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TAX LEAGUES PREPARE FOR LEGISLATIVE FRAY

Recommendations Made For Less Government Expense

INTENSE STUDY BEING MADE

Committees Going Over State Budget To Find Possibilities of Reduction

A meeting of the taxpayer's leagues of the counties of Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow was held in Arlington Saturday of last week to prepare a legislative program and to effect an organization of tax minded citizens of the Columbia basin wheat district.

W. H. Ragsdale, of Moro, was made chairman and Stewart Hardie, of Condon, was named secretary for this meeting and election of permanent officers was postponed until the next meeting which is scheduled for December 30th at Arlington.

The first part of the day was spent in general discussion of tax matters including salaries of state officers, state highway expenses and the predatory animal fund. It was the uniform opinion of men present that salaries must be cut drastically if they are to be paid at all and while there was no definite decision about state highway matters the consensus of opinion favored as low a license fee as is possible without danger of causing the property of the state to pay the highway bonds. New construction was not favored.

There was a long discussion of the sales tax and the property tax with the result that the body went on record as opposed to the property tax without committing itself to advocacy of the sales tax. Earl Snell, representative from this district and next speaker of the house, warned the tax reducers that it was positively necessary for the state to raise more funds than is possible under the present taxes.

The county manager plan of government was discussed but no recommendations were made regarding it due to opposition in some quarters. It was stated that this plan had some features that would bring greater efficiency, but would not be much cheaper than the present plan throughout a period of years.

The subject of county consolidation was broached but it found no adherents.

A resolution committee composed of J. B. Adams, Carl Hendricks and Charles Harth brought in the following which was unanimously adopted: "Whereas, under the conditions ushered in by the present depression and material change in economics and the income of taxpayers, the ability of all classes or taxpayers of the state of Oregon to meet the expenses of government as at present constituted has failed, and

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Womens Club Entertained By Mrs. Elva Bryant

Mrs. Elva Bryant was hostess to the Moro Woman's Club on December 16. There were twenty-five members and one guest present. Mrs. Ramsey as director read a very helpful poem entitled "Keep Silent, Keep Sweet, and Keep Stepping." As a special favor to Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Cope sang "He Will Hold Me Fast."

The main feature of the program was by Mrs. Bryant who gave a splendid review of Honore' Willse Morrow's book "On To Oregon." This review was intensely enjoyed by all, and the book will no doubt be much read by Moro folks because of the interest Mrs. Bryant aroused among club members.

The club will meet at the home of President Ethel Strong on January 6, this week.

Proceedings of the Court Session For December

COURT PROCEEDINGS OF DECEMBER TERM OF COURT

In the Matter of accepting bid for auditing of records of 1932. Bid of Charles R. Logan. The Dalles, accepted.

Coroner's report on death of Rebecca Williams accepted.

Treasurer instructed to make transfer of \$3900.00 from General Fund to Bond Interest Fund.

Treasurer ordered to transfer \$38,377.77 from State Fund to Elementary School Fund.

Treasurer instructed to take up all Elementary school warrants borrowed from Sinking Fund.

Trial balance of County Treasurer accepted.

CLAIMS ALLOWED AT THE DECEMBER TERM OF COUNTY COURT.

Rufus, No. 1, Election Board.
G. E. Wilkerson, Chairman \$6.57
C. M. Kuypers, Judge 6.57
Blanche S. Everett, Clerk and mileage 8.97
H. H. Brackett, Clerk 6.57
W. A. Morris, Clerk 6.57

Locust Grove, No. 2, Election Board
Fred Hennagin, Chairman 5.61
Victor Anderson, Judge and mileage 7.41
Nellie Fields, Clerk 5.61
Amelia Root, Clerk 5.61
Gladys Zell, Clerk 5.61

Klondike, No. 3, Election Board
J. T. Johnson, Chairman 5.52
A. B. Potter, Judge 5.52
Geo. W. Drinkard, Clerk 5.52
W. F. Johnson, Clerk 5.52
W. F. Deaton, Clerk 5.52
Geo. A. Potter, Mileage for delivering ballots 1.68

