

Sherman County Journal

Sherman County Observer Est. 1888, Grass Valley Journal, Est. 1897, Consolidated March 8, 1931. Wasco News-Enterprise, Est. 1890, Consolidated March 4, 1932

SHERMAN COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

Forty Fourth Year

Moro, Oregon, May 27, 1932

No. 29

FARMERS ORGANIZE FOR FIGHT ON RATES

Co-operative Leaders of District To Argue Case in Portland

CHAS. STEWART GETS HAND

Nebraska Farmer Tells of Success of Co-ops There

The question "Are farmers interested in freight rates" was definitely settled Tuesday night when a court room full of them gathered to meet with officers of the grain corporation to make plans for an adjustment of rates between them and the railroad on the coming crop.

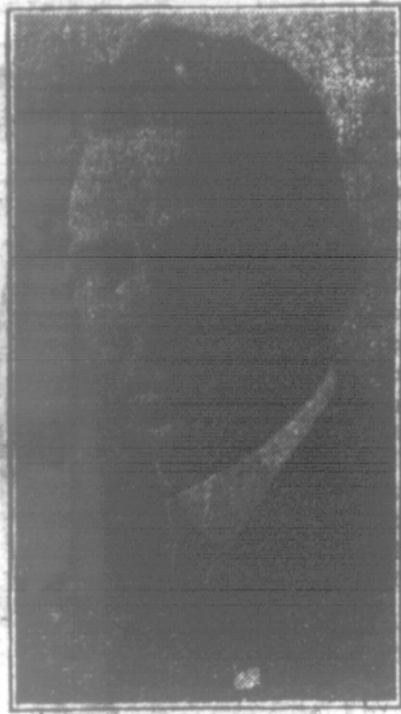
Henry W. Collins, vicepresident and northwest manager of the Farmers National, explained the situation by saying that since February 10th when the interstate rates were raised the Farmers National has been buying wheat on the intrastate rate. They have had to post a bond for the payment of the additional rate in case it is shown that all the wheat shipped has not been milled in this state. The Farmers National does not feel that they can continue this procedure during the heavy shipment season for it would result in losses when great quantities of wheat were being exported instead of being milled.

The manager of traffic problems for the national, George Baer, offered whatever assistance his office could give to furthering an organization that would meet with the rail executives. R. M. Rice, office manager of the national, warned farmers that all of the wheat produced in this territory could not be hauled to market at the same time because of storage facilities.

George Cook, manager of the local at Pendleton, offered the cooperation of his local in the move for decreased rates. Charles Story, manager at Arlington, stated that wheat from his district would be shipped by truck unless lower rates were forthcoming. Ralph Jackson, manager at Lexington agreed with the plan and the managers of the Sherman county locals, B. H. Grady, of Wasco, W. T. Balsiger, of Moro, and J. W. Shepard of Grass Valley, agreed to assist any movement toward lower rail charges.

Roy Rittner, director of the North Pacific Grain Growers, spoke of the hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission in Chicago which

Continued to page four.



Char. S. "Farmer" Brown

Announcement has been made this week that the program of the co-operatives picnic has been changed to permit the addition of another well known name to the list of speakers. Paul V. Maris, of Oregon State College, a widely known speaker on farm subjects will talk to the picnicers at DeMoss on June 1st.

It is not often that farmers are permitted to hear two such speakers as "Farmer" Brown and Mr. Maris in one day. Mr. Brown is spoken of everywhere he has been as one of the most entertaining and learned speakers in the west on farm subjects.

Beside the speaking the day will be full of wholesome entertainment for grown ups and children. Games especially for the children will be provided by J. W. Shepard of the Grass Valley local. Moro will arrange for music and the Wasco county local will bring a band. The ladies of the Wasco cooperative will furnish free coffee for the noon lunch to those who bring their cups.

Clean-up Day Celebrated By Mother Nature

The weather man working for Dame Nature herself, took the clean up proceedings scheduled for last Friday into his own hands early in the morning and released weary humans from worry about it. There was a small crowd of workers at the meeting place and they were none too anxious to begin a day of wading about in tall grass with the rain pouring down when nature was doing such a pleasant job of cleaning things so it was all called off and citizens exercised their eastern Oregon prerogative of watching it rain without getting outside.

