

**Estimates of 1908 Crop.**

The following figures have been computed from the most careful estimates and may prove of interest to many of our readers.

Total number of acres harvested of the different varieties of grain in Gilliam county during the season 1907:

- Fall wheat - 100,000 acres
- Spring wheat - 40,000 "
- Barley - 20,000 "

Total yield 1907:

- Wheat - 2,800,000 bu.
- Barley - 500,000 "
- Oats - 50,000 "

Total number of acres which have been and will be sown for the season of 1908:

- Fall wheat - 95,000 acres
- " barley - 25,000 "
- Spring wheat - 40,000 "
- " barley - 25,000 "

Amount of grain still in the warehouses and mills:

- Wheat - 40,000 bu.
- Barley - 30,000 "

Amount still kept by the farmers:

- Wheat - 60,000 bu.
- Barley - 20,000 "

**Freight Rates to Eastern Oregon Reduced.**

The state railway commission on March 31 ended the most important session of its existence, cutting freight rates in Oregon from one-tenth to one-sixth of the present first-class rates, and all other freight rates accordingly. The basis of the decision is that all rates from Portland to points in eastern Oregon east of The Dalles, shall be reduced a portion of the excess above the rate from Portland to The Dalles which is 25 per cent on the first-class rate. For instance, the rate from Portland to Umatilla is 85 cents per 100. The new rate is 75 cents and all other rates are cut in proportion.

The school fair which was held at the school house on Friday last was highly successful in every way. About 150 visitors were present and standing room was way above par. A short program was rendered after which light refreshments, consisting of punch and wafers, were served. The exhibits were shown on the second floor and consisted of the work done by the entire school from the first to the eleventh grades. These exhibits showed the work which is being done in every branch in our public school and made a very interesting display. Much interest was shown by those attending the fair and it is to be hoped that this interest in educational lines will be kept up.

A. R. Lavergne was arrested at Arlington on Tuesday on a charge of petty larceny. He was given a hearing before Justice Collins and was fined \$40. Failing to pay he was committed to the county jail and was brought to Condon Tuesday evening by Constable Shanks and delivered to the sheriff.

C. K. Andrews arrived in Condon Monday evening to take position as brakeman on the local branch. He has rented the Fitzwater residence.

Work on the excavation of the foundation for the \$20,000 brick building of the St. Thomas Aquinas School began this week.

On next Monday will be held the city election. The citizen's ticket was chosen last Saturday.

**JUDGE BOURHILL ANSWERS STATEMENTS OF MORO OBSERVER**

In the last issue of the Sherman County Observer there appeared a number of misrepresentations and insinuations that should be answered. It seems as if the above named paper has taken a special delight in warping and twisting the truth beyond recognition. It is my purpose and intent, in a brief way, to explain some of these erroneous statements.

The poet has truthfully said: "Truth crushed to earth shall rise again." So it will in this case even though our time-honored sinner has so cleverly, adroitly and dexterously handled it that you would take him to be a fencing master. But let us leave him now wrapped in the solitude of his own ignorant bliss that we may give you some facts—cold facts—facts and figures and letters and signed statements that speak for themselves.

In the first place the "O Man" asks about a certain bill for \$15, which was allowed for examining an insane person. Listen, and I will tell you all about it. The reason I got a Doctor from Grass Valley was that on that particular day I received a phone from the Sheriff, and he told me that he had an insane person at Moro; that there was no Doctor in town then and for me to bring one from Grass Valley, which I did. In this instance, as usual, the Unreliable distorts the truth. He claims that \$15.00 were paid. Here is the record:

Doctors' fees	\$10.00
Taxi hire and expenses	\$5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>

The distance from Grass Valley to Moro is ten miles, which makes this a very reasonable charge. But why is it, Brother Ireland, that you persist—insist on stretching and perverting the truth from \$13.50 as it is, to \$15.00 to which it is not?

Once more, Brother Ireland, if you will examine the records for the January 1907 term of the County Court you will plainly see that there was no bill allowed for printing the semi-annual report, as you assert there was at that time. But that the Grass Valley Journal was allowed \$6.00 for printing said report, which report was filed in the office of the County Clerk on the 3rd day of Nov. 1906 and allowed by the County Court on the 5th day of Nov. of the same year, and paid by County Warrant Class "I" No. 85.

