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HARVEST RETURNS CONTINUE PLEASING

Wasco District Will Raise County's Average

TEST NOT SO HIGH AS AT FIRST

Milling Quality Not So General As Indicated

As harvesting continues and fields in the middle and southern parts of the county are finished less optimistic reports are heard. The crops in the Wasco and Rufus sections still are turning out better than expected in nearly all quarters. There will be entire fields that will average fifteen sacks in that district. Wheat is rolling into the warehouses to some extent although the general hauling has not started yet.

Wheat in the territory tributary to Moro is making from six to twelve sacks, a large spread, but not more than was expected from the spotted appearance of the fieldh. East of town the general average is reported to be seven and eight sacks. Test weights, first reported and locally tested on first samples to be 57 and better, will average between 56 and 57 according to the state grades received to date.

The fields of Marquis wheat in the district and the fields of Turkey Red that remained through the winter are reported to be testing very well.

The Grass Valley section is making about the same yield as is the district east of Moro, six to eight sacks being the usual report from farmers who are cutting.

Threshing is now going on all over the county. From one end to the other combines are in the field; every one is at it. A few men have finished their entire crops, but they are the exceptions. The slight rain of last week stopped harvesting for Friday and Saturday, but no damage was done to the wheat in a large part of the county. A hail storm damaged wheat in the Liberty, Bourbon and Rutledge districts although the extent of the damage is still a matter of dispute.

There is still every reason to believe that the county will produce well over 2,000,000 bushels of wheat this year. This yield will be due to the good crops in the north end of the county. It is possible that the county will average 20 bushels to the acre. Reduced acreage because of the freeze out and the sowing of oats and barley instead of wheat will reduce the total amount of wheat harvested.

Hail Damages Wheat In South End Of County

Hail swept over a section of the county about four o'clock last Friday afternoon and damaged some wheat fields in a strip nearly three miles wide. According to reports the hail which was fortunately preceeded by a heavy rain, came up the canyon south of the Bibby farm and followed the usual northeasterly direction of such storms.

At the old Schassen place now farmed by Joe Gregg the water ran in the canyon several feet deep and Mr. Gregg mired down in the stubble field shortly after the storm.

Rain fell heavily for a few minutes and then hail pounded down until the ground was white. There is no doubt in the minds of the farmers in the the path of the storm that had the hail fell first there would have been no wheat left in the hail belt, but the rain toughened the straw so that the hail did less damage than usual. As it is always hard to determine the percent of damage caused by hail no estimates were made.

The streak of hail damage included the Grover Young, Matt Simon, Joe Gregg, Hans Koepke, Ted and Frank von Barstel, Roy Barnett, Patjens and Andrews and Bob LeBleu farms south of Finnegan and Henkle, Moore Eakin, Smith and Alley farms in the Rutledge and Bourbon territory. Wheat heads examined were damaged a quarter to a third but were not an average of the field.

MEETING CALLED FOR COUNTY ORGANIZATION

Allotment Plan To Be Started Here In General Meeting

APPLICATIONS WILL BE SIGNED

Actual Contracts Will Be Signed Later When Allotments Made

Preliminary organization of Sherman county as a part of a new farm plan will be started next Tuesday evening, August 15, at a public meeting at the court house.

The meeting has been called by Charles Smith, county agent for Morrow county and acting administrator for Gilliam county, but it is thought that a director will be named by the date of the meeting. Mr. Smith, having organized two counties, is familiar with the requirements of the county allotment groups and will be able to aid this county materially.

Steps toward organization will consist of districting the county and appointment of an educational campaign committee to inform growers of the details of the plan. Delegates from each district will be elected to form the preliminary organization. Only those who sign the application for a wheat allotment contract will be allowed to vote for delegates.

These applications for contracts are not binding. If the contract does not please the grower when it is finally prepared he is not obliged to sign it. What he is asked to sign now is merely an application for a contract, showing his interest in the plan and intent to join if the contract is satisfactory.

