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BANKS OF STATE CLOSE UNTIL MONDAY MARCH 6

Governor's Proclamation Cauter By California Situation

LIMITED WITHDRAWALS PLAN

Other States Have Been Closing Banks For Week

Word was received here Thursday morning by firms connected directly with Portland headquarters that all of the banks of the state had been closed by the governor's proclamation for a period of three days. Radio announcements stated that the action was taken because of a previously announced moratorium declared for all California banks.

As the Federal Reserve headquarters for the west are in that state in case of a run the Oregon banks would have been unable to procure cash immediately and the closing order was therefore issued by the governor.

It is hoped that the legislature will pass laws permitting the banks to open Monday for limited withdrawals. In fact, Portland banks are reported as open today, Thursday, for very limited business and the making of change.

The entire situation in the west is probably caused by the statewide closing of banks in the eastern states.

In the meantime business is at a standstill except for the necessities. Wheat cannot be sold except to purchasers with cash for no checks will be accepted. Those who have cream or eggs to ship will have to await new arrangements before receiving pay for their produce.

Washington banks have instituted a limited withdrawal policy to protect them and Idaho banks are under a moratorium similar to that in Oregon according to reports.

Read the ads in the Journal

County Issues Checks For First Warrants

Some of those holding county warrants will be pleased to receive something a little more tangible than those documents shortly, because of the fact that the county funds were enriched by \$1566.67 by the sheriff's turnover this week.

Division of the funds between the towns was as follows: Moro: \$172.38; Wasco: \$12.01 Grass Valley, \$49.44; School districts will receive sums varying to a wide extent because of unequal payments of taxes in the several districts. Rufus district will receive \$162.51; Wasco, \$421.28; Moro, \$47.72; Grass Valley \$96.43 and Kent, \$143.77. Road districts money was divided \$224.39 for No. 1, \$76.94 for No. 2, \$69.08 for No. 3 and \$33.47 for No. 4.

Miss Helen Cowgill Here Next Week

Miss Helen Cowgill, assistant state club leader, will be in the county next week, March 8-9-10 for the purpose of giving instruction to local club leaders.

Interest in club work has been spotted this spring with some sections of the county very much interested and others taking it up in a lesser degree. Miss Cowgill's visit is expected to awaken renewed interest in the projects for Sherman county has always been one of the foremost counties for club work.

Tax Notices Out For 1932 Taxes

Hugh Chrisman, high sheriff of the county, did a most unpopular but necessary act this week when he sent out a whole new bunch of tax statements to property holders in Sherman county.

The statements this year were slightly larger than last year, although several districts will find them lower. The raise is caused by the reimposition of the state property tax. Otherwise we would have needed six percent less taxes than last year.

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SHERMAN COUNTY WHEAT SCRIP PLANNED

Meeting Votes For Trial Issue This Month

SMALL AMOUNT WILL BE TRIED

Need of Community Support Stressed At Meeting

Scrip, scrip with stamps, scrip with out stamps, warrant scrip, all kinds of scrip was the discussion at a meeting of the business men of the county Tuesday night at the Moro hotel when they were called together at the invitation of the Moro Commercial Club to debate that very question.

More than fifty men representing business firms of the county lined the walls of the dining room when A. Rose, president of the club, called for order. A short talk on the need of scrip and its adaptability to this county and an explanation of a scrip plan for this county was given by Giles French before the meeting was thrown open to a question and answer forum.

The plan as originally conceived is for some county-wide organization to make scrip. It will exchange this scrip for teacher's warrants. Special scrip stamps will be sold by the same agency. At each transfer of the scrip a stamp costing one-fiftieth of the face value of the scrip must be affixed to the back of it. When fifty stamps have been put on the scrip the central agency, or bank, will have the face value of the scrip in cash through stamp sales. The bearer of the scrip may then cash his scrip at face value. When the warrant for which the scrip was originally issued is paid the money is divided among the purchasers of stamps in proportion to the amount they have bought from the bank. It is estimated that expenses could be met with the interest on the warrants or a discount could be taken at the time of purchase.

Several speakers called attention to the fact that it would be necessary to keep the scrip moving to make it of material aid and this sentiment is generally accepted as true. Unless the community cooperate in making the scrip valuable it will fail to function as a medium of exchange. There can be no doubt of the security behind an issue of scrip based on the warrants of school districts of the county. There is over \$200,000 in outstanding taxes and less than \$30,000 in outstanding warrants. As scrip is merely a device to permit the utilization of funds temporarily tied up and unavailable it should be accepted readily when based upon warrant security with so large an amount of taxes in proportion to the warrants out.

The proposal made at the meeting was that only a small amount of scrip be issued at first, probably \$300 in the entire county. This will make it possible for teachers to use a part of their warrants at least and if the issue is used freely it can be increased as the occasion demands.