Read the ads in the Journal

CHRISMAN, MRS. PEETZ WIN NOMINATIONS

Competitors For Republican Support Fail To Displace Officers

YATES GETS HUGE VOTE HERE

Over 6 to 1 Endorsement in Sherman County Wins Senatorship

Nearly 700 voters came to the polls last Friday to cast their ballots for Republican and Democratic candidates although it did rain and rain almost all day. This is a larger vote than had been expected had the weather been fair. In 1930 the county voted 49 per cent of a registration of 1248; in 1932 they voted 55.6 per cent of a registration of 1207 according to preliminary figures.

Results in the county election were not surprising to those who have followed the trend of political conversation for the past few weeks. In the race for the Republican nomination for sheriff in which Ryland O. Scott was trying to displace the veteran Hugh Chrisman the total vote was 516 for Chrisman to 241 for Scott, the latter carrying five precincts and Chrisman six with larger majorities.

Mrs. Margaret Peetz defeated Guy Andrews for the Republican nomination for assessor by the decisive count of 367 to 209 winning all but three small precincts and one large one.

Probably the race that caused the most attention outside of county affairs was the one for state representative. Earl Snell was conceded one of the two positions because of his long service at Salem but the other place was warmly contested by P. N. Shown, of Fossil, and J. O. Turner, of Heppner, with E. E. Kuge, a possibility. Throughout the voting Turner carried this county by a little better than 5 to 4 over Shown and won the nomination by getting a greater vote in his home county, Morrow. In the three counties formerly in the district Shown had, according to early compilations, 867 to 668 for Turner.

One of the gratifying results of the election to all Sherman county people was the huge vote given to J. P. Yates who was Sherman county's only candidate for state office. He was elected in the district by a vote of 923 to 764 but his Sherman county

(Continued on page two)

Wasco Wins Over Grass Valley-Kent

Well what do you know—The Wasco baseball team that has been beaten at least once by every team in the county, cheered at by the home town folks and laughed at by their competitors defeated the Grass Valley-Kent boys last Sunday 4 to 2. How those lads from Wasco did rise up on their hind legs and smite their tormentors. Everything that was hit their way was an out. They did not make an error. Grass Valley-Kent had not been beaten before this season with the exception of one game dropped to Moro and perhaps they were a little too cocky.

Batteries were Bishop and Watkins; Young and Britts. Moro defeated the grange team from Harlandview on the fair grounds last Sunday afternoon in a game that had many comic features. Some of the boys from Harlandview play good ball but it takes nine men to make a team and they couldn't win over the city slickers with what they had.

Everybody pitched and caught a few innings.

Fire Department To Be Organized

At the council meeting Tuesday night Joe Truitt was appointed to be Chief of the Fire Department of the city of Moro and he was instructed to take steps to organize a volunteer department. Mr. Truitt has appointed Fred Pickett as assistant.

A mass meeting has been called for Wednesday night June 1st at the council chambers and everyone interested in the organization of a fire department is requested to attend. This invitation is not only for older heads but the young men are especially asked to be present. A man from the Salem office of the state fire marshal will probably be here for the meeting and will instruct the chief and the members of the department in the duties of such a group. The chief of the Wasco company Elwood McPherson, has also been asked to appear.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY. 25

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
May 19	71	47	.04
" 20	58	46	1.12
" 21	64	43	.00
" 22	67	36	.00
" 23	67	43	.00
" 24	68	37	.00
" 25	69	39	.00
Total for week			1.16

INCH OF RAIN ASSURES BOUNTIFUL HARVEST

Timely Downpour Lets Wheat Form Full Heads

NORTH END WHEAT HEADING

Kent District Spring Grain Is Growing Rapidly Now

Had all of the farmers of Sherman county been candidates for public office last Friday could not have brought them more pleasure than they derived from a gift of Mother Nature. Early in the morning it began raining and by day light everything was soaked in nice shape. This was especially true of the south end of the county where 73 hundredths of an inch of rain fell during the night. About nine o'clock in the morning the skies let loose and it rained over the greater part of the county in such generous quantities as to assure a crop of wheat.

