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WHEAT MEN INDORSE COOPERATIVE PLAN

Resolutions Ask That Any Changes Be Made By Friends

DAVIS REVIEWS WHEAT PRICES

Prominent Men From District Address Wheat Growers

The 1931 meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League held in The Dalles Friday and Saturday of last week was another of the gatherings of the producers of the eleven wheat counties of Oregon that uphold the reputation of the organization for obtaining interesting and informative speakers to enlighten farmers on the latest developments in the marketing, transportation and production of wheat.

Probably the high lights of the convention were the speeches of Senator Steiwer and Dr. J. S. Davis both of whom spoke Friday. The senator chose national taxation for his topic and while explaining some of the troubles of western senators back in the capital gave his hearers something to think about regarding the national taxation policy. He advocated raising the taxes on large incomes and proposed a change in the federal farm loan banks to give greater service to farm owners. He was well received by the wheat growers.

Dr. Davis, small, blond, mustached and spectacled, formerly a economist for the farm board, now a research professor from Stanford University, reviewed the wheat situation from the 1928 crop to the present and upon that information based a prophecy of the future.

The 1928 crop was the largest crop that the world has raised the speaker said, but prices held fairly steady because general business was good and much wheat was used and nearly everyone thought that wheat would go up in price and therefore held.

In 1929 there was a large crop in Europe but a much smaller crop in the exporting countries. Whereas Canada, Argentina, Australia and the United States ordinarily send about 800 million bushels to Europe they only had 450 million bushels in 1929, but because of the beginning of financial stringency in the old world in 1929 these countries only demanded 150 million bushels in that year. Still because of very prosperous times in this country there was little drop in price as millers, farmers and speculators were all holding wheat.

In the spring of 1930 no market had developed and these holders of wheat began to sell on a rapidly falling market. "The price of wheat is ruled not by the amount sold, but by the relationship between what must be sold and what has to be bought," said Mr. Davis and he explained his rule by saying that if Europe has a small crop and has to buy large quantities of wheat it will carry a high price even with a large crop in the exporting countries, but if Europe has a large crop a comparatively small crop may go begging for a buyer. "The distribution of the wheat crop is more important than the size of it in effecting the price," he said.

By the summer of 1930 world confidence was at a low level and as Europe had no buying power wheat dropped to a very low level until the farm board stabilized wheat and held the price.

Exporting countries raised a large crop in 1930 that filled their granaries to the top and created a large carryover and Russia came into the market with over 100 million bushels of export wheat.

Forecasting the future of wheat the speaker said that Russia must be taken into consideration for it was most likely that within ten years she would be exporting as much again as now. When her average was 155 million bushels yearly. Also he stated that acreage had been increased in many countries, especially Australia, and it was difficult to reduce to a normal acreage for several years.

More cheerful opinion, though, was that as wheat was hurt by the general depression it would be helped by the expansion of trade. Experience teaches that when the bottom is reached, as he believed it had been, prices constantly tend to be upward for several years. He did not look for high prices but for stabilization on a much lower level probably considerably below a dollar.

While Dr. Davis disavowed any intention to speak for all economists, he stated, in answering a question, that he thought most of his brethren in the study of economics did not believe that the tariff was of much help to the American producer.

E. J. Bell Jr., a young Montanan in charge of the grain section of co-operative marketing for the farm board, warned the league that the government could not provide a panacea for the farmers' ills and that the cooperation in cooperative marketing would have to come to the growers. Planning for change of crops or other agricultural adjustments must be made by large groups instead of small units to be successful.

Paul Newman, of the department of agricultural and livestock estimates, told how the estimates were produced and compiled and stated that they were accurate for large districts even though they might be off for single counties.

Clyde Spooner spoke for the truck operators and asked farmer consideration of their problems.

The state president of the Farmers' Union, L. H. McBee, Dallas, took a few minutes to plead for a cooperative buyer on the stockyards in Portland.

H. R. Richards, talked for the Columbia River Association and gave figures to show the injustice of present transportation costs.

W. S. Nelson told of the resources now held back in the northwest for lack of cheap transportation and told of the changes that might come over the country in case the proposed dam was built at The Dalles.

Reports of the four committees working on wheat growers problems followed. The wheat handling group suggested a change in the plans of the farm board by asking that facility loans be made to local cooperative organizations for 80 percent of the value of their property.

The transportation committee asked for better rates and more development of the river at whatever point the engineers determined most feasible. John Witherspoon was appointed as a member of the Farm Rate council.

