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WINTER WHEAT CROP EXPECTED TO BE SMALL

Government Report Estimates Crop 255,360,000 bu. Below Average

OREGON HAS THIRD OF CROP

Stocks on Farms Indicate Farmers Are Holding

The April first crop report issued by the government shows the extent of winter killing in the Pacific northwest in winter wheat. Oregon that produced 15,020,000 bushels of winter wheat last year and a five year average of 18,926,000 bushels is expected to produce only 5,670,000 bushels this year. The outlook for the entire northwest while not so bad, shows a reduction of almost one-half. The production last year was 72,551,000 bushels of winter wheat and 37,291,000 bushels are forecast for 1933.

Conditions in the United States are not as bad as in the northwest section but conditions the first of April indicate a very small crop of winter wheat. The five year average from 1926-30 for the country is 589,447,000 bushels. Last year we produced 462,151,000 bushels and conditions so far this year indicate a production of 334,087,000 bushels for this year.

Stocks of wheat on hand are higher than usual. Oregon farmers are estimated to have 3,410,000 bushels yet compared to 1,943,000 at this time last year. In the entire United States farm stocks are reported to be 178,854,000 bushels compared to 158,942,000 in 1932. The five year average is given as 97,129,000 bushels.

Spring seeding has been generally delayed and conditions throughout are somewhat similar to those in the northwest where seeding was delayed by cold weather.

Mrs Holzapfel's Funeral Held In The Dalles

Mrs. Grace Holzapfel, wife of Harry Holzapfel, for many years conductor on the local train, died at her home in The Dalles Saturday and was buried in that city Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Holzapfel, nee Benson, was born in Coburg, Oregon, April 9, 1891. Several members of her family are living in Gilliam and Wheeler counties. There are 7 brothers and 3 sisters who survive her beside her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nobel Benson, of Coburg. Her immediate family included her husband, Harry, and two sons, Gail and Jerald.

For several years the Holzapfels lived in Grass Valley where the deceased made many friends. The funeral was conducted by the members of the Eastern Star.

Commercial Club Plans Talk By Legislators

The executive committee of the commercial club met Monday night to consider a protest to the secretary of state about the payment of warrants for gasoline refunds. Some farmers have had difficulty in cashing these warrants as they are written on the general fund of the state. The gasoline companies pay in cash and the farmers refunds are paid by warrant. State warrants are, however, supposed to be cashable at some banks.

A general county wide meeting is planned for the night of April 25, when it is hoped that the representatives of this district in the state legislature will be present to give their views of the legislation passed during the winter session.

Invitations have been sent to Senator J. P. Yates, of Wasco, Speaker Earl W. Snell, of Arlington and Representative J. O. Turner, of Heppner. There are several measures before the people that were placed there by action of the legislators giving any member of the house or senate plenty of topics from which to draw a subject.

Let the Journal do your printing

SCRIP WILL BE ISSUED FIRST OF NEXT WEEK

Warrant Backed Paper Will Make Tax Payment By Warrants Handier

STAMP FEATURE ELIMINATED

Scrip Committee To Act As Clearing House For Warrant Transfers

Scrip will be issued in Sherman county the first of the week, according to a decision made by the committee given charge of it at the county wide meeting last month. Shortly after the meeting was held there were so many exciting things happening in national affairs that the issue was held in abeyance for further developments. It was at first thought that the new currency put out by the government would increase money in the hands of the people so that scrip would not be necessary but, as far as this county is concerned, that has not happened. It is presumed that there is as much money tied up in banks not yet open as there is new currency.

Therefore, the decision to issue scrip to aid in local trade and facilitate the cashing of teachers warrants has been made. The scrip that will be distributed will not be the sort that was proposed before. At that time it was proposed that the scrip would be stamped scrip, but this plan has been laid aside largely because of the passage of a new law by the legislature that makes it possible for taxes to be paid with warrants.

It is certain that a goodly sum of money will be paid in delinquent taxes this fall as a new law, previously explained in these columns, makes taxes payable in ten equal installments. Land owners will either have to begin payment this fall or sometime before July 1, 1934. It is presumed that many of these payments will be made this fall.

The scrip is being issued without stamps. It will be possible to exchange scrip for warrants with which taxes may be paid. The scrip committee will act as a central agency where warrants may be found in almost any amount to meet the size of the tax bill in any district. It is thought that this form of scrip will move rapidly for whenever anyone having it desires to pay taxes he can exchange the scrip for a warrant making it possible for the scrip to be re-issued.

