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SHERMAN COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

Forty Fourth Year

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PRIMARY ELECTION ONLY WEEK AWAY

Parties To Choose Standard Bearer For November Event

CANDIDATES ARE NUMEROUS

More Than Usual Number Seeking To Serve Voters

Friday, May 20th, will be just another day to the majority of the citizens of this state, the sun will come up in the morning and go down at night to arise again, but for the flock of candidates who are awaiting to hear the voice of the people it will be a day of days. The sun will come up in the morning, but it may go down at night never to rise again on personal political ambitions.

Voters will have an opportunity to vote for four contestants for the Republican nomination for United States senator, Fred Steiwer, Kenneth Harlan A. E. Clark and R. N. Stanfield having filed for that office. For Democratic nomination for the same office, Marshall Dana, Walter Gleason and Elton Watkins are contestants.

In the second district voters will have a chance to nominate R. R. Butler or J. M. Richards, Republicans and F. V. Galloway or Walter Pierce Democrats as candidates for the house of representatives.

State officers to be nominated are secretary of state for which office E. Hoss and George Palmiter are competing for the Republican nomination and Ray H. Wisecarver for the Democratic and state treasurer has Milt Scherping and Rufus Holman competing for the Republican nomination and J. W. Maloney asking for the Democratic award. An attorney general will also be elected this year and I. H. Vanwinkle and Earl C. Bronaugh are the only contestants for the office, both being Republicans.

All of the candidates for state senator or representative in this district are Republicans. For the senatorship J. P. Yates of Sherman county and Ben Taylor of Wheeler county are the contestants and for the representative offices of which there are two, Earl Snell, of Arlington; F. N. Shown of Fossil; J. O. Turner and E. E. Rugg, of Heppner are before the people.

There is competition for but two nominations in the county these being the Republican nomination for sheriff and assessor. Hugh Chrisman and Ryland O. Scott would both like to be

Tax Collections Better Than Expected

Sheriff Hugh Chrisman has turned over a total of \$57,358.08 to the county treasurer in this tax collection period. This has mostly been current taxes but there has been quite a bit of delinquent tax paid as well as the current. Of current taxes approximately one half of the amount due May 5th has been paid.

Moro Club Sponsor Clean-up May 20th

Friday, May 20th, which is also Election Day, has been designated by the Commercial Club Committee as Clean-up Day for Moro this year. Mr. L. L. Peetz has been appointed Major General of the day and he will announce his Captains and the assignment of territory and the Buck Privates at their command, in due time. The Committee respectfully requests that all home and business place owners will clean up their premises and will dispose of the refuse before Clean-up Day, so that the workers may be free to devote their time on that day to the Streets, Alleys, and vacant properties. A pot luck lunch will be served in the City Park at noon by the good ladies of the city. All places of business agreed to remain closed until noon. To the end that we shall maintain the best kept and most attractive City in the County, the Committee requests the full co-operation of everyone.

County Court Actions For May Term

CLAIMS ALLOWED AT MAY TERM OF COURT	
Geo. B. Bourhill Stamps for Clerk	\$ 71.02
Geo. G. Updegraff District Attorney Expenses	6.87
Fern Rakes Work in Superintendent's office	33.33
Mrs. S. L. Coats County Charge	20.00
Wm. Shiel County Charge	30.00
Alva Stone Pred. animal control	12.50
A. E. Simmons Superintendent supplies	2.25
West C. Print. & B. Co., Clerks supplies	7.37
Supt. supplies	16.75
Assessor supplies	133.40
Treas. supplies	12.24
H. & W. Specialty Co., Clerk's supplies	2.50
F. D. Antrim Sealer Weights and Measures	.64
Dr. C. L. Foley Vital Statistics	2.50
W. E. Tate Vital Statistics	.75
Hugh Chrisman Expenses in Kee case	7.50
Geo. G. Updegraff Prem. on Dep. Sheriff's bond	25.00
Pacific Power and Light Co., Courthouse light bill	4.50

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SOIL WETTER THAN USUAL ON MAY FIRST

Eleven Percent Moisture Remains In Ground

1928 CONDITIONS ARE BESTED

Rains Hold Up Wheat and Save Soil Moisture For Summer

Moisture conditions remain good in Sherman county due largely to the rains that have fallen during the last six weeks. While there was not as much moisture as usual at the beginning of the crop year, in March, these rains have kept the wheat growing and so far it has used very little of the soil moisture stored during the winter.

