

DAMAGE TO WHEAT IS HEAVY

Reports Now the Chief Factor in the Markets

Patten Not Buying on That Score, However—Says There is Plenty of Corn

Chicago, May 21.—The Record-Herald says:

"The damage to the winter wheat which has been an increasing factor for a fortnight, and which has become finally the chief influence in the wheat market," says William S. Warren, "is within a large circle, including parts of Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee, Kentucky and Missouri. It is a great soft wheat area. The reports indicate that the crop trouble has been mainly from the Hessian Fly in the low lands, but my information indicates that there has been some general deterioration on the uplands, a sort of plant debility from the cold weather."

"My summarization of the situation is that the losses have been on a scale to change one's crop expectations by about 100,000,000 bushels. We have been going on the assumption of an \$80,000,000 bushel wheat harvest, with no accidents in the northwest. I do not think anyone now, still presuming that perfect conditions exist in the Northwest, can figure on more than 700,000,000 bushels of wheat."

"I am buying no wheat on the crop damage claim," said James A. Patten. "I believe the general appearance of deterioration is mainly the result of the cold weather early in the month. The wheat is yellow, but if it is a mere matter of cold weather in May, as I believe, the plant will green up again. The oats through Illinois needs rain, but their condition is not desperate. A week of wet weather will make the Illinois prospect look very different. As to the corn, my opinion is that the bulls do not appreciate just how much corn the country has to sell. One station in Illinois today, Chicago, bought 145,000 bushels."

The board of trade directors yesterday ordered posted for a ballot of the membership that amendment which makes deliverable on board of trade contracts, in addition to the wheat grades now deliverable, No. 1 hard and No. 2 hard winter, provided, however, that on all No. 1 and No. 2 hard winter wheat delivered on contracts 5 per cent shall be deducted. The price of the membership in the board of trade is around \$3000.

Gave Way Like Gentlemen.

Ed. Journal: Your war correspondent who wrote up the military maneuvers at the depot during the arrival of the President was evidently overcome by the Easter-egg bonnets, and hence accredited the brave members of the battalion with some yellow streaks, because they momentarily weakened when the Easter-eggsters made their onslaught to get near "His Nobles, the President, War correspondents, doing field duty, should always carry the best glasses, and take great care not to charge soldiers with running away from the ladies. As a silent and harmless spectator at the depot, I consider it wonderful that the ladies got away themselves, as the only "weakening" I noticed among the militia boys was "towards" the Easter-egg bonnets, and not away from them. (Could you blame them, for whereabouts do Oregon girls see their finish?) Anyhow, is it not a question as to how far a soldier's duty extends? Is he employed by the state to tomahawk maidens when they want to see the President? I am in favor of a government of the people and by the people and for the people. So was Abraham Lincoln, so I am told. Let us honor our boys in blue (or, tan, I mean), and not charge cowardice to them, when it is in reality chivalry to the ladies. I consider a company who would not fall back, when attacked by the ladies, lacking in gentlemanly qualities, and not worthy the honor of the name of soldier. Yours for newspaper reports not carrying so many "colors." EX-PRIVATE.

Chemawa's Reception.

All the bears got up to the top of their tree as soon as the Presidential train came in sight, and looked to see if Teddy had his gun.

The train just stopped, and Mr. Campbell had time to shake hands with the President, and then they slowly pulled out.

Otto Beatty and Joseph Woodward, two young American bronco busters raced with the train from near Salem to the crossing north of Chemawa, and shook hands with the President as he stood on the hind platform, while the train was making more than six miles per hour. Roosevelt commended the boys, and as he shook hands with them, said: "Well done boys, good for you. And the boys are proud, Oh, my."

Nearly every house in this vicinity was decorated today. Those by the railroad were decorated and crowded with cheering people. Everybody said, "Hu looks just like his picture," and he did. And the weather here was just perfect.

To Know the Time.