One of the greatest objections to the former plan was that there were too few persons to whom the scrip could be given. This would have caused it to move slowly. The stamp feature would also have slowed up the movement, it was feared. Now, with the stamp feature eliminated and with the new law making every taxpayer a probable user of scrip it is almost sure to be in demand. The committee feels.

Only \$900 dollars of the scrip will be printed at first and this will be distributed throughout as wide a territory as possible so that taxpayers in every district will desire it to exchange for warrants in school districts where they own land.

Payment of taxes, in some form, is the only means by which schools can be kept open and the committee is convinced that by acting as a clearing house for those desiring to pay taxes with warrants the schools will be aided and local business will be increased.

Scrip will be printed in denominations of one dollar, fifty cents and twenty five cents. It will be given for warrants on a five per cent discount to pay for the expenses. Scrip may be traded for warrants whenever enough of it has been accumulated by any one person. A large part of the business houses of the county have agreed to accept the scrip and are in fact, taking warrants. Through

Wm. H. Lee Buried At Wasco Wednesday

William H. Lee, well known resident of Wasco, passed away suddenly Monday afternoon at his home in that city. While Mr. Lee has been in poor health for some time he has been improving and was thought to be recovering from his diabetic trouble. He was working at the church shingling, Monday. At noon he came home feeling badly, dropped into a coma and died within two hours.

Mr. Lee was born in Texas in 1874 and came to Oregon when a young man. He has lived in Sherman county for 35 years and in that time has been manager of the McCoy-Atwood store in Wasco and manager of the Atwood-Lee garage. He was a member of the city council of Wasco for ten years retiring four years ago.

He is survived by his widow, a step daughter, Mrs. A. J. Smith, four brothers and a sister. Funeral services were conducted from the Christian church in Wasco by the Rev. Walter Warner Wednesday afternoon and interment was made in the I. C. O. F. cemetery. Pall bearers were J. P. Yates, Fred Fortner, L. J. Lucas, H. S. Wall, J. T. Johnson and Victor Anderson.

Beer Advent Quietly Celebrated Here

Beer slipped into the lives of Sherman counties again last Friday with as little excitement as possible considering the long period when home brew and other more potent liquors had been the only change from water or lemonade.

Local dealers were able to procure but one case apiece and this did not last long for the curiosity drinkers, intent on testing the taste, soon finished the supply.

Since that time other shipments have arrived and the foamy beverage is available, but it is being handled without excitement and public interest is not centered on drinking. There has not been a pre-prohibition yell, a pre-prohibition stagger, or a silly inebriated grin since the advent of beer. Those who have sampled the drink, however, are agreed that it might be possible if someone with sufficient determination should set out to obtain a kick from the brew.

Drunken Driving Leads Man To Jail

Clinton Henry Martin, of Portland, was working on the relief job near Rufus until Saturday night. Sunday he was drinking something intoxicating and driving on the highway. Sunday night he was sleeping in the county jail here after having been arrested by state policeman U'Ren. Monday he was tried before Justice Ginn who administered sentence of \$100 fine and thirty days in jail on Martin's plea of guilty to the charge of driving while drunk. Martin did not pay the fine because of financial inability and the presumption is that for the next 80 nights or so he will continue to sleep in the Sherman county bastille.

Weather Retards Wheat Growth In County

The newly sown spring wheat is growing, but no thanks need be given to the weather for that. There has hardly been a warm day this spring or one that would stimulate growing plants. And here it is the middle of April and the grain is just coming out of the ground in a large part of the fields of the county.

Several of the farmers who left patches of winter wheat when seeding have hooked onto their drills again and seeded the land that was left. There will be little winter wheat next harvest according to the general belief.

The committee will be in position to aid merchants in trading taxes.

RAIL RATES REDUCED THROUGH U.P. STAGES

New Ruling Allows Sacked Wheat To Be Shipped Cheaper

INTRASTATE RATE IS BESTED

New Rate Is Subject To Cancellation or Amendment

Now comes an order from the public service commissioner of Oregon given on application by the railroads, effective from April 5 to July 31, "unless sooner changed, revoked or amended" sacked wheat may be shipped by Union Pacific Stages in cars of 40,000 minimum capacity at a price that is lower than the intrastate charges.

At Miller the cost is 10 cents per hundred, from Wasco it is 13 and a half, from here to Grass Valley the charge is 14 and a half, and from there to Shaniko it is 15 and a half. There is also a reduction of 40 cents per hundred if the shipper loads the wheat himself which reduces the charge two cents per hundred weight in each case.

