

STATE CROPS SHOW FALLING OFF IN JULY

PORTLAND, Aug. 10.—The bureau of crops reports estimates show a general decline in the condition of crops in July on account of lack of rain.

The total wheat crop is estimated at 23,000,000 bushels, of which 17,750,000 is winter wheat.

The average yield is placed at 25 bushels an acre, which is, speaking generally, a better acre yield than usual.

The condition of spring wheat has declined in the month from 92 to 85 per cent of normal.

Oats fell from 95 to 88 per cent, indicating a crop of 11,000,000 bushels.

The state hay crop is estimated at 2,097,000 tons. Potatoes show a loss of ten per cent.

Woman Released On Robbery Charge

Sheriff Lloyd Low stated today that Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kremers and Harry Hall, summoned by telephone several days ago to come here and identify the men arrested Sunday by deputy sheriffs, at North Beaver Marsh, Jack Morrison and Glenn Reynolds, have not appeared and that he was sending another message this afternoon urging them to appear here.

The telephone message was sent to Diamond lake where the three victims are said to be camping. Sheriff Low has had the Bennington woman released from custody as he learned that she was not a party to the robbery. The two men are still confined in jail awaiting the result of the possible identification.

Only Six Yankees Prisoners Loosed By The Soviet

RIGA, Aug. 10.—Six American prisoners, Captain Emmett Kilpatrick, Weston B. Estes, John Flick, B. Kalmatiano, H. J. Lamare, and Russell Pattinson, arrived at Nirva in fair condition.

The fact that only six of the American prisoners have been released threatens a long delay in negotiations and perhaps the abandonment of the Russian relief plan.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Secretary Hoover conferred today with President Harding on Russian relief. The state department, it was learned, has a list of 100 Americans detained in Russia.

Pledge Against Tales of Scandal

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 10.—Gossip is responsible for thousands of girls leaving their homes and disappearing every year, the Tacoma Women's Christian Temperance Union declared recently when it adopted a pledge not to gossip and also requested other organizations of women to adopt it.

The pledge follows: "We pledge ourselves not to repeat an ill story about any young girl, and, if any woman seems desirous to regain lost respectability we promise to aid her by word and in every way we can."

In asking other organizations of women to endorse the pledge, Mrs. Lola Moss, secretary of the W. C. T. U. declared American women are harsher than those of other nations. Women should show more charity toward their sisters, she said.

KEHN SETS EXAMPLE OF CIVIC BETTERMENT

If other citizens will follow the public spirited example of Ben W. Kern, whose gift of a drinking fountain is much appreciated, the campaign for a cleaner, better city will get rapid and positive results, according to members of the Women's auxiliary. The drinking fountain is to be installed somewhere on Main street.

Special Cement for Siemens Well Will Be Here in Few Days

No work has been done on the Siemens oil well since the water broke through the cement when the well was to have been bailed out last week but today, Capt. J. W. Siemens stated that "oil cement" manufactured by the Santa Cruz Portland Cement company at San Francisco was being sent for to use in the next effort at closing out the water.

This oil cement has been used successfully all over the oil districts and has never failed to work and Capt. Siemens believes that this product will effectively cement the flow of water which is causing all the annoyance at present. This cement sets within seven days after application.

TAX REDUCTION IS SUGGESTED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Repeal of excess profits taxes and of income surtaxes above 32 per cent, effective as of last January 1, and of all freight and passenger transportation taxes, as of next January 1, was agreed upon today by the republican majority of the house ways and means committee.

The majority also agreed to an increase of the normal income tax of corporations from 10 to 15 per cent. The \$2000 exemption on corporation taxes was retained.

Says Travelers Will Not Come Here Under Present Conditions

Rough, rocky, pitted roads, with holes ground deep into them and with bridges whose approaches were high and the boards loose upon them were the causes of the tourist avoiding Klamath Falls on their way out from visits to Crater lake, stated W. A. Dezell, the speaker at the forum of the chamber of commerce today.

