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COUNTY STARTS FINE CROP HARVESTING

Tour By Heppner Business Men Wednesday, In Company With County Agent Hunt, Reveals Field After Field of Excellent Wheat.

Morrow county is just now starting upon the harvest of her grain crop, and in many sections headers are now busy, and some combines are at work. However, there will be no general attack made on the grain fields before the beginning of the coming week, when crews will be getting busy in earnest, and the harvesting of one of the best crops of grain in the history of the county will have begun.

We are making this statement without reservation, having on Wednesday joined a bunch of Heppner business men and farmers and accompanied Agent Hunt and Farmer Frank Anderson on a tour of inspection.

The season has been unusually dry and throughout the wheat belt there has been an entire lack of rain through May and June, thus causing a lot of apprehension as to what the outcome would be. The conditions early in the Spring were splendid, and grain started well in all parts of the county, with the exception, perhaps, of the foothill country, where the colder weather kept them back, but by the middle of May or the first of June the predictions were coming to our ears thick and fast that the county would fall far short in production unless rains would come, and the rains having failed us, we were prepared to accept the worst. It was therefore a very pleasant surprise to visit a portion of the county and learn that, through the better methods being used by the majority of our wheatraisers the droughty conditions were overcome and there is to be an average yield of fine quality grain over the greater portion of the county.

This is especially true of the crops on the lighter lands. In the section both north and south of Lone and north of Lexington, where the crop is now matured, this is true and it was discovered that many fields which at first glance had the appearance of being cut very short and damaged badly by the dry weather, were coming out fine, the grain having matured well and in every case was plump and fully developed.

It was an exceedingly interesting development in making a study of soil, cultivation and planting conditions to find that in every case where the better methods had been used the reward will be forthcoming in an abundant yield. Where the ground was properly handled and in the right season it is revealed this year that the best results are obtained.

The first stop was made at the farm of Frank Anderson at the head of Jack Rabbit canyon. Mr. Anderson has proved to be one of the best farmers of that section. He has a large tract of land and uses a big caterpillar engine in preparing his ground and running his combine. He is well satisfied with this method and is getting good results. Mr. Anderson is a close student of farming and quick to adopt any methods that will make for better production. Owing to conditions for the past three years, lack of moisture and the scarcity of help, it has not been possible to follow out the program that Mr. Anderson knows is the very best for his section, yet the good methods used just as far as it was possible, have brought about excellent results. This year Mr. Anderson is trying the experiment with the hybrid wheat—a cross of Turkey Red and No. 63. The grain is now about fully developed and will be ready to cut in a couple of weeks. It has developed well and will make an average yield between fifteen and twenty bushels. This grain has been very successfully raised for the past three years in the section just north of Lone and is well liked. Mr. Anderson feels that he is not getting a standard crop this season, but he will have a lot of grain. His summerfallow is in fine shape contains abundant moisture and is now ready for a thorough going over with the harrows and weathers, which process will be commenced shortly, using the "cat" as motive power.

Ed Buschke has a field of 200 acres of bluestem on the Jenkins place that is slated to yield 20 bushels at least. It turned too dry for Mr. Buschke to give this field the cultivation that it should have had yet it is turning out well. Mr. Buschke is a good farmer and understands well the handling of his lands to overcome the drought.

Albert Bowker has a good field of grain on the Mal Humphreys place that has stood the dry weather conditions remarkably well and is coming out fine. On the Vaughn place he has sown the No. 128 hybrid and samples taken from this field reveal the fact that Mr. Bowker is scheduled to harvest an abundant crop of fine grain there. Nothing but a big hail storm could now beat him out of it.

Theo. Anderson expects to get an average of fifteen bushels over his place, and he will begin cutting shortly after the first of the coming week. He will not use a combine this season, having purchased a large stationary machine to do the work. From what we could learn, the entire crop of Mr. Anderson is standing up well and he will have lots of good wheat.

