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MIXTURES CERTAIN IN THIS YEAR'S CROP

Some Winter Wheat Remains in All Fields

MIXTURE DISCOUNTS LOWER

Mixture Of One-Half In 60 lb. Wheat Cost 2 1-2 Cents

Any way you care to look at it this reseeded this year is a peculiar proposition. A great majority of the farmers are reseeding all their summer fallow, others are leaving temporarily at least, a part of their ground in the hopes that the winter wheat on it will come to active life and make stand enough to be worth leaving permanently. One or two in the county are going to let it go having decided that the cost of reseeded is too great for the expected returns.

There is hardly a field that does not have a lot of winter wheat remaining on it. As the seeding is being done there is certain to be nearly every percentage of mixtures in this crop. Some spots will produce more winter wheat than spring while in other places winter wheat will not bother at all. This mixture will be noticeable because nearly everyone is seeding Federation, a soft white wheat into their Turkey Red, a hard red wheat. A handful of it will look like a piece of dotted swiss and some very odd color effects are sure to be obtained.

It may not be so bad as it appears on first thought for since the discounts for wheat have been changed through the activities of the farmers organizations, wheat that tests 60 pounds can carry a mixture of from 35 to 50 percent and yet be docked only 2 and a half cents. That is not so bad unless that 2 and a half cents are eight or ten percent of the total price as it would be now.

There may be one difficulty unless the remaining Turkey Red does better than it normally can be expected to do. That is the problem of seed for next year. No one will want to seed the mixed wheat and the expense of shipping in seed wheat will be a considerable sum.

It is growing rather late for spring seeding and while everyone, or nearly everyone, is seeding, some of the crop is going to be late to make a good crop unless conditions such as prevailed in 1916 come again.

Postmasters To Get Smaller Salaries

If and when the new regulations regarding federal salaries go into effect it is presumed that the postmasters of this county will receive a smaller salary than at present. The cut will be 15 percent which will reduce George B. Bourhill, postmaster at Moro from \$1800 to \$1530. The salary of W. E. Tate, at Wasco, will be reduced from \$1600 to \$1360 and the salary of I. D. Pike at Grass Valley will drop from the munificent sum of \$1100 to \$935.

L. V. Walton Honored On 60th Birthday

Friends of L. V. Walton gathered at the Walton home east of Kent last Sunday to congratulate him upon his sixtieth birthday. Seventy six people called at the farm home during the afternoon. The men enjoyed the sun shine while playing baseball and the women visited over the tea cups where Mrs. W. W. Knighten, Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and Mrs. L. J. Davis officiated.

Those who came from distant points were Mr. and Mrs. George O'Barr Mrs. Coffey, Jacob Obrist, Mrs. John Schassen and daughters, Lillian and Hilda, from The Dalles; Mrs. V. B. Eakin and three children, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Alley, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shepard of Grass Valley; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wall of Wasco; and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Vintin and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Johnson and daughter, of Moro.

Last Words Said

Over George DeMoss

The final page of the chronicle of George DeMoss was written last Thursday afternoon when that pioneer musician was laid to rest in the private cemetery on the DeMoss land north of town.

Born May 18, 1866 at Cove, Oregon, he began traveling as a musician at the age of five and within the next sixty years he covered two continents playing many instruments before thousands of people. He married Miss Aurelia Davis at Omaha, Neb., who bore him one son, Elbert T., an accomplished violinist. They also acted as parents to a nephew, Homer DeMoss, a son of Henry, George's brother.

Musical numbers played at the funeral were all compositions of the DeMoss family. Mr. and Mrs. Harry

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A. M. Wright and Wife Receive Congratulations

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wright filled the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Belshee Wednesday evening to wish the best of good luck and congratulations to them on their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Short talks were made by several persons out of their appreciation of the value the Wrights have been to the community during their forty eight years residence. J. B. Adams, on behalf of the community, presented the couple with a reading lamp and other gifts were received from friends outside of the community. Mrs. W. C. Bryant paid a tribute to the cheerfulness with which they have met the struggles of life and D. H. Leach, a brother-in-law and minister, spoke lovingly of the worth while characteristics of the early day settlers of Sherman county.

