



# The Williams News



## INCREASE SHOWN IN U. S. CROP PROSPECTS

The July Crop Report Compiled By Bureau of Statistics, Estimates Large Increase in Nearly All Crops for 1917

Washington, D. C., July 9, 1917— A summary of the July crop report for the State of Arizona and for the United States as compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates (and transmitted through the Weather Bureau), U. S. Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

**Corn**  
State: July 1 forecast, 1,009,000 bushels; production last year (December estimate) 770,000 bushels.

United States: July 1 forecast, 3,120,000,000 bushels; production last year (December estimate), 2,583,241,000 bushels.

**ALL WHEAT**  
State: July 1 forecast, 870,000 bushels; production last year (December estimate), 1,160,000 bushels.

United States: July 1 forecast, 678,999,999 bushels; production last year (December estimate), 638,886,000 bushels.

**Oats**  
State: July 1 forecast, 400,000 bushels; production last year (December estimate), 338,000

United States: July 1 forecast, 1,450,000,000 bushels; production last year (December estimate), 1,251,992,000 bushels.

**Barley**  
State: July 1 forecast, 1,220,000 bushels; production last year (December estimate), 1,120,000 bushels.

United States: July 1 forecast, 214,000,000 bushels; production last year (December estimate), 180,927,000 bushels.

**Potatoes**  
State: July 1 forecast, 328,000 bushels; production last year (December estimate), 115,000 bushels.

United States: July 1 forecast, 452,000,000 bushels; production last year (December estimate) 285,437,000 bushels.

**All Hay**  
State: July 1 forecast, 551,000 tons; production last year (December estimate) 640,000 tons.

United States: July 1 forecast, 103,000,000 tons, production last year (December estimate) 109,786,000 tons.

### Bad Check causes Trouble

Ed Stanton, formerly of Williams, gave the Sultana Barber Shop a check two weeks ago with the request that Mr. Merritt hold the check until a certain date by which time he would have deposited the amount in the bank. When Mr. Merritt tried to cash the check he found that no funds had been deposited and Stanton had left town. The authorities were notified and quick work resulted in the apprehension of the man in Gallup N. M. Tuesday. The chief of police in that city wired that he was holding the man for the local authorities. The check which is causing the trouble is for the sum of \$50.

When arranged today before Judge Button, Stanton waived examination.

## BASEBALL DE LUXE SEEN LAST SUNDAY

The ball game played Sunday at the City race track, between the town and Santa Fe teams was quite a slick game, around 1st and 2nd bases and became a swimming match whenever a player tried to reach third base or the home plate. The pitcher's box was rather under the influence of the weather, also, tho this did not interfere with a good exhibition of slab artist's work.

In fact the whole game was snappy and no ardor was dampened even tho several ball suits will never again look as they used to.

The town team took the laurels with the score 13 to 5. The Santa Fe boys weakened before the excellent pitching of Ernest Hojo and failed to equal the town boys in fielding. (Who could equal Sweeney catching flies at second?) The town team seemed to like the mud some too, and waded right after all the flies that came off the bat.

Scotty McDougal was right there hitting the pill as usual, but often relinquished the honor of running to other aspirants for fame, after reaching 1st. This undoubtedly was very kind of Scotty. Excepting for a few spectacular plays when Proctor tried to blue the air, the afternoon was uneventful.

The players are becoming quite enthused over the way they are picking up the art and have arranged two more games for the coming Sundays. The first will be a game between the same teams that played last Sunday, and the second will be with Kingman, on July 22. This latter should be quite a classy game.

If possible, games will be arranged with Seligman and Winslow, in the near future.

The batteries for the game last Sunday were:

- Santa Fe**  
P., Conway and Torres.  
C., Proctor
- Town**  
P., Ernest Hojo  
C. Paddock

The proceeds from the game were given to the Williams Development Association.

### Does Classy Riding at Prescott

Mrs. Mary Means won new laurels at the Prescott Frontier Day's Celebration, July 3, 4 and 5. Mrs. Means is an expert on horseback and was asked to help in the celebration. She gave exhibitions of fancy riding not only on horseback but on steers, also. Mrs. Means proved skillful with the lariat in roping and tying calves, and added much to the pleasure of the spectators whenever she appeared. Mrs. Means undoubtedly is one of the most talented of the horsewomen of northern Arizona.

### Join Arizona First

Two Flagstaff men, Wm. Webb, formerly manager of the Coconino Sun, and George McNeil, also formerly an employe of the Sun, passed thru here Saturday night en route to the border where they hope to join the Arizona First. The young men were given an enthusiastic farewell in Flagstaff the band assisting at the depot.

