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CHINA WHEAT SALE BACKED BY FARMERS

Growers Ask That Sale Be Made To
Relieve Conditions

SHUMWAY URGES EXPORT SALE

Finance Corporation Petitioned To Aid
Wheat Men in Emergency

The question of whether or not to sell 25,000,000 bushels of wheat to China may be debated lengthily in some places in this northwest but not so among farmers of the counties around here. A group of wheat growers met in the court house Wednesday afternoon, filled the chairs, over flowed around the speakers stand, and stood in the hall to hear A. R. Shumway, E. C. Pease and L. Barnum explain the plans for the sale and give their reasons why such a sale was imperative to the welfare of wheat growers of this territory.

Farmers and bankers and business men were there from Wasco, Jefferson and Gilliam counties as well as a large number from Sherman county and some from across the river in Klickitat county, Washington.

Mr. Shumway, a veteran of many battles for the welfare of the farmers of his state, was introduced by Harry Proudfoot, of Wasco, chairman of the meeting. He gave a brief history of the proposed deal saying that it had been authorized by congress before adjournment and had been hanging fire because of opposition of the grain traders of the country.

Since the heads of the cooperative movement had become interested in the sale they had conferred with senators and representatives from the northwest states and had gained their support. Senator McNary had telegraphed his support of the proposition as had Senator Steiwer. The states representatives had also given their support.

Mr. Shumway related how he had contacted the bankers of the state and had shown them the necessity of immediate action if the wheat industry of the northwest was to receive a living price for the crop raised this year.

He explained that if the sale is made on the terms now proposed China will take upwards of \$5,000,000 bushels of northwest wheat at a price to be established on each cargo either the day it is loaded or the day the order is received.

The price of wheat in northwest markets is seven cents above that in Canadian markets but Canada is not in position to accept the Chinese

Moro Post-Office Moves To Webb Building

Folks around Moro are going to have a change in habits for instead of dropping in to the post office at the present stand they will have to call at the Webb building for their mail after October first.

This is a culmination of a long battle with land lords and the government's move toward economy. The rent on the building where the post office has been for so many years is \$30 dollars per month although it might be reduced a few dollars under pressure. The rent for the Webb building to which the post office is moving will be \$10 per month so Uncle Sam will save \$240 per year.

The partition in the old bank building has been torn out preparatory to receiving the new tenant and promptly on the first of the month the change will be made.

Moro Defeats Madras 20 To 0 AT Football

Showing great offensive and defensive strength Moro High School's football team crushed the Madras High team to win the opening game of the season, 20 to 0.

Moro kicked off to Madras to open the game. Madras punted and the ball rolled out of bounds on Moro's 45 yard line. Moro's first play resulted in a 45 yard gain to the Madras 10 yard line. Two plays later Tommy Fraser, halfback, went over for a touchdown.

Moro scored again in the second quarter and in the last quarter.

Donald Burnet and Tommy Fraser, halfbacks, were outstanding on the Moro's offensive, making several long gains apiece, behind the terrific blocking and interference led by Thogerson and Axtel. Blaine Miller played his usual good game as end and defensive fullback.

The starting lineup for Moro was Miller and Woods, ends; Rice and Nelson, tackles; H. Thogerson and Axtel, guards; H. Thogerson, center; T. Fraser and Burnet, halfbacks; Thompson, fullback; G. Fraser, quarterback. Substitutions were: Morgan, Ragsdale, Prather, P. Fraser, Barnes and Henrichs.

Morning Glory Killed With Sodium Chlorate

ROSEBURG—Almost complete eradication of the garden pest, morning glory, has been obtained through the use of chemical sprays by J. W. Beckley, Dixonville road, working in co-operation with County Agent J. C. Leedy. Application of about three pounds of sodium chlorate per square rod was made in late July and a second lighter application in October of last year. The soil was left unplowed and undisturbed this year and an almost perfect kill has resulted at a cost of less than 40 cents per square rod.

