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## SHERMAN COUNTY WHEAT LOOKING FINE SINCE RAIN

### Rapid Growth Made During the Last Days of May

## WINTER WHEAT LOOKS BETTER

### Cool Weather Causes Rank Growth In Many Fields

It may not be safe to prophesy what the wheat will look like at harvest time, but one may find almost universal agreement that it looks fine now. The warm days of last week gave a needed impetus to spring grain and apparently caused it to grow twice its length within a few days. Some of the early sown grain in the north end of the county is already in the boot and will be heading out in a matter of ten days or less if the weather continues favorable.

Winter wheat is already heading out in the warmer sections of the county proving that wheat gets ready to harvest at approximately the same time whether the weather is cool or warm. Fields of winter wheat that looked thin and spotted a few weeks ago now appear nearly as rank and thick as in normal years when viewed from the road. Ordinarily they are much more weedy than usual, however.

The light rains of May and the cloudy weather are adjudged to have caused the spring grain to stool out and thicken up and grow rank. There are some very beautiful fields in the county and the work of the worms is not so apparent as it was before the warm days.

The general belief is that if we should have a June rain of an inch or over a really good crop of wheat would be harvested in this county this year, but if a June as dry as was the June of 1932 occurs this season there may not be much wheat to harvest at all. The few acres of winter wheat will undoubtedly make something in any event for it is thin and farther along than the spring grain. Weeds will make it hard to harvest in many cases.

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## New Farm Heads May Enforce Change of Crops In Some Sections

A suggested division of Oregon into six districts for purpose of administering the new federal farm act, and recommendations as to possible substitute crops for this state in case acreage reduction of surplus commodities is decided upon, have been submitted to Washington authorities at their request by Paul V. Maris, director of agricultural extension at Oregon State College.

The six natural divisions into which Oregon divides by reason of crop and climatic similarity are the Willamette Valley south to the Lane-Douglas line; southern Oregon includes Douglas, Josephine and Jackson counties; the coast and lower Columbia, including Curry, Coos, western Lane, Lincoln, Tillamook, Clatsop and Columbia counties; Columbia basin, including Hood River, Wasco, Jefferson, Sherman, Gilliam, and Morrow counties; Blue mountain, including Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker and Malheur; and central Oregon, including Deschutes, Crook, Wheeler, Grant, Klamath, Lake and Harney counties.

Production studies made by L. R. Breithaupt, extension economist, as regards wheat and dairy products, the 2 commodities in the farm act of most vital concern to Oregon, show that the Columbia basin district produces 47 per cent of the wheat, the Blue mountain 36 per cent and the Willamette valley 14 per cent. Wheat production in the other districts is

## Tax Turnover Made By Sheriff Chrisman

Sheriff Chrisman has made another turnover of taxes to the treasurer which totals \$3,606.28. This merely includes those taxes that have been collected since the May 10th turnover, and is made to allow apportionment of funds before it is necessary for the county to make their half year payment to the state.

The general fund is credited with \$917.57, the state fund with \$79.52 and the elementary school fund with \$389.75 in this apportionment. School districts receiving sizeable sums of money are the Rufus district with \$202.98, Wasco with \$221.62 and district 25 with \$100.73. All the others received less than a hundred dollars. The high school tuition fund was increased by \$294.94.

Cities received cash as follows: Wasco, \$29.46; Moro, \$52.58; and Grass Valley, \$1.64.

## Farm Loans May Be Refinanced

Refinancing of farm loans is taking up a considerable part of the time of a number of farmers since the new bill allowing a lower rate of interest on all farm loans from the government. The new Sherman county farm loan association is receiving applications in great number but so far have not advanced far enough to know what they can do with all of them. Appraisers Stone and Peterson were in the county a week looking over the land of applicants.

J. A. Scollard is agent for the Farm Loan Commissioner and may be reached through the Federal Land Bank at Spokane. He is authorized to make loans to individual farmers, not corporations. These loans are not the same as the long time farm mortgage loans. They are made for the purpose of reducing the amount of farmer's debts and refinancing them on a better, longer term basis. To do this, he is authorized, under the law, to make loans on first and second mortgages upon the whole or any part of the farm property, real or personal, including crops. Effort also will be made to help farmers to redeem or repurchase farm property owned by them and foreclosed after July 1, 1931." to quote from Mr. Scollard's statement.

This may afford some Sherman county farmers an opportunity to recover their property or to refinance chattel mortgages. Payments may be passed for the first three years.

negligible. As to dairy cattle numbers, the Willamette leads with 43 per cent, the Coast and lower Columbia has 18 per cent, and the Blue mountain 17 per cent. The other districts range from 6 to 9 per cent.

