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BUMPER WHEAT CROP PROMISED

The crop outlook, especially that of winter wheat, is heartening. The government was disappointed as to the acreage, it expecting above 47,000,000 acres while the actual area planted is only 42,170,000. This however is considerable more than last year's acreage. The condition of the crop is the best since 1914 when the bumper winter wheat crop was grown, it totaling 684,990,000 bushels. Last year the yield was 418,070,000 bushels of winter wheat and the yield of Spring wheat was correspondingly low. If the spring wheat makes as good a showing as the winter crop the year will probably set the record for wheat production.

Last year the spring wheat yielded 250,359,000 bushels and the total of both spring and winter wheat for the United States was 659,797,000 bushels. It will be seen that the highest estimate of the winter wheat this year gives a yield about equal to the total crop last year. With an average spring crop and the winter crop turning out up to estimates there will be in round numbers 300,000,000 bushels more wheat this year than last. The rye crop also shows a substantial increase, the estimates this year being for a yield of 82,629,000 bushels against 60,145,000 last year, a gain of 22,000,000 bushels.

The hay crop is estimated at 107,550,000 tons with more than 11,000,000 tons still on hand from last year. In this connection it is of interest to know that the average consumption of wheat in the United States is 5.3 bushels per capita. It requires 87,271,000 bushels for seed and the total requirements under normal conditions are 582,101,000 bushels. This left us last year a surplus of 77,000,000 bushels. These latter figures show to what extent conservation of wheat was carried in the United States, for while the exact amount of wheat exported is not available it was more than 100,000,000 bushels more than our surplus. It is something Americans may well feel proud of that they as a nation voluntarily deprived themselves of their accustomed food out of sympathy for, and to aid their allies and neutral countries, which must have suffered severely had this sacrifice not been made. It will be but a short time now until the wheat of 1918 is available and it will no longer be necessary to go on short rations of bread, or to use substitutes for wheat in the making of it. At the same time it will be the part of wisdom to continue the food conservation plan, for wheat will keep and we must be prepared to help feed our allies indefinitely, or so long as the war may last. It is probable too, that this will be done voluntarily by many who prefer the coarser breads brought to their attention by the necessities due to the war. Potatoes will cut a bigger figure in bread making from this time on. It is just as well that this is so, for it will help steady the bread prices after the war is over.

And now they say that Colonel Roosevelt will carry his fight against Postmaster General Burleson into the senate. Quite likely—the doughty colonel fights only with his mouth and the senate is a splendid arena for such a battle. Furthermore, Our George will be there to champion his cause and lead his cohorts of wind-jammers so their desperate onslaught against the government.

The law requires that names on the ballots be placed in alphabetical order. On the city ballot this year for the office of city marshal there are three candidates and the first on the list, his name commencing with the higher letter, is Varney. The other two are both Wrights.

Louis J. Simpson will make his permanent home in the Capital City of the state, if elected governor, so he publicly states. This is quite a refreshing bit of news to Salem people who naturally would welcome a resident of Mr. Simpson's type.

The first cyclones of the season were reported yesterday in Illinois and Iowa. They did considerable damage and took a small toll of lives. Here in Oregon let us say for the severalth time cyclones and tornadoes are unknown.

LADD & BUSH, Bankers

Second Installment of Twenty Per Cent on Third

Liberty Bonds will be due May 28, 1918.

NOT A SERVANT, BUT A BOSS

When a person holding a public office imagines he has a right to withhold information from a newspaper as to the public business of his office, he is making a mistake. A distinguished gentleman with an office under the big dome takes this position with regard to the Capital Journal and refuses to allow it to have any information as to what is done in his office. In fact he considers himself above criticism and undertakes to punish the Capital Journal because it has had, and still has, the temerity to talk frankly about his official acts. He arrogates to himself the right to deny the readers of the Capital Journal any information as to what is going on in his office. He assumes that the 25,000 people who read the Capital Journal have no rights so far as he is concerned that he is bound to respect. He imagines that instead of being a public servant he is a public boss, and has a right to dictate to others, and to the newspapers of the state. The Capital Journal has been frank in its criticisms and has expressed them in gentlemanly language, and avoided vituperation and abuse. It has said what it had to say about this distinguished citizen plainly and without malice. It believed it was doing its duty as a newspaper in exposing the O. A. C. president's salary graft, and in showing the connection of this distinguished personage with it. That is what hurt him. He could not deny a single assertion made of or concerning him by the Capital Journal. He virtually tells the 25,000 Capital Journal readers they have no right to know anything about his official acts.

