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GALLOWAY ADVOCATES EQUALIZATION OF TAXES

Government Should Bear Burden of Land and Woods

BUSINESS MEETING ACTIVE

Swimming Pool, Clean Up Day and Fire Department Discussed

The 335 Democrats of Sherman county had their meeting at the Commercial Club last Tuesday evening when Francis V. Galloway, candidate for nomination to the national house of representatives, spoke before that body. Mr. Galloway, whose voice has been heard on several occasions in this county previously, discussed some of the inequalities that must be overcome before this county will be a satisfactory place to leave to the next generation.

Reading from a current news story about the success of Oregon congressmen in getting six dollars in federal expenditures for each dollar paid in taxes he criticized the attitude of the eastern states who disagree with the justice of this condition. In Oregon the government still own half of the land area, according to the speaker, and it is only fair that they take care of their own property.

He said that expenditures for ports and waterways were of national benefit more than for local purposes as goods come into and go out from ports and harbors that are raised in the interior states or are shipped into them through the port. It is unfair to charge all the money invested in a harbor to the state in which it lies, he said.

That equalization of taxes is one of the most pressing needs of the country was another premise of the speaker. "We have people raising wheat and cotton, our two great agricultural crops, who cannot make ends meet and yet the incomes of 504 persons in the United States would buy all the wheat and cotton produced in this country," he stated and continued with the statement that property is rapidly becoming an intangible nature and is largely untaxed under our present system.

England is held up as an example of high taxes and those who have incomes there are heavily taxed, yet the average of per capita taxes are \$17. Lower than that in the United States.

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James Dennis Dies In Grass Valley

James Dennis, retired, a well known inhabitant of Grass Valley died at his home there Saturday night at the age of 79 years. For several months he has been failing rapidly and for the past two or three weeks has been confined to his bed.

He was born in Stockton, California January 27th, 1853. His parents were early settlers in California, his father having come to that state in 1837 from Connecticut. His mother died when he was four years old and after spending two years at a private school James struck out for himself and worked on farms around Stockton until he came to Oregon in 1882.

He worked for J. H. Shearer for a year, entered the stock business but after a year returned to the Shearer ranch where he remained for fifteen years being engaged in that time in building some of the Shearer buildings, repairing the old Shearer grade and handling stock for his employer.

In 1901 he bought a little place at the edge of Grass Valley that has been his home ever since and in February of that year he married Miss Margaret Scott, who had come from New Brunswick to visit her sisters, Mrs. Fred Krusow and Mrs. George Schwartz.

The funeral was held Tuesday May 3rd from the Methodist church in Grass Valley with the Rev. S. L. Boyce in charge.

Eastern Star Lodge Will Entertain

Bethlehem Chapter O. E. S. will entertain the other chapters of the district Friday night, May 20th, at the Masonic hall.

At this time Minnie W. White, Worthy Grand Matron of Oregon will pay an official visit and inspect the work of the various chapters, after which a social time will be enjoyed. All members are cordially invited. Delegations from Wasco, Grass Valley, Antelope and The Dalles are expected.

Grass Valley To Clean Up For Whole Week

Grass Valley is going to go the usual clean-up day plan of other years one better this spring and will have a clean-up week in which every household is requested to remove rubbish and other accumulations of the winter months away from his property.

This week has been set for next May 9 to 14, and it is hoped that the unsightly objects about the town will be taken away at that time.

Farmer Brown Coming To County in June

The long looked for advent of Farmer Brown to these parts will not be delayed much further according to information given out by the Auxiliary of the Sherman Cooperative Grain Growers after their meeting Saturday. Mr. Brown was scheduled to speak in this county last fall but was not able to get here.

Some time in June a meeting of the Cooperators in Sherman, Wasco, Gilliam and Klickitat counties is planned at which Farmer Brown will speak. The meeting will be held at some point easily available to everyone.

Mrs. Alvira McFarland Laid To Rest Friday

Mrs. Alvira McFarland, a former resident of Sherman county and well known to many of the pioneer settlers, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. L. French in Grants Pass last Thursday morning at the age of 85 years, nine months.

Mrs. McFarland lived in Sherman county from the early nineties until 1911, rearing her own family and that of L. R. French after the death of her daughter, his wife. She is survived by one brother, Oliver Huff, of Oakland, six children, H. E. Maricle, and A. Wayne McFarland, of Alberta, Can., Mrs. Ida Hunting, Silver Creek, Wash., A. E. McFarland, Umatilla, V. L. McFarland, Miami, Florida and Mrs. A. L. French, Grants Pass; 23 grand children and 17 great grand children.

Red Cross Flour Available in County

Red Cross flour is available to the needy in this county since last Friday when a truck load was brought in for distribution by the local heads of the Red Cross organization in the different communities. S. A. Wisener, Rufus; Mrs. R. B. Halley, Wasco; George B. Bourhill, Moro; Mrs. C. L. Poley, Grass Valley; and A. A. Dunlap, Kent are the local directors who must pass on the needs of the applicants.

