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SCRIP WILL BE SUBJECT OF CLUB DISCUSSION

Plans For Utilization of Warrants To Be Proposed

EVERYONE IN COUNTY INVITED

Warrants Are Ample Security; Slowness Only Drawback

The executive committee of the Commercial Club voted Wednesday night to call a county wide meeting here Tuesday night February 28, for discussion of a plan or plans for the issuance of scrip, or some form of common exchange based on the warrants issued by city, county and school districts.

Since the closing of all of the banks in the county there has been talk of some sort of exchange medium that would supplement the supply of money in the county and facilitate the transaction of business. The present plan, according to the sponsors, is to call the meeting which is expected to be largely attended by business men from all over the county. A general discussion and explanation of the different scrip plans will be held and if some plan meets with favor it can be put into effect.

At this time there is over \$200,000 worth of delinquent taxes in the county a large part of which will be paid. It is doubtful if there are to exceed \$30,000 in warrants written against this potential income. It is therefore apparent that even if no more than a quarter of the taxes are ever paid the warrants are good security.

It is proposed that these warrants be used as security for scrip which will give the scrip a value on its own account. Several towns and counties have issued some form of money that was no based on very adequate security, closed bank deposits being one form. It is possible to make the proposed scrip doubly safe by making it necessary to attach a stamp at each exchange. These stamps would be bought at some central agency and when the scrip was full of stamps it could be redeemed for face value.

There are several methods of using public credit in this manner and an attempt will be made to have the most feasible of them explained at the meeting Tuesday night.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for the teachers and others taking warrants for pay to obtain enough

Moro Cooperative Announces Dividends

The dividends of the Moro Grain Growers were paid this month for the year ending May 1932. It will be remembered that stock in this company is held by farmers who paid ten percent of their stock notes in cash and the remainder in five equal installments. Three of these installments have been paid and in some cases four, to men who have sold large crops through the association. No one has had to pay any of his installments out of any other fund than that derived from dividends.

This year stockholders were paid a 6 percent dividend and a patronage dividend of one cent per bushel on all wheat sold.

Pioneer Of 1878 Buried Monday

The funeral of John Daugherty, one of the oldest pioneers of Sherman county, was held at Kent Monday with the Rev. A. A. McRea in charge.

Mr. Daugherty was born in Iowa in 1856 and came to Sherman county in 1878 settling south and east of Kent where he owned land until a few years ago when he sold his holdings and moved to Idaho where he made his home with his niece, Mrs. B. M. Hawley. He died there February 16.

Mr. Daugherty was never married and the remaining members of his family are all nieces and nephews. Mrs. B. M. Hawley, Melba, Idaho, Mrs. Lucy McDonald, Lyle, Wash., Mrs. Frances Kulis, San Francisco, Cal., Jesse Daugherty, Salem and Winnie Yocum, Marysville, Cal. Services were held from the church at Kent at 10 a. m. February 20 and burial was in the private cemetery on the homestead of the deceased's pioneer southeast of Kent where the parents and their other children have been buried in earlier days.

cash to make ends meet. The county cannot expect teachers and others to work indefinitely for warrants unless some effort is made to give these warrants an exchange value at least in the community where they are issued.

It is reported that there are forty five communities in the northwest using some form of scrip and other reports state that 150 towns in the United States are on the same basis. The scheduled meeting is called for the purpose of discussing the different scrip plans. If one of them is found to be desirable, an organization may be formed to put it into effect. Everyone interested in hearing the discussion is invited to attend. The meeting will be held at Moro hotel at seven o'clock in the evening.

George DeMoss, Famous Musician, Dead in South

Word was received here Tuesday night of the death of George DeMoss famous Sherman county musician at Marysville, Cal., from the effects of a physical breakdown at Gridley, Cal., a few days before.

Mr. DeMoss was the youngest son of Prof. James DeMoss who was a pioneer missionary and musician of Oregon since coming across the plains in 1862. George DeMoss was born at Cove, May 28, 1866 and settled in Sherman county in 1883. Here the family bought and laid out the town site of DeMoss Springs where they have made their home every since.

Each year they have made a concert tour and during the lifetime of the deceased the family has played in every country of Europe and every state in the United States. Mr. DeMoss was an accomplished musician playing nearly all instruments. In recent years he has played the cello and cornet when on tour and varied this procedure by playing two cornets at one time.

