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TAX SUMMARY FOR 1931 GIVES VALUATIONS

Land Values Reduced Twenty Per Cent From 1930 Figure

LIVESTOCK MUCH THE SAME

Public Service Will Be Specified in Tax Commission

Comparisons of the assessment rolls of the county assessor, Margaret Peetz, with that of last year shows the amount that valuations have been reduced in this county for the year 1931.

The average value of land has been reduced from \$13.84 in 1930 to \$11.76 for this year. This has been done by lowering the value of tillable land from \$29.53 to \$23.65 and of untillable land from \$2.97 to \$1.65. This has been done because it was felt that considering the lowered price of farm products land represented a much smaller part of the taxable property in the county.

Improvements on deeded land, city lots and their improvements, manufacturing machinery, and merchandise have all been lowered in valuations either because of less worth or as in the case of stocks and goods, because of reduced amounts on hand.

Farming implements have been reduced about 25 per cent and are now listed at \$303,760 instead of \$405,920.

Live stock has been reduced in valuation also, but with the exception of horses, in a smaller degree than other things. Whereas horses have been valued at \$37.45 they are now listed as being worth \$28.72. Horses have not changed in value but they show a unit value increase because of the fact that there have been changes in the price of cattle in the county that made them appear to be raised in valuation. Sheep are practically the same at \$3.50 and have been increased from \$3.00 to \$3.50. March when hogs were more plentiful than at the present time.

This rearrangement in county valuations will make some difference in the taxes of all taxpayers in the county, on county taxes. It is not known at this time whether it will effect the state taxes to any extent or not as the ratio for all counties has not been put in by the state tax commission. If the ratio is left at 80 as it was last year this adjustment will lower our state tax but if our ratio is lowered to any great extent it may raise our state taxes at about the present level.

The earthquake of September 1, 1931, was the greatest and most disastrous in history. The area involved extended 140 miles east and west and 100 miles north and south. The loss of life and property was estimated at \$100,000,000. The number of injured at 125,000 and \$35,000 were homeless. The property loss was \$100,000,000. The earthquake was the greatest in the history of the United States.

Estate Settled In 1827 Gives Interesting Light on Bygone Day

A real piece of old time news ters of a day reaping is worth 50 and some prices on merchandise that cents. This must have been hand on bonafide have been brought to reaping for the reaper was not in this office by Harry Kunsman this vented until 1831.

The administrator's list of expensers that were put in the Moro penses is interesting in the charges State Bank by Mr. Kunsman's father, made against the estate. Most of years ago and have been found in the legal charges are much similar the inventory of that bank by the to those charged now, but the charge for a coffin at \$5.00 is very moderate adjusters.

They are a part of the settlement in the right of present charges. Hence of the estate of one Christopher Kunsman, a court officer, there the sale of goods left by the de is listed 29 bushels of corn at 50 cents, the Rev. I. F. Abley was cents, 6 bushels of wheat at 75 cents, 100 for preaching the sermon, Dr. 37 bushels of wheat at 75 cents, Wilson \$10.00 for medicine and showing that even in 1827, when the paid for taxes in the year 1827 and inventory was made, wheat had a very good value compared to the present.

Another part of the inventory lists 1 1/2 pounds of molasses at 12 cents per pound, 1 1/2 gallons of molasses at \$1.00 per gallon, 5 dozen pickles at 6 cents per dozen, 1/2 gallon vinegar and a load of wood for 50 cents. Four days work are down for \$2.00 which makes a man worth just 50 cents a day.

An example of the care with which money was handled in those times is shown in the price of several crocks listed at 15 cents, 12 1/2 cents and 18 cents apiece which is 62 1/2 for a total of \$2.00 for three rather small crocks. Now days Three and a half pints of wine are valued at 40 cents and three quar-

Spooks, Goblins Cavort Hallowe'en Night

Goblins and imps and others of the most mischievous of the spirit tribe were abroad last Saturday night celebrating the eve given over to them. At their wont, they first entered the minds of boys, and some girls, and caused them to move disordered machinery and buildings about.

Goats, usually relegated to an inconspicuous place in the back yard, were dragged into the limelight by being moved to the sidewalk while adorned with what the imps considered appropriate signs. A few stoves dragged away with their accustomed drag the next morning and other minor depredations marked the event of the imps in town.