After next Friday he will probably be more vindictive instead of feeling properly chastened, but his time for bossing will be shortened from what he hopes, by four years. He is at present the governor.

The English House of Commons knows how to deal with mouthy lime-light-seeking critics. The accusations had not much more than been made by Maurice that Lloyd George had issued untrue statements than the house took the matter up and settled it by a vote of nearly two to one against even appointing a committee to investigate the charges. Herbert Asquith has been the English Roosevelt ever since he went out of office devoting most of his time to criticising those whose acts he could not emulate. It was he who made the motion that a committee of investigation be appointed. It might be a good plan to appoint such a committee, but it should investigate Asquith, Maurice and the balance of that gang of fault finders.

Only four more working days before the primaries, that is for those who are not candidates. For the candidates Sunday will not prevent a little quiet effort, and mayhap a visit out in the country just to try out the auto and enjoy the beauties of nature and a conversation for a few minutes with old acquaintances.

Postmaster Burleson has called upon Theodore Roosevelt to present facts to sustain his attacks on the department or shut up. The colonel will, of course, do neither, because he is and always has been a big windy bluffer. Simply that and nothing more.

The Prussian military leaders and the Junker press of Germany have one of the attributes of the immortal Washington—they cannot tell a lie. That is they cannot tell a lie from the truth, and imagine other folks are similarly afflicted.

A strike is tying up most of the business activities of Butte. That, however, may be regarded as a normal condition in this hot-bed of labor unionism.

Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason

KEEPING COOL

I still am calmly speaking of war and swords and flags, while friends of mine are shrieking, and rending of their rags. I never saw much profit in people running wild, and borrowing from Tophet hot language that's defiled; I see no good in handing blue curses to the foe; it will not aid in landing a solar plexus blow. In raving and in ranting I see no earthly good; that fellow's most enchanting who calmly saws his wood. I am a loyal fellow, but so are other boys; I do not call them yellow because they make less noise. Oh, I get sick as blazes of that abnormal bore who roasts, in redhot phrases, the gent who lives next door; because said gent is quiet, and doth all fuss abhor, and can't believe that riot will help to win the war. Our president serenely a good example sets to every voter queenly who paws around and frets. His grievous load he carries, and does not pause to swear, while frantic Dicks and Harrys are clawing at the air. He springs no language bitter and yet all nations know that Woodrow is no quitter, and does not fear the foe. We cannot whip the Teuton, or chill his large splay feet, with language highfalutin, with curses and repeat.