In recent years the concert group has played in the western states under the management of Mr. DeMoss and during that time has delighted school children in many towns in that territory.

One son, Homer, of DeMoss Springs and a daughter survive him and his brother, Henry, is still living at DeMoss Springs also. It is understood that the funeral will be held in California.

Many Attend Funeral Of Mrs. Ben Peetz

Mrs. Ethel Peetz, wife of Ben F. Peetz, died at Pendleton Saturday, February 18th. Mrs. Peetz was a resident of Sherman county for forty years, from 1893 when as a girl of seven she came here with her parents until 1923 when she left for Bend where they lived for several years.

The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Norcross who formerly lived near Klondike. She was born October 5, 1886 at Weiser, Idaho and lived there until moving to Sherman county.

She was married to Ben Peetz April 9, 1906. Surviving her are her widower, Ben F. Peetz, two daughters, Mrs. Marie McCormick, Kathryn, one son, Billy, McCombs, and her mother, Mrs. George A. Potter of Klondike and Mrs. E. L. Woods, of Milton.

A large number of Sherman county folks drove to Pendleton for the funeral. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Peetz, Mrs. Margaret Peetz, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thompson, Mrs. N. W. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Woodman, Mr. and Mrs. Glen King and Mrs. J. C. McKean.

Snow Melts Rapidly Under Spring Sun

Under the influence of a real old chinook wind the snow that has lain on the ground for over a week disappeared hastily the first of the week.

At first it was thought that a large part of the moisture contained in the snow would find its way into the ground but Wednesday as the creeks started and grew in volume the hope was dissipated in the minds of many. Streams of black water carrying tons and tons of good wheat land filled the draws for a couple of days and the snow is no more with the exception of the drifts that will withstand the actions of the wind for several days yet.

In the larger part of the county there was little damage done to the fields by the water, but it is reported that in the section north and east of Wasco where there was eight or nine inches of snow and where the land is rather steep there was some washing.

HIGH SCHOOLS COULD GIVE FULLER COURSES

Consolidation Would Make A More Economical Teaching Unit

SMITH-HUGHS WORK POSSIBLE

Extra-Curricular Activities Would Give Cultural Background

Continued from last week.

Some form of vocational education would be a great boon to the boys of Sherman county and such could be provided under the Smith-Hughes Act in a high school of the size mentioned. Such a course would include agriculture, machine and harness repair, blacksmithing, carpentering, concrete work, and so on. Girls likewise could be given an opportunity for a two years course in home economics, the first year including the study of clothing, design, sewing and repair and the second year course dietetics and cooking. None of the above mentioned courses are available to Sherman County students under the present organization. The domestic science department would have the problem of providing hot lunch at noon to all transported students. Lunches would be served at a price which would cover the cost of raw materials only and the domestic science teacher would be placed in charge of a cafeteria.

Probably one of the greatest wants in smaller schools is adequate library facilities. Careful investigations here and there into educational conditions in rural high schools as a whole indicate a prevailing lack of general information on the part of pupils. On the other hand there is plenty of evidence that children in these schools will do much reading if they have the opportunity—that they have the capacity and the desire. The library facilities would be decidedly improved through a high school merger and instructions would be greatly aided, especially in the social sciences and English. By having a larger school unit phases of instruction could be provided that are not now possible. One of the most important is that of visual education through the use of pictures, slides, films, and demonstrations. Not only would these be useful to classes but material could also be provided for demonstration and instructional purposes for the patrons and surrounding country. Large numbers of valuable film material is available for class and community use at small expense.

