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WAREHOUSES FULLER NOW THAN IN 1931

More Wheat Already Hauled in Moro District

393,690 BUSHEL IN NOW

More and Grass Valley Districts Record Receipts So Far

A large part of the farmers are far enough along with their harvesting this year to give them a very good idea about the total amount of sacks or bushels they will have when it is all over and the last straw has gone flicking into the cylinder, but for the county a whole the total crop has yet to be determined.

Wheat has been hauled slower this year than usual because many farmers are leaving their sacked grain in the field until after harvest so that they can haul it themselves instead of hiring it done as in the past. The part of the crop that is hauled in bulk is largely in the elevators in the Moro district and is probably half in from Grass Valley south.

The figures showing the amount of wheat that has been received by the warehouses north of Hay Canyon have not been gathered to date but for Moro and Grass Valley districts they show that there is considerably more wheat than last year. Just how much can not be determined until it is all hauled.

There is the following quantities of wheat in the warehouses and elevators below:

Hay Canyon	67,688
Nish	6,289
DeMoss	17,552
Moro	100,446
Erskine	79,546
Grass Valley	67,367
Bourbon	14,767
Kent	30,467
Wilcox	18,567
Total	393,690

The total for the Moro district is 262,521 bushels of which 155,365 bushels is bulk wheat. This is approximately three fifths of the amount hauled to date. In the Grass Valley district it is probable that a greater percentage of the total wheat is bulk up to date.

It has been estimated that these districts will warehouse 1,400,000 bushels this year, but this figure

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Coppock Changes Days Here Until After Harvest

R. H. Coppock, adjutant of the Moro State Bank, moved his family to Hood River Tuesday. This will necessitate a change in his schedule of time in Moro.

Hereafter he will spend Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in the river town and the remainder of the week in Moro leaving here Saturday night for his home. This schedule is in effect this week. After the harvest and wheat selling period is over he will probably reduce the days here.

Wild Life Lines Has Contributor From Moro

Last Sunday's Oregonian carried a story by a Moro man. It had to do with a fishing experience and was to be found on the Wild Life Line page sponsored by James McCool. E. R. Barzee drew the second prize of three dollars on the story which is reprinted below.

By E. R. BARZEE.
Box 25, Moro, Oregon.
Second Prize Story.

On May 27 this year my friend and I went fishing on the Deschutes river near Frieda. I was standing at the water's edge under a two-foot bank when I hooked a nine inch trout and threw it out behind me near a bush. Not wanting to climb the bank to take the fish off the hook, I attempted to raise the fish from the grass, but was unable to do so. Then I stepped up the bank and to my amazement saw a three-foot bull-snake with the trout in its mouth, trying to crawl backward into the brush.

I did not kill the snake, as I thought it a good sport, so I hit it a light tap on the head with a stick to make it let go the trout, and I put the trout in my basket.

Car Owners Getting Licenses at Court House

During the first seventeen days of this month the sheriff's office has been busy passing out automobile stickers to those who delayed getting their license until after the month's term was over. There have been 98 cars and trucks licensed through this office since the first of the month.

The sheriff has taken in \$2618.45 in fees of this sort some being of large sums when the license for a truck is bought. The county receives the twenty five cents charge that is made for the sticker.

CROP REPORT SHOWS SMALLER 1932 YIELD

Winter Wheat Short of Last Year's Total

SPRING WHEAT MUCH BETTER

Oregon Yields Better But Acreage Not So Large

The August first crop report of the department of Agriculture gives the estimated production of wheat in the United States as 871,592,000 bushels. This is estimating the winter wheat crop at 441,788,000 bushels and the spring wheat crop at 229,804,000 bushels.

This is a reduction from 789,462,000 which was the winter wheat production of 1931 although the spring wheat crop is much heavier than last year's production, which was only 96,247,000 bushels.

These figures show that there will be a decline of 204,307,000 bushels in the United States wheat crop this year in comparison to that raised in 1931. When compared to the five year average there is a decline of 90,883,000 bushels.

In Oregon the estimate is that we will raise 20 bushels to the acre which is greater than was raised last year when our average was 18.5 bushel to the acre of winter wheat. There are fewer acres in this crop however, and the total production of winter wheat is expected to be 15,020,000 bushels whereas it was 15,262,000 bushels in 1931.