WALT MASON

The Woman Who Changed

By JANE PHELPS

A SATISFACTORY DAY

CHAPTER LXXV.
My unhappy thoughts were interrupted by Celeste.
"It is time Madame dressed for the studio," she said. She had my dress on her arm—a new one I never had worn, but which I had told her I would christen because George was going to be at the studio.
I bathed my face, then dressed as quickly as possible. We would walk to the studio. It would help me to forget my musings, help me to forget my husband's ungracious speech.
It was a lovely morning, and by the time we reached the studio I had almost recovered my usual spirits. Merton was very enthusiastic, in spite of the unsatisfactory first sitting.
"We will have a wonderful portrait," he remarked as he started to work.
"I hope so, Mr. Howard is very anxious that it shall turn out well. He is coming in, a little later."
Did I imagine it, or did a flicker of annoyance really pass over the artist's face? In a way, I was glad he didn't want anyone to watch his work. I felt I should be so conscious, and that perhaps George would be disagreeable.
George has a companion.
The portrait went amazingly well. I was not nervous, and was able to hold the pose for a much longer time. I was resting when Merton's man ushered in George and Julia Collins.
"How is it going?" George asked, after greeting had been exchanged.
"Fine! I am delighted with my sitting."
"I am very glad. From Mrs. Howard's report, I judged she was anything but satisfactory in holding a pose for you."
"A full length?" Mrs. Collins inquired, looking at the canvas.
"Three quarters," Mr. Gray said easily.
"What kind of a gown are you wearing, the one you have on? It is very pretty," there was a patronizing note in her voice which nettled me.
"No, Mrs. Collins, I have had a very lovely gown made for the picture. This is one of my new summer gowns. I think I rather pretty, myself. I copied her tone as nearly as possible. I would be patronizing, too.
I saw a flash of some emotion cross George's face. It looked like pride, but I could not be sure.
"The gown makes very little difference, when the subject is young and beautiful," Merton Gray said soberly.
"An older woman needs the softening effect of velvets and satins, to set her off, but Mrs. Howard needs nothing save the gauzy draperies that accentuate her youth."
Julia Collins looked as if she would like to bite something.
"I suppose you mean to imply that I would have to be painted in a black velvet gown?" she said, with a laugh that failed to hide the sneer that lay behind it.
"Yes, you would need a gown of that sort, or some draperies to soften the portrait," he returned, evidently oblivious to her sneer. But I was sure he had noticed it, and was paying her back.
Holding Her Own.
My spirits were rising. I felt that Mrs. Collins was trying to belittle me before my husband, and I would not allow it. So I met jest with jest, repartee with repartee, veiled sneer with one still more delicately veiled. It was like an intricate game, where you watched your opponent's move and attempted to outwit him.
For once, I thought gratefully of Mrs. Sexton. The memory of her comment, when I repeated how I had met Julia Collins' snub, that day in the street, helped me wonderfully to hold my own now.
Mrs. Collins looked charming. That I had to concede. She wore a smart tailored suit of Scotch tweed, and a tiny hat of crimson straw that was wonderfully becoming to her dark beauty. The hat would have been most trying to nearly any other woman, but she had a knack of wearing unusual things in a chic way, all her own.
"We have done enough for today. Won't you allow me to offer you tea," Merton asked.
"Tea! At this time of day! No indeed. You go on with your picture. George will take me to the Elks for luncheon, won't you George?"
I felt myself flush at the intimacy displayed so openly, but I thought again of Mrs. Sexton, and said calmly:
"Yes, George, do. I am sure, if you had not come in, Mr. Gray would have worked longer. I am not at all tired, and you know my time is short."
"Come on, George. You see they're giving him no time to reply. He took his hat and they bade us good-bye."
"You have earned a reward. What shall it be?" Merton Gray asked, his eyes twinkling.
(Monday—Helen's Reward)

CITY NEWS

(Continued from Page Eight.)

who wonder whether the surgical department needs help, it may be added that the above number of pieces is not half of the amount required each month from this department.

Rev. H. N. Aldrich will speak at the temperance meeting to be held at the W. C. T. U. hall Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m.

Some folks do not believe in putting off the buying of a car too long as there is a probability that several of the big factories in the automobile business may reduce their output materially. Hence the following bought Fords this week: F. D. Bowman, city; John Faurey, route 4 Salem; Mike Neiger, route 1 Salem; G. F. Sargis, Brooks; Romeo Gouley, Brooks; William F. Kaplinger, route 6, Salem; J. G. Clymer, route 6, Salem and A. Tucker, Turner.

Members of the G. A. R. and the affiliating organizations, the Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies of the G. A. R., are planning to visit Albany next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, to attend the G. A. R. state convocation to be held at Albany May 13-14. It is probable that the national president of the relief corps, Mrs. Nancy Tarbox of Connecticut will be present.

Mrs. Chester Cox is home from Woodburn where she went to attend the funeral services of her grandmother, Mrs. W. A. Fash. For many years Mrs. Fash made her home in Salem, although during recent years she lived with her daughter Mrs. E. H. Cowles at Woodburn. She was well known for her literary talent, devoting much of her time in her earlier years to magazine writing, having been a contributor among other papers to the Capital Journal.

Alberta, Canada, may be all right, in some respects, but then there is the long cold winters. It seems that several families living near Bulwark, Alberta, have become rather tired of so much cold weather during about half of the year and are longing to come to a milder climate. The Commercial club is in receipt of a letter from James B. Fulton of Bulwark, Alberta, who writes that several families in that section are about all up on cold weather and that they want to come to the Willamette valley and especially in the section around Salem. He writes they want to establish a dairy and that each of the three or four families have several thousand dollars.

