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ROADS IMPROVED BY GRADING OPERATIONS

County and Private Crews Smooth Dirt Roads

COUNTY HAS LOTS OF ROADS

County Crew Will Be Back of Moro Next Week

Roads, Roads, Roads, up the draw and over the hill to some one's farm stand in the next canyon, down the canyon, along the hill. It is hard to imagine how many miles of roads there are in one small county. Yet, all of them or, at least, most of them must be worked, graded or smoothed every spring so that some citizen and tax payer can get to town with convenience and dispatch.

This year the county found some of the lanes in bad shape when they started the job. Gerkin canyon road was closed entirely and travel in Scott canyon was hazardous. The county tractor with two graders behind it began work there and have those roads in very good shape considering the country in which they are built. The Striker road was graded by residents of the section served by that artery. The county crew have graded the two roads above mentioned, the China Hollow, Mud Springs, Biggs road, Bigelow canyon for the first time with a tractor—and in fact all the roads north of Klondike on the east of Wasco and the roads west of Wasco.

Next week they will work the Bull Canyon, Cottonwood and other roads in the vicinity of Starvation point and probably the two grades leading to the Nish Warehouses.

Dirt roads in the more southern end of the county are being worked, or have been worked, by Omer Sayrs who graded from the top of Gordon Ridge to Nigger Ridge on the west side of the county, Lonnie Belshe, who worked the roads in the Hay Canyon country, V. B. Eakin and D. L. Reynolds who took care of the Rutledge country roads and W. S. Holmes who is to grade the roads in Finnegan and Liberty districts.

The county maintainer is smoothing up the gravelled market roads and parts of the dirt roads that are too wet to smooth down when worked by the heavier outfits.

For those who wish to keep informed about county matters the Sherman County Journal is indispensable.

Miss Ginn Finds Oregon Apples In Far-off India

Mildred Ginn writes that her satisfaction in eating her first apple in India was surpassed by the thrill she experienced when seeing stamped on the wrapper "Hood River Oregon". It was like meeting an old friend in a far country. She enclosed a wrapper in her letter home, adding rather apologetically that it almost brought the tears.

Mildred's companion, missionary Mrs. Winnie Kneeland, made a tour recently through northern India and knowing Mildred's fondness for apples, purchased a few on her homeward journey as she passed through the city of Calcutta. Apples are a rare fruit in most parts of India.

Eastern Star Has Lively Social Night

Thursday night was social night at Bethlehem chapter, O. E. S. Both the entertainment and refreshments were furnished by a committee composed entirely of men. Bridge was the source of entertainment and high scores were won by Ola Ruggles and W. H. Ragsdale.

On March 24th the chapter will have an official visit from the Grand Conductress, Monnie M. Hauser, of Salem. Members are urged to attend this meeting. It will also be their first opportunity to see the work of the order exemplified by the new officers.

Wool Growers Not To Be Assessed

That no part of the proceeds from the sale of 1931 or 1932 wool shipments to the National Wool Market testing corporation will be withheld to cover over-advances on 1930 shipments, is announced by J. Byron Wilson, general manager of the corporation. This announcement definitely set at rest all rumors to the effect that growers might be called upon to repay over-advances resulting from the drastic market decline in 1930.

Grass Valley Schoolless On Account of Flu

Because nearly everyone had a cold that was akin to the "flu" and because those who had it were afraid of getting it, the directors of the Grass Valley school voted to close that seat learning for the remainder of the week and allow pupils and teachers to recover at home instead of spreading the distemper to any further extent.

Gasoline War Salvage Still Going Happily On

The gasoline war has obligingly continued for another week and has drawn closer to Sherman county. Farmers who hesitated about going to Portland during the first week of warfare have had an opportunity to buy their gasoline in The Dalles at about the same price that was paid in Portland earlier.

All day long and presumably all night farmer's trucks are going up and down the highway hauling gasoline until it seems that there cannot be an empty barrel fit to hold the explosive fluid within the entire county.

Baseball League May Be Formed In County

For those who have been skeptical about the arrival of spring the news that the base ball fans and players of the county are talking of organizing for another seasons play will be positive confirmation of the arrival of the vernal period.

Thursday night of last week a group of dyed in the wool ball players most of whom have been tested by several years of action, met at the Moro Hotel to discuss baseball for 1932. Arthur Bucholtz was named manager for the local team and was instructed to arrange for as many games as possible and to contact managers of teams in adjacent towns about the possibility of forming a league for regular scheduled play.

Spelling Contest To Be Event of Next Friday

Next week the annual spelling contest will be held in this county to determine which of the children have attained excellence in that branch of learning during the past year. This is always an important event for the children for they go—in most cases—to a different school room, have a different teacher and are amid surroundings that excite their curiosity and often attract their interest in a greater degree than do the words to be spelled.

