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WEATHER MAN GIVES BETTER TREATMENT

Chinook Drives East Wind and Cold
Back To Lairs

SOME FROST STILL IN GROUND

Many Farmers Think Snow Will Help
Moisture Conditions

As if to prove that he is not such a bad fellow after all the weather man related last week from his apparent effort to freeze the people of this county and we have had some very delightful days.

From the low mark of seven below zero the mercury climbed to above freezing and except for a little tightening up of the wet places along towards morning, has stayed there since. The eight, nine or ten inches of light, dry powdery snow has settled to three or four inches of wet snow that is almost ice.

The question of whether or not it is going to be absorbed by Mother Earth or go skidding down the creek has not been settled and cannot

Womans Club Program Entertaining To Members

The members of the Womens Club want to thank all those people of Grass Valley and Moro who generously attended our benefit 600 party was a success financially, and fairly was a success financially, and we hope, provided an enjoyable evening for our guests.

Last Friday, February 5th, the Club continued its study of Argentina. Mrs. Coppock read a paper on the natural resources and agricultural activities of that country, showing the comparisons, her relation to the United States in world markets.

Miss Bacon discussed Buenos Aires her social customs and surrounding scenery in her characteristic manner. Mrs. French then drew our attention to Governor Meier's plea for the de-

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be until the snow is all gone. Farmers and others who have had the ambition to dig claim that there is still several inches of frost in the ground and a large part of those who come to town from the country make their way through the fields without danger of breaking through the crust showing quite a bit of frost remains. Graveled roads have been cleared by the county road crew and the high way has not been closed except for short periods while the state crew was on the other end of the route.

THREE LOCAL FIRMS ROBBED AT NIGHT

Thieves Have Poor Luck In Finding
Cash or Valuables

ENTRANCE BY BROKEN DOORS

Razor Blades, Knives and Flashlights
Taken

Thieves broke into three business houses in this city last Saturday and Sunday nights, but their loot was very small in proportion to the trouble caused them.

The only articles stolen were a few packages of razor blades, a pocket knife or two, five hundred rifle shells and a cheap watch from Ginn Coleman & Co. The other places entered were the lumber office of the Farmers Elevator and Supply Company and Melvin Schadenitz's garage. In the lumber yard office the safe was opened although it was not locked, and the money till was laid on the counter and other and the other papers looked over. There was no money except a few pennies, which were not taken.

The robbers gained entrance to the garage by opening the back door. They broke into the office by knocking out the lower panel of the door, but as at the lumber office, they found nothing for their pains but a few pennies which were left.

The panel of the door in the rear of Ginn Coleman & Company's store was broken and the bar that ordinarily locks the door was removed and laid outside. The thieves left a series of foot prints in the snow behind the buildings, but as the weather was warm the snow melted until nothing can be told about the men from them.

It is certain the Schadenitz garage was robbed sometime Saturday night or Sunday morning as the broken door was discovered Sunday afternoon. It is thought that the other places were opened Sunday night, however, as the door of the hardware store was open Monday morning and was not open Sunday.

Maturity of judgement can only come when thought has been deepened by knowledge and life tempered by experience.—John Grier Hibben.

Colds and "Flu" Harass Local People This Week

"Aid id gold weather today?" is a question that may be asked and citizen of Moro these days for nearly every one is suffering from some stage of a severe cold. Men go about their work bundled and bandaged up like Siberian peasants, women languish in bed, and the children stay away from school, the only ones who derive any compensation from illness.

Several persons are really very ill for the attack is more serious than usual. One or two have been threatened with pneumonia. The school and social systems have been entirely disarranged but it is thought that in a few days the sufferers will be out again in the spring sunshine entirely recovered.

Pinkertons Enjoy Fifty Years of Married Life

Guests at the ordinary or garden variety of wedding wish joy and happiness for the future, but those who attend golden weddings must, to a great extent, look back over the years of nearly a lifetime and congratulate the couple on the possession of those characteristics, mental, physical and spiritual, that have made the golden wedding possible.

Last Monday evening a group of friends that filled the basement room of the Presbyterian church gathered to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Pinkerton upon the occasion of their attainment of fifty years of wedded life. They sat entirely surrounded by friends, so full was the room, while the program was being given and while old acquaintances arose in the audience to testify to the inspiration they have been to different phases of the life of the community.

Mrs. Elva Bryant acted as chair-

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7.3 INCHES MOISTURE FALLEN SINCE SEPT. 1

Amount Is .24 Above The Average
For Same Period

DEFICIENCY NOT OVERCOME

Wheat Sown in Dry Soil Seldom Yields
Well Even With Later Rains

Moisture conditions in this county are much better than they have been for the past three years which is some thing, but so far we have not had sufficient snow or rainfall to make up the deficiency of the last year and insure a bountiful crop for next harvest.