The following chart shows the percentage of soil moisture in the soil on different dates in the past years compared with the amount this year on the tillage plots at the experiment station.

Year	Good plots	Poor plots	Date
1928	10.5	11.3	May 2
1928	9.0	9.6	May 10
1929	7.0	7.7	May 20
1930	10.1	10.5	May 1
1930	7.8	8.6	May 15
1932	11.0	11.3	May 5

This year on the 21st of March there was an average of 12.5 percent moisture in the soil on these plots. This has been decreased to a little over 11 percent during April. However it is higher than it was in the good year of 1928 when we had a little less than eleven on the 2nd of May. It is considerable higher than the moisture content of the bad year of 1929 and 1930.

It will be noted that there is usually more moisture in the poor tillage plots than in the plots that have received good tillage. This is because there is almost always a thinner stand on the poor plots and the wheat plants do not draw as much moisture from the soil during the growing season. Wheat will use the moisture stored in the soil very rapidly from now on until ripening begins.

Maybe He Did
"Why, my dear man, I wouldn't cash a check for my own brother."
"Well, you know your family better than I do."—Selected.

County Celebration to be Held In Grass Valley

Grass Valley will celebrate on the glorious Fourth this year, which means that residents of this county and adjacent portions of Wasco county will gather under the trees of the Grass Valley city park for a real old fashioned picnic and entertainment and family visiting day.

Just what the entertainment will consist of has not been decided, but it is almost certain that a game of baseball will be played, the boys and girls will run a few races and people will stand around in groups and talk with old friends, which is really what holidays are for anyway.

All of the civic organizations will assist in the celebration including the city itself and the money made, if any, will go to the repair and painting of the city pavilion.

Grass Valley High In Declamatory Contest

Grass Valley with a first and second was the high school in the annual declamatory contest held in Wasco last Friday night as one of the activities of the final weeks of the school year. Moro won a first, Rufus a second and Wasco and Rufus a third place.

Little La Vonne Alsop with her piece, "Hay Fever" to which her voice was particularly adapted, was winner in the C division comprising the first four grades of the grammar school. Leota Cross, of Rufus was given second place with "Kentucky Philosophy" and Vivian Fritts, of Kent, placed third with "An Inspiring Dishwasher."

In the B division Davis Thompson, of Moro, won with her declamation "At the Milliners." Ferdinand Stark one of the two boys in the competition placed second with "Kentucky Philosophy" and Leonard Maurus, Wasco, was adjudged third with "Busted Leg."

The students of Wasco High gave a one act play "Sham" that was well received being a play upon some of the weaknesses of human kind.

Boyd Homewood, public speaking instructor of The Dalles, was the judge of the declamatory contest.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 11

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
May 8	61	36	.00
" 9	72	37	.00
" 10	73	42	.00
" 11	73	39	.00
" 12	80	33	.00
" 13	74	44	.00
" 14	75	35	.00
Total for week			0.00

WHEAT CONDITIONS FAVOR GROWERS

Oregon Crop Called 85 Per Cent of Normal

UNITED STATES CROP SHORT

Country May Have But Little More Than Requirements

Winter wheat prospects in Oregon and elsewhere in the Pacific Northwest show an appreciable drop during April. The acreage remaining for harvest in Oregon on May 1st, is estimated at 800,000 acres according to the report of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates. The estimated acreage sown last fall was 825,000 acres. The difference is 25,000 acres which represents the abandonment previous to May 1 of 3.0 per cent of the fall sown acreage. This is about an average abandonment and is a result of unfavorable fall conditions, some winter kill and an unfavorable spring. The condition of the crop is estimated at 85 per cent of normal, a figure considerably below the average for this season. The estimated production forecast from the May 1st condition is 16,400,000 bushels compared to 17,908,000 bushels forecast last May 1 and the final 1931 figure of 15,262,000 bushels. The five year average production figure is 19,577,000 bu.