In Moro 1.16 inches of rain fell. In Wasco, 1.11 inches and it is likely that nearly everywhere in the county received about the same amount. Federation wheat in the north end of the county is heading out already some being on display in Wasco with the head completely out of the boot. These heads have 19 meshes with all of them large and healthy looking. They might easily produce two kernels per mesh clear to the bottom of the head which is unusually good.

In the south end of the county where farmers are depending on spring wheat this year the rain will insure good growth for a month yet and if the weather remains cool will produce a very fair crop without additional moisture.

Taken altogether conditions in this county for crop production are much better than they have been for years and while it is possible that unfavorable weather conditions may spoil the best prospects it is likely that Sherman county will produce twice the amount of wheat that was harvested last year.

Life

A flea and an elephant walked side by side over a little bridge. Said the flea to the elephant, after they had crossed it: "Boy, we sure did shake that thing!"—Clipped.

Mrs. Jennie Van Gilder Dies of Heart Failure

Mrs. Jennie Van Gilder, 68, a pioneer resident of the Wasco neighborhood died suddenly at her home in Wasco Wednesday night shortly after ten o'clock from heart failure. Mrs. Van Gilder was born in Mt. Morris, New York, February 15th, 1864, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Porter. Her father was a naval officer and the family was one of the distinguished families of early American history.

On March 26th, 1884, she was married to Milton Van Gilder at Nunda, New York and in a few years the couple came to Sherman county where they have made their home since, living for the major part of the time on a farm a few miles west of Wasco.

Mrs. Van Gilder is survived by four sons, Darwin, Vernon, Bryan and Harry, all residents of Sherman county and one daughter, Mrs. Inez Sargent also of Wasco. Three sisters, Mrs. Inez Nash, of Kelso, Wash., Mrs. Athelia Knox, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Mrs. Julia Clarke of Silver Springs, New York, also survive.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the M. E. church in Wasco with Rev. N. Sherman Hawk officiating. The Eastern Star lodge of Wasco will be in charge of the ceremonies.

Co-ops Signing Up Wheat

Officers of the Moro Grain Growers have been out in the country for the last few days interviewing farmers who have not yet signed a coop contract. They have met with considerable success as 48,000 bushels of wheat has been signed up to come through cooperative channels this year that formerly did not.

At Grass Valley where a similar campaign is in progress over 60,000 bushels of wheat have been signed.

Grass Valley High Gives Play

The Grass Valley High School presented their play "The Arrival of Kitty" last Wednesday night at the auditorium to an appreciative audience. The lively farce comedy gave the students an opportunity for some lively scenes and they did very well with their lines. Bruce Alley, Dale Baker, Earle Shipley, Eva Perry, Pauline Newcomb, Orville Ruggles and Loren Beardsley had the heaviest parts.

STEIWER WINS SUPPORT OF SHERMAN COUNTY

Senator Given 3 to 1 Majority By Wheat Growers

BUTLER AND PIERCE TO BATTLE

Two Nominees Will Refight Campaign of 1930

Nominations of state officers in the election held last Friday show that Sherman county has been pleased with the actions of Frederick Steiwer during his first term as United States senator. He was given the high vote of 358 in this county with R. N. Stanfield, his nearest competitor getting 91. Alfred E. Clark, the Meier candidate receiving 46, Duncan 17 and Harlan 24. His plurality throughout the state was not so large but he won the nomination by a comfortable margin.

Although J. M. Richards was not known to many voters in this county he polled a good vote especially among the grangers, one county precinct giving him a majority. His total vote in the county was 180 to 338 for R. R. Butler the incumbent.

Democrats of the second congressional district nominated Walter Pierce over Francis Galloway and Sherman county Democrats aided the vote by giving Mr. Pierce 82 to 57 for Galloway. Now it will be Walter against Butler again.

Elton Watkins won the vote of Sherman county Democrats for the nomination as United States senator beating Walter Gleason and Marshall Dana. He received 70 votes to 43 for Dana and 37 for Gleason.

