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TOTAL TAX BILL OF COUNTY \$200,000

Increase Over Last Year Caused By
State Tax

OTHER UNITS LOWER TAXES

Cities Make Large Reductions in Levies
For New Year

Preliminary figures on the total tax bill of Sherman county for 1933 show that it will be almost exactly \$200,000 or between \$7,900 and \$8,000 more than it was in 1932.

This is not a reassuring statement to those who have combatted attempts to raise taxes throughout the months of the year just passing but it is nevertheless the fact. Of course, the raise over 1932 is caused by the reimposition of the state tax which will take \$24,577.45 more out of the county than was figured in the budget.

According to budgets completed that have been filed with the assessor it will be necessary to raise \$54,451.49 for special school funds with one small school levy not yet in. The amount needed for special school taxes this year was \$55,026.83.

For county purposes we will need \$91,200.60 a reduction from the amount raised in 1932. For elementary school tax, ordinarily included as a part of the state tax as it is levied by the state, the total will be \$17,142.29 a reduction from \$17,965.75 this year.

The state tax proper will be \$24,577.45 according to information received by the assessor this week. This amount may not be collected if the special session of legislature can find some other tax that will be acceptable to the tax commission and will not be referred and defeated by the people. The amount of state tax that will have to be paid before the county funds can be replenished will be \$41,719.74 which includes the regular state tax and the elementary school tax.

The cities of Wasco and Moro have voted a tax of \$8,875 a reduction of almost one half from this year's total. The report from Grass Valley has not yet been filed with the assessor, but unofficial reports are to the effect that that city will raise about \$1500 by taxation.

With the exception of the City of Grass Valley and the Dobie Point school the tax summary of the county

Mrs. Lena Messenger Buried in Yakima

YAKIMA HERALD—Christmas cheer was turned to tragedy in Wapato tonight when Mrs. Lena Catherine Messenger, 58, was stricken with a heart attack while decorating a Christmas tree for the annual Christmas party of the Rebekah lodge in Odd Fellows hall, and died before a physician arrived.

"I feel awful funny," she complained to the woman who was with her. She collapsed as she was being helped to a chair. The party was postponed.

Mrs. Messenger was born near Seattle and lived here 17 years. The family includes the widower, E. G. Messenger; two sons, Miles of Eklensburg and Carl of Richmond, Cal.; two daughters, Mrs. John Lenz, Jr. of Yakima, and Mrs. Warren Travis, of Seattle; and three brothers in Oregon. Funeral services will be held in the chapel of Sourwine Undertaking Co. here at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The Rebekah lodge will be in charge.

Mrs. Messenger was the eldest sister of the Peetz family. A large part of her early womanhood was spent in Sherman county and it was here she was married to Edgar Messenger.

L. L. Peetz, of Moro, Fred Peetz, of Madras, and Ben F. Peetz of Pendleton are the surviving members of the family. L. L. and Fred attended the funeral which was held in Yakima Tuesday.

Springlike Weather Spreads Over County

Weather conditions since the break up of the freeze have been such as to change the opinion some might have had that Sherman county gets cold in the winter months. For the past week the thermometer has been above freezing all of the time except some of the nights when it has dropped to 28 or 30.

The sun has shown for the larger part of the short days and while it is not as warm as it will be next spring it helps keep the blood circulating in a system made sluggish by winter and with the aid of the western chinook wind makes the days very pleasant for late December even for Sherman county.

Ray Hulse and family left this week for Mosier where Ray will cut wood this winter in the timber.

will be as follows:

Special schools	\$54,451.49
County	91,200.60
State (proper)	24,577.45
State (elementary)	17,142.29
Cities	8,857.00
Total	\$198,171.83

New Grain Discount Granted By Dealers

The protests of the North Pacific Grain Growers, the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, the Gange, the Farmers Union and other organizations of wheat men in the northwest have at last had some effect on the discount system of the grain dealers and those discounts have been reduced to meet some of the demands of the organizations.

At the Walla Walla meeting of the grain dealers the discounts for low test weight were reduced by one half. This means that instead of being docked one cent for 50 pound wheat the farmer is now docked one-half cent. For 58 pound wheat the dock is now one cent instead of two, 57 pound wheat is docked one and one-half cents instead of three and so on to 51 pound wheat which now bears a discount of seven and one-half cents instead of fifteen.

This is one of the things the co-operatives have been fighting for since their organization. They also ask for a change in the schedule of discounts on smutty wheat. Now any wheat that has one smut ball per two hundred kernels may be docked. Much wheat that is clean is docked under this provision. The cleaning charge on this wheat was reduced from .50 cents per ton to .35 cents under the new ruling.