Ed. Journal: I noticed a recent correspondent in your valuable paper suggested the illumination of the big town clock. Since the change is of small expense, and of so much consequence to the general public, would it not seem advisable to replace this fossilized face with a modern illuminated one? I heartily agree with your observing correspondent, and would sign a petition, if presented to me, to be placed before the county officials. No argument can be argued against the change, except the cost of a light, and that will be next to nothing under the electric light company's new schedule. This is certainly a reasonable request, and for the benefit of all.

W. M. LIGHT.
Salem, May 21, 1903.

SPECIAL SESSION OF COUNCIL

To Act on Church, Ferry and High Streets

The call for bids for the general improvement of Ferry, Church and High streets expired last night at 8 o'clock, and no bids were filed with the city recorder for any of the improvements. The council will be called to meet Monday night, at 7 o'clock in special session, to take such steps as are necessary to complete this work within the time required by law. The council will also name an acting treasurer, to serve during the absence of City Treasurer Moir in Scotland.

Run Away and Wreck

The only accident yesterday was a runaway. M. L. Thompson, the Falls City druggist, let his team get away from him on High street. The team became frightened at a street car and started to run. Mr. Thompson did not care to take any chances, so fell out of the rear end of the buggy as soon as he could. At the feed stable, just in the rear of the Salem hotel, a large number of rigs had been left in the street, leaving only a narrow driveway, and the runaway team tried to run the gauntlet, but struck a lumber wagon, just beyond Low's stable. What remained of the buggy struck a tree, throwing the horses and bruising them some.

Mr. Thompson escaped with torn clothes, but, as the rig was hired, it remains to be seen who will have to stand the bill of damages.

Apple Crop East is Off

George H. Lamberson, secretary of the State Board of Horticulture, has received a letter from B. M. Tanner, a large wholesale fruit dealer of Kansas City, Mo., inquiring about the season's apple crop in Oregon. Mr. Tanner writes that the fruit crop throughout the whole Middle West was greatly damaged by severe frosts on the nights of April 27th and 30th. Up to that time the prospects were never better for an immense crop in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and other "fruit" states, states Mr. Tanner, reports "But now," states Mr. Tanner, "reports are coming in which indicate that only 40 or 50 per cent of the usual crop will mature."

Good for Oregon Growers. Secretary Lamberson is of the opinion that Oregon dealers will soon receive large fruit orders from the wholesale houses in Kansas City, Omaha and St. Louis. He also expects that within the next few weeks there will be quite a number of dealers and growers from the middle states here to inspect the orchards of this state.

Cyclones, frosts and bugs have been playing havoc with the orchards of the East for the past score of years, and the growers are said to be somewhat weary of the fight. This is expected to result in a large amount of outside capital being invested in Oregon fruit farms within the next few months.—Silvertonian.

To Prevent Accidents.

Ed. Journal: With your permission I would respectfully call attention to a great need. This need is the placing of automatic alarm bells at the street crossings on Twelfth street to give warning of the approach of trains. Some of the crossings are nearly "blind," and dangerous to a thoughtless person, or rather one who has other things to think about. North bound trains creep almost noiselessly out from the depot, and are upon these street crossings before we are aware. Would it be a bad suggestion to respectfully recommend that we "lock the barn door before the horse is stolen?"

TWELFTH STREET.

Salem, May 20th.

Valentine Roznoschek, a subject of King Franz Joseph, of Hungary, called upon County Clerk Roland yesterday afternoon and declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States.

The Lowenberg & Going Company yesterday paid \$1734.65 into the state treasury in payment for convict labor in the Northwest Stone Foundry, for the month of April.

R. T. Steelman, a native of Ohio, aged 54 years, was yesterday brought to the insane asylum from Gold Hill, Jackson county, by Sheriff J. M. Hodder and one guard.