The agricultural marketing committee.

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Small-pox Attacks Youth of This District

Last Monday morning several children were absent from school because they felt badly and because of presumed digestive disorders they had broken out. One lad was uncomfortable because his feet hurt and he had hives. Some suspicious person called Dr. Poley down from Grass Valley and he immediately discovered that a dozen or more children had small-pox.

That very morning he vaccinated about fifty children and adults at the school house and ordered those not so immunized to stay home. Homes in which persons were ill with the disease were quarantined.

So far is known none of the children are seriously so at this time as it seems to be a light form of small-pox. According to Dr. Poley, county health officer, there may be some cases that will have it much harder than the average and it may result in some deaths if care is not taken. It is never a disease to be trusted.

Grange To Unify Buying Power

Members of the cooperative buying committee of Harland View grange have been interviewing merchants of the county for the past two weeks and have made some progress with the plan they have devised. They explain that the intention of the grangers is to keep as much of their money in Sherman county as possible, but that they want to buy as cheaply as they can.

It is their plan to pay spot cash for their grocery and dry goods purchases and they have been trying to find out what is the best price they can get for this sort of purchases.

For the next six months Zeigler's store in Grass Valley will be the central buying place for members of Harlandview grange as he has received the contract for that period of time. Other granges of the county are working on the plan and expect to have it in operation before long.

The committee expressly state that they do not expect to buy so cheaply that the merchant cannot profit by dealing with them, but that they want their large cash buying power to be recognized by favorable prices.

New Citizen Admitted At Court Session

Fritz Rohweder was admitted to citizenship at the November term of court this week after questioning by Judge Parker and Attorney C. L. Pepper. While Rohweder did not show a great amount of knowledge of the intricate workings of the government of the nation or the state his answers to questions relating to his personal attitude toward the United States were satisfactory and he was passed.

Robert Rohde, who has some time yet before he must pass or apply again, was continued until the next term of court.

CITY WILL NEED \$8185 IN 1932 SAYS BUDGET

Most of City Taxes Go For Bonds And Interest

COUNCIL ORDER NO MEETINGS

Public Gatherings To Be Postponed Till Small-pox Is Controlled

The budget for the City of Moro for 1932 was made up last Tuesday evening at the council rooms by the council and the budget committee acting together.

It is planned to spend \$1335.00 this year above the receipts which were estimated to be \$4120.00, practically all from the water system. The committee delved rather thoroughly into the city books for the few hours they were occupied at their task and expressed themselves as satisfied with the allowances made for the various departments of the city government.

In addition to the \$1335.00 to be raised by taxation there will be the moneys to be paid for bond retirement, which is \$3000.00 and for interest which will be \$3850.00. These are items that are impossible to reduce.

The total disbursements of the city for 1932 are estimated to be \$8,185.00 in addition to the receipts of \$4,120.00 or a total of \$12,305.00. This is slightly higher than was budgeted last year but at that time an insufficient sum was set aside for bond interest making the budget lower than it should have been.

J. E. Coleman was chairman of the meeting, G. L. French, secretary, and L. L. Peetz, L. H. Nabouse, J. F. Foss and W. F. Jackson other members of the committee.

After the budget meeting the council met for a few minutes to carry out the wishes of the county health officer and order people to refrain from public meetings of any sort for the next two weeks or until the small-pox epidemic that has started in the town and surrounding country is in hand.

New York "Actors' Chapel" St. Malachi's church on Forty-ninth street, just west of Broadway, is known as the Actors' chapel. The church is largely attended by theatrical people, members of the sporting world and other residents of the surrounding district.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 18

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Nov. 12	52	30	.00
" 13	51	33	.15
" 14	46	31	.12
" 15	44	27	.00
" 16	47	31	.04
" 17	45	34	.14
" 18	42	32	.08
Total for week			.63
Precip. before 12th			.06
Total for Nov. to 18th			1.19

Sherman Countians Are Peaceful, Court Dismissed

County court in Sherman county for the November term was very plainly a case of "Much Ado About Nothing." Thirty jurors appeared from all sections of the county attired in their very best bib and tucker to do their duty toward the state and county only to be politely told by the judge that they were dismissed until further notice.

Seven were chosen for the grand jury: R. W. Belashee, D. L. Reynolds, Harry Proudfoot, D. L. Clodfelter, Truman Cross, Wilber Haggerty and Lee Dehler but there was nothing wrong that they could discover and all went home happy and relieved.

