

## HARVEST IN PALOUSE

Men to Operate the Machinery Are Not Sufficient.

Crops Are Good, Bad and Indifferent in Spots All Over the Whole Country.

Harvest hands cannot be found in the Palouse country to handle all the machinery on the ground. It is now presumed that that portion of the political element which howled unceasingly about the "millions of unemployed" a few years ago will now turn tail and lambast a condition which keeps those belonging in other channels of industry so well employed that they are not forced to the fields to keep body and soul together. It is easy to remember when the carpenters, the masons, the clerks, the butchers, the factory hands—men in a large percentage of the gainful occupations—flocked to the harvest fields, glad to help the farmer at low wages because they had nothing else to do. The fields were overcrowded and all could not find work. It is different now.

Harvesting is in full blast all over the Palouse hills now. Every man in the country is employed. Not nearly so many working men from abroad have appeared in the Palouse country as usual, and everyone who will work, even at advanced wages, is eagerly bundled, with his bed, into the farmer's wagons and hacks, before he has time to comfortably settle himself on the shady side of a building to wait for a job.

Not enough men can be found to handle the machinery ready, and for this reason much of it is idle, while ripened grain stands waiting for the sickle. This condition of affairs might be alarming, were it not for the fact that the harvesting season opened three weeks earlier than usual, and the farmer is thus reasonably certain of a longer season in which to gather his crop. It is believed that within a week or two men will be more plentiful. Farmers say there is usually a shortage at the opening of harvest, but that later sufficient men are always to be found.

**Condition of Crops.**  
Enough threshing has not yet been done to say with certainty just how crops will turn out; but it is now thought that the big estimates of a few weeks ago will require scaling. While some fields are showing far above an average yield—even an immense one—reports come from some localities where threshing has been done that the return in the sack have fallen considerably below the expectations in the head. It is certain that the spring wheat and oat and barley crops will be generally light, though not universally so, as there is much excellent spring wheat in the country.

**Machinery, Sacks and Twine**  
Wagonload after wagonload of harvesting machinery, grain sacks and binding twine line the country roads in every direction. Much new machinery has been purchased, and thousands of sacks daily leave the warehouses everywhere.

The supply of sacks is ample. There are plenty to be had at 7 1/2 cents each. There is no danger of a rise in the price, with a slight probability of a drop of half a cent later in the season.

**Harvest Weather.**  
Up to July 31 the weather has been excessively hot, but rainless. Not a drop of water had then fallen since the opening of harvest work, and all grain secured was hard and dry.

On the evening of July 31 a brief but soaking shower wet things down and cooled the atmosphere considerably. At Colfax for two weeks the normal temperature—at highest points reached daily—has been from 98 to 105 in the shade. This continued up to Wednesday, when the temperature fell to about 90.

**COLFAX COLLEGE WILL OPEN.**  
Splendid Institution Again on a Firm Footing.

Colfax college, after a few months of adversity through dissensions in the faculty and student body, is to be again opened with a new and complete organization. The doors will be again thrown open to students September 15, under conditions auguring well for future usefulness and prosperity. Rev. E. B. Pace, pastor of the Baptist church at Garfield, a man of fine attainments and scholarship, has been chosen unanimously by the board of trustees as president of the institution. A complete corps of instructors in all the branches in which the college has heretofore been so useful will be engaged before the opening.

Colfax college is a denominational educational institution, under the care of the Baptist church. It had many years of usefulness until unfortunate dissensions among those in charge last year forced its closing. Many of the best men and women of the west have been trained within its walls and passed through its doors. Signs now point to a continuation of the good work of the past, and the institution deserves the support of citizens and the patronage of students as in the past.

**Killed Under a Wagon.**  
J. W. Kane, a farmer, who for many years resided near La Dow butte, southeast of Garfield, was instantly killed at Lewiston a few days ago. For some time Kane has lived on Craig mountain, Idaho. He was freighting out of Lewiston and was just leaving town with a heavily-loaded wagon. One of his reins caught on a hame and he stepped out on the wagon tongue to free it. After doing this Kane started to walk back. The team started and he fell beneath. One wheel of the heavy wagon passed over the fallen man's breast. A number of persons witnessed the accident and rushed up in time to prevent the hind wheel passing over him. He made no outcry and was dead before a physician could reach him. His ribs were crushed in against his heart.

