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## BANK LOSSES CHARGED TO TAXING UNITS NOW

### \$19,000 Turnover Made But Small Amount Distributed

## FROZEN ASSETS ARE CLEARED

### School Districts and Cities To Receive Money As Paid

Sheriff Chrisman turned over some \$19,000 in taxes last Saturday and checks for the same will soon be in the hands of the clerks and recorders of the taxing units of the county.

Not all of the money will be given to the waiting money dispensers, however. A division has been made of the funds in the closed banks and some of the taxing units will have a large part of their funds tied up for a time yet. This is caused because heretofore no notice has been taken of the fact that \$39,858.92 was tied up in closed banks. The different taxing units have received their money from the county and the frozen assets have been carried as cash on hand or as an unapportioned turnover. Now the auditor has made a division of the funds tied up and the part of each school district and each town and each fund will be kept from the present turnover.

This will permit of much clearer bookkeeping on the part of the county officials. As funds are received from the banks, and some have already been received, they will be apportioned according to the auditors' report.

Less some warrants the taxing units will receive credit or cash for their portions. The general fund has \$3,332.87, the elementary school fund \$1,852.08. Wasco school district \$763.43, Moro school district \$1,139.64, Grass Valley school district \$518.97 and Kent \$845.00. Rufus will receive a smaller sum. The high school tuition fund will receive \$1044.20. Moro will get credit for \$1,106.51, Wasco \$172.57 and Grass Valley \$185.69. Only a part, and in many cases a small part, will be paid in cash. The remainder will be used in the move to straighten out the books and allot the proper loss in closed banks to the proper taxing unit.

O. A. Ramsey is superintending the construction of a straw shed and barn on the L. V. Moore ranch south of town.

## Drys Hold Meeting At Church Sunday Morning; Many Talk

Local forces working against the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment held a meeting of unusual interest at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning. Delightful music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Elbert DeMoss and the hour devoted largely to talks by those interested in the cause.

Rev. McRea stressed the stand of the churches, the grange, the National Educational Association and the Federation of Women's Clubs against repeal of the amendment.

Mrs. Bryant spoke of the popular attitude of mind which blames the eighteenth amendment for modern lack of respect for law. She traced the general increase of crime among juveniles through the years, and quoted authorities to show the cause to be the breaking down of the home with its religious training, parental restraint and emphasis on good citizenship, together with the greed for gain and self indulgence that characterizes the age.

Mrs. Rose spoke of the consistent stand of the railroad companies against

## Election Draws

### Little Interest

As election arrives there is little interest in the measures to be voted on as far as Sherman county is concerned. The sales tax held the attention of the voters for several weeks until it was thrashed out and explained after which discussion of it dropped to a minimum. The repeal question is a lively topic in some quarters but it has not aroused nearly as much interest as it usually does when brought before the people. The sudden rise in the price of wheat and the sudden fall are items of much greater importance to residents of this county than the method of handling liquor or collecting taxes that the election measures have been shoved into the background.

There are 1405 persons qualified to vote in the special election in this county, but it is not believed that a very large percentage of them will avail themselves of the opportunity offered. The approach of harvest with its attendant hurry will prevent many from going to the polls and a general lack of interest will keep others away. If a thousand voters mark ballots it will be all that is expected.

## Boy Scouts Are Having Good Time At Camp

Mt. Washington, one of the most difficult peaks in the Cascades, was scaled Sunday by a group of scouts and a party of Bend men, led by Chris Kostol, prominent skyliner of Bend. A splendid view was obtained from the summit, which was reached with considerable rope work, all the climbers were thrilled with the skill and ability of their climb leader.

A Court of Honor, held in the screened dining hall at Camp Ringwaak, closed the first week of the 1933 Scout Camp. E. R. Westlake, Harold Shearer, Rex A. Allingham, and Scout Executive W. W. Belcher formed the examining board of the court and awarded badges to a number of the scouts.

New campers for the second week at Camp Ringwaak include Frank Sayrs, and Carl Peetz of Moro; David and Henry Richelderfer, Jack Morton, Stephen O'Meara, and Douglas Tuel of Wasco, and Stanley Jones of Portland. This brings the total number of campers up to 45 not including four scouts from Kinzua for whom transportation home was not provided on the change day. Sunday.