Acres yields are not given for spring wheat as yet but the estimated total production is 4,680,000 bushels compared to 2,400,000 bushels raised last year.

This will give Oregon a total wheat production of 19,700,000 bushels which is greater than has been estimated by private observers. There was undoubtedly some damage done to spring wheat in this section, at least, since the August crop reports were sent in by the field reporters and it is probable that for this reason there is the divergence between the government report and other reports that were made later.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wallan arrived in town Tuesday afternoon for a little visit with friends here.

Mrs. Peter Peters To Be Buried Sunday Afternoon

Mrs. Irene Peters, wife of Peter Peters, of Grass Valley, passed away at the Mid-Columbia hospital Wednesday morning from the effects of an operation earlier in the week.

Mrs. Peters became ill Friday and was taken to the hospital Sunday afternoon where she was immediately operated upon. It was thought that she was recovering but later developments caused her death.

She came to this country early in 1919 and was married to Mr. Peters in June of that year. Since that time she has lived on the Peters farm south of Grass Valley. Her mother, Mrs. Leulla Leasley, who was living with the deceased, one brother, E. S. Leasley, of Eddyville, Neb., a sister, Mrs. Floyd Porter, of Omaha, Neb., and a son Karl Ingalls survive her beside her widower.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Baptist church in Grass Valley under the direction of Zell's funeral home. The Rev. S. L. Boyce will officiate.

Young Democratic Group Call On Party Men Here

Three young men, members of the newly organized Young Democratic League of Oregon, were visitors in the county last Sunday for a few hours. They were on the last leg of a 2100 mile trip through the southern and eastern part of the state for the purpose of aiding the formation of county units of the league. William L. Gosslin, president, R. Wayne Stevens, treasurer, and John J. Greden, publicity director of the organization were the party.

The Young Democratic League hopes to create an interest in political affairs in the minds of young men and women between the ages of 18 and 35 and especially to further the aims of the Democratic party. The Oregon league is affiliated with a national organization with the same object.

Read the ads in the Journal

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING AUG. 17

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Aug. 11	87	46	.00
" 12	73	47	.00
" 13	79	50	.00
" 14	85	58	.00
" 15	89	67	.00
" 16	85	56	.00
" 17	90	54	.00
Total for week			.00

TRUCKS TO REPLACE TRAIN ON THIS BRANCH

Petition of Business Men Not Allowed By Commissioner

TRI-WEEKLY TRAINS PROBABLE

Supplemental Switching Provided For In Ruling

Those who petitioned the public service commissioner to not allow the railroad company to institute thrice a week service on this branch line received word that the petition has been denied and that the service would be cut to the days specified.

The carriers asked that the following schedule of service be allowed: "a mixed train departing from Biggs on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays running through to Shaniko, then departing from Shaniko on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays running through to Biggs."

They (the railroads) "further propose to provide supplemental mail express and less than car load service by means of motor trucks over the highway between Grass Valley and Biggs on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays."

According to the report of the commissioner received the testimony shows that the principal objection to the proposed service on the part of the plaintiffs was the possibility that switching service would be inadequate during the season of heaviest wheat movement. This objection would effect the elevators in greatest degree according to the testimony.

The commissioner has found that the proposed service will be adequate if combined with the motor truck service and has so ordered. The date of the order was August 12.

Industrial Accident Auditor in County

C. H. Freeman, auditor for the State Industrial Accident commission is in the county again interviewing those who are carrying this form of insurance. He will be in Wasco the remainder of this week in Moro next week and the following week he will spend in the south end of the county working out of Grass Valley.

Sign Board In Process Of Construction

The sign board that the merchants and commercial clubs of the county have contracted for to be erected at the junction of the Federal Highway No. 97 and The Dalles-California road is in the process of construction and will be on the job directing travellers over the shortest highway to Washington points shortly.

The design that was first shown to the local club has been changed somewhat in the wording and the wheat field scene has been given a more prominent place in the picture to better inform the hurrying tourist what is in store for him when he chooses to travel through this wheat belt.

Messenger Family Held Reunion At Goldendale

A reunion of the Messenger family most of whom were former residents of Sherman county, was held at Goldendale, Washington, in Brooks Monument park on Sunday, August 14th.