Tom Arnold has done a lot of good farming on the Stanton place and has fully demonstrated that good methods win. A soil test was made here and samples of his grain secured. He succeeded in overcoming adverse conditions of weather and his crop is coming out well. We did not learn just what his estimate of yield was, but it should exceed fifteen bushels and the grain is well developed. In this section, these examples are about the average, and it was a pleasure to learn that the cool weather of the past three weeks had been the means of saving the crops and assuring about an average yield for the Eight mile section.

From Theo. Anderson's on down the ridge and into Lone is one fine field of wheat after another, and it was in this section that many surprises were sprung. Not being in touch with the owners of all the farms visited here, we shall not attempt a report in detail, but special mention should be given to the crop on the Chas. Erwin place, as well as that on the H. R. Smith farm. Mr. Erwin is one of the newcomers to this county and he and his brother, Arthur, are each getting splendid results this year. These men come from the Prescott, Wash., county, where they were raised on good farming and they expect to succeed well here by using the same good methods by which success was obtained in a section of country that has no great advantage over Morrow county in natural resources.

North of Lone, where Turkey Red seems to be more abundantly raised than any other variety of wheat, the outlook is generally good. Dwight Misner, who was hailed out last season and had just about enough left for seed and feed, is now harvesting his field of Turkey Red on his farm about nine miles north of Lone. He is getting a good yield, has undoubtedly found the secret of farming to a success the light lands bordering the sand and he and his good wife, having worked hard, are now to be rewarded for their efforts.

A very interesting study in this section was the work being done by a P. Freiwald, who is another newcomer to Morrow county, and is farming a section of land just north of Lone about six miles. He does his work mostly with tractor but uses horses in working his summerfallow. Mr. Freiwald has the very best piece of summerfallow that was seen on the trip, and an inspection of this field, where a number of tests were made, reveals the fact that he has a fine reservoir of moisture conserved and the ground is in prime condition for fall seeding. Mr. Freiwald is giving the field the "once over" again before considering his work done. We can look for a fine yield of grain here next year. He will harvest a half section of fine wheat this year.

Enough information was gathered on this trip to fill a page of this paper, but owing to lack of space we must ring off here and have more to say later on.

More trips of this nature should be taken by the business men, and thus cultivate a better cooperative spirit between business man and farmer to the end that better relations may be established, better farming methods encouraged and more prosperous conditions be brought about. There is a great future for Morrow county and its development is rapidly approaching.

Otto Buys Business Block.
Oscar R. Otto, local music dealer, has purchased the Heppner Estate building on Main street, until recently occupied by the Case Furniture Company. Mr. Otto expects to make some alterations to the interior before establishing his business in the new location.

Morrow Wheat Looking Fine.
Mrs. Rose Campbell is home from a week's visit to Morrow county where a 400-foot well is being drilled on a ranch she owns. She reports that the grain is looking fine, the latest of any this side of Lexington. One piece of this, a stretch of about 300 or 400 acres, looks even better than the reservation wheat.

Mrs. Campbell said.—Pendleton Tribune.

EARLY LAMBLING PROVES PROFITABLE TO GROWER

Ellis R. Minor Proves to His Own Satisfaction That February Lambs Are Money Makers. — Will Beat Season Next Year.

Keeping just a few laps ahead of the market, cutting down overhead and bringing the ewes out of the mountains in better condition are a few of the many problems confronting the sheepmen and which Ellis R. Minor, lower Willow creek farmer and stockman, is solving to his own satisfaction.

Mr. Minor has had it in mind that if he could force the lambing season by two or three weeks or even a month, he could have the lambs conditioned and ready for a fancy market price instead of sending those lambs to the mountain range and turning them off in the fall. The spring market is always good.

As a result of lambing in February this year he was able to market 71-lb. lambs which brought a price ranging right around ten dollars in the Portland June market.

By the method of early marketing and its good price, Mr. Minor figures that he is also cutting down overhead expense, in that he will be able to do without the services of one herder. And again, the ewes will come forth from summer range in the fall in a much better condition.

"It is smashing precedent all to pieces," said Mr. Minor, "but next year I am going to start the lambing season as early as January. A fellow has got to keep stepping lively these days to keep up with the game and if you can keep just a little ahead of it, there is more money to be made."

Mr. Minor went up to the mountains this week to look after his sheep on summer range there.

