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## CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD NEXT TUESDAY

### Postponed Meeting Of Last Week Scheduled Again

## REPRESENTATIVES ARE COMING

### All Interested Men and Women Asked To Attend

The meeting of the Moro Commercial Club which was postponed from Tuesday, April 25, to Tuesday May 2, will be held on that day. Arrangements have been made with the representatives and senator to be present next week instead of this one.

The postponement was necessary because the earlier date conflicted with the visit of the grand officers of the Masonic lodge to this city. It was feared that two events that drew attendance from the entire county the same night would result in smaller crowds for both. As the Commercial Club program was the only one that could possibly be postponed it was moved ahead one week.

Interest in the talks of the legislators is wide and many in the county want to hear about what went on during those hectic days in Salem and to understand the reasons back of the new legislation that has been passed and that is still to be passed on by the people at the special election in July. Because the session just passed has been one of the most interesting and eventful of any in recent history more voters want to know what was done and a large part of them want to know why it was done.

Speaker Snell with long experience in the house which he presided over, Senator Yates with experience in both houses and Representative Turner viewing the house as a new member should be able to present a comprehensive idea of the working of the entire legislative assembly to their listeners.

Ladies are invited to attend this meeting as it is felt that inasmuch as the women are allowed to vote they must be interested in legislative doing as well as men. The meeting will be called at 6:30 in the evening when the doors of the dining room will be opened.

## County Entertains Wasco Citizens With Justice Trial With Trimmin's

Sherman county put on a party for the entertainment of all comers Monday when it paid the expenses incident to the trial of the case, State of Oregon vs Marie Barnett Cooper for cruel and inhuman treatment of a sheep.

Mrs. Cooper might well be mentioned as hostess on the occasion for she furnished no small part of the entertainment by retaining Attorney Frank Dick to represent her in the case. Those acquainted with Mr. Dick will agree that as a court entertainer he always pleases.

To make a rather connected narrative out of the scattered testimony of the eighteen witnesses it appears that Mrs. Cooper, being possessed of two stacks of chaff, two stacks of hay, and three barnfull of hay last fall, decided to take a fall out of the depression by feeding and rearing a few sheep.

She made it through the winter with nominal losses, but when lambing time came this spring the troubles started. She hired some experienced men and bought the feed they requested, but this thing and that thing happened until some twenty percent of the sheep had journeyed on-out of this vale of tears into sheep heaven.

Finley Richardson, laundry wagon driver and officer of the Humane

## Juror's List For May Term Drawn

Here is a list of jurors drawn for the May term of court which will be held the third Monday in May or the fifteenth. It is very probable that these men will be excused from appearing as there are no cases to come before the circuit court.

Joseph F. Peters, W. C. Fuller, Clyde E. Crites, Truman Strong, Harvey Thompson, O. G. Sayers, W. A. Ruggles, Moro; John Addington, Bruce Millard, Rufus; L. D. Eakin, W. C. Todd, Eugene Vinton, D. L. Reynolds, Theodore von Borstel, Frank von Borstel, Grass Valley; C. H. Root, Albert Kaseberg, W. A. Medler, John McClure, E. H. Watkins, H. A. Van Gilder, L. R. Walsh, A. D. Richelderfer, W. D. Watkins, Wasco; J. R. Wilson, Amandus von Borstel, Kenneth Martin, Carl Schadewitz, Richard Abel, Kent; John T. Johnson, A. L. Gosson, Klondike.

## Legionnaires Start Membership Drive

The American Legion Post of Moro finally got together for a meeting after trying several times. Eleven ex-service men were present from Moro and Comrade Carey, of Hood River post visited.

A membership campaign was started with Comrades Briffine and Pickett as leaders and before the enthusiasm cooled down seven members were having cards made out. Enough interest was manifested to convince any observer that Legionnaires are going to continue as Legionnaires whether benefited by the government or not.

A social meeting with the auxiliary was planned for the next meeting night, May 10 when a general good time is scheduled.

## Farm Work Progressing Rapidly In County

Farm work has made good progress this spring in spite of a combination of circumstances that made speed difficult. Every one has finished seeding and several have already finished plowing. Among these are Howard Conlee, Truman Strong and Chas. Powell. When tractors are run night and day they turn over as high as seventy acres in a twenty four hour period and the biggest fields do not last long.