Monkland, No. 4, Election Board
J. C. Thompson, Chairman 6.06
Geo. N. McDonald, Judge and mileage 7.26
A. C. Kruger, Clerk 6.06
Wilford Belshe, Clerk 6.06
T. S. Reese, Clerk 6.06

Erskine, No. 5, Election Board
Roy Powell, Chairman 5.22
Omer G. Sayrs, Judge 5.22
Collis Moore, Clerk 5.22
E. Truman Strong, Clerk and mileage 5.70
Theo. Johnston, Clerk 5.22

Michigan, No. 6, Election Board
W. C. Todd, Chairman 4.52
Roy E. Tiller, Judge 4.52
Karl Eaton, Clerk and mileage 6.69
T. J. Coyle, Clerk 4.52
Ethel Tiller, Clerk 4.52

Rutledge, No. 7, Election Board
Clyde Smith, Chairman and mileage 6.78
Jas. T. Blagg, Judge 4.68
T. M. Rolfe, Clerk 4.68
D. L. Reynolds, Clerk 4.68
Bud Moore, Clerk 4.68

Kent, No. 8, Election Board
Arthur Justesen, Chairman and mileage 9.48
J. C. Wilson, Judge 6.66
G. C. Young, Clerk 6.66
J. L. Davis, Clerk 6.66
E. M. Helyer, Clerk 6.66

Grass Valley, No. 9, Election Board
J. B. Coon, Chairman 5.91
J. W. Hays, Judge and mileage 7.11
Gus Engstrom, Clerk 5.91
R. A. Stow, Clerk 5.91
W. R. Blake, Clerk 5.91

Moro, No. 10, Election Board
W. S. Powell, Chairman 8.43
W. A. Ruggles, Judge 8.43
Elva A. Bryant, Clerk 8.43
Opal Powell, Clerk 8.43
Naomi Van Gilder, Clerk 8.43

Wasco, No. 11, Election Board
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Eastern Star Installs

The Eastern Star elected the following officers for the year 1933: Worthy Matron, Mrs. L. V. Walton; Worthy Patron, L. V. Walton; Associate Matron, Dorothy Dunlap; Associate Patron, A. A. Dunlap; Secretary, Dell Eakin; Treasurer, Alva Eakin; Conductress, Bertha Smith; Warden, Gus Smith; Sentinel, Eugene Vintin. They were installed

Santa Claus Expected To Arrive On Time

Santa Claus will make his annual visit to Moro strictly on time this year according to word received here by civic organizations who have been in contact with the jovial saint. A Christmas tree has been erected at the Presbyterian church around which his devotees may rally at the time of his visit.

For several nights the bright lights of the tree have shone like a beacon on the hill. Another tree has been erected on the inside of the church.

The observance of the natal day of the Savior will be conducted by the Community church assisted to some extent by the members of the American Legion. The program will be given at 7:30 on the night of December 24 at the church and each and every child in the community is expected to be present and all the elders are invited also.

Rev. Hutchinson Talks Of European Trip

Rev. R. A. Hutchinson, pastor of the Congregational church of The Dalles, gave one of the interesting features of his trip to Ireland last summer at a meeting sponsored by the newly formed men's club of the Presbyterian church here Friday night.

Mr. Hutchinson, famed for his wit and wisdom and ability as a public speaker related incidents that happened on his trip to his former home in North Ireland which he had not seen for eighteen years.

The most startling statements made by the speaker were that New York has the most degraded sections in its slums of any city visited on the journey of the minister. Mr. Hutchinson said that he was a convert to home missions instead of foreign until more evidence of civilization has been brought to Americas largest city.

The speaker explained the topography of the British Isles and in so doing told of the characteristics of the inhabitants. He reviewed the political situation in Ireland and England and gave it as his opinion that the Irish were ill advised in attempting to break with England.

He praised the English for their doggedness in going ahead against odds that would overcome a weaker people. They are not so depressed as Americans because they did not raise to so high a pitch of prosperity before the crash of 1929. The returned pastor advocated the adoption of the English system of government in America because it makes it possible for the common people to change

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INFLUENZA ATTACKS SHERMAN COUNTIANS

Schools Running With Few Pupils In Classes

SEVERAL PNEUMONIA CASES

Illness In Other Counties Becoming Serious Indeed

The epidemic of severe colds, flu and occasional pneumonia has increased the number of its victims in Sherman county until every city and every district has sufferers whose condition is serious.