The United States wheat crop is forecast on May 1st at 440,781,000 bushels or a drop of 17,189,000 bushels from the April 1st estimate. The short winter wheat crop is a heavy acreage abandonment generally and drought damage and soil blowing in the Great Plains of the Southwest. A larger Spring Wheat planted acreage is estimated but even with average yield of spring wheat the total wheat production will not much more than equal domestic requirements and the wheat position of this country will be greatly altered.

You will find it less easy to uproot faults than to gain virtues. Do not think of your faults; still less of others' faults. In every person who comes near you, look for what is good and strong; honor that; rejoice in it; and as you can, try to imitate it, and your faults will drop off like dead leaves when their time comes.—John Ruskin.

Jurors Dismissed Until Further Notice

Jurors whose names were announced to try cases coming before the May term of court drew a bye apparently for it is extremely improbable that there will be a session of the circuit court this term.

Judge Parker was here Wednesday and when informed that there would likely be no cases to come before him ordered the jurors excused from appearing next Monday. In case something should arise before that time that demanded a jury trial they may be called to serve.

Tuesday Is Clean-up Day In Wasco

Next Tuesday has been designated as clean-up day in Wasco by the American Legion post that is sponsoring the municipal activity. On this day trucks will be chartered to haul the accumulations of the winter months away to the dump yard if householders will box or sack said junk and put it on the streets. Much of it has been done already.

At noon a pot luck dinner will be served on the Legion dance pavilion and free coffee will be served by the service men or the Auxiliary. There will be a childrens pet parade at noon and in the afternoon there will be sports including a ball game between the Wasco Firemen and the high school. Either a movie or a program by the Girl Scouts will be given in the evening.

Captains are as follows: Elwood McPherson, Paul R. McCulloch, L. P. Haven, Phil Bishop, Dick Schunke, Wes Wilde, Bill Nesbit, H. S. Wall, Bob Evans.

In the paint crew are E. T. Jones, E. F. Feldman and Chas. Everett. Those who have promised to lend trucks for the occasion are: O. G. Hilderbrand, L. P. Haven, Union Oil Co., Standard Oil Co., Lee Dehler, Wasco Market and Roy Atwood.

Change In Banking Arrangements

The banking arrangements at the Farmer's Elevator office have been changed somewhat in the last week. Due to certain regulations it was impossible for the First National of The Dalles to continue with the previous arrangement and connections were made with the Bank of Commerce in Wasco.

The local office will handle cash for merchants and the general public and will accept deposits for the Bank of Commerce by those who do not care to drive to Wasco for that purpose. This again places Sherman county banking on a county basis.

SUNDAY BALL GAME EXCITES ARDENT FANS

Moro Defeats Grass Valley-Kent by 5 to 4 Score

GAME CLOSE AT ALL TIMES

Count Even Between Teams With One Win Apiece

And now it's even Stephen, but it took a lot of moaning and groaning to make it so. Moro tied the count in baseball games with the Grass Valley-Kent outfit last Sunday at the grounds by an eighth inning rally that brought them from behind to win 5 to 4.

Grass Valley-Kent scored first in the fourth on a three bagger by Fritts, who by the way laced out three hits in four times up, and a passed ball that let him lope home. They scored twice in the fifth when Young got on by a passed ball and scored on Dunlap's two base hit. Then Dunlap was passed in when Walker threw another one away.

In the sixth the Moro boys squeezed one in by the aid of two errors a sacrifice, a hit batter and a walk, ending a tense moment when Moro had a good chance to even it up.