Roosevelt carried this county as nominee for president having 129 votes against 33 for Murray and 2 for McAdoo.

Joseph France whose name was the only one printed on the ballot for Republicans to vote for won that nomination with 271 votes although 85 good Republicans wrote in the name of Herbert Hoover.

Palmiter was defeated by Hoss for secretary of state, Holman won handily over Scherping for state treasurer and Van Winkle received more votes than Bronaugh for state attorney in contests that excited little interest

Continued to page two.

Technic of Salmon Fishing Makes Laziness Valuable

To some people fishing is wading in a creek with swift water clutching at numbed legs all day long, to others fishing means beating through brush along side a stream and trying to throw a line into the water without entangling it in the thicket, but to the salmonfishermen of Shermans fishing is just sitting on a meagerly padded rock along side a whirling river and waiting with all the patience of a modern job for that decisive tug on the line that foretells a gigantic struggle with the prey.

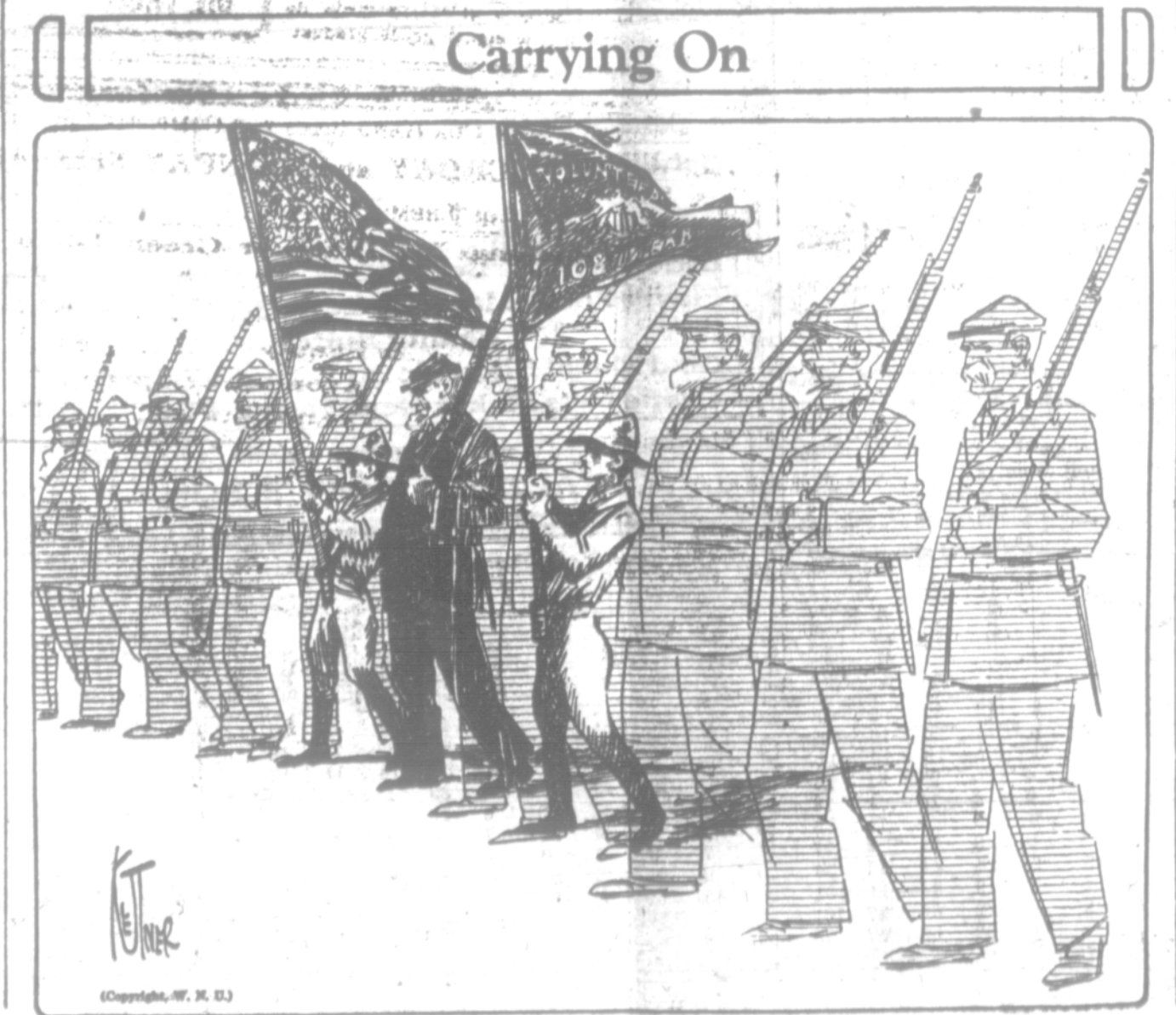
The Deschutes is a rough stream and it is especially so at Shermans for after it drops over the falls it swirls and eddies and twists through a gorge for half a mile. In some places the channel is so narrow that an athletically inclined man might almost jump across it but it is deep; no one knows how deep for the water is so swift it cannot be measured.

