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SHERMAN COUNTY SCRIP HALTED BY EMERGENCY

Upon Basis of State Depends Issue of Local Money

PLANS PROGRESSING ANYWAY

Wheat Motif Will Be Used For Scrip of County

The plan for the issuance of scrip in this county is being held in abeyance until further developments by the national and state governments clear up the situation.

It is felt by a majority of the committee in charge of the scrip issue here that if scrip is based on bank clearings it will not be of material help to this county due to the absence of banks or clearing houses within the county. If the national or state scrip is based on real goods such as wheat, lumber and canned goods as it was in 1907 for if it is based on delinquent taxes, this county's assets would be represented therein and it would be unnecessary to issue scrip here.

If as it now appears, a new currency issue will be substituted for scrip—it is probable that the county committee would go ahead with their plans. Sherman county scrip was designed to release a portion of the money tied up in school warrants and a larger amount of currency would not aid that objective until prices for farm products had made it possible for farmers to pay their taxes. In any case a rising price level would not materially aid this county until next fall.

A design for the Sherman county wheat scrip has been tentatively approved. It will feature wheat and, in fact, will resemble a sack of wheat as much as possible.

Progress is being made and it is expected that scrip will be available the last of next week unless too much time is lost by waiting for other forms of money or the project is abandoned altogether.

Coppock Here Thursday And Friday

Hereafter R. H. Coppock will have to transact his Moro State business on Thursday and Friday and those wishing to see him on his weekly trips here will find him here on those days each week.

Uncle Emmett Awakes From Winter Lethargy To Survey Political Scene

"There's sure a pile of news happenin' in this well known vale of 'em," remarked Uncle Emmett while glancing over the headlines.

"Yea, things is plenty excitin'," answered Wabash who usually took his news second hand.

"We got a new president along with a flock of bally-ho about confident faces and bally meins from the radio guys; we got rid of a lot of banks and reduced the size of a lot of big men and Mayor Cermak from what is known as the shoo-izst city in the country, got killed away from home after being in Chicago for thirty years," said the sage.

"And then, we are doing without money for a few days 'til we can get scrip. That's a good idee. If we dropped from cash money to scrip we would think it was tough, but you see, we do without either for a week and even scrip will look good to us. We didn't go off the gold basis, our money is still based on gold. All the hard money guys can pat their chests about that. We just went off the money basis. Money is

Mrs. Emma Elliott Buried Here Wednesday

Mrs. Emma Elliott, wife of the late Joshua Elliott who died in 1926, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Adlard, Tuesday morning. Mrs. Elliott, the eldest of the well known Thompson family of this county was born in Iowa, March 25, 1854. On November 19, 1873, she was married to Mr. Elliott in Tama county of her native state and in 1875 moved to Oregon settling first in Benton county. In 1885 they moved to Sherman county and Mrs. Elliott has made her home here every since.

Surviving children of the deceased are: Mrs. George McJoy, Corvallis, Ore.; Elliott, Ridgefield, Wash.; Mrs. Maek Bull, Moro; Milo Elliott, Sheridan; Mrs. Ernest Everett, Holton; Mrs. Charles Adlard, Moro; fifteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Mrs. Elliott has been a member of the Evangelical church for a number of years.

The funeral was held in the Presbyterian church in Moro Wednesday afternoon with the Rev. A. A. McRae officiating. Mrs. Martha Cope sang with Mrs. Martin Melzer at the piano. At the graveside Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton sang a duet. Zell's Funeral Home of The Dalles was in charge.

Mrs. Elliott was the eldest of a family of ten children nearly all of whom she known here. They are: Ned Thompson, Pasadena, Cal.; Ezra Thompson, Corvallis; J. Owen Thompson, Camo Sherman; J. O. Thompson, Tygh Valley; and N. W. and A. C. Thompson of Moro; Mrs. A. Nish, The Dalles; Mrs. Leslie, Pasadena, Cal.; and Mrs. Chas. Bullard, Moro.

Wheat Condition Less Favorable This Week

The high hopes of last week for the winter sown wheat have lost some of their fervor since that time. Wheat that appeared healthy and strong when the sun first shown upon it has faded and withered until now it looks as if it might succumb.

It is probable that much of the wheat, even if still alive, may be weakened by the freezing so that it may never make a good growth or produce a satisfactory crop, according to information given out by Mr. Stephens of the experimental farm.