After caucuses held by the towns represented, the following board of directors were elected to investigate, decide on the feasibility of the plan, and to issue the scrip if they thought it advisable: Wasco: County Judge George A. Potter, E. D. McKee, Harry Richelderfer; Moro: M. E. McKee, L. R. Conlee, G. L. French; Grass Valley: George Wilcox, W. Ray Blake and C. W. Fields. This committee later organized with G. L. French chairman and M. E. McKee secretary-treasurer.

The scrip committee expect to incorporate, to obtain information on the plan from other sections using it, to select a design distinctive for the scrip and to issue a small amount

Mortgage Adjustment Committee Meets

At a meeting held at Arlington on February 23 to consider the farm mortgage situation in the Columbia River Basin counties of Oregon, there were more than 50 members present. Each county was represented and several members of the State farm mortgage committee were also present. Mr. Glenn Marsh of Hood River acted as chairman of the meeting. The farm mortgage situation was discussed in detail by members from the various counties, together with possible methods of adjusting disputes between farmers and mortgage holders. Committees have been appointed for each county in the state.

The Sherman county voluntary farm mortgage adjustment committee consists of W. S. Powell, Chairman, D. E. Stephens, Secretary H. B. Pinkerton, Fred Krusow, and C. A. Tom. This committee is now ready to offer its services in any cases on which it is requested to act. Information on procedure in obtaining the committee's services may be obtained from any member of the committee.

At the Arlington meeting it was emphasized by Chairman Glenn Marsh and members of the State committee present that the county groups have no legal status but are prepared to lend every aid on a voluntary basis toward bringing satisfactory adjustment between farmers and mortgage holders in order that unnecessary loss or hardship may be avoided for both in cases where the parties are unable to make satisfactory arrangements independently. It was reported that similar committees in other states have already proved highly beneficial even where comparatively few cases were actually handled.

George DeMoss To Be Buried In Home County

The body of George G. DeMoss was not buried in California as was stated last week. Different arrangements were made by the family and friends of the family and it is now planned to have the funeral here in Moro with interment in the private cemetery of the family near DeMoss Springs.

According to R. C. Byers who has been handling the arrangements for the family here, the body will be brought to The Dalles sometime next week and funeral plans will be made after its arrival. The family are expected within a few days. They have been at Eugene where many of the DeMoss family live.

This paper was in error last week when it stated that Homer DeMoss was a son of George DeMoss. He is a nephew, a son of Henry DeMoss. Elbert is George's son. He was with his father on their concert tour at the time of George's death.

Sheepskin Scrip Sample Here

A sample of the scrip issued at Heppner has been received here. It is printed on sheepskin about the size of the new bills. Each side has two colors, red and black and the particular piece of scrip that arrived here is worth twenty five cents in United States money on or before December 31st, 1934.

The issue was made by the business men of Heppner to supply a ready medium of exchange for a time. Both of the banks of that town are closed even as they are here, and something that could be used for money was necessary to the continuance of business and schools. The scrip is called Heppner Sheepskin Scrip, a distinctive name for an issue of local money that is fitting to the community using it.

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some time this month. The amount issued can be raised or lowered by action of the board

COURT RECEIVES ADVICE ON R.F.C. RELIEF FUNDS

Paul V. Maris Explains Rulings of State Board

TURNOVER MADE BY SHERIFF

Earlier Warrants Paid By Treasurer As Money Comes In

County court meeting Wednesday was enlivened during the forenoon of the session by the appearance of Paul V. Maris, secretary of the state relief committee and Ivan B. White, field investigator for the committee.

Mr. Maris explained the attitude of the state committee on several points wherein that group disagreed with the practices followed in Sherman county. He explained that it would in the future be impossible for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to furnish money for those men who were hired steadily by the county. The money is made available only for those men who have no jobs and a man who is hired by a county even if he is paid in warrants is not eligible for relief, said Mr. Maris.

The secretary also made clear the position of the committee on the matter of hospital association dues. These may not be paid out of funds derived from the R. F. C. through the committee.

The money is made available strictly for relief purposes. If a county wishes to institute a work relief project it must pay all the expenses that are incurred because work relief is substituted for direct relief. In this category are included pay for skilled men whose type of labor is necessary, cook house expenses, foremen and supervisors of the relief work. This rule has been followed in part in this county but not in entirety. If a relief work program is made for next year it will necessarily abide by these regulations if they are still in effect at that time.

In the afternoon session matters of the usual nature were taken up with the payment of bills a major part of the work. The sheriff's turnover was accepted. This document stated that the collecting officer had given to the treasurer \$258.74 which was distributed to the several funds.