In their part of the eighth Grass Valley-Kent added another one and it looked like the old ball game was on ice for the boys from the south end, but not so. The old timer who says, "It ain't over until the last man's out" is right again. Osborn singled, Moore advanced him with an out, Guinan fouled twice, and with the count three and two laid a fat pitch into the left field garden for a home run. Score 4 to 3. Balsiger got on by an error, Walker did the same and while they were playing for Walker, 230 pounds of behemoth first baseman hit for home and slid in with a cloud of dust only to be called out.

The boys argued about it and while someone had his finger under the umpire's nose Walker took third and then was safe at home when the third baseman lost the ball. Score even. Rice, who was looking for a chance to redeem himself after striking out with three men on, laced out a liner over first base that was good for three bags and came home with the winning run when Bareze tapped one out to the infield.

There was plenty of arguing with Continued to page four.

Wasco Fire Department Saves Many Times Its Cost In Two Years

A little over a year ago the city of Wasco was informed that unless something was done to reduce fire hazards in that municipality there would be an increase of ten per cent in their fire insurance rates. The Mayor busied himself and within twenty four hours a fire department was organized and held its first practice. The rates were not raised.

That's how it started. Now there is a modern fire truck, between a thousand and twelve hundred feet of first class hose, chemical tanks, a siren, and a fire fighting organization that practice every week and is proud to do it. That's municipal pride and concerted effort that is successful.

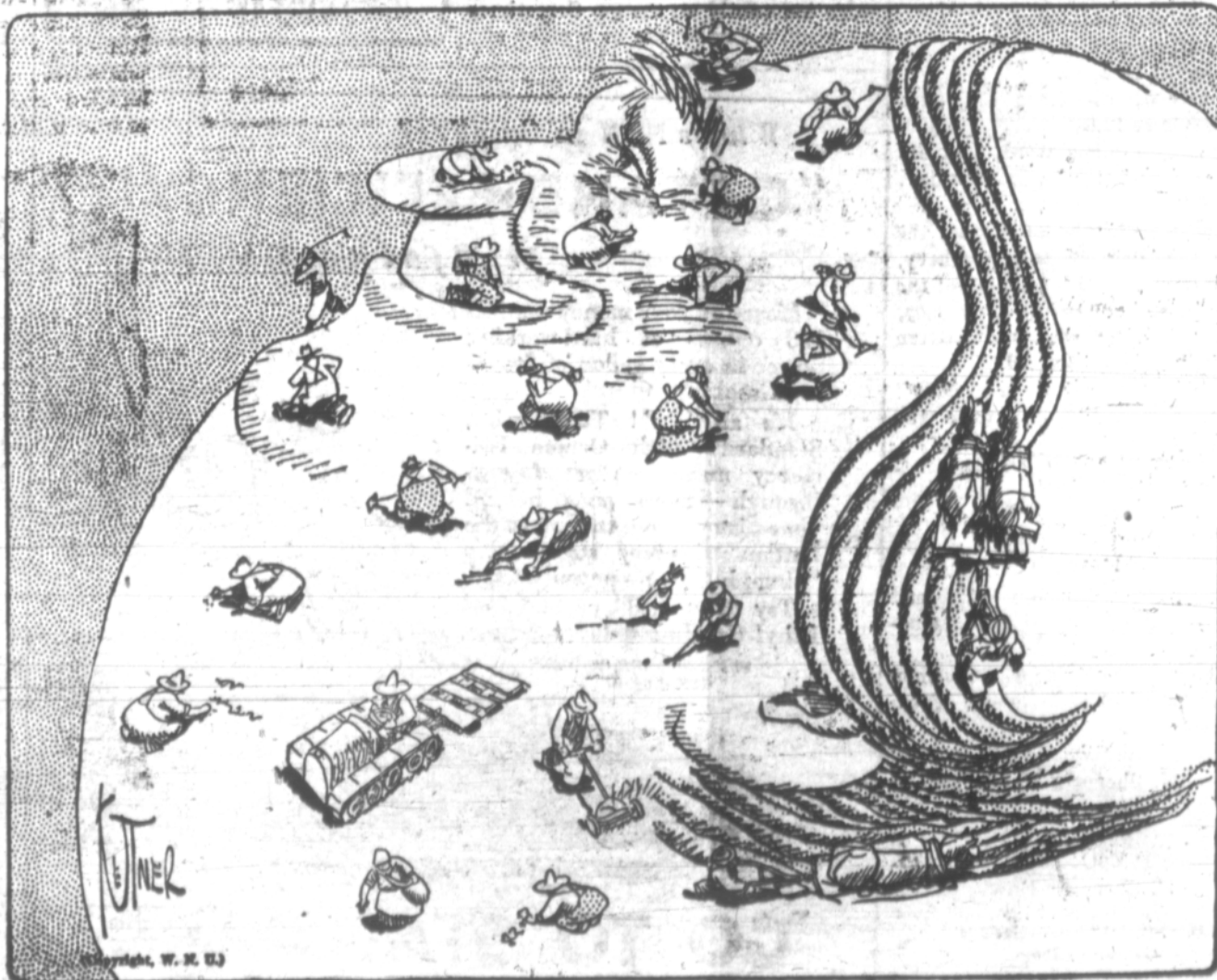
The total cost to the city has been about \$1000.00 and the saving has been many times that amount. First they bought a truck, or rather a truck chassis, and mounted their chemical tanks on it. Built a place for the hose and learned to take care of it. Bought a siren and mounted it in a public place where it can be sounded by the telephone central office girl at any time a fire is reported. Then by practicing week after week they develop-