This is the same wave of bronchial disease that has made it necessary to close the schools in many of the towns in the Columbia basin. Papers coming from adjoining counties tell of the ravages of the disease among the citizenry of those counties and while deaths have been few up to this time there are few homes that have not had illness to deal with within the last month.

It is reported that this wave of the flu is of a more virulent kind than is usually experienced. In fact, it is said by medical men that this is the worst visit of flu since the one of 1918 when so many were fatally afflicted.

Those ill with the malady are advised to stay in bed, keep warm, stay on a liquid diet and do not get out of bed at the first sign of recovery.

So many school children are out of school in several of the towns of the county that work is seriously hampered. In Wasco, for instance, it is reported that forty percent of the pupils are staying at home because of illness.

To this date there has been no fatalities in Sherman county although there are three deaths from the flu in The Dalles. There are several cases of pneumonia.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 14

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
DEC. 15	23	2	00
" 16	28	9	00
" 17	25	15	00
" 18	24	16	34
" 19	43	19	05
" 20	44	32	04
" 21	41	27	05
Total for week			48

Emergency Relief Work Disbursements Uneven

For those who are interested in the distribution of work under the county relief appropriation the following figures will be interesting. This includes county warrants issued for work and written since the beginning of the emergency labor in October. It is not known what percentage of the warrants are represented here, but these are the ones that have been cashed by the treasurer.

The distribution among the towns and precincts of the county is as follows: Kent, \$41.90; Grass Valley, \$152.28; Moro, \$102.02; Klondike, \$68.95; Rufus, \$20.00; and Wasco, \$1044.62.

A check of the itemized warrants shows that warrants for overhead and administrative work is included in the above sums which accounts to some degree for the apparent discrepancy in the amounts received by some districts. Direct aid to some persons unable to work is also included.

Insurance Provisions Modified For Emergency

There has been considerable discussion about the county concerning the fees for hospitalization charged county emergency employees. Here to fore workers have been charged ten cents per day for short periods of time and \$2 per month has been the charge for those who work the time permitted by the county committee.

There was a protest made at the last meeting of the court and a new ruling has been made by the National Hospital Association which allows workers to be insured at ten cents per day for longer periods than formerly in case they do not want monthly protection.

The county has a contract with the association whereby the association is forced to pay for hospital treatment for all workers who become ill while in the employ of the county. This affects illness and not accidents and is separate from the state compensation. While no accurate check has been kept of the amount paid in to the hospital company and those received from it, Mr. Wall, county engineer, gave it as his belief that there had been more received here than has been paid in. Several men have had appendix operations paid for by the company.

R. J. Ginn felt so good after getting out of bed last week that he made a trip to Portland this week, returning Wednesday afternoon.

Wasco Firemen Elect 1933 Officers

Officers elected and installed by the Wasco Fire department for the year 1933 are as follows: Chief, Dick Schunke; Assistant Chief, Wayland Weld; President, R. W. Reid; Secretary, Treasurer, Joseph A. Mee; Finance Committee, Henry Richelderfer, Harry Sawin and Gene Hull.

The department is giving a benefit dance the night of December 31st at the opera house. It will be a real New-Year's party with all of the features that usually make such an affair enjoyable. A Dalles orchestra will play.

Items Of Other Days In Sherman County

From the Observer December 21, 1933
A couple of weeks ago the house of T. B. Searcy was broken into while he was absent hauling wheat to the river and nearly all of the contents were taken. This week four young men were arrested for the crime and are held in jail for lack of bonds.

A couple of weeks ago while J. Hays of Grass Valley was hauling a load of wheat to the river one of the bridges in Fulton canyon gave away and his wagon suffered serious damage thereby. He intends presenting a bill to the county.

Lute Holder was out south skimming among his debtors Monday in the hope of collecting his dues from them, but he came home in the evening weary and light of pocket.