Along the rocks at the edge of this swirling stream are the fishermen and fishermen looking abstractedly into or across the water holding their pole in any comfortable position—just settin'. Generally their lines point upstream as there are nearly always

eddies along the bank. Five or six may be found close together their lines parallel, their poles likewise, their faces composed and grave.

Just when the watcher begins to think that these sitting figures are some stone images left along the bank by an Indian tribe one of them lets out a whoop, and a yell, and begins those inexplicable movements with his pole that are supposed to be the proper way to land a big fish. The others reel in to keep their hooks and lines free from the other and when the fish is lying panting his last pant on the sand—for there is a little sand—the fishermen assume their former watchful waiting positions and the fishing goes solemnly on.

This peaceful scene was enlivened one day last week, however. John Hays was reclining in a most comfortable position holding his pole over the water when a heavy fish weight on the end of John Wilt's line hit him behind the ear and knocked him out. Then as the line started out the hook caught in his ear marking him with what the old cattlemen call a swallow fork. So fishing at Shermans is not always so solemn, after all.



News For Old Timers, About Old Timers of Olden Days

Observer May 25th, 1893.

R. J. Ginn purchased Leon Moore's handsome pair of grays last week. They are said to be the best buggy team in the county and no doubt they will have plenty of exercise from now till the close of school.

Hiram Powell passed through town with a six horse team on his way from Biggs to Prineville with 70,000 pounds of flour for a merchant at the latter place.

On Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock the marriage of E. H. Moore, one of Sherman county's popular and prosperous young men, and Miss Anna Powell, an amiable and accomplished young lady was celebrated at the residence of J. M. and Mrs. Powell the bride's parents.

W. B. McCoy showed us a curiosity last Saturday in the shape of a piece of a petrified tree which he has found near his place north of Gorman Butte postoffice. When first discovered the tree stump stood 8 or 10 feet high but has since been knocked down.

Observer May 29th, 1903.

B. F. Hoover has established a brick yard in Grass Valley. He will furnish brick for the new school house.

From Kent: Sam Shephard and

O. J. Orcutt went out to Farewell Bend with their teams to work on the Columbia Southern ditch.

J. H. Bottemiller has sold his hardware and paints and oils to the Kent Commercial Company.

Dick Stockwell reports that the Harris grade once more is safe. Dick has put in two weeks putting the road in order.

Wait for the Marguerita Fischer Co., Moro Opera House, two nights commencing June 12th.

The W. W. M. Co. are having electric fixtures installed in their private offices and banking room.

W. E. Brownlee died at Wasco Monday evening from injuries received at the Hugh Shull farm where his plow team and two other teams had a runaway shortly after being hitched up for the morning work.

Wasco had won the field meet and Thelma Buxton, Gladys McMillan, Norma Medler had won gold medals in the declamatory contest and Laura Vinton, Margaret Morrison and Lotus Hennagin silver medals.

Mrs. J. D. McDermid met with a serious accident Sunday afternoon while returning from Wasco to their home. The car up set catching Mrs. McDermid.