## WORK OF RED CROSS MUCH APPRECIATED

The following letter is an expression of the gratitude felt by the National Red Cross council for the good work done by the local chapter and others whose efforts made Red Cross week such a great success.

The American Red Cross, Washington, D. C., June 30, 1917.

Mrs. E. B. Perrin, Williams, Arizona. Dear Mrs. Perrin:

At the close of the wonderfully successful campaign for the Red Cross War Fund I intended, in behalf of the War Council, to send you and your associates, a telegram of thanks and congratulations for your splendidly effective work. On reflection, however, I decided in view of the nation wide extent of our organization that it would be more economical, and equally satisfactory, to write to you instead of telegraphing.

We of the War Council are grateful to you, to your colleagues, to the devoted men and women of local Red Cross Chapters and Auxiliaries, and to every element and individual in your community who aided by service and contribution.

There is no method by which we can reach the legion of individuals, organizations, newspapers, churches, societies, bank companies and firms whose united effort has provided this great fund for humanity, and if through your press and by other means you can make public expression of our gratitude we shall deeply appreciate the courtesy. Their joint accomplishment has stirred the pride of every American.

I wish to add my personal thanks to you, and through you to all who contributed to the splendid result.

Very Sincerely yours,  
(Signed) H. P. DAVISON,  
Chairman Red Cross War Council

### Dr. and Geo. Rounseville Adjudged Guilty, by Jury

The jury which sat on the case of the State vs. Dr. A. G. and Geo. Rounseville, on the charge of violating the prohibitory amendment, on Monday and Tuesday, returned a verdict of guilty. Sentence had not yet been passed at the time of going to press.

The indictment was rendered by the Grand Jury in December, 1915. The case has since been postponed from time to time.

### Young Man Missing

About two weeks ago Walter Bauer, who has been working for the Santa Fe with Corkhill's bridge gang, left the camp and has not returned. Some fear is expressed concerning his safety as he left no word of intentions to leave and did not draw his pay check. He is described as about twenty years old, clean shaven and with auburn hair.

Chas. Woolfolk was in town today, looking after road matters in this end. Among the roads under consideration is a shorter road in from Red Lake Valley. Mr. Woolfolk returned to Flagstaff this afternoon.

## FORESTRY REGIMENT BEING ORGANIZED

Announcement that fifteen men are the remaining quota to be allowed Northern Arizona for the Forestry Regiment, recruiting for which was recently started, has been received from District Forester Redington, of Albuquerque, N. M.

This regiment will be sent to France as soon as it is recruited and given approximately six weeks intensive training at Fort Leavenworth and Washington, D. C.

The positions for which applications will be considered for this number of men consist principally of fellers and buckers, swampers, loaders, teamsters, carriage men, lumber stackers and cooks.

It is expected that the next week will see the regiment fully recruited, so that all men desiring to volunteer should immediately submit their applications. Blank forms and complete information can be secured by either interviewing or writing Ira T. Yarnell, Forest Supervisor, Williams, Arizona.

### RED CROSS CLASSES

Two classes will commence work next week in the manual training room of the public school building. Mrs. Dye and Mrs. Sine will have a class on Wednesday, from 2 to 5 P. M., the work being fracture pillows and arm slings. On Friday, from 2 to 5 P. M., Mrs. Rousseau will have a class on general dressing work. There will be work for all to do and the women can work in both classes if they wish to do so. Please bring your scissors.

Anyone desiring Red Cross buttons can now secure them from Mrs. R. Wentz.

### GUN CLUB SHOOT SUNDAY MORNING

The Williams Gun Club will hold the first of a series of eight shoots, next Sunday morning. Five medals are offered as prizes, the first being worth \$50. Negotiations have been taken up with Interstate Trap Shooters Association to have two silver spoons given away each month as trophies.

The shooting will be done under the Dupont Handicap system which gives the beginner as much chance of winning as the men old at the sport.

During these shoots the Williams team will contest with the Holbrook team for the Northern Arizona championship. Williams has won for two years in succession and if successful this year, will be awarded the silver loving cup which is offered as a trophy, to keep permanently.

Automobiles will carry all those wishing to participate, to the new Gun Club grounds. These machines will leave the Postal Telegraph Office between 9:30 and 10 Sunday morning.

Miss Virgie Lockett, of Flagstaff attended the dance Wednesday evening.

Mr. Robert Dags returned to Williams the first of the week.

Donofrio's Ice Cream on sale every day, at The Racket Store.

