

# SHERMAN EXTENDS CALL TO COLONISTS

## County Rich in Variety of Agricultural Resources Possessed.

### MORO IN BUSINESS CENTER

#### County Seat Is Town of About 700 Inhabitants—Wheat Raising Carried on Profitably—Fruit Is Growing Industry.

BY ADDISON BENNETT  
MORO, Or., April 7.—(Staff Correspondence.)—We left Wasco at 10 o'clock this morning and arrived here at noon, the distance being 10 miles through the very heart of the Sherman County wheat belt, and we passed some fine farms, many of them having fine outbuildings and commodious dwellings.

Moro is the county seat of Sherman County, and is a prosperous place of some six or seven hundred people, a good business point, has a municipal water and electric light plant, is in good financial condition and the people seem well contented.

I met several old friends here, notably D. C. Ireland and his son, C. L. Ireland, and also Mrs. C. L. Ireland. The Irelands own and publish the Moro Observer. The senior Ireland was an employe of the Oregonian as early as 1862, and it was he who first secured Harvey Scott as editor of that paper.

#### Experiment Station Interest.

One of the places of great interest to me here was the experimental farm, managed jointly by the State Agricultural College and the Agricultural Department of the Government. This station is only a year old, and it took a good many months to get the buildings, fences, etc., erected. But through the intelligent management of the superintendent, H. Umberger, who came from the office of grass investigation at Washington, the station has gone ahead. The tract occupied by the station embraces 240 acres. It lies just east of town, and the buildings being practically in the city limits, and the altitude some 1840 feet, or about 60 feet above the town.

I learned from Mr. Umberger that the precipitation at this point for the year 1910 was 19.29 inches, which was something above the normal for this section. The precipitation for the past winter has been below the normal, but as there has been no snow, none of it has run off, and the soil is now in fine shape. And I want to say something I think I overlooked in my Wasco letter, and that is that the prospects for an abundant harvest this year are very ray. There is a general feeling of optimism among the people on that account, for it will take a very unpropitious spring to prevent a very large wheat yield for this entire section.

#### Statistics Are Cited.

Mr. Umberger gave me the following statistics as to the quantity and nature of experiments being undertaken by his station for the present season: Fifty varieties of winter wheat, 10 of fall barley, four of winter oats, two of rye, 10 of sorghum, three of vetch, 10 of spring wheat, 20 of durum wheat, 25 of spring barley, 11 of spring oats, and one each of alfalfa, field peas and rape. The units for these tests are each two by eight rods, or a tenth of an acre, and the attention to the scientific farmer's results ought to clearly demonstrate to the farmers of this section which produce, even when which variety of wheat suited to Sherman County conditions.

Mr. Umberger pointed out to me a neighboring farmer, Horace Strong, his place practically adjoining the experimental station lands on the west. Mr. Strong was employed by Mr. Withycombe 14 years ago to manage a sort of experimental farm at Strong's place. And such were the results that Mr. Strong became one of the most successful farmers in the county. He was poor then, but his farm is now a rich place, has all it paid for, and lots of property besides.

#### Strong's Methods Favored.

And I am wondering if it would not be well for many of Mr. Strong's neighbors to look well into the Strong methods. There is too much of a desire in this country to rely solely upon one crop—wheat. If that fails, all fails. It is too much like putting all of your eggs in one basket. Mr. Strong—and let it be said that his farm is not the means of the best soil or best exposure in this section—has a flock of sheep, poultry in abundance, and last year he sold one lot of hogs for \$2100. And he says he hardly knew what these hogs had eaten, so little was it in proportion to what they grew into. Perhaps the wheat fed them brought Mr. Strong double what the selling price of wheat was at the Moro warehouses.

Another thing the land owners of Sherman County are overlooking is the poultry industry. There ought to be trainloads of poultry and eggs shipped from this section, and would be, I think, if the farmers were aware of the possibilities in the business. There is no section where the climatic conditions are better, feed is always cheap, freight rates are low—everything is favorable. And I believe if each farmer of the county could be induced to get at least a dozen more hens than he has the results in a few years would be astonishing.