County Clerk George Vintin and family returned Tuesday from a visit to Wenatchee, Wt. George still likes Sherman county, but he did have a good chance to visit the Coulee City dam to be built by the government.

## POSSIBILITY OF BANK IN COUNTY DISCUSSED

### Business Men Agree To Petition For Branch In County

## HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT ASKED

### Work On Sherman Highway and Secondary Roads Favored

A group of business men of the county met at the Hotel Moro Tuesday night to discuss the banking situation and the possibility of interesting a bank in coming to the county. The cause of the meeting was a petition written by R. C. Atwood, of Wasco, who became interested in getting a bank for the county several days ago. He had a petition circulated in a part of the county.

It was felt by a majority of those present that the county should present a united front in asking a bank to locate here and that the city, wherein the bank was to be located should be chosen by the bank itself. This sentiment was agreed upon.

R. C. Atwood was made chairman of the committee whose duty will be to prepare petitions and send or take them to Portland to present to a chosen bank. Committee members named were: A. A. Dunlap, of Kent, George Wilcox of Grass Valley, Fred Pickett of Moro, A. J. Butler of Wasco and C. A. Tom of Rufus.

A report was made regarding the re-erection of the Sherman county sign at the junction of the Sherman branch of Federal Highway 97 and The Dalles road which was torn down by vandals last month. The sign is now the property of the business men of the county due to an arrangement with the advertising company erecting it.

A suggestion was made that it should be possible for this county to have a state policeman stationed within the county instead of having to depend on those who travel thru the county or come from their stations. A letter asking for a police station within the county will be dispatched to Charles Pray, head of the state police.

The possibility of having some of the federal money allotted to Oregon spent on Sherman county roads or roads in which the county are interested in, was debated with general approval promised toward any effort to this end. A consistent and continued attempt to interest the state highway commissioners in the completion of the finish work on the part of the Sherman highway within Wasco county was urged on the county court and a motion was passed asking that body to attend the session of the commission for that purpose.

Continued work on the secondary roads joining this county with its neighboring counties was also advocated. It was stated at the meeting that three million dollars have been allotted this state for secondary roads. Sherman countyans present hoped that road work in this section of the state be given an appropriate share of this sum because of the need for the roads and for the need of the citizens for work.

It was the most amiable body of business men who have gathered for over two years within this county. They laughed and joked in the manner of a luncheon group, reflecting the turn of wheat prices for the better within the past month.

Funds are now available for the payment of Sherman County General Fund warrants registered "Not for want of funds" register Nos. 29 to 100 inclusive and will be paid by the county treasurer.

Interest stops on this date. Dated July 21, 1933. A. M. Young, County Treasurer.

## City Council Reduces Water Rates For Wasco

The city council of Wasco have cut the water rate in that city by a substantial percentage. The action was taken at the meeting of last Monday night. The minimum rate on water in Wasco still remains the same, at \$1.50 for the first 133 cubic feet, but the surcharges have all been reduced. Whereas the users formerly paid 30c per hundred for the next 1000 cubic feet, above the minimum he will now be charged but 20 cents per hundred. All above this amount of water will be charged for at a rate of but 15 cents per 100 cubic feet.

Hereafter the city fire siren will be sounded at noon each day. This is being done to make sure that the siren is working properly and to let everyone know that it is time to eat.

## Stock Should Be Inspected Here

James Stewart, county stock and brand inspector, has informed this office that hereafter stock from this county will be inspected here and that shippers having an inspection certificate properly filled out will not be reexamined in Portland. Several shippers have been charged a double fee and Mr. Stewart is trying to have it repaid as soon as possible. Deputy stock inspectors in the county have been supplied with proper blanks for inspecting stock.

## Many Attend Funeral Of Miss Hilda Schassen

Many residents of the south end of Sherman county attended the funeral of Hilda Schassen, held in The Dalles last Sunday at 2 o'clock. Miss Schassen was born in Sherman county July 25, 1904 and lived here until 12 years of age when she moved, with her parents to The Dalles. She finished school there and took nurses training at the hospital.

