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## FARMERS SIGNING UP FOR SALE TO CHINA

### Nearly Every Wheat Farmer Favors Plan

### ALL WHEAT BEING HELD HERE

### Farmers Await Outcome of Sale Plan Before Talking

Officers of the different grain growers units in Sherman county have been stirring themselves to procure signers to the agreements distributed at the meeting last week signifying that the signer is in favor of pledging a quarter of his wheat to aid the sale to China.

According to reports nearly every farmer contacted by the officers is willing to pool his portion to insure the sale believing that such a move would substantially increase the price of the remaining three quarters.

In the Grass Valley district of the county all but three or four farmers have already signed the agreement and practically all of these have not been seen by the officers.

While nothing has been learned here as to the possibility of the contemplated sale being consummated the farm leaders are doing their part of the work so that when the sale is ratified by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation the wheat will be in shape to move steadily to seaboard without halt.

In all of the offices of the grain growers of the county signing is being done each day as farmers are anxious to do anything to increase the price. The farm mortgage companies are reported to be lending every assistance to the sale and what wheat is in their possession will be available it is understood.

## Dry Fall Weather Hampers Farming

The extreme dryness of the weather coupled with the dryness of the summer fallow has seriously impeded the progress of farming in Sherman county for the past two or three weeks. Usually before this time of the year has rolled around some of the farmers in a part of the county at least are able to seed, but not in this year of grace 1932.

Practically every farmer has treated his fall wheat seed and will have to sow it before long whether it rains or not, but it is the earnest prayer of all concerned that old Japs will relent and send rain to soak up the waiting ground before it is too late to put winter wheat into the earth.

## Mikkalo Tax Meeting Attracts Local Men

Tax minded citizens of Sherman county are expected to drive to Gilliam county next Saturday October 8, to take part in and listen to a discussion of taxes of the counties of Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler, Morrow and perhaps Wasco.

This meeting is the outgrowth of a former one held at Clarno when it was decided that tax reduction would be simpler if a study of county taxes was made and action was based on that analysis instead of on hit and miss methods.

Several from this county have expressed their intention to attend and learn what has been done toward reducing the tax burden in other counties as well as their own.

## Sherman County Pupils Win Honors At Fair

Sherman county children who went to the state fair brought home some prizes on their exhibits, even though the growing year for Sherman county was not as good as the usual crop season.

Tommy Fraser won a prize in Home Beautification and will receive a scholarship to summerschool as a special prize donated by the Grants Pass Garden Club.

In canning Mary Fmerton was 4th, Paul Fraser won a 2nd on his wheat exhibit; Millard Howell won a 2nd and George Hennagm a 4th on Poultry and Bobbie King won 7th on his sheep. Six of the forty entries from Sherman county placed among the winners.

## State Money Recovered By Secretary's Audits

Nearly a million dollars has been recovered for the state through audits conducted by Hal E. Hoos, secretary of state, since September, 1929, when the law authorizing his office to audit all state departments, institutions, boards and commissions became operative.

The major portion of this sum has been turned into the state treasury as a result of the audits and the remainder is in the possession of the various departments, institutions, boards and commissions, from defaulters or shortages uncovered, and from motor fuels tax delinquencies and motor transport companies to complete their payments due the state.

Of the total sum of \$924,227.00, approximately \$460,000 has been deposited with the state treasurer as a result of the audits of the various units of the state government, where funds had been held in the department or board or institution and not

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## COUNTY APPLIES FOR MONEY FROM R.F.C.

### Large Amount of Data Collected To Accompany Application

### COURT CAN STILL PAY BILLS

### Relief Sought By the Needy As Winter Season Nears

The payment of a flock of bills interested the court at its meeting Wednesday as the first item on the docket. We say payment of bills advisedly for the county still has some money with which to pay bills although the finances will not hold out much longer unless the strong box is replenished with tax money.

There were several requests for county aid at the October session as those whose income has been small this summer look forward to the winter season and feel that they cannot get along without additional funds from the county.

The principal work done by the court was the checking and signing of the application to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for a loan to be used this winter in general relief and funds for road work for unemployed men this winter. A perusal of this document or series of documents convinces one that the government is not throwing its money away in a reckless manner even for relief.

The court had to give information regarding the number of employed in their families, the condition of the county as regards taxes and the condition of the industries of the county and much other information pertinent to the financial status of the county and its people. It was presumed in some quarters that it would be possible for the county to borrow money with which to pay the teachers of the school districts but it appears at present that such a move will not be permitted.

