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A. A. SCHRAM EXPLAINS BANK LIQUIDATIONS

Depositors Near State Bank Head Give Laws About Banking

BANK SITUATION REVIEWED

Committee Appointed To Meet With Highway Commission

To a group of depositors of the Moro State Bank that comfortably filled the dining room of the Moro Hotel A. A. Schram, state bank examiner, explained the procedure of banking operations of a solvent bank and showed by blackboard illustration the causes of bank failures in times like the present, last Tuesday evening. He also explained carefully the method of liquidating banks, the laws effecting such liquidations, and in answering questions asked him gave the reasons why such regulations are in effect.

The meeting was called by the Moro Commercial Club which felt that a free and open discussion of the community problems relative to the banking situation would clear up some of the rumors that always become apparent when accurate information is not readily available.

It was in 1907 according to the speaker when the first regulatory laws were made in this state for the banking business. Since that time many changes have been forced by law. Previous to that time anyone was allowed to start a bank with a little capital and it was not necessary to give security for money deposited. Now a liability equal to the amount of stock is demanded of the stockholder. In 1925 a law was passed making \$25,000 the lowest capital stock permitted by the banking department and the tendency is to raise this to \$50,000.

One of the main reasons for the closing of so many banks during the depression has been the shrinkage of assets because of the natural withdrawal of funds for the needs of depositors. This shrinkage was 15 per cent up to the first of the year and is still continuing. During the last five years banks have been consolidated and merged together until now there are only two thirds as many as there were five years ago in this state.

The speaker said that when a bank was once closed the assets of that bank belong to the depositors. The reason the banking department handle the liquidation instead of allowing the depositors to do it themselves is that they are prepared and trained to perform this service and in the cases where depositors have attempted to handle the affairs of a closed bank themselves it has not been satisfactory.

It is not the policy of the banking department to allow the depositors in

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Wasco Bakery Hopes To Bake Again Soon

M. G. Tuel, owner of the Wasco Bakery, announced last week that he had discontinued baking at his establishment for the present. This move was made necessary because of the economic conditions and baking bread in Sherman county by this firm will be started again when conditions become normal.

During the eight years that Mr. Tuel has been baking the "Cream of the Harvest" brand of bread for Sherman county people he has delivered his product to all of the towns in the county and made his business one that added considerably to the independence of the county in a business way.

A modern building in Wasco houses the baking establishment and no effort has been spared to give adequate service and a quality product to users of bakery goods. To maintain this institution in the county requires the consumption of but a quarter of a pound of bread per day for each inhabitant and more than this amount is usually eaten by anyone.

All of the stores of the county have agreed to cooperate in the move to keep this Sherman county business in operation and it is thought it will not be long until the county's bread is baked within the county again.

Club Leader Seymour Coming Next Saturday

Saturday, April 2nd, H. C. Seymour state club leader, will be in Moro at the school superintendent's office to meet with the club leaders of the county and give them instruction on the best way to do their job.

All club leaders are requested to be present at the meeting and meet Mr. Seymour.

Young People Married At Bride's Home

Friends of John K. Wilson of Kent and Mary L. Smith of Moro will be glad to know that they were united in marriage on Easter Sunday, afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The wedding was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester W. Smith. Those present beside the bride's parents were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson of Kent, parents of the groom, Rev. and Mrs. N. Sherman Hawk of Wasco.

New Management At Paris Store

Mrs. Cecile Oviatt, formerly manager of the fur department of the Bedell store in Portland and Miss Myrtle Vaughn, recently with Chas. F. Berg and former assistant buyer for Hubbard's Gown Shop in Portland have purchased the Paris Shop in The Dalles.

The new management of this well known ready to wear shop extend a cordial invitation to the friends and customers of the Paris Shop to come in and get acquainted.