Rainfall Exceeds Average Since Fall

Since the first of September 1931, 10.18 inches of rain has fallen on Sherman county fields as compared to 9.44 inches on the average since the station has been established at Moro. This accounts for the ground being wet, the fields being luxuriantly green and the farmers happy.

DECLAMATORY CONTEST AT WASCO FRIDAY

B and C Divisions Only Groups To Contest This Year

TEN SPEAKERS ON PROGRAM

Five Sections Send Children To Annual Contest

Children from the upper grades, children from the intermediate grades and wee little tots unconscious of their cuteness will vie tonight, Friday, in the annual county wide declamatory contest which will be held in Wasco at the high school auditorium. There was a day when this contest drew a crowd that could not be accommodated in the largest hall in the county but for the last few years attendance has been much smaller.

Speakers from the five divisions which which includes one high school town and the adjoining country districts are as follows:

- "C" Division
Vivian Fritts, "An Inspiring Dish-washer," Kent Division.
LaVonne Alsop "Hay-fever" Grass Valley Division.
Reatha Sayrs, "Bumble Bee" Moro Division.
Donna Knox, "Spilled Children" Wasco Division.
Leota Cross, "Kentucky Philosophy" Rufus Division.
- "B" Division
Florence Thompson, "Miss Maloney Goes to the Dentist" Rufus Division.
Leonard Maurus, "Busted Leg" Wasco Division.
Doris Thompson, "At the Milliner's" Moro Division.

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WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY, 4

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Apr. 28	82	55	.00
29	70	58	.00
30	68	49	.00
May 1	67	44	.24
2	61	44	.05
3	63	41	.00
4	60	35	.00
Total for week			.29

Taxes Coming In To Sheriff Rapidly Now

Taxes collected by the sheriff up to Thursday morning were quite encouraging for \$43,059.04 had rolled into his coffers to be applied to taxes on the current roll. This is almost 22 per cent of the 1932 taxes that have been paid so far and others are coming in regularly.

Twelve thousand dollars of delinquent taxes have also been collected by the sheriff.

Sunday's Game Gives Win To G. V. - Kent

Grass Valley-Kent defeated the Rufus nine at Rufus last Sunday afternoon by the score of 9 to 1 while April showers that run over into May dampened the players, the ball and the spectators. Young for the south-erners struck out 15 Rufus men and Macnab whiffed 8.

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Rufus	1	1
Grass Valley-Kent	9	6

Sunday the Grass Valley-Kent boys will meet Moro on the Moro diamond in a return game that should be a hum dinger considering the interest generated in the last encounter.

Wasco High School Presents Good Play

The high school play given Saturday night by the Senior class of the Wasco High School was billed as a play that was different and while probably few people believed it on the bills they were convinced before the final curtain was drawn.

It is a much heavier play than is usually given by high school students and it gave the players with histrionic ability a chance to display their talents.

Miss Belle Clothier, taking the part of a spinster aunt, gave an excellent rendition of the character in both the comic and the tragic parts and also doubled as the mystery woman in a very creditable manner.

Miss Elna Houston, as the leading female character carried a heavy part being on the stage nearly all the time during the progress of the play. Edward Grady, as the villain, carried his lines well, while those with smaller speaking parts carried out their share of the drama to make a very successful play as the final appearance of the senior class.

Hey- Hey!
We note that ladies are wearing longer dresses.
Gentlemen are also wearing their old suits longer.—Clipped.

I. O. O. F. Members Meet Here This Week

Odd-Fellows from all over the district comprised of Sherman, Wasco and Hood River counties were in Moro last Monday for the annual convention of the order. In the afternoon some of them visited the experiment farm, where they found out about farming, others drove to Gordon ridge to view the expanse of wheat land observable from that mount. In the evening after a bounteous supper a program concerned principally with the duties and privileges of Odd-Fellowship was given with M. D. Shanks, of Hood River as the principal speaker.

Sherman Countians See Tractor Work

Quite a number of Sherman countians were in Morrow county last Friday observing the new Deisel motored tractor perform on the Mark Weatherford ranch near Cecil. Agents of the tractor company, the plow companies, the oil companies, professors from three agricultural schools, politicians mingled with bona-fide farmers watching the 68 horsepower behemoth cough around the field dragging 12 sixteen inch plows to plow six acres per hour.

A record has been established by this machine. Since March 4th it has plowed 6,880 acres or nearly 150 per day with a cost for fuel and oil of less than 8 cents per day.

Mrs. R. E. Sutherland Passes Away in Portland

Mrs. Carry A. Sutherland, a former resident of Sherman county, and mother of Mrs. Earl Olds, of Grass Valley, died at her home in Portland last Monday.