In Grass Valley rather a lively argument was started over the night attendance of three goats to the public school. Night classes for goats was too radical a departure from the normal course of things for the fundamentalist janitor and a lively argument ensued that resulted in a few shots being fired and a hasty retreat by speeding imps.

Wasco suffered but little over the evening for with the exception of windows soaped there was little damage done there. Altogether it was sort of an ordinary Hallowe'en with youthful spirits as usual gaining the ascendancy over youthful judgment.

Moro Loses Game To Dufur Eleven

Moro's game with Dufur last Friday resulted in the worst defeat the local team has suffered this year. On almost the first play "Happy" Woods, right tackle, for Moro suffered a broken leg and without his experience the boys didn't do as well as usual. In the first half, however, they held the boys from across the river and played as good football as the visitors. In the second half they were unable to continue their static efforts and were scored upon three times which with a safety made the final result 22 to 0 for Dufur. Cushing and Webb were the stars of the game. Both of these Dufur backfield men were fast enough to make yardage around the ends and in this manner and not through the line.

Wheat Price Increases Cheerfulness Here

Bright fall sunshine has not been more cheerful than the good news that almost daily comes over the wires about the wheat price. Wheat has climbed nearly thirty cents since the low figure of harvest time and the outlook is much brighter for the wheat farmer.

Weather conditions have not improved for no rain has fallen for a week, but much of the wheat seeded earlier is coming up. Except in the lower part of the county seeding is general.

MORO-WASCO GAME EXPECTED TO THRILL

Coaches Careful About Propheying Result of Clash

WASCO HAS LEAD IN SCORES

Moro Defense May Be Able To Hold Rivals

Coaches are canny-citizens. With the big game of the season coming up, the game that really makes or breaks a season, they coyly retire behind a defensive smile and put out the most discreet information that it is going to be a great game. Of course it is going to be a great game. When within the history of Sherman county of football hasn't the annual game between Wasco and Moro been a great game?

Coach Manning, of Wasco, whose team will be the hosts this year for the Amistice day struggle says, "It will be a good game and the breaks may decide which way it will go. Moro has a good defensive team against everything but passes. Wasco is overconfident because they have won for so many years in the past," which, perhaps is about all that could be expected from a coach before the county championship clash.

Johnny Walker, of Moro, smiled that large and disarming smile and stated that it would be a great game but upon being pressed continued his remarks to state, "All the tradition seems to be that Wasco should win the game against us, but this year we will have a team that will let them know they have been in a battle before they cross the goal line. The boys will all be in good shape with the exception of Woods who is out for the season."

Collis Moore, who has referred most of the games in the county this year, thinks it quite possible that it will result in a tie with Wasco unable to score against Moro's defense.

Maybe comparative scores would help a little. The three teams that have been played by both Moro and Wasco are Dufur, Hood River and Grass Valley. Dufur won from Wasco 13 to 6 and won from Moro 22 to 0. Hood River beat Wasco 40 to 0 and Moro 57 to 0 and Moro played a 6 to 6 tie with Grass Valley who were defeated 19 to 0 by Wasco. Looks like Wasco doesn't it?

Now, Goldendale played Moro a 6 to 6 tie and won from Dufur 6 to 0 and then Dufur beat Wasco 13 to 6. Looks like Moro that way.

Any way, whoever wins, there will be 22 stalwart sons of Sherman county out there on the field on the afternoon of the 11th with all the determination they have trying to score against a most unfriendly foe.

For the Amateur Nurse
If you are new at nursing and are afraid you will forget the time for medicine for the patient, keep an old or unwound watch in the room by the medicine and as each dose is administered move the hands of the clock to the hour for the next dose. Then you cannot make a mistake.

Machine Gunners To Show Armistice Day

Legionnaires who have flattened themselves into oozy mud at the sound of the rat-a-tat-tat of a machine gun will have an opportunity to hear it again under more pleasant circumstances when the machine guns, squads of the National Guard, The Dalles, put on a demonstration between the halves of the football game in Wasco, Armistice day.

A machine gun squad carries their equipment knocked down; each man has a part of it. When the order is given they put all the pieces together in jig time and begin shooting. Experienced machine gunners can set up or dismantle a gun blindfolded, in the dark, in the rain or under almost any conditions. They know as much about their guns as they know about their own face. The boys from The Dalles O. N. G. will demonstrate this knowledge.