Last fall there was from 6.5 to 8.4 per cent of moisture in the ground which is a long ways from normal and considerably more than the average amount of rainfall must arrive before we are up to the usual standard. We have received 7.3 inches of moisture since September 1st. This is .24 inches more than normal and is very gratifying as it has been several years since we have reached the average to say nothing of passing that mark.

It is not known as yet what part of this 7.3 inches of rain and snowfall penetrated the ground, was really absorbed in the soil, for moisture tests cannot be made when the ground is frozen. It is quite likely however that some of it has run off, evaporated, or other ways evaded its duty of going into the ground and pushing up the wheat plants.

We will need about 14 per cent of moisture in the summerfallow early in the spring to insure a good crop of wheat. It takes one inch of water to produce three bushels of wheat and five per cent of the needed fourteen are not available to plant life. There fore if we can get enough rainfall to bring our moisture content up to 14 percent we may expect a crop from 25 and 30 bushels—other things being favorable—which means unless some other bad condition such as another east wind, or heavy frost, bad condition.

Records at the station show that as rule wheat planted when there is a shortage of moisture in the soil does not produce as well as wheat planted

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Wheat Moving Out Of County Rapidly

Wheat is moving out of the south end of the county much faster than usual at this time of year, due perhaps to the fear that the freight rate will be boosted again.

The Grass Valley Grain Growers have shipped from the territory of Grass Valley and south 113,800 bushels during the month of January. This is a larger amount of wheat than has been shipped in January for several years and is approximately two thirds of the entire crop of 178,533 bushels in this territory.

Registration For Voting Must Be Done By April 19

Those who wish to cast a ballot for their friends or against those who do not come in that category next May 20 had better be thinking about their registration.

The poll books at the court house the now open and anyone who has changed his or her residence from one precinct to another will have to register again in order to vote. Sworn in votes are not acceptable any more.

Lower Fares Expected To Attract Travelers

The local agent of the Union Pacific, announces that his company, in conjunction with connecting lines in the Northwest, will again have one of their popular "cent a mile" excursions. This time, over Washington's Birthday, with tickets on sale Feb. 19, 20, 21, 22, and good returning to reach home as late as midnight March 1.

Income Tax Payers To Be Helped

For those who have been spending long nights burning the oil in order to get their income tax blanks filled out this notice will be pleasant news. Representatives of the internal revenue department will be in Moro on February 23rd and in Wasco February 24th to assist those who need or want help with the report. This service is furnished free of charge.

TAX ROLL COMPLETED FOR 1932 TAXES

Reduction of \$64,000.00 Pleasing
To Taxpayers

STA. ... BIGGEST OF ALL

County Expenses Lowered In Answer
To Economy Plea

Along about the time of year when the daisies are thinking of blooming the tax notices are sent out to keep down attacks of spring fever among property holders. This annual event will happen some time this month as the sheriff's office is working on the rolls that were turned over to them early this week.

However, it is not all a sad and serious business for taxes this year will be considerably lighter than last. Whereas the taxpayer had to find \$256,575.79 last year to placate the sheriff he will be satisfied this year with \$192,332.59 which any one can see is \$64,243.20 less than in 1931.

The valuation of the county has been reduced from \$13,050,660.00 to \$11,637,743.00 which will serve to keep the millages almost as high as they were before but the resulting taxes will be 25 per cent less.

Special school levies were \$64,870.99 in 1931 and they have been cut to \$55,026.83 for this year which is one saving made directly by the tax payers themselves.

The cities in the county did not lower taxes very much. In fact only one lowered taxes at all while the other two Moro and Wasco, actually will require more taxes than last year. Grass Valley will get along with \$2,167.95 instead of \$2,846.35 they spent last year. Moro raised their needs by a little over three hundred dollars and Wasco by two hundred making the total city tax only about one hundred and fifty dollars less than in 1931.

The levy for the general fund was 10.5 mills in 1931 and this has been reduced to 7.9 for this year mostly being due to much lessened state tax.

Biggest reductions in county expenditures will be \$10,000.00 in market roads, \$2500.00 in county fair, \$1000.00 in care of poor and kindred.

