

BIGGEST CROP IN
HISTORY IS DUE

Linn County Has Almost
Doubled Wheat Acreage
This Season

CONDITIONS POINT
TO NORMAL CROP

Corn Acreage Has Also Been
Almost Doubled in
County

From present indications Albany should have one of the best fall trading seasons in the history of the city. The city merchants are holding their own at present, despite the much advertised fact that almost all the skilled mechanics and better class of laborers in the city have departed for the shipyards. This fall what will probably prove the most profitable crop ever harvested in Linn county will bring millions of dollars to the county, and much of this will be spent in Albany stores.

Albany is not in as bad shape as some would believe at present. It is an undoubted fact that the Albany district has a few hundred less people than a year ago, but the absence does not cause the damage they are supposed to cause. Many are working on the shipyards and have left their families in Albany where they are spending more money than they ever had in their lives. It is safe to say that the average purchases of those left in the city are much higher now than a year ago.

By this fall, the war condition will have become natural and in a way, normal. This fall the Linn county farmers will have the opportunity of selling the wheat off of the greatest acreage ever planted to this grain. In Linn county alone winter wheat has increased from 8,243 acres to 19,751 acres, and spring wheat has increased from 15,988 acres to 29,979 acres. According to the farmers at present there is every indication that at least a normal crop will be harvested.

The dry weather of the past few days has done the crops a wonderful amount of good, it is stated, and while rain could be used now, any time within a week or ten days will be early enough. The hot weather has about killed the aphids and the worst danger from these pests has passed, it is believed.

According to the best available reports, the farmers of the county are in better shape this year than ever before. Stock has greatly increased, especially cattle, the indications pointing to a normal fruit crop with excellent prices; and it is conservatively estimated that there will be 300,000 bushels of wheat raised in the county, which will bring at least \$2 a bushel, or \$600,000, this being about 40 per cent more than the value of the crop last year.

The acreage planted to corn has also been materially increased, from 6,071 acres to 11,499 acres. Corn planted for grain purposes has increased more than 100 per cent as it has been demonstrated that this crop can be raised for the market in the Willamette valley.

Barley and other grains also show an increase in acreage although the total planted does not equal wheat acreage. There are about 45,000 acres planted in hay crops this year, this being practically the same as for last year. The hay appears to be doing well although the aphids did some damage to the vetch. Alasid clover appears to be backward this season for some reason. Red clover is in good shape, and the first cutting has started now. The second crop will probably be saved for seed.

NEW CLASSIFIED

LESLIE'S MOUNT HOOD Ice Cream—Chocolate, vanilla, Strawberry; special: Banana, Maple-Nut and French Salad. 224 West First. 38
POSITION WANTED by young man of 20 to drive truck or help in garage. Call Bell 4827. 10118
HAZELWOOD ICE CREAM—Banana, Maple-Nut, Orange and Vanilla. Also butter, eggs, milk, cream and bread. Buy up to Liberty Street Shop, 4th and Lyon Sts. 8111
LOST—A child's little pink sunbonnet. Finder leave at Democrat office. 8114

DAIRYMEN MEET
IN ALBANY TODAY

Talks Made by Professors
Brandt and Fitts of
O. A. C.

The meeting of dairymen at the Commercial club today attracted a large attendance, and much interest was shown in the talks by Professors Fitts and Brandt. The question of co-operative marketing of livestock was also taken up, but no action was taken.

This was pushed by Professor Fitts, who has had much experience in the matter. The plan is endorsed by the county agricultural council.

A cattle-judging demonstration was given, and talks made on feeding of cattle when on pasture, ensilage, and kindred subjects.

U-Boat Rumors Are
Numerous on Coast

BIDEFORD, Maine, June 8.—(U.P.)—A U-boat was today observed by the crew of a lightship, which hastened shoreward at once.

JACKSONVILLE, Florida, June 8.—A U-boat periscope was seen by a passenger steamer which hastened here. All coastwise craft has been ordered under heavy convoy.

Second Eighth Grade
Examinations Soon

The county school superintendent is sending out the notice of the coming 8th grade examination which will be held on June 13 and 14. On June 13th arithmetic, writing and history will come in the morning and agriculture and spelling in the afternoon. On June 14th, physiology, language, come in the morning and geography, civil government and reading in the afternoon.