It's quite a sight to see all the young hopefuls of the county gathered in one group. If you don't believe it, go to the school house next Friday afternoon and watch the eager contestants for honors.

"I'm a man of few words."
"Well, you keep those few mighty busy."

BANK MAY BE AIDED BY CORPORATION

Reconstruction Finance Corporation To Help If Possible

OPINION OF ATTORNEY ASKED

Borrowers Must Pay Loans Before Bank Can Be Liquidated

Since the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has been in operation there has been considerable curiosity about its effect on the future of the Moro State Bank that was closed last September.

At the present time, according to R. H. Coppock, liquidator of the local bank, the state officers of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation are waiting for an opinion from the attorney general as to whether or not it is possible for closed banks in this state to borrow money. Some state laws permit this and others do not. If it is permissible in Oregon arrangements will be made with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to borrow some money for this bank and make a payment to the depositors.

Otherwise it will be necessary for depositors to wait until this fall when the borrowers receive returns from their wheat and pay their notes to the bank. Practically all of the money loaned by the bank was loaned to farmers in this county. They still have it. It is depositors' money and will be repaid to them as it is received by the banking department. If it is insufficient to pay the depositors in full the stockholders will be required to make up the difference. At the present time the bank—

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WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAR. 16

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Mar. 10	32	25	.13
" 11	42	31	.00
" 12	45	28	.00
" 13	45	35	.02
" 14	50	37	.08
" 15	49	32	.00
" 16	51	34	.06
Total for week			0.29

Report Coyote Dens, Asks Federal Trapper

Alva Stone, the Federal trapper in this county asks that all farmers keep a lookout for coyote dens at this time of year. He says that when coyotes persistently hang around any certain place they probably have a den there and if he is informed about it he can hunt out the location of the chicken eater's home and finish the family at one time instead of trapping them singly. Mr. Stone lives in Grass Valley and can always be reached there.

Farmers Plowing For Summerfallow Now

Plowing has commenced in nearly all parts of the county and some men in the north end of the county have already finished a field. The majority however, are still getting ready, trimming up the horses or mules, repairing harness, grinding valves, changing piston rings or similar work.

Quite a number have spring seeding to do and the summerfallow is regarded as too wet to permit working so far although if the wind should blow from the west for a few days instead of from the east the surface of the ground would soon be dry. In any case, it won't be long now until every one is busy in the fields.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Martin Married Fifty Years

March 11th 1932 marks the period of fifty years of happy married life for Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Martin. Their intentions were to hold open house but sickness prevented, however they were congratulated by many of their friends both by telephone and letter.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hennagin who have been close friends of the family for over 35 years drove to the home to present them with a gold wedding cake which Mrs. Hennagin had made and also a gift of a lovely cuckoo jar.

Beautiful golden flowers were presented to them. The Past Noble Grand's Club of the Rebekah Lodge sent a beautiful bouquet of daffodils and their sisters and brothers of the Eastern Star Chapter sent a lovely potted Jessica.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin wish to express their appreciation for the remembrance of their many friends and they are many for they have had their home in Sherman county for all these years.

Read the ads in the Journal

BOARD MEETING BRINGS OUT DATA

School Boards Gather To Discuss Mutual Problems

NO CUTS ARE RECOMMENDED

Meeting Is For Discussion Than For Action



Francis V. Galloway, of The Dalles, who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination as representative in congress. Mr. Galloway was born in Yamhill county in 1885 and received his early education in schools near there. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon.

Since 1913 he has been a resident of The Dalles and a member of the same firm as Nick Sinnott, long a member of congress from this district. He is married and father of two sons.

Mr. Galloway states that if elected he will work incessantly for development of the Columbia river by whatever plan is approved by the U. S. engineers and that he will work to have the Federal tax burden lessened and equalized.

Leland Adams Buried Last Wednesday

The funeral of Leland Adams, 12, was held in Kent Wednesday. He was killed last Sunday afternoon at the Mosier tunnel while on a hike with other boys and an assistant scout leader. He was preparing for his second class scout examination.

As he leaned out of one of the holes in the tunnel to throw a rock in the water a ton of rock fell and his neck was broken by a part of the slide.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Adams who have been residents of Sherman county for many years until they moved to Hood River a few years ago.

And now they tell us that Columbus was more of a prophet than explorer. When he discovered America he exclaimed, "I see dry land!"

The meeting of county school boards held in the Moro school house Tuesday evening was loaded with a deal of information about schools, school teachers, taxes and millages. In fact, there was so much raw information that it could not be properly digested in one sitting.