In addition to this exhibition the United Artisans lodge, of The Dalles, will send their uniformed drill team to Wasco to parade between the halves and show their military precision as used in times of peace.

Bombs will provide plenty of realistic war time noise for the day.

Lyle Woods Breaks Leg In Football Game

Lyle "Happy" Woods was injured in the football game with Dufur High School last Friday at the fair grounds. In almost the first play of the game he was found under a mob of opponents and team mates when the whistle blew, with a broken leg. Examination showed a fracture of one of the bones near the ankle and with the addition of a pair of crutches Lyle is able to be at school again.

E. E. Voltaire To Speak This Week

Eugene E. Voltaire, sexologist and advocate of birth control and sex knowledge for everyone will be at the Moro Theatre Friday night, November 6th and Saturday night November 7th.

He has as his subject a matter that has caused no little controversy during the past ten years and if handled in a scientific manner will be of interest and value to those who attend. Dr. Voltaire is quoted as saying, "Birth control, due to hypocrisy and ignorance, is a more or less tabooed subject in so-called polite society, yet it is practiced universally, by

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WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 4

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Oct. 29.....	58.....	42.....	.00
" 30.....	58.....	44.....	.00
" 31.....	60.....	41.....	.00
Nov. 1.....	65.....	40.....	.00
" 2.....	61.....	42.....	.00
" 3.....	55.....	33.....	.00
" 4.....	63.....	32.....	.00
Total for week.....			0.00

BUDGET COMMITTEE NAMED FOR COUNTY

Fred Krurow, J. M. Yokum and C. P. Adams To Serve

MEETING TO BE NOVEMBER 10

Sherar's Road Work Progressing Fast In Good Weather

Ex-Judge Fred Krurow, C. P. Adams and J. M. Yokum will be the members of the county budget committee to set with the county court and make up the county budget for 1932 this fall. Other men who will be asked to offer their advice will be the members of the state tax equalization committee appointed by Governor Meier for Sherman county. These are E. D. McKee, an ex-county judge, W. F. Jackson and R. J. Baker.

This meeting to make the budget will be held on November 10th at the court house.

The court in session for the November term also voted \$150.00 additional money to be sent the state to keep the government hunter and trapper here for the remainder of the year. This action was taken on the request of many of those who live along the rough country where coyotes are most numerous. Alva Stone, the present trapper, accounted for over 20 coyotes during October and with his predecessors in the same work has reduced the number of predatory animals in this county until there is much less livestock killed by them than formerly.

Work on the Sherar's road is progressing fast in this fine fall weather, according to the report of Homer S. Wall, roadmaster, who was at the meeting of the court. All of the dirt work which was over two miles long will be completed this week. The grading has been done and the ditching is being finished.

Practically all the men on the unemployment list that can go to work immediately are on the payroll and will commence the rock work the first of the week. There is not much of this work in point of distance but there is plenty of it when depth is considered.

"Dutch" Fuller Hurt By Rolling Truck

"Dutch" Fuller was injured Thursday morning while delivering a load of posts to the Omer Sayrs ranch. As his truck was pointed down the hill while "Dutch" was opening a gate, the brakes loosened and the motor started. The loaded truck caught him between the gate post and the body crushing his shoulder.

Fortunately for Fuller the gate post broke off at the ground and prevented the truck from killing him. He was brought to town where Dr. Poley examined him and took him to The Dalles where he was X-rayed.

Letter From China Tells of Suffering

Following is an excerpt from a letter to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ginn from Mrs. Erma B. Lawler who is a missionary in China. She was originally from Athens.

"Poor China today is truly in a distressing condition. The most dreadful flood in the history of the nation, has swept in on her, and thousands of lives have already been swept away by the raging torrent. At one time in the last few weeks, a thousand bodies a day floated down the river. Fifty million people rendered destitute. And now a plague has broken out a hundred dying a day, that is known and God only knows how many that no one knows about. Lindy and wife are now in China, arrived safely by air, and have now offered their services with their plane to help survey the flooded district. She drives while Lindy takes pictures and surveys. The paper just stated that he has found places covered with water that the government knew nothing about. They, the Chinese government had planned great reception for them and dinners, this they refused to accept, because of the awful distress, and wanted to immediately give their assistance to help in this dreadful calamity. What a wonderful man Lindy really is. They say words cannot tell of the fearful sight they have seen as they fly over the death dealing waters.