At noon, Wednesday, a dinner party of 27 were seated around the table with the fifty year married couple as honor guests. The other guests were picked from the few remaining pioneers of the Rutledge community of the eighties. When first coming to the county Mr. Wright and his father took up land now owned by the Martin family east of Rutledge. Around them were the Paynes, the Eakins, the Ruggles, the Goetjens, the Searcys, the Callanans, the Thompsons, the Rutledges who kept the post office where E. M. Alley now lives.

Seated at the table were: Messadams and Messrs. A. M. Wright, C. R. Belshee, H. B. Belshee, D. H. Leach, E. B. Penland, R. J. Ginn, A. Martin, W. J. Martin, T. B. Searcy and Mrs. Lucy Ruggles, Mrs. J. H. Fraser, Mrs. Clifford Fraser, Mrs. Cope, Mrs. Lyle, Mrs. J. F. Belshee, Henry Ruggles, J. E. Coleman and Walter Rutledge.

The Wrights have two daughters, Mrs. Howard B. Belshee and Mrs. C. R. Belshee, one grand daughter, Mrs. A. Martin and a great grand daughter.

During the forty eight years spent in the community Mr. Wright has served in many offices in service to his neighbors: school director, city councilman for years, county commissioner and for two terms a representative in the Oregon legislature.

Dr. Morgan Reports

Moro Nature Note

When reading one of Frances Tilling's interesting articles in The Oregonian some time ago about the habits of birds in using string, thread hair, etc., I was reminded of a tragedy that occurred in wild life at Moro, Or., when I lived there about two years ago.

A pair of robins were building their nest in a tall locust tree in my neighbor's yard. The nest was placed about 20 feet from the ground in the crotch of the tree and was probably about two-thirds completed. As I passed by one day I stopped to see how the work on their bungalow was progressing and was greatly surprised and dismayed to see the male bird hanging by a string from the nest—dead!

He had carried a long piece of cotton twine to the tree, had woven it carefully in among the twigs and sticks of the nest and then in some way had entangled the loose end of the string about one of his wings and was held captive and helpless until dead. He was hanging about 12 inches below the nest.

I have always regretted that I did not get photographs of this strange tragedy. However, I called the attention of the incident to the editor of the paper in Moro and to several others who can vouch for the truthfulness of it.

Dr. J. R. Morgan, 946 East Burnside st., Portland, Or.

Deputy Grand Master Wall made his official visit to Antelope Friday night. He was accompanied by Messrs. Yates, Smith, Armsworthy, and Scott.

NEW TAX LAW MADE FOR DELINQUENCIES

Ten Installments Made For Taxes of 1930 and Before

PAYMENTS MUST BE FORCED

Personal Property Taxes Given Shorter Time

There is a law, or there will be June 9, that changes the collection of delinquent taxes. It provides that on July 1, 1933, all taxes on the 1930 roll and prior rolls shall be added together and be collected as a whole. They may be paid in ten equal installments with one installment due each six months. Interest at two-thirds of one percent per month will be charged and on all delinquent installments there will be an added penalty of 2 percent.

Important sections of the law read: Sec. 3. Whenever three installments of such delinquent taxes charged against any tract or parcel of real property, including personal property taxes charged thereon shall be past due, the tax collector forthwith shall issue to the county a certificate or certificates of delinquency covering all such delinquent taxes charged against such tract or parcel, together with penalty and accrued interest, as provided in this act. Certificates of delinquency so issued shall be in the same form and substance, shall have the same force and effect and similar proceedings shall be taken thereon, as otherwise provided by law with respect to certificates of delinquency issued to counties. The law leaves embraced in any such certificate of delinquency, issued under the provisions of this act, shall immediately be foreclosed by and in the name of the county.