**Cheney Normal School.**  
The large number of attendants from Whitman county at the state normal school at Cheney will be interested in the selection of a new principal for the institution. Prof. J. H. Miller, who has been chosen, comes from Nebraska, where he has been engaged for some years in publishing an educational magazine in connection with the University of Nebraska. Before that time he was president of Campbell Normal University, Holton,

Kansas. Prof. Babeock, Miss Snyder, Mrs. Gamble and nearly all other teachers have been retained for next year. Some new teachers are still to be chosen. The course is to be lengthened and strengthened. Particular emphasis will be placed on the thorough mastery of the common branches and methods of teaching rural schools. The new term will open Sept. 4th. Registration will begin on Sept. 1st. Tuition is free and board can be had at reasonable rates. Prospective students should address the principal at once.

**Sold Out at Pendleton.**

Ula Slate came up from Pendleton Tuesday to spend a day among old friends. As it was his first visit for three years, he was kept busy greeting them. Mr. Slate sold his drug business at Pendleton, Oregon, a few days ago to a stock company. The house will be turned into a wholesale and jobbing establishment, of which Mr. Slate will remain as manager.

**DEMOCRATS ARE SCHEMING**

Their Desire is Fusion, With all the Best State Offices.

Are Afraid Cheetham Will Either Snatch Governorship or a Congressional Place.

The democrats of the county are now bestirring themselves to throw into Seattle at the democratic state convention, to be held August 27, a force of 27 good and true fusionists—for office only. The representation from this county is that number.

The county convention for election of the proposed fusionistic 27 is called to meet at Colfax August 11. The primaries are to be held in the various county precincts August 4—in country precincts from 4 to 6 p. m., and in cities from 5 to 8.

The convention calls for 192 delegates, which comprises about all the real working force of the party.

**Uneasy Over Cheetham.**

The presence of State Auditor Cheetham at all principal points in the county during the past two or three weeks, ostensibly to look after his farm near Steptoe, gave some of the most big game among the Whitman county democrats a severe dose of the quakes. These people are for Rogers for governor in the proposed fusion convention, because he has announced himself a democrat. But they desire to nominate him as a populist, a quasi one, at least, and then claim other high places to the exclusion of populists. Cheetham is a populist, and also a candidate for governor, and the gentry are wildly alarmed that he will beat Rogers out and snatch from the democracy one of the plum jobs they are reaching for.

The following good story of party desires comes from Olympia. There are fusion democrats and straight out democrats. Whitman democrats in the saddle are fusionists and are for Rogers for governor.

There has been a new alignment of the fusion forces opposed to Rogers, to purchase a notation of the governor himself, and this new government in the opinion of its promoters, will drive the last nail in the Rogers gubernatorial boom. It is not the result of a moment's thought but comes from forces that have been at work on the plan for weeks past.

It is well known that danger to fusion has been imminent for a long time past as the result of the desire of populists for one of their own number to head the ticket and a corresponding desire on the democratic side of the fusion house for the same honor. How to harmonize these opposing elements and at the same time to put up a man acceptable to both has bothered the leaders considerably. On the one hand there was what is known as the Rogers crowd, democrats and populists, who desired the governor to be renominated. Then there were the straight out democrats who wanted either Voorhees or Fawcett. Again there were the middle-of-the-road populists whose first choice apparently was Auditor Cheetham. There was much pulling and hauling, in which Governor Rogers constantly got the worst of it, but in which at the same time the fusion leaders got no nearer a result. Finally one of the fusionists (a democrat) more clever than the rest, suggested that there was a way out of it. He said that it was a well known fact that the populists did not want the offices for what was in them, but they did want the offices which had to do with making the laws. Now Cheetham, he said, was a populist, and, remembering the principle set out above, could be easily dissuaded from seeking the gubernatorial nomination and accepting the congressional nomination east of the mountains. At the same time the leaders were reminded that ex-Congressman W. C. Jones was out of the race, having gone to Montana to enter the employ of a mining company. The idea became popular at once, and it is said that when it was suggested to Mr. Cheetham he at once fell into it. Of course with a populist nominated for congress that faction could not ask for the gubernatorial nomination, and the democrats could have it their own way. These same democrats are in favor of either Voorhees or Fawcett for governor, and either McElroy or Ronald for congressman from the west side. It is hard to see with such a combination made how the governor's managers are to meet the new condition of things, and it looks as if the boasts of the men who put up the latest scheme had something to them.

**Boy Killed by a Tree.**  
Roy Miller of Palouse, 17-year-old son of J. A. Miller, was killed a few days ago on Vashon island, on Puget Sound, by a falling tree which he had chopped down. The young man was attending Vashon college and went into the timber near to cut some fuel. The small tree he felled split at the butt and a sharp splinter penetrated his skull at the back of his head as he realized his danger and started to run. It penetrated the brain and caused instant death. The body was interred at his home at Palouse.

