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## COMMERCIAL CLUB TO ENTERTAIN LEGISLATORS

Tuesday, April 25 - Date of Meeting With Solons

## INTERESTED PERSONS INVITED

Sales Tax Sponsors and Opponents May Explain Positions

Word has been received from Earl W. Snell, speaker of the house of representatives, that he would be able to attend the meeting of the Moro Commercial Club here next Tuesday evening April 25. Senator Yates, being a resident of Wasco, will be able to come unless something unforeseen happens. It is also probable that Representative Turner, of Heppner, will be here for the meeting which will make a complete list of legislators from this district present.

This meeting was planned by the Commercial Club to enable citizens of the county to hear first hand what was done by the legislature at Salem and to find out from the representatives and senators themselves the reasons back of the new laws made during the session just concluded.

Mr. Snell was kept in Salem for several weeks after the end of the legislative term to finish the work of his office and he has just returned to his home in Arlington. He was one of the sponsors of the sales tax and will no doubt be able to explain that proposed law to those attending.

Senator Yates was one of the senate committee that opposed the sales tax and was responsible for several amendments relieving farmers from paying on sales of livestock and farm products. While there will be no debate on the new measure considerable information should be forthcoming from the meeting.

Representative Turner, the newest member of the legislative group in point of service, was a member of the home agriculture committee.

The other general meetings of the Commercial Club this one will be the last of the series of the county. An effort will be made to have anyone interested in listening to the talks to attend the meeting which will be called at 7:30 p. m. at the hotel. Ladies are invited and will accompany their husbands if they desire.

## Brooder: Chickens Burn

Tuesday afternoon a brooder house caught fire and roasted 90 three week old chickens for L. H. Nabouse. How the fire was started is not known although the high wind might have had something to do with it. Not one chicken escaped and they were a little young to be roasted.

## Uncle Emmett Briefly Discusses New Policy of Inflation

Uncle Emmett unfolded his morning paper with his usual precision and calmness. He adjusted it to the proper distance, arms length from his eyes and surveyed the headlines. "So," he exclaimed, "The wolf eat up the sheep dog, eh? He's been tryin' to fer a month."

"I don't see nothin' about a dog fight," said Wabash looking over his own paper.

"You may be one of them that thinks the sheep dog eat up the wolf, Wabash for all I know. I'm referin' to this inflation business. It's a wonderful idea, son, to think that by inflatin' the dollar we can make prices rise and rise and keep on risin'. Prosperity is our'n just by cuttin' the value of our money. Say you got two four bit pieces. You just pretend they're dollars. Ain't that wonderful? They'll still buy four bits worth but,

## County Unit School Bill Vote Probable

Whether the county unit plan of school management is used in this county depends on the people. Section 24 of the bill changing the county unit law reads, in part, "The county court of any county at a general or special election in the county may or, upon the petition of not less than 100 legal voters of the proposed county school district, shall submit to the legal voters of such district the question whether this act shall become effective in said county." The court therefore, may call the election if they choose, on their own volition and they must call the election if 100 voters ask for it.

It is not probable that the court of Sherman county will insist on receiving a petition before declaring the election. A show of interest on the part of those interested in the schools would in all probability cause them to have the vote made at the July election.

It is possible that the voters of the county are better acquainted with the county unit law than formerly due to the information that has been published regarding it and some school men have expressed an opinion that this year may be an appropriate time to vote on the proposal. The granges have debated it, a resume of the law has been published in the Sherman County Journal and echoes from the legislative discussions have come to the ears of many. The county court may decide or those interested may demand an election.

## Drivers Must Pass Exams In Order To Drive

Here's a tip for the thrifty motorist.

Drivers licenses will sell for exactly twice the present price after June 9, the fee having been raised to one dollar under the new law which will become effective at that time. Those who get their licenses renewed before June 9 will not only save half the cost but will avoid the last minute rush which is certain to occur, reports Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state.

