogether it is quite a process. The bundles are laid on a table each kind of wheat by itself. The strings are cut and the wheat is unwrapped and the tag is placed where the sack sewer can get it. Then the wheat is put into the cylinder, almost the only part of the little machine that resembles the ordinary thresher.

It drops from the cylinder into a chute where a blast of air separates

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