When your paper was the official paper for Sherman county, you held the County up for \$20.00 for this report. Furthermore, when your paper ceased to be the official organ of Sherman county, you tried to get the editor of the Grass Valley Journal to charge the same exorbitant price for such work as had been your custom so to do. In the conversation at the Moro depot, with the editor of the Journal, one C. L. Ireland of Moro, Oregon, endeavored to get said editor of the Journal to maintain this high charge, namely, \$20.00. The foregoing can be supported by Mr. Westerfield's affidavit. "Consistency thou art a Jewel." But this is not all. For a little diversion suppose you read a refreshing letter—a little sea-breeze from Hans Koepke about "A horse deal". Here it is:

Kent, Ore. April 6, 1908.

The Sherman County Observer of 3rd April insinuates that Judge

Bourhill had wronged or attempted to wrong me to the amount of \$40 a few years ago on a settlement of a horse deal. This insinuation is a base lie, I never bought any horse from Judge Bourhill and he has never wronged or attempted to wrong me in the smallest particular, on the contrary I have the highest respect for our Judge who has always treated me fairly and has on different occasions been a good friend to me. I desire that this should be published as an answer to this one of the many lies now being published against Judge Bourhill.

(Signed) HANS KOEPKE.

Bobby Burns said:

"Oh wad some power the giffle gie us  
To see ourselves as others see us;  
It wad frae monie an error free us  
And foolish notion."

The two signed statements below, Brother Ireland, are for your enlightenment relative to the \$250.00 and the \$1000.00 deal.

The \$250 allowed at the April term of the County Court shows on the docket and also on the warrant issued that it was for the pauper account of Henton. This was for expense of sending his family, who were afflicted with consumption, to Arizona. The family consisted of five persons, two of whom died shortly after their arrival there. Every cent of the \$250 was necessary to pay their expenses.

Concerning the \$1,000.00, this is not the amount, but only \$952.70, which was an unexpended balance of an appropriation of \$1000 appropriated to build a road down Finnegan Canyon, which was stopped by an injunction gotten out by J. H. Sherar. The County Commissioners, at the January 1906 term, authorized this money to be kept by County Judge Bourhill and expended by him on the roads or on Pauper accounts, as might be required, between terms of Court.

We, A. M. Wright and Wm. Walker, are conversant with the facts set forth above and were present and authorized the money to be so expended.  
Signed this 6th day of April 1908.  
A. M. WRIGHT }  
Wm. WALKER } Commissioners

We Wm. Walker and Duncan Chisholm, do hereby certify that we have definite knowledge where the most of this money referred to above namely, the sum of \$952.70, has been acknowledged by the Road Supervisors in their reports, together with the report of Road Master Helt. That all of the above named sum has been legitimately expended, save and except the sum of \$25.00 which is still on hand in the Bank of Grass Valley at Grass Valley, Oregon.  
Signed this 6th day of April 1908.  
Wm. WALKER }  
DUNCAN CHISHOLM } Commissioners.

I am asked what about Sundries and Expenses allowed at different times. Of course I haven't time to teach the Old Reliable the rudiments of book-keeping; for that would take entirely too long; but for the benefit of the public I will state that nothing but items of legitimate expenses were ever allowed and in some cases I have been out expense money and the County got the benefit of it. While we are on the subject of accounts let me inject a little interest in the case. Say, Mr. Observer, what kind of a system of book-keeping do you maintain at your shack? Do you suppose you could ever strike a balance in ten years if you were allowed to work on Sundays? Why is it that you have so much trouble with many of your customers when you render them statements? Is it because they are always wrong and you always right?

I presume the Old Unreliable will come out in its next and succeeding issues with a lot of

Tommy-rot-stuff unworthy of belief. To all those in whose hands these papers may perchance to fall, allow me to suggest that you consider any and all forthcoming statements from said paper carefully; that the same credit for accuracy and honesty be given to this paper in the future as has been given to it in the past.

In conclusion, Brother Ireland, allow me to say:

"Your talk is like a stream which runs,  
With rapid change from rocks to roses;  
It glides from politics to puns,  
It glides from Mahomet to Moses,  
Beginning with the laws that keep  
The Planets in their radiant courses,  
And ending with some precept deep  
For skirting heels or shoeing horses."

(Signed) GEO. B. BOURHILL

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