

VARIATIONS IN CROPS MARKED THROUGH STATE

County Agent Reports Show Generally Good Crops, with Some Damage Reported

WESTERN PART GOOD

Believed that Yields in Western Part of the State Will Exceed Valley

Remarkable variation in grain yields throughout the state are shown in reports made by county agents to County Agent Leader Haw.

The yields continue to bear out the previous information that there is a good crop throughout North Dakota.

The yields this year, however, county agents reports indicate, show clearly the difference between good farming and poor farming.

Reports of yields as gathered from county agent reports from many counties include:

Buttineau—Sixty per cent of rye threshing completed with yields ranging from 18 to 40 bushels.

Marquis and Ruby wheat badly rusted in some neighborhoods and Kubanka, D-1, and D-5 show no damage.

Burke—Threshing will start about August 20. Rye will cut the yield of late sown wheat considerably.

Oats and barley mostly in shock. Potato yield to be cut heavily due to bug damage and disease.

Hay is excellent. Much loss has been caused by lodging of wheat due to the wheat stem saw fly.

Foster—Few pieces of rye threshed, averaging 15 bushels to acre. Losses will range from 5 to 30 per cent in potato fields.

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In Prize Contest



MISS HELEN BAKER

Miss Baker is well known from her connection with the First Guaranty bank of Bismarck.

CONTESTANTS RUN CLOSE IN MISSISSIPPI

Stephens and Vardaman Few Votes Behind Each Other in Early Returns

(By the Associated Press) Jackson, Miss., Aug. 16.—Returns from isolated sections in the Democratic primary yesterday were awaited today to determine whether former Senator James K. Vardaman or Hubert D. Stephens of New Albany will succeed John Sharp Williams.

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LEGISLATION CONSIDERED BY AUDITORS

Methods to Increase Efficiency of Public Service Are Discussed Here

PEMBINA PLAN GIVEN

Effort to Increase Knowledge of Conditions Among Tax-payers Successful

Legislation to increase the efficiency of public service and lessen the expense was urged before the county auditors of the state in session here by William W. Felson, auditor of Pembina county.

Mr. Felson urged, among other things: A better state budget system, a better county budget system, a better school budget system and a better township city and village budget plan.

Mr. Felson also outlined before the county and auditors a plan used in Pembina county to increase the efficiency of the public service by interesting the public in it.

"The systems of accounting and reporting public transactions should be simple in form, yet adequate to show that the person or officials in charge have given careful consideration to their work."

School Budget Plan. "During the past year in Pembina county effort has been made to make the annual meeting of township, village and school officials worth while and a more successful event."

Mr. Felson described in detail the questionnaire to school officials. Governor Nestos, in addressing the auditors, urged that this plan be followed throughout the state.

Urges Same Ballot. Among the changes in laws to be urged by county auditors is that the same ballot be used for men and women voters and that there be but one total made.

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Max Osler Takes Step to Wed Daughter of Harvester Head

Lucerne, Switzerland, Aug. 16.—Max Osler is reported to have gone to Basle, his native town, where he must take the first legal steps in obtaining the necessary papers for his marriage to Miss Mathilde McCormick, the youthful grand daughter of John D. Rockefeller.

SOFT COAL MINERS BEGIN PRODUCTION

Many Producers, However, Must Be Placated Before Resumption Is General

ANTHRACITE CASE NEXT

National Convention of Operators and Miners to Be Held October 2

(By the Associated Press) Cleveland, O., Aug. 16.—For the first time in twenty weeks, striking soft coal miners at scattered points in seven states were today under orders to begin coal production.

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Non-Union Suspects Flogged. At Little Rock, Ark., George Walker, 19, and Frank Walker, 17, were seized by three men in the Missouri Pacific yards, taken into the country and flogged. Neither had been working in the railroad shops but were making their way to their home in Chicago.