With her husband and family she came from Maine and lived on a farm north of Klondike and east of Wasco for several years before moving to Hillsboro about 16 years ago. She is survived by her husband, R. E. Sutherland, a daughter, Mrs. Irma Olds, and two sons, Edison, of Long View and R. E. Jr. of Portland and three brothers and a sister who still remain in Maine.

The funeral was held Wednesday in Portland with interment in the Hillsboro cemetery.

Swimming Pool Planned By Local Citizens

Plans for the construction of a swimming pool in the Moro city park are absorbing the attention of many of the citizens this week and preliminary arrangements are being made. It is proposed to use one of the city wells not now needed for city water as a supply for the water and to con-

COURT MEETS WITH HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Road Men Go Through County On Inspection Trip

COURT MEETS AGAIN THURSDAY

Commission Favors Resurfacing South Part of Sherman Highway

The county court meeting scheduled for Wednesday was sort of an inter-county affair due to the visit of two members of the highway commission who called late Tuesday evening to announce that they would be through Sherman county early in the morning and would look over the southern end of the Sherman highway.

Subsequently members of the court and other interested citizens were posted on the street corners shivering in the chill wind at an hour in the morning that usually found them just getting to work.

About eight o'clock Chairman Leslie M. Scott, Commissioner Ed. Aldrich, State Engineer Baldock, Maintenance Engineer Bishop and a Mr. Marsh a representative of the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce on his way to attend a highway meeting in Reno, Nevada, arrived in town and after the members of the commission had looked over the plans of the court about secondary highways and rejected an invitation to inspect them because of lack of time, a cavalcade started for Shaniko to ride over and examine the south end of the Sherman highway.

It is the intention of the highway commission to repair that part of the Sherman highway that has insufficient base rock under it as soon as they can get around to it which will probably be next year, but no definite promises were made about the time set for the work.

In the afternoon the court drove to Gilliam county where they met with Gilliam's commissioners to perfect plans for a meeting to be held in Arlington later in the month. At this session the secondary highway system of the counties will be discussed and the roads will be laid out in a manner that will meet with the cooperation of all of the counties concerned.

duct the pool according to state regulations governing such places of amusement.

The financing plan proposed is to sell season tickets to those interested in swimming or having their children learn to swim in order to construct the pool and to make a small charge to others for enough to maintain it.

Age Old Fossils Imbedded in Rock Give Clue To Earth's History

"This," said my host, Carl Hendricks handing me a piece of ordinary looking rock, "is ten million years old."

With this reverential warning I took the rock gingerly in my hands and followed with my eye along the gray surface to where my host pointed to a series of brown spots. "That is the jaw of a three toed horse," he said and thereupon he told me in words that tumbled forth with the speed of an enthusiast of the days when the Oregon country was young and recently lifted above the surface of the ocean, of days when John Day lake covered the land in those parts, of days when the sabre tooth tiger roamed tropic jungles, when huge turtles disported along the shores and when the three toed horse, forerunner of the modern draft animal, ran over the hills in droves.