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## SALES TAX WOULD AID SHERMAN COUNTIANS

### Large Land Owners Would Benefit By Proposed Law

## SALES TAX WOULD BE SMALL

### Over \$20,000 Probable Saving Here Under Present Buying Conditions

The following is the second of a series of articles about the proposed sales tax to be voted on July 21.

There are several ways to look at the sales tax bill. One may view it from the manner it will affect his own personal affairs; we in Sherman county may look at it from the stand point of a county or one might look at it and judge it by the effect it will have on the state at large.

We leave to the individual the first judgment. Almost any taxpayer knows the percentage of his tax that is levied on the real and the percentage that is levied on the personal property. The personal property would not be taxed, and the real would have some reduction from the return of state money. This can be balanced against possible purchases.

For instance: While no accurate figures are available it is probable that the average real property assessment valuation for Sherman county farmers is approximately \$20,000. There is \$507,730 worth of personal property in the county, excluding public service corporations, and as a part of this in the towns it is unlikely that the average personal property tax is greater than \$1000.

Now, if the Sherman county farmer, through the sales tax saves his state millage taxes including the elementary school tax he will save 3.7-431 mills. For that is the exact state and elementary school levy for this year. On \$20,000 this amount is \$74.86. The average consolidated levy for the county is 17.93 mills. On \$1000 assessment for personal property the farmer would save \$17.93 which added to the \$74.86 makes a saving of \$92.79. Deduct from that the amount of his sales tax; figure 2 percent on \$1000 expenditures, or \$20, and there is a net saving to the farmer of \$72.79.

For those who pay nothing but personal taxes on average amounts the new law would make little difference in this county where millages are lower than the average.

The manner it will affect the county is one that requires some study. This year Sherman county is asked to pay \$41,719.74 to the state as its share of the state property tax and elementary school tax. This sum must be paid before any city, any school district or other municipal taxing district can receive a dime.

Sherman county has \$507,730.00 in personal property and \$7,641,070.00 in real property. Our personal property percentage is about 6 and a quarter which is comparatively low. The personal property tax would not be levied or collected under the sales tax. Those owning farming outfit or cattle, sheep or other personal property would escape taxation entirely.

Now on the debit side the county would lose the tax on all personal property in the county, that belonging to individuals and that belonging to public utilities. All would be taken off the tax rolls during the life of the sales tax. Our personal property tax being 6 and a quarter percent of total we would lose \$9000 from that provision not counting the personal tax of the public utilities which would not increase it much in this county.

The annual sales in this county that would come under the sales tax provisions would probably not exceed \$500,000 per year. This is allowing considerably less than \$1000 per year to the family, but nearly

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## Woman's Club Met With Mrs. T. S. Reese

The Moro Woman's Club met Friday April 21st, at the home of Mrs. T. S. Reese with 32 ladies present. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag and a patriotic "Quotation" by Theodore Roosevelt was read.

The members voted to give \$10 to the Moro Library, a balance due librarian for last year, when library funds were tied up in the bank. They also voted to give \$5.00 to the Scholarship Loan Fund and \$2.50 to The Children's Farm Home.

Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton, director had charge of the program of Oregon Arts and Music.

Mrs. H. S. Conlee told of Lewis Rosenberg and showed a number of his etchings.

Mrs. Elva Bryant reviewed the life of "Tige" Reynolds and showed many of his famous cartoons which are familiar to everyone.

The works of the Avarid Fairbanks, Leo Fairbanks and Mrs. Thomas Burke famous Oregon sculptors and painters were given by Mrs. A. Rose. Mrs. M. G. Melzer told about Dent Mowrey, pianist and composer and Mrs. Collis Moore told briefly of four other composers Lena Chambers, Daniel E. Wilson, Rowen Faith and Marion Calbreath.

This was followed by a short open discussion of other Oregon artists and musicians, among these were our local musical people, the De Moss family.

The Mother and Daughter Banquet will be held at 6:30 p. m. May 1st in the church basement and all members are requested to bring their unmarried daughter or some other person's daughter. Mrs. Stephens, director, has prepared an interesting program. The Annual and Garden Day meeting will be held May 5th at the home of the president, Mrs. E. T. Strong. Election of officers will be held at this time.

## Masons Hold Meeting In Moro Tuesday

Masons of this district and especially those from Sherman county feel elated over the meeting here Tuesday night which the officers of the grand lodge attended.