The new Oregon motor vehicle law provides that all drivers licenses issued prior to July 1, 1931, must expire on September 1, and every two years thereafter, beginning on June 30, 1935. This means that every operator carrying one of the old-type licenses must have it renewed before September and because there are some 400,000 drivers affected by the law, the department will be flooded with applications as the dead-line approaches.

"Persons desiring to renew their operators cards before June 9, should secure an examiners schedule and an Oregon Motorists Manual," advises Secretary Hoss. "These may be obtained from state police, county sheriffs, chiefs of police, news papers, or by writing to my office. No one should attempt to take the examination without first having carefully studied the information contained in the manual," Mr. Hoss adds.

## SALES TAX BILL MADE TO RELIEVE PROPERTY

Seven Exemptions Relieve Farmers and Stockmen

## PERSONAL PROPERTY UNTAXED

Counties To Receive Remaining Part of Tax After Millages Paid

Some place between the extravagant claims for the sales tax and the fearful statements made by the opponents to that tax must be a reasonable ground upon which the average citizen can stand and decide as to his or her individual vote on the subject. In an endeavor to find this ground and to give a fair and impartial resume of the provisions of the tax this article and others are written.

In the first place the sales tax was proposed because the finances of the state were in a bad way and because, after the state property tax was removed for one year, there were loud cries from property owners when its reimposition was sponsored. Some means of taxation that would make a state tax on property unnecessary was the need of the legislators interested in farmers and others who could not pay their taxes. Practically all of the wheat counties of eastern Oregon are nearly fifty percent delinquent in taxes and would be farther behind had it not been that the public utilities have paid their share of the taxes which brought up the total.

The Eastern Oregon Wheat League and other farmers organization went on record as favoring the sales tax in preference to the property tax. The state grange leaders have steadily opposed it.

The sales tax bill which will be voted on in July specifically states that the sales tax shall cease July 1, 1935, so this law can only last for a little less than two years. It was proposed and passed as a temporary measure. Arguments that once established, it will permanently remain, are based on supposition and not on any clause of the bill.

The bill proposes to tax all retail sales 2 percent with seven exceptions. These are "The amount of any retail sales of motor vehicle fuels upon which a sales tax has not heretofore been imposed by the state." Those who obtain gas returns from the state would have to pay a tax of 2 percent on the amount of gasoline used in tractors. The tax would amount to one barrel in fifty.

"Insurance premiums etc" "Employees rendering personal service for which compensation is received in the form of salaries and wages shall be exempt to that extent."

"Gross sales to the extent of \$50 per month." While a farmer does not have to pay a tax on money received for products sold to dealers for resale (see next item) he does have to pay a tax on products sold at retail like meat, eggs, seed etc., sold to users, if the sales total more than \$50 dollars per month.

"Farm products and livestock when sold by growers or producers to dealers for resale."

"Any gross income which may not be lawfully taxed by this act."

Gross income from sales to any branch of government. Each business man or other person liable to the tax must file a return to the state tax commission on or before the tenth of each month or penalty and interest will be levied against him. Right of appeal is given to any taxpayer aggrieved at the action of the commission.

Except on judicial order the amount of sales tax paid by any person or firm shall not be given out by the tax commission, a clause that

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## Pioneer Scout Dies of Heart Attack

Byron W. Anson, since 1887 a resident of Sherman county, died at his home in Moro Saturday night from an attack of heart trouble that had been bothering him for several weeks.

Mr. Anson, who always gave the date of his birth as January 1, 1850, was born in New York City. When a boy of tender years he ran away from home and drifted to Missouri where he lived with a bachelor uncle for several years. He began to work around the army camps when in his early teens and was a scout for the frontier army at one time. During his term in that capacity he was with General Custer on his eventful sally into the Sioux country that resulted in the death of his entire command with the exception of a few scouts who had been sent for reinforcements or with messages to other officers.