At the district boundary board meeting the petition from districts 60, 61 and 130 was taken under advisement by the court. There were three signers to the petition, and 39 on the remonstrance.

CITY NEWS

To Attend Behnke-Walker—Mrs. Will Phillips and Miss Blanche Jones accompanied Miss Ethel Rucker to Portland this morning and will spend the week-end. Miss Rucker will remain in Portland to attend Behnke-Walker Business college.

In Scio Yesterday—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Devaney and Miss Gertrude Bilyeu spent yesterday in Scio visiting relatives.

Returned Home—Mrs. Chas. Kirk returned to her home in Portland last night after spending a month here visiting her mother, Mrs. Oscar Dannals, and sister, Mrs. Dennis Merrill.

Went to Salem—Miss Lulu Heist, who taught in the local schools the past winter, left today for her home in Salem.

Went to Portland—Mrs. Edwin Anderson went to Portland this morning to spend the week-end and she will also go to Cascade Locks to visit her husband.

Returned Home—Miss Irene Dixon, who has been attending school in Salem returned home this morning.

Spent Day Here—Mrs. Will Grimes and Miss Ella Lusby of Tulsa came down this morning to spend the day visiting friends and shopping.

Attended College—Miss Violet Painter returned home yesterday from Walla Walla where she attended college.

Mrs. Shank in Albany—Mrs. Roxie Shank of Mt. Pleasant, near Scio, and her daughter Crystal attended to business affairs in town Friday. Mrs. Shank manages a large farm in the Scio hills, with the aid of her daughter Crystal, who is a business graduate of Albany college.

FOOD CONSERVATION MEETING—There will be a meeting in the interest of food conservation at the Red Cross Institute in the First Presbyterian church on Tuesday, June 11, from 3 to 4 o'clock. All are urged to be present as the O. A. C. speakers have an important message. 8110

ECLIPSE ALMOST
TOTAL IN CITY

Small Section of Sun Remained in Sight at Maximum

HAZY SKY OBSCURES
VIEW SOMEWHAT

Albany Citizens Viewed the Eclipse Through Their Smoked Glasses

The eclipse started about 2:40 in Albany and about 99 per cent of the citizens of the city were on hand to view the affair. However, only about nine per cent had forethought to provide themselves with smoked glasses, the remainder borrowing with great success.

The main observatory for Albany citizens was the street, and these were crowded about the time the phenomena started. The novelty wore off in time, however, and many "week-ended" and went back to their work. The boss, in many instances, had a lot to do with the loss of interest.

The eclipse will require about two hours and a half in all and The Democrat, for once in its life, is going to press in semi-darkness. The maximum was reached about 3:50, and only a small portion of the sun was visible.

The haze which has covered the sky all day obstructed a good view of the eclipse at some times, but this was not strong enough to spoil the performance for the majority of the non-scientific residents.

The bosses, 'tis said, are universally gratified that eclipses happen only once in a generation.

Big Casualty List
Made Public Today

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(U.P.)—General Pershing reported 108 in the casualty list today. This included 30 killed in action, ten dead of wounds, six dead of diseases, four dead of airplane accidents, six dead from other accidents, 35 severely wounded and 16 slightly wounded.

Plainview Woman
Dies in Albany

Emma Lorraina Frum, aged 26, of near Plainview, died this morning at the home of J. H. Thompson of Albany. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. S. E. Frum, of Albany, and eight brothers and sisters, George Frum, Halsey; O. W. Frum, Halsey; Ray Frum, Brownsville; Walter Frum, Halsey; Mrs. L. O. Luchner, St. Helens, Oregon; Mrs. Ella Cushman, Silverton; Mrs. Nettie Thompson, Albany; and Mrs. Vernetta Frum, Albany.

Funeral services are to be held at the Evangelical church at Albany on Sunday, June 9, at 2 p. m. Rev. C. L. Schuster will officiate and interment will be in the Sand Ridge cemetery.

