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ASSEMBLED AUDIT OF COUNTY SCHOOLS GIVES VALUABLE DATA TO TAXPAYERS

Complete Statistical Information of Country and Town Schools
For Fiscal Year 1930-31 Compiled From Records and Audit

These days when taxpayers are counting carefully every dollar paid to the county and state they are more likely than usual to want to know just what their money is spent for and why.

It is with the intention of publishing information that will really inform citizens of the county about their public affairs that this paper assembled the detailed facts about the receipts and disbursements of the different school districts of Sherman county from the records of the office of L. W. Rakes, county school superintendent. The county school audits have just been made by W. D. Wallan and these were the basis of the compilation below.

Many facts are here presented that are ordinarily buried in the files of the superintendent's office where they do not see the light of day unless called for by some inquisitive taxpayer. It will be noted that the total money spent for schools in this county during the last school year was \$116,425.29. This is approximately 36% of the total tax roll of the county.

The average cost of educating grade children varies from \$82.87 in the Grass Valley schools to \$584.58 in the school on Dobie Point. However this school will not operate in the coming year as the two children will be transported to Kent. The average cost of educating a child in the elementary grades for one year in the entire county is \$190.91, which is considerably over the state average of a little over one hundred dollars.

There were 47 teachers in the county last year, 33 being in the grades and 14 teaching in high schools. They received as remuneration for their services \$63,065.00 which is an average of \$1342.02 without dividing the teachers into classes of high and elementary standing.

The expenditures for fuel vary a great deal in the different schools, partly because there is sometimes fuel left over from one year to the next. Some such explanation must be true for it is hard to suppose that actual requirements for fuel varied from fifty to five hundred dollars. However, in the town schools this variation may be accounted for by noting that the two schools that have the smallest bill have a mechanical stoker.

Total receipts of the school districts are \$139,690.81, which is considerably more than their disbursements. This can be accounted for by the fact that their cash on hand at the end of the school year is not taken into consideration. According to the figures presented here it is very probable that it is slightly larger than it was last year.

An explanatory statement should be made about two large entries that appear in the column of improvements. The Boardman and Rosebush districts paid \$1111.00 and \$1479.26 on their school buses this year and this is listed under improvements as were some payments made on bonds by other districts. It may safely be presumed that bonds are issued for

improvements and payment of them may be listed under that head. This will account for some rather large items in the town schools.

In figuring the cost of educating a grammar school child in the town schools the school clerk's estimate of the cost of his high school was taken from the total cost in that district and the remainder divided by the average daily attendance of that school. The total enrollment was not used.

While this chart deals principally with the grammar grades, the high schools in the towns are closely allied with them as far as figures are concerned and no effort has been made to separate them with the exception of the totals. These are made by the clerk of the district and are more often the result of estimate instead of the fine cost accounting which would be necessary for absolutely accurate records.

The following tabulation shows high school costs and enrollment:

School	Cost	Avg. Attendance
Rufus	6376.70	18.9
Wasco	10322.92	47.0
Kent	4539.31	21.4
Moro	8265.49	55.5
Grass Valley	7351.10	43.5

These figures give an average cost per pupil of \$237.39 for Rufus, \$194.74 for Wasco, \$212.00 for Kent, \$148.92 for Moro and \$168.98 for Grass Valley. The county average is \$197.83.

In both Moro and Grass Valley the high school is charged with more costs than the elementary division of the school.