#### Spring Is Seen.

On our way from Wasco we passed DeMoss Springs. This place is on the railway, and by wagon road is about three miles from Moro. There is a famous spring there and a fine grove. Consequently it is used as a meeting place for all sorts of outdoor services. The annual Chauntanus meet takes place there, and on every July 4 the pioneers have there their annual picnic. I have found the roads in Sherman County very good. And I will also say that the Wasco County road we traveled from The Dalles to the Deschutes on our way to Wasco was exceptionally good. We perhaps saw a little better than the average traveler, for it rained a little just before we left The Dalles, and that laid the dirt nicely. And the same rain fell in this section, so we have had admirable traveling all of the way so far.

I wondered how it was that so few people here planted orchards, particularly apples. But Mr. Ireland tells me that seed fruits do not do well, the rainfall being too slight. Pit fruits, such as plums, peaches and apricots, however, do well where the location, or exposure, is favorable and the attention proper. But the average wheat farmer! He has no time for anything but wheat.

The acreage to produce this year will be about 25 per cent greater than last year, so with anything like a good field this ought to be a good field for the

### SOME INLAND EMPIRE PHOTOGRAPHS.



ABOVE, BABY BOLT COMBINE HARVESTER AT WORK IN SHERMAN COUNTY—CENTER, RESIDENCE OF F. C. L. IRELAND, AT MORO—BELOW, MOSCOW, IDAHO, COMBINE HARVESTER AT WORK.

automobile and the piano dealers, nor even should the diamond dealers pass it by.

#### Growth Is Steady.

Sherman County has had a steady and healthy growth since its organization in the '60s. In the census of 1890 it had a population of 1792, in 1900 this number was increased to 2477, and in the last census the showing was 4242. In considering the last figures it must be remembered that the county had two or three disastrous years, so far as crops were concerned, and the wonder is not that the county showed such a growth, for it speaks well for the staying qualities of the people that there was any increase at all. One of the things Sherman County has had to contend with is the dead line that has taken the alternate sections of a wide strip across the county, known as The Dalles Military Wagon Road grant. This strip embraces 60,000 acres of the best land in Sherman, and whatever of it has been cultivated has been leased, thus keeping out at least a couple of hundred settlers and their families, for until quite recently not an acre of it could be bought. But I believe better times are in store for the people of Sherman, for this road land has been purchased by the Eastern Oregon Land Company and is now offered for sale at moderate prices, and if the company is in real earnest in its efforts to bring in settlers and purchasers, and the prices are kept at reasonable rates, many newcomers will ere long be seen on the fertile hills and plateaus of Sherman County.

## MOTHER B. BENEDICT DIES

### FAMOUS SISTER'S LIFE ENDS IN PEACE AT VANCOUVER.

#### Many Years' Illness Prevented Continuation of Prominence in Catholic Affairs.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 7.—(Special.)—Sister Benedict Joseph, familiarly known throughout the Northwest as "Mother Benedict," one of the most notable sisters of the order of Sisters of Charity of Providence, died at the House of Providence today of paralysis. She was 71 years old and had been in the order 47 years.

Mother Benedict was born May 20, 1840, of Canadian parentage, in the Province of Quebec, and christened Sophie Larocque. She entered the Institute of the Sisters of Charity of Providence July 1, 1857. After making her novitiate at Montreal, Canada, she came to the West in 1866. She labored faithfully in many houses of the order. She founded St. Peter's Hospital and Providence Academy in Olympia, Wash.; she acted as superior in the Tualatin Indian School for many years, and was mother superior in Olympia and Vancouver.

Mother Benedict was also provincial superior of the Province of Washington from 1902 to 1903, then in Oregon from 1903 to 1907, when, on account of a stroke of paralysis, she was relieved of her burden of superiority and passed the remainder of her years peacefully at the place of her death.

Her brother, Rt. Rev. Paul Larocque, Bishop of Sherbrooke, visited her here yesterday. Another brother, Father Charles Larocque, died a few years ago in Canada, where he was parish priest. She was always a good, faithful and religious woman, and was remarkable for her great love of the poor and the suffering.

The funeral services will be held at 9 o'clock Monday morning, April 10, in the chapel in the convent, and interment will be in the Sisters' plot in the Catholic cemetery.