The Mankato, Kansas, city council to increase city funds, have passed an ordinance making it a nuisance for any one to whistle or sing "After the Ball" between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.

From the Observer December 25, 1933
Angus Kuks and Miss May Thompson were married in Portland Wednesday at the home of the brides parents.

Thomas Frazer is suffering badly from an attack of typhoid pneumonia.

Hon. R. J. Ginn is in good luck with his legislative work this week.

It takes fat men to raise fat hogs. J. W. Messenger killed his pork last week amongst which was one that weighed 424 pounds.

Balfour Guthrie Co. have taken over the interest of R. W. Montgomery in the Kent Commercial Co. Mr. Montgomery will continue to manage the business.

Kretzler is sure now that he has found coal of good quality near The Dalles. The vein is 11 feet thick and 1400 feet below the surface.

From the Observer December 26, 1933

Invitations are out for a bachelors New Years dinner at the farm of Kenny and Belshe. Those interested in the entertainment are Wilford Belshe, Clarence Mersinger, James and Charles Kenny.

At the close of the recent live stock show in North Portland A. H. Barnum of this city secured the championship Durham bull that had captured prizes wherever exhibited.

Roy Powell and wife of Prineville are visitors at the home of relatives in Moro during the holidays.

Mrs. J. F. Belshe is reported very ill with pneumonia at her home in Jefferson, Ore.

The county fair grounds were being graded and put in shape by a crew of men with teams. L. L. Peetz and A. H. Barnum were in charge of the work.

Mrs. Rust Buried Tuesday

Lot W. Rust returned to Sherman county Wednesday evening on the stage from Hermiston where he had been to attend the funeral of his wife. Mrs. Rust died Sunday from an ailment that has kept her bed-fast for the past two years. Her former home was at Hermiston before her marriage and she was returned there for burial.

PERCENT OF WHEAT DAMAGE YET UNKNOWN

No Hope Held For Spring Wheats, Fall Sown

OPINION DIVIDED ON TURKEY

Forty Fold Reported Killed in Southern End of County

There's the man who says it is, and he is positive; there's the man who says it isn't and he knows. Any one wishing to find out for certain whether the wheat is frozen out in Sherman county will have to wait until there is less diversity of opinion. It absolutely cannot be told at the present time.

One traveling about the country with the condition of the winter wheat uppermost in his mind will find farmers who have had years of experience in wheat raising sure that the fall grain has gone to that land from which no kernel ever returns to sprout and flower in the spring. In the same section of the county the inquirer will find men of more optimistic mean who state without fear of contradiction that the wheat is O. K. and that anyone who is worried about it is needlessly alarmed.

It is agreed that the soft wheat is dead. This includes all Federation and the many varieties of hybrid that are grown in a few places. At Kent there are prominent farmers who say that the Forty Fold is also dead, but this statement is disputed by others.

While this difference of opinion prevails and it is impossible to say definitely about the wheat, there are some things that are generally agreed upon. The east wind that blew over the county for a day or two at the beginning of the freeze dried out the ground to a degree almost unbelievable. The top two or three inches of soil was as dry as in summer before the snow fell.

Those who had to dig out water pipes found the job easier than they contemplated for the frost was porous and broke up in large chunks. In fact, L. A. Olds, south of Grass Valley, plowed out a quarter of a mile of water main so weak was the hold the frost had on the ground. There was less moisture in the ground than was commonly presumed.

The snow that fell over the majority of the county has been of great help to the wheat according to most observers for as it melted it wet the top soil and kept the wheat plants supplied with moisture during the thawing out process. In parts of the county the snow has already melted and the ground appears dry again, a condition that is not looked on with favor by many farmers.