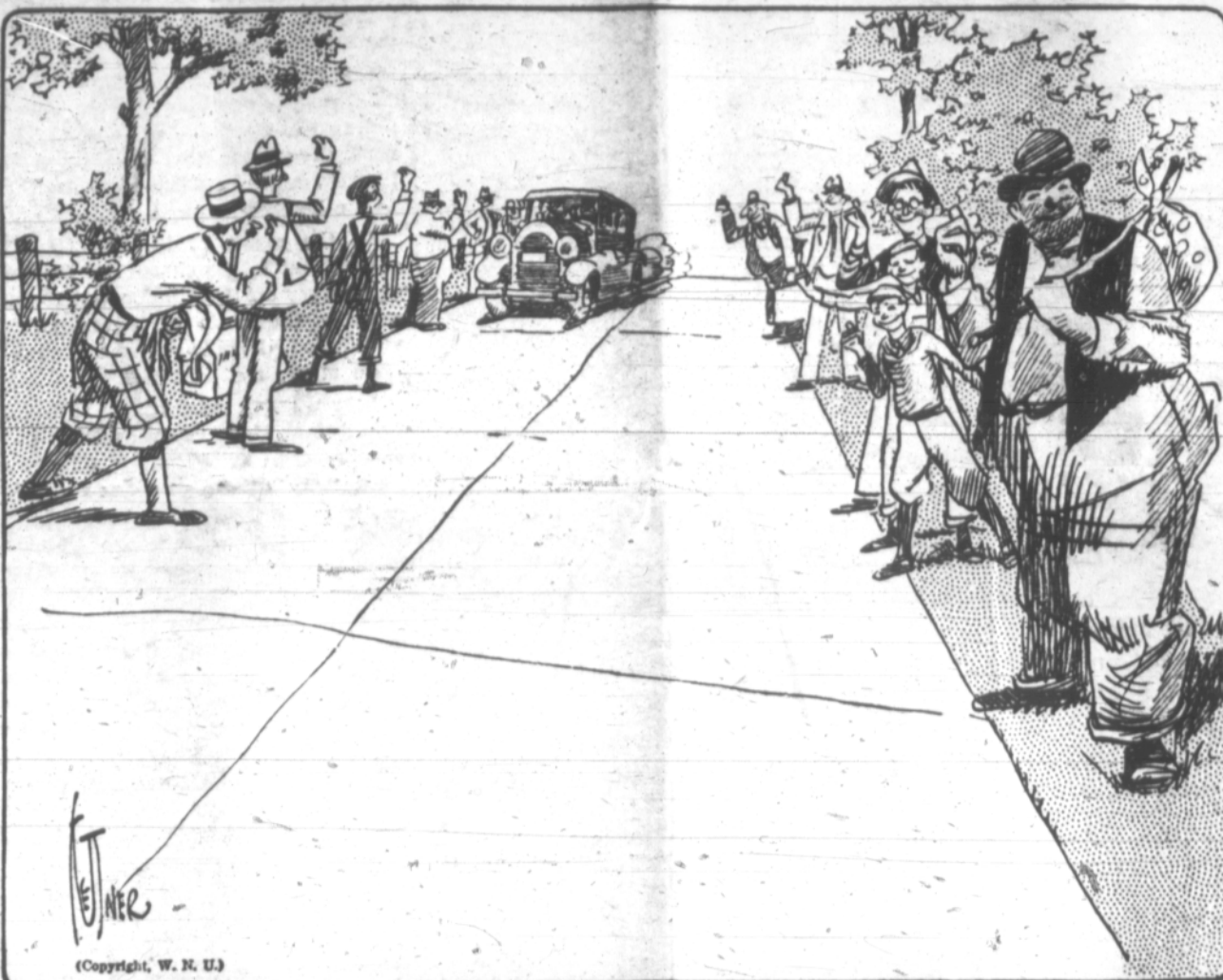
The indebtedness of the schools of the county at the end of the school year was \$98,950.22 with a total valuation last year of \$13,950,600. The valuations of the districts is not included in this chart because they are at the present time undergoing change at the hands of the assessor.

Almost all of the county schools receive the same amount from the elementary school fund. This is because all schools receive this \$435.00 for each thirty pupils or fraction thereof. In case, however, two or more districts consolidate they have the same income from the elementary school fund as before the consolidation for a period of five years. This explains the fact that Rufus receives \$2610.00 for 62 grammar graded children.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 29

DATE	93	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
July 23	90	93	53	.00
" 24	90	93	59	.00
" 25	89	93	55	.00
" 26	87	87	54	.00
" 27	87	87	49	.10
" 28	89	89	52	.00
" 29	88	88	51	.00
Total for week				.960

Road Pests



Uncle Emmett Explains An Economic Demise To a Stranger

Uncle Emmett sat nodding under the shady trees along the main street of Valley City, digesting his dinner, and lighting his pipe at regular intervals between nods when a small business like car drove up the street to stop in front of him.

A man dismounted from the little car and seating himself beside the awakened Uncle Emmett, inquired if Uncle Emmett was a native of the country.

"I reckon I'm about as native as they gets," responded the old man. "I remember when they dug the hill in an I helped dig all the rivers."

"I am a professor of economics at an eastern university and am studying this country while on a vacation," said the traveler, "and I wonder if you could give me some information about the deserted buildings in the valley about fifteen or twenty miles east of here."