Walter C. Winslow, of Salem, grand master, was the principal speaker and he explained so simply the manifold duties of masonry that his hearers are still talking about it. Members of grand lodge in attendance were A. Laity, Rufus Cheney, George D. Brodie and Homer S. Wall. Twelve were present from Grass Valley lodge and an equal number from Wasco.

Dinner was served in the Presbyterian church at 6:30 after which the Masons adjourned to their hall for the program.

## Wasco Will Clean-up Town Next Week

Wasco has proclaimed Wednesday May 3 as cleanup day in that town and the necessary plans are being made to make the city shine by that time. The workers on that day are going to clean up the vacant lots and polish up the main street. Property owners are asked to clean up their own premises on or before that date.

At noon a community dinner will be served on the dance floor where music by the High School band will grace the occasion.

## Bruckert-McDonald Nuptials Celebrated

Richard Bruckert, well known farmer and Legionnaire has taken the vows of matrimony, having been married to Miss Florence McDonald last Monday in The Dalles. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neal McDonald of the Monkland district. They will make their home on the Bruckert ranch.

## RULES FOR FORESTRY WORKERS STRINGENT

### Six Sherman County Lads Will Fill Quota

## ARMY TO PROVIDE RECREATION

### Heavy Equipment Will Be Part of Each Camp

Regulations controlling the new forestry policy of the federal government were explained to the relief committee of Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Wheeler counties last Friday when they met at Arlington at the invitation of Ivan White, director of the state committee and J. C. O'Neil, forester of Bend.

The quota for Sherman county is six. The men chosen for this work must be between the ages of 19 and 25 and must be registered with the county committee as needy and strictly dependent on government aid for living. All men selected will be required to send \$25 home to parents each month. It is estimated that the workers will be responsible for three dependents and as there will be 250,000 men employed at forestry work in the United States the work will relieve a million persons from daily worry about food.

The wages paid will be \$1-per day. Clothes, board and essentials will be supplied by the government. A preliminary examination will be given by Dr. Foley in this county. After arrival at Vancouver, Wn., where a two weeks training course will be given, a complete physical examination will be given each applicant. Work will be either forty hours per week or thirty hours per week if the new Black-Connary bill passes congress and receives presidential approval. The army will be in charge of the camps and will provide recreation during the time not consumed by labor.

In Oregon there will be 67 camps in each of which there will be 200 men. Equipment consisting of 5-60 H. P. tractors, 4-20 H. P. tractors, 3 graders, 6 automobiles, 1 light truck and 15 heavy trucks and trailers will be in each camp. Two thousand men will be recruited in Oregon and these will be the nucleus for the camps as many of them will be experienced in this sort of work. Later in the year 11,500 men will be sent to Oregon from the middle west to fill out the camps. The total cost of each man per day may not exceed a cost of \$2.50 to the government.

Several applications have been received by the committee from Sherman county youths and it is thought that the quota will be filled in a short time. Jacob Young, Kent, has made formal application.

The seriousness of relief work in Oregon may be seen from the fact that one third of the families of Portland are on the relief. In the remainder of the state the percentage of persons on the relief work is twelve. Sherman county has exactly the average, 61 families having received relief money.

Vic Barr and son have been busy hauling the Mary Johnson Eva wheat to Portland for the last week.

## WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APR. 26

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
APR. 20	64	33	.00
" 21	70	38	.00
" 22	75	47	.00
" 23	71	43	.00
" 24	69	39	.00
" 25	61	41	.00
" 26	76	38	.00
Total for week			.00

## B. M. VanLandingham Passes Into Great Beyond

Boseman M. VanLandingham, for thirty two years a resident of Wasco, died at that city early Thursday morning from the results of a stroke of paralysis he suffered early last week.

Mr. VanLandingham was 78 years old. In 1832 with two brothers he came to Sherman county from California and settled in the Grass Valley country his homestead being about five miles east of that town. He was one of the original settlers, and participated in the hardships of the pioneers, hauling wool from the interior to the railroad towns, hauling his first crops to the river.

In 1901 he moved to Wasco where he married his wife, Ella, who survives him. The date of their marriage was October 27, 1903. By a previous marriage Mr. VanLandingham had a son whose whereabouts is not known.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Western Hotel that was owned and operated by the deceased for many years. Rev. Walter Warner will officiate and the arrangements will be under the direction of Zell's Funeral home. Interment will be made in the Wasco cemetery.