### Outfit!

A Kansas editor after carefully reading Gov. Roosevelt's Tappan speech, analyzed it as follows: "The Governor says (1) that there is a farm problem; and (2) that something should be done about it."

## Woman's Club Planning Fossil Trip Saturday

The women clubs of the eight counties comprising the fourth district of the Federation of Oregon Women's Clubs will meet in Fossil Saturday October 8, for their annual meeting. There are eight counties in this district, Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler, Jefferson, Deschutes and Crook.

These are four clubs in Sherman county that belong to the federation and it is expected that all of them will be represented when the roll is called in the Wheeler county city. Moro hopes to have eight or ten of its members present as transportation has been arranged for that number.

The town of Fossil will have a display of fossils found near that city and in the John Day valley to interest those ladies who care for geological studies and Percy Manser, of Hood River, will bring several of his paintings to exhibit to the club-women.

Mrs. T. C. Reese will talk on "Rock Gardens" before the assembly and as she is recognized as an authority on this type of gardening hereabouts this will surely be an interesting feature of the program. Election of a part of the district's officers will be a part of the work to be done. Mrs. W. C. Bryant is president of this district of women's clubs.

## Christian Science Lecture To Be Broadcast

Radio listeners in Moro and vicinity will have an opportunity next Saturday to hear some questions regarding Christian Science answered by an authorized representative of Mrs. Eddy's church. It will be a fifteen minute dialogue broadcast from Portland over Station K A L E (1300 k.c.); Saturday night, October 8, at eight o'clock. Any one desiring reliable information regarding Christian Science will find this an interesting talk, given in simple everyday language.

Read the ads in the Journal

## WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 5

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Sept. 29	83	47	.00
" 30	83	52	.00
OCT. 1	83	47	.00
" 2	84	51	.00
" 3	80	49	.00
" 4	74	40	.00
" 5	79	42	.00
Total for week			.00

## MASS MEETING FOR NOMINATIONS DATED

### Moro Voters To Name Candidates October 14

### MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN UP

### Council Discusses Hotel Lease But Do Take No Action

Next Friday, a week from today, voters of the city of Moro will have an opportunity to choose candidates for city offices. This decision was made Tuesday night at a meeting of the council when they decided to name October 14th as the date of the biennial mass meeting for nomination of officers.

This year it will be necessary to name a man or men or woman for that matter for the office of mayor as according to the charter of the city the mayor is elected for two years and the first of January will end Mayor Freeman's term in that capacity.

There must be at least three or four nominations for councilman. Normally there would be three councilmen elected every two years but this year there is one man councilman R. J. Ginn, who is serving in place of a man, whose term of office has not expired. Whether or not he shall serve until the term normally ends or until the next general election is something that has to be decided before the next meeting. The councilmen whose terms expire are J. C. McKean, Walter A. May and Vernon Platt who is serving in place of Tom Douma.

Portland has fifteen candidates for mayor and twenty six for council men and while that number might be excessive for Moro there is no limitation as far as is known.

There was some discussion of a new lease on the hotel building but the matter was referred to Mayor Freeman for further information and was not settled at the session of the council.

Bills were paid and fortunately for the taxpayers of the city there was a small number of them, considering the length of time since a meeting has been held. The First National Bank of The Dalles was chosen as the official depository for city funds.

## September This Year Driest In 22 Years

Talk about dry. According to the records kept at the experiment station since 1911 this September has been the driest of all. There have been dry years before when the sun shone brightly and the rain did not fall but it remained for 1932 to break all records. There was just .08 of an inch of rain during the entire month and what's .08 when we need two inches.

## Wasco Suffers Defeat at Maupins Hands

Last Friday afternoon the Wasco Warriors tangled with the Maupin high on their field and were defeated by the substantial score of twenty to nothing. Neither team had ability on defense and the Warriors forward wall was crushed almost at will by their opponents. Watkins, Walsh, Proudfoot, and Johnson in backfield stopped most of the Maupin ball carriers. With two weeks practice before going into their next game the coach predicts that scores will look different in the future. The schedule is as follows: October 14, Goldendale at Goldendale; October 21, Arlington at Arlington; October 28, Condon at Wasco; November 4, Dufur at Wasco; November 11, Moro at Moro. The Dufur game November 4th has been designated as the big home game this year. A big rally will be staged the night before this game and a stunt will be arranged for between halves.

## High School Tuition Law Held Legal

Word was received by the county school superintendent Knighten this week that the attack on the high school tuition law had failed and that it was legal for high school districts to charge for high school students and legal for the counties to levy on rural districts for tuition. There was one change advocated by the court, however, that will make some change is a part of the calculations ordinarily made by the high school districts clerks. It will hereafter be illegal to charge the rural districts for any depreciation on buildings and equipment or to charge for interest on capital invested in them. In some cases this has been figured and in others it has not.