SHERMAN COUNTY CROP 1,534,610 BU. FOR 1932

Wheat On Farms For Eventual Sale
Will Increase Total Slightly

COUNTY AVERAGE 12 BUSHELS

Yield Is Third Greater Than Last Year
But Far Below Average

Wheat hauling is about over and warehouse men are figuring up their receipts for the year just as the farmer is doing. While this year the county produced almost once and a half times the wheat it did last year it still did not give the farmers as much wheat as it usually does.

Last year our total wheat figured at about this stage of the year showed that the county had warehoused 1,172,000 bushels for a county average of approximately 9 bushels.

This year according to the several warehouse men of the Farmer's National the county has put the following bushels of wheat in the houses:

Miller	174,753
Biggs	45,870
Rufus	113,459
Wasco	218,291
Klondike	140,998
Hay Canyon	166,907
Nish	16,599
De Moss	25,496
Moro	157,704
Erskine	82,866
Grass Valley	184,500
Bourbon	69,967
Kent	109,767
Wilcox	28,433
Total	1,534,610

This of course only includes that wheat that has been hauled to the warehouses of the Farmers National. There is some wheat in the Sandon warehouse and probably some at Thornberry. Some farmers have stacked up their wheat sacks in the fields awaiting a better price and this can only be estimated. In the light of information at hand it is thought that there is probably 100,000 bushels in addition to that listed above that will be sold from the county eventually.

No accurate computation is possible as to the bushelage that has been kept on the farms for feed and seed.

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Moro Woman's Club Holds First Meeting

The Moro Woman's Club held the first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Eugene Amidon, on Friday, September 23. The President, Mrs. Truman Strong presided, with Mrs. R. B. Hoskinson as secretary. There were twenty-five women present and all were greatly interested in the beginning of another year of Club activities.

The Club will meet this year in the homes of its members. After a short business session, Mrs. Cope, director of the days program, took charge.

Mrs. Bryant gave an interesting report of the State Federation meetings held in Portland in June.

Mrs. Amidon, as delegate to the General Federation meetings held in June, reported the high lights of that convention. Her report was of particular interest because it is the first time the General Federation meetings have been held in the northwest. Mrs. Amidon gave intimate glimpses of the notable women attending from many of the different states. She also told of the delightful trips a round Seattle provided free for all delegates.

The chairman of the program committee, Mrs. Bryant, then outlined the year's work on the study of Oregon. Some splendid programs are planned and the members are looking forward to a busy and entertaining winter.

The Fourth District Federation will meet on October 8th as guests of the Fossil Woman's Club, further reported Mrs. Bryant, president of this district. She urges all to attend these meetings if possible.

Mrs. H. S. Conlee and Mrs. D. E. Stephens were elected delegates to the Fossil meeting.

The music committee led the Club in singing, after which meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. A. H. Barnum on October 7th.

The town was full of farmers Wednesday before and after the meeting at the court house. They came from all the counties near here and filled the streets till the town looked like a fair was in progress.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 28

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Sept. 22	72	36	.00
" 23	80	40	.00
" 24	78	43	.00
" 25	72	48	.00
" 26	75	40	.00
" 27	77	41	.00
" 28	80	45	.00
Total for week			.00

SURVEY BEING MADE FOR WINTER WORK

Sherars and Cottonwood Roads To
Be Improved

WORK ON RIVER PROGRESSING

Payment From Surety Company Not
Yet Received

County proceedings are moving rather fast these days and the court finds it necessary to meet oftener than once a month as is its custom. Nearly every week the judge and commissioners may be seen about the streets or at the court house where they are discussing some of the problems, principally financial, that confronts them.

In preparation for the winter's relief program, county engineer Homer Wall is making a survey of Sherars road to make ready for continuing the work there this winter and he also is surveying the Cottonwood road for some work will be done there as well. There will be a change in the latter road bringing it past the Nichols place when it is finished.

The contract work along the Columbia river is progressing but there are few Sherman county residents employed there as the regulations provide that all of the counties from Gilliam to Multnomah shall send men to that work. Just now the crew are working near Rufus changing the alignment. Instead of the road running south of the Fowler house it will pass on the north of that place and will connect with the old road east of Rufus. The new road will pass through the town a little north of the present road turning the little city wrong side out after a fashion.

