

Sheep Mortality, Umatilla National Forest, 1927

The loss of sheep and lambs on the Heppner district for the season of 1927 was as follows: (Showing that in this district the loss was less than in any other district.)

PERMITTEE	No. Grazed		Animals Poisoned		Plants Strayed		Other		Total Loss	
	Sheep	Lambs	Sheep	Lambs	Sheep	Lambs	Sheep	Lambs	Sheep	Lambs
Butte Creek L. L. & L. Co.	700	858								
Cleveland, W. H.	1200	1100	3	10						
Fichter, George	943	908		1						
French, J. D. & Sons	1033	886	3	2	5					
Gentry, L. V.	1230	1120								
Hardie, David	980	890								
Huddleston Bros.	1230	781	4	5						
Kelly, E. R.	1063	1060								
Keeny, Michael	1131	1000								
Krebs Bros.	1500									
Mahoney, W. P.	1087	923	1	14						
Maidment, John W.	1345	475	2	5						
Monahan, Frank	500	460	6	10						
O'Connor Bros.	1230	1120								
Oregon Sheep Co.	1159	1038	4	5						
Robinson, C. D.	998	750								
Russell, Mrs. Kate	1280	1023	3	3	2					
Thompson, E. A.	2529	2559	8	6						
Wilkinson, Frank	1180	1035	1	2	2					
TOTALS	22328	17907	40	76	11	24	71	81	76	200

Sheep loss based on 22328 head of sheep, .9 per cent.
Lamb loss based on 17907 head of lambs, 1.52 per cent.
Total loss based on 40235 head of sheep and lambs, 1.17 per cent.

385 cars were shipped from this station, an estimated total of 750,000 bushels. As most of the grain-growing operations are carried on by horse or mule power, a large tonnage of barley, wheat and oats are chopped and fed. The cutting of right-of-ways for the combine harvester also furnishes much grain feed for stock. About 15 per cent of the crop is saved for seed and feed, so that about 80 per cent of the crop reaches markets.

Concerning our town, we have two general merchandise stores, a grocery and meat market, postoffice and notion store, two service stations and two garages, an implement and hardware store, a moving picture hall, an I. O. O. F. hall, two storage warehouses, two churches, a public school and high school with a credible force of teachers. Our schools are equipped with good gymnasium and athletic field. Some of our residence properties are among the best in the county. A privately owned water system amply supplies the town's needs. The Bell Telephone and Telegraph company maintains an office here with switch board and long distance connections. The Sherman Electric company serves our townspeople with both power and lighting facilities, so that, with all these advantages, why should not Lexington stay on the map.

DIST. ATTORNEY



SAMUEL E. NOTSON

We pride ourselves on our capable and efficient county administration. In the district attorney's office we have a man of unusual ability and one who has looked after the affairs of the office with satisfaction to all. This is Samuel E. Notson, who has been identified with the life of this county for many years.

Mr. Notson was admitted to the bar in 1902 and commenced his first practice at Lexington. Later at Heppner he was associated with the late Gilbert W. Phelps, for many years circuit judge of this district, and served for a time as assistant district attorney. He is now serving his third term as district attorney.

Mr. Notson has always been prominent in school work, ever taking a keen personal interest in working for the betterment of our educational system. He served our county efficiently as county school superintendent for eight years. A successful lawyer, able county official and excellent citizen whom we are pleased to accord mention in these pages.

BRESLIN FUEL CO. HAS GOOD RECORD

The Breslin Fuel company is another of Heppner's busy industries. And here is an example of one whose hard work, thrift and industry have brought commensurate returns. The business is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Breslin who started here on a small scale ten years ago. Today they record an average yearly business exceeding \$25,000.00. Mr. and Mrs. Breslin attend to both office and retail business in person. Wood and coal are handled at wholesale and retail with Mr. Breslin attending to the delivery and yard end. They are former residents of Condon but have made Heppner their home for the last 14 years.

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MUCH WHEAT SENT OUT OF LEXINGTON

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been served by three paved market road branches, i. e. the Lexington-Jarmon market road connecting with Pendleton, the Blackhorse road feeding in from that rich territory to the east, and the Clarks Canyon-Rhea Creek market road, drawing production from the west and south. These market roads are for the most part water grade toward our terminal and the moving of sacked grain by trucks is very rapid and may be handled at unusually low cost.

