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DISCING BETTER THAN PLOWING SOMETIMES

Shallow Soil Yields Best When Not
Plowed At All

TWO DISCINGS ARE ADEQUATE

For Spring Wheat Plowing Is Slightly
Better

All this winter while the wind has been driving the snow down from the east and blocking the roads farmers have been figuring some way they could do the work on the old farm a little bit cheaper this year without causing too great a reduction in yield. Reduced costs are imperative, but not at the expense of reduced yields for nothing cuts deeper into farm income than poor crops.

On many of the farms of this county farming can be done cheaper by discing the land to be summer-fallowed instead of plowing it according to the results of an experiment that has been running at the station for a number of years. This experiment shows that ground that is disc'd twice produces more winter wheat the next year than ground that has been plowed in the ordinary manner.

The test plots for this experiment at the station are not on the best soil and it is doubtful whether the results would be the same on heavy soil, but in the tests made double discing, early in the spring and again later, has made an average of 18.5 bushels to the acre in the last five years while well plowed and cared for summer-fallow has yielded 17.6 bushels. Winter wheat was grown on these plots.

For spring sown wheat plowing is slightly better having produced 19.2 bushels to 18.0 for discing.

These results were presented by Mr. Stephens at the Extension Conference in Corvallis and the report based on his talk states, "It costs nearly as much to double disc land twice as it does to plow it, but there is considerable advantage in cash saving. A man who does not wish to hire help can get over his land that way and do all of his operations himself and secure considerably higher yields by discing than he could by attempting to plow the entire thing alone, which might run his plowing operations so late in the spring that yields would be materially reduced. It is safe to say everywhere that early spring discing followed by the later discing will give better results than late spring

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Uncle Emmett Discourses On Troubles, Real and Imaginary

Uncle Emmett sat ingenuously surveying the world from the warm side of the stove in Dell Parker's pool room when he was taken to task by Wabash Joe for his disheartened look.

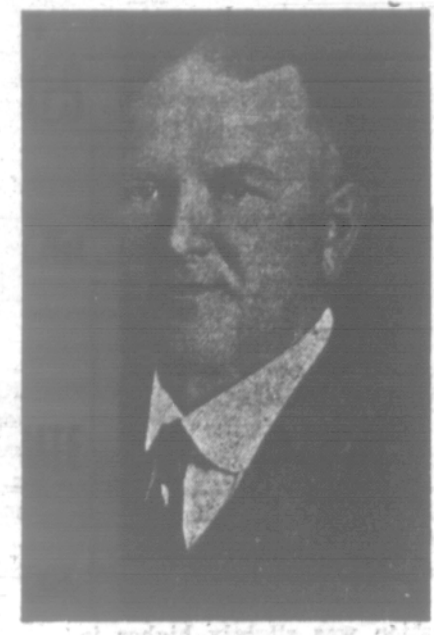
"What's the matter, Uncle Emmett, you look terrible peaked today?" he asked.

"I've got to do it all over again," answered the usually philosophical old man without allowing his features to regain their normally pleasant expression.

"Now what's that you got to go through?" again inquired Joe.

"Why, son, for years with the first show of bright sunshine an the first springin' wind of spring I've took my honey and sulphur an drunk my sassafras tea an this year I've plumb got ahead of the season."

"You don't mean to say you still hold to that old custom in this day of radio advertisin' of modern medicine," interrupted Wabash.



J. P. Yates, who appeared at the hearing before the public service commissioner last week when the railroads were trying to have the intrastate rate raised to the same level as the newly made interstate rates. Mr. Yates and Roy Ritner, of Pendleton, represented the wheat growers of eastern Oregon.

Balsiger-Powell Wedding Brings Families Together

Miss Norma Muriel Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powell, became the bride of Wendell T. Balsiger, at a pretty home wedding last Saturday evening at eight o'clock.

The bride has been a resident of the Moro vicinity for the major part of her life and is a graduate of Moro high school. For the past three years she has been connected with grain companies and is now cashier of the Farmer's National Grain Corporation in Portland. Mr. Balsiger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Balsiger of Ione, and is the manager of the local grain growers corporation.

Mrs. Balsiger was attired in a white satin gown and carried a bouquet of rosebuds. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Althea, who wore a dress of green and carried sweet peas as her flower. Edwin Johnson, of Eugene, accompanied Mr. Balsiger as best man.

After the ceremony the couple left for a few days trip to Portland. Mrs. Balsiger will continue her work with the grain corporation for a few months or until some one can be trained to take her place.