The discounts are not made by the federal government although the grades are set by it. The discounts are made by the grain dealers. This is the most important change that has been made in the discounts for several years and in some parts of the county where the grade was as low as 54 it means that farmers can get three cents more for wheat than before.

New City Council Will Meet Tuesday

The charter of the city of Moro calls for one meeting of the council and sets the date for it. It states that the council shall meet the first Monday in January for the purpose of organization and appointing a recorder, a marshal and if desired a city attorney. As the first Monday in January is a holiday in 1933 the next day, Tuesday, January 3rd will be the meeting day.

Retiring Mayor Freeman will be present to swear in the new councilmen and other officers and the appointment of city officers not elected will be the first business on the docket for the new year.

Read the ads in the Journal

EMERGENCY FUND PAYS REGULAR CREW

Experienced Men Needed To Work
Machinery

WASCO HAS MOST APPLICANTS

Aim of Engineer is to do as Possible
With Money Used

The report of last week that the disbursements under the emergency relief fund were unevenly distributed over the county brought protests from county officials who insisted that the previously published statement gave an erroneous idea of the expenditures.

The report showed that Wasco citizens had received approximately two thirds of the total amount paid for relief so far this winter. This is true because all engineering expenses, all administrative work and many of the permanent laborers are chartered to Wasco.

It is explained that while the emergency work is designed primarily to relieve those unable to get other work it is advisable for the county to get as much work done as possible for the money expended. In order to do this several of the regular county crew are hired almost steadily to carry on the part of the work requiring the most experience. Therefore men are hired to do the powder work, the drilling and the grading that takes operation of the county's machinery that are not necessarily in need of immediate relief.

The report would indicate that approximately one third of the emergency relief funds are spent for these items. They are necessary so that there will be some work for the rapidly rotated emergency men to do.

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WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 28

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
DEC. 22	43	23	.00
" 23	42	31	.20
" 24	40	32	.00
" 25	44	30	.00
" 26	49	32	.12
" 27	48	28	.08
" 28	40	30	.00
Total for week			.40

Christmas Programs Held Over County

Christmas was a quiet day in Moro and throughout the county with nearly everyone staying at home or visiting neighbors. There were several family parties, the holiday allowing different clans an opportunity to get together for a little mid winter visiting.

Christmas programs were held by the schools during the last days of the week and by the churches on Saturday evening to celebrate the religious aspects of the occasion. The program given by the Community church here was a particularly enjoyable one as it brought together representatives of all the community in a real old time Christmas party. A play based on the Christmas spirit was given by some of the younger members of the church and before the audience left for their homes the younger ones of the crowd were treated to bags of candy and other Christmas goodies. The members of the American Legion took the lead in collecting funds for this part of the program.

Wasco held Christmas parties at the school house and at the church with the Legion there sponsoring the program and seeing that the children had something for which to thank the good Saint Nicholas.

Council Holds Session Retransfer Funds

The council of the city of Moro met Tuesday night for their final session for the year. One of the principal acts of the body was to pass the city budget as published the first of the month.

Other business transacted was to straighten out the books of the city by transferring funds to accounts from which they had been borrowed at some time previously during the year. This was done so that there would be no deficiency in accounts through inter account borrowing when the new council take over the city's affairs next week.

There was some discussion of the rate of wages to be paid those laborers who helped dig up frozen water pipes a week or so ago. The council authorized payment at 25 cents per hour and left the matter open so that the amount paid could be adjusted in case the new council decided to do so.

The report of the marshal regarding the collection of water rents was accepted and the body adjourned.

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Katahdin Potatoes Yield Better Than Burbanks

HILLSBORO—The new Katahdin potatoes tried out here this year on the A. J. Rowell farm gave a better yield than Burbanks grown in the same field, showing unusual drought resistance, reports County Agent W. F. Cyrus. The drought resistance is the result of a larger root system typical of the variety, he says. The Katahdin is a round potato and thus is not quite as attractive to the general trade, but it is high in quality and may have a distinct place in western Oregon especially where the long varieties do not always attain desirable size and form.

World Wheat Crop Is Larger In Europe

Foreign wheat production is larger than last season. Estimates for 41 countries which last year produced about 75 percent of the world crop, outside of Russia and China, totaled 2,979,416,000 bushels compared with 2,808,262,000 bushels in the same countries last season. The principal increase for any one country is in Canada where this year's crop is officially placed at 431,200,000 bushels against 304,144,000 bushels in 1931. European production is about 4 percent larger than the 1931 harvest and estimates for 25 countries total 1,495,333,000 bushels. A sharp reduction in outturns in surplus areas was more than offset by larger harvests in Germany, Italy and France. The North African wheat crop is about 6 percent larger than last year but estimates for five Asiatic countries show a decrease of 9 percent. No official estimates are available for Russia, either for this year or last but trade reports and reduced shipments indicate smallest supply this season.