#### Clean-Up Day Is Observed.

GRANTS PASS, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—Clean-up day as declared by Mayor Meyers was well observed. Citizens worked all day with a united effort to clean up the uninviting backyards and lots. Today the city teams are hauling away the rubbish.

#### April Shower Benefits Wheat.

PENDLETON, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—Unusually County growers of grain are rejoicing in a refreshing April shower which arrived yesterday. Wheat has been growing rapidly for the past four or five weeks, but a continuation of the dry weather would have been disastrous.

## DEBT WARNING OUT

### Seattle City Bonds Bid Declined by Easterners.

### MUNICIPAL CREDIT IS HURT

#### New York and Boston Company Says It Will Not Likely Bid on Securities as Town Is Above 7 Per Cent Limit Fixed.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 7.—(Special.)—Significant warning was given to the City of Seattle today by Blodgett & Co., of New York and Boston, when notice was given to William J. Bothwell, City Controller, that the firm would not submit bids on May 4 for \$2,000,000 of municipal securities.

On that date five issues will be offered to investors, including \$1,000,000 of park extension bonds, \$400,000 of garbage bonds, \$400,000 of Georgetown indebtedness bonds, \$100,000 of light extension bonds and \$100,000 of refunding bonds, issued 29 years ago. The last item is to be issued in serial form, a certain percentage to be paid each year.

Authorization of the issuance of \$500,000 of securities for the installation of a municipal street railway system, voted upon at the general election on March 7, is apparently the cause of the decision of this particular firm of investors, for the reason that this issue will bring the bonded indebtedness above the 7 per cent limit fixed by New York savings banks for investments in municipal bonds of any city.

"We shall be very glad to have information concerning these bonds," Blodgett & Co. wrote the Controller, "but at the present time we doubt if we shall submit any bid for the City of Seattle bonds. The rapid increase of the debt of your city will, we believe, with the forthcoming issue, take them out of the list of bonds eligible for New York savings banks. Thus the market for the City of Seattle bonds in the East will be decidedly less broad than it was when we purchased the \$500,000 of refunding bonds last year.

"Furthermore, the recent reports that the city is to buy a municipal street railway and finance it, by an initial issue of \$800,000 in city bonds, has, we believe, greatly hurt the credit of your city. We believe in the future greatness of Seattle, and feel assured that it will be able to meet all its obligations, but until the tendency to go slow in municipal undertakings that increase the debt becomes more manifest, we shall prefer to let others find a market for its bonds in the East."

## WOOLMEN NEED NOT FEAR

### McClure Predicts No Change in Tariff at This Session.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 7. S. W. McClure, of Gooding, Idaho, secretary of the National Woolgrowers Association, after canvassing the situation in Congress, believes there will be no revision of the wool tariff schedule this session, until the tendency to go slow in municipal undertakings that increase the debt becomes more manifest, we shall prefer to let others find a market for its bonds in the East.

#### Pendleton Soldiers Play War.

PENDLETON, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—Company L, Oregon National Guard, will play the war game Sunday morning with all the local Spanish War Veterans. Captain Charles Murphy will set a tactical problem of offense and defense. One force will occupy a position on the state land recently purchased for the asylum, while the other will endeavor to oust it.

## FINEST EQUINES APPEAR AT SALEM

### Annual Horse Show Draws Entries From Afar—Judges Begin Classification.

### PARADE OPENING FEATURE

#### Great Crowds Attend Big Williamette Valley Event—Fewer Animals Being Shown This Year Than Before—Class Good.

SALEM, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—With perfect weather, the Salem Horse Show opened today and it is estimated that the opening day crowd here is larger than any opening day in the history of horse shows here. The opening feature was a parade several blocks in length and horses were entered from several points in the valley, as well as a number from Portland.