The speaker advised the business element of this city to face the situation that tourists would not come into Klamath county and go to Crater lake over the road which they have to travel now. And Medford should not be criticized for securing all the tourists as when visitors reached here, no camping facilities to make their stay pleasant were available. Medford and other places provided them and tourists spread the news that such facilities were available at such points. Klamath Falls had nothing to compare with Medford and Capt. C. C. Applegate was doing all he could with the material which he had to work with in the camp grounds at the west end of town.

A strong plea for road improvement, not the sultrif of "Let George do it," but a concerted action which would at least improve city streets and bridges and county roads, also for some small comforts at the camp grounds, were made by the speaker.

W. E. Seehorn of Susanville, E. S. Henry, Dr. L. L. Truax and others spoke briefly on road conditions. A message from the Women's Auxiliary of the chamber was read in which the public drinking fountain received as gift from B. W. Kern was acknowledged. It would soon be placed in commission, it was said.

OIL AND GOLD IN FEATHER RIVER SANDS

OROVILLE, Cal., Aug. 10.—Interest was aroused here recently through the peculiar dual yield of sands on opposite sides of the Feather river at this place. Soil that was being excavated in connection with the building of the big highway lateral bridge contained traces of gold on the Thermalito side of the stream and there were indications of oil on the Oroville side.

On the Oroville side workmen have found traces of oil in the sands brought up by the big dredge, while on the Thermalito side a laborer has rigged up a sluice box and is taking small quantities of gold from the excavated soil.

SURVEY STARTS TALK OF LAKE LAND OPENING

DORRIS, Cal., Aug. 10.—Engineer J. H. English of the United States land office, with a party of surveyors, has arrived in Dorris with instructions for the surveying of a vast tract of government owned lands in and surrounding Lower Klamath lake.

The fact that the government is having these lands re-surveyed and mapped is looked upon locally with unusual interest. This move seems to indicate that these lands are to be thrown open soon to homestead entry. Squatters who have fenced homesteads along the lake where the waters have receded and built up homes with the hope that some day Uncle Sam might recognize their filings have learned that the land upon which they have settled is incomparable in fertility.

The opening of these thousands of acres of government owned lands to homestead entry, which is deemed inevitable if not immediately probable, will mean the growth of a little agricultural empire between the rugged hills that have for centuries stood as sentinels over a vast spread of virgin soil where tules grew luxuriantly and wild fowl nested and hatched its young.

This soil is identical with that of Wocus marsh and the Caledonia tract where mint is being successfully grown. To make this great tract of untouched land productive and inhabited by families depends only the action of the government.

THREE FEDERAL PLUMS PICKED BY OREGONIANS

PORTLAND, Aug. 10.—Special dispatches from Washington to the Portland Telegram say that it has been practically decided by Senators McNary and Stanfield that Clyde L. Huntley will be the collector of internal revenue for Oregon. Clarence Hitchcock, United States Marshal, and Asa Thompson director of the farm loan bank.

There is a delay in the appointment of collector and appraiser of customs but these announcements are expected any day.

Examinations for postal vacancies in Astoria, Albany and several other cities will be held September 6.

President Harding signed the Portland exposition bill at 10:30 o'clock today.

Western Senators Combine to Secure Fair Deal in Tariff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Senator Gooding of Idaho has announced the formation in the senate of a western tariff block to fight for fair treatment for the west in the tariff bill. It will be composed entirely of republicans from the western states.

STATE HAS THREE GOVERNORS IN A DAY

NOGALES, Ariz., Aug. 10.—Arizona had three governors in one day recently. Governor Thomas E. Campbell, R. E. Hall, secretary of state, and John McK. Redmond assistant secretary of state, all visited here. Governor Campbell and Secretary Hall visited Nogales, Sonora, and the moment they stepped out of the state, the law made the assistant secretary of the state, acting governor. He wore the mantle for half an hour or so, when Mr. Hall was compelled to return to meet an engagement, and he succeeded to a little brief authority; then Governor Campbell came back from Mexico, and when he stepped across the line, he in turn re-assumed the gubernatorial powers and duties.

CEMETERY IS TYPICAL ABODE OF DESOLATION

Klamath Falls is in a clean-up mood. The Women's Auxiliary of the chamber of commerce is blazing the way for a real city betterment campaign. The public consciousness has been roused to the disgracefulness of the weed strewn lots and rubbish littered back yards and on every hand there is evidence of efforts to overcome the littered condition.