CROSSED PLAINS TO OREGON IN 1853

Another Oregon pioneer has been called. After several years of poor health, Emanuel C. Petteys passed away at his home near Lone, Oregon June 18, 1919. He was born at Bath, Steuben county, N. Y., August 8, 1830. Therefore he was at the time of death, 88 years, 10 months and 10 days of age.

Mr. Petteys was the oldest child of Seneca H. and Olive S. Petteys. In 1835 the family moved from their native state, to Livingston county, Michigan, where the father died in 1846, leaving the mother with five children, two sons and three daughters. In 1853 the mother with her family started across the plains with a company who were coming to the Pacific coast. They encountered many hardships on the trip, being sixteen months on the plains. They spent a part of that winter at Salt Lake where one sister, Mrs. Marcella Mercer, died leaving an infant son to be cared for by the family. This little babe was U. S. Mercer, now a gay, dapper man living in Portland, Ore.

In the Spring of 1854 the family continued their journey to Oregon and finally settled near Salem, where they lived until 1868 when they moved to Eastern Oregon and settled on Willow creek 3 miles east of where the town of Lone now stands.

Mr. Petteys followed the stock industry in Morrow county for many years and had lived at the old home place, named Petteys Grove in his honor, continuously since first coming to this county 51 years ago. Mr. Petteys' mother made her home with her son till her death on October 27, 1883. One sister, Arvilla Lewis, died at Spokane, Wash., July 27, 1899. The only brother, Manville B. Petteys, passed away at Portland April 3, 1919, leaving one sister, Mrs. Rosalia Bewley, who lives in Portland.

Mr. Petteys was married June 27, 1877 to Miss Katie Geinger, who with seven children, two sons and five daughters, are left to mourn the loss of husband and father. They are Albert O. Petteys of Walla Walla, Wn., Mrs. Merrill E. Newton of South Bend, Wn., Mrs. Ruth F. Cossman of North Bend, Ore., Mrs. Katie Swanson, Mrs. Olive Engelman, Edith C. and George A. Petteys, all of Lone, Oregon.

E. R. Huston New Fire Chief.

E. R. Huston has been selected as fire chief by Hose Company No. 1 of the Heppner Voluntary Fire Department. Mr. Huston is a man who has had experience in handling fire apparatus and knows how to take charge of the men. The company will now resume their drilling and get into the best possible condition to meet any and all emergencies which may arise in the future. It is the idea of the organization to have three assistant chiefs under Mr. Huston. These will be chosen by the chief as he learns who are best qualified to act.

Armenian Relief Went Over The Top This Week

Morrow county has raised her quota for the Armenian relief. The \$36 necessary to put the drive over the top was raised Tuesday evening in short order when Chairman J. J. Nys put a big 30-pound turkey up for auction on Main street. The turkey had been donated to the cause by Mr. Kauvalls of Irrigon and County Agent Hunt acted as auctioneer. The sale was started off in good shape by Frank Gilliam, with a \$10 bid and the bird was later sold to Mr. Gilliam for \$15. He gave the turkey back to be sold over and this was repeated a few times until the necessary amount had been raised. The young sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Kenny were the last bidders and took Mr. Gobbler home.

The drive had been on for a year. A large amount raised was by school children in various parts of the county and nearly every school district responded. One of the smallest districts contributed \$150 and individual contributions have ranged from \$50 down. Lone sent in \$100 and the women of Heppner in their drive of last week are entitled to a lot of credit, raising in their canvass, a total of \$402.74.

Sheep Shipments.

Thirty-five carloads of sheep were shipped from here this week by John Kilkenny and Chas. O'Rourke, of Heppner. The stock was hauled to Chicago with grazing stopover for the summer.

So far this year there have been about 250 cars of sheep sent out from this station. Of this number there were nearly 100 cars of stock that came overland from Heppner because of better shipping facilities and better train service from here.—Echo News.

HEPPNER GIRL HIKERS ARRIVE AT SAN DIEGO

From the San Diego Union.
Clad in flannel shirts and khaki breeches with woolen socks pulled up over the bottom of the breeches, making a narrow white border above the top of high walking boots, Miss Sibyl Cason and Miss Ocea Norris arrived at the U. S. Grant Hotel last night after hiking all the way from San Francisco.

