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## WINTER WHEAT CROP CONDITION VARIES

Some Weedy, Some Clean But All  
Thinner Than Usual

## RAINS KEEP ATMOSPHERE COOL

Farmers Hope June Will Bring More  
Rain

Anyone can find optimism about the winter wheat crop remaining in the county if he picks the proper owner thereof and also one may find winter wheat crop owners who are not cheerful about their prospects. Finding a universal opinion about wheat crops of any kind at this time of year is like finding a universal opinion about anything else. It just isn't done.

A short look at the few remaining fields of turkey red is very likely to cause any observer to realize that upon the weather depends the answer as to whether or not it was good judgment to leave the wheat. If it rains profusely in June winter wheat will yield less than the spring sown but should it be dry it is possible that the thinner stand of winter wheat will do very well in comparison to the spring.

There is some winter wheat, especially in the south end of the county that is comparatively free of weeds. In the north end of the county it is reported to be more weedy perhaps because the season is a little later there and the weeds have begun to show up more. There is one consolation for those who have turkey red wheat. They will certainly be able to get the top price for it. How it will compare in yield with the spring wheat depends on what happens between now and July 1.

Another .38 of an inch of rain added to the joy in Sherman county the past week. It is probably only fair to report that some of the farmers would be just as well satisfied if it would save some for June for some have been heard to wish for warm weather instead of such a constant series of rainy or cloudy days. Wheat is not growing very fast considering the amount of moisture for it lacks warm weather.

It is feared that so many showers

## R. J. Ginn Passes Fifty Third Year Since Filing on Sherman County Land

Fifty three years ago R. J. Ginn filed on his homestead in Sherman county. It is now a part of the place farmed by Chester Smith, south of Grass Valley canyon and west of Hay Canyon. That was May 17, 1880. For ten days or two weeks Mr. Ginn, who was a recent arrival from Umatilla county, had been traveling over the bunch grass covered hills between the John Day and the Deschutes looking for a piece of land that suited him.

There is no one living in the county now that has spent as many adult years in the county as has Mr. Ginn. Others are here who were born in what is now Sherman county, but their memory is not very accurate about happenings before 1880.

The larger part of the county was at that time unsettled for, practically all of the old-timers of the county did not arrive before 1884. Mr. Ginn remembers that there were several stage stations with some hay ground around them below where Wasco now stands. There was Clark Dunlap's place just below Wasco and there was the Love place, Eatons were here and established. There was a family living on the John Day at the ferry and at the mouth of the Deschutes. The Barnum house was the only one in Moro at that time and south of that there were a few habitations. Doc. Rollins had settled in Grass Val-

## County Court Meets In Special Session

The county court in special session Monday decided to sell the Liberty bonds they received from the settlement with the Bank of Commerce. It is probable that they will use the receipts to purchase more of the Sherman county road bonds as the money originally belonged in the sinking fund.

Some discussion was held about the proposed changes of voting precincts in the county to make it easier for some voters to reach their polling place on election day. Consolidation of the polling places to five would result in some saving for rent as there is a charge of five dollars per day in many precincts for the rent of buildings that may be had rent free for almost any other purpose.

## State Library Has Sales Tax Information

The Oregon State Library announces a list of books and pamphlets relating to the sales tax that is available to those interested in learning more about that subject. Material is available for both sides of the question.

## Women Auxiliary Meet With Mrs. Martin

The Legion Auxiliary met Thursday of last week at the home of President Florence Martin with the war mothers as honor guests. The entertainment committee with Mrs. Havie Brisbane as chairman, gave an interesting program. The meeting was opened by singing Star Spangled Banner. Marjorie Byers sang two solos in honor of our mothers. Mrs. Florence Johnston gave a reading, and George Martin recited. The war mothers were all seated at one table for refreshments with Mrs. Bowersox as oldest mother present. Old rose tulips and narcissus were presented to the war mothers by the auxiliary. The war mothers present were: Grandma Bowersox, Mrs. Emma Sayers, Mrs. T. B. Searcy, Mrs. N. W. Thompson, Mrs. J. C. Hockman, Mrs. W. J. Martin, Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. J. C. Freeman, Mrs. Tubbs, Mrs. Ingles, Mrs. Byers and Mrs. Williams.