WHEAT CONDITIONS LESS FAVORABLE

European Crops Slightly Below Normal At Present

U. S. CONDITIONS ONLY FAIR

Spring Grain Seeding About the Same As Last Year

WHEAT: Crop development and the rate of disappearance of the world's wheat surplus remained the dominant factors in the general wheat market situation. Recent freezes set back the domestic wheat crop in some areas, but the actual damage is yet uncertain. In western Kansas much of the wheat was frozen down and soil blowing was also harmful. The condition of the winter wheat dropped 3 points to 80 per cent in Nebraska, with an estimated abandonment of 12.5 per cent, according to the mid-month report.

About 16,967,000 acres of Spring wheat other than Durum will be seeded this season if farmers carry out their intentions reported as of March 1. This represents an increase of about 5 per cent over the acreage seeded in the spring of 1931 and of 53.3 per cent over the acreage harvested last season, when dry weather caused an unusually heavy abandonment of Spring wheat. The acreage sown to winter wheat in the U. S. last fall totaled 38,682,000 acres, according to the December estimate. The extent of winter injury to fall-sown wheat is still undetermined, but average abandonment will reduce the acreage for harvest to about 33,820,000 acres.

No important changes have been reported in foreign crop conditions. Scattered rains relieved the drought in France, but warmer rainy weather is still needed. Some freezing occurred in Germany, but milder weather now favors the crop. Warmer weather with rain improved conditions in Italy. Taken altogether, European crop prospects are somewhat less favorable than a year ago, because of the sharp freezing in March. The new Indian wheat crop is reported of good quality and trade estimates place the output at 346,000,000 bushels. Marketings of new wheat slackened in Argentina and exports for the

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Wilcox Warehouse Fired By Unknown Person

Last Friday morning some person or persons attempted to set fire to the Wilcox warehouse but failed to do any serious damage. They had put gasoline soaked rags at the foot of a pile of wheat and touched them off with about fifty feet of fuse and probably a little powder. As the gasoline caught fire and blazed up it burned the sacks and the wheat falling out of the sacks smothered the blaze before the gasoline had burned off the rags. Otto Wallman, working on the Luther Davis ranch, discovered the fire and with the help of Mr. Davis and neighbors extinguished it. When the sheriff and state policeman, Grimm, were called they discovered the fuse and had the first intimation that the fire was not accidental. So far no one has been arrested in connection with the attempt at arson.

Masons Meet at Wasco For District Conclave

The District Masonic Convention in Wasco last Friday was a huge success. Herbert L. Toney, Grand Master for the state, from McMinnville, Grand Secretary D. R. Cheney of Portland, and District Deputy Grand Master, George D. Brodie of Dufur was present. There were representatives from Hood River, Antelope, Dufur, The Dalles, Moro and Grass Valley. A banquet was held at 6:30. Plates were placed for 130. The menu consisted of turkey, mashed potatoes, browned gravy, corn, pickles, salad, apple pie with whipped cream and coffee. H. D. Proudfoot, Worshipful Master of Taylor Lodge No. 99 A. F. & M. acted as master of ceremonies. There were vocal selections rendered by Mrs. Huckin, and Harland Johnson, and piano selections were given by Bill Clothier. After the banquet, the convention convened and was taken charge of by Grand Master Toney, who gave an address consisting of the meaning of Masonry. All of these talks were enjoyed by all present.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAR. 30

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Mar. 24	52	36	.25
" 25	49	34	.03
" 26	44	32	.00
" 27	58	37	.01
" 28	63	36	.09
" 29	60	37	.00
" 30	61	39	.00
Total for week			0.38

MOISTURE IS 12 PER CENT OF SOIL NOW

Condition Is Still Below Normal of Other Years

SPRING RAINS ARE NEEDED

Moisture Plentiful in Top Three Feet, Deep Moisture Short

There is no doubt about it moisture makes wheat in Sherman county and this explains the interest that every one has in the amount of water that has seeped into the soil in the winter months.