They differ from the usual hikers, in that they are both very attractive young women and are not selling anything—just out for pleasure, and they stop at the best hotels along the way instead of camping out.

Miss Cason is from Heppner, Oregon, and Miss Norris from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Early in the spring they planned to go to Honolulu for the summer, and when they arrived at San Francisco they were told they could go across, but they might have to stay there until February awaiting return transportation.

The girls then decided to give up the Honolulu trip and begin walking over California and Mexico, seeing the sights along the way. They plan to get back to San Francisco by the last of September.

Short stops were made at Palo Alto, Paso Robles, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles. They left Los Angeles Saturday night. From here they will go to Calexico and then into Mexico.

"Flannel shirts are the things to hike in, all right," Miss Cason said. "They keep us cool during the day and warm in the mornings and evenings. We have our feet wrapped in adhesive tape, and with the woolen socks our feet do not blister or get tired."

A large photograph of the girl hikers accompanied the article in the Union and from the broad smiles on their faces it was plain to be seen that they are enjoying the trip immensely. Miss Cason left Heppner June 28th and joined Miss Norris in Portland.

Dick Gentry, Grant county stockman, is in Heppner this week from his ranch on Cottonwood creek.

YOUNG PEOPLE WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

Very interesting and instructive meetings are being held by the Christian Endeavor Society meeting this month in the Christian Church. You will not be sorry if you spend a Sunday evening from 7 to 8 with us.

Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor.

C. W. B. M. MEETS AT W. G. MCCARTY HOME

The local society of the Christian Women's Board of Missions met at the home of Mrs. W. G. McCarty on Tuesday afternoon and spent a few instructive and enjoyable hours. The program was in charge of Mrs. O. G. Crawford, Mrs. E. R. Huston and Mrs. C. N. Jones. Refreshments were served.

Former Morrow County Man Married at Walla Walla, Wn.

A pretty wedding occurred last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McLean, 726 North Clinton street, when Miss Jewel Ella Clement and Mr. William Edward Brown were united in marriage. Rev. A. R. Liverett of the Central church performed the wedding, the beautiful ring ceremony being used. The bride was attended by Eleanor McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McLean, as flower girl and Kathleen Middleton, a cousin of the bride as ring bearer. The bride was charmingly gowned in white veil trimmed in real lace and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses.

The rooms of the McLean home were beautifully decorated in pink and white, shasta daisies and roses used. The ceremony was performed before a bower of evergreens. Mrs. Brown was a graduate of the class of 1919 of the local high school. Mr. Brown is a son of Mr. J. C. Brown of this city. The young couple left last evening for Portland and other coast points after which they will make their home in California.—Walla Walla Bulletin.

Mountain Grass Range Fine.

R. J. Carsner, one of the largest cattlemen of these parts, was down from his stock ranch beyond Hardman Monday on a business visit. Mr. Carsner says range conditions up to the present time have been ideal but the grain is showing the effects of the continued dry spell and rain is badly needed. While in town Mr. Carsner made an inspection of the G-T plant and was surprised to find many new improvements which we have been making. The Carsner family will spend the summer on their south Hardman ranch.

Doing Business at Old Stand.

Willis Stewart, veteran livery stable man, has just completed the task of giving his barn a new coat of paint and he feels proud of the appearance which his structure now puts forth. He is in better position than ever now to care for the trade and would like to correct any impressions that the general public might have about him going out of business.

Mr. Stewart feels that in all fairness, there should be no false reports circulated as to the location of his business any more than any other business should be unfairly dealt with. "I am glad to know that the majority of the citizens of Heppner are with me for a fair deal," said Mr. Stewart in discussing the situation. "My property is for sale at my price, which I do not consider unreasonable and I am not in a position to make any sacrifices. Should the property owners feel that they would like to remove the barn from its present location, \$7000 will take the barn and lot. Of course I would not sell the barn without selling the lot." With this spirit of fairness, Mr. Stewart feels that the matter can be settled satisfactorily to all parties concerned. In conclusion he said, "In moving this barn onto my fire swept lot, I complied with all the requirements as put forth at that time and the move was made at considerable expense. However, everything has been done under permit and with the sanction of city authorities."