"You mean them buildings that used to be the Amers' village, I reckon," answered Uncle Emmett and he described them until the listener declared them to be the ones in question.

"Wal, them people starved out. They had a funny system. Some took care of the sheep an' they turned the wool over to the ones that run the factory. That's the big house next the creek. Some others raised the wheat an' turned it in to the mill. From the mill it went to the bakery in the same building as the kitchen."

"All the workers et in that long room. The grub was sent along that tressle between the houses an' the workers never seen the cooks at all. They had a funny system alright."

"Somehow somthin' went wrong with the carriers on the tressels and it was hard to git grub an' stuff along 'em. The sheep men piled their wool

in the warehouse just the same and the wheat went into the bin just as it always had, but it kep' pilin' up."

"The cooks had plenty to eat but nothin' to wear; the mill hands had plenty to wear, but little to eat, an' the outside workers had wool an' wheat but little else. They got mad about it an' went to work on the ranches ablaze."

"A most unlikely story. Surely, old man, you take me for a simple easterner?" interposed the professor. "No class of people who could farm successfully, devise machinery to make cloth and build buildings as stable as those would be so foolish. It is impossible."

"Wal, they didn't have no economists to advise 'em like the United States has, course, but they didn't do much worse," said Uncle Emmett.

O. A. Ramsey Has Fine Garden Without Water

Anyone who has doubts about the possibility of raising first class garden stuff in Sherman county should see the growing exhibit of that sort of thing produced by O. A. Ramsey west of Moro.

Out of this garden, which is tended with pride by the owner, Mrs. Ramsey has canned sufficient vegetables for the family during the winter and plenty remains. Golden yellow corn eight or ten inches long and with twelve full rows, beans, carrots, and nearly all of the common garden vegetables are grown on the hill without irrigation.

Fire Destroys Farm House Near Grass Valley

The house and granary on what is known as the Ote Eakin place east of Grass Valley were totally destroyed last Saturday evening by fire. The place is farmed by Klaus Bardenhagen, who was away from home harvesting with William Buehler.

While Mrs. Bardenhagen was at the barn milking the cows their boy, about six years old, is thought to have played in the fire in the stove, catching the house ablaze.

Before help could arrive the house was destroyed as well as the granary. The Bardenhagen family lost all of their household effects with the exception of the clothes they wore.

Insurance was carried on the house by W. F. Schilling, the owner of the land. He will rebuild as soon as possible.

Sherar's Grade Road Surveyed By Wall

County Road Master Homer Wall and surveying crew have been in the country near the head of the grade for several days taking the measurements on the hills. They have planned two possible routes where a market road may be constructed. One is south of the old road which was washed out in the cloud burst of last month and could be made a seven per cent grade. The other is north of the old road and would require an eight per cent grade. Costs of the two projected roads have not been worked out as yet.

It is thought probable that the state will assist in rebuilding this road under the new act passed by the last legislature as it will be an important connecting link between Sherman county roads and the Wapinitia road.

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News of '92, '02 and '12 Reprinted From Old Files

From the Observer of August, 2nd, 1912:

Dr. and Mrs. Slocum, of Portland, were guests of Dr. O. J. and Marie M. Goffin three days last week.

Fred Krusow, state president of the Farmer's Cooperative Union, was a passenger to The Dalles to meet with the executive board.

Fred Messenger bought a hack and Chas. R. Belshee bought a butcher's delivery wagon from Louis Heydt, who also sells an automatic feed box.

County Clerk McPherson and Sheriff Freeman skipped out last week on a fishing excursion.

From the Observer August 1st, 1902:

Some advertisers in this issue were the Hay Canyon Commercial Co., and W. C. Stanahan's store called the Leader, which had just begun under new management. He advertised corn and tomatoes for 12 cents per can Tea for 40 cents and Mocha and Java coffee for 20 cents per pound. Overalls were selling for 55 cents and jumpers for 40 cents.

The first load of lumber had arrived for the new Methodist church in Wasco.

Klondike warehouses will be in charge of Homer Barnett for Balfour Guthrie, Harry Gregory, of Hood River, for the W. W. M. Co., Smith

themselves for their own grain.

Muscle has been ordered to a back seat in all the Columbia Southern (Bourhill) warehouses, so far as stacking up sacks is concerned. The company has put a gasoline elevator into each of their warehouses in Sherman county.