Byron Anson was one of these scouts, according to his biography, in the History of Central Oregon. In the seventies Mr. Anson went to San Francisco with Colonel Potter with a car load of horses and there left the government service to remain in California. In 1887 he married Miss Josephine Hilderbrand and came with other members of the family to Sherman county where he has since remained.

He once owned and developed the land where Mrs. Marie Cooper now lives and before the death of Mrs. Anson built the house now standing there. In the first years of this century Byron Anson was one of the influential citizens of the north end of the county. Financial reverses came after the death of his wife and several years ago Mr. Anson was working for the state highway department when an explosion permanently injured his eyes so that he was forced to retire from active labor. He received compensation from the state.

The funeral was held in Wasco Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 from the Methodist church and interment was made in the cemetery there beside his wife.

## State Club Leader Seymour Visits Here

H. C. Seymour, state club leader was in the county Tuesday forenoon to assist county superintendent Knighten in making plans for club work and display for the remainder of the year. As the state fair will begin on September 4 this year the local club fair will have to be held at least a week before that date. The date agreed upon is August 28.

The summer school course at Oregon State College will begin June 12 this year and some children from his county will surely attend as usual. On May 13 club leaders Helen Cowgill and L. J. Allen will visit Sherman county to aid local leaders in their work. A meeting will be arranged to be held in Moro on that day.

Last year there were 27 4-H clubs in the county with 243 members. This year the total clubs are 43 and there are 335 members which is as high a percentage of club workers as any county in the state on a percentage basis.

## Carburator Adjustment Very Important

Adjustment of carburators rather than selection of any particular brand of gasoline offers the chief hope of mileage economy for motorists, according to the scientific studies made at Oregon State College by W. B. Hanley, a graduate student in mechanical engineering now completing two years special research with motor fuels.

The engineering experiment station issued a bulletin about two years ago describing a practical method for adjusting carburators with testing accuracy by means of scientific exhaust gases. This has attracted so much national attention that the issue of bulletins is practically exhausted

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## SOIL MOISTURE BELOW NORMAL THIS SPRING

Rainfall 1.13 Inches Short Since First of September

## MOISTURE IN TOP THREE FEET

Good Rains Essential If Normal Crop Is To Be Harvested

It is probably true that a man's belief about the probability of harvesting a good crop depends on his breakfast. But the actual number of bushels of wheat shelled out at harvest time will bear a direct ratio to the amount of moisture put in the soil by the omnipotent rainmaker.

So far that worthy has slighted this county considerably since last September 1 when the crop year records begin. Since that date this county has received 7.55 inches of rainfall which is 1.13 inches short of the average. We didn't have a surplus in the ground, either, so our chances of reaping a big yield are not average at this time, although, as every old farmer knows the chances might change over night.

The good tillage plots on the station have an average of 12.3 per cent of moisture in them in the first six feet. The average is 13.1. That part is not so bad but the distribution of the moisture in the soil is not good this year. A large part of the water is in the upper two feet of soil where it can easily and quickly evaporate. The lower two feet are pretty dry. The poorly tilled plots have 10.5 percent moisture and the average is 11.0 percent.

This moisture is not all available to plants for wheat cannot take soil moisture down below five percent. That means that there is from five to seven percent moisture available for the wheat at this time. This is equivalent, on the good plots to approximately 6 inches of water. The average crop raised from an inch of water in the soil is 3 bushels. Therefore the crop can be estimated at 18 bushels on good, well tilled land if weather conditions are favorable.

This presumption is based on the present moisture in the ground and makes no prophesy as what will happen later. It may rain, and surely will. It may rain in just the right time, or it may deluge us in May and be hot in June. There is no need to speculate on what it may do, for every one knows it may do anything.

One advantage farmers have this year is that the distribution of moisture is favorable to the growth of spring grain. The ground has all been worked this spring which should preserve the moisture in the upper soil. Spring wheat uses the moisture in the top four feet and does not go down 6 feet as winter wheat does so a deficiency in the fifth and sixth feet is not so important with spring grain. Prospects may be anything in April and something entirely different in June, in fact, it doesn't make a lot of difference until June anyway for ample rainfall in that month can make up for a lot of troubles earlier in the year.