Specialists in the various agricultural enterprises at the college conferred as to possible substitute crops to be recommended in the event of acreage reduction under the farm act and agreed that the greatest difficulty will be in finding anything to use on such a large scale in the dry land wheat district of the Columbia basin. Some of this land might ultimately be made into range and farm pastures by planting crested wheat grass or bulbous blue grass. It was felt, but it would take several years to accumulate a seed supply large enough to go very far.

It would be desirable to reduce wheat acreage in the Willamette valley thru voluntary agreement with producers. It was recommended by the specialists that much of the land taken out of wheat could well go into a number of substitute crops, particularly alfalfa, clover, vetches and possibly field peas.

No hint as to how the dairy adjustment work is to be handled, aside from through marketing agreement has been received in Oregon, but even

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## Federal Men Are Studying Erosion

Two men from the Federal Erosion Station at Pullman visited the local experiment farm last week for the purpose of starting some experiments on soil erosion in this county. Erosion is a very serious matter in many farming sections of the United States and is especially serious in the Palouse wheat belt where the hills are numerous and steep and the rainfall is heavy.

In Sherman county is not very rapid except during the spring run off of snow water. At that time gulches are often cut into the fields and a great deal of valuable top soil is carried into the creeks and rivers. Experimenters W. A. Rockie and P. C. McGrew are trying to determine the amount of erosion on farm soils and to devise means to prevent it. They have tried terracing, killifering and different means of cropping land.

D. E. Stephens, of the local station, has two dams across a little creek on the station and the sediment washed down by the spring freshets has filled it above the dams several feet thick showing that erosion is an important feature of soil preservation even in this comparatively dry country.

## Insurance Commissioner Issues Warning

State insurance commissioner A. H. Averill has sent out a warning to residents of this state regarding inherent outlaw insurance agents who are working in the smaller communities of the state. These men are representing the Western Pacific Health Association of California which is not licensed in Oregon. They were arrested and fined once but are reported to be still working in this state.

All persons are asked to watch for them.

## Pomona Grange Will Hold Evening Session

Sherman county Pomona grange will hold their spring meeting at Kent next Saturday June 3. The day time sessions will be taken up with degree work of interest to members of the order and an open meeting will be held in the evening which may be attended by anyone. At this time speakers will discuss the sales tax. State Senator Hazlett, of Hood River county, will speak in opposition to the sales tax and arrangements are being made to have some one favoring the new tax to appear for it. Speaker Snell will not be able to attend having another engagement, but Pomona master Carl Adams will endeavor to have a speaker to replace him.

## Average June Rainfall .56 inches

One may argue with certainty about the moisture and take either side of the question this year for it happens that while the county is short an inch and a quarter of rainfall since September 1 when the crop year starts we are almost .30 long on rainfall since the first of March. What that means or may result in we leave to some one else.

The normal amount of moisture for this county from their start of March to the first of June is 2.45 inches and this year we have had 2.74 inches. The month of April was one of the driest on record and was not particularly favorable for growing things from the point of view of warm weather.

Years ago some experienced farmer remarked that he could guarantee to raise a good crop every year if some one would promise him a good rain every June. The average rainfall for June is .56 of an inch and that can hardly be called a good rain on wheat that is headed out especially as June rains often come in small portions causing a large per

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## SCHOOL GIVES LITTLE POWER TO NEW BOARD

### Arrangement For Tuition and Taxes Only Positive Duty

## CHANGE IN TAX LEVYING SLIGHT

### No Authority Given To Change or to Consolidate Schools

Interest in the new school district to be known as the Sherman County Non-High School District has increased rapidly within the past week since contestants for the office of director have been active in getting signers for their petition.

As the law now operates the county is required to make an assessment on all districts not maintaining a high school, sufficiently large to pay for the education of all high school pupils in the non high school districts who wish to continue their education at high schools in the state.

The new law changes this by giving to the non-high school district itself the authority to levy this tax instead of the county officials. Section 1. of the new law reads in part "all the territory of such county not included in a district not maintaining a standard high school is hereby organized into a non-high school district for the purpose of levying a tax to defray the cost of tuition and for transportation of the high school pupils of the non-high school district." This is the purpose of the new law.

After stating the processes for election of directors of the district the law enumerates the powers and duties of the board of directors. They are as follows: To enter into contracts in writing with any district maintaining a standard high school for the tuition of non-high school district pupils. To levy a tax on all property in the non-high school district to pay for the tuition. To issue warrants to the county treasurer in payment of claims on the district. To make such reports as are or may be required by the state or county superintendent.

To provide polling places for elections. To make an annual written report to the taxpayers of the district. To pay election expenses and incidental expenses.

The county treasurer is the treasurer of the non-high school district and the county school superintendent is the clerk of the board of directors of the non-high school district according to the law.

