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WHEAT CONDITION STILL ALL ABSORBING TOPIC

A Little More Cheer Put Into Discussion This Week

SOME RESEEDING BEING DONE

South End of County Has No Hope of White Wheat

If some all wise being would determine once and for all the all important question about whether the wheat is frozen out or not conversation would lag as if people were stricken dumb.

The condition of the wheat is the all absorbing topic and minute descriptions of the reactions of wheat plants to certain treatments and followed with attention in every gathering. Some farmers test their wheat by stretching the roots. If it stretches it is gone, some pull it through their fingers to see if it will resume a round shape again—if it doesn't it is dead, some look at the roots to see if a drabbed brown ring has become apparent, some pull on the plants to see if they are tough and alive or easily broken and frozen.

Altogether it is a great game, though terribly serious. It may go on for several weeks yet for it is not always easy to tell accurately about wheat that is frozen out.

This week there is a little more cheerful outlook in the north end of the county although a majority of the observers still think that the wheat in that section is dead. Some are reported to be seeding. In the central part of the county the farmers are more cheerful and many of them still think that the wheat that was seeded early will come out alright. In the south end of the county where a large percentage of white wheat was sown there is general agreement that the wheat is killed. Some are already reseeding and others are getting ready for that operation as soon as conditions are favorable.

D. E. Stephens, of the experiment station, who is intensely interested in the welfare of his test plot wheats as well as the general crop outlook believes that a majority of the early sown Turkey Red north of Nigger ridge will come through the winter with enough stand to be worth leaving. He has no confidence in the white wheat.

There is a possibility that the final result will not be determined until much later in the year. There is still a chance that much of the wheat will recover from the severe shock of the freeze or it may repeat the history of 1924-25 when the grain gradually died until there was hardly a spear left in many fields. Time will tell, but in the meantime time will have plenty of assistance.

Station Soil Specialist Working In Corvallis

Merrill Oveson, soil specialist at the experiment farm, is in Corvallis where he will remain for the next two months testing soils. For some time he has been gathering samples of the soils on the different tillage plots so they might be taken to the laboratory for thorough examination during the winter months.

Every ten years a complete analysis is made of the soils undergoing different tillage methods to determine the result of varying crops on the chemical content of the soil. Some crop that will increase the nitrogen of the soil in the semi-arid parts of the state will be of inestimable benefit to the farmers in these sections.

Read the ads in the Journal

Woman's Club Meets With Mrs. Strong

The Moro Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. Truman Strong last Friday, January 6. There were present twenty-one members, and five guests.

The song "Michigan My Michigan" was sung substituting the word Oregon for Michigan.

The topic for the afternoon was "Pioneer Life in Oregon." Mrs. Martha Cope read an interesting paper on Living Conditions. Mrs. Allen McRea told of the very unusual and helpful lives, lived by the Circuit Riders of early days. In closing, she read a splendid poem, written a year ago by Mr. McRea. Many members told of hearing, in their younger days of the circuit riders and camp meetings.

Mrs. Strong, the president, led in the discussion as to what had been the outstanding happenings of the world during the past year.

The meeting was closed by singing a group of sacred songs, in honor of the pioneer ministers of the west.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. B. Hoskinson, on January 20, with Mrs. Margaret Peetz as director.

S. S. George Speaks Before Community Club

Members of the Men's Club of the Community church and other interested men of the county were entertained and informed on the attitude of the American Legion on national affairs last Saturday night by hearing an address by former state commander of the department of Oregon, Sidney S. George.

Mr. George prefaced his remarks by giving the aims of the American Legion and by saying that through the patriotic services of that order the United States was the only great power engaged in the war that was able to live through the post-war period without serious governmental difficulties.

"The Legion," he said, "asks nothing for itself. It is interested only in the protection of its disabled and dependents of those who gave their all in the war." He stated that in the administration of the affairs of any business so large as that of the veterans bureau there are errors and discrepancies and he showed how these errors have been magnified to make it appear that the entire system is unfair to the tax payer.

Instead of costing the national government one quarter of its income the total cost is not over 21 cents out of each dollar and for this the veterans of all wars and their widows are cared for. The sum expended for the world war veterans is only a part of the whole. At the end of the 14 year period after the Civil war the government was paying 35 cents out of each tax dollar for the veterans and in 1890 it was paying 39 percent for veterans.

This cost is borne by the income tax payers of the United States, a group of people who made their fortunes during the war while 49,000 Americans were being killed in France, and it is this very group who should pay the cost for veteran hospitalization as they are the ones who profited from the sacrifices of the soldiers, stated the speaker.

People are less sympathetic toward the disabled veteran than after any other war, said Mr. George, because disabled men are kept in hospitals and are not seen on the streets every day to excite the feelings of the people.