While the entries were not as numerous as last year, the quality of the stock is of the highest and the representation of "horse flesh" is one of the best yet seen in the Willamette Valley. The Chemawa Indian band tonight presented a concert for the visitors. Tomorrow a record-breaking crowd is expected from all parts of the valley. Following are the awards today:

- Best stallion, any age—First, The Patchen Boy, Tip Top Ranch, Hood River.
- Best mare, any age—First, May McKinney, M. Putnam, Salem.
- Best stallion, 4 years or over—First, McAlvo, H. C. Fletcher, Salem; second, M. Wetzel, E. F. Rodgers, Salem; third, Captain De Nio, J. M. House, Turner.
- Best stallion, 2 years and under—First, Oregon Granger, H. C. Fletcher, Salem; second, Captain Lane, B. Southwick, Salem.
- Best mare, 2 years and under—First, Star Ambush, Dr. W. Long, Salem.
- Best mare and foal, not less than two colts—First, May McKinney, M. Putnam, Salem; second, Gerona, Dr. W. Long, Salem.
- Best colt, either sex, 1 year or under—First, McKinney Wave, M. Putnam, Salem; second, Ethel Toddington, Tip Top Ranch, Hood River.
- Non-standard, best mare any age—First, Jetcock, George Hill, Salem.
- Best colt, under 2 and over 1—First, Mona, George Ramsden, Macleay.
- Best colt, year and under—First, Sir Garnet, Ed. Popman, Turner.
- Hackneys, class 3, best colt, either sex, 1 year or under—First, J. A. Davis, Salem; second, G. S. Casper, Salem.
- German Coach, French Coach and Cleveland Bay, class 2, best stallion, not less than two colts—First, Brasig, McCoy Coach Company, McCoy.

#### Brasig Heads Stallions.

- Best stallion, 4 years or over—First, Brasig, McCoy Coach Company, McCoy; second, Alfonso, German Coach Horse Company.
- Best mare, 4 years or over—First, Agnes, B. G. Bostditcher, Salem; second, Annie, B. G. Bostditcher, Salem.
- Best mare, 2 years and under—First, Topsey, L. I. Burrell, Monmouth.
- Best colt, either sex, 1 year or under—First, Jesse, Garrett, Teelie, Station; second, Nellie Maud, McCoy Coach Company, McCoy.
- Clydesdales, class 6, best stallion and get, not less than three colts—First, The Preacher, John Painter, Salem.
- Best stallion, 4 years or over—First, The Preacher, John Painter, Salem; second, Murrer, J. H. McMillan, Independence.
- Best stallion, 2 years and under—First, Massanut, John Painter, Salem; second, Oregon Stamp, W. D. Claggett, Salem.
- Best colt, either sex, 1 year or under—First, Sully, A. C. Simmons, Gervais; second, Leuda, George Schapp, Pratum.
- Best stallion, 2 years and under—First, May, W. D. Claggett, Salem.

#### Barbara Fritchie Tops Colts.

- Best colt, either sex, 1 year or under—First, Barbara Fritchie, W. D. Claggett, Salem.
- Best stallion, 2 years and under—First, Percheron, class 8, best Percheron stallion and get, not less than three colts—First, Napoleon, L. E. Bradford, Salem.
- Best stallion, 4 years or over—First, Elmer D. Migh, Salem; second, Napoleon, L. E. Bradford, Salem.
- Best stallion, 2 years and under—First, John Labiane, J. B. Stahl, Salem; second, King, J. W. Inman, Salem.
- Best colt, either sex, not less than two colts—First, Queen, J. M. Inman, Salem.
- Best colt, either sex, year or under—First, Comet, E. Bradford, Salem; second, Comet, J. M. Inman, Salem.
- Best stallion, 2 years and under—First, Galloped, D'Ole, Waldo Hills Horse Co., Macleay; second, Rocker, Howell.
- Best stallion, 2 years and under—First, Lady, J. F. Humphreys, Macleay.

## SIUSLAW BONDS TAKEN

### Eugene Capitalist Buys \$115,000 Issue at Par.

EUGENE, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—The second issue of Port of Siuslaw bonds, amounting to \$115,000, was taken up yesterday by a syndicate of Eugene capitalists, the deal being handled through the First National Bank. The bonds draw 6 per cent interest and the whole issue was taken at par. This is one of the best bond issues ever floated here entirely with local capital. As soon as the money from the sale of the bonds is obtained the Federal Government will put up the like amount, and it is likely that bids will be advertised at once to complete work on the jetty at Florence. The work already done has deepened the channel eight feet, making it sufficient now for all lumber schooners plying on the Oregon coast.