At the close of the program refreshments were served of chicken salad, sandwiches, pickles, coffee and

will cause the grain to root close to the top of the ground and be susceptible to drought later in the year.

## Garden Day Of Womans Club Held At Strong Home

The Moro Woman's Club had a very delightful meeting on Friday, May 5, at the home of the president, Mrs. Strong. There were thirty-two members and one guest present. A program on scenic Oregon was given under the direction of Mrs. Theodore Johnston, who opened her program by reading two beautiful poems, after which she called upon Mrs. Margaret Peetz, to tell about Jefferson park. Mrs. Akers described a trip through Crater Lake National park; at which time she conducted some eastern folks through this beautiful spot of Oregon. Mrs. O. L. Beishe portrayed a very intimate picture of the wonders of the Oregon caves, and Mrs. Floyd Platt described the beautiful Wallowa Lake.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the club in the city park with a pot luck dinner at noon for the members and their families and the school teachers. If the weather is not favorable, the meeting will be held in the basement of the Presbyterian church.

The following officers were elected to serve the club next year: President, Mrs. Leona Douma; Vice President, Mrs. E. H. Moore; Secretary, Mrs. Wiley Knighten; Treasurer, Mrs. Marie Hoskinson; Directors, Mrs. Strong and Mrs. Cope.

At the close of the meeting the president served coffee and small cakes from a table that was lovely with its decorations of spring flowers.

## Masons And Friends To Picnic Next Sunday

The Masonic lodges of this district will hold a picnic at Dufur next Sunday May 21 for all the masons of the different lodges and their families and guests. The program will begin at 10 in the morning. Everyone coming should bring a basket lunch and coffee and ice cream will be furnished on the grounds. This is the annual picnic of the order and is usually well attended.

## New Farm Loan Association Organized

A new national farm loan association was formed here Wednesday when fifteen farmers made application and organized for the purpose of affiliating with the twelfth district headquarters.

Claud C. Thompson was elected president, E. E. Kaseberg, vice-president and W. H. Ragdale, secretary-treasurer. The board of directors is composed of Mr. Thompson, Mr. Kaseberg, J. B. Coon, Hugh R. Herrin and Art Justesen. The loan committee will be Hugh Herrin, J. B. Coon and C. J. Thompson with P. C. Axtell, Fred Stradley and E. E. Kaseberg as alternates.

No name was chosen for the new organization but three suggestions were made from which a title will be chosen at the next meeting.

## Dr. Jensen Speaks Before Mens Club

Dr. A. S. Jensen, professor of psychology at Oregon Normal school, spoke before the Mens Club of the Community church last Saturday night. The women of the community were also present to hear the talk and to enjoy the dinner which preceded the program.

Mr. Jensen made his talk on the report of the Hoover committee on social trends which has lately been published. The report is in eight volumes and gives information about almost every social aspect of the county.

Wm. McKinney is in Pendleton this week attending the meeting of the Odd-Fellows lodge as a delegate from the Moro lodge. Mrs. A. Douma and Florence McDonald are the delegates from the local Rebekah lodge and Mrs. C. G. Vinton is attending as a representative from the Grass Valley Rebekahs.

## RAY W. GILL TALKS ON SALES TAX MEASURE

Many Arguments Against Bill Given  
By Grange Master

## PERSONAL TAX REMOVAL HIT

Bill Called Attempt To Pass Taxes On  
To Poor By Rich

Ray W. Gill, master of the Oregon State Grange, addressed an audience last Sunday afternoon at Grass Valley auditorium on the sales tax in which he upheld the grange attitude regarding that measure and brought to the fore many arguments against the passage of another tax in this state.

He stated that the movement toward a sales tax or sales taxes in several states and the United States was originally started by the national chamber of commerce with the avowed purpose of removing the tax burden from the rich and placing it on the poor. He proclaimed the adherence of the grange to the principle of income taxes as a means of revenue instead of sales taxes.