Present prospects are for larger harvests in the Southern Hemisphere this year. The first official estimate places the Argentine crop now being harvested at 231,483,000 bushels compared with 219,698,000 bushels last season. The Australian crop is estimated by trade agencies at 210,000,000 bushels or at about 10,000,000 bushels above last year.

World wheat supplies out side of Russia and China, this season, appear to be 35,000,000 to 45,000,000 bushels smaller than last year when supplies of old wheat carried over from last season are taken into account. The world's crop is slightly smaller while stocks of old wheat were below last season, practically everywhere except in the United States.

In Days of Old, In Days of Gold In Days of Ninety Three, and Since

From the Observer January 2, 1914.

A hearing was held before Judge Krurow this week upon a complaint that Louis Heydt was an incompetent person to further attend to his affairs and after considering the testimony it was ordered that he be taken to Pendleton and that a guardian be appointed until he had improved.

Ross C. Ornduff of Moro and Miss Vivian Spencer of The Dalles were married Christmas at the home of the bride.

Christmas dance at Moro was a social success as supper was served to 46 numbers at midnight.

Jake Douma was operated on for appendicitis at the family home here December 24th, by Drs. Morse and Poley. He has improved and is expected to recover.

From the Observer January 1, 1904.

Ed Smith put the largest load of wheat into The Dalles warehouse last fall with his 8-mule rig. It was 130 sacks.

The father of the young man brought back from Grant county by Sheriff McGinnis came down from Ontario Sunday and bailed out his son.

There is snow enough on woven

TURKEY RED THOUGHT ALIVE BY MAJORITY

Reseeding of Winter Wheat Possible
Until February 15

WHITE WHEATS BELIEVED DEAD

Damp Ground Has Helped Wheat While
Thawing Out

General opinion throughout the county is that while the white wheat is dead a great part of the Turkey Red fall sown wheat is still alive and will come out all right in the spring with the possible exception of that sown late in the fall.

This is also the opinion of Mr. Stephens at the experiment station based on his observation of the station wheats since the day after the freeze. Mr. Stephens expects to reseed all of the hybrid and white wheats on the station.

For those who wish to grow winter wheat there is still ample time to reseed that type of wheat if the weather will clear. In 1925 reseeded winter wheat was done late in February. It is possible to procure good stands of Turkey Red by sowing as late as the middle of February. Hybrid wheats should not be sown after the first week in that month.

Mr. Stephens advises that if the summerfallow is weedy and spring wheat seed can be bought or is on hand it may be better to wait until spring for seeding, but if the summerfallow is clean and winter wheat seed on hand already owned by the farmer a reasonably good crop may be expected by seeding in the winter months.

From the point of view of yield, Federation is the best spring wheat. The other common wheats follow in the order named: Hard Federation, Baart and Marquis. However, for those who can get good Baart seed and can raise high test wheat there is always a possibility that Baart will bring a premium on the market in the fall because of its milling qualities when it can be made to grade hard white.

It is not known how much of the summerfallow of the county was sown to Federation, Hybrid, Forty

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Farmers Stand To Lose Aid From State Government

"My Dear," said the doctor to his wife, "I fear that we are eating too much pie. Our diet is too rich. For one thing it costs too much money which we can ill afford in these parlous times and then it is unnecessary and uncalled for. Our children are getting too fat and lazy. Look at our son, Mars, over there playing with that toy cannon, he looks like a butter ball."

"It shall be as you say, husband," replied the good wife always willing to listen to advice.

"I do not notice that my waistline is growing," continued the doctor, "but my bills are excessive and I think we had better eat plainer foods."

The good wife upon trying to put the doctor's orders into effect found that it is easier to take pie away from a child than it is to stop the teasing and begging for it and, being always anxious to please all members of her family she compromised by taking the pie from the protesting head of the family and leaving it on the children's plate.

Thus everyone was pleased. So might have been told an old fable.

The farmers of the state of Oregon felt that the taxes were getting too high. They couldn't pay them. Like the doctor in the fable they went to the state officials, the governor, the budget director and said that the pie must be cut off the state menu and simpler dishes served to state activities.

"Yes, yes," said the state officials, "it will surely be done," and they have proposed to do just what the good wife did. They will do away with 87 percent of the farmer's pie and let the insistent children have about 75 percent of their former portion.

If the farmers of the state don't look into the state cupboard pretty closely for the next two months they may find themselves without the extension service, the experiment stations, the predatory animal eradication fund and other aids and adjuncts to their business while they are still taxed for pie for the other members of the family.