Miss Bessie Stilwell and Miss Frances Townsend are in the city today from Independence.

NO WORD FROM CYCLOPS.

Washington, May 10.—After 24 hours no verification has come to the navy department quarters today of yesterday's report that the United States collier Cyclops was safe, following a mutiny of her crew.

LIBERTY BONDS ON MARKET.

New York, May 10.—Bonds of the third Liberty loan appeared on the open market for the first time today, sales totalling \$1,542,000. They opened at 99.10. Low was 98.60.

TRY JOURNAL WANT ADS

RED CROSS WORKERS NEXT TO LAY PLANS FOR COMING CAMPAIGN

Committee Meeting Not Largely Attended But Spirit Was Excellent

Although the meeting at the Commercial Club held last evening to discuss the coming Red Cross campaign was not largely attended, yet those who were present were among the active workers who are the real spirit in such campaigns.
An address was delivered by Fred Strong on the general campaign and what was being done in other places. However, Mr. Strong said he felt he had very little to add to the work that had been done by Salem in the previous campaigns and that the city had one of the best organizations for patriotic work in the state.
A sister of Mr. Stone spoke of the work being done by women in the Red Cross campaigns. She suggested that those who could drive cars could aid materially by driving for the several workers who are to give their time next week.
O. B. Gingrich, who made such an enviable record a year ago in the Red Cross drive, was again appointed manager. August Hucklestein, who served as chairman a year ago, stated that on account of the absence of assistant postmaster Farrar and the work piling up in the postoffice, he would not be able to give so much time in any official capacity this year. A committee consisting of Henry Meyers, A. Hucklestein and O. B. Gingrich was appointed to select the chairman of the campaign.
On motion of Mr. Meyers, the ap-

pointment of Mr. Gingrich was made to choose the various working committees. Acting on the authority given him, Mr. Gingrich has made the following appointments: E. C. Paulus, cashier; R. A. Harris and the Rev. Robert S. Gill, publicity; Rollin K. Page, director of county work; W. H. Hamilton and J. A. Brownson, committee on personal and territory. The speakers bureau and the chairman have not as yet been appointed.

The allotment of Marion county for the Red Cross drive of \$600,000 in the state is \$30,000 and it is probable that Salem will be called on to raise about 69 per cent of the amount.

"We will have a compact organization," said Mr. Gingrich, "and we will put it over in two days."

The campaign is scheduled to begin May 20.

PERSONAL

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Constable Percy Varney went to Corvallis looking for a man who is wanted here for larceny.
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THRIFT STAMP DAY PROMISES SUCCESS

Many Booths Erected and Presided Over by Women of Salem

Today has been thrift stamp day in Salem and the ladies stationed in the booths throughout the business district have been doing a land office business. The success of "Booth Day" is due of course to the efforts of the business men in erecting convenient booths in front of their places of business and to the keen business sense of the women who have been placed in charge.
It has not been a mere matter of waiting in the booths for customers. The ladies have just got out and hustled for business and the great success of the day is due to their patriotic efforts.
Reports from the headquarters at the Commercial club indicate the sales will run well into the hundreds. Mrs. Charles Miller of the Marion hotel reported at noon today the sale of \$100 worth of stamps and others whose booths were favorably located report good sales.
Among those who gave their time today to the sale of stamps, from the booths erected were: Mrs. H. S. Poisal, Mrs. Cid Deolittle, Mrs. J. S. Graham, Mrs. Harry Hawkins, Mrs. Frank Spears, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Glen Rice, Mrs. J. E. Vincent, Mrs. J. B. Jones, Mrs. Ray L. Farmer, Mrs. Z. J. Riggs, Mrs. Bob Roberts, Mrs. F. G. Bowersox, Miss Beely, Mrs. Arthur Moore, Mrs. Carl Gregg Doney, Miss Stauffer, Mrs. W. E. Kirk, Mrs. Rhoden, Mrs. Josie Stewart and Mrs. Chas. Miller.

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