People are dying so fast with cholera they cannot get coffins for them, so they are just wrapped up in matting and carried and placed in trenches that have been dug for them. The stench arising from this place is almost unbearable and some of the workers are falling victims to the disease. They live only one to two hours after being stricken. Civil war is on and now Japan has started war with China, and so God alone knows what will be the outcome. O, that men every where would repent."

Taxes Coming In Fast At End Of Time

Taxes are coming faster this past week as the date for payment of the last half draws near. Several of the public service companies operating in Sherman county have paid up the last half of their taxes. The check from the Union Pacific railroad company for \$28,887.91 was received this week. This is one half of the contribution of this company to Sherman county schools, cities and roads. Their total tax aggregated 22 per cent of the total tax bill of the county.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company manager, C. D. Ashbaugh was in Moro last week and made final payment of \$1509.05 for the company's last half of taxes for 1931. In the state they paid a total of \$987,832.83 for taxes.

The Pacific Power & Light Company has also paid \$1153.49 for the last payment on their taxes for the year. Several large land owners will send in their checks before the date has passed to raise the total taxes collected for the year.

Old Time News Retold For Readers of the Journal

From the Observer November 8, 1912.

Elections returns show that county officers will be Fred Krurow, Judge; J. C. McKee, Sheriff; K. A. McPherson, Clerk; W. D. Wallan, Treasurer; Otto Peetz, Assessor; F. E. Fagan, School Superintendent; M. B. Taylor, Coroner; E. D. McKee, Commissioner; J. K. Starr, District Attorney; W. H. Ragsdale, state senator and as far as Sherman county is concerned W. A. Carpenter and W. F. Jackson state representatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Henrichs entertained a number of friends one evening last week in honor of Mrs. Geo. Berrian. Mr. and Mrs. Berrian are leaving the city permanently for Hood River.

Mrs. J. C. Hockman, of Moro, took the silver vase for first prize on Sherman county butter at the Condon fair.

From the beerver November 7th, 1902.

After 18 years farming experience in the county Frank Peddicord has pulled out for stockraising in Linn county.

The Dalles, Pendleton, Moro and Baker City each have steam printing presses. The Observer having just added one.

Dr. Thomas Carr Avery, who has been with us a month in Moro so

WHEAT LEAGUE READY FOR ANNUAL CONGLOVE

Program Includes Senate Dinner and Wheat Experts

COMMITTEE WORK PENDING

Two Day Program To Have Interest For Every Wheat Grower

Final arrangements are being made this week by the officers of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League for the annual meeting which will be held in The Dalles on November 13th and 14th. The program has been made up and with the exception of changes that will have to be made because of the inability of some of the speakers to attend will be as follows:

After the call to order on Friday morning, the 13th, by president Harry Pinkerton, and the address of welcome by the mayor of The Dalles, the various committees will adjourn to take up the work assigned to them. There are four committees this year and they will discuss, Wheat Handling and Production, also Tillage and Feeding, other committees will take up Legislation and Taxation, Transportation and Agricultural Marketing.

Professor Dressen will speak on taxation with particular reference to farm taxes in the Columbia river basin. Charles Galloway, of the state tax commission will talk on taxation problems. B. W. Whitlock, who has recently returned from Europe will speak on "Grain Handling in Europe."

Senator Frederick Stier will address the wheat league on national taxation and farm finance during the afternoon and will be followed by Paul C. Newman, Federal Statistician who will explain how the farm statistics are gathered and comment on their accuracy.

J. S. Davis, from Stanford University, is expected to talk on the wheat situation. He is a very capable man from the Food Research Bureau and has made a thorough study of this problem.

The banquet will be held in the evening and it is thought that Senator Steiwer will speak again at that time.

Saturday there will be discussions of cooperative gasoline purchased by farmers and of feeding experience of farmers in feeding hogs and sheep on wheat. D. E. Stephens will tell of the results of research in wheat production and E. E. Jackson will talk on the smut situation.

"Barley as a substitute crop" will be the subject of D. D. Hill. Ed Aldrich will speak on the disposal of surplus wheat from his wide knowledge of the subject and some officer of the grain corporation will tell of the activities of that organization.

The meeting will close with the re-

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The Local Weather Bureau