In the Kent notes: The Kangaroo Singing club under the leadership of Abel Daugherty met in the public square Saturday evening and discoursed some very sweet music, "Pop Goes the Queen" and encore, followed by "God Save the Weasel" were eminently proper.

From the Observer of July 29th, 1892:

An Alliance column edited by W. J. Peddicord, discusses the source of Senator Stanford's millions.

Goldendale defeated Moro 21-15 in a baseball game. The names of the Goldendale players were printed with the following note: The Moro nine do not desire to have their names published, but we'll say this much if the rest of the nine had played as well as Jas. Morrison and E. H. Moore the result would have been very different.

Henry Hennagin finished cutting his grain last Monday. He will have about 12 bushels per acre which is not bad for an off year.

as well as performing a very needed service by allowing Sherman county farmers to haul their wood and fruit from the country across the Deschutes as well as making the flour mill there available.

City Fathers Vote To Buy Water Meters

The city council voted to end the suspense of persons having meters that are only sometimes in repair and will buy and install water meters for every one who may use the minimum of water allowed. This action will quiet those who have feared that the city would stop this work before it was finished.

Acting on a report from Mayor Freeman who, as a committee of one, interviewed Douma brothers about moving their barn, the council agreed to give some assistance to Douma in case they will move the barn outside the city limits. It was explained by Councilman McKean that the removal of the barn would lower the insurance on the hotel considerably in a year.

First Wheat Shipped By McKean Friday

Last Friday the first car of 1931 wheat was shipped by a local grain dealer when J. C. McKean loaded out a car from Wasco. This wheat was of very good quality.

Mr. McKean states that in his many years of experience in the grain business he does not remember of any year in which Sherman county wheat tested so high in gluten. As this is a characteristic of wheats upon which price is largely based, it is very possible that this county will receive more for its wheat than was at first expected.

Swimming Classes Changed To Tuesday

The first swimming class of the season was held last Monday morning at Stiles and was attended by about twenty from Sherman county. In order to make the time more convenient, the day has been changed from Monday to Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Life-guard Wilson, who is in charge of the swimming lessons this year, is anxious to have as many as can take advantage of the lessons and will start an adult class if any of the older people wish to learn to swim.

Mrs. J. L. Searcy has charge of the classes for the Red Cross in Moro and would like to have those who have available room in their cars when going to the swimming classes notify her if additional children can be taken.

Legionnaires Expect Lively Convention

The Corvallis Legion post has a committee on housing for the convention this year that has taken pride in their work, judging from a statement made by them. They offer a prize of \$25.00 to anyone who is unable to find lodging in Corvallis during the Legion convention which will be held in the college city August 6, 7, 8.

However, there are so many stunts and entertainment features planned for the three day program that many may not avail themselves of the generous offer of sleeping quarters. Prizes have been offered by several organizations for stunts of various kinds and it is expected by the convention committee that other impromptu entertainment will be had as