Every school should have rather an extensive program of so called extra-curricular activities. In the schools of Sherman county such programs are decidedly limited due to two causes: One is funds and the other is number of students. A small school will not usually be able to afford a commercially published school annual. Neither will they be able to have a school paper. At the present time athletics are the prime if not the only interest in way of activities within the county. It is unfortunate that this should be so, for athletics are of no more value intrinsically than other extra-curricular activities. This condition is largely due to the above mentioned causes but could be remedied somewhat in a larger organization. There should be enough variety if possible to reach all types and degrees of talent. There should be debate clubs, subject clubs, glee clubs, orchestra and dramatics. Those excelling in journalism, forensics, club work, scholarship, and so on are eligible to various forms of honor societies. Connection with such organizations broadens the students outlook and makes their school seem more worth while. Much that is now impossible could be done along this

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Woman's Club Continues Study Of Oregon

Of much interest on Friday February 17 was the program of the Moro Women's Club, when Oregon's resources were discussed. Mrs. J. F. Foss was hostess and director and began her program by reading a poem about Oregon. Next a double quartet of the Moro High School Girl's Glee Club delighted the members with three songs, "Rose in the Bud," "The Argument" and "Pale Moon." Mrs. Charles Ruggles rendered two piano solos in her usual pleasing manner.

A paper on Oregon Agriculture was read by Mrs. Stephens. Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton discussed the "Forests of Oregon" if all farmers would plant trees on land not otherwise used for farm crops, these trees would mature and be available for wood in fifty years.

Mrs. Collis P. Moore told about mining in Oregon, and Mrs. Theodore Johnston told briefly about Water Power and the hope that in the near future the Columbia and Deschutes rivers will be developed to generate power.

It being so near Lincoln's birthday, Miss Helen Strong read a poem "The Prayer That Lincoln Prayed." The next meeting will be held on March 3, at the home of Mrs. A. M. Wright and with Mrs. Cope as joint hostess.

Market Outlook None Too Favorable

A none too favorable market outlook in general for spring sown crops and vegetables is indicated by the second section of the 1933 farm outlook just released by the Oregon agricultural extension service.

With respect to the wheat situation, due to the poor winter wheat prospects, much depends upon the acreage of spring wheat, according to the circular. The world supply of wheat is still ample, with a downward trend in international trade. Exports from the United States have declined to a record low level, while the carry-over has increased enough to offset the effect of low yields and reduced production. Several charts are given in the circular to illustrate the wheat outlook.

The possibility of some local shortage in food grains and hay is indicated, owing to damage to fall sown crops in western Oregon. The damage was especially severe on fall oats and vetch crops.

The report also contains outlook statements on potatoes, hops, flax, beans and on commercial vegetables and melons. There are some outlook notes on several other commodities, although it is planned to cover poultry, dairy, livestock and fall sown crops in a circular to be released in August. The fourth section of the outlook will cover tree fruits, nuts and berries and is to be published in September.

A summary of the trend of demand, prices and costs of farm products gave the general index of farm prices at 51 per cent of pre-war. The government price index of grains was 34 down 18 points from a year ago. With fruits and vegetables at 59, down 11 points; meat animals 51, down 17 points; dairy products 68, down 17 points; and the poultry and eggs index at 96, up nine points compared to January 1932. Other indexes were given for important individual farm commodities, the highest of which was for eggs at 100 per cent of 1910-1914 level. The others ranged downward to 30 per cent for some of the grains.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 22

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
FEB. 16	38	23	.00
" 17	39	18	.00
" 18	39	25	.00
" 19	46	30	.00
" 20	45	31	.00
" 21	51	35	.00
" 22	49	35	.02
Total for week			.02

Debt Adjustment Committee Meets

A meeting was held Thursday in Arlington by the committees on mortgage adjustment for the counties adjacent to that town. Sherman, Wasco, Jefferson, Gilliam, Wheeler, Morrow and Umatilla counties were asked to send their mortgage committees for this conclave. This was one of the district meetings being held throughout the state to determine what steps will have to be taken to prevent unwarranted foreclosures of farm property.

Members of the Sherman county committee are: Harry Pinkerton, D. E. Stephens, Fred Krusow, C. A. Tom and W. S. Powell.

American Legion To Meet Saturday Night

The American Legion will meet Saturday evening at their hall here. This is the first meeting of the patriotic order for several weeks and a great deal of business is scheduled to appear before the boys for consideration.

Every ex-service man whether or not he is a member of the organization is asked to be present for the problems confronting the Legion are many and the advice of each probable member will be needed before the year is ended.

Train Passes Tuesday Night Trip

The train did not make its usual trip Tuesday night because the track was washed out in several places between Wasco and Biggs. Water, carrying quantities of mud and debris, flowed over the bridges and ran down the tracks in several places cutting away the road bed.