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NATION AWAITS PRESIDENT HARDING'S MESSAGE UPON STRIKE SITUATION WHICH IT IS EXPECTED WILL PUT FORCE OF FEDERAL POWER BEHIND TRAIN OPERATION

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OUTBREAKS CONTINUE

Disappointment Expressed Over Rejection by Union of President's Proposals

(By the Associated Press) Chicago, Aug. 16.—Transportation tie-ups in the far west began to unravel today as railroads and union leaders were headed toward direct negotiations for the ending of the railroad strike.

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RELIEF OF COAL SHORTAGE OVER NORTHWEST ANYTHING BUT BRIGHT, DECLARES FEDERAL FUEL AGENT

SITUATION ACUTE. Pierre, S. D., Aug. 16.—"South Dakota still faces the problem of obtaining sufficient fuel for winter needs," said J. J. Murphy, state fuel administrator today.

"The news of settlement of the coal strike was received with much gratification. Our burden will be lightened but not eliminated. Even if sufficient to meet our requirements in season as well as confronted with the tremendous task of distribution. The situation is considered serious."

(By the Associated Press) St. Paul, Aug. 16.—Prospects for relief of the coal shortage in the northwest were declared today to be "anything but bright" by C. P. White, federal fuel distributor for the northwest, who arrived here today.

Mr. White declared that there is no coal on the Lake Erie docks, that there is very little in transit on the lakes and that the movement from the non-union coal fields to Lake Erie ports is only approximately 50 per cent of normal.

Some of the non-union mines are being furnished with only about 20 per cent of their normal supply of cars, he said. "Settlement of the coal strike will of course have some effect upon the situation but this effect will not be felt immediately," Mr. White said. "No great amount of relief can be expected in the northwest or any other section of the country until something is done to improve the railroad situation."

The equipment of the roads is in poor shape, they have an insufficient number of men and the situation in general is becoming worse instead of better.

Mr. White will remain in the northwest for several weeks, or at least until the coal crisis has passed.

Mr. White and Ivan Bowen, state fuel administrator, will leave tonight for Duluth, where they will join Governor Preus for a conference tomorrow morning. Mr. White then will return here to open his offices.

In a telegram to Governor Preus today, Senator Frank B. Kellogg declared that 150,000 tons of coal have been allocated for Lake Michigan and Lake Superior ports for this week. He explained that this is in addition to the 200,000 tons given priority for the northwest by the federal fuel administration.

An additional 400,000 tons has been allocated to the northwest for next week.

TO CONTINUE AGREEMENT. Washington, Aug. 16.—Declaring that the federal coal distribution committee cannot yet assume that the coal strike has ceased, federal fuel distributor Spencer indicated today that the voluntary price agreement would be continued at least temporarily.

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The administration will support these officers fully in the full, fair and fearless discharge of their duties and powers as police officers under the laws of our state. I believe the Attorney General has already advised local law officers that they will have the support of his office to the fullest extent in dealing with law breakers of this type.

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12 Persons Believed Lost in Montreal Boys' Orphanage Fire

Montreal, Aug. 16.—Twelve persons are believed to have perished in a fire that destroyed the Jewish Boys Orphanage at Strawbridge last night and threatened the village. The cause is undetermined.

It is reported that eight of the sixty orphans in the institution were missing on a roll call after the fire. Among those it is feared died are Thomas Legault, 42, carpenter, his wife, 41, his son Jean, 12, and his daughter, 14.

O'CONNOR IN REPLY TO SUIT OF HELSTROM

Will Seek to Have Proceedings Quashed on Ground No Service Was Made

Answer to the suit brought by F. O. Helstrom to contest nomination of J. P. O'Connor of Grand Forks as Democratic candidate for U. S. senate was served upon Mr. Helstrom here late yesterday. O'Connor also serving notice that on August 26 he would make a motion in the district court at Williston before Judge McNeill to have all proceedings quashed.