Negotiations are still on with the surety company that had bonded the county funds in the Bank of Commerce, but recovery of \$10,000 of the money will be but a matter of time in the opinion of the court members.

Voters Must Register

NOTICE TO VOTERS
The registration books for the General Election of 1932 will be closed for registration after 5 o'clock a.m. on October 8th, 1932.

G. C. Vinton,
County Clerk



Carl Hendricks Candidate
For Circuit Judgeship

During the past month citizens of Sherman county have had an opportunity to learn something about Carl Hendricks who is a candidate for circuit judge of this district comprising Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

A biography of this candidate would include the following facts. He was born in Fossil, May 5th 1893 and received his early education in the public schools of that town. After graduating from Eugene High School and attending the University of Oregon for a year he entered the University of Washington for his degree in law.

This was in 1917 and instead of immediately entering upon the practice of his profession he enlisted in the army and spent the next nineteen months in service, twelve months of which were spent in France.

Army days over, he began a law partnership with his father and brother, at Fossil where he has since been located. He aided in the establishment of the American Legion post at Fossil, was elected as mayor since 1925 in which position he has been instrumental in lowering the taxes and installing several civic improvements. He is a Granger, a member of the tax reduction league, president of the Wheeler county Abstract company, attorney for the Veteran's Aid Commission.

Of him the Oregon Voter says in its issue of September 24, "a live wire who is both learned and practical in law, with judicial temperament; high standing professionally; character and integrity."

HISTORY OF FALL RAINS GIVES SEEDING DOPE

Anything Can Happen and Record
Shows Everything Has Happened

VARIETY OF CONDITIONS FOUND

Early Seeding Best If It Rains; Sometimes If It Doesn't

Now comes that time of year when the farmer can ponder and ponder and discuss and discuss with his neighbor about whether or not to seed and yet reach no conclusion that is at all satisfactory. All because the rains that should fall in September are delayed until later and no man knoweth what is best to do.

It depends on so many things; the weeds, the present soil moisture, the chances of the wheat coming up in the fall; the prospects of a spring crop, the type of seed available and many others.

Of course, the date of seeding that is most remunerative depends on the weather in the particular fall in question for sometimes it is one way and sometimes another.

In 1915 it rained a little over an inch in September and there was a whopper of a rain in November and that year the late September seeding produced more than that of any other date the next year.

In the fall of 1916 there was plenty of moisture in the ground because it had rained during the summer and the early seeding was much the better for the 1917 crop.

In the fall of 1917, after a dry summer, it did not rain until in November or until it was too late to seed.

In the fall of 1918 it rained in September and October and that sowed early and that sowed in early October yielded better than that sown at other dates.

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Socialist Sees Tax Reduction As Temporary Stop To His Creed

The old socialist came over in the evening to borrow Uncle Emmett's newspaper and daily he looked thru it carefully to find the latest news about tax reduction and Uncle Emmett thought it amusing to argue with Caleb, the socialist, about the tendencies of the times.

"I see Caleb," he remarked, "that the farmers are getting on their ear as they ain't goin' pay so much taxes. They even claim to be willin' to do without some governmental fold-erols."

"No, no," said Caleb, "Spoil a child and they never get over it. People are used to having the state do things for them. They will never change. This twaddle about reducing taxes and cutting out some of the activities of government is but the last stand of the grasping individualist."

"Wal, Caleb, you've won so far. The country is more socialistic now than you dared think it would be of."

when you fust took up the idee. The state builds the roads, directs our schools, grades our eggs, tests our scales, licenses our cars, keeps us sober, says who can wire our house or fix a leak in the plumbing or cut our hair or write our insurance. It tells the farmer what kind of spuds he can sell, how big his eggs must be, how to grow celery, how to care for the baby and how to butcher a hog. An, Caleb, it costs like sixty. It looks to me like your state running everything will be so darn expensive it can't make enough to pay the help."

But Caleb was not discouraged with Uncle Emmett's criticism. He merely chuckled to himself and repeated again, "Spoil a child once and it'll always cry for the moon. Give the people many things at the hands of the state and they'll demand more till they have no pocket to pay out of."