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Abstract of Taxes For 1932 On 1931 Assessment Rolls

This is to certify that I, Margaret W. Peetz, Assessor for Sherman County, Oregon, have extended the taxes on the assessments made by me and as equalized by the County Board of Equalization, also the assessments made and certified by the State Tax Commission; and do certify that the several amounts apportioned to be assessed upon the taxable property in Sherman County for the state, County, High School, Special Schools, Roads, Bridges, City and other purposes for which a tax has heretofore been legally levied by the County Court and the levying bodies of the various municipalities and taxing districts are as follows:

Special School Tax				Special City Tax			
Dist.	Value	Levy	Tax	City	Value	Levy	Tax
1	\$ 220,069	none	none	Wasco	\$323,924	26.1	\$8,454.42
2	1,571,437	8.9	13,985.78	Moro	253,724	30.7	7,789.33
3A	317,553	6.7	2,127.61	Grass V.	159,408	13.6	2,167.95
4	76,780	none	none	Total City Tax			18,411.70
5	588,364	1.2	706.04	Total Levy in Wasco			42.2 mills
7	1,239,412	7.1	8,799.83	Total Levy in Moro			47.7 mills
9	648,971	11.3	7,333.37	Total Levy in Grass Valley			27.3 mills
10	214,076	none	none				
11	142,806	6.4	913.96	General Road District Tax			
13	363,034	1.4	508.25	Dist.	Value	Levy	Tax
15	427,560	1.2	513.07	1	\$5,068,403	1.1	\$5,575.24
16	612,506	1.2	735.01	2	2,618,652	1.1	2,880.52
17	1,005,465	8.0	8,043.72	3	1,917,351	1.1	2,109.09
19	292,578	1.0	292.58	4	1,296,281	1.1	1,425.91
20	417,894	2.9	1,211.89	5W	323,924	1.1	356.31
21	214,889	4.2	902.53	6M	253,724	1.1	279.10
22	238,785	1.7	405.93	7G	159,408	1.1	175.35
23	684,310	4.7	3,216.26		11,637,743		12,801.52
24	328,416	2.1	689.87	General Fund			
25	184,470	2.1	387.39	Department		Levy	
26	424,601	1.2	509.52	State Tax		1.5437	
29	227,227	2.6	590.79	Market Road		.3437	
30	509,116	.7	356.38	Bridges		.5585	
32	307,175	2.5	675.79	Sinking Fund for Road Bonds		1.5467	
33	99,618	6.0	597.71	School Per-capita		.6548	
33A	198,612	4.9	973.20	County		3.2526	
33B	42,249	2.3	97.17				7.9000
33	99,770	11.4	453.38	Average consolidated levy for county			
Total	\$11,637,743		\$5,062.83				16.53 mills