About all that can be said of the movement so far is that an encouraging start toward improvement has been made. The leaven is working in the lump. In response to a demand from at least half a dozen citizens, who say they have the backing of scores, The Herald is going to turn the spotlight of publicity on one responsibility that rests upon all citizens—the condition of the Klamath Falls cemetery.

Here's a verbatim report of one visitor's comment after visiting the local necropolis. He was a man with local-formed intentions of locating here. But after he'd seen the cemetery he said: "Either you are too near down and out financially to remedy the condition; or you are too penurious and indifferent to care what newcomers think of your treatment of the resting-places of your dead. In either case I do not think I want to bring my family to live in Klamath Falls."

This remark indicated conditions that should be overcome. The Herald representative inspected the cemetery. It was the first time he had been inside the fence. Getting right down to facts, it is as nearly the abode of desolation as anything he ever looked at.

Tombstones list heavily toward all directions of the compass over unkept graves. A matted growth of brush and grass hides many of the resting places. Here and there a tender care of loved ones has re-deemed a few square feet of ground that to them is hallowed. These traces of loving attention are just frequent enough to emphasize the general neglect.

The reporter had been told that the rough boxes were left lying outside the shack that is the headquarters for the cemetery. They were there, three or four of them, not a nice sight for the sensitive mourner.

He had also been directed to the custom of digging graves in advance. There were five graves, two small and three adult size, awaiting occupants. Even healthy, nervous quiver at this reminder of the uncertainty of life's tenure. The practice had been described by the person who prompted the trip "as ghouliah and inhuman."

After seeing what there was to see the newspaper man sought for the cause that produced such deplorable effects. The reason was not far to seek nor hard to state—lack of money.

The revenue of the cemetery is derived from the sales of lots, \$10 for a single lot and in proportion for larger ones. The cost of opening a grave is \$10. Coroner Whitlock is authority for the statement that the annual burials are not above 50. This would give the sexton \$1000 a year. After he pays the grave-diggers and other costs of operation there certainly cannot be much left.

Economy was given as the reason for preparing graves in advance. The cost of digging one grave is \$10 but by digging several at a time the cost is reduced to \$6 or \$7 each. During the influenza epidemic this practice was started and the economical feature discovered. So it has continued.

The location was originally a gift in perpetuity for cemetery purposes. Its control was vested in a board of trustees. The majority are dead. There is no provision for chafes for care and upkeep of the individual lots. Plainly the place is in its present condition from no individual fault but from the general neglect of the community.

If the community wants to remedy conditions the practical plan suggest-

Men Wanted in the Lumber Industry

Men are wanted for the mill camps in Klamath county in considerable numbers, for swamping, railroad work, mill, setter, off bearers, slab and other work right now, according to the statements of James Ryan, manager of the lumbermen's employment bureau on Main street today.

"I can place a lot of men now who want to go to work and the lowest wage per hour than I have to offer is 35 cents. This wage is the minimum and for skilled workers, the rate is higher still. Look at that board," and Ryan pointed to a long list of "wanted," I have not enough men on hand now to fill those calls."

FLUME WORK IS NEAR FINISHED

The last concrete which will be poured on the pre-cast sections for the Henley flume, which is under construction by the United States Reclamation Service nine miles south of the city will be turned into the molds August 13 and after that has set, the tearing down of the old wooden flume will begin as soon as the farmers have been notified of the date for shutting off of the water in the canal.

Superintendent Jack Whitney was in the city today and gave out the information that the work had been slowed down temporarily, as the concrete mixer is undergoing minor repairs this week. This traveling mixer had been used steadily all season without repairs but the strain had begun to tell on it and minor repairs were necessary now to make it hold out until the mending work was completed.

Only Two of Alaska Dead Unidentified

EUREKA, Aug. 10.—The body of Elaine Dyer of La Grande, Oregon, was identified in the morgue today. This leaves only two of the 18 bodies recovered from the wreck of the Alaska unidentified. Both are members of the crew.