Another meeting was held Thursday to finish the business and to discuss road and emergency relief measures. It is thought that the work on the Sherrers road will continue for nearly two weeks longer.

R. H. Coppock Extends His Time In Moro

R. H. Coppock, adjuster of the Moro State Bank, has found business here a little more demanding than formerly and henceforth he will spend Thursday, Friday and Saturday in this county instead of the two days later in the week only. This arrangement will continue, at least, until the spring crop is seeded and the ordinary spring work is under way.

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WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAR 1.

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
FEB. 23	46	32	.15
" 24	40	30	.00
" 25	55	32	.00
" 26	59	30	.00
" 27	46	28	.00
" 28	51	31	.12
MAR. 1	50	28	.04
Total for week			.31

New Legislation Effects Sherman County

Several bills have been passed by the legislature that effect Sherman county. Probably the one with most interest that has passed both the house and the senate will change the salaries of the county officers for the years 1933 and 1934. This bill was introduced by Representative Snell and Turner and Senator Yates.

It provides that the sheriff, assessor, clerk and superintendent shall receive \$1500 per year, the judge \$450 and the treasurer \$600. This is according to the recommendations made at the mortgage adjustment meeting in February. Under this law the county will pay \$200 more for county salaries than formerly for the remainder of the biennium.

The bill allowing the payment of county, school and municipal taxes by warrants on those taxing units has passed both houses and is ready for the signature of the governor. This law will undoubtedly make it easier for teachers and others to get rid of their warrants although what effect it will have when the same warrants are paid back to the districts by the county is still problematical.

Light Feeding Of Hogs Before Shipment Good

LAGRANDE—Light feeding of hogs before shipment and other precautions taken by the Blue Mountain Livestock association has resulted in reducing the shrinkage in shipment from 1 per cent in 1931 to .52 per cent in 1932, reports County Agent Avery, secretary of the group. During the year the association shipped 19 cars of hogs, three cars of cattle and 15 cars of sheep.

Walter Ruggles Moving Into New Location

Walter Ruggles is moving his confectionery equipment into the building formerly occupied by the Conlee grocery this week. The shelving is being moved and the place changed to conform to the needs of the new occupant.

As soon as the work is all done, the temporary quarters in the old post office building will be abandoned and business will settle down to normal again without the difficulties of moving.

The American Legion will meet next Wednesday at their hall. This is a regular meeting night.

How Father Lived and Danced And What the Papers Said

From the Observer March 1, 1894. Mrs. Nettie King died of tuberculosis at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams here, February 24.

The Republicans announced a meeting for March 2 for the purpose of organizing a Republican club and listening spellbinders for the party.

The Kent literary society was debating the question, "Resolved, that old bachelors are a detriment and should be taxed." The negative won, however, and we still have the class in question.

C. E. Jones made final proof on his homestead even if he did have to be identified because of a luxuriant growth of whiskers.

From the Observer March 4, 1904.

Roy P. Hulse has purchased the Portland Cash Store and intends to carry on the business on the same lines as under former management.

F. R. Messenger arrived in Moro from Hillsboro this week to make Sherman county his home once more. Mr. Messenger left about a year ago after selling his farm property here.

HOPE FOR WHEAT STILL SURVIVES IN SOME MINDS

Several Farmers Believe Some Fields Will Not Need Reseeding

SPRING DAYS WILL DETERMINE

Smaller Stands Will Be Allowed To Remain Than Usual

While many farmers have definitely decided that their wheat is entirely dead, and these are in the majority, there is quite a number who believe that enough of their fall sown turkey red is alive to make a fair crop. This week several men who have had a life time experience in Sherman county wheat fields have expressed an opinion that they would have some land that they would not have to reseed.

These men admit that the warmer days of spring may blast their hopes, that the wheat may gradually die as the ground dries out, but they point to the fact that in 1925 every one knew positively that the wheat was dead by February 1. This year, although it was March 1, there is still quite a bit of wheat that shows signs of life, according to some of the observers.

There is nothing that can be done about it but wait until the effect of the said spring days has been felt. Nevertheless, "Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished," and even if only a third of the wheat sown last fall is able to survive it will be a great help to the county as a whole and the individual farmers particularly.

There is a general belief that the February freeze did not damage the wheat to any material extent.

For the past week the weather has been favorable to wheat with the exception of the slight freezing at nights. This is all that keeps the top of the ground from drying so as to permit working in the fields.

In case some of the Turkey Red wheat does survive it is almost certain to be spotted. This will create a demand for Marquis wheat to mix with the Turkey as this mixture will cause less dockage than would a mixture of red wheat and Federation. Dockages for mixtures have been greatly reduced, however, and will not be so big a factor as in the past.