At present the intrastate freight rate is 12 and a half cents at Wasco, 13 and a half to Grass Valley and 14 and a half to Shaniko. The new Union Pacific Stages rate, with the loading reduction, is a cent a hundred cheaper. The interstate rate is still from 17 and a half to 21 and a half on this line.

The wheat buyer will be able to use this new rate for wheat that is being shipped immediately to a known destination, but the statement that the rate may be discontinued at any time makes future buying on this basis doubtful.

There is no doubt but the reduction was made to compete with the boat service on the river and the cut was designed to stop the truck hauling that has been going on for several weeks from warehouses in this county. It is too early to determine what effect it will have on shipments from this county.

Forest Plan For Relief Going Ahead

"We are going ahead with detailed plans for the actual placing and use of the first quota of 2500 men to be called under the recent reforestation act for the Civilian Conservation Corps of unemployed," announces F. H. Brundage, acting regional director during C. J. Buck's absence in Washington, D. C.

Men for this work will be recruited from the young, needy, unemployed. Those between the ages of 18 and 25 will be most favorably considered. They must make provision to send part of their pay home to parents or other dependents. Mr. Brundage states further: "The first work planned on the 11 national forests will consist of felling of dead standing trees or snags, improvement of public forest camps, construction and repair of forest trails and fire protection roads, and construction of simple protection structures such as cabins for use of rangers." Several young men from this county plan to apply.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APR. 12

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
APR. 6	59	33	.00
" 7	47	30	.00
" 8	48	23	.00
" 9	47	30	.00
" 10	53	26	.00
" 11	55	34	.00
" 12	59	34	.00
Total for week			.00

Moro Woman's Club Has Unusual Meeting

Far out of the ordinary was the program of the Moro Woman's Club held at the home of Mrs. O. A. Ramsey on Friday, April 7. Twenty eight members and six guests were present.

The subject for the afternoon was "Oregon Authors" and portraits of living authors were placed about the room, where all could see and become acquainted with her favorite author.

Mrs. Eugene Amidon was in charge of the program and started it by reading a poem and a short story about jig-saw puzzles. She then called upon Mrs. Wiley Knighten who gave a comprehensive review of the three act play "Distant Drums" by Dan Toheroh. Exceptionally interesting were the poems which were read by Mrs. C. L. Poley. She read selections from Anna Hastings Hedger, Anthony Euwer and Ethel Roming Fuller. Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton reviewed very briefly two books for children. One "Windy Island" was written by Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Alund Harper, and the other "Animals of a sagebrush ranch" by Alice Day Pratt. Mrs. Pratt taught school in Prineville and spent her summers on her ranch near that place. Mr. and Mrs. Harper have spent much time at Camp Namann, a summer resort for camp fire girls who have enjoyed meeting the authors and appreciated the interest these delightful folks have taken in camp fire work.

At the conclusion of the program the president Mrs. Strong announced that the Mother and Daughter banquet will be held on May 1 in the basement of the Presbyterian church. The club will hold the next meeting at the home of Mrs. T. S. Reese on April 21.

Stockholders of the Moro Grain Growers met in annual session Tuesday night and elected two new directors for the ensuing two years. Hans Thompson and J. B. Adams were the men elected. They will replace Dewey Thompson and W. H. Ragsdale who have been directors since the company was first organized. The directorate is now composed of the above men, L. L. Peetz, W. H. Powell, and Joe Peters. The date of the annual meeting was changed from the second Tuesday in April to the second Tuesday in June. This action will make the annual meeting of the Moro group coincide with the meeting dates of the other co-operatives of the district.

Moro Grain Growers Elect Two New Officers

From the Observer April 17, 1914. Ginn Coleman & Co. have received a carload of woven wire fencing. Judge William Galloway will be the speaker of the day at the I. O. O. F. reunion held in Moro April 25th. Two carloads of Wasco wheat from the Independent Milling company was sent to a flour mill at Astoria. When the Celilo canal is completed such shipments will be a regular occurrence. The farmers of Sherman county are receiving shipments of calves by express from a sort of a calf clearing house in Tillamook. The new law makes killing of calves illegal and Sherman county farmers are rapidly securing some fine dairy stock.

Other Days in Sherman County When Old-Timers Were Young

From the Observer April 12, 1894. In 1903 the county collected in round numbers \$800 for state and county, \$18,000 for schools, \$3,300 for roads. The city of Moro special tax was \$208.68. Since Dr. Goffin has been in this county he has owned 17 horses. All the swift, untamed horses go to Dr. Goffin and the employees of the Blue Barn are even now breaking another cuttitan for him.