This week at the experiment station, there was 12 per cent of moisture in the first six feet of soil. This is by feet; 17.8 per cent in the first foot, 15.3 per cent in the second, 12.3 in the third, 7.8 in the fourth, 8.6 in the fifth and 10.1 in the sixth. This is about the same percentage of soil moisture as we had last year at the same time. Last years figures are 12.2.

The average for the years from 1919 to 1931 inclusive is 13.0 per cent of moisture at this time of year. During this time, however, there have been some years in which the moisture content of the ground in the spring was much higher. Two of these years were 1927 and 1928 when there was about 15.0 per cent of moisture.

The difficulty with the present distribution of moisture is that it is all in the first three feet. This permits the wheat to grow for a month or two but unless heavy rains fall in May or June it is likely to not mature very much wheat. The same moisture conditions prevailed under last years crop, and were partly the cause of the poor showing of the wheat after the first of June.

Local Girl Honored At Albany College

Albany College—Faye Thompson of Moro has been appointed a member of the "All for Albany" committee, to interview prospective students. Miss Thompson, who is a senior this year, will represent Albany at Moro.

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

Baseball Season Starts At Wasco Sunday

Sunday the click of the bat, the plunk of the ball, the shouts of the players were heard on the ball diamond at the fair grounds as two teams played a few innings of the national pastime.

The ball had a way of getting through or around the infielders in a good many cases and the many tried out had difficulty in getting the ball over the plate, but for the first workout it was satisfactory.

Sunday the first game of the season will be played at Wasco and while many players will be tried out it is expected that Searcy or Rice will do most of the catching, Barzee and Walker will pitch, the infield will be composed of the alternate pitcher, Collis Moore, Art Osborn, Wendell Balsiger and Ted Guinan. Outfielders will be chosen from several high school lads who are breaking into the game and those old timers who do not feel equal to the speed needed closer to the batter.

Wasco Local Makes Profit Last Year

Spokane, Wash., March 29. Declaration of a dividend of 6 per cent on stock and six-tenths of a cent a bushel on all grain handled for the first year's operation of the Sherman County Grain Growers, Inc., was reported today by B. H. Grady, Manager, Wasco, Oregon.

The report was received here by A. C. Adams, treasurer and general manager of North Pacific Grain Growers, Inc., regional cooperative, with which the Sherman county local is affiliated.

"Our local cooperative is in excellent shape," wrote Mr. Grady. "We have not lost a single member, and everything points to the addition of several new members before harvest."

Logan Is Making Audit of All County Books

Charles V. Logan of The Dalles, is busy here this week auditing the county books. It is expected that when the job is finished it will be possible for any one to get a comprehensive understanding of the actions of the county officers throughout 1931 by studying the completed audit. Those parts of it having the most general interest will be published in the Sherman County Journal.

Another good place for a zipper would be on string beans.—Selected.

SCHOOL CHILDREN SPELL FOR HONORS

Oral and Written Spelling Given To Grade Pupils

SPELLING BETTER EACH YEAR

Some Children Have Won Certificates Every Year of School Life

Teachers tip-toed around the halls, children slid out of doors and broke for the beneficent out side air, principals leaned on banisters and tables discussing their problems. These were the only signs discernable at the school house Friday that the annual spelling contest was in progress.

But inside the rooms teachers were carefully enunciating words after words to groups of pencil chewing youngsters each one anxious to come from the fray without even the technical error of a forgotten cross on a T. Great numbers of them were successful and their names are appended below.

Written:

Grade 1: Billie Howton, Robert von Borstel, Emma Elizabeth Lamborn.

Grade 2: David McLeod, June Hines, Dean Thompson, John Schwendel, Robert Ziegler, Jimmie Coats, Bobbie Wisner, Bobbie Huck, Sybil Killo, Patricia Yocum, Jeanette Human, Frances Lee James, Zoe Laverne Silver, Clea Lyda, Linden Mersinger, Lois Reynolds, Irene Searcy.