The grand jury did bring a few witnesses before it while they were investigating the case of Roy Laird who was charged with stealing a horse, but a true bill was returned as the evidence was not considered very convincing.

Dr. J. R. Morgan Leaving For Portland To Practice

After twenty three years practicing dentistry in Sherman county, Dr. J. R. Morgan is leaving this week for Portland where he has bought a house and where he will practice his profession.

This move is made necessary on account of Mrs. Morgan's eyes. The climate and dust of this county has seriously affected them and doctors say that only by moving to a clearer atmosphere can she ever use them freely again.

The Morgans will be located at 31st and East Burnside where their home and the doctor's office will be located.

Dr. Morgan is trying to interest some other dentist in this town and will probably sell his home and dental equipment or will induce another dentist to come to Moro.

Stay at Home Advise To Young People

The following warning has been sent out by the Portland Community Chest and is self explanatory:

KEEP YOUR YOUNG FOLKS AT HOME THIS YEAR.

The unemployment situation in Portland is such that we are advising young people not to seek employment here; but to remain in your home towns, unless they have enough money to tide them over or friends and family with whom they can live. REMEMBER:—

Disappointment is a sad beginning to a young person's career. It will be far better to remain at school this year or help at home, than be obliged to return home disheartened and discouraged.

The Farmer's National Grain corporation through Henry W. Collins, vice-president in charge of Pacific coast operations announce, "Shipment from Portland and Puget Sound ports last month totaled more than 2,250,000 bushels, exclusive of the exports to the Chinese government on the 15,000,000 bushel sale for flood relief."

Grass Valley Girls Win Volley-ball Championship

County Volley Ball Standings up to November 15

School	W	L	Pct.
Grass Valley	7	0	1.000
Wasco	3	2	.600
Rufus	3	3	.500
Kent	1	5	.167
Moro	1	5	.167

The Grass Valley high school girls volleyball team clinched the county championship last Friday night by defeating the Kent girls 30-22 on the Kent floor. Grass Valley has one more game to play, an engagement with Rufus on November 27 but win or lose that one, the championship is in the bag now for the Grass Valley girls, inasmuch as they have a two game lead over their closest rival, Wasco.

With 16 girls turning turning out eight of them for the first time at the start of this year. Coach Henry E. Tetz moulded a machine which has turned in some of the best volleyball ball seen in Sherman county for several years. Twelve girls formed the first squad and the starting lineup differed in practically every game.

Starting their season off with victories over Kent and Rufus, the Grass Valley girls gathered momentum as their team work developed and probably reached their highest point on October 23 when they took the measure of the Wasco girls 25-23 on Wasco's floor. This was easily the hardest fought and most bitterly contested game on the schedule with every point played out in prolonged rallies which kept the spectators on edge through out the half hour playing time.

This defeat of Wasco marked the end of a three year domination of Grass Valley by Wasco in girls athletics and victory was the sweeter for that reason. Two weeks later the Wasco girls journeyed to Grass Valley determined to reverse the verdict but they were over anxious and again the superior relaying and team work of the Grass Valley team won over the more spectacular but erratic playing of the Wasco girls.

Tuesday of last week the Grass Valley girls defeated Moro on Moro's floor by a score of 34-23. Probably the most encouraging sign this year was the playing of the four freshman girls who bid fair to replace the four seniors who will be lost to the team by graduation.

The first squad includes Pauline Newcomb, Cynthia Bell, Maxine Rolfe and Marrietta Perry, seniors; Eva Perry, Norma Garrett, Helen Stark and Vivian Reynolds, sophomores; Ellen Cox, Lois Russell, Dorothy Fairchild and Charlotte Ruggles, freshmen. Other girls turning out included Pearl Bell, Neva Gervais, Mildred Alley, Lila Boyce, Dorothy Olds and Jaunita Boyce.

Grass Valley's record follows: Grass Valley 44 Kent 32 Grass Valley 37 Rufus 29 Grass Valley 25 Wasco 23 Grass Valley 40 Moro 22 Grass Valley 26 Wasco 21 Grass Valley 34 Moro 23 Grass Valley 30 Kent 22

WHEAT ONLY PROFITABLE CROP FOR THIS LAND

Attempts To Find Satisfactory Substitute Unsuccessful So Far

BARLEY MAKES MORE GRAIN

Other Crops Do Not Yield Enough To Pay On Large Acreage

From the experiments at the station in Moro it is apparent that diversification as far as Sherman county is concerned will in all probability be restricted to livestock instead of crops unless something entirely new in the line of dry land crops is discovered.