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District	Cash on Hand	County School Fund	State School Fund	Elementary School Fund	Special School Tax	Warrants Not Paid For Want of Funds	Miscellaneous Receipts	Tuition	Total Receipts	Clerks Salary and Bond	Water, Light and Power	Insurance	Interest	Teaching	Repairs	Personal Services and Transportation	Supplies	Fuel	Improvements	Miscellaneous	Total	Average Daily Attendance	Average Cost Per Pupil
Biglow	332.64	144.80	12.80	435.00			983.15		1908.39	65.00	10.00	48.15	225.95			904.00				612.47	1865.57		
Emigrant	77.73	111.20	3.20	435.00			1270.16		1897.29	60.00		12.48		1350.00	30.00		49.00	34.50		339.36	1875.34	3.9	480.86
Locust Grove	621.35	245.00	41.60	435.00	795.65				2139.20	40.00		91.35			25.50	797.00	112.57			1.25	1067.67		
Webfoot	632.38	128.00	8.00	435.00	677.79				1881.17	60.00	7.50	142.50		1125.00	117.45		27.06	152.35	71.98	24.95	1701.73	3.3	515.67
Gorman	41.39	161.60	17.60	435.00	533.31	433.05	2.00		1623.95	35.00		120.00	4.97	1215.00	5.60	24.00	27.06	191.80		1623.43	5.9	275.16	
DeMoss	69.84	223.20	35.20	435.00	291.63	260.00			1314.87	35.00	16.50		1.68	1170.00	6.30		5.60	55.00	1.16	23.61	1314.85	5.9	243.31
Gordon Ridge	267.60	144.80	12.80	435.00	488.82				1349.02	35.00				1080.00			.75	15.00			1130.75	2.9	389.92
Erskine	781.91	217.60	33.60	435.00	198.78				1666.89	12.50	57.78			1125.00	26.91		24.76	167.20		75.66	1489.81	6.8	219.09
Monkland	505.78	167.20	19.20	435.00	857.66				1984.84	35.00	25.00			1170.00	39.05	90.00	31.48	84.35		21.25	1496.13	5.8	257.94
Harmony		256.80	44.80	435.00	1237.31		17.50		1991.41	61.50		29.50	17.40	1305.00		24.00	73.96	117.98		326.60	1955.94	11.9	164.53
Fairview	18.17	144.80	12.80	435.00	1002.09	70.00			1682.86	60.00	20.00		10.27	1170.00	158.11		9.25	132.89	8.70	18.00	1677.42	3.8	441.43
Boardman	550.11	223.20	35.20	435.00	851.15		167.90		2262.86	35.00		74.85	176.28		21.45	450.00	158.08		1111.00		2026.66		
Rutledge	208.43	357.60	73.60	435.00	943.55		150.00		2168.18	30.00	7.50	10.50	28.77	1215.00	185.03		26.34	80.13	450.00	19.04	2052.31	23.3	88.08
Liberty	368.43	189.60	25.60	435.00	901.46				1920.09	60.00	7.00	28.60		990.00		105.00	12.77	97.30		46.43	1347.00	9.7	138.86
Michigan	562.57	195.20	27.20	435.00	454.10				1674.07	30.00		21.00		1305.00			33.05	69.00		1458.05	7.0	208.29	
Wilcox	104.96	144.80	12.80	435.00	536.74	266.00			1500.30	15.00		80.40	2.34			1197.00	3.00			101.50	1399.24		
Klondike	93.83	189.60	25.60	435.00	919.05				1663.08	50.00			20.80	1170.00			33.25	75.60		140.00	1489.65	4.4	338.56
Rosebush	229.41	144.80	12.80	435.00	553.92	1479.26			2855.19	64.15		89.14	3.22		27.59	630.00	156.45		1479.26	128.95	2578.76		
Buckley	215.08	312.00	32.00	435.00	2075.02		40.00		3544.10	35.00		129.90	165.36		244.27	918.75	238.45			322.20	2053.93		
Dobie	81.68	116.80	4.80	435.00	477.85	60.00			1176.31	10.00		12.00	37.48	1080.00			3.41	26.05		1168.94	1.99	584.58	
Rufus	3056.62	908.80	148.80	2610.00	16247.33		888.43	225.00	24084.98		374.30	263.18	2003.65	6815.00	407.45	4130.00	1692.87	557.60	2556.13	263.35	19963.53	62.0	204.62
Wasco	8556.10	940.00	240.00	1305.00	14377.38		1034.83	3839.17	30292.48	100.00	432.04	82.35	975.00	12806.26	608.39	1222.00	418.88	589.95	4434.35	2188.45	23887.67	50.2	169.14
Kent	1962.67	553.60	129.60	870.00	6529.77		2004.75	519.68	12570.07	60.00	198.86	47.50	500.00	6633.00	225.76	786.25	169.06	548.85	2255.34	498.71	11923.33	42.1	175.39
Moro	159.96	850.40	214.40	1305.00	9770.87	3000.00	14.34	3943.52	19258.49	105.00	350.81	684.87	10755.74	414.55	875.93	280.00	398.83	1477.29	356.65	15699.67	64.4	115.44	
Grass Valley	1759.86	676.80	164.80	1305.00	6836.66		4.50	4533.20	15280.82	75.00	230.52	600.00	9585.00	61.49	1051.00	397.51	382.50	553.17	101.72	13077.91	69.1	82.87	
County	21258.80	7748.80	1388.80	16530.00	67577.89	5568.31	6577.56	13060.57	139690.81	1168.15	1737.81	1283.30	5458.04	63065.00	2604.90	13334.93	3987.55	5776.88	14398.12	5610.15	116425.29	416.8	190.91