Sec. 4. Whenever one installment of such delinquent taxes on personal property shall be past due, the tax collector shall proceed forthwith to collect the full amount of such delinquent taxes with penalties and interest and, in so doing, shall report to and employ any or all of the remedies and processes of law for the collection of delinquent taxes on personal property.

Note that there are two sections quoted and that they consider two different classifications of taxes. The first affects taxes on real property and the personal property assessed therewith. For instance if a man owns his land and his outfit is assessed with the land his taxes come under the first classification. If a man pays personal taxes separate from his real property taxes he comes under the second classification.

This means that if a man has taxes against real property he may be behind two payments, but not three, in his ten percent payments. If he has personal property he must pay each six months or the sheriff is compelled by law to immediately seize enough of his personal effects to satisfy the tax bill.

According to a letter received from the tax commission the sheriff may receive payments on delinquent taxes under this act and give credit for same when the bill becomes law which will be June 9. A sheriff's receipt will probably be given.

This removes the possibility of the county court ordering tax foreclosures on large bodies of land on which taxes are delinquent and at the same time makes the collection of taxes reasonably safe at some time in the next five years. This county has not been foreclosing on taxes, but many other counties have done so regularly. The amount of taxes affected by this ruling in this county is \$114,426, 73 of which a small amount is personal taxes.

Section Bosses In General Shake-Up

There has been a shifting about of section bosses in this territory. Some of the oldest men in point of service in the county have been temporarily thrown out of work because their section was combined with another. Grover Coffman, for thirteen years foreman at Shaniko, has moved to Rock Creek because his section was combined with Kent in charge of James Dellinger.

A. F. Balzer who has spent the better part of fifteen years tamping ties on the Grass Valley section is moving to Willows, east of Arlington, as his section has been consolidated with others.

Vivian Rust, formerly section boss at Klondike, is going to Quentin due to the closing of his job here.

Moro Club Members

Wear Old Costumes

The Guest Day program of the Moro Woman's Club was held in the high school auditorium on March 17. The program was in charge of Mrs. O. L. Belshe and featured St. Patrick Day. Club members brought many old relics and these were displayed about the room. These and decorations of green paper and shamrock, with baskets of yellow daffodils, formed a colorful and appropriate background for the old fashioned costumes worn by the director and her assistants. Mrs. Belshe opened her program by reading "Neighborly," one of Edgar Guest's poems. Retha Sayrs gave a reading "Old Doctor McGinn." The High School Girl Glee Club sang three numbers "The Star," "Philosophy," and "To Sing Awhile." Mrs. Charles Ruggles playing the accompaniment. The pupils of Miss Cothrans room sang "My Wild Irish Rose," followed by a "Tea Party" playlet by four little girls from the same room, Helen Morrison, Verajan Henrichs, Jessie Kenny and Audrey Baker. Miss Trounce was very pleasing in two piano solos, and Mrs. Foley gave a reading in her usual capable manner. Four high school girls, Leora Peetz, Marjorie Nahouse, Lavon Sayrs and Janet Stephens, dressed in colonial costumes, danced the minuet, accompanied on the piano by Mary Pinkerton.

At the conclusion of the program the Camp Fire girls served refreshments from a beautifully decorated table. Miss Helen Strong and Miss Louise Barzee poured.

Locksley Interviews

R. A. Stow

R. A. Stow, justice for the peace at Grass Valley, in Sherman county, was born at Gopher Valley, not far from Sheridan, Or., on September 25, 1866.

"My father was a sawmill man," said Mr. Stow. "He was killed while felling a tree in 1871 when I was 5 years old. A few years later my mother married Isaac Lambright. We boys worked in the saw mill. When I was 20 I was head sawer in a mill owned by my uncles, Robert Stow and Byron Brower. Later I worked in a mill in Sheridan. From there I went to Bellevue, five miles northwest of Sheridan. I built and ran a store there awhile. Later I ran a blacksmith and wagon shop. In 1902 I moved east of the mountains and took up a homestead near Sherar Bridge. I ran a blacksmith shop on

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WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAR 22.