Guests at the wedding were Mrs. J. A. Hardin, Mrs. E. A. Southwick, Miss Velma Powell, Foster Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Will Powell and daughter Opal, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Collis Moore, Mrs. Mae Moore, Charles Powell and Marion Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Sayrs, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kunsman, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Balsiger, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Balsiger, Alfred Balsiger, Mr. and Mrs. McNay, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Holcomb, Miss Clea Stretch, Mrs. Greta Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kathan and daughter.

CLOUD OF DUST HIDES SKY FOR DAY

Housewives Alarmed Fearing 1931
Storm To Be Repeated

SNOW SETTLES DUST IN DAY

Warmer Weather Hoped For After Bad
Beginning of March

A smaller addition of the disastrous wind of last April has blown for a good part of this week, bringing with it a haze that darkens the sky and makes objects a mile away as dim as if seen through veil. It is too early in the year for this wind to do the damage that was performed by the last springtime east wind for the soil of this county has not been worked so far and will remain where it is for a time at least.

Housewives fumed and fretted whenever they glanced toward the sky for the memory of last years dust storm that brought ashes, dust powder or some similar substance is still fresh in their minds. The dust this year was the same as last but not so much fell. It drifts into the house, however tight, and cannot be swept, mopped or wiped or in any other common manner removed from furniture and floors.

However, some moisture is removed from the ground by every hard wind especially those winds that come from the east and it is hoped that this event does not become an annual one in this section of the county.

Wednesday afternoon snow began falling and while it melted as fast as it fell for an hour or so it eventually covered the ground to a depth of an inch. While it is still hazy or cloudy it is probable that the dust has been dragged to the ground by the falling snow and stopped from continuing its trip to the ocean.

Do you think opposites should marry?
No, that's rushing things—they will be opposite enough in a year or so.

"What's your husband working on now," the chemist's wife was asked.
"An anti-freeze solution that can be put into bank assets," replied the wife.

School Boards Will Get Together Tuesday

School board members of the districts of Sherman county have been invited to meet at the school house in Moro on Tuesday evening March 15th at 8 o'clock to discuss those matters of management and finance that usually perplex them at this time of year.

This meeting will be similar to those that have been held in other counties of the state and will give the interested persons an opportunity to give their opinion on wages to be paid teachers before the contracts are offered to them.

The more or less serious condition of the finances of many of the school districts makes retrenchment in expenses imperative in the opinion of some close observers of the county's situation and this meeting will determine the action to be taken by the schools on this matter.

Washing of Soil Costly To Farmers Every Year

The amount of washing in the fields of Sherman county that was done this winter is not only a nuisance to the farmer at harvest time but is also evidence of a great loss in soil. The following from a Department of Agriculture publication gives some figures about soils that show the serious aspect of continued washing. "It takes nature at least 400 years to build one single inch of the priceless top-soil of some of our important types of farm land. It takes just seven years under continuous corn in northern Missouri, for one inch of the Shelby loam to wash off land having a slope of about 4 feet in a hundred, and only one year to remove the same depth from land sloping 8 feet in a hundred. No business can stand such losses.

The plant food removed from the fields and pastures of the United States every year by erosion is at least twenty one times more than that removed by the crops harvested.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAR. 9

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Mar. 3	48	27	.00
" 4	50	32	.00
" 5	54	40	.00
" 6	48	37	.00
" 7	47	36	.05
" 8	42	33	.00
" 9	37	25	.00
Total for week			0.05

SOIL HAS 12.0 PER CENT OF MOISTURE

Little Water Has Reached Fifth and
Sixth Foot

AVERAGE NOT YET REACHED

2.43 Inches Have Run Off Or Been
Lost In Other Ways

Preliminary soil moisture tests were made at the experiment station last week to determine approximately the amount of moisture in the soil and its distribution. The final moisture tests are not made until the last week in March.

On October 26, 1930, the per cent of moisture in the soil of several station plots was 7.5 per cent for a 6-foot depth. On March 4 the soil of these same plots contained 12.0 per cent moisture, or an increase of 4.5 per cent. This is equivalent to 4.14 inches of precipitation.

During this interval, October 26 to March 4, there were 6.57 inches of precipitation in the form of rain or snow. The actual amount absorbed by the soil was 4.14 inches. The balance of 2.43 inches, was lost as runoff.

The distribution of the moisture in the soil on March 4 was as follows:	
1st foot	20.7
2nd foot	16.2
3rd foot	11.8
4th foot	6.6
5th foot	7.5
6th foot	8.9
Average	12.0

The above figures show that there is an abundance of moisture in the upper three feet of soil, but a deficiency, compared with normal, in the 4th, 5th, and 6th feet. Considerable of the moisture now in the upper three feet of soil will percolate to lower depths, so that by April 1st, there will likely be more moisture in the 4th foot and perhaps in the 5th foot depth, with correspondingly less in the 1st and 2nd feet. An abundance of precipitation between now and April 1, may maintain or increase the moisture in the upper two feet of soil.