**Some Big Wheat.**  
Last week we made mention of the exceptionally large wheat on the Cochran ranch near town, says the Palouse Republic. The wheat is said to be the largest ever grown in the Palouse country. We accompanied W. H. Lichty yesterday afternoon to the field, and as we drove along the edge of the wheat it showed higher than the horses backs in many places. The thickness of the wheat on the ground could not be realized unless you were to see it. The bundles from the Harvester King are thrown regularly within three feet of

## NOT SO MANY PUPILS

Number of Children Less Than For Last Year.

Good Financial Exhibit for Colfax School District—Some Statistics.

For some reason unexplainable—not because of a real falling off in the population of Colfax, but probably through summer absence—the number of school children enumerated in the district fell from 803, June 1, 1899, to 755, June 1, 1900. Of those enumerated this year by Clerk Sheldon, 388 are male and 367 female, while the proportion last year was 406 male and 397 female. The boys must have been out earning winter clothes and new books. The enrollment in the last school year was 365 males and 313 females. In the previous year 352 males and 292 females, total 644.

The average daily attendance of pupils during the last school year, according to the clerk's report, was 234 males and 211 females, a total of 445. The previous year it was 236 males and 204 females, total 440.

The number of months of school taught, 9; actual days, 177; total days attendance, 78,884; departments maintained 11; teachers, 1 male and 13 female. The average monthly salary paid the male teacher, \$111.11; females, \$50.42. The teachers kept the registers and made all reports according to law over six years of age not attending any school during the year was 100. Those between 8 and 15 years attending less than three months numbered 23. Pupils enrolled in first year course 135, second 59, third 59, fourth 99, fifth 49, sixth 61, seventh 62, eighth 82, advanced grades 36. Number graduating from eighth grade and receiving diplomas, 5. The average number of daily recitations was 13.

The number of private schools taught in the district was 3, and months of private schools taught 9; teachers employed 3 males and 6 females. The number of resident pupils attending private schools in the district is estimated at 50 males and 50 females.

The number of schoolhouses in the district is 1 frame and 2 brick; the total seating capacity 600. The estimated value of schoolhouses and grounds is \$45,000, furniture \$3,500, apparatus \$300, library of 583 volumes \$500, and of all school property \$49,100. Insurance of \$13,200 is carried.

**Financial Exhibit.**

Receipts:	
Funds on hand July 1, 1899	\$2,210 29
Funds apportioned by state	6,614 65
County	3,558 80
Special taxes received	9,288 41
From all other sources	605 00
Total receipts	\$22,277 15
Disbursements:	
Paid teachers	\$8,129 10
Rents, repairs, fuel, etc.	4,222 09
Interest on bonds	2,400 00
Interest on warrants	3,371 53
Total	\$18,122 72

The assessed value of property in the district is \$967,778. Eight mills of special tax was levied. Bonds outstanding \$40,000, with interest at 6 per cent. Warrants outstanding at beginning of year, July 1, 1899, \$22,035.13, against \$26,287.10 for previous year; outstanding at close of year \$20,822.87. The amount in warrant indebtedness was \$1212.26.

**MODEST COLFAX MAN.**

Asks the Oregonian for a String of Information.

A citizen of Colfax, Wash., who is probably seeking office, asks the Oregonian kindly to furnish him with "the number and salaries of the offices within the gift of the national administration in the state of Washington, to-wit: So many postoffices, how many, and so many of another class, and so many collectors of customs, and their salaries, and all the positions filled by the nation's officers in this state and their salaries."

While the Oregonian cannot help feeling flattered at citizens of another state looking to it as the only available source of information in such important matters, it is compelled to suggest that what this citizen of Colfax asks for is rather a large contract to undertake during the heated term.

If he can wait until the young man who attends to such matters gets his holiday vacation, he will supply himself with the Congressional Blue Book and other necessary documents, and he himself to some sequestered spot and devote his holiday to making out the list asked for. In the meantime, if the inquirer will designate a few of the positions under the government which would suit him, the desired information in regard to them will be cheerfully furnished. In return the Oregonian would like to be furnished with a list of the grain-growers in the state of Washington, size and location of their farms, and number of bushels of wheat raised by each, not for publication, but merely as evidence of good faith.