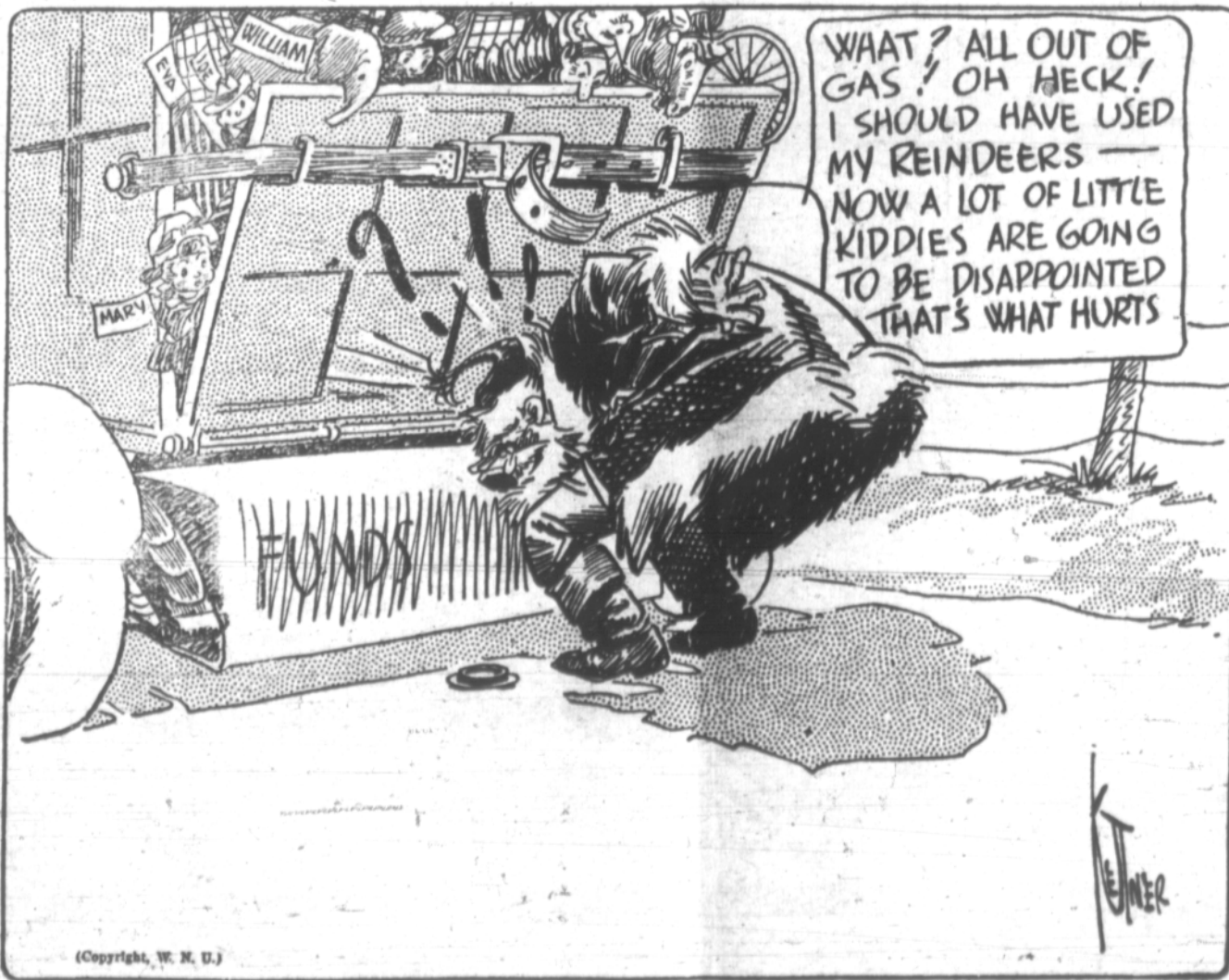
The wheat that has been dug up at the station and brought into the laboratory has lived if it was provided with sufficient moisture. That wheat that was thawed out dry has died. All of the soft wheats have died whether wet or not.

This summary seems to include all the facts and most of the opinions so far expressed on the condition of wheat. One may take his or her choice about believing either side or may dismiss it with a wave as did the prosperous farmer from the Liberty district who said, "I haven't begun to worry about it yet."

It is believed that there is enough Federation wheat in the county to reseed if it becomes necessary. A large part of the county south of Grass Valley was seeded to that wheat last year and many farmers still have enough to seed their own acres and some to sell to less fortunate men.

Mrs. Seral Searcy is home from the hospital after a siege of illness that was very serious for a few days.

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