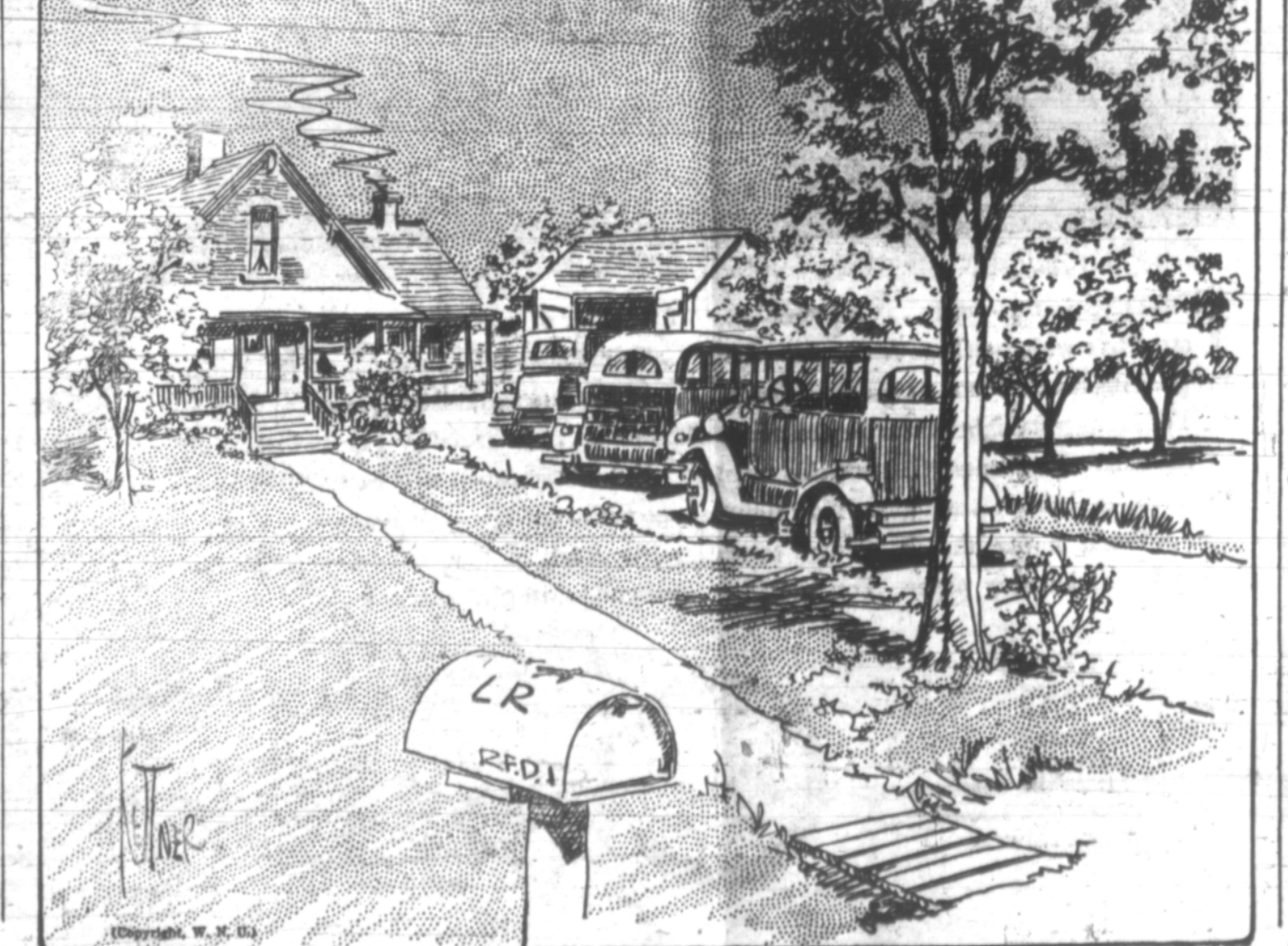
Later we visited the fossil beds, not to inspect them with the eye of a scientist, but merely to drive along the John Day highway through them and observe the hills of fossil formation uncovered by the erosion the river has brought on by cutting through the volcanic structure above the fos-

sil lake bed. There are red hills, blue hills streaked with red, purple hills and grey hills with streaks of color across them and any place among them one might dig up fossil remains of pre-historic animals that man has never seen and can only imagine from the reconstructed skeletons put together by scientists.

Ten million years these skeletons have been imbedded in this formation pressed down with the weight of tons upon tons of lava, shut out from light and air and naturally treated to prevent final decay. Layer upon layer of different formations of earth have been placed upon them and the old earth has been shaken and raised and lowered no one knows how many times. Ten million years—and human history goes back a mere four thousand.

If one is fond of speculating on what has gone on in this world before man came to record these changes, if you care to see undisputable evidence of animal life eons ago travel up the John Day highway and stand in wonder at the comparative youth of all mankind and their impotence in handling the forces of nature.

Mother's Day



Items That Were News When Sherman County Was Young

Observer May 9th, 1913.
The banks at Moro and Wasco were re-incorporated by L. Barnum, E. O. McCoy and E. C. Atwood to comply with a new law.

Grass Valley defeated Moro 7 to 6 in the first game of the season. Batteries were VanNuya, F. Olds, E. Olds, Stillwell and Knighten; Jackson Rutledge and Hardin.

Everybody was buying new automobiles. R. C. H., E. M. F., Ford and Cadillac.

F. R. Messenger has sold his 600 acre farm to John Denison and C. G. Huntley.

John Reckman of Kent has got plenty of water and is going to drill another hole for coal.

E. H. Moore, L. V. Moore and Frank Sayrs returned Wednesday from a 3 day fishing trip to Buckholow bringing with them 410 large trout.

John Kaseberg was in Monday procuring supplies for an addition being built to his farm residence.

One of the attractions of the north end of the county is Thomas Sink's 2-year old alfalfa patch.

Wasco Baseball company has been incorporated for \$2000 with J. E. McPherson, F. H. Meader, Frank Hultery incorporators.

Observer May 4th, 1893.

Dick McDonald of Biggs last week purchased the entire stock of merchandise formerly owned by Webber and Armsworthy of Wasco.

The Farmers Hotel conducted by J. A. West advertised board and lodging at \$18. per month, Meals .25 and beds from .25 to .50.

Last week Mrs. Hansen, wife of J. M. Hansen purchased H. H. Peterson's pre-emption in the Rutledge neighborhood for \$1550. The property is very valuable having a fine orchard thereon.