FRANCIS SAVES
HIS "MOTHER"

An unscheduled incident occurred in the making of William Fox's picture "Treasure Island," showing at the Rolfe tonight, and Francis Carpenter acted the hero in it. Eleanor Washington, who is five or six times as old as Francis, was the maiden in distress.

The scene was the opening of Bill Bones' sea chest, which was supposed to have lain in the inn for some time, and actually had remained in the "prop" room at the Fox studio for about two weeks.

Francis and Miss Washington, portraying the parts of Jim and Mrs. Hawkins, respectively, bent over the big box and pulled from its dark recesses a suit of very good clothes, a quadrant, a tin canikin, several sticks of tobacco, two brace of very handsome pistols, a piece of bar silver, and a dozen other odds and ends.

They also discovered something not listed by Stevenson. It was a tiny gray mouse which had proceeded to rear to mousehood four extremely little, mousepink pink and extremely shivering things.

CLASS ONE MEN
NOW TOTAL 144

In All, 193 Have Entered the Army in Draft From Linn County

According to the report of the local exemption board, there still remain 144 class one men fit for active duty in Linn county. This does not include those called for service on June 15th and June 24th. Following is the report issued today:

Remaining finally classified in class 1 and examined physically and accepted for general military service 144
Limited military service 52
Remediable defective group 26
Emergency fleet 28
Including called for induction including June 15 and June 24 call 193
TOTAL 442

CITY NEWS

Meeting on Monday—The East Albany Red Cross auxiliary will meet on Monday of next week instead of Tuesday on account of the institute.

Visiting Old Friends—Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Cochran of Woodburn were visiting former Albany friends here today. They are on their way from the Brownsville pioneer picnic.

Children's Day Exercises—Children's Day exercises will be held in the First Presbyterian church tomorrow at 10:30. There will be no services in the church in the evening.

Roseburg People Here—Volney C. Oden and wife of Roseburg visited yesterday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Bennett.

To Visit Sister—Mrs. Dell Houston and son Carl went to Portland yesterday for a visit with Mrs. Houston's sister and other relatives.

To Spend Summer—Miss Ella Thacker, who taught the past year at Maple school, and Miss Eva Thacker, who just graduated from high school, left today for their home at Harrisburg to spend the summer.

Here From Fort Stevens—John Cellan, Walter Gilbert, Glenn Gilbert, Ralph Bilyeu, Bud Moore and Ernest Smith of the 69th division that was recently formed at Fort Stevens arrived in Albany this morning to spend the week-end with their parents.

Leaves for Montana—Miss Hazel Rolfe left this morning for her home at Harlem, Mont. She resigned her position in the local schools and will teach the coming year at Harlem.

Visiting Hulbert's—Mrs. Edward Oursant and grandson of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, are here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hulbert. They have spent the winter in Los Angeles and are now on their way home.

To Spend Week-End—Mrs. W. F. Ryals went to Portland this morning to spend the week-end with friends.

Visited Sister—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hutchinson of Seaside returned home this morning after a visit with Mrs. Hutchinson's sister, Mrs. R. C. Swander.

To Preach in Portland—Rev. O. B. Pershing went to Portland this morning to preach tomorrow in the Central Presbyterian church.

To Watch Eclipse—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood and little daughter Mary and Mrs. F. L. Kenton went to Portland this morning. They will be met at the train by Ralph Kenton and will then drive up the Highway to Cascade Locks to watch the eclipse.

To Teach at The Dalles—Miss Lorena Phelps, who has been teaching in Albany the past year, left this morning for her home in Portland to spend the summer with her parents. Miss Phelps will teach next year at The Dalles.

Went to Salem—Miss Dorothy Shank went to Salem this morning for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shank.

To Visit Husband—Mrs. A. Crowder went to Portland this morning to spend the week-end with her husband, who is working in the shipyards.

MARINES DRIVE
FORWARD AGAIN

Another Attack Reported on Chateau Thierry Front Today

GERMAN COUNTER
ATTACKS REPULSED

Gas Attacks Faled on Front Held by U. S. Marines

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AMERICAN FRONT, Marne, June 8.—The American marines and the adjoining units again drove forward northwest of Chateau Thierry this morning. German counter attacks were blocked by the American drive.