A moisture test was also made on

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Quarter Year License May Be Bought 28th

If one has a car that has not been used for the past nine months and is without a license for it, he may save a few shakels by waiting for a week or so more for that little bit of tin that signifies that the state has been satisfied. For after March 28th, Sheriff Chrisman announces it will be possible to get licenses for cars by paying for a quarter year instead of a half.

George Williams Hurt By Flying Board

Marshall Williams suffered a bad cut on his face last Tuesday evening when he went to look at the new basement at the Contee place. As he stepped up close to the house to talk to the men working in the basement he put his foot on a two by four that was insecure and it flew up and hit him on the nose and forehead and precipitated him into the basement. It required several stitches by Dr. Pooley to close the wound and the drop stiffened Mr. Williams in some of his joints.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS FOR MARCH TERM, 1932

Order Authorizing Clerk to draw Warrant for \$100.00 as partial payment of Biological Survey appropriation, accepted.

County Treasurers Report, accepted.

CLAIMS ALLOWED AT MARCH TERM OF COURT

Geo. B. Bourhill	Clerk's Supplies	\$57.84
Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Total	15.35
Hon. Hal E. Hoss	Predatory animal appropriation	100.00
Geo. B. Bourhill	Supt's supplies	17.00
W. H. Scherrer	Recording	1.60
Mrs. S. L. Coats	County Charge	20.00
Mrs. Fern Rakes	Work in Supt's office	33.33
W. Cat. Print. & B. Co.	Sheriff supplies	\$69.75
	Assessor's supplies	\$39.60
	Clerk's supplies	\$ 6.25
	Election supplies	\$ 5.50 121.10
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	Assessor's supplies	\$10.00

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ASSESSORS DETERMINE LIVESTOCK VALUATIONS

District Meeting Held Annually To
Make Similar Valuations

MOST STOCK RATED LOWER

Galloway Gives Theory That Value Is
Due To Income

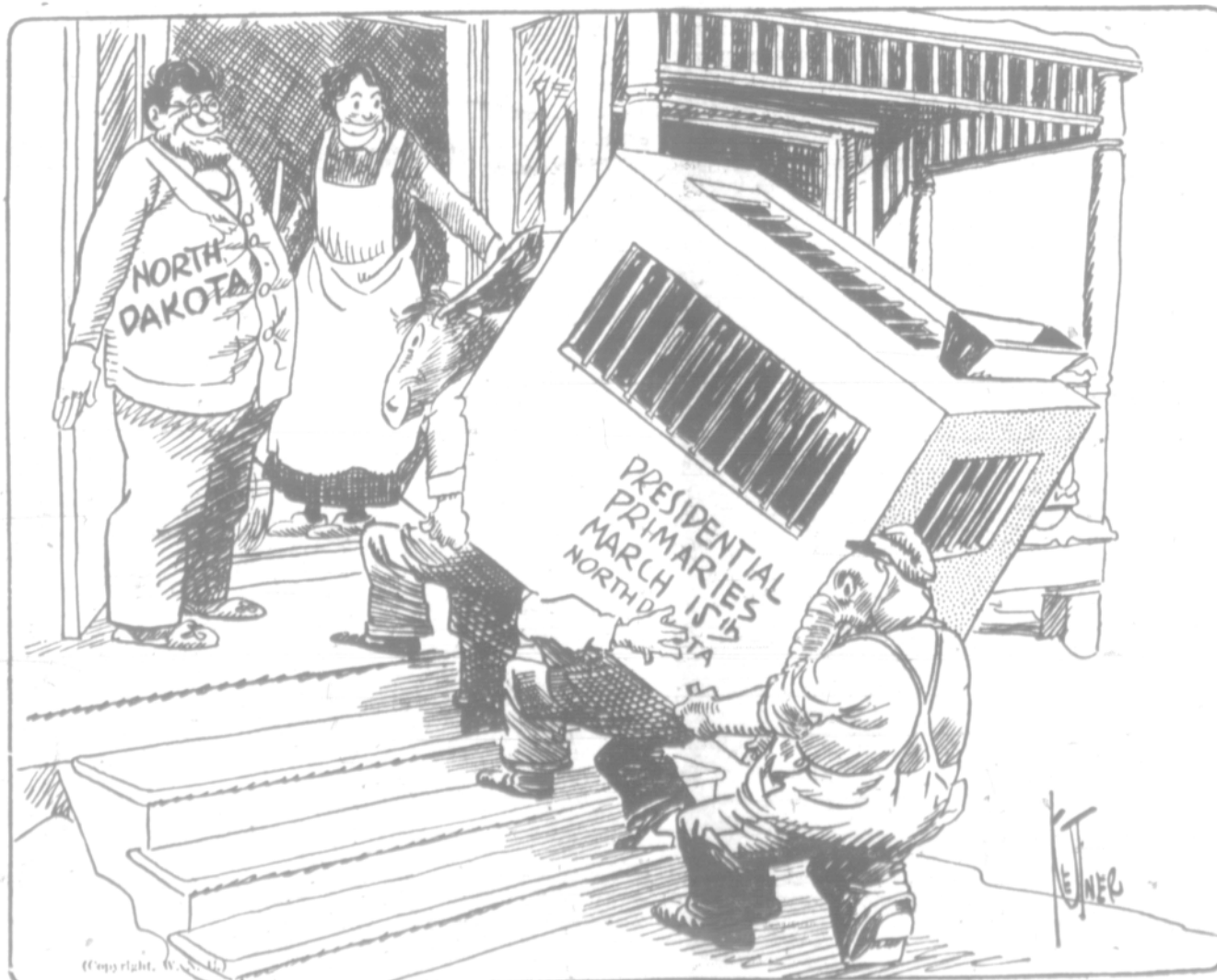
The assessors of the eastern Oregon district met at Moro last Wednesday or sent in their recommendations about live stock assessments. Due to the wind and dust storm that was quite severe in some sections, some of the men were not here but the counties adjacent to Sherman all were represented.