These are the only powers and duties of the board as stated in the law. Reports current that they may consolidate schools or eliminate schools are without foundation. The board has the power to contract for tuition with any standard high school acceptable to the state department of education. There is nothing in the non-high school district law to enforce a district to send pupils to an Oregon high school.

There has apparently arisen a misunderstanding about the tuition of pupils who wish to attend schools outside the county. According to the law it is possible for the board to send pupils outside the county. It may be presumed, however, that in a great majority of cases the non-high school pupils of Sherman county will be given their high school training here for it is doubtful if the voters will elect directors favoring outside tuition for very many students.

The six young men who will work in the woods this summer as a part of the Civilian Conservation Corps left Thursday morning from Grass Valley for camp. Rolla Thogerson, Moro, John Thompson, and Robert Hill of Rufus, Deston Russell and Kenneth Todd of Grass Valley and Lloyd Young of Kent were the young men joining the corps.

## Memorial Day Observed Quietly In County

Memorial day was observed in Sherman county without public ceremony of any kind. Each person or family, having loved ones buried in the county quietly made their way to the cemetery and decorated the graves and as quietly went home. There was nothing to distract their minds from the self imposed duty of caring for the plots wherein their relatives rest.

Legionnaires who have heretofore organized a military observance of the day were content this year to decorate the graves of ex-service men with flags. No armed men marched, no firing squads broke the stillness of the day.

The three day holiday held in Moro allowed many citizens to go to distant places and as usual many who formerly lived here returned for a few hours on Tuesday to care for the family plots in the cemeteries.

## Grain Growers Met In Wasco Last Week

### Last Wednesday representatives of

a number of the grain grower locals met at the Sherman Co-operative and Farmers National office at Wasco a which time Harold Sanford of the Farmers National Grain Growers of Portland explains the history of the railroad rates to the present time and of the efforts being made by the Farmers National Grain Corporation to secure lower freight rates to Portland. Among those who attended the meeting from the Sherman Co-operative were: H. D. Proudfoot, H. A. Walker, H. B. Pinkerton, C. A. Tom, A. J. Smith, A. D. Richelderfer, A. C. Kaseberg, E. H. Watkins, L. E. Dehler, A. S. Johnson and Senator J. P. Yates, and B. H. Grady. From Ione Bert Johnson and H. Schmonse from Arlington, Chas. Story and C. N. Reed, from The Dalles L. Kelly and Ed Ward and from Grass Valley J. L. Davis, H. Schilling, J. Shepard, Roy Baker and Richard Abel, from Moro, W. H. Powell, James B. Adams, Joe Peters, Hans Thompson and W. T. Balsiger; from Condon, Lloyd E. Smith, C. K. Barker, W. R. Scarret and Perry N. Johnston.

## Dolph Goetjen Buried In Maupin Tuesday

Dolph Goetjen, 58, an old time resident of Sherman county died at Oswego Saturday, May 27, and was buried at Maupin on Monday. Mr. Goetjen came to Sherman county when a young man and with his five brothers was instrumental in settling the Rutledge neighborhood. He has been a resident of Maupin for over twenty years.

His widow, Sadie Ashley Goetjen, one daughter, Mrs. Vera Tunison, and four brothers, Albert of Portland, Fred of Grants Pass and Henry and Charles of Canada survive him. Another brother, John, died recently in Portland.

## CALL FOR WARRANTS

Outstanding warrants numbered 1 to 20 endorsed, "Not Paid for Want of Funds" will be paid by the district clerk of School District No. 17 of Sherman County at his office upon presentation. Interest will cease after this date.

Dated at Moro, Oregon this 2nd day of June, 1933.

M. E. McKee, Clerk

## WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 31

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
MAY 25	74	50	.08
" 26	59	36	.00
" 27	69	43	.00
" 28	80	41	.00
" 29	78	43	.00
" 30	73	41	.00
" 31	63	40	.00
Total for week			.08

## License Examiner To Be Here Again

Persons wishing to take advantage of the fifty cents fee for driver's licenses are to have another chance, according to an announcement made by Sheriff Chrisman. Martin Rodding, license examiner, will be at the courthouse June 7 and 8 to test the driving ability of applicants. The new law raising the driver's license fee to one dollar will go into effect June 9. After that date it will be possible to get a license without a formal examination unless the applicant is over 70 years of age or has a record showing several accidents.

## Boy Scout Leaders Preparing For Next Camp

To better equip them selves for leadership during the coming session of Camp Ringwaak, Scoutmasters Howard R. Hyde of troop 25, Bend, Joseph N. Wolfenbarger of troop 37 of Wasco Springs and Scout Executive W. W. Belcher are attending the camp training school being held at Tacoma this week. This school is conducted by the National Camping

department, and bring to local councils the latest and best ideas gathered during the past season throughout the entire United States.