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## MORO WINS OVER MADRAS TEAM 26-0

### Heavier Local Youths Find It Easy Score On Visitors

### FOUR TOUCHDOWNS PUT OVER

### Barnes, Burnet and Fraser Score For Moro

The Moro High School football team, larger, heavier and stronger than the boys of the Madras High School team won a decisive victory last Saturday at the fair grounds. The Madras boys held for the first quarter but during the second weakened and before the game was over Moro was able to score with but little effort. The game ended with Moro 26 and Madras 0.

The first score came in the second quarter when on a fake reverse Barnes was given the ball. He made about ten yards to the goal line before the Madras safety could catch him, but it was a close race.

Moro scored again when Fraser intercepted a pass and ran twenty yards stiff arming ambitious opponents at nearly every stride. Burnet scored another touchdown later in the game when he hurtled through the line after his team mates had worked the ball close to the Madras goal. The final score was made almost identically as was the first one with Barnes taking the ball on a reverse and barely beating the safety to the goal line with it.

In contrast to their first appearance with the alumni the Moro boys looked good in the game. They towered over the little lads from Jefferson county and had a large weight advantage but their plays were run off with a precision that showed practice and they had partly, at least, gotten over their weakness against a passing attack.

Miller, Woods and Prather, ends; Thogerson, Fraser, Axtell and Nelson, tackles; Rice, Ragsdale, Morgan and Henrichs, guards; and Thogerson center made up the line. Don Burnet called signals, Barnes and Fraser held down the half back posts and Reed and Thompson of the southpaw passes, played full back.

## Department of Agriculture Farmers Own Branch of Government

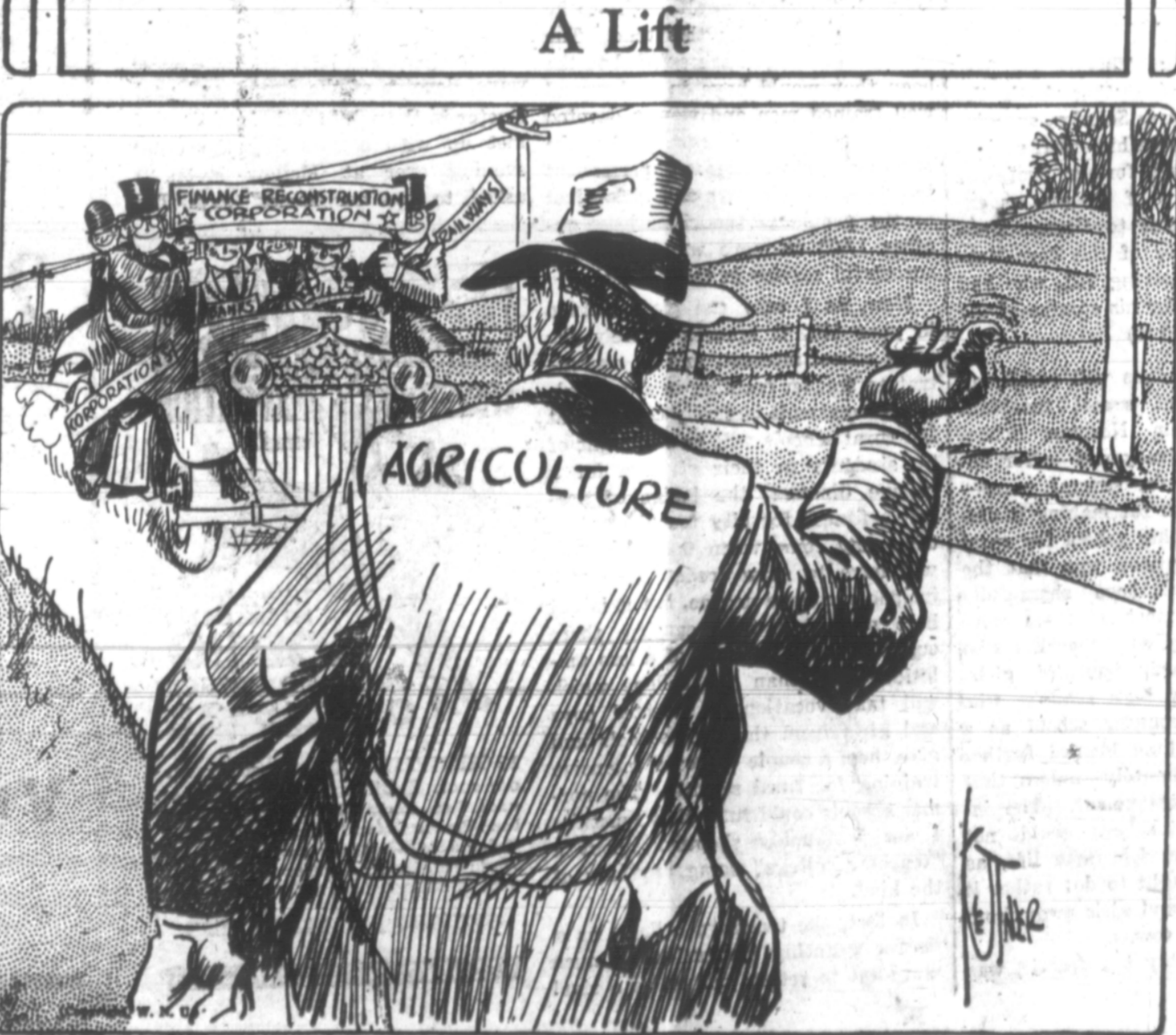
Along with the criticism of tax making bodies of county, state and district the rural tax reductionists are talking about the money spent by the United States Department of Agriculture. This may be ascribed to the fact that the department of agriculture is practically the only governmental agency affecting the farmers and is the only one they have the opportunity of watching.