She passed away at the open air sanatorium in Portland after a short illness. She leaves her mother, Mrs. John Schassen, four sisters, Mrs. L. E. Clark, J. Davis, of Kent, Mrs. L. W. Eck and Miss Lillian Schassen of The Dalles and a brother John, of Portland, several nieces and nephews and many friends.

## Democratic Leaders Interested In Election

Tried and true democrats whose names are on the mailing list in the office of James Farley have received a communication from the postmaster general requesting that they give their aid to the repeal of the 18th amendment. A letter from the president gives the reasons for, wishing a change in the liquor laws of the nation. As the platform of the ruling party favored the repeal of the amendment the president intends to bring it about if possible in order to put into effect the principles on which he was elected.

## Board of Equalization Meeting

Notice: There will be a meeting of the County Board of Equalization of Sherman County, Oregon, at the Court House on the second Monday in August, that being the 14th day of August, 1933, at Moro, Oregon, to publicly examine the Assessment Rolls, correct all errors in valuation, description of lands or other property assessed by me, and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed. All petitions must be made in writing and verified by the oath of the applicant and filed with the Board within fifteen days from the time it is by law required to meet.

7-21-8-11 Margaret W. Peetz, County Assessor.

## COUNTY NON-HIGH MEN SIGN CONTRACTS

### Rural High School Children To Go To County Schools

## TUITION PETITIONS REJECTED

### Local Pupils May Not Attend Outside Schools Unless Conditions Warrant

The second meeting of the Sherman County non-high school board was held Saturday July 15 in the court room of the county with representatives of the five high school districts. The secretary of the board explained the stand of the new board in regard to the percentages of total school costs that may be assessed to high schools. These were agreed on with little or no dissent and the contracts for tuition of non-high school pupils in the county high schools were signed. These contracts provide that the non-high school district will pay the actual cost per pupil to each school for the education of high school pupils not in districts having high schools. This is very similar to the arrangement that has been in effect for several years in this county. Formerly, though, the non-high school pupils were educated from the proceeds of a tax levied by the county court; now they will be educated from the proceeds of a tax levied by the taxpayers of the non-high school district, itself. This method was devised to give the non-high districts a little closer contact with their tax levying board.

The board made recommendations about the percentage of expenses that may be charged to high schools that will tend to make more uniform the accounting methods of school districts throughout the county. Some districts have charged a third of the principal's salary to the grades and some have charged ten percent. The ruling for next year is not over 15 percent. One percent will be allowed for depreciation of stone or concrete building, but no interest may be charged the non-high school district.

Petitions were received from five parents in the county asking permission of the board to send their children out of the county for the next school year. The petitioners gave as their reason in a majority of cases that their children were taking a course in some other school which they wished to finish or that high schools were too great a distance from their home for convenient travel. All of the petitions were rejected. Because this feature of the board's activity has created so much comment the board voted the following statement of its policy regarding the high school pupils of the non-high school district:

In view of the fact that a number of petitions for sending Sherman county students outside the county have been presented to this board and since this board has rejected all without exception, this board feels that a statement of its position on this rather delicate subject is due the residents of Sherman county. Feeling as we do that the good of the entire county is the paramount issue, we believe that our schools can be built up to a higher standard and

## WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 19

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
JULY 13	94	54	.00
" 14	98	59	.00
" 15	101	60	.00
" 16	99	50	.00
" 17	86	52	.00
" 18	83	52	.00
" 19	81	54	.00
Total for week			.00

## Threshing In County Will Start Next Week

Farmers who live out on the point are getting a decided start of the remainder of the county this year. They have been harvesting for nearly two weeks there on some farms and yet few, if any, farmers in other parts of the county have begun threshing operations so far. Next week will see the first general combining in the county this year for by the latter part of the week the north end of the county will be plentifully dotted with combines, and the bark of the tractor and the horse combine driver will be heard over the land.

"Pretty fair crop" is the consensus of opinion about the wheat in this county. No one prophesies that it will reach normal proportions; but nearly all are agreed that the county will have more wheat than in any year since 1928.

Weather has been favorable this week with cool winds every day. The wheat has finished its ripening process slowly, when the absence of sufficient moisture is considered.