In all probability many of the farmers will sow the acres that look worst and then continue with seeding if the apparently live wheat does not measure up to expectations at that time. This may result in some rather late spring seeding.

Webfoot grange is coming to Harlandview grange Friday night with a chain program of interest to all grangers.

RIVER MEN PROPOSE CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS

Marshall Dana Has Belief In Pledge of Roosevelt

PORTLAND NEEDS RIVER WORK

Speakers Advise Immediate Steps To Procure Funds

In an inspirational address, Marshall N. Dana, associate editor of the Oregon Journal, told members of the Columbia River Association Monday that they must immediately begin work to interest the new administration in the development of the Columbia.

He reminded his hearers of the pledge given by President Roosevelt when visiting here that the canalization of the Columbia should be the next large development undertaken by the federal government. Mr. Dana expressed confidence that this pledge would be kept.

As chairman of the Umatilla rapids organization, the speaker said that he was not particular what point on the river was the site for the first dam as long as some activity was started within a short time. He gave it as his opinion that Portland could not continue to grow as it should unless the Columbia river was developed for power and transportation and the Willamette valley was developed by irrigation.

The meeting was in charge of Dr. Clark Black, serving as president because his successor failed to qualify for the office. As president he presented his report for the year giving in detail the work carried on and the conclusion reached by the members of the association after a year of study and research into the possibilities of use for the river.

H. H. Richards, representing the Farm Rate Council, spoke in the morning session presenting the attitude of that group toward transportation by water in comparison to the present rail service.

Arthur M. Geary, attorney for the Farm Rate Council and for other organizations of farmers, was the first speaker after luncheon. From a fund of information gathered through years of representig his clients before congress and federal and state commerce commissions he presented facts about freight rates and the bearing river transportation might have upon the existing schedules. As an example he pointed to the pear industry. Pears are worth more in barter value in New York than in 1926, he said, but the freight rates are so high that the grower cannot ship and the buyer cannot purchase the fruit.

He stated that the railroads made money until 1931, but had invested their returns in bonds instead of retiring their own certificates. With the drop in bond prices they were hurt more by the market than by loss of revenue. The profits of subsidiary companies were held as an example of one means of making money by railroads other than by transportation in its usual sense.

A talk on the work of the federal engineers was given by Major O. Koentz who reported on the costs of canalization of the Willamette river and gave some of the necessities of successful boat service on the Columbia from an engineering standpoint. If funds for maintenance could be gotten from congress—a plan that is underway—work toward removal of dangerous rocks and shoals could be done that would facilitate use of the upper river.

To Captain Homer T. Shaver of the towing company of that name was given the task of prophesying what use would be made of the river in 1933. This the captain refused to

Woman's Club Meets With Mrs. A. M. Wright

Twenty-nine members of the Moro Woman's Club, with five guests, met at the home of Mrs. A. M. Wright on March 3rd, for an enjoyable program. The subjects of study for the afternoon were Historical Statuary and Oregon Markers and Monuments, and the story of Ezra Meeker. Mrs. M. E. McKee, the director, began her program by reading a selection from the Reader's Digest.

In the absence of Mrs. Osborn, Mrs. Cope read a splendid paper on Historical statuary, Oregon Markers and Monuments. Following this, Mrs. Eugene Amidon gave an especially interesting biographical sketch of the life of Ezra Meeker. Mildred Adams pleased the club with a piano solo. Lois Melzer read a poem and Mrs. Lucy Ruggles read one of A. M. Zevely's poems, "Up on the Old John Day."

After the Club sang several songs, the President, Mrs. Strong, announced that the next meeting would be Guest Day and urged each member to bring a guest. This meeting will be held in the basement of the Presbyterian church. The camp fire girls under the direction of Signa Woods, their Guardian, will serve tea. A small fee of ten cents per person will be charged for the refreshments, the fund going to the camp fire girls. There will also be a display of old relics in the possession of Club members.

George De Moss Funeral Here Next Thursday

It was announced Thursday that the funeral of George DeMoss, pioneer citizen and musician, who died in California last month, will be held in Moro, Thursday, March 16, at the Methodist church. Rev. S. L. Boyce, of the Baptist church of Grass Valley will preach the sermon. Members of the DeMoss family are at present on their road to California to bring back the body of the deceased and they are expected to arrive early next week. They returned to Sherman county this week from Eugene.

Conlee's New Store Opening Set For Saturday

L. R. Conlee has announced the formal opening of his new store for next Saturday, March 11. This week a new porch was added to the building to shade the window which will be used for vegetable display.

