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SHORTAGE SHOWN BUT RAINS HELP

Hyman H. Cohen Gives
Report on Crop Outlook
In Morrow County.

In a crop story in the Portland Journal of July 14th, Hyman H. Cohen special correspondent writing from Heppner, gives a very fair report on conditions as they exist in this county at this time. Mr. Cohen was here the latter part of the week and made a very careful estimate of crop conditions. He also looked into other matters of development going on here, and we consider his article well worth printing in these columns. Mr. Cohen says: After visiting practically every section of Gilliam and Morrow counties and a portion of another county during the last few days one finds conditions helped by the recent rains.

Everywhere there is the same decreased acreage from a year ago. Morrow county is no exception. The county this year has a decrease of fully 40 per cent in its acreage of wheat, still will produce 50 per cent of the crop of a year ago. This is a good showing. It speaks well for the educating influences which have been brought to bear upon producers during recent years. While there is still considerable very poor farming in Morrow county there is more cultivation that ranks with any in the Pacific northwest, not even Umatilla or Walla Walla counties excepted.

There are a number of fields in some of the best sections that will produce from 25 to 35 bushels per acre, but naturally the average will fall considerably below these figures, owing to the greater number of farmers who are in reality not farmers at all. They pay as little attention to cultivation as possible, therefore

except in an abnormal season receive nothing but an indifferent crop.

Between Condon and Heppner, "squaw" farming is the term applied to those who neglect their fields and then express themselves in loud terms because they receive little money for their pains. "Squaw" farming consists of plowing rather shallow one year and then discing or spring tooth-ing for two years, thereby making one plowing do for three crops.

Naturally under such conditions the seed is unable to do its best. The farmers who have the best crops are, as usual, those that have attended to business. They never have a total failure. Their prospects are always the best in their respective sections. The ones who have exceedingly poor crops this season are the ones who have shown a like condition during practically every recent year. In such a season as the present, when there were exceedingly poor prospects at the start owing to the cool weather and the almost general lack of moisture, a very good test was given the respective methods of farming in the light land section of the state. What is true of Morrow county is equally true of Gilliam, Sherman and Crook. All have somewhat similar conditions and each has its showing of poor and indifferent farmers, although it should be stated that there are less of them in Sherman county than in either of the other three counties.

Harvest is from three to four weeks late. The crop is now getting the growth it should have received nearly a month ago. Spring grain is most backward and most of the fields that will not pay for harvesting are of this planting.

Some very good wheat is shown in the Hardman country this season. Some of it is better than a year ago, although generally speaking the yields will be approximately 10 per cent less than that.

Dairying is getting to be one of the big industries of Morrow county. The business is expanding gradually and no sensational increases in the herds of cows are wanted by those

who are forwarding the movement. It is considered far better for a man to have a few cows that he can take care of himself at little expense than for him to purchase a great number and hire help. Until the dairy industry is fully understood it is considered best to go slowly.

Some years ago the Lexington section was about the only portion of the county that showed any material interest in the dairy industry. A creamery was built at that place but is not operated at present because the owners, T. S. Townsend Creamery company, prefer at present to send the cream to their head plant. Now all sections of the county are alike interested in dairying.

There is one thing that Morrow county prides itself on more than anything else. Its livestock is considered among the best in the country and many prizes have been awarded to its stock wherever exhibited. Generally it is considered best here to keep the Holstein herds clear from other breeds, but there is a tendency to mix the Jersey with the Ayrshire, because the latter is considered good for this climate.

Years ago Morrow county was a heavy producer of hogs. Everyone with acreage who possibly could, went into the hog business. At that time there was only a limited demand for the offerings and producers were scarcely fixed to take care of the industry in a profitable manner. The result was that the hog industry suffered a quick decrease until it all but disappeared from this section. During recent years there has been a change and the industry is again ascending. Production is now increasing at a rapid pace, and as farmers have the facilities, all who raise the porker are today making money by the handful.

I am offering for sale my Heppner residence property, \$1500 takes the place, including piano, and household furniture. For particulars address Mrs. Amanda McAtee Kiser, 660 Water Street, Portland, Oregon. tf.

