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ASTERN OREGON CROP PROFITS BY RAIN

(Pendleton Tribune.)

That much of the depression that has visited ranchers of Umatilla county and business men of Pendleton since it was reported that crops could be a failure or practically so shown by the results of an inspection of the wheat fields made yesterday by W. P. Temple of this city. His conclusions, far from supporting the pessimistic opinions of many who were not informed at first hand, show that even without any more rain the crop will be of fair size, while if rain occurs, a one of normal proportion will result.

Without rain, from 20 to 30 bushels an acre will be realized, while with moisture from 25 to 40 bushels may be anticipated.

Barley was also declared to be in good condition, running from 40 to 60 bushels per acre.

The trip was undertaken by Mr. Temple at the request of a number of ranchers and business men who wanted to get a line on the probability of the season's output.

The journey covered from 75 to 100 miles. Stops were made at Adams, Cold Springs, Stage Gulch and other places. Conditions varied somewhat from place to place, though everywhere they were found to be considerably better than was believed.

"Almost everywhere I found that the heads of the wheat were small," said Mr. Temple. "It was this fact largely that has given rise to the belief that the crop is smaller than it really is. Those who look for a small yield lose sight of the fact that while the heads of the grain are that while the heads of the grain are small the crop this year may not be a bumper affair but it certainly won't be a failure."

The statements by Mr. Temple are much the same as those made by others who have familiarized themselves personally with conditions. These optimistic reports are likely to go far in reassuring many who have felt dubious over the yield. That depression about this time of the year is ordinarily an annual event is pointed out. Scarcely a

season goes by that grave fears for the summer's business are not entertained. To have a year free from doubts and misapprehensions would be contrary to custom and ordinary enjoyment.

BAKER CITY WOOL PRICES ARE LOW

(Baker City Democrat.)

The wool sales yesterday were anything but satisfactory to the majority of the growers who had wool for sale. Out of nearly 2,000,000 pounds offered not more than 500,000 pounds were sold. The top notch price went to Mr. Gale at 15 cents, his clip amounting to 16,276 pounds and the second highest price went to Mr. T. E. Makinson for his clip of 20,130 pounds at 14 1/2 cents. The buyers claim they are offering all the wool is actually worth and are quite disgusted with the growers for withdrawing the clips from the market. They say this is the only wool market where wool growers don't hold for sales day, and they complain that a lot of the best wool is sold at private sale before they get here that is above the market price, for the purpose of defeating the public buyer and that when a fair market price is offered on the floor which is below the false price offered privately, they are put out and refused the offer. This is all done with a view of breaking up the wool sales day by the buyer who exploits the Baker market. Some wool growers may be benefitted by getting a higher price for the clip.

In the work of yesterday there is this information gained from the buyers: That long wool is in usual demand and the scouring price of long wool staple is 15 cents higher in Boston than short or clothing wool. This accounts of short wool bidding low yesterday, the rest is a question of shrinkage and brightness. Wool men do not recognize when their wool is not bright and attractive and has dirt enough to bring up the shrinkage how much the price should be off and they wrongly refuse fair bids. Many Grant county people were offered a very low price and were inclined to think themselves objects of discrimination. These are the same buyers they would meet in Shaniko and there is no reason for any discrimination between Baker and Shaniko. In other words this discrimination in Baker and give a square deal in Shaniko. If there was discrimination, there seemed to be much dissatisfaction with Ellery, from Boston, who quit the sale before the day was half over. The buyers say to the growers, go to Shaniko, with the avowed purpose of breaking up the wool sales in Baker City. Yesterday quite two-thirds of the wool was withdrawn from the market, and not more than half a million pounds were sold. Some of the growers claimed that buyers offered all the wool was worth, and it was not good faith for the growers to refuse. This made the buyers mad and the day turned out very unsatisfactory taken as a whole. Mr. G. S. L. Smith disposed of his clip at 13 1/2 cents and felt satisfied and at a meeting of the growers from Grant county made application for membership as one of the growers from Grant county.

The consolidation of the Grant county growers with the Baker County Wool Growers' association did not materialize as expected.

The Cellars of St. James' Palace.

The staff of cellarman and bottlers at St. James' Palace is a large one, and is under the control of a chief clerk and a chief cellarman, whose duty it is to check the receipt and delivery of every bottle and to see that the correct wines are supplied according to special circumstances. Thus, when the French President was the guest of the king, special brands of claret were supplied, while during the sojourn of the Kaiser hock was the wine most in demand. The Czar drinks champagne of a somewhat sweeter character than is generally popular in this country, and the wines most favored by the King of Spain are dry champagne and sherry and seltzer water.

The wages of the cellar staff are paid out of the King's private purse and not by the Lord Chamberlain. The high officials of the court are given a certain allowance of wine, and the chief servants are given an allowance of spirits. As a matter of fact, however, very little spirits are drunk nowadays at the royal palaces, and punch, the famous tipple of the Georgian days—when deep drinking and shallow thinking was the rule of the times—is unknown. Some time ago a large stock of fine old rum was privately sold, and from time to time sales of other spirits—brandy, Schnapps, gin, whisky—have taken place.

The supreme head of the royal cellars bears the title "gentleman of the cellars," and it is his duty to attend or to be represented at all the principal sales and to acquire suitable "lots." The fact that the King is really the purchaser is, of course, kept secret to prevent "fancy" prices being run up.

The Prince of Wales has his own cellars, but is occasionally supplied from those at St. James' palace. The King, when Princes of Wales, always made a point of taking his own wine with him when he attended public banquets, and this custom is still followed by the present heir to the throne, who usually drinks a special brand of hock.

The Duke of Connaught, on the other hand, takes the wine supplied at the dinners he attends in an official capacity. The King has his own wine sent to private houses when he accepts invitations to dinner, except in places where he is an old or frequent visitor, and knows that his special tastes are understood and will be catered for.

Originally the cellars at Windsor Castle, which are of enormous extent, were the chief repository of the royal wines, and until they were overhauled nobody knew quite what they contained. The electric light now illuminates their dark depths,

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day and never really having things quite clean.

The water supply of Goldfield comes from wells in camp and at Lida, 50 miles to the southwest. Whether bought from the man who goes around with a cart of from the water company every gallon costs on an average at least a cent and a half. At best it is an expensive luxury. Every precious drop has to be put to as many uses as possible. The bathing establishments offer baths at one dollar each, with the bath joke thrown in. The joke runs like this: In the early days of the camp, when baths cost two dollars, after the man who had elected this luxury had finished, as a matter of economy the water had to be put to some use, so it was offered to a second bather at a reduced price, one dollar, then again to a third for 50 cents, and to a fourth for "two-bits." Following this came a few feats of dish-washing. Times have changed, but

water is still the problem of the desert. Ice being too expensive a luxury for general use, everybody resorts to African waterbags. These are filled and hung in shady places where the breeze can strike them. By puncturing them with a needle, sufficient water oozes out to wet the outside, and the damp cloth and air keep the contents cool. Hanging on the shady side of every house, shack and tent, strapped to the saddle of every prospector, in the hand or fastened to the neck of every Indian is a water bag. The weather, in other places a plank on which to slide gracefully into conversation, here is a fruitful and interesting topic for unending discussion. Its variety it is uncloying. One summer is wet—wet for the desert—and the next one dry. Usually there is little rain, and when it does come the downpour lasts only five or ten minutes. Rarely does it lay the dust.

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