From the Observer April 12, 1894. The program of the Sherman County Musical Association which will be given in June includes numbers by many old timers. J. J. Schaeffer, C. A. Heath, Richard Dingle, J. O. Powell, Mrs. C. A. Buckley, C. E. Brown, Kitty Coon and Sadie Orr are some of the performers mentioned.

W. H. Ragsdale is teaching the Erskineville school and is giving good satisfaction there being 25 pupils enrolled. Frank Hayes left for Portland Saturday to accept a position with a business house in the metropolis.

Miss Julia Woods is assisting in the county clerk's office this week. Elder Bailey will preach in the Baptist church in Moro Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

RAISE IN WHEAT PRICE AIDS THIS COUNTY

Some Wheat Now Worth Fifty Cents A Bushel

THIRD OF WHEAT STILL HELD

Much of Wheat Held By First Owners In Country

Wheat has been climbing steadily in price for the past two weeks after a few set backs, and now the owner of reasonably good wheat may procure fifty cents a bushel for it. Some kinds of wheat, particularly high protein wheat might bring more than that and even the shrivelled white wheat that last summer's hot spell produced would bring almost the fifty cent price along the river. Some was sold for 47 cents Monday and the price has risen since then.

It is estimated that a little more than a third of the wheat grown here last summer is still in the hands of the original owners. While no accurate check has been made in any of the grain growers offices the managers believe that there is from 30 percent to nearly 50 percent of the wheat on hand. The 30 percent figure would apply to the Wasco and Grass Valley units and the higher figure to the Moro unit.

This means that there is about 600,000 bushels of wheat still in the hands of the Sherman county farmers or others interested in the county. Each raise of a cent in the wheat price makes the county worth \$6000 more than before without considering the price on the crop now growing. Lowered freight rates increase the percent money returned to the county for the wheat crop and altogether wheat is again worth as much as it was two years ago. Not much, but considerably more than the 22 to 28 cents a part of the crop was sold for during the winter.

Internal Revenue Stamps

Internal Revenue stamps are now for sale at the postoffice. This will cause less inconvenience to those who have to buy them for it has heretofore been necessary to send to Portland for them.

List of New Books Arrives For Woman's Club Library

The Moro Public Library has received three sets of books from the State Library; one set of fifty books which may be kept for six months, and two "Little Library" sets which may be kept for three months. Any person in the community may borrow two books at a time and keep them for two weeks, and may renew a book for two weeks more. Mr. McRea will exchange books for library patrons on mid-week mornings and the regular librarians will be in charge on Saturday afternoon from 2 until 5. A list of the books follows: Altsheler The border witch; Barnard Europe in pictures; Barstow The civil war; Bond With the men who do things; Bronson In closed territory; Brown The secret of the clan; Bryce Folk lore from foreign lands; Burnett T. Tembarom; Bush Prairie Rose; Cabot What men live by; Carson Mexico, the wonderland of the south; Claudy The first book of photography; Coe and Christie Story hour readers primer; Connolly The seiners; Deland Country cousins; Deland R. J.'s mother; Doyle Through the magic door; Farmer Boy and girl heroes; Gale Christmas; Griffis Brave little Holland; Grey The heritage of the desert; Herrick His great adventure; Hill The thirteenth puror; Houston Wonder book of magnitism; Irving Tales from the Alhambra; Kelland Mark Tidd; Kirkland The boy editor; Lippmann Making over Martha

Lockhart Sir Walter Scott; London The call of the wild; McDonald Colette in France; Marshall Strength of the pines; Mason Tom Strong, boy captain; Miller True bear stories; Montleth Some useful animals; Murfree (Craddock) In the Tennessee mountains; Richardson Siege of the seven suitors; Olcott, ed. Story telling poems; Oppenheim The mischief maker; Parker Cumner's Son; Porter Freckles; Remick Jane Stuart-twin; St. Nicholas Vol. 35, Part 2, May-October, 1909; St. Nicholas Stories of Greece and Rome; Scott Ivanhoe; Serviss Astronomy in a nutshell; VanSickle and others Riverside seventh reader; Wade Our little Japanese cousin; White The mixing; Little Library 73 G; Alcott Under the lilacs; Altsheler Hunters of the hills; Barrie Peter Pan and Wendy; Barton The great good man (Lincoln); Beuret When I was a girl in France; Briet Boys' own book of adventures; Brown The book of saints and friendly beasts; Burgess Burgess bird book for children; Cather The castle of the hawk; Charskaya Fledglings; Church Stories of the old world; Collins The boy astronomer; Colum A boy in Eirinn; Cooper Last of the Mohicans; Crew Saturday's children; Dalgliesh A happy school year

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