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## WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APR. 19

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
APR. 13	67	29	.00
" 14	65	33	.00
" 15	58	33	.00
" 16	54	30	.00
" 17	57	34	.00
" 18	52	30	.00
" 19	63	37	.00
Total for week			.00

## Wasco Council Votes To Rescind Action

In an exciting meeting that developed a few personal remarks the city council of Wasco revoked their action of two weeks ago regarding the prosecution of Earl Jones, former city treasurer.

Councilman Richetierfer asked for a reconsideration of the former vote and voting with the former opponents of the action caused a tie. The action was reconsidered. After a heated debate regarding the propriety of acting against the treasurer, the degree of responsibility of the old council members and the chances of receiving any money in case of a suit the council voted again on the question. The vote was again as two weeks ago with the exception of Richetierfer's vote which caused a tie vote. The mayor voted to lay the matter on the table indefinitely.

The final reading of the beer ordinance was made and it was passed so that now it is possible for the city to collect revenue from the dispensers of the beverage. Heretofore they have been selling on their federal license as the city had no regulation of the sale.

## American Legion Boys Plan Meeting Wednesday

The American Legion boys in this section are beginning to get nervous because of a noticeable lack of interest in their order. To combat this easy going attitude Commander Vernon Platt has called a meeting to be held next Wednesday evening at the Legion hall. All ex-service men are asked to come out and see what good stories may be retold about the days of '17, what good ideas may be proposed for the good of the order.

It is whispered that no one need be afraid to come because his dues are not paid. As are in the same boat in that regard. The meeting is not called for the purpose of collecting dues, but to arrange for something of interest that will be worth paying dues to get in on.

## A. M. Wright Has Auto Accident

A. M. Wright, accompanied by his wife and Mrs. Martha Cope drove to The Dalles for Easter morning services and later in the day went on toward Mosier. As they rounded the last turn they met a string of cars and the lead car driver mistaking Mr. Wright's position in the road turned to the wrong side.

A collision resulted when the cars hit together sideways. R. M. Nichols of Portland was the other driver. His daughter about twelve years old sustained a broken arm and there was general wreckage of running boards and fenders.

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## FIRST SCRIP ISSUED; ACCEPTED IN STORES

Three Hundred Dollars Worth Made Available

## MORO MERCHANTS PLEASD

Taxpayers Show Co-operation; Agree To Buy Warrants

Saturday, before the ink was entirely dry on the first issue of Sherman county scrip, some of it was used to purchase a school warrant and the era of local money was officially begun. Mrs. Nellie Killo, teacher of the Erskine school, was the first individual to possess the scrip.

The aim of the scrip association is to buy warrants from as many school districts as possible so that there will be on hand at the office warrants for anyone to use who desires to pay taxes. There is already evidence to show that the scrip is going to be received with favor by a majority of the people. Orders are on hand with M. E. McKee, secretary of the association, for warrants in several districts with which to pay taxes and those few persons who have received the scrip have been relieved of it with in a short time.

Information from other parts of the state is that the scrip will be spent more rapidly than money. Other towns are using the plan of giving ten dollars of scrip to each teacher per month which is also being tried here. New business has come to the merchants because of the scrip.

The local scrip is issued in denominations of 25 cents, 50 cents and one dollar. It is printed on a good grade of paper and bears a picture of a horse drawn combine. It has not been issued with the expectancy that it will appeal to souvenir hunters, but is for local use to help increase trade and liquidate warrants. Practically every business in Moro is co-operating in handling the scrip and while little of it has been taken to the other towns of the county it is likely that it will circulate there.

## Family Reunion Held

Last Sunday a sort of Sunday reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ginn when Richard Ginn, of Billings, Mont. was home and Elwood Ginn and family were here from The Dalles and Harold and Marjorie were also present.

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