Artillery fighting, which was incessant during the night, increased violently at 4 this morning, and soon the marines' right wing attacked where the Germans had secured a foothold in the wood. The result of the battle is not known at this time. Numerous prisoners were sent back, however.

At midnight the enemy attempted another attack. This was preceded by gas shells and poisonous smoke clouds. The marines donned gas masks and stopped the Germans 400 yards away by artillery and rifle fire.

The Germans simultaneously attacked the adjoining units, but suffered a complete repulse, and losing 100 prisoners. The American losses were inconsequential. Attacks and counter attacks are incessant this morning.

The Americans and French this morning hold all the gains made in the past two days along the ten-mile front northwest of Chateau Thierry. There is a temporary lull in major operations, but a resumption of the German drive is momentarily expected.

The Franco-Americans now hold a line extending from northwest of Vinley through Bussaire and Belleau to southeast of Bouresches, representing an advance of from a mile to three miles at some points.

Allies Advance

PARIS, June 8.—Franco-American troops still continue to advance on the northwestern portion of the line near Chateau Thierry, the official communiqué stated today.

In two violent attacks the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses on the southern portion of the front.

Pershing at Cantigny

WASHINGTON, June 8.—General Pershing personally directed the attack of the Americans at Cantigny, the war council told the senate military committee this morning.

CARMEN OF THE KLONDIKE
AT THE GLOBE SUNDAY

"Carmen of the Klondike" is a most unusual picture both from the viewpoint of plot construction and impressive scenic effects. There are sand storms and rain storms and night scenes which make it intensely realistic. The production is full of stirring, red-blooded action from beginning to end and the story carries an atmosphere of adventure and gamble—that great big gamble for life, love and happiness and the power to possess which instills the spirit of romance that has caused thousands of courageous men and women to penetrate that far desert country of the midnight sun.

The Clara Williams is portrayed by Miss Leda Rolfe in a manner that is both convincing and fascinating.

CAST OF FAVORITES
SUPPORTS MISS DANA

Viola Dana, the star of "Riders of the Night"—Metro All-Star series picture which comes to the Rolfe Theatre on Sunday and Monday, is supported by a cast of favorite players in this romance of old Kentucky. George Chesebrough plays opposite Miss Dana in the role of Milt Derr, a young law student and member of the nightriders. He is a screen actor of marked versatility, who won his spurs on the legitimate stage before his advent into the realm of the screen. He has supported such stars as Mae Murray, Olive Thomas, Belle Bennett, and Margery Wilson.

HUN NAVAL DRIVE
IS NOW RUMORED

Naval Officers Ordered Back to Ships, Is the Report

MILAN, June 8.—(U. P.)—It is reported here today that the German admiralty is planning a huge naval stroke. The details are, of course, not accurately known.

The high seas fleet is under orders to be ready to move instantly, according to reports received here from unofficial sources. Most of the reports come from Switzerland.

All the high naval officers who have been spending some time in Switzerland, have been ordered back, and all absent leave has been suspended, it is stated.

CHURCH NOTICES

Christian Church—

D. Loyd Morgan, pastor. Bible school 10 a. m. J. D. Sears, superintendent. The subject for the morning sermon will be, "I am the Way." Evening sermon, "The Greatest Thing in the World." We cordially invite you to worship with us.

First Presbyterian—

Children's Day exercises will be held in the morning at 10:30 in place of the usual church services. There will be no services in the evening as the pastor is out of the city.

United Presbyterian—

W. P. White, pastor. Preaching sermon at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Bible school at 11:45 and C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

Evangelical Church—

Corner First and Pine streets. Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed by preaching services at 11 a. m. Young people's meeting at 7:30 p. m. and evening sermon at 8:30 p. m. A place in these services for every member of the family. C. L. Schuster, pastor.

St. Mary's church—

Rev. Arthur Lane, rector. Rev. John Rabus, assistant. Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a. m. Rt. Rev. Abbot Adelin of Mt. Angel will have charge of the services in the absence of the pastor. Sunday school at 11:45 a. m. Vespers will be sung at 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

Grace Church—

Sunday is Children's Day with sermon on "The Church the Children's Friend" at 11 a. m. Program by the children at 7 p. m.