Since the beginning of the station here almost every kind of crop that will grow in this climate has been tried and none have proved to be as profitable as wheat at average prices. Barley produces more feed than does wheat, but it is common to the country and is hardly considered a diversified crop.

Field peas, corn, rye and other of the grains have been tried without success when compared to the old reliable winter wheat or spring wheat when necessary.

The following chart prepared from experiments on the station farm shows what may on the average be expected when planting a crop of any of the grains given after another crop:

Winter wheat	Bu. per acre.
After fallow	26.6
After peas turned under	20.5
After corn	17.3
After peas	18.8
Spring Wheat	
After fallow	23.5
After corn	21.2
After peas	22.1
After winter wheat	11.2
After spring wheat	12.8
After spring barley	15.3
After peas turned under	25.9
Spring Barley	
After fallow	39.6
After peas turned under	31.5
After spring wheat	23.8
After corn	28.1
After barley	17.7
After oats	28.3
Peas	
After winter wheat	9.8
After spring wheat	10.1
After peas	11.4
Corn	
After fallow	15.1
After manured fallow	16.6
After peas turned under	17.2
After rye turned under	16.6
After winter wheat	9.4
After spring wheat	12.7
After spring barley	14.0
After corn	13.8

All these results tend to show that the limiting factor in growing crops in Sherman county is moisture which is common knowledge for this

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A Few Personal Glimpses of Well Known Wheat Leaguers

Prof. Hyslop writing the minutes of his committee with the time honored hunt and peck system followed assiduously and with such rapid attention that it resembled a game.

Ordinarily unexcitable conservatives basting the daily papers for misinterpreting the attitude of the meeting before it had convened.

The "old eagle" of the farm co-operatives, Alva Shumway, smoking cigarette after cigarette at a midnight meeting while he calmly legislated a resolution through a committee.

Joseph S. Davis, friendly little research professor, enjoying the questioning he was undergoing after his talk Friday night. To the professor it was a game in which he had to give a reasonable and rational answer to every query in order to win—a hard job for a theorist among hard headed farmers, but he came out with a good score.

The upward and to the right shifting of ex-Governor Pierce's eyes as

he spoke of the great distance between his beliefs and those of the preceding speaker who just happened to be R. R. Butler, present representative. Walter, don't you dehorn your cows so they can't hook in close quarters?

