

Crested Wheat Grass Subject of Bulletin

For years both grain farmers and livestock men of eastern Oregon have been asking questions about grass.

It now seems that the answer to some of their questions, at least, is crested wheat grass.

This is not a sudden conclusion, but the result of years of work with various kinds of grasses on the part of the Oregon Experiment stations and extension service. Grass research work was begun at the Union experiment station in 1910, at the Moro station in 1914, and at the Pendleton station with its establishment in 1929. Since 1925 eastern Oregon county agents have seeded grass nurseries of all available varieties in more than 100 locations.

In these trials crested wheat grass showed up as an outstanding dry-land grass, and has continued to "stand up" when tested out by farmers and stockmen. The story of crested wheat grass and its characteristics and habits is the subject of a new bulletin prepared by E. R. Jackman, extension agronomist at O. S. C.; Supt. D. E. Stephens of the Moro station, and Supt. D. E. Richards of the Union station. It is extension bulletin 494, entitled, "Crested Wheat Grass in Eastern Oregon" and contains numerous reports from growers on their experience with this grass.

Crested wheat grass is much like the native blue bunch wheat grass, but seeds more heavily and the seed does not shatter so readily, the report points out. It is more constant in production, begins growth earlier in the spring and starts more quickly after the fall rains, and is more palatable. It is extremely drouth resistant and winter hardy, and once established, shows a remarkable ability to take care of itself in the battle with weeds.

"Three thousand acres of it, mostly in small trial plots scattered over every eastern Oregon county, testify to its adaptability to Oregon conditions," say the authors of the bulletin. "It grows in the adobe soils of Harney county, in the pumice and sandstone of Deschutes, in the silt loam of Sherman and in the rich lake bottom of Union county."

Eastern Oregon farmers planted some 25,000 acres to this grass in the fall of 1936, and the new bulletin was prepared largely in the hope that the suggestions contained in it will help to avert some of the failures that usually occur in the first large-scale attempts to grow any new crop.

Sorry, No Grubstakes Says Professor

Corvallis.—J. H. Batchelor, secretary of the old State Mining board until it was superceded by the newly created department of geology and mineral industries, wants it distinctly understood that he is not in a position to hand out grubstakes to aspiring miners.

Since the newspapers announced the action of the legislature in creating the new department and earmarked a certain amount of the appropriation for supplying grubstakes, Batchelor, who is also professor of mining engineering at Oregon State college, has been receiving requests almost daily for assistance under the terms of the new law.

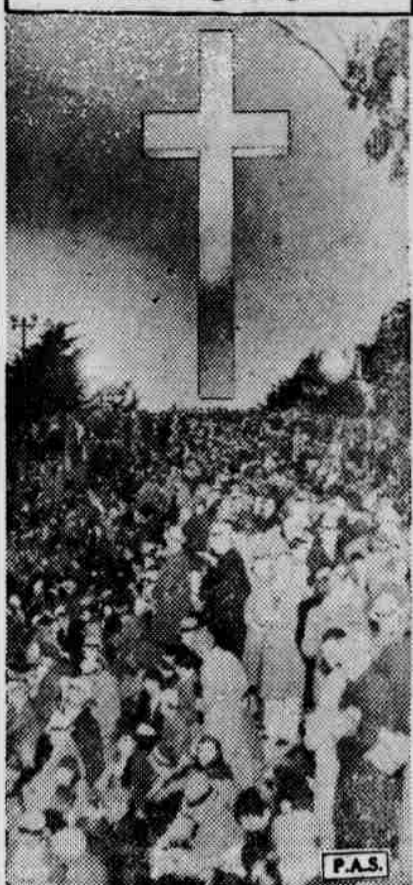
He points out that those who are interested in any phase of the new department had best watch the press for announcements of the organization to be set up. With the recent announcement of the personnel of the new mining commission, organization will doubtless be completed in the near future.

Professor Batchelor had served as secretary of the old board for many years and was on the staff of the school of mines at O. S. C. before it was abolished as a degree-granting school and part of its work merged into the school of engineering.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the kind friends and neighbors for their help, floral tribute, and expressions of sympathy at the time of our bereavement.
Mrs. O. E. Johnson.
Victor Johnson and Family.

Easter Pilgrimage



SAN FRANCISCO... Over 50,000 people ascend Mount Davidson each year to attend the sunrise Easter services under the huge cross. Visitors from all parts of the country arrive to join in the impressive ceremony.

Turkey Market Prospects Better

Market prospects for the new crop of turkeys about to be raised appear more favorable than a year ago, with that for potatoes less favorable, according to a report on the agricultural situation and outlook just released by the OSC agricultural extension service.

It is expected that turkey growers will reduce production, at least somewhat, compared with 1936 when the business was boomed too much resulting in glutted markets and relatively low prices for turkeys. Feed costs are expected to be lower during the principal fattening period for 1937 crop turkeys than during the 1936 crop season.

Potato growers, on the other hand, apparently intend to increase the acreage of potatoes in response to the very high prices received for the 1936 crop. On the basis of the available information, it seems probable that the acreage will be sufficient to produce about an average amount of potatoes, assuming that growing conditions are normal and yields about average.

With respect to chickens, the report shows that there is some tendency for egg producers to order fewer chicks for raising pullets. Anyway the government report on commercial hatchings and bookings suggests a reduction in pullets raised of perhaps 6 or 8 per cent, depending somewhat on the course of egg prices during the next few weeks.

Owing to unfavorable soil and weather conditions last fall, much land in Oregon was not planted to fall crops as usual. An unusual amount of damage was also done to fall seeded crops by the cold weather during the winter. Consequently, farmers in Oregon are confronted with more farm work and spring seeding than usual, and they have had difficulty in getting started, owing to wet soil.

The general level of farm prices in Oregon advanced two points from mid-January to mid-February to 89 per cent of the 1926-30 average. Market prices indicate that the general average did not change greatly from mid-February to mid-March, although some products declined and others advanced. The farm price index figure 89 compares with 72 in Oregon in February, 1936, and with 90 for the whole country in February this year.

TODAY'S QUOTE.

"Systematic work is as essential to success in the vegetable garden as in the regular care of the dairy, poultry and stable. No garden will thrive and be satisfactory under irregular, inconsistent attention, any more than would a cow milked whenever the farmer took a notion."
—A. G. B. Bouquet, professor of vegetable crops, Oregon State college.

EASTER, Yesterday and Today — by A. B. CHAPIN

YESTERDAY SHE CARRIED A PRAYER BOOK
TODAY IT'S PROBABLY A VANITY OUTFIT AND A CIGARETTE CASE

YESTERDAY MILADY CROWNED HERSELF WITH MARVELOUS MILLINERY CREATIONS
TODAY SHE TOPS HER DOME WITH SUR-REALIST SPASMS

YESTERDAY SHE WAS WELL UPHOLSTERED BOTH FRONT AND BACK
TODAY SHE IS SEVERELY STREAM LINED, THE MORE STREAM LINED THE SWANKIER

YESTERDAY MERE MAN SCARCELY ENTERED THE SARTORIAL PICTURE—
TODAY DITTO, DITTO, DITTO

YESTERDAY ONE RARELY SAW A FOOT OR ANKLE
TODAY ONE SEES—WELL—A PLENTY

BUT YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW
THE ENDURING SYMBOL OF FAITH IN IMMORTALITY NEVER CHANGES

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TODAY IT MUST BE A SPRAY OF GARDENIAS OR ORCHIDS

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