The store is designed according to modern ideas of food store management and is convenient for both customers and clerks. The interior of the Odd-Fellows building has been rearranged to suit the needs of the new tenant and makes a pleasing appearance.

Entertainment will be provided for visitors Saturday and everyone in the county has been invited to call and inspect the new store.

A. Perrault and wife, of The Dalles, spent an hour or so in Moro Wednesday on business.

do, saying that what progress was made in river transportation was up to the farm shippers. He assured his audience that there was plenty of equipment, either his or in the hands of others, to haul the wheat of the district. He doubted the practicability of sending boats above Celilo at present. He believed that boat companies should not be expected to provide loading facilities, but that districts should be formed for that purpose.

W. D. B. Dodson, manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce spoke on the needs of the northwest for development and pictured the state with power and transportation in full use.

Those attending The Dalles meeting from Sherman county were J. B. Adams, W. F. Jackson, W. H. Ragdale, L. R. French and G. L. French.

AUDIT REVEALS LITTLE OF MAJOR INTEREST

Banks Have Large Part of County's Money

SINKING FUND OVER \$80,000

Recommendation Made That All Road Warrants Go Through Clerk's Office

The county audit, based on the findings of Auditor Charles Logan, has been filed at the court house. It has not been accepted by the county court as yet, because the judge and commissioners usually peruse their copy for a few weeks before putting their seal of approval thereon. But one copy reposes in the clerk's vaults where it may be examined by citizens at their request.

No very stirring information is in the document this year although, like all other volumes of its kind it is full of figures and facts. A perfunctory examination of the book discloses the fact that the county is still very much interested in the successful liquidation of banks in this county and others. The county has a total of \$51,203.02 tied up in defunct banking institutions divided as follows: Moro State Bank, \$33,681.55; Bank of commerce, \$14,369.31; First National, The Dalles, \$3,152.16. The funds in the latter bank are secured by ample collateral. The amount of money in the Moro State Bank was reduced this year by a payment of \$130 on a school warrant held as security.

In banks that were still operating at the first of the year the county had \$19,905.39, but that was two months ago.

The auditor recommended that the road claims of the county be handled in the regular manner of county claims which is through the clerk's office. This method, if followed by the court, would change the present system of road fund accounting and place the burden of bookkeeping on the shoulders of the clerk instead of the road master.

The sinking fund for the payment of county road bonds totals \$82,660.24 of which \$28,914.94 is in cash or tied up in banks and \$53,745.30 is loaned to farmers within the county. The county has bought \$15,000 of its own bonds making a net balance due of \$202,339.76. The auditor has figured out the probable interest until the due date and it is \$99,750.00.

Last year the school districts of the county received \$32,446.65 in taxes. This is a small percentage of the sums budgeted for schools and therefore school warrants are being written against delinquent taxes.

Moonshine Leads Man Into Trouble

Albert E. Woods, Portland, was arrested on the highway near Rufus last Thursday and brought to Moro by State Police Sergeant Grimm. Woods was reported to have been under the influence of liquor at the time of his arrest. He had been working on the road crew and had started for Portland, when a fellow worker had offered him a drink of moonshine, according to his story.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAR 8.

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
MAR. 2	48	29	.00
" 3	52	32	.13
" 4	42	27	.00
" 5	48	30	.00
" 6	50	35	.04
" 7	52	32	.00
" 8	44	28	.00
Total for week			.17

Bride And Groom Home From Germany

Bill Buether is home again. Last fall tired of waiting for a reluctant government to clear the way for the entrance of his betrothed to this land, he took passage to Germany to marry the lady there.

The marriage was celebrated shortly after Bill's arrival at his home town and the couple came home last week in time for spring work on the wheat fields of Sherman county. Bill is a veteran of the German army; Kate Reape Buether, a girl of lower Germany below Hamburg. Now they are both residents of Sherman county together after four years of waiting. Congratulations and good luck.

Reductions Necessary Before Loans Given

Reduction of 30 per cent in the acreage planted to cash crops will be required this year of farmers who procure crop production loans, the Secretary of Agriculture announced today in making public the regulations governing the 1933 loans.