Mr. George told his listeners that the Legion was not a military organization, that it was interested in bringing about international peace because of the lessons Legionnaires had learned in the war. The veterans are interested in citizenship, in peace time service to the community in the same degree as they were interested in protecting the government in time of war.

A recital of some impressions of the Portland convention by Theodore Johnston and group singing filled out the program of the evening. A pot luck dinner was served that belied thoughts of hard times.

Yates Has Important Committee Assignments

Senator J. P. Yates, Sherman county's most direct representative in the Oregon legislature received committee assignments that will keep him busy during the session.

He is chairman of the committee on industries, vice chairman on the forestry committee, a member of the assessment and taxation committee, one that will have plenty of trouble before the forty days are over. He is also a member of the committees on engrossed and enrolled bills, public institutions and buildings and roads and highways.

Of the representatives of this district E. W. Snell is speaker and instead of receiving committee assignments, gave them. J. O. Turner, the other representative from this district, is on the committee on agriculture, motor vehicles and aeronautics, railways and transportation, and revision of laws.

Ten Greatest Points Of Stations Given

What he considers the 10 greatest single accomplishments of the Oregon Agricultural experiment station have been listed by Dr. W. A. Schoenfeld, present director of the station who joined the state college staff but recently and hence had no connection with the work he lists as most outstanding. Here is the list which necessarily omits many achievements others might place at the top:

1. Discovery of a method of removing spray residue from fruit. This emergency achievement saved Oregon's crops in the crisis and is now standard the world over.
2. Discovery of the cause and control of infectious abortion in cattle. The "Oregon System" of control put this state in the front rank in this vital work.
3. Introduction of Federation wheat. This variety, which averages from two to five bushels above others, is now the most widely grown wheat in the entire northwest.
4. Development of the system of breeding poultry for egg production. This revolutionary idea produced the fat 300 egg hen and started Oregon's

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LOAN APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE HASTENED

Government Agency Must Have Time To Pass On Collateral

SEEDING LOANS BEING MADE

Sufficient Funds Loaned To Produce Crop

"Wheat farmers desiring financial aid this coming spring should file applications with our office immediately," says W. Ernie Williams, Portland Manager of the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation, serving the state of Oregon in a letter addressed to this paper.

Governmental aid is now available to finance the coming crop and the Portland office is anxious that all applications be filed with them as soon as possible.

Because of the extreme cold weather in December, much of the wheat in eastern Oregon will have to be reseeded. The Government is ready and anxious to assist in financing this reseeded.

A definite program has to be worked out covering the financing of the coming crop. The first step is to file an application. These applications may be secured by writing to the Portland office, 524 Pacific Building.

The Government, through the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation, will advance money for seed and seeding, plowing and summer-fallowing and harvesting. Loans must be secured by chattel mortgage on live stock and equipment, in addition to the growing crop.

Waivers of their interest must be given by landlords and mortgagees so that the Regional may have definite.

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WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 11

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
JAN. 5	52	36	.00
" 6	49	32	.00
" 7	55	35	.00
" 8	57	44	.00
" 9	44	33	.00
" 10	41	3	.00
" 11	45	27	.00
Total for week			.00

Tractor Company To Give Entertainment

These progressive farmers wanting to get their grain raising operations on a business basis of profit and to keep them there, should see a new talking picture which has been released and will be shown by the Cascade Tractor & Equipment Co. at The Dalles, on January 23 and 24 and at Arlington on January 25. This shows the operations of farmers and managers in the various areas of the United States and Canada from seeding to combining. A special entertainment will be given Monday evening, the 23rd. When the Old Port Dalles Wranglers will be on the program.

D. E. Stephens Reports Gilliam Wheat Dead

D. E. Stephens was examining wheat plants in Wasco, Gilliam and Umatilla counties this week and reports that the outlook is rather discouraging. In Wasco county the white wheat and a considerable part of the Turkey Red is gone. In Gilliam county it is estimated that 90 percent of the wheat is dead and many farmers are reseeding.

Rebekahs & Odd-Fellows Hold Installation

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs held their installation last Tuesday night at their hall and in addition to enjoying the ceremonies attendant to the official induction into office of new officials they partook of a dinner that made them glad they came.

Installed were: William McKinney, N. G.; Lewis McKee, V. G.; Joe Truitt, Sec.; W. B. Rice, Treas.; Rebekahs: Mrs. R. P. Brisbine, N. G.; Mrs. Avery Martin, V. G.; Mrs. Lila Bull, Sec.; Miss Signa Woods, Treas.

Thrilling Show Promised Theatre Goers

If you want to see a show that brings you up out of your seat with excitement you will not miss the next one that is billed for the Legion theatre. It is "Tiger Shark."

As may be surmised it is a story of the south seas and the tuna fishing and it shows scenes that are almost unbelievably realistic.