It has been said by good authority that no better Turkey-red wheat is produced than is grown within a radius of ten miles of Lexington. Samples of this variety are common, running 25 per cent to 27 per cent gluten, and tests have been known to run as high as 32 per cent. This matter of the value of high gluten test wheat is not being taken into consideration by our producers as it should be, and we are the losers.

The community is essentially a winter wheat country, however Hard Federation, one of the high yielding Australian spring wheats, introduced by the Eastern Oregon Experiment station at Moro, Oregon, has been found to do exceptionally well here as a spring sown crop and the acreage is increasing

rapidly. The backbone of the country is the old stock of settlers and their sons and daughters, who, through long years of determined effort have wrested from nature a new system of cultivation.

A shifting in varieties of wheat, also coupled with the gradual acquirement of more modern implements and machinery, have resulted in the gaining of well earned competence. Yet, not all the old timers were privileged to gain the day. Some, from lack of aggressiveness or through misfortune, fell by the wayside and the steady tread of new men from other states or localities have taken their places. These have brought new thoughts, new methods, and together we are working out a better program of agriculture. And still there is room, and opportunity awaits industry. Take for example Ernest and Myrtle Gerard, son and daughter of W. T. Gerard, north of town, who has been in this country 12 years. These young people purchased at the beginning of 1927, some 320 acres of land, about 40 acres of which was untilable. Eighty acres was in crop. They planted the remainder of the tillable land and in the fall of 1927 harvested enough grain from the place to pay for all the land.

E. Evans, northeast of town, last spring purchased 160 acres of land and harvested grain enough from the place in 1927 to pay the purchase price.

A. F. Majeske, a farm owner south of Lexington, purchased 480 acres of land in the fall of 1926.

During that fall and the spring of 1927 about 250 acres of grain was sown. Some 30 acres of waste land occur in this division of the farm. The crop of grain harvested was considered very satisfactory, because the land had been previously neglected. Had the whole tillable area of the farm been in crop, and yielded at the same rate per acre, the return from the crop would have paid the entire purchase price.

One farmer north of town raised 2200 sacks of grain on 180 acres. One Lexington farmer produced a total of 17,000 sacks in 1927. The past seven years have been strenuous ones for our farmers, yet do we scarcely stop to consider what we have come through.

For instance, only a few years ago, water for household and stock use on probably a majority of the outlying ranches, was hauled in horse-drawn tanks from springs in the neighboring canyons or from Willow creek. This chore frequently occupied a day's time or more out of each week. Today nearly every such ranch has a drilled well, a good windmill and probably an auxiliary engine for pumping, a cement supply tank, water in the kitchen, the yard, at the barn; a few trees growing about the premises, a vegetable garden, etc.

Twenty-three years ago the first new combine harvester for use in this county was unloaded at Lexington. It proved a feasible, economical and rapid way of harvesting a large acreage of wheat. Today the combine is standard farm equipment for the grain farmer and there are more than 100 machines operated in this territory, so that it is not strange that Lexington is one of the principal wheat shipping points of the northwest. At the close of 1926 most of the wheat of this section had been shipped out. Records show that during 1927,

HUGHES & HUGHES IS GENERAL STORE

One of our latest business additions is the new Hughes & Hughes general merchandise store. This is owned and operated by Sam Hughes and his son Hanson Hughes. While this particular store is new, the names of father and son are by no means new to Heppner or this county. They first started a general merchandise store at Heppner 20 years ago which they conducted successfully until about two years ago when they sold their interests and opened a business at Portland. After conducting this for some time they again sold and decided that Heppner and Morrow county were again the best bet for business opportunity.

In December, 1927, they opened new doors to the trade here. A general merchandise line is carried, featuring at present in the main a large and varied grocery stock. New stocks of dry goods, wearing apparel, etc., are now arriving.

The elder Mr. Hughes is originally from Missouri. He settled in Grant county, Oregon, in 1884 where he engaged in ranching. Both father and son have spent all their lives in this country and have a wide personal acquaintanceship, assuring patronage and success to their business enterprise.

SOME HEPPNER RESIDENCES



Left—Residence of J. S. Young. Right—Residence of Mayor E. G. Noble.

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