Hardman Man Injured.

Jas. Furlong of Hardman received fractured bones in one hand and two broken ribs when he was thrown from a horse last Monday. He came to Heppner Wednesday for medical treatment.

"Egg Day" in Oregon.

The farm bureau of Jackson county, Ore., is operating in three districts of the county an egg marketing plan that is meeting with success and winning the cooperation of the business interests of the county. A certain day each week is known as "egg day," when farmers deliver their eggs to a central place, where they are candled and cased, the actual cost of the candling and crates being charged against the farmer according to the number of eggs that he brings to market. The eggs are then sold to the highest bidder, and have brought an advance of from six to eight cents a dozen over the prices received before this plan was used.

COUNCIL RECEIVES ENGINEERS' REPORT

Matters of Vital Interest Discussed By City Fathers.—Fire Boys and Citizens Petition Listened To.—New Councilman Takes Seat.

The report of Burns & McDonald, hydraulic engineers of Kansas City, was presented by Mayor Vaughan at the meeting of the city fathers last Monday evening and it was gone over and discussed by the various members of the council. The councilmen present were Tash, Vaughn, Beymer, Sweek and Clark. M. D. Clark was recently appointed by Mayor Vaughan to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. G. McCarty. Mr. Clark qualified at this meeting.

The engineer's report is complete and satisfactory in every detail, according to the expressions of the mayor and councilmen. It outlines definitely what amount of work will be necessary to put in a gravity water system for Heppner and estimates of cost are made. The next step to be taken by the council will be the matter of getting the right of way for the pipe lines on upper Willow creek. Mayor Vaughan will appoint a committee of which he will be a member, within the next few days, to interview the farmers and land owners along the proposed pipe line. No opposition is expected from any of the farmers along the line.

A committee of citizens composed of C. E. Woodson, E. R. Huston and S. A. Pattison met with the council to discuss the matter of better fire protection. A number of other citizens interested in the matter were present. Mr. Woodson was spokesman for the committee and stated what the desires of the citizens were in regard to better protection and suggested that the council might find a man who would assume the duties of marshal and at the same time look after the fire truck and all fire fighting equipment. The idea was taken up by the council and that body will strive to get a man who will fill the bill.

Quite a number of citizens had expressed themselves as being ready to dig down in their pockets for the services of a fire chief if the city council could not provide one in any other manner. But it was decided to proceed as the committee suggested and test that plan out.

Another matter brought to the attention of the council was the petition prepared and presented to that honorable body by property owners of the city concerning the proposed removal of the Willis Stewart livery barn from its present location on upper Main street. The council and all those present fully agreed to the facts as set forth in the petition, but it was strongly pointed out by the council that they were unable to do anything in the matter, and that in any event, they wanted to see the matter handled properly, to the end that Mr. Stewart receive complete justice. Councilman Beymer was of the opinion the only way in which the barn could be removed from its present site would be to buy Mr. Stewart out, paying him his price and finding for him another location for the barn; pointing out that the town demanded the services of a public stable. A committee was appointed by the council, consisting of the following business men: Frank Gilliam, Oscar Borg and Councilman Sweek, to interview Mr. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hunt were down from their wheat ranch in the Rhea creek section Tuesday. According to those who have visited the Hunt crop it is one of the best in the entire county.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

WHEREAS, the Angel of Dissolution, having summoned from among the living, our beloved brother, Patrick Farley, and

WHEREAS, by these inscrutable acts of Divine Providence, our hearts are filled with sympathy and sadness, therefore be it

RESOLVED by Heppner Lodge No. 358, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, that a resolution of condolence to the family of our deceased brother, Patrick Farley, be adopted, and be it further

DESOLVED, that a copy of the resolution be sent to the family of our deceased brother, to the public press and be written into the minutes of the Lodge.

Done in Heppner this 26th day of July, A. D. 1919.

H. A. DUNCAN,
ROY V. WHITEIS,
CHAS. COX,
Committee.