Vernon Platt made an extra trip with his freight truck, driving to Shaniko for mail, express and freight and returning there Wednesday morning to complete the trip.

Wheat From Argentine Goes To Europe

Little change occurred in the general wheat situation. Southern Hemisphere marketings continued fairly heavy, totaling 5,170,000 bushels from

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How Father Lived and Danced And What the Papers Said

From the Observer February 27, 1914 of Uncle Sam's defenders. The business home of L. J. Gates at Kent was burned Wednesday morning about three o'clock. The main building with its stock was completely destroyed but the implement shed was saved.

The high school commencement exercises will be held this year in the Methodist church. Harry Pinkerton and Adele Mortensen are the two graduates.

A large sized river steamer has for some time been engaged in work in front of Biggs, removing a ledge of rock from the river channel.

A. D. Richelderfer was in Portland this week trying to make a deal for some sheep for his farm near Wasco.

From the Observer February 26, 1904 Barnum Bros. sold 32 fine cows last week to the Columbia Packing Co., that averaged 1232 lbs. per head, all weighed on the farm at 3 and a quarter cents per pound, nearly \$50 a head.

The Observer Book store is headquarters for Flinch, Panic and Pit.

Born: To the wife of W. E. Allison, February 20, a son. Grandpa and Grandma Coy are stepping high.

Fred Walker is home from the Philippines and looks well in the uniform

MOISTURE DEFICIENT AT PRESENT TIME

Fall Since September 1 Nearly Two Inches Below Normal

SPRING RAINS MAY FILL GAP

Last Year of Re seeding Offered Better Chancer For Crop

While there are still some hardy, optimistic souls proclaiming that there will be some winter wheat left when the winter is finally over the majority of farmers and other observers believe that all of the crop raised here this year will be spring wheat.

Re seeding may begin in short order if the spring-like days of this week continue for a week or ten days more for the snow is rapidly leaving the fields and the frost is going out of the ground and work on the next crop may start almost any time.

The principal question before the farmer who faces the necessity of re seeding his summer fallow is how much moisture does that piece of earth contain and what is the chances of producing a crop.

Since the first of September 1932 there has been 6.01 inches of moisture, either rain or snow at the station near Moro. Not a great deal of this has run off although some of the last snow has gone down the ditches.

The average fall of moisture for the September to March period over the 23 years the records have been kept is 7.84 inches. This average includes all the month of February whereas the moisture total for 1932-33 does not include the last week of that month. Yet it can be readily seen that we have a deficiency of over one and three quarters inches of moisture for the fall and winter months.

In 1924-25 when the county had to reseed before the moisture conditions were considerably better for at the end of February that year we had received 8.58 inches of rainfall since the first of September 1924. Everyone remembers that the fairly good crop of that year was made possible

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In Which It Is Suggested That Spring Is Just Around the Corner

According to an old saying that has achieved honor through age the one who presumes to speak on the severity of next week's weather is either a fool or is not a native. Thus one who is boastfully a native must fall in the former classification if he reports the arrival of spring before all the manifestations of that season are readily apparent.

This restriction, if one is to believe the old saying implicitly, causes the thoughtful man to hesitate before announcing to a world long tired of winter days that spring is here. One desirous of cheering at conversation with some such pleasant words must merely mention some of the signs that point to the arrival of the green season.

Being, we hope, modest, and fearing the appellation given to those who unhesitatingly prophesy the actions of the weather man, we can only remark some of the indications that usually precede the coming of spring.

The little rose bush on the hotel corner has green buds about to burst although these same buds were swollen

to a much larger size before the freeze. It is apparently not discouraged with the buffeting of winter. The ground has that springy feel as if released from something. Robins are becoming more numerous and while none of them have been observed in the act of pulling a worm from the ground they may hear them almost any day now.

The sage rath are not often fooled by the weather. Sometimes they come out in the snow but it is generally near time for things to grow before they come out of their winter nests. In the south end of the county they are scampering around.

And then the humans shows signs of spring like endeavors. The marble tournament has not gotten unper way at Grass Valley so far, but the argument as to how much the lead team plows more than the second team has been revived. So it does look like spring cannot be far away. Some day you will see your neighbor whistling down the street with his coat off and you will know that the long anticipated season as truly arrived.