## NEWBERG PIONEER IS DEAD

### Mrs. Priscilla Hodson, 82, Came to Oregon 32 Years Ago.

NEWBERG, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—Mrs. Priscilla Hodson, one of the oldest pioneers of this vicinity, died here today.

Mrs. Hodson came to Newberg 32 years ago yesterday. She was aged 82 and is survived by nine sons. They are C. A. Hodson, A. C. Hodson, Arthur Hodson and E. W. Hodson, all of this place; Elmer Hodson, of Willamina; Levi Hodson, Pleasant Hodson and Moses Hodson, residing in Indiana; and Lindsay Hodson, of Athens, Ala. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be tomorrow, from the residence of her son, E. W. Hodson, this city. Burial will be in the Friends' Cemetery.

#### Pendleton Wants Postoffice Open.

PENDLETON, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—Pendleton's postoffice will not remain closed on Sunday, if the protest being made by the citizens of this city will avail anything. The commercial association took the lead in the protest resolution, and petitions which are being circulated asking that the office remain open are being numerously signed.

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## VOTE ON CHARTER SURE

### WALLA WALLA TO DECIDE ON COMMISSION RULE.

#### Petitions Calling for Special Election Have Enough Signatures to Assure Test.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 7.—(Special.)—Enough signatures have been affixed to the petitions for the election on the adoption of the commission form of government under the Allen law to compel Mayor Tausnick to call this election, say those in charge of the petitions.

The committee, however, intends to secure a much larger number than that required before submitting it to the Mayor. The rush to register continued today. Many of those registering during the day were opponents of the Allen commission form of government. Fewer women registered today than yesterday. L. E. Meacham, ex-publicity manager of the Commercial Club, assisted 20 ladies to the City Hall to register.

Backers of the petitions urge residents to register as soon as possible. The law provides that 25 per cent of the number that voted for Mayor at the last election must sign the petition, and as Mayor Tausnick was unopposed, the vote was light.

## 12-YEAR LAWSUIT LOST

### CONTRACTING FIRM SUES FOR \$1,500,000, GETS \$1.

#### Long Contest Between Chicago and Builders of Tunnel Decided by Appeal Court.

CHICAGO, April 7.—(Special.)—After a legal battle lasting 12 years, the City of Chicago today defeated Weir, McKelvey & Co. in their attempt to collect \$1,500,000 for extras claimed in connection with the construction of the Northwestern Land Tunnel.

Judge Frederick A. Smith in the Appellate Court affirmed the action of the lower court, which awarded the city a judgment of \$1 instead of allowing the claim of the contractors. The case was the biggest and one of the oldest in which the city is involved. The court held that unauthorized and illegal payments amounting to \$308,000 were made to the contractors and, if interest had been allowed from the time of the payments to the time of trial, the amount would equal \$425,000. The city will not attempt to recover this money, as the company is bankrupt.

## BANK IS REORGANIZED

### Incorporation of Statyon Institution Is Made at Salem.

SALEM, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—Reorganization of the Statyon State Bank, which failed several days ago, has been perfected and articles of incorporation for the new bank were filed in the office of the Secretary of State today. The capital stock is increased from \$20,000 to \$25,000. The incorporators are P. C. Fresser, W. L. Fresser, Peter Fresser and John Fresser.

Articles of incorporation were also filed today for the new First Methodist Episcopal Church of Albany. The value of the church property is shown to be \$20,000 and the incorporators are C. V. Littler, Charles H. Wiedler, A. M. Hammer, G. C. Moon, David Torbet, M. J. Cameron, E. B. Small, John McCleary and B. M. Huston.

The Lincoln County Fair Association has also been incorporated, with capital stock placed at \$3000 and the following incorporators: O. K. Dalaba, T. J. Christopher, A. L. McDonald, A. M. Peterson, O. Middlekauff, F. M. Hayden, W. P. Keady and W. M. Berry.

Because he had forgotten his "climbers" C. E. Ordish, Montana lion hunter, had to walk back five miles after them through the snow to Libby, Mont. before he could climb a tree, rope and capture a lion which his dog had tracked.

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