SUITS TO COLLECT

Harry Poole has been made defendant on two counts in a suit filed in the circuit court today by the Klamath Hardware company who allege that he has not paid an alleged balance of \$56.26 due since July 10 also that he has not paid an alleged loan of \$200 to J. P. Campbell, borrowed December 1, 1920. Interest at 6 per cent and attorney's collection fees are included in the costs of both suits.

The Business Service Bureau have filed suit in the circuit court against J. G. Goble alleging that the defendant has not paid J. E. Enders the sum of \$414.99 for merchandise.

ELECTRIC COMPANY FORMED

The Comet Electric company of Klamath Falls, capitalized for \$2500, has filed articles of incorporation at Salem. The incorporators are Howard A. Uhlig, Willie Mae Uhlig and W. D. Coburn.

ed is to turn control of the cemetery over to the county or city and raise sufficient funds by either taxation or subscription to clear off the weeds and brush, straighten up the tombstones and repair the enclosures and fences. After that is done there should be a sufficient charge made for care of the lots to bring in an annual revenue that would keep the place in a clean condition.

The road up the hill is another matter that needs attention. On several occasions last winter the accumulated adobe on the wheels stalled the hearses and the pall bearers had to carry the casket for a long distance.

And finally one encounters the questions as to whether the present site in the middle of a rapidly growing residential district is the proper place for a cemetery. That is a bigger question than the one of improvement and will not be discussed here, but it is a question that is nevertheless being asked in connection with the matter.

\$3000 WILL BE RAISED FOR CO. FAIR PREMIUM

The revised premium list for the county fair to be held here October 5, 6 and 7 is being prepared for the printer and when the prices for the various exhibits are all listed, the board expect to have at least \$3,000 to offer. Today the \$2,000 point was reached and there were many premiums to be added to the list.

The fair board have appealed to the wives of the farmers to save their choice canning products for exhibition purposes and ask that white glass jars be used so as to show the fruits, vegetables or other products caused to the best advantage.

The women's auxiliary of the chamber of commerce are going to join with the fair board in having one of the finest exhibits of flowers ever shown here during the fair week. When the flower show was given in the chamber rooms, the exhibits attracted much attention as all the flowers came from city gardens. The exhibit during the fair will bring many choice specimens from the rural districts and this arrangement will bring together the best that Klamath county can produce prior to snow time.

A meeting of the fair board will be called some time this week to take up the question of perfecting a permanent association to purchase fair grounds and plan the entertainment for next year. The proposition which the board have under advisement is the one broached at the beginning of the Fourth of July celebration, and the money left over from Fourth of July, and money from other sources, will be used to further the plan. The report of the Fourth of July celebration shows a balance of \$458.59.

Advertising for the fair is being sought for the premium list and so far the merchants have been generous with their patronage.

In connection with the premium list, the board again ask that the farmers of this county save their best exhibits of farm products now for the fall exhibit.

Make that five dollar work! Put it in the bank.

Coyote Seeking for Water Invades Farm Yard, Battles Dogs

Driven by thirst to the water hole in front of the farm house of Elmer Ayres, who lives at the south end of Swan lake, 15 miles from Klamath Falls, a female coyote dashed madly into the farmyard Friday last, gulped a few drops of water and then attempted to defend herself from an attack by a six months old shepherd dog.

The coyote between snatches at the water, fought with a bloodhound and two other shepherd dogs beside the cub, but in the end, after a desperate battle, was finally killed by the bloodhound.

This afternoon, Mr. Ayres collected a bounty of \$4 from the county for the coyote. He stated that it was very dry in his vicinity and all the water holes and even the small lake near the old Turner Mill were dried up. Coyotes have been visiting his place frequently in search of water the last two weeks.

STORM PICNIC PARTY ENJOYED EVENING OUTING

The picnic of employees of the H. N. Moe store at McCormack's point last night, was an enjoyable affair, according to persons who participated. The return trip over the lake by moonlight was especially enjoyable.

S. F. TO SIGN STREETS SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 10.—Four-way blue enameled street signs, patterned after the street crossing signs of New York city are soon to be placed in the San Francisco downtown section. City officials consider the signs the best made and most attractive signs of their kind.