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
MAR. 16	65	40	.08
" 17	49	30	.00
" 18	59	35	.00
" 19	62	35	.00
" 20	60	32	.02
" 21	45	28	.00
" 22	45	29	.00
Total for week			.10

County Roads Being Graded For Summer

Grading of county roads is in progress with the crew working on the canyon roads north of Wasco. The same outfit is being used as last year with Elwood McPherson driving the tractor, L. L. Peetz and Ralph Eaton handling the two graders and Marius Douma clearing the right of way of bothersome weeds and rocks.

It is not known how many miles of road will be graded this year as the funds are lower than usual, but as few roads are washed badly in the county grading may be less expensive than it commonly proves to be.

Rebekah Convention

Well Attended

The Annual Rebekah Convention for District No. 21 was held in Moro at the I. O. O. F. hall last Saturday afternoon and evening with Lupine No. 116 as hostess lodge.

Convention opened with roll call of officers, followed by the introduction of the Assembly President, Maud Rodgers and District Deputy President. Members from the other lodges who were very cordially welcomed by Margaret Peetz, who also presented a corsage to the president as a token from Lupine Lodge 116. Response to welcome address was given by Mrs. Fields of Wasco in a most pleasing way.

After hearing the reading of the minutes of the meeting last year a report was given by each of the five lodges in the District stating their progress and financial standing for the past year.

Draping the Charter by Marion Lodge 127 and exemplification of taking up the Password was well given, as was also the Balloting Collectively by Wheatland Lodge 183, Kent.

The Memorial Drill was impressively and splendidly given by White Rose 136 of Antelope.

During the afternoon two special numbers, a vocal solo by Vern McGowan of Grass Valley, and a vocal duet by Mrs. Rees and Mrs. Kimsy, from Antelope.

A very cordial invitation was extended to the lodges of the district to meet with Marion Lodge 127 at Wasco next year, and the following officers were elected to serve in the chair at that time. Mrs. Fields, chairman; Mrs. McCulloch, vice chairman; Mrs. Fern Wilde, secretary; a bountiful, delicious dinner was served by the Auxiliary at 6:30 p. m. The Toast Master being called away at the last minute, the chairman of the convention took charge and secured a reading from Mrs. Fields, a song by the Antelope sisters, and a vocal number by Marjorie and Genivieve Nahouse.

During the evening session Conference

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BEER DISCUSSION ON TAP AT COUNCIL ROOM

City Fathers To Determine Position Tuesday Night

OTHER TOWNS PUZZLED TOO

Ordinance Precludes Sale of Intoxicating Liquors

"Let's talk about beer" is the decision of the city officials. Therefore a meeting of the city council has been called for next Tuesday night, March 28, at 7:30 at the council rooms. Every city, town and, in fact, almost every individual is talking and thinking about the foamy drink and it behooves them, for next April 7, those who have a taste for the brew may legally indulge themselves and wet their noses again after years of presumed drought.

Moro first had a license law July 31, 1899. It was repealed and changed after six months. Both of these ordinances ban the sale of "spirited, vinous or malt liquors" which includes beer and for that matter near beer.

Then in May 1904 the city council passed a new ordinance outlawing the sale of intoxicating liquors which still stands. Therefore it is readily apparent that this ordinance will not effect the sale of the new beer, for that drink is not intoxicating by edict of the congress of the United States.

Some towns followed the lead of the federal government and passed laws making the sale of liquor having more than one half of one percent alcohol. But Moro did not take this step. If the sale of beer is to be controlled or if the city is to derive any license fees from the sale of it a new ordinance must be passed.

At Grass Valley the council discussed the matter at last council meeting the first of this week, but no definite conclusions were reached. An attempt will be made to make the regulations somewhat similar in all three of the towns. How effective this attempt will be is yet to be known. Wasco has no regulations against the sale of liquor, but it is possible that an ordinance will be passed to regulate the sale of beer, according to information given out this week.