ed team work and group morale until they feel that they can rush to a fire, couple two or three hoses to hydrants and begin playing water on the blaze in time enough to save any building in town. Anyway there has not been a total loss since the department was organized.

They have the same pride in their ability that city fire departments have. During the first warm days of this spring when business was slack the members of the department drove the truck containing their equipment out on the street in front of their places of business and spent hours polishing the brass, repainting the equipment and repairing ladders and other things that needed to be done. That shows the interest that is taken and it is not for selfish reasons for not one of the members of the organization is paid.

Elwood McPherson is the chief and there are less than twenty men and boys in the department. They have certainly added a world of interest to life in Wasco as well as saving money for every property owner

Mother Earth Gets Spring Facial



Items That Were News When Sherman County Was Young

Observer May 11, 1893.

The Condon Globe recounts that all the two year old steers in the country are being bought up for \$14 per head and that buyers will leave \$20,000 in the county.

Rufus A. Moore died Sunday May 7, and was buried at Moro.

Last week the wool clip of Kerrond Buckley's sheep arrived at The Dalles from their Grass Valley ranch there being forty sacks.

Sheriff Leslie went to Grant Tuesday to arrest George Crossfield for putting a head on the constable of the precinct. George gave bonds.

Observer May 15th, 1903.

Judge R. E. French, one of the pioneers of this county, died at his home at Grass Valley on the 8th.

Tom Callaghan was in Monday arranging for delivering 30 to 40 hogs sold for 6 and a quarter cents per pound.

County Clerk McDanel is giving his vaccinated arm a rest by taking a trip to Spokane. Deputy G. M. Frost will drive the quill during his absence.

R. J. Ginn purchased the residence of M. Fitzmaurice opposite the Pres-

byterian church consideration \$800 later sold it to county treasurer Stanley.

Thompson Bros. Moro built harvester left the iron works yesterday for N. W. Thompson's farm where it will be fitted for business. It was cordially greeted as it passed along.

Observer May 16, 1913.

The law firm of Bright, Bryant and Ellis was formed this week.

Robert Elcock is an assistant with O. A. Ramsey in the construction of the new barn on the R. C. Bennett farm south of Grass Valley.

The record time for a car load of hogs from Moro to Portland was made by L. L. Peetz he arriving in Portland by 5.30 p. m. the same day he left Moro. He received the tip top price of \$8.90.

Mrs. Rose Kunsman received a sprained wrist and several bruises Sunday afternoon when thrown from their carriage in front of the T. C. Lee residence.

Miss Marjorie Rose will graduate from the high school this year as the pioneer of the regular four year course.