IONE.

Mrs. J. H. Wilt and daughter and Ray Blake spent one day last week out at W. H. Padberg's.

A. W. Lundell spent a few days last week down at Portland attending to some business matters.

Miss Cassie and Olive Wade of Walla Walla Wash. are visiting with their sister Mrs. Bristow in Ione.

C. E. Shaver and wife were passengers to The Dalles Saturday of last week returning the following day.

Dr. Chick and family and Mrs. Walker spent last Sunday up Rhea creek at the home of Ben Buschke.

W. J. Blake left Ione last Monday bound for Portland with a carload of sheep. These were some of Jim Carly's sheep.

Prof. Briggs and his wife and Miss Knight returned from Portland last week where they spent several days visiting the city.

Mrs. Robert Mathison who has been up in this locality for some time returned to her home at Portland Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Anna Sperry and daughter who have been visiting with relatives and friends at Ione left for their home at Brownsville last Tuesday.

Mr. A. C. Carle, Ione's bee man passed the house the other day with a bundle of nice sweet honey. He stopped and gave us a very generous sample.

Mrs. Walter Cason and Syble have gone out to Frank Young's to help Mrs. Young cook for the hungry harvesters who will help Frank take care of his grain.

Uncle Mun and his wife spent a few days down at the Rose city last week. They brought back Uncle Muns little girl who has been living down there for some time.

Chas. Ritchie and family were passengers to Pendleton Saturday where they will help some of the farmers in that locality look after their big harvest.

E. J. Bristow and family spent last Sunday down at Jack Hynds place at Ceell. If you want to see a lot of good alfalfa hay and an enormous crop of peaches just step in and say hello to Jack.

Everybody has or will have the harvest fever in a very few days. Those who have not started harvesting are busy getting supplies and getting their machinery oiled up and in running shape.

Ione is sporting a brand new red water wagon these days in the shape of a sprinkler. This is a great help to our little city and adds materially to the comforts of the business houses as well as customers and strangers. Instead of so much real estate changing hands we have a nice cool breeze playing over the wet streets. We might say that our city marshal is on the water wagon now.

HARDMAN

Howard Lane has moved in from Lexington. He occupies the Stanley house.

J. W. Cradick and Ad Inskeep, of Dry Fork, attended lodge here Saturday night.

Hauling wood is the order of the day at present and it is coming in pretty fast.

Mrs. E. E. Bleakman is still at McDuffy Springs. The postoffice is in charge of Mrs. Geo. Bleakman.

The weather has been quite cold for the past few days which keeps the grain from ripening very fast.

Mrs. Chas. Hams returned last week from Tacoma, Wash., where she had been on a visit to her sister.

T. H. Drumm had the misfortune to have one of his ribs cracked by being pushed off of his horse by one of the road men in sport.

Bates Bros. and Billy Reynolds are preparing to double teams and give the farmers in this part of the county a good threshing this fall.

Jap Walker has moved out of town, going down to Lew Davidson's to reside. We are sorry to lose any of our citizens as we need them all here.

George Hayden was seen on our streets Sunday. He is located at present at Klamath Falls but says the Hardman country looks good to him.

Geo. Bleakman went to Monument Saturday with his auto to take the Munkers family over to attend the funeral of Earnest Wright who was killed in the water wheel of the water works Saturday morning.

There was quite an interesting game of base ball here Sunday between the Hardman nine and the Eight Mile team, with a score of 10 to 0 in favor of Eight Mile. Never mind boys, you can do better next time.

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There will be no change in management or in business methods and aside from change of name our business will be conducted as in the past

Morrow Warehouse Milling Company

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NOTE—These pictures were made under the direction of J. R. Willis, and are endorsed by the Stock Show Association. After showing them in Heppner he will take them to Portland where he will show them and then begin a tour of the Great Northwest where he will boost the Grande Ronde Valley.

GENERAL ADMISSION - - 15 and 25

This Show will be in

LEXINGTON, - - - JULY 21
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