Harold Sanford of the Farmers National Grain Corporation was a business visitor in Wasco Saturday. Mrs. Sanford accompanied him.

Read the ads in the Journal

What the County's Money Was Spent For During February

CLAIMS ALLOWED AT MARCH TERM OF COUNTY COURT	
Jess Steel, Special relief	\$20.00
Mrs. E. M. Clark, Special relief	10.00
Emil Anderson, care of W. J. Underhill, Special relief,	20.00
Mrs. S. E. Eakin, Special relief	10.00
Mrs. S. L. Coats, county charge	15.00
Wm. Shiel, county charge	30.00
Mrs. Peter Fleck, county charge	15.00
T. D. Hathaway, county charge	15.00
Pacific Power & Light Co. courthouse light bill	12.24
Pacific Telephone & Tel. Co. Total telephone bills	14.80
City of Moro, Courthouse water bill	2.85
Ginn, Coleman & Co., Courthouse supplies	1.50
Oregon State Board of Control, care of non-violent patients at E. O. State hospital	60.00
Fidelity & Deposit Co., Premium on Sup't's bond	20.00
Geo. G. Undergraff, Dist. Attorney's expenses	8.14
Hueh Chrisman, cash advanced for stamps	18.08
West Coast Printing & Binding Co., Total supplies for all offices	197.66
State Indus. Acc. Comm, contributions for Jan. and Feb.	22.11
P. D. Antrim, Sealer of Wts. and Measures	4.31
Geo. A. Potter, County Judge expenses	5.60
J. E. Norton, Special relief for Dave McKelvey	13.69
Farmers Elevator & Supply Co., coal for courthouse	69.16
Shell Oil Co., Advance for Field Assessor	50.00
Sherman County Journal, Tax abstracts \$10.00; Printing 19.55	29.55
Joseph A. Mee, Preparing Dist. No. 2, jury list	3.00
A. E. Ralph, witness fees for J. of P. case State vs. Kinsey	1.50
John H. Wilt & Co., Supplies for Bernard, special relief	4.96
Zeigler's Store, Supplies for Bernard—special relief	8.88
Wasco County Industrial farm Care Charles Patterson	40.00
Dr. Morse and Stone, care of Mrs. Agnes Curtis	14.00
Mid-Columbia Hospital, care of Mrs. Agnes Curtis	47.00
H. Zeigler's Store, supplies for	

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Thirty-nine Years Ago In the Midst of A Political Campaign

From the Observer March 27, 1914

The Moro Hardware and Implement Co., delivered a nice looking buggy to Mrs. Mary Bullard this week.

Dr. James Withycombe was in Moro last week in the interest of his candidacy for governor of the state. He made a favorable impression.

The Prohibition party met in Moro last week and voted to adjourn until June 12 to complete their business.

From the Observer March 25, 1904

Grass Valley in the new building will be led by Prof. Blough as principal. It is the best building for school in the county.

Sunday was the 54th anniversary of Thomas W. and Luzena Sink who were married March 20, 1849 in North Carolina.

J. W. Messenger and Son is a new firm that makes its bow to Sherman county this week. They have

bought out the remaining goods in the Wallis store and with plenty of new goods solicit a share of your patronage.

At the county court April 6, Kent will apply for incorporation papers. Bonafide citizens have a petition with 46 signatures to support their claim.

From the Observer March 22, 1894

Sheriff Leslie and Chas. Williams started for Salem Wednesday having in charge Bluford Douglass who was sentenced to a term of 18 months in the penitentiary.

Prizes won by pupils of the Grass Valley schools included: Lela Olds, drawing and needlework; Frank Olds, paper folding; Hollis Wilcox, paper cutting; Lewis Olds, wood carving.

Republicans held a rally in the Rutledge district with many of the early settlers listed as attending. J. V. O'Leary acted as chairman and Nat Wheat, secretary.