Because it is the only government activity giving direct aid to farmers it is the most important for them to keep. All other branches of the government affect the farming communities indirectly if at all. The department of agriculture is theirs and is for them alone.

Of the nearly \$300,000,000 spent in 1931 by the department \$174,000,000 was spent for roads, \$50,000,000 was spent for drought relief and the states drew another \$14,000,000 for forest fire prevention, experiment stations and extension service.

The remaining \$58,000,000 was spent for various activities not directly to aid agriculture. Such things as the weather bureau with its aid to commercial aviation, eradication of bovine tuberculosis, meat inspection, enforcement of the food and drug act, building of forest roads, wild life conservation, etc were responsible for the majority of this remaining sum leaving \$23,000,000 for the use of the department for strictly agricultural uses. This is a little over 7 percent of the total appropriation.

Research work that discovers new plants, better wheats, cheaper methods of production can only be done by the government. No individual can afford to experiment with plants for he cannot patent his process or plant as in the case with mechanical inventions. If farming is to advance and keep abreast of other business governmental agencies must do it. That is the reason for the formation of the department of agriculture.



## News of Nineteen, Twentynine and Thirtynine Years Ago

Observer, October 4, 1893.

The farmer scratches his head these times and wonders what is the difference in a good crop of wheat and 40 cents and a poor crop and 90 cents.

Married on Mill Creek, near The Dalles, September 26th, Miss Olive Smith and Mr. Lemuel Burgess by Rev. Wm. Mitchell. The bride formerly taught school in this county.

Four good and true men renounced their allegiance to foreign potentates last Monday before Judge Bradshaw and are now citizens of the United States. They are J. A. Reid, Andrew Patjens, John Reckman and S. B. Homes.

This week W. J. Martin purchased half a section of land in Sherman county from P. J. Boller and wife of Eugene, Lane county; consideration \$3000.

Dave Huff has been purchasing more cattle lately. He is going on to his land this fall.

E. Meader purchased a wagon from Geo. Marks and a horse from Strong. He intends keeping house on his land this winter.

Observer, October 9, 1903.

Miss Ida Campbell of California, is the guest of her old time class mate

in Moro. Mrs. W. H. Moore.

Hon. J. E. Magers has been appointed administrator of the estate of W. B. Magers, deceased.

Miss Minnie Elcock returned from The Dalles Monday.

W. H. Cantrell, formerly of Dufur, has taken the Heath farm near Grass Valley.

T. W. Towley, of Kent, has purchased the farm of Charley Jones, 1000 acres, and R. A. Titus and Clyde Phillip bought 2,000 acres in Gilliam county, through the agency of Moore Bros., Moro. The combined sales aggregated over \$50,000.

Observer, October 10, 1913.

Grandma Ragsdale expects to leave soon for a winter's visit with friends and relatives in Missouri.

E. C. McMillin and Jud Hines were in town Tuesday. They report plenty of mud between their farms and Moro.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Serena A. Hall an eleven pound girl Wednesday, October 8th.

E. W. Lewis took up his active farming duties at the Wm. Nelson farm east of Kent this week. In the deal as made Mr. Lewis traded his Ford to Mr. Nelson in part payment for a farm outfit.