Christian Science—

Corner Fourth and Ferry streets. Sunday service 11 a. m. Subject of lesson sermon, "God the Only Cause and Creator." Sunday school at 9:45 and 11. Wednesday evening meeting at 8. Reading room in church parlor from 2 to 4:30 p. m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The public is welcome.

Baptist Church—

The public is cordially welcome. Bible school 10 sharp. Morning worship 11, preaching by the pastor. B. Y. P. U. 7. Evening service 8. The Sunday school will have its exercises at 8.

Methodist Episcopal—

Third and Ellsworth. George H. Bennett, pastor. "Peace or Sword," will be the subject at 11. The Hammer male quartet will sing. Don't forget the Sunday League meets at 7. "The Sleepy Head" will be the free moving picture feature of a sermon at 8 on the subject, "Ant and Sluggard."

CHILDREN'S DAY
PROGRAM TOMORROW

A special Children's Day program will be given at 8 Sunday night at the Baptist church, in which the junior Glee club will take a prominent part.

Here From Cottage Grove—Mrs. Z. Hansard of Cottage Grove is here visiting her niece, Miss Gertrude Bilyeu, for a few days.

Accepts Appointment—Mrs. Glenn Elkins leaves tomorrow for Washington, D. C., to accept a civil service appointment.

Attend Convention—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Merrill leave tomorrow for Atlantic City, New Jersey, to attend the national convention of Elks on July 7th. They will stop along the way and visit the principal cities.

Epworth League Meeting—The Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church has planned an unusually interesting devotional meeting for tomorrow evening. Victrola music will be the chief feature. Everyone is invited, especially the young people. The meeting begins promptly at 7 o'clock at the Methodist church.

GERMAN MORALE
AT HEIGHT NOW

Prisoners Are Insolent and Believe Germany Is Invincible

FOURTH GREAT PUSH
IS BIG QUESTION NOW

When and Where It Will Fall Is Unknown to the Allies

BY PHIL SIMMS, U. P. STAFF
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BRITISH FRONT, June 8.—

The spirit of the German army was never keener than it is today and it would be playing Germany's game to state otherwise. The recent events on the Somme, Aisne and Lys have had their effects.

Another means employed by Germany to improve the morale of their army is sending professional lecturers and special officers among the soldiers, to encourage them with moral stimulants.

These are insisting that the war is almost over; that Germany is invincible, is fighting in self-defense, that more Americans have been sunk at sea than have arrived in France, that the United States is all hot air, that the Americans cannot arrive in France in force before Germany will whip the allies, that those arriving are neurotic, unable to stand under shellfire, and are generally untrained and inefficient.

German prisoners, as a general rule are insolent, sneering, arrogant and apparently own the earth. They are convinced that Germany will win the war this year and that the allies will soon be eating out of the Kaiser's hand. They even dream of annexing Chicago.

Such is the army that Hindenburg is nursing for the fourth great offensive.

Hindenburg's third offensive is apparently at a standstill. When and where the fourth will commence is occupying the allied commanders. All German prisoners declare it is a question with Germany to "do or die," and all the allies realize that the most colossal blows are yet to come.

Democratic County Committee Elects Officers

D. S. Smith was this afternoon elected chairman of the democratic county central committee and Attorney C. C. Bryant as the Linn county member of the democratic state central committee, at a meeting held on the second floor of the First National bank building. Other officers elected by the committee were: A. H. McMahon, secretary-treasurer, and A. B. Weatherford, congressional committee.

Albany Boy Gets High
Honor at Medical "U"

Word has been received that Dr. Earl Fortmiller, who has been a student at the Oregon University Medical college at Portland, has been awarded the general scholarship medal. The commencement exercises were held at Portland last night.

Dr. Fortmiller will go at once to Bremerton where he has been assigned to the naval station as a second lieutenant. Dr. Richard Landis, another Albany boy, also graduated at the same time.

HUN PROGRAM
IS ANNOUNCED

THE HAGUE, June 8.—(U. P.)—Von Salzmann today declared in the *Vreesche Zeitung* that "the allies will again be surprised and forced to call on the Americans for help. Blew will follow blow until the whole front is in a brittle condition. Then, Hindenburg will deliver the death blow."