Mr. Gill compared the positions of the large and small merchants and said that the large stores of the state were able to pass the tax along because of their large sales while the smaller merchants would not be able to do so. As nearby states do not have sales tax comparable to the one proposed for Oregon the passage of the measure would result in putting a wall around the state and cutting off its exports while allowing dealers in other states to ship in goods without paying a tax, he said.

The speaker briefly gave the exemptions in the bill and spent some time explaining how the three mill manufacturers tax would be doubled and tripled to increase the cost of goods to the purchaser far above the two percent retail sales tax normally figured. He also gave it as his belief that there would be a "back-up" tax on the producer. He explained this by saying that if a dealer buys wheat he will have to pay a tax when he sells it so they will lower the price to the farmer by the amount of this tax.

One of his main objections to the bill was the number of ballots thrown to different sections of voters in the state. He enumerated the veterans the unemployed although he said the sum appropriated for them would not exceed ninety cents per month per family, publishers and owners of personal property.

He said that there would be little money returned to the counties by the tax unless the estimated amount raised was exceeded and he doubted that it will be. Collection of this tax may be more drastic than under any law we have ever had for the collection of taxes in this state said Mr. Gill, in attempting to show that the sales tax is not needed by the state.

He estimated that he would be able to save \$200 or \$300 under the sales tax but did not believe that anyone should vote an unwise and unnecessary tax on the people of the state to save himself a few dollars. He caused his listeners to break into spontaneous applause when he ended his argument by the statement, "The same old gang of corporations are trying to saddle taxes on the shoulders of the common people so they can escape themselves."

Others appearing on the program during the afternoon were the Har-

## Warrant Acceptance Methods Changed

The county auditor dropped in to the court house one day this week and caused a change in the manner of accepting warrants for taxes that may affect several persons who intend to pay their taxes with these certificates of indebtedness.

Hereafter the county may not accept warrants for taxes that are written on any fund for a greater amount than his taxes are for that fund. For instance: A warrant on the water fund of a city may be used to pay that part of the city taxes that go to the water fund and no other. A school warrant may not be used to pay all the school taxes but only that part of the school taxes that does not include interest and debt service. This will make considerable changes in the acceptance of warrants and be it noted will make some increase in the figuring done by the sheriff's office. It will be impossible to pay taxes with any warrant written on a fund for which money is not appropriated in the current budget.

## William Shiel Buried Here Sunday

Wm. Shiel for thirty years a resident of Sherman county, died at Wasco last Saturday after a lingering illness that incapacitated him several years ago. Several years ago Mr. Shiel deeded his property to the county in return for his care and at the time of his death he was living at Wasco under the care of Mrs. Lundy.

Funeral services were held Sunday with the members of the Christian Science church in charge of the ceremonies at the grave side. Several friends of the deceased aided in the final rites for the aged man and those of his faith have expressed their gratitude for their kindness.

## J. J. Handsaker Talks Peace To Schools

J. J. Handsaker, of the national committee for world peace, has been in the county this week going about from school to school to tell the children of the county something about the conditions that bring war and about the conditions that bring war and what they might do to bring about peace.

It is his contention that all disagreements are settled around the conference table anyway and that it is needless and foolish to extend billions of dollars and to slay millions of men when an equally good agreement could be made before war is declared.

Taking life whole sale is to him as much a crime as taking life at retail. He tells about the last war and pictures the next war, with its horrors as man killing machines have been made more perfect by modern science. He has been taken around the county by Rev. Warner, of Wasco.

## "Pussyfoot" Johnson Will Speak Thursday

"Pussyfoot" Johnson, the greatest salesman of the Prohibition idea in the world, and world famous lecturer, and Thomas Gale, National Assistant superintendent of the Anti-Liquor League will speak in the Community church in Moro next Thursday May 24th at 2:30 in the afternoon. Everybody in the county should hear Pussyfoot Johnson.

## WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 19

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
MAY 11	65	42	.00
" 12	60	35	.00
" 13	63	34	.00
" 14	61	44	.00
" 15	55	37	.02
" 16	59	36	.00
" 17	55	38	.00
Total for week			.38

## County Institute Plans Completed

Plans for the county wide educational institute to be held in Wasco next Friday, Saturday and Sunday are already finished and Rev. Warner has been going about the county for the past week inviting and urging everyone to come and take part in the discussions.