"We are planning on the best camp ever conducted in this council," said Belcher before leaving, "and with the opportunity that every Scout has of earning half of his camp fee, we look for one of the best attended sessions of Camp Ringwaak, when it opens July 9."

The men will be gone almost a week: the school covering three days and nights of intensive training in all branches of camping, from sunrise to "tals."

## Inspector Must See Brands On Stock

County Stock Inspector James Stewart wishes it understood that it is not legal for a shipper to bring a mere record of the brands on stock being shipped out of the county to him. The law distinctly states "The county brand inspector or his deputy shall check the brands and examine the animals offered for shipment." Mr. Stewart has been appointed as brand inspector for this county by Max Gehler, director of agriculture. He expects to appoint deputies who may be found at convenient points for shippers.

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## Items That Were News Nineteen, Twenty-nine & Thirtynine Years Ago

From the Observer June 5, 1914.

A camping and fishing party expected to leave Moro this week for the Metolius. Those in the party are Albert Hennagin of Portland, Fred Hennagin and family, O. L. Belshe and family, George Hennagin and family, Martin Hansen and family, L. L. Peetz and family, and Hugh Shull and family. The party will travel by the aid of six automobiles.

A. C. Thompson and N. W. Thompson were entertaining an old family friend last week in George Hansell of Umatilla county. All three were in the same emigrant party from Iowa to Oregon.

George G. and Henry S. and the DeMoss Lyric Bards have returned from a very successful concert season in the middle west.

From the Observer June 3, 1904.

Geo. Sink was the first man to introduce a rubber tired buggy in Kent.

Three teachers have been selected for the Moro high school for next term. They are: Prof. W. C. Bryant, Miss Poole and Miss Harwood.

The Gordon Bank in Moro is receiving a coat of paint at the hands of E. M. Meach this week.

## GRASS VALLEY DEFEATS WASCO FIREMEN 9-8

### Close Game Is Ended In Story Book Fashion By Pinch Hitter

## ERRORS EVENLY DISTRIBUTED

### Pitchers In Plenty of Trouble Through No Fault of Their Own

You all know the story of the ball game at Grass Valley Sunday between that team and the Wasco Firemen. It has been written in story books since baseball began.

It was the ninth inning; the score tied and three men on bases. It so happens that there was only one out, but why quibble about details. The hero came to the bat as a pinch hitter and smacked the first ball pitched to win the game.

Wasco had tied the score in their half of the ninth. Peetz went out for Grass Valley, Peters made first on an error, Ford, pitcher, got on and Bernard Rice also connected safely. Alva Stone, manager for the Grass Valley team, put himself in as pinch hitter. Stone weight 270, is of average height and therefore generously built. He hit the first pitch into the dirt in front of the pitcher; it struck the pitcher's knees and bounced clear into the outfield to win the game.

Outside of the Frank Merriwell finish the game was interesting, not so much because it was well played but because the errors were so evenly divided the score remained close throughout.

Bob Hayes, pitching for Wasco, had a lot of luck in several innings or showed a good deal of pitching ability for he succeeded in putting out the side several times after allowing a man to reach third with none out. Ford, of The Dalles, pitched for Grass Valley, and while he was hit hard in several innings generally came back the next inning to do a nice job of holding his opponent down. It was the errors that caused the score, not the pitching. Oh, yes the score was 9 to 8.

Line-ups were: Grass Valley, Fritts, c; Ford, p; Peetz, 1st; Dunlap, 2nd; Coon, 3rd; Rolfs, 4th; Rice, cf; Peters, rf.

Wasco: Eaton, c; Hayes, p; Woodh, 1st; Johnson, 2nd; Schunke, 3rd; Weld, ss; Brock, lf; Tomlin, cf; Hastings, rf.

Hon. R. J. Ginn and wife returned from the Methodist conference at Los Angeles this week and report many interesting experiences.

H. E. Cole, visiting here with P. H. Johnson, informs us that several families, including a brother of L. D. May, are ready to leave Marion county and locate in Sherman county. From the Observer June 7, 1894.

A steamboat was sent down from Snake river to Grants on the 2nd for delayed mail eastward bound.

Three horses and a wagon load of wool were lost on Shearers grade Saturday evening after the bursting of a cloud.

The Columbia river is now several feet higher than at any previous rise of which there is any record.

Hon. G. M. Irwin of Union county, candidate for state school superintendent, Wm. Hemrichs, Clark Dunlap, Justice R. E. French, B. S. Kelsey, Chas. Hill, J. D. Wilcox, Chas. Belshe, Frank Pike and other prominent republicans of Sherman county were among the jubilant visitors to Moro last Tuesday. All rejoicing over the great republican triumph in Sherman county.