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First Contingent Reaches Camp

Sheriff J. C. McKean, chairman of the local exemption board, has received a report from A. C. Buckley that all in the party of Sherman county men who left last week for service in the National Army reached the camp at American Lake and are now part of the training camp. We print the letter in full as follows:

American Lake, Sept. 20.
Friend Carl:
Arrived O. K. this A. M., about 5:30. All present and duly sober. Have just finished our breakfast and are getting our bunks made up. The bunch all send kindest regards and we certainly appreciated the ovation at the depot. Hope you have as good luck with the next quota as I had with this one.

Our address is Company C, 347 Machine Gun Battery.
Very truly yours,
A. C. Buckley,
Co. C., 347 M. G. B.

Crop Worth \$120 an Acre

D. E. Stephens was a caller at the Observer office Wednesday afternoon and told us incidentally of the bean crop being harvested south of Moro on the Buckley farm by Harry Key.

Mr. Key has 55 acres of fine beans now ready for harvest that were planted last June on land from which wheat was harvested the year previous that will go 600 to 700 pounds to the acre and will sell for 20 cents per pound. He planted local seed bought at a Grass Valley store last spring.

Mr. Stephens suggests that any farmer who is interested in crop rotation and better farming take time next week to go out and see the three varieties grown by Mr. Key threshed.

The land was plowed last spring for summer fallow, and after all the regular farm work was taken care of the beans were planted in June. During the growing season the beans were cultivated twice, hardly as much as good summer fallow that is kept clear of all crops and weeds. A special bean harvester was used to shock them and a small Deering combine harvester with a stationary gasoline engine for power will do the threshing next week.

The land is now clear and clean, ready for sowing to wheat this fall and undoubtedly the yield of grain next harvest will be better for the use the land has had this season, as beans are the same as peas, vetch or alfalfa for storing into the soil the constituents that continuous cropping of wheat takes from the soil. "Beans," said Mr. Stephens, "are one of the best crops of the sort to plant for this purpose, as they need not and generally cannot be harvested until after the usual fall work is done, such as wheat hauling and preparing to seed to winter wheat."

Wheat Rotation Provides Larger Yield

Whether farmers can return the billion-bushel wheat crop next year will depend in large part on how they select fields for planting this fall. In special publications soon to be issued, wheat specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture call attention to the importance of rotations in the greater wheat production plan.

Mention crop rotations to a farmer who does not practice them systematically and he is likely to get the impression that such a system of farming is rather an unnecessary, complicated round. And yet, once understood, no theory of farming is simpler or more logical or more necessary, the specialists point out.

What happens when land is cropped continuously to wheat is a depletion of soil fertility, a deterioration in the physical condition of the soil, accumulation of plant diseases in the soil, increased growth of weeds, mixtures of varieties, and lowering yields of poorer quality. Even if soil fertility, and a fairly good physical condition of the soil are maintained by the addition of chemicals, continuous cropping is not advisable on account of its cost and the further reasons mentioned.

A simple rotation for wheat production should include a legume such as clover, cowpeas or soy beans, and a cultivated crop. Legume crops are used in rotations because they gather nitrogen in the air and store it in the soil and also because they help maintain the supply of humus and provide excellent, cheap pasture on summer fallow for hogs and stocks.

The concrete waterway being built for the city by Hedges & Huls across First street near the pump house, is nearing completion. The concrete reinforced top is in place the width of the street and about ready for its covering of earth. The Tualum Lumber Co. will have Hedges & Huls carry the concrete flume past their lumber storage room, building the same as the city except that the top will be open.

The rains of last week made the roads of interior Oregon a mass of sticky gumbo through which a party from Kent made the round trip last Sunday and Monday as far as Mitchell. Jim Wilson drove the car and had Luther Davis and his mother as passengers. Mrs. Davis remaining at Mitchell to visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Smith.

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School Children at State Fair

F. E. Fagan, county school superintendent, left Tuesday with a party of five Sherman county school children for Salem, where they will visit the State Fair as a reward for work done in Industrial Club Work the last school term.

The expenses of the trip are paid partly by the State Fair Association, who pays the entertainment bills of the party while at Salem, and the Sherman County School Children's Fair Association, who pays the railroad fares of the party.

The school children taking the trip are Lola Guyton from Wilcox school; Maud Miller and Harold Baker from Grass Valley school; Henry Barnum and Jody Morrison from Moro school. The pupils favored with the trip are those who were awarded the highest average by the Industrial Club leaders of the O. A. C. in the different classes of competition offered for pupils in the schools of the state in each county.

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