Charles V. Galloway, of the state tax commission, was present and gave the assessors considerable information about valuations in previous years and valuations in other parts of the state. He stated that the income from farm property, land as well as live stock, is the eventual basis upon which assessments must be made, but that it is impossible to change the valuations with each fluctuation of income and it was therefore necessary to hold to an even plane. The value of unimproved land was held to vary directly in relation to the value of the stock kept on it.

It was decided by the assessors present, after discussion and reading of the suggestions made by those absent, to adhere to the following schedule of assessments for livestock as near as possible in this territory. Horses will be assessed at from \$10 to \$50, sheep from one to five years old, \$2.50, over six years old, \$1.00; cattle, if the average of a bunch is taken, \$15.00, long yearlings two and three years old, \$20.00 to \$25.00, cows, either milk or beef, \$20.00 to \$25.00; hogs, brood sows, \$5.00 to \$15.00, feeders and stock hogs at two and a half cents per pound; some other recommendations were made for bees, chickens, turkeys and small stuff not usually assessed in this county. Farm machinery will be assessed at fifty percent of its actual

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The Battle of Ballots Begins



Old Time News From Old Newspaper Files Of Years Ago

Observer March 13th 1913

T. E. Hulery of Moro Garage has established a livery auto service that is at the call of the public at any time to go anywhere they may desire.

Friday evening, March 6th, L. V. Moore lost a barn near Erskine by fire; cause unknown as the barn was not being used.

Sam Brisbane has sold his interest in the Moro Hardware and Implement Co., to N. W. Thompson; by this deal the entire store interests now rest with N. W. Thompson, Mrs. Thompson and Harvey Thompson.

Observer March 13th, 1903

Sherman appears in the list of Oregon counties as having increased expenses \$794.31 over 1901. The 1902 expense was \$13,358.94. Taxable valuation was \$1,588,341.

Mayor Moore thinks a dynamo could be purchased by the city and operated in connection with the pumping station, furnishing electric lights for our business houses at a nominal cost.

Sinnot & Fish advertise the Umatilla House with electric lights and call bells in every room.

Settlers were coming in from the

east to take up timber land in Oregon and the Observer warned home folks to file on timber land themselves.

James Tomlin in drilling a well on the John Reckmann place near Kent has found a good grade of coal at a depth of 193 feet.

Observer March 9th 1893

When an attempt was made to start the new water system the engine would not deliver any water to the cistern. It was found that a wooden plug had been driven into the pipes and when they were dug up and the plug removed everything was alright.

From Grass Valley. We are negotiating for a 40 bbl. flour mill to be erected here in the near future.

School meeting resulted in the election of E. Olds, R. H. King and C. W. Moore as school board and of Wm. Holder as clerk.

Last Monday after school meeting was over Lloyd Smith and Walter Douglass enlivened things in town by riding wild bronchos and exhibiting feats of horsemanship, but the cinch of Lloyd's saddle came loose and in a second his broncho was riderless and making frantic efforts to get rid of the saddle.