**David is Not Insane.**  
Sheriff Canutt received a letter dated at the Medical Lake asylum for insane July 27, from Superintendent J. D. MacLean, as follows: "I think now that I shall discharge Jordan David as not insane, sometime next week. He has written for some money from friends, and I am only waiting for that to come. It is his intention to go direct to Colfax, to work around there harvesting and threshing. He is under the impression that his commitment here frees him from liability to arrest again." David is the young fellow acquitted only a few days ago of horse stealing on the ground of his insanity, and he was shipped to Medical Lake.

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each other. Every one who has seen it tells us it discounts anything ever raised in the Palouse country. A number of machines have been tried, but all failed to take anything like a full swath when the heavy part of the grain was reached. The heads are well filled and the grain is hard and plump. Many estimate the yield at from 50 to 60 bushels to the acre. There are 138 acres of this wheat, of the Red Russian variety. It was sown upon summer fallow. The farm was recently purchased by J. W. Ferguson of Iowa for \$3125, cash.

**Season for Outings.**

The season for summer outings is now at its height, and much of the population of Colfax and other Palouse towns are pleasantly passing the sweltering days by mountain stream or lakeside, with workaday cares cast aside for the time. Fresh vigor for the work of another year is being stored away and appetites brought up to standard. A week or a month thus spent is a good investment for those whose duties in town and city demand hard and earnest labor during every other day of the year. No man has the right to tax his strength and sap his vitality by working at top pressure six days in the week, 52 weeks in the year, year in and year out, and then those idle and improvident who for a week or a month he annually away to forest glens and shades.

**HOME BURNED WITH CONTENTS.**

Left Young Couple Destitute, But Neighbors Aided Them.

On the afternoon of July 25 the farm house owned by Mrs. Frances Bauer, 2 1/2 miles northeast of Colton, was totally destroyed by fire, originating from a defective flue. Mrs. Fite was alone and could save but little of the contents. She was burned some about the face and hands in the attempt. Neighbors rushed to the scene and Mr. Fite hurried home from town when he saw smoke in his direction, but they were too late.

Mr. Fite was completely overcome when he saw the ruin the fire had wrought, says the News-Letter. The house was in ashes; both cellars ruined and their contents—over 200 gallons of canned fruit in one—destroyed; the woodshed and smokehouse burned, with the latter \$200 worth of meat, and the big wood pile was gone. The loss is estimated at \$800 with no insurance. Mr. and Mrs. Fite were left with practically nothing. Mr. and Mrs. Wirtz took them to their home, and the kind neighbors held a consultation that evening with the result that Messrs. Kamn and Wirtz were appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions and donations for the young folks. Next morning everyone that was able aided the young folks. Dishes, furniture, flour, meat, etc., were cheerfully donated and quite an amount of cash was raised. This neighborly promptness with which this was done cheered the stricken couple wonderfully.

**PERKINS AT TACOMA.**

Colfax Banker Tells About Palouse Wheat Varieties.

J. A. Perkins, a Colfax banker, came in on the overland yesterday afternoon, says a recent issue of the Tacoma Ledger. Mr. Perkins is at the Donnelly. He says that the harvesting of wheat has begun in Whitman and Spokane counties. In southern Spokane county, and a little in the northern part of Whitman county, he says, a large quantity of a new kind of wheat has been grown this year, and all of this has been cut and is in the shock, while much of the other wheat is yet too green to cut. The new wheat has been in that section of the state for a year or two, but last year all that was raised was sold for seed, and little, if any of it, has reached the terminal markets. It is known as Arcadia or Arcadia wheat, and is a true winter wheat, producing indifferent results when planted in the spring. It is claimed that it grows rapidly early in the season and thus chokes off weeds or other grains that may get started in the fields, grows rank and strong, and matures earlier than other grain. For milling purposes it is said to be unsurpassed by any other winter wheat. The Arcadia wheat raised in that part of the state a year ago brought a premium of from 10 to 15 cents a bushel for seeding purposes. The farmers are waiting the result of the experiment with considerable anxiety. Mr. Perkins says that the fields of this wheat are very clean looking, and when threshed it turns out a perfectly clean wheat. The yield per acre is also claimed to be better than that of other varieties.

**Unclaimed Letters.**

List of letters remaining unclaimed for in the Colfax postoffice, Aug. 3, 1900:  
Barnett, J. R. Kesner, Chas  
Fields, Mr. Thos. Loeb, B. K.  
Gregory, C. O. Manley, H. E.  
Hanna, Arthur Peters, J. W.  
Lawson, J. H. Zarkerski, Peter  
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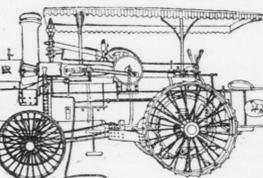
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