Grade 3: Juanita Mitchell, Ardis Fern Truitt, Mearle Marion Miller, Audrey Baker, Bonita Killo, Claude Bayer, Donald Olds.

Grade 4: Vernon Melzer, Anna McNab, Mary Coats, Isla Jean Brisbane Lavilla Gossen, Clara Mersinger, Retha Sayrs, LaVonne Alsap, Dolores Simon, Anne Laurie Haynes, Douglas Tuel, Betty Belshae, Carl Lyons, Damon Fields, Billie Todd.

Grade 5: Margaret McDermid Lawrence Kenny, Viola Lundy, Melvin Balzer, Lloyd Belshae, Ina Jones, Jane French, Beryl Sheets, Luther Davis, Anita Dunlap, Dean Pkerton.

Grade 6: Catherine Fridley, Stanley Jones, Winifred Belshae, Barbara Belshae, Helen Sather, John Proudfoot Thiry Chapman, Anita Beardsley, Clara Jane Mathieson, Leona McLeod

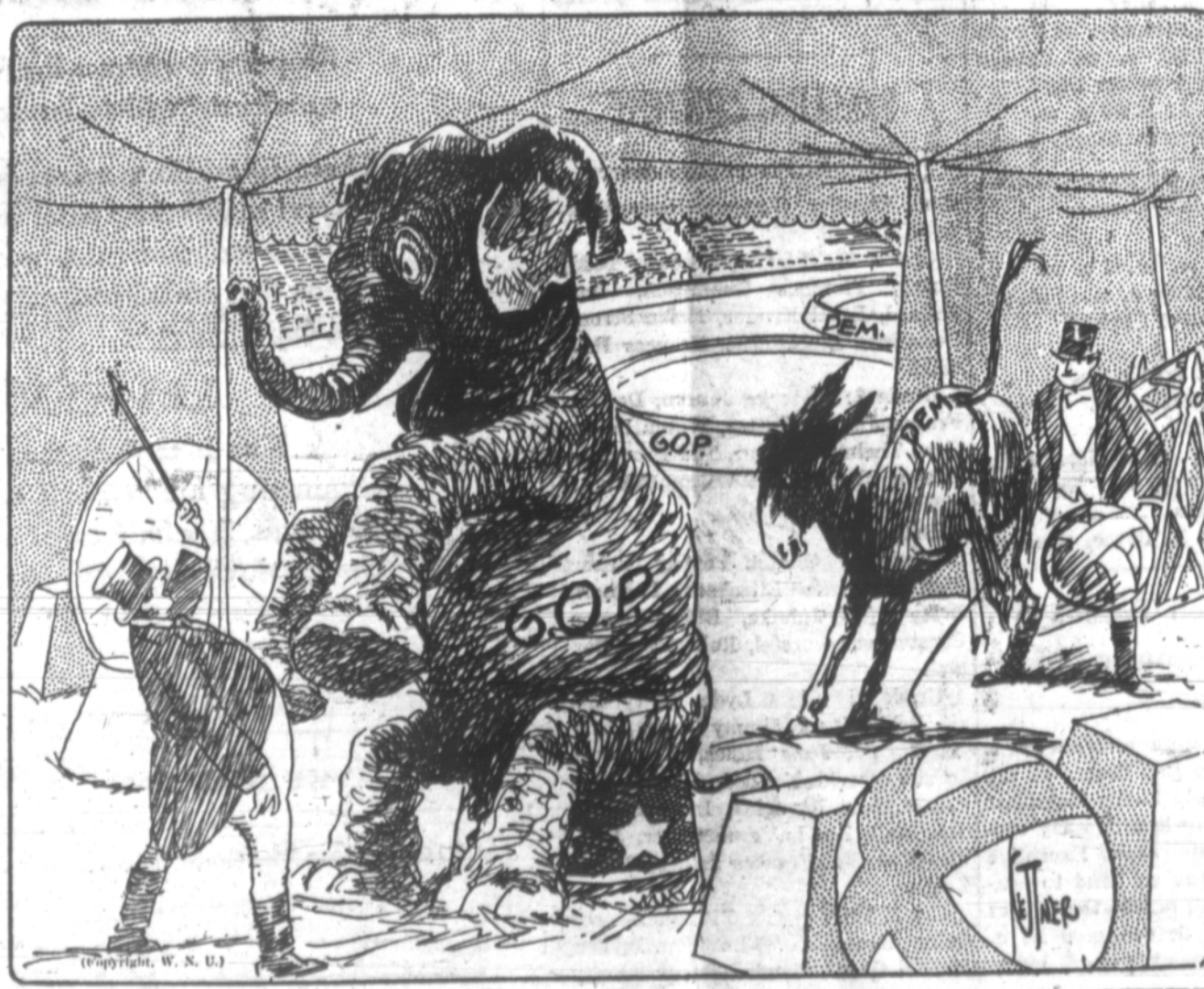
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Earl Snell Expected To File For House Position Soon