Thirty seven members of the clan from Oregon, Washington and California were present and enjoyed the picnic luncheon served at noon and a pleasant afternoon reminiscing, while the young people participated in a game of baseball.

Families represented were Edgar E. Messenger of Wapito, Washington, Fred R. Messenger of Blalock, Oregon, J. Ira Messenger and Albert L. Messenger of The Dalles and Mrs. Sarah A. Messenger of St. Helens, Oregon.

Mail Carriers Plan 1933 State Meeting

Organization was perfected and committees named to handle the June 1933 meeting of the National Rural Letter Carriers Association in The Dalles last Saturday night. This meeting will be under the auspices of the Mid-Columbia council of the state and will be held in The Dalles. Mathias Simon, of Grass Valley, and J. McCafferty and Blake Gallagher of Wasco county are the committee in charge of general arrangements and W. H. McNeil, of The Dalles, is secretary of the convention committee.

NURSERY PLOT YIELDS GIVE HYBRID LEAD

Turkey Wheats Not So Good This Year As Usual

TEST WEIGHTS ARE IMPORTANT

Wheats That Get Up In Fall Ripen A Week Earlier Than Others

While yields of the entire lot of nurseries have not been compiled up to this date the result of the experiments in the Moro vicinity have been obtained. The two nursery plots are at the station and on the Powell place west of town.

The results from these plots show that Hybrid 128 is the best yielding wheat for the year in the nurseries with an average of 17.7 bushels per acre. This is determined by averaging the results of six rows, three in each nursery. Hybrid also showed a very fair test for station wheats this year. It shows a test of 56. It is quite likely that station wheats test lower on the average than field run wheats because their method of threshing does not blow any of the smaller kernels out with the straw as might easily happen with commercial threshing machines.

Forty thousand Federation, a cross, was next with 17 bushels, a selection of forty fold called Golden yielded the next best return and another cross, forty fold and Hybrid 128 was fourth. In the first six there was only one turkey wheat, a rather unusual occurrence for this county.

Yields in nursery plots are usually lower than they are in the field as the wheats are planted in single rows twelve inches apart and it is not conducive to good yields according to the results ordinarily obtained.

It is rather peculiar that winter wheats that were sown on October 6th and emerged from the ground on the 20th were almost exactly one week ahead of the same varieties of wheats that were planted October 26th and came up in the first week of March.

The Hybrid and forty fold crosses— Continued to page three.

Unusual Barn Burns At Grass Valley Saturday Night

Saturday night a fire destroyed a building in Grass Valley. It was a barn, but such a barn as has seldom been seen in this county where barns are normally of prosaic appearance and of strictly utilitarian design.

This barn was in a class by itself. It had a chandelier in the stable, and a matched tongue and groove floor for her ribs. The cow, to stand upon. There was a bay window for the cow to gaze out of when she felt the urge to watch her neighbors. There was a front door finished in the ornate design of another day when fancy wood carving was considered a mark of distinction.

The cow ate her fodder from a bath tub under an electric light bulb in the chandelier that shone upon the neatly papered wall with as much splendor as it did when the house was occupied by human kind. In milking the cow, one sat in the parlor where hundreds of persons had sat before. Women playing at bridge or whist as the stylish card game happened to be in the days when the house, or barn was in its heyday, youths making their first call on the girl of their choice had sat there, men on business bent and all different ages and stations of people had sat under that

chandelier where now the cow was milked. Really it was quite a barn. Originally the building was constructed to house the barber shop and family of Carl Williams who had come to the growing settlement of Grass Valley to set up business in his trade. Later as times grew more prosperous in the Williams menage he moved the house to the place where it had stood for years. He decorated his yard with rose bushes, with trees and planted a lawn. His wife entertained, his children grew up around the house and it looked prosperous.

As time went on the house grew old, as does everything else, and a year ago it was sold by the Walker heirs to Matt Simon who transformed it into a barn leaving the bay window, the chandelier, the paper on the walls.

Last Saturday night it was burned, probably because some itinerant went to sleep with a cigarette in his mouth while on the hay. The fire department hurried to the scene but couldn't do anything about it by the time they arrived. There was no insurance and Sherman county has lost its most peculiar barn and the Simons cow will have to be milked by lantern light.

No Let-Up in Production Here