The sudden drops of twelve and fifteen cents in the price of wheat reduced optimism somewhat the middle of this week, but most observers did not expect wheat to climb as rapidly as it has anyway and were not surprised at the drop.

There has been some contracting and quite a bit of selling of last year's crop at prices no one dreamed of a few months ago.

## Sherman County Road Sign Re-erected

The Sherman county road sign was erected again Tuesday by a crew of men under the direction of Homer Wall, county engineer. It required eight men nearly the entire day to put the big sign back in place so thorough was the destruction perpetrated by vandals the night of June 19.

Some work will have to be done on the sign in addition to the putting back in place for the front was cut in several places with an axe. It will be completely repaired in the near future.

The Sherman county boys who are at the C. C. C. camp near Friend were home for the week end and agreed that the tall timber is a pretty good place to be when the sun gets hot. Most of the boys have been put at the more experienced jobs.

Patronize Journal Advertisers.

## Other Days, Other Times Recalled By Old Newspaper Clippings

From the Observer July 24, 1914.

A fire on the Lamborn place Saturday afternoon destroyed the straw carrier and rattle rakes of the threshing machine owned by George Lamborn and Ed McMillan and set fire to the straw stacks. No very serious damage was done to wheat, either threshed or standing.

Ed Tomlin suffered a broken leg Monday while helping at the L. V. Moore farm. A hitch broke as the combine was being pulled out of the shed.

Threshing in the Moro vicinity came to a partial stop Monday because of a heavy wind.

The new six cylinder Studebaker was demonstrated here Sunday with so much success that Judge William Henrichs annexed one for his future driving.

From the Observer July 22, 1904.

A new barn will be dedicated at the farm of John Holman this Friday night by a large crowd of neighbors at an informal dance.

## BLALOCK DEFEATED BY GRASS VALLEY BLUES

### Visiting Team Handicapped By Lack Of Regular Players

## LONG HITS FEATURE OF GAME

### Twenty Hits Gathered By Locals While Visitors Get Nine

A somewhat disarranged ball club from Blalock met defeat at the hands of the Grass Valley nine Sunday at the Grass Valley diamond. The score of 9 to 5 doesn't half tell the story for the game was closer than the score indicates.

Grass Valley took the lead in the first when Dunlap, first man up, lifted the first ball pitched into far left field for a homer. One more score was added later in the inning. Blalock came back in their half to fall on the offerings of Young and made a couple themselves, tying the score. McKinney, who started for Blalock, was relieved at the beginning of the third inning by Phifer, the regular pitcher, but the heavy hitting of the local boys went unabated. Twenty hits were recorded for Grass Valley and many of them were long ones which explains why only nine runs were scored. Three hits were home runs and several were triples. Practically all of them were with no one on base.

Blalock collected twelve hits off Young, but were unable to start a rally that lasted for over two runs. A touch of hard luck in the eighth robbed them of a couple of scores. With one man on, the batter put one into left field that rolled clear to the race track and everybody scored. The batter forgot to touch second base and a watchful player and Chas. McCutcheon, the base umpire, saw it. There was a brief discussion about it during which Grass Valley offered to forget it and Blalock refused. The Orioles took the field and the game went on, with much less than the customary bickering, thanks to good sportsmanship.

Batteries for Blalock were: McKinney, and Phifer and Turner and Bartelmaj; for Grass Valley, Young and Fritts. Phifer struck out seven men and Jacob Young whiffed ten umpires.

From the Observer July 26, 1894.

George Crosfield, representing the Staver machinery company, was in the city last week.

Mr. Smith, one of our Sherman county freighters, is about to complete a contract for hauling wool to The Dalles from a point 35 miles south of Prineville.

L. K. Moore and his barn builders are enlisted in putting up a fine new barn for J. J. Schaeffer. Appearances indicate that J. J. will not be satisfied when the barn is finished until he has a first class residence beside it and a help meet partner to preside over it.

Prof. Hiram Tyree, formerly superintendent of schools for Sherman county, has accepted a position as principal of schools at Albany.

R. J. Ginn is supposed to be on his way home—from Iowa.