In making available for crop production loans this year \$90,000,000 of Reconstruction Finance Corporation funds, Congress specified that the Secretary of Agriculture might require, as a condition of any loan, "that the borrower agree to reduce his acreage or production program on such a basis, not to exceed 30 per cent, as may be determined by the Secretary." The Secretary's regulations, however, stipulate that acreage reduction will not be required of farmers who, in 1933, plant no more than 40 acres of wheat; 20 acres of corn; 2 1/2 acres of truck crops; 12 acres of sugar beets; 8 acres of potatoes.

Farmers seeking crop production loans this year are advised to obtain application blanks and copies of the regulations in their home counties, rather than from Washington. Representatives in each farming county will assist farmers in filling out applications without charge.

Accompanying the required 30 per cent reduction in acreage planted to cash crops, above the established minimum, the 1933 regulations limit the amount available to any farmer to \$300. In 1932, crop production loans were made to 507,632 farmers, averaging \$126 each. No loan in excess of \$100 will be made to any applicant who is in arrears on as many as two previous loans made by the Secretary of Agriculture. As last year, interest is fixed at 5 1/2 per cent, to be reduced when the advance is made. All notes are due October

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PRICE EFFECTS CHOICE OF WHEATS SOWN

Quality of Greater Importance When Price Is Low

EARLY SEEDING IS ADVISED

Smart Can Be Prevented To A Larger Degree This Year

Probably the variety of wheat to be sown this spring on lands where the wheat has been frozen out has already been decided by the farmers in control and it appears likely that Federation will be much the most highly favored wheat throughout Sherman county.

However, D. E. Stephens of the experimental farm, urges that where it is necessary to buy seed or where Baart seed can be procured without too much expense some of this variety of spring wheat be sown. He explains that while the price is low the difference between high test wheat that brings a high price and cheaper wheat is proportionately much greater than in normal times.

For instance, twenty bushels of high test wheat at say 35 cents is \$7.00 while 23 bushels of lower test wheat at 30 cents is only \$6.90. Five cents is not too much difference to expect between two varieties of wheat and the low price gives the better wheat a large advantage. Baart is usually a premium wheat. While Federation is a larger yielder than Baart it does not carry so high a price.

The best procedure of reseeded depends somewhat on the conditions of the ground to be reseeded. If it is solid and packed it may be necessary to dig it up with a spring tooth or even a disc, or if considerable quantities of winter wheat remain it may be necessary to kill it with the same tools.

Otherwise drilling and harrowing are sufficient cultivation in a majority of the fields, according to experiments conducted at the local station. Grain should be planted about two inches deep as wheat sown shallower than that is likely to become too dry before it has developed a strong root system. Early seeding has shown better results than late seeding of spring wheat. The earlier the better is the ordinary rule although some farmers disagree with this.

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News of the Days of Cleveland, Roosevelt I, and Wilson

From the Observer March 13, 1914

Sam Brisbine has sold his entire interest in the Moro Hardware and Implement Co. to N. W. Thompson making the Thompson family sole owners of the firm.

T. E. Hulery of the Moro Garage has established an auto livery service that is at the call of the public at any time to go anywhere.

Miss Greta Moore has accepted a position as head trimmer for Mrs. Fagan in the millinery parlors.

A. Rose has a pen of Anconas from which he gets as many eggs as he has hens lacking one.

From the Observer March 11, 1903

The E. O. L. Co. is introducing a seed wheat into Sherman county. It is Red Chaff.

W. E. McCoy discovered a live tarantula in a bunch of bananas Saturday. When disturbed it showed its poisonous venom too plain for comfort. Dave Biggerstaff has it preserved in alcohol in the Mazeppa as a fearful warning to people that eat bananas.

The worst mud holes in the county

are on the street intersections leading to the hotel and the church.

The leading article in the Pacific Monthly is concerned with water power in the northwest and is splendidly illustrated.

From the Observer March 8, 1893

The populists in this precinct held their primary last Saturday in the school house, W. J. Peddicord in the chair. County delegates named were W. J. Peddicord, J. W. Messenger, Will Powell, J. B. Florer and A. C. Huff.

Henry Schadewitz returned from the river last Friday with a load of supplies for the ranches of Schadewitz Bros. in the Kent neighborhood. They expect to commence lambing about the 20th.

At Kent the debate on the question "Resolved that the signs of the times indicate the fall of the republic" was decided in favor of the affirmative.

Lloyd Smith is acting as deputy sheriff for Sheriff Leslie this week. Walter Douglas made final proof on his homestead before county clerk S. S. Hayes last Tuesday. T. M. Anderson and F. M. Hampson were witnesses.