

**Study Sheep on Western Ranch.**  
 Several results of importance to western sheep men have been ascertained from the fact that the meat sheep ranch near Dubois, Idaho, which has been in operation two years. Formerly it was customary for range sheep men to discard ewes which did not bear lambs when 2 years old. Extensive investigations by the Department of Agriculture have developed that such ewes are just as valuable for future breeding as those which bear lambs as 2-year-olds.

Individual records are kept on the Government sheep ranch relative to the weight of fleece, length of fleece, character of fleece, fineness of fiber, and mutton quality of each animal, while detailed account is maintained of the offspring of each ewe. The

particular utility of the results obtained arises from the fact that the flock is handled as are all similar bands of sheep in the hands of Wyoming stockmen.  
 Experiments are being conducted to develop a type of sheep more suitable to the western range conditions than the types now prevalent. It is hoped to extend this work in both mutton conformation and length and weight of fleeces.

There are at present about 1,500 head of pure-bred Rambouillets, Lincoln Rambouillets, Cotswold Rambouillets, and Romney Rambouillets on the government ranch. Crossbreeding experiments are being conducted with all these breeds and crosses, as well as the use of pure-bred Corriedales, which have been mated with crossbred ewes.

**Winona, Wn., People Enjoy Summer Outing At Seaside**

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Potter, formerly of Heppner, and who recently sold their large wheat farm near Winona, Wash., are enjoying a summer outing at Seaside at the present time, according to word received by The Gazette-Times. Miles Potter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Potter, recently received his discharge from the navy. He was married to a California girl in Washington, D. C., a few months ago and they have returned to the Northwest to make their home.

**4,500,000 Bushels Of Grain Will Be Umatilla's Yield**

So far, the estimate of 4,500,000 bushels of wheat for the county does not appear endangered, says the Pendleton East Oregonian. The increased yield of individuals over their crop of last year is about sufficient to add a million bushels to the crop in 1918 and favorable conditions for the remainder of the harvest period will give the county the record set.

Even the light lands, Pilot Rock, Nolin, Yoakum and Echo, are producing better than was expected. Many who thought they had no crop at all are getting 15 bushels and those who thought they might get 15 bushels are carrying off 10 sacks or nearly 25 bushels to the acre. Northwest of Pendleton are some 25 to 35 bushel yields and the Cold Springs country is doing 30 and better.

Jeff and Glen Jones finished threshing the Frank Lieuallen grain last week and started on their own the first of this week. They are heading and threshing in one operation, using a new Case separator, power being furnished by their Yuba tractor.

David Wilson, exchange teller in the First National Bank of Pendleton, spent a few days in Heppner last week visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson. He returned to Pendleton by auto Sunday, going over with Paddy Mollahan.

J. W. Beymer left hurriedly on Friday evening for Montana, to look after his sheep. Forest fires up there are spreading every day and sheep on summer range in the St. Regis and Thompson Falls country are in eminent danger of being burned out. Joe Hayes and other Morrow county sheenmen also have sheep in that country.

**W. C. Bowling Sells Heppner Bakery To W. M. Hammer**

W. C. Bowling has sold the Heppner Bakery to M. W. Hammer. Since coming to Heppner, Mr. Hammer has been meat cutter for the Peoples Cash Market, but he is a competent baker, having followed the occupation of bread maker for 14 years. A new oven will soon be constructed in the R. M. Hart confectionary store and Mr. Hammer will handle his culinary products in conjunction with Mr. Hart. During the month of August, however, he will be open to the public at the old stand next door. Mr. Bowling has not announced his plans for the future.

**Former Morrow County Family Buys Property In Salem**

Eph Eskelson, in a communication to The Gazette-Times from Salem, announces that he and his family are now permanently located in the capitol city. They have purchased a home of five acres in South Salem just outside the city limits and on the car line. Mr. Eskelson concludes, "We think Salem is a very nice home town." The Gazette-Times will keep the Eskelsons informed on Morrow county conditions.

**Heppner Printer Studies Submarines At Bridgeport, Conn.**

In a letter which Spencer Crawford received from Robert J. Hopkins the past week, the latter says he is now in Bridgeport, Conn., where he is studying to become a submarine man on a new submarine boat which will go into commission before long. Until recently Mr. Hopkins was on a ship doing convoy duty between this country and Europe. He has already finished his work in a torpedo school. Prior to entering the navy Mr. Hopkins was printer and linotype operator for The Gazette-Times.

F. R. Brown, local business man, returned Saturday from his ranch near Spokane, where he went two weeks ago to look after his wheat harvest. While there, owing to the scarcity of help, Mr. Brown put in his time sewing sacks. Forest fires are doing great damage in some of the country tributary to Spokane, says Mr. Brown, and great difficulty is being experienced by foresters in getting and keeping men on the job to fight the fires.

C. C. Haynie and family and Miss Lera Githens returned Sunday afternoon from an auto trip to Halfway, Oregon. They report a most enjoyable journey, which was completed without mishap. The trip was made in the new Maxwell car which Mr. Haynie recently purchased from E. J. Starkey.

California's peach crop will average about 55% of the total production in the United States this year whereas in normal years it has not been over one-third of the entire crop. The peach crop for 1919 is estimated by the United States Department of Agriculture at 30,082,000 bushels.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. King came up from Portland last week to spend a few days with Mrs. King's mother, Mrs. Frankie Luper. During the summer months Mr. and Mrs. King live out at Milwaukee, where they own a place.

Alva Jones and Vawter Crawford, Jr., motored to Arlington Sunday and were accompanied home by Misses Nora Hughes and Hanna and Isabel Wilson. The young women have been enjoying a vacation outing at Portland and Seaside.

Tom Wade came out from Centralia, Mo., last week to make a visit with his son, who he had not seen in 22 years. The younger Mr. Wade formerly farmed in Sand Hollow but now lives at Ione. This is the elder Wade's first visit to the Northwest.

**CANNING SEASON OVER BAKER LETS SUGAR GO**

Millions of Pounds Held By War Department Released Too Late For Use.

Washington, July 29.—It is announced that the sale of 21,000,000 pounds of surplus sugar held by the War Department has been authorized by Secretary Baker. The stocks include 14,000,000 pounds in storage at New Orleans and 7,000,000 pounds at San Francisco. The price is to be fixed by the United States Sugar Equalization Board to cover the cost

to the government.  
 Secretary of War Baker, according to the announcement realized that a shortage of sugar existed in the canning season and decided to give the American public the benefit of the surplus.  
 Comment in Congressional circles is that the canning season for many fruits is already over or nearly so and that unless the Department puts the sugar on the market with a good deal more celerity than it has marketed surplus meats and other food stuffs the season will be entirely over before housekeepers are able to buy any of the Government stock of sugar.

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