## Mrs. Elva Bryant Files As Dry Candidate

Mrs. Elva Bryant is the first Sherman countian to file as a candidate for the repeal convention to be held in Salem some time in August. Mrs. Bryant will run as a dry. It is necessary for some one to run on both the wet and the dry ticket, but no repeal candidate has appeared although a prominent citizen of the county is considering a race as delegate.

## County Court Proceedings For April

Claims Allowed by the April Term of County Court and Paid from the General Fund.

County Charges:	
William Shiel	\$ 30.00
Mrs. S. L. Coats	15.00
Mrs. Peter Fleck	15.00
T. D. Hathaway	15.00

Pacific Power & Light Co.	
Courthouse light bill	9.50
City of Moro February water bill	2.95
Pac. Telephone & Telegraph Co. total telephone bills	15.80
F. D. Antrim, Sealer of weights and measures	4.55
Chas. R. Logan, Auditor, Special auditing	45.00

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## Other Days in Sherman County When Old-Timers Were Young

From the Observer April 26, 1894.

A handsome new sign now adorns the front of the Altamont Stables. C. M. Rollins of Grass Valley was the artist.

Rutledge & Company won a decision over Geotjen Bros. in a lawsuit in Justice Meader's court this week. Seventy nine dollars was the sum involved.

Leon Hunting has built up a good business in the repair of wagons and hacks. He is associated with R. Dingle, the blacksmith.

Grants is to be incorporated. So says the Gazette.

From the Observer April 29, 1904.

M. Fitzmaurice made a good deal for Mrs. McCaleb and Mrs. Hamilton when he sold the Main Street McCaleb property to the Moro Steam Laundry. The building is well adapted to the use it will be used for.

Moro can now boast of a bank having all the exchange facilities of a metropolitan concern since the Wasco Warehouse Milling Co. bank can now

## A FEW FIELDS ARE RESEEDING AGAIN

### Damage By Formaldehyde Causes Loss of Sown Crop

## WEATHER FINALLY WARMS UP

### Spring Sown Wheat Begins To Grow Under Influence of Sun

Re-seeding has been the job of some Sherman county farmers this week. This seems a particularly poor time to have to seed twice in one spring but a few have had to do it. T. S. Reese is going over all of his land again because the wheat first sown did not come up. It had probably been injured by formaldehyde.

Samples of the seed sown by Mr. Reese when tested for germination at the experiment station did not sprout with very much show of life. The seed before treating did not show particularly good germination, but some of the seed treated with the formaldehyde hardly sprouted at all. Mr. Stephens has observed that often seed that has been subject to formaldehyde will sprout in the tester but does not have enough strength to get out of the ground unless conditions are very favorable. Sprouts on the treated grain were only about a quarter the length of those on the untreated grain showing damage to the grain. W. C. Miller is also re-seeding some of his fields sown once this spring already to say nothing of last fall.

The warm days of the last week have made a great difference in the appearance of the county. As the spring has been backward the fields were barren, the roadsides brown and the trees apparently lifeless. Warm weather has changed all this. Nearly all of the spring sown fields are now assuming a green look especially when the sun is low; the roadsides are green with new grass, pastures are green and the trees are leafing out in some places in the county and it appears that they will not miss the usual May first date by many days.

## Girl Breaks Arm

Betty Powell, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powell, fell from the rings on the Erskine school grounds Thursday morning and broke her arm. She was taken to Grass Valley by Lamer Sayers and later to The Dalles by Dr. Poley for X-ray examination.

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From the Observer April 26, 1894.

Andrew Willis died in The Dalles on the 18th with kidney trouble. He is survived by two sons, J. W. and Fred and Mrs. John Spoonamore.

J. H. Denning of the O. T. Co was here this week. He reports 131 weedez sold and 40 Thomas drills in the last 16 days.

From the Observer May 1, 1914.

A report has it that there will be spent in Oregon in 1914 \$4,000,000 for the improvement of roads. Sherman county held a good roads day April 24.

George B. Bourhill left this week with a party of surveyors for south of Antelope to check the boundary line of E. O. L. Co, land there.

At the local Declamatory contest tryout Ruth Bryant was chosen to represent the C. division, Thelma Buxton the B. division with Evelyn Ragsdale alternate, Elmer Barzee the A. division with Lotus Hennagin alternate.