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STATE PRODUCT

AS TOLD BY A MINNEAPOLIS PAPER OF A RECENT DATE. MONTANA IS PROSPEROUS.

Montana has 30,000,000 acres of arable land that is being brought under irrigation.

The state, for ten years past, has yielded, as the average per acre, 26.7 bushels of wheat, 49 bushels of oats, and 38.6 bushels of barley.

The yield per acre for Montana wheat, 26.7 bushels, for ten years past is the highest of any state. It was twice as high as the average for the entire country, and far greater than Russia or France.

The yield per acre for Montana oats is the highest in the world, excepting only Belgium. At 44 bushels it is more than double that of the United States as a whole.

In barley, Montana with 38.6 bushels shows an acreage yield, the greatest in the world, excepting Belgium and nearly double that of the United States as a whole.

Montana averages 175 bushels of potatoes to the acre.

Montana contains the following land area: Total, 3,900,000 acres; wooded, 27,000,000; forest reserve, 20,339,000; unsurveyed and unavailable, 22,000,000 acres; arable land, 30,000,000 acres.

Thirty million acres of arable land in wheat, producing at the average rate of 26.7 bushels to the acre, the record for the state for the past ten years would mean 800,000,000 bushels.

The entire United States, in its best year never produced that much. Even on a basis of a production of 13.8 bushels to the acre, which is the average for the entire United States, Montana alone has a potentiality that represents 414,000,000 bushels.

The 30,000,000 acres of Montana and put into oat, at the rate of production of 22.7 bushels, the average for the United States would produce 711,000,000 annually compared with a crop of 897,000,000 bushels for the entire country. But on the basis of a yield of 49 bushels to the acre, which is the average rate of production of Montana for the past ten years, the crop would be 1,740,000,000 bushels.

The barley crop varies from year to year and the entire United States production may be set down as 166,000,000 bushels in a season. Yet barley in Montana yields so bountifully that the average for the past ten years is 32.6 bushels to the acre and if this were applied to the 30,000,000 acres, a barley production possibility of 1,518,000 would appear. On the basis of an acreage yield no greater than that of the average for the United States, or 23.8 bushels, Montana has within its lines a productive possibility for 714,000,000 bushels of barley.

MIDLAND ITEMS OF INTEREST

Jack Kinsey is wolfing in the Long Pines this week.

E. W. Turberville is now staying in Camp Crook.

J. R. Foster is threshing for Wm. McClary this week.

Ray Allen is finishing Mrs. B. M. Redmon's house this week.

Albert Turberville is hauling coal to Camp Crook these days.

Jack Kinsey and some of the boys are planning a big wolf hunt.

J. M. Herrman went to Chicago with a shipment of beef last week.

D. M. Tartar and Wm. Mowbray made a business trip to Buffalo last week.

Hoag & Sons are threshing for Steward Unruh and General Sweeney this week.

Hoag & Sons while coming over from Box Elder turned their separator over. No damage was done.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Foster visited at the Midland postoffice on their way home from Camp Crook this week.

Miss Mary Lee Wilson, County Superintendent of Schools was visiting the schools in this neighborhood this week.

About 500 head of sheep left their bed ground at Orla Moody's camp during the recent snow storm. All were found later and brought back.

SHORT STORIES ABOUT TOWN

A. W. Lucas pays the highest cash price for hides, furs and pelts.

T. J. Martin was among the list of sick people the fore part of the week.

Dr. J. P. Hedges is moving his household goods this week to his new location.

Ike Williams was visiting in town the latter part of last week from Box Elder.

A. E. Dague went to Baker Tuesday noon to look after a shipment of freight.

Lou and Joe Arpan were in town the fore part of the week from their ranch on Box Elder.

The regular meeting of the Aid Society will be held at Mrs. E. O. Colvins on Wednesday, December 1st.

Hon. H. N. Sykes returned Saturday from Chicago where he had been looking after the marketing of his cattle.

The school teachers of Custer and Dawson counties will meet at Glendive on December 2-4, where the teachers institute will be held this year. The public schools here will no doubt be closed on those days.

THE BOX SUPPER

PROVED A GRAND SUCCESS AND EVERYONE HAD A GOOD TIME. \$145 WAS REALIZED.

The box social given by this society Friday night was a grand success, both socially and financially.

The program was interesting and was almost entirely volunteer given by the school children who have many duties to perform and yet are always willing to do what they can to help along a good cause which is appreciated.

After the program T. J. Martin who always assists on these occasions with his usual good nature and wit sold the baskets to the highest bidder, all bringing a good price, especially the six very simple looking grape baskets which brought something like \$60. The young gentlemen who were thus separated from their coin seemed well pleased with the bargain (we do not blame them.)

After the ladies baskets were sold, the little people had a chance to buy a supper. The little girls had made every effort to make their baskets look inviting and each little lad had come well prepared to get a basket. All the lunches being sold, everyone proceeded to hunt his partner while the ladies served hot coffee for the crowd which dispersed at a late hour expressing themselves well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

The proceeds were \$145 and we wish to thank everyone who helped to make it such a great success. The members of the Aid have worked hard to keep up the interest, and have a little money in the treasury and without the hearty support of the public they could not have accomplished much. Again we thank you for past favors and trust we may have the same generous help in the future.

Entertainment Comm.
Ladies Aid Society.

GUESS, YES GUESS.

Within the next 60 days a set of views of Custer county will be published in the Eagle bird. These views will all be taken within 25 miles of Ekalaka and will point out some particular and well known spot. To anybody who guesses where the photo's were taken we are going to give a neat sum of money. Only subscribers to the bird will be allowed to a guess and each can make one guess on each picture. If a subscriber should name more than one of the locations, he shall only receive one prize. The photo's will be taken in a short time by the editor and an assistant, so keep your eye on these fellows. Prizes will be well worth guessing for and you may be the lucky one. Watch for the views and further particulars of this great guessing contest.

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