The basis of O'Connor's answer which is drawn by C. M. Peterson, Grand Forks lawyer and O'Connor's partner, is that no service of Helstrom's suit was made by sheriff of Grand Forks county, is being alleged that papers were left at O'Connor's law office during his absence and that no service was made personally or at his residence.

The suit contesting the nomination of O'Connor was instituted in Ward district court by Helstrom, alleging O'Connor was not qualified to accept the nomination because he violated corrupt practices act in entering into an alleged combination of Republicans and Democrats to defeat the purpose of primary law. O'Connor's answer does not go into the merits of the charge, simply asserting the action has no standing in court. O'Connor replied to Helstrom's charge in a newspaper interview.

No contention was made by O'Connor that suit of Helstrom was filed too late.

WHEAT THRESHED ON MORAN FARM

Joseph Kelley, of the Copelin Motor company, conducted a demonstration threshing using a Fordson tractor for power, at the farm of Mrs. Jennie Moran, southeast of Bismarck Monday. Sixty-five bushels of wheat were brought to the elevator here, the first wheat received. It was figured, Mr. Kelly said, that the wheat made about 25 bushels to the acre and graded No. 1 hard.

DRINKS "CANNED HEAT". Fargo, N. D., Aug. 16.—William Lane, who appeared on an intoxication charge told the magistrate that he had drunk a liquor made by boiling "canned heat," a camphor fuel preparation. Federal prohibition agents say that this preparation has been used as a beverage in other parts of the country.

The cucumber originated some 3000 years ago, probably in India.

EMBEZZLEMENT OF \$258,000, CHARGE MADE

Treasurer of Hennepin County Is Accused in Six Indictments by Grand Jury HAD RESIGNED OFFICE

Minneapolis, Aug. 16.—Embezzlement of \$258,000 of Hennepin county funds is charged in six indictments returned today by the county grand jury against Henry C. Hanke, county treasurer, shortly after he had resigned that office.

The shortage in the treasurer's accounts was discovered yesterday by the state public examiner's office. A second defendant was named in the indictments but his identity was not disclosed.

Hanke spent the night at the home of Sheriff Earl Brown and he was reported ready to go before a district judge and ask permission to withhold his plea for the time being.

County Auditor A. P. Erickson was preparing to call a special meeting of the board of county commissioners for late today to act on Hanke's resignation.

Each of five indictments charge Hanke with embezzlement of \$40,000 and the sixth names \$58,000. Hanke, it was declared, is prepared to turn over his personal holdings to offset part of the shortage.

Henry C. Hanke for 17 years Hennepin county treasurer, was sentenced to from one to ten years in the state penitentiary this afternoon when he pleaded guilty in district court to first degree grand larceny in the embezzlement of \$258,000 in county funds.

M'KENZIE CASE IS CONTINUED

After Brief Testimony It Again Goes Over Week

St. Paul, Aug. 16.—After brief testimony late yesterday, the hearing to prove the purported will of the late Alexander McKenziefier former political leader of North Dakota, was continued for one week by Probate Judge Howard Wheeler.

Mrs. Anna McKenzie McDonald and Mrs. Mary Barbary Foster, children by the first marriage of McKenziefier and legatees to the bulk of the estate of their father, are making an effort to placate the three children of the second marriage especially Miss Jeannette McKenziefier, in order to avoid any friction and possible contest of the will.

This was learned from an authoritative source following the hearing.

It is said that efforts are directed specially toward a larger share of the estate for Miss Jeannette McKenziefier although the two brothers, Alexander McKenziefier, Jr., and Thomas A. McKenziefier also are said to be dissatisfied. Each of the three would receive \$50,000.

The two children of the first marriage, Anna and Mary McKenziefier, are given the residue of the estate after payment of debts and specific bequests estimated at nearly \$600,000 for the two.

Testimony as to the signature of witnesses to the will was given in court.

WHISKEY CARS, HOLD-UP MEN, ENTER STATE

Reports Indicate, Says Statement of Governor, They Are Attracted to State

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