Edward Robinson is the star of the picture supported by Richard Arden and Zita Johann making a combination well able to dramatize the tense situations of the play.



ROBERT REBYBURN BUTLER

Representative Butler Buried in Dalles Today

The funeral of Robert A. Butler, representative from this district to the national congress, will be held in The Dalles Friday at 2:30 p. m.

Mr. Butler was well known in this county having been at one time judge of the district court. On numerous occasions he has addressed audiences in this county as he was always in demand, his ability as a speaker being universally recognized.

The death of the legislator was caused by a heart attack brought on by pneumonia and occurred in Washington last Saturday. He was 51 years old. Many friends from Sherman county are expected to attend the final rites Friday.

News of Pioneers From Old Newspaper Files

From the Observer January 11, 1894.

Uriah Servise, having leased his land in Sherman county to J. B. Mowry and A. F. Carlston, left for Gridley, California.

The Kent farmers are talking of organizing a company to build a narrow gauge railroad from there to connect with the Regulator at The Dalles.

Rev. J. M. and Mrs. Morrison were taken completely by surprise last Tuesday when a large number of friends visited them at their home in Hay Canyon bearing offerings of various kinds.

Messrs. Krusow and Allen were down from Grass Valley last Saturday night to attend the Odd-Fellows lodge at this place.

From the Observer January 15, 1904.

A blizzardy wind and rain yesterday winds up our spring like weather this week.

Workman are hurrying the E. H. Moore barn along to perfection before the coming blizzard which is due next month.

Moro doesn't want a Taylor now, nor a Bakery, nor a Bootblack. Moro is now provided with these, but Moro does want a good Shoemaker.

It is feared that the proposed railroad building on this coast will be seriously retarded because of a shortage of laboring men.

From the Observer January 16, 1914.

W. C. Guyton returned from a visit to Pacific county in Washington. W. C. says it rains too much for him there.

E. O. McCoy and wife are attending the various stockholders meeting of the banks in this county with which he is identified, this week.

Henry Moore has been confined to his home in Portland by illness, but is now able to be about the house.

H. W. Strong and wife and Vivian and Maybry returned Sunday from a visit to Portland and Washington points. H. W. shipped his last car of cattle and hogs.

Our tonsorial artist, Jess Landry, is there when it comes to decorating and one stepping into his neat and up-to-date shop will think he is entering a floral garden.

COUNCIL CHANGES APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

Henry Ruggles Given Watermaster Job; Nahouse Made Recorder

WILLIAMS REMAINS MARSHALL

Analysis of Bancroft Bonds Shows That Payments Were Used For Other Needs

After two hours of debate during which every member of the council, the mayor and some interested visitors had an opportunity to express their thoughts several times apiece the city governing body reached a decision about the hiring of city officers for the year 1933.

The job as city marshal of the city was divided into two parts and Henry Ruggles was hired to operate the pumps, care for the cistern, the well, the main pipe lines, the fire hydrants, the park and do the repair work at a wage of \$40.00 per month and George Williams was hired to take care of the ordinary marshal's duties and to read the meters and collect the water rents at a wage of \$40.00 per month.

There were applications before the council from other men who agreed to do the work at a much lower figure than allowed by the budget and a majority of the council expressed their opinion that as managers of the city they could not consistently pay more than competent applicants asked. Hence, the above decision.

L. H. Nahouse was appointed as recorder at a salary of \$10.00 per month for the year.

A report was submitted showing the status of the improvement bonds issued under the Bancroft act. According to this report there has been approximately \$8,050.00 paid to the city by the owners of property adjacent to the improved streets. Of this sum \$4500.00 has been used to retire the improvement bonds and the remaining \$6200.00 worth of bonds have been refunded.

The matter of an adjustment of the street lighting costs was given to a committee composed of Fred Pickett, O. A. Ramsey and the mayor. The monthly rate for street lights is now \$67.58 and the city budget allows but \$50.00 per month for these lights making it apparent that an adjustment must be made if the light bills are to be paid.

Vernon Flatt was named as councilman to fill out the term of M. A. Bull who failed to qualify at the first meeting of the year. Mr. Flatt will serve until the next general election. He was sworn in at the beginning of the meeting.

A report from the treasurer showing the standing of the separate funds of the city was accepted and a report from the sheriff's office giving a list of the delinquent taxes by years was shown for the information of the legislative body.

Conlee and Ruggles Slowly Changing Places

A change is being made in the location of the business houses of Moro. Sunday Walter Ruggles began moving out of the building that has housed the pool hall and confectionery for so many years. He is now located in the old post office building temporarily.

As soon as the necessary changes can be made in the former poolhall it will be occupied by the Conlee grocery. It is expected that this change will be made about the first of February. When Mr. Conlee moves from his present location Mr. Ruggles will move into it making a straight trade in locations for the two men.