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SERIOUS SHOOTING AFFRAY

Woman Seeks the Life of Her Son-in-Law

Mrs. Maxfield Tries to Take the Life of the Man Who Eloped With Her Daughter

Mrs. Maxfield attempted to kill Otto Hall, who recently eloped from this city with her daughter, Charlotte Maxfield, at the corner of Second and Baker streets, about 7:30 o'clock yesterday evening. Hall and Miss Maxfield had been married near Vancouver, Wash., and had just returned to this city, and were on their way to the home of some friends when Mrs. Maxfield met them. After vainly endeavoring to persuade her daughter to leave Hall and go with her, Mrs. Maxfield pointed a revolver directly at Hall, and fired. She was standing only a few feet away, and the pistol was almost against Hall's body. The bullet struck a button on Hall's trousers and another button directly beneath it, thus ransacking it to glance, and saving his life. The glancing bullet, although checked by contact with the buttons, struck Hall with sufficient force to inflict a painful but not serious wound on the abdomen, but not penetrating entirely through the skin.

After the first shot had been fired Hall started to run, while Mrs. Maxfield fired five more times at him. One of the bullets entered a window of the residence of Mrs. Saltmarsh. Some of Hall's friends seized Mrs. Maxfield and disarmed her. She was then arrested and soon placed in the county jail.

Hall was taken to the office of Dr. Hill, where his wounds were dressed, and he was then taken to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Rainwater, in East Albany. His young wife is with him, and say she will not return to her mother.

This shooting affair is the outcome of the recent sensational elopement, a full account of which was published in the Herald. Mrs. Maxfield threatened that she would kill him, and she endeavored to make good her threat. Hall owes his life to what seems to be a miracle.—Albany Herald.

A Hair-Brained Order.

The conductors of this division, says the Roseburg Plaindealer, have lately received a most peculiar order from their officials, and it is with disgust that it is spoken of in railroad

that the conductors on trains which circles. The order is to the effect carry train agents must ride in the engine. Now wouldn't Dave Houston, Shan Conner, Jas. Hansbrough, Wm. Fersell and the rest of the old-timers, who have spent their lives in the coaches, look like perched upon the crowded seat in the engine, which is hardly large enough for one man. It is needless to say that, so far, the order has not been complied with by a single conductor, and a number of them have sent word to the officials that they will not endanger their lives by riding in an engine cab, where, in case of an accident, it is a miracle if two men can save their lives, and where a third will make the chances of escape more difficult. We wonder what office boy originated the idea, and who was foolish enough to think the conductors would comply with it. There is about as much sense in such an order as to issue one asking the officials to ride over the road in a box car.

Public Schools Have Closed.

The Gervais public schools have ceased for the season. The new term will open in October next. The past school year has been unquestionably the most successful one ever taught in this district. Mr. Fletcher and his assistants have made an excellent showing—the results are all that could be expected. The closing exercises at the opera house Friday night were witnessed and enjoyed by a large audience. The individual work of each one was splendid, and the volunteer work of Miss Amy Harding at the piano, Miss Baughman in her vocal solos, and Miss Richmonds in recitation assisted the program materially.—Gervais Star.

Remember the rendition of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," at the M. E. church Monday evening, May 25th.

"What gets me," says Uncle Tom, "is how in thunder they expect a fellow to get his dog into the new post-office through those storm doors."

Sort of inconsistent, wasn't it, praying for the good Lord to stop it raining just to let Teddy reign for a while?

Business man's maxim: "Be sure you're right, then go sideways," says the crab.

Comrades of the Union Veterans' Union.

U. S. Grant Circle No. 5, Ladies of the G. A. R., will meet at their hall on Sunday, May 23d, at 10 o'clock, sharp, and will attend memorial services at the Baptist church. All comrades and families cordially invited.

Musical.

Don't forget it. Tonight, at the Holman hall, under the auspices of Silver Bell Circle, A. O. U. W., Miss Beatrice Shelton's pupils, assisted by some of the best elocutionary and vocal talent of the city. Cake and ice cream. All for 25c.

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