There were figures about the ability of the tax-payer to pay salaries, about the decline in the cost of living, about the cost of the schools in the last year, about the high school tuition tax and each school director was prepared to show how his district had reduced expenses in some way during the year.

Representatives from Wasco, Homer S. Wall and F. R. Fortner, were able to show their budget for 1932-33 as they hold their annual school meeting in November instead of the following June. That district has made reductions that range from 15 to 70 per cent in the different items in the budget sheet. A reduction in teachers wages of forty per cent is planned. This is because of a reduction in the number of teachers to a large extent and not made by lowered salaries entirely.

There were no limits set on teachers by the meeting as it was called to discuss and not to recommend, but it may be presumed from the general statements made that wages will not be lowered any amount greater than that made by other parts of the state.

Young Lady: "But I've been married only four years."

Bus Collector: "Your son is over five years of age. Pay his fare. Never mind the confession."

Pioneer Times Recalled By News of Pioneers of County

Observer March 16th 1893

Deputy Sheriff M. A. Leslie while out riding Friday found a fifth chain Owner can have same by paying for this notice.

S. H. Norris, who lives near Poplar Grove had a serious runaway on Tuesday of last week. While hitching his team to the wagon the horses ran away and threw him out on the road. The wheels passed over his legs bruising them considerably.

An interesting game of checkers took place in the Moro Hotel Monday the players being R. E. French, of Grass Valley, and R. A. Palmer, of Arlington. The latter won.

M. D. Adame has just received a fresh supply of oranges and lemons. James Weir, Fred Krusow, W. M. Reynolds, G. P. Higginbotham, John Lynch, Adolph Hoppold, and J. B. Morrison were on the grand jury for the March term of court.

Observer March 20th 1903

We understand that John Reckman has refused \$20,000 for his Kent farm under which coal is known to exist in paying quantities. This may be proper, but get at the coal, Bro. Reckman, just as soon as possible. The people are with you.

A Rutledge man wanted his son to get up early and go to work. The boy had a habit of answering "Yes, sir" and going to sleep again. On this occasion last week the father, to make no mistake, called the boy, got

the yes, sir then slid upstairs, turned down the covers and gave the person a glad flat hand spanking. It happened on that night the hired girl had been given the boy's room. When the tumult was over the old man went out to the barn to draft a written apology to the girl.

The DeMoss Lyric Bards are billed to give a concert in Moro, April 1st for the benefit of our band boys.

Observer March 20th 1913
W. H. Ragsdale, H. U. Martin, and W. C. Rutledge were nominated as councilmen to succeed themselves.

J. E. Belshee has purchased the balance of stock in the Louis Heydt harness shop and also the stock of harness and extras the Moro Hardware and Implement Co. had on hand as well as the stock owned by the Moro city market combining all in one store in the old harness shop location.

The school house and equipment at Grass Valley burned early Wednesday evening, cause unknown. It was a modern brick building and had about \$6,800 insurance.

Miss Cecil Moore arrived from Portland this week where she had finished a course in bookkeeping at one of the business colleges.

Four old time neighbor friends gathered at the home of Mrs. M. H. Rust for a visit about old times. There were Mrs. Geo. Larson, of Portland Mrs. Sally Huff and Mrs. Elize Powell besides the hostess.

Vote on Prohibition Arouses Argument Over Representative

Everyone was interested in the vote in the house of Representatives Monday and they were particularly interested in the stand taken by R. R. Butler, from this district, whose personal attitude toward liquor is well known, in this county.

There were some who valiantly arose to defend the legislator giving as their reason that Butler thought his district was dry and he was in Washington to represent that district therefore his vote was cast as it should have been. There were others who expressed sentiments about voting dry and drinking wet that did not complement Mr. Butler or other men who follow the same rule.

A saying of George Washington gives another point of view on the old question of whether a man is elected to vote the opinions of his constituents as he sees them or is rather elected to vote his own opinions because he is supposed to be smart enough to have wise and just opin-

ions. Washington said, "If, to please the people, we offer what we ourselves disapprove, how can we afterwards defend our work?"

The entrance of Kenneth Harlan into the senatorial race will likely serve to make that race interesting to say the least to A. E. Clark as both claim the support of the Joseph adherents. Mr. Harlan says in his announcement, "I worked with Joseph in constructing the plan of public power development that was such a vital part of his platform, and that was junked in the last legislature largely through the efforts of A. E. Clark, a man who was never in the confidence of Joseph."

County politics have been quiet for the past week with no candidates coming out in competition with others previously announced. Judge D. R. Parker has his petition before the people of this district as also has George G. Updegraff or district attorney. Otherwise the line-up remains the same as formerly.