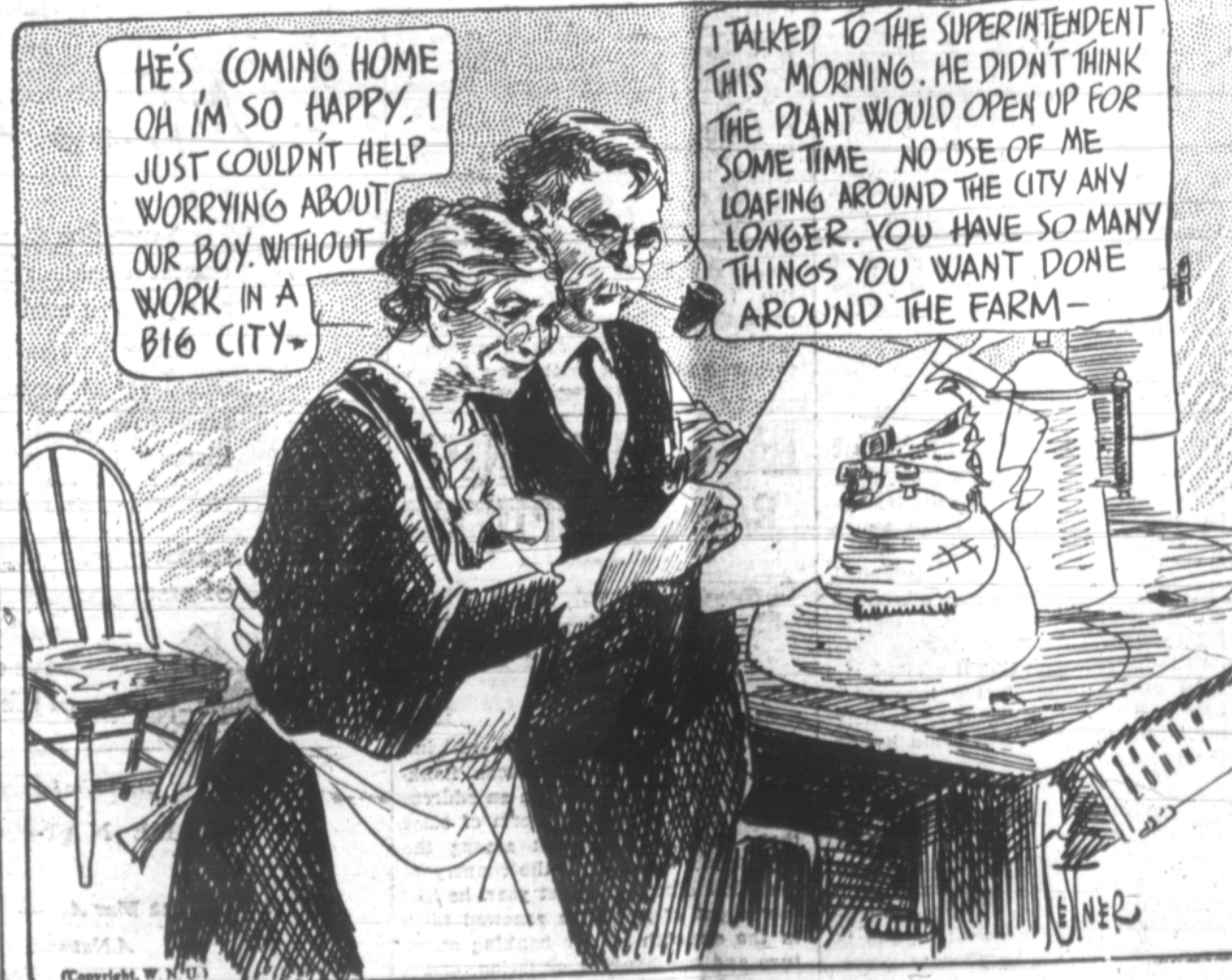
U. S. D. A. and farm board representatives being discreet and therefore silent when the question of the government experiment in aiding co-operation was broached.

President Pinkerton spent a large part of Saturday standing in order to keep the speaker's mind on the limits of time.

Orris Dorman stretching a few minutes into half an hour so enthusiastic did he become about the value of co-operation for wheat farmers.

J. H. Adams rising to insist that opposition to the resolution condemning the papers for publishing incorrect reports of the convention stand and be counted. None accepted the invitation.

The Silver Lining



Old Time News For Old Time Sherman Countians Retold

From the Observer November remarkable fine weather holds on. 22,192.

When Sheriff J. C. McKean assumes the duties of his new office Ross Ornduff will be his deputy.

Hugh Shull helped the farmers in the northeast corner of the county by pulling in and threshing their wheat for them. Without him to help them their grain would have gone unthreshed.

Miss Lorena Vida (Ida) Mowry and Lester A. Moon will be married Thursday afternoon 28th at the Baptist church parsonage at Vancouver, Washington.

Bruce, son of F. L. Kee, left Thursday for Kansas where he will visit during the winter.

Sunday evening at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents 2 miles southeast of Moro, Oscar N. Ruggles and Miss Allie S. Huls were united in marriage. Rev. C. W. Johnson officiating.

From the Observer November 21, 1902.

A young son of A. Hapgood killed 14 wild geese at two shots.

Hon. R. J. Ginn sets a good example by hanging a street lamp at his corner. By the way, what has become of Moro street lamps?

Sherman county will have a record breaking wheat crop another if this

Curt Tom has bought the Persian quarter section near Grants for \$2000.00

Assessor B. F. Pike handed us the summary statement of Sherman county assessment for 1902, which shows an increase of \$81,837.00 over 1901. The net taxable value is \$1,736,816.00.

From the Observer November 18, 1892.

The pump and engine for the new system of water works arrived here on Saturday and will not be long now before said water works will be in operation.

The new lively stable of Holder & Son at Grass Valley is all complete and the public is cordially invited to stop and feed their teams when traveling through.

Mr. and Mrs. John King and family of Erskineville, went to Portland last week there to remain for several days. They will go from there to California to spend a few months in that delightful climate on account of the ill health of Mrs. King.

The Goldendale Courier says that John Potter and Miss Frances West, of Wasco, drove over to the residence of Nels West near Centerville and were made one by Rev. A. C. Weller last Thursday.