## INTERESTING INTERVIEW WITH R. A. NICKERSON

The editor of the News, hearing that Mr. R. A. Nickerson, Manager of the Saginaw & Manistee Lumber Company, had given expression to some timely suggestions of ways in which the farmers about Williams might benefit themselves thru the use of community machinery, interviewed Mr. Nickerson upon this and other subjects of public interest, last Monday, and was well repaid for his trouble. Not only did Mr. Nickerson have some good suggestions to offer the farmers, but he made a number of good suggestions for the town and community, as well, and displayed an earnest desire to cooperate in any undertaking for the good of the community.

Mr. Nickerson did considerable work this spring in the way of aiding many farmers to secure seed, which was done by him as an individual and not as a member of the State Council of Defense as some supposed. In fact, Mr. Nickerson stated that he is not a member of the Council of Defense, but is a member of a sub-committee on "Mines and Manufactures" of which a member of the Council of Defense, is chairman. As a member of this committee, it was his duty to assist in compiling information regarding the manufacturing machinery and the number of men employed in the mines and factories within the state of Arizona. This work was soon accomplished.

### Community Machinery

Mr. Nickerson would suggest the use of community-owned machinery as the best solution for many of the labor problems confronting the farmers about Williams. If the price of potatoes should drop to something like normal this fall, due to the enormous crop planted, the farmers will have need of cheap labor for harvesting their crops. Cheap labor will be practically unobtainable, due to the great demand for labor of all kinds in the industries of the country. As a remedy for this serious situation which threatens the loss of a part of the potato crop, Mr. Nickerson would suggest the use of potato diggers which might well be community owned. One potato digger will do the work of a large number of hand pickers.

The community machinery plan, too, might solve to a large extent the problem facing the farmers, of getting their land plowed in the fall when they will be busy harvesting their crops. A good tractor with large gang plows could easily turn the land of a number of farmers, and the expense to any one would not be large. Machinery is capable of greatly reducing the acre cost of production.

Mr. Nickerson suggests that the same plan might be followed with regard to other harvest machinery, and that in this the great handicap of insufficient capital for individual ownership of the needed machinery might be overcome.

**Would Conserve Potato Crop**  
Mr. Nickerson pointed out a (Continued of Fourth Page)

## MANY INTERESTING SHORT DRIVES ABOUT WILLIAMS

Williams has some of the most interesting short drives that can be found in northern Arizona notably the Coleman Lake drive which passes thru canyon and pine forests, the Elephant Park drive and Sunset Point drive. The latter compares favorably with the famous Sunset Point at Grand Canyon.

Williams Sunset Point is situated at the top of the Ash Fork hill. From this point especially at sunset time, the view extending for many miles west is one of the grandest sights one could wish to witness.

To reach Sunset Point one follows the regular automobile road west, which runs thru beautiful pine forests and by McClellan Lake. The road at this time is smoother and better than for several seasons past.

Nearly every evening auto parties drive out to Sunset Point to enjoy the beautiful sunsets seen from the high elevation, but large cars have experienced considerable difficulty in turning around at the top of the grade on account of the deep ditch on either side of the narrow road, but now this difficulty is a thing of the past.

Monday evening F. E. Lowe, G. B. Kirkpatrick, C. E. Dunlap and H. F. Cushman loaded picks and shovels into their cars and spent nearly four hours improving two ditches between Supai and McClellan and fixing a crossing across the ditch at Sunset Point and moving probably more than a ton of rock and boulders.

Now cars can drive off the road and turn around inside a large space entirely cleared of rocks and boulders and drive back onto the road with absolutely no trouble.

### Sneak Thief Caught

Bobbie Burns today arrested a Mexican, Elicio M. Ortiz, charged with stealing a pair of pants and selling them to Mr. Kelly, of the second hand store. He was arrested upon evidence supplied by Mr. Kelley who grew suspicious after the Mexican appeared with a second pair of pants which he wished to sell cheap.

The pants were plainly new as the price and inventory tags had not been removed. A bunch of pass keys such as those usually carried by store robbers was found on the person of Ortiz.

The prisoner was turned over to the county authorities and this afternoon hailed before Judge Button, and received a sentence of ninety dollars and ninety days. He will go to Flagstaff tonight to take up residence at the county jail.

The pants were identified by Pete Campbell, in charge of W. C. Rittenhouse's store during the latter's absence, as having come from the clothing stock there.

Mrs. Smith, Adolph Boentsh and Edwin Babbitt, of Flagstaff attended the dance Wednesday evening.

W. W. Bass was in town today on his way to Los Angeles, on business in connection with a mining deal.