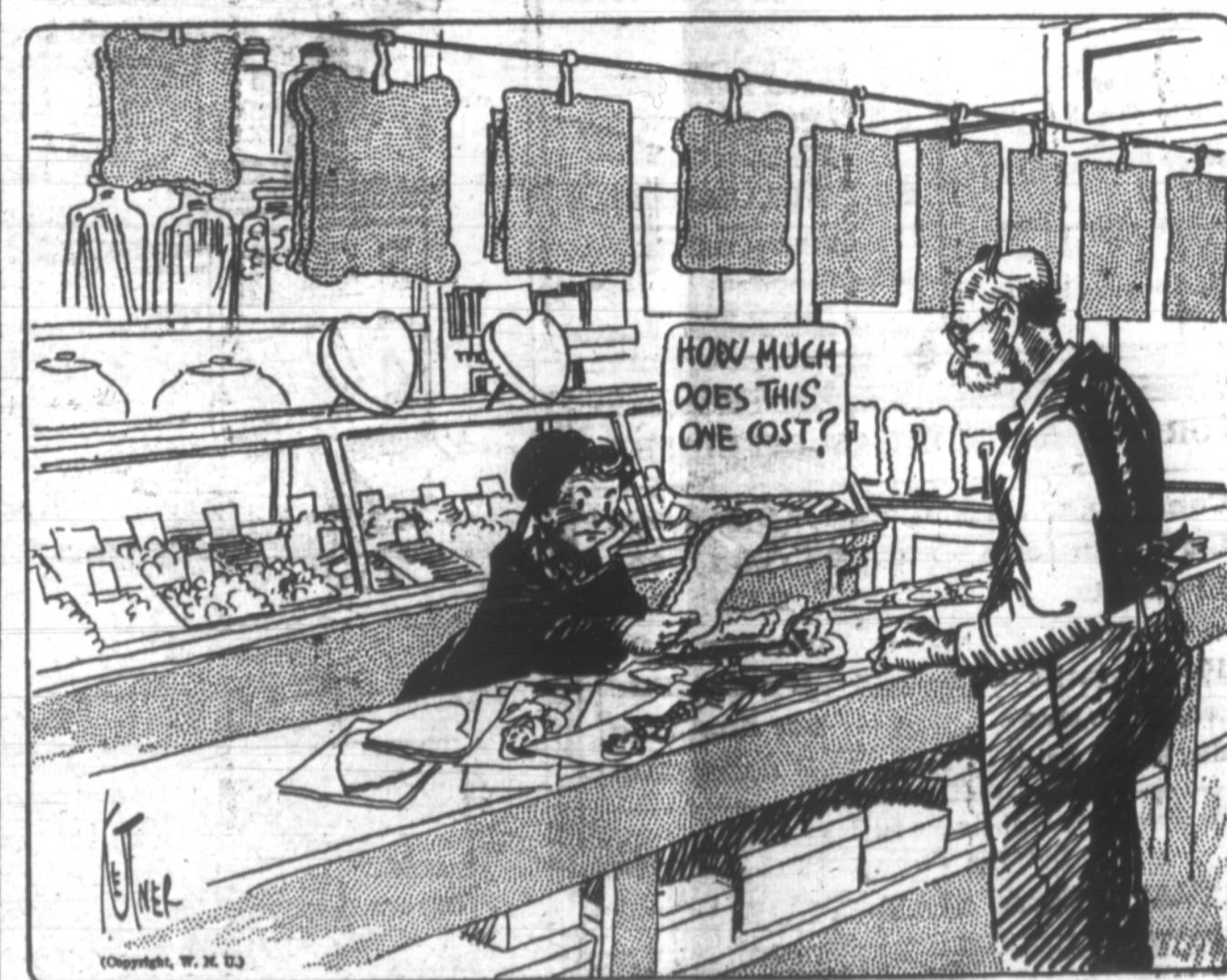
Total valuation of taxable property of Sherman County	\$11,637,743.00
The levy for the General Fund is 7.9 mills, producing	91,938.17
Which is divided as follows:	
State Tax (for elementary schools only in 1932)	17,965.75
Market Roads	4,000.00
Bridges	6,500.00
Sinking Fund for Retirement of Road Bonds	18,000.00
Interest on Road Bonds	1,050.00
County and Children's Industrial Fair	7,620.00
Per Capita School Tax	2,215.00
Elections, Circuit Court and Justice Court	1,200.00
Care of Insane, State Board of Control	2,675.00
Care of Poor, County Physician and Burial expense	1,020.00
Pensions, Relief, Charity	20,692.42
Balance for running expenses of the County	
Recapitulation	
General Fund	\$ 91,938.17
Special School Tax	\$5,026.83
High School Tuition Fund	14,192.37
General Road Fund	12,801.52
Special City Tax	18,411.70
Overplus fractional extensions	1.75
Grand Total Tax	\$ 192,332.59
Amount of Advance Tax collected by Assessor	41.39
Less Advance Tax to be refunded	1.64
Amount to be collected by the Sheriff	192,332.59
Dated at Moro, Oregon, this 8th day of February, 1932.	
Margaret W. Peetz, County Assessor.	

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 10

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Feb. 4	27	7	.14
5	38	15	.00
6	40	17	.12
7	39	23	.00
8	43	31	.00
9	41	29	.00
10	40	29	.05
Total for week			.31

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Important Decisions



News of Olden Times Reprinted For Sherman County Pioneers

From the Observer February 9th 1893

Several head of cattle belonging to J. E. Harris on the Deschutes died last week from the effects of the severe weather.

Superintendent Tyree was over visiting our school last Tuesday. He tells us there are four schools in operation in Sherman county at the present time, Grass Valley, Moro, Wasco and Bigelow.

One night last week when the mercury was away down below zero, a calf belonging to Henry Smith froze to death in T. J. Merrill's barn near Demos Spring.

Last week an Observer reporter was informed by Dr. O. H. Davenport our city dentist, that the aforesaid Dr. D. would undertake to extend the Sherman county telephone line from Moro to Antelope and Prineville if enough stock would be turned over to justify the attempt.

Philip and Henry Ruggles gave notice of final proof of their timber

From the Observer, February, 18th 1908.

A. V. Underwood sold to Mays & Crows, The Dalles a lot in Demos Springs. Consideration \$100.

F. W. Matthias bought the quarter

section of land sold by W. A. Mercer administrator for \$1600. cash.

Work began Wednesday on the crossings and walks ordered by the common council from the court house to Dr. Goffin's corner passing the churches.

About a year ago a needle entered the waist of a young lady living in this city. It had been sticking on the inside of her belt. Last Sunday it worked its way out of the arm of a Grass Valley young man who has been a frequent caller here.

From the Observer, February 18th 1913.

An order for 115,000 wheat bags for members of the Farmers Union at Moro was made upon which a saving of \$1380. was effected.

The good roads excitement has invaded Sherman county since the state of Oregon has let a contract for a road costing \$32,000. which will connect Wasco and incidentally the main roads of the county with a ferry crossing the Columbia.

E. A. Cushman is moving to the James Woods farm north of Moro, W. E. Newton who formerly had charge of that farm is now located near Brinkville and Hayden Edwards will move to the farm vacated by Mr. Cushman.