Rev. Hewitt will be unable to come to Wasco for the institute but arrangements have been made to have Prof. Jones, head of the economics department at Willamette University present to lead the discussions in that division of the institute. Other leaders will be J. H. Handsaker and W. R. Richards.

The economic discussion will be divided into two classes. The first two sessions will talk about the causes of the present plight in which the world finds itself and the two following meetings will have for their subject some of the proposed remedies for recovery. The temperance meetings will have talks on the 18th amendment and why it should be kept or repealed and the peace parleys will discuss the proposals for achievement of world peace under the direction of Mr. Handsaker, who is nationally known as a worker for world amity.

The subjects assigned in the economics group show an intention on the part of the committee to make the discussion interesting to those of this county for speakers will approach their topics from the farmer's viewpoint.

There will be a charge of twenty five cents for registration which is made merely to aid in paying the expenses of the visiting leaders. Meals will be served by the Ladies Aid at a nominal cost.

## Boat And Barge Man Interviews Farmers

A. V. Allen, manager of the Columbia Barge Company of Portland is in the county this week interviewing the farmers to see if they were willing to contract with his company for transportation services on the river this harvest and later.

Mr. Allen stated that his company was offering a reduction over last years rail rate of 37 percent and that if the farmers of this area would promise enough business to make operation of boats possible they might save considerable sums of money by using the river.

The boats used by the company are able to operate in five or six feet of water and will therefore be able to go to Arlington for wheat. The company has been responsible for much of the work of getting the Celilo canal repaired and for the maintenance work on the upper river according to Mr. Allen.

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

From the Observer May 24, 1894  
J. R. Ginn began to advertise a new tread power with new improved features.

Some idea of the Columbia river flood may be formed by the fact that the steamer Regulator now makes its landings at the Wasco warehouse east of the Union Pacific depot.

Stock inspector Harvey Smith reports that there are 50,497 sheep in Sherman county. Among the largest holders were: Kerr & Buckley, J. O'Leary and J. H. Shearer.

J. C. Burkes, candidate for justice of peace and Lloyd Smith, candidate for constable have canvassed the county and claim they are sure of enough votes for election.

From the Observer May 20, 1904  
J. B. Morrison left Saturday for California for a three weeks stay after which he will return and add some more Sherman county land to his already large holdings.

## SALES TAX EFFECT ON THIS COUNTY SHOWN

Saving For County \$33,000 If 1934  
Taxes Are Same As 1933

## LANDOWNERS WOULD PROFIT

Millage Would Be Lowered 3 Mills On  
Real Property

Among the practical people of the county there is a persistent question "How would the sales tax affect me and Sherman county?"

From figures procured from the assessor's office the following computation has been made. The valuation of the county totals \$11,145,873 which is divided into \$8,104,730 for local owned property and \$3,041,143 for utility owned property.

There is \$502,570 local personal property and while the utility personal property is not known accurately it is estimated at \$60,000 making a total of \$562,570 worth of personal property that would be removed from the tax rolls under the sales tax.

Deducting this from the total property valuation leaves \$10,583,303 dollars worth of property that would be taxed under the proposed law.

This year we are raising \$199,822.31 in taxes. Our state and elementary school taxes are \$41,719.74 which would be deducted if the sales tax were in effect this year. This leaves \$158,002.57 which would have to be raised for county, city and school taxes if the sales tax was in effect.

Our average consolidated millage for this year 17.93 mills. If we had the sales tax this would have been reduced to 14.93 or almost a reduction of three mills on all real property in the county. This is an average.

As there is \$8,104,730 worth of locally owned property the saving would be \$24,314.19 to local taxpayers and as there is \$3,041,143 worth of utility property the taxes of the utilities would be reduced \$9,123.43 making a total reduction of \$33,437.62 in taxes that Sherman county would save under the sales tax.

Sales tax opponents, of course are correct in saying that this is not a net saving for the sales tax would cost the county two percent on all purchases and if the assumption of Mr. Gill is correct that the manufacturers tax would double up the three mill tax there might be a raise of three percent.

If the prices were raised two percent the county would have to buy \$1,671,880.95 worth of taxable goods.

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