Earl W. Snell, of Arlington present state representative, whose hesitancy about filing for office has caused some speculation in the district has decided to file as a candidate for the lower house again. If elected this year Mr. Snell will represent the counties of Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler, as formerly and Morrow as a new addition to the representative district. He is one of the members of the house most spoken of as a candidate for the speakership of that body. And his chances seem to be better each week as house members announce their retirement or candidacy for the senate or other political offices in their districts.

It has been reported that Ben Taylor, of Mitchell, will be a candidate for the senate to oppose J. P. Yates, of Wasco, but this report is not taken seriously by those acquainted with the situation. The senatorial district is composed of three counties that have been together for many years. So many, in fact, that the principles of county courtesy have been well established. It is now Sherman county's turn to send a man to the state senate and as the candidate of this county for that office has the legislative experience to perform the duties of the office it is not thought probable that another county will back a candidate for the position.

Rehearsing for the Big Show



News of Early Days Reprinted (For Those Who Remember)

Observer, March 30th, 1893. Sperm Huff shot and killed a deer on his place south east of Erskenville a couple of weeks ago.

C. W. Deikman is running a freight wagon between Moro and Biggs twice weekly and will haul up your coal and wood or other supplies at reasonable rates.

County Clerk Hayes proved up on his Timber Culture today at The Dalles. His witnesses were Obed Cushman and T. B. Searcy.

Miss Julia Woods and Jas. R. Belshae bought carts from R. J. Ginn and O. E. Leet bought a buggy from the same store.

Parties wishing cattle herded will please let me know by April 20th. Rate 40 cents per month. Best pasture in Sherman county. M. H. Bennett, Kent.

Observer, April 3rd, 1903. T. H. Fraser's son Tom is suffering from a broken arm caused by a fall from the hurricane deck of a cayuse.

Moro citizens in mass meeting Monday night indorsed the present city administration by nominating for re-election W. H. Moore for mayor, and Messrs J. O. Elrod, I. D. Pike and H. A. Moore as councilmen.

W. H. and E. H. Moore had a very exciting time on their return from Gilliam county Monday. The ferry cable broke as they were crossing the John Day river at the old Emigrant road and the boat shot down stream, but fortunately lodged on the Gilliam bank so as to allow them to unhitch and back the buggy ashore and take the horses with it. This necessitated a drive of about 100 miles around to reach Moro via Arlington, Kleikitt and Grants.

A large emery wheel has been put into the Moro Iron works to be used for grinding plow shares, etc.

Road supervisors Carl Peets and Wm. Henrichs have been busy grading turn outs on the Lone Rock road. Observer, April 3rd, 1913.

The business men of Wasco have declared a holiday for April 9th and will join with the up to date farmers of that section in a day of work on the McDonald-John Day river grade. A basket lunch will be served the workers at noon.

John Fields of Rufus was in the city Tuesday visiting with his son Earl and family.