The application is made up of definitions of terms that clarify the allotment plan and some of the more important clauses of the contract are also included. These stipulate: The acreage reduction shall not be in excess of 20 percent; the government will pay to the farmer in consideration for this reduction in 1934 and 1935, a payment on the 1933 crop that shall be not less than 28 cents per bushel and, if the "current average farm price of wheat per bushel with respect to the crop year 1934 is below the wheat parity price, there shall be made to the producer an adjustment payment in respect to the wheat crop for the crop year 1934." The same rule applies for 1935.

The county will be divided into districts—the exact number is not known—and delegates from these districts will elect a committee of three which will be known as the county allotment committee. The entire county organization will be known as the Wheat Production Control Association and those who sign contracts will be members of it with power to elect delegates and officers.

There is a very limited time in which to complete organization in this county as payments are scheduled to begin shortly after September 15. Although the organizers realize the difficulty of holding a meeting in harvest time they have no other alternative as the time is so short.

Miss Doris Amidon left for Portland this week where she will remain a few days before starting back to Excelsior Springs, Mo., where she will represent her sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha as a national delegate.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING AUG. 9

DATE	MAX.	MIN	PRECIP
AUG. 3	76	51	.00
" 4	65	50	.01
" 5	69	49	.02
" 6	83	46	.00
" 7	90	57	.00
" 8	93	65	.00
" 9	93	61	00
Total for week			.03

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS AT AUGUST TERM OF COURT

Clerk's semi annual report of fees collected and apportionments of same presented and accepted.

Clerk's semi annual report of disbursements presented and accepted.

Sheriff's turn-over report presented and accepted.

Treasurer's trial balance for July, accepted.

Court rescended order of January 5th, 1933 term in Re. Transferring of Prohibition Fund to General Fund and Establishing Prohibition Fund to its status as of January 5th, 1933.

County Engineer directed to proceed with survey on Right-of-way across Walt. Morris land from his South line to the Columbia river Highway.

Re: Removing of fence and other obstructions on Market Road between A. J. Decker and J. H. Wilson-Hartley ranches—leading East 82 rods. Court authorizes L. V. Walton to remove fence and posts on market road four and one-half miles southeast of Kent; road between A. J. Decker and J. H. Wilson-Hartley ranch, Sherman County, Oregon.

County waives payment at present on warrants held against high school tuition fund. Treasurer instructed to call high school tuition fund warrants to the amount of $1742.45.

Clerk instructed to draw warrant on Road Fund, payable to County Treasurer in Re: Sinking Fund, for the amount of interest on $7000.00 Road Warrant covering loan from Sinking Fund to Road Fund.

Re: Elementary School Fund. County Treasurer instructed to transfer from Elementary School Fund to County General Fund the sum of $1852.38.

Re: State Fund: County Treasurer instructed to transfer from Fund to County General Fund the sum of $818.13.

Claims Allowed at August Term of County Court.

Naomi Van Gilder	Canvasing Special Election Votes	$5.00
L. H. Nahouse	Canvassing Special Election Votes	5.00
Percy Thompson	Drayage for Moro precinct	1.75
Rufus No. 1 Precinct		
W. L. Wilson	Chairman	4.59
R. P. Foister	Judge	4.59
Blanche S. Everett	Clerk and mileage	6.59
W. A. Morris	Clerk	4.59
Mary M. Brackett	Clerk	4.59
Locust Grove No. 2 Precinct		
Victor Anderson	Chairman	4.41
Fred Hennagin	Judge and mileage	5.81
Nellie Fields	Clerk	4.41
Amelia Root	Clerk	4.41
Gladys Zell	Clerk	4.41
Klondike No. 3 Precinct		
J. T. Johnson	Chairman	4.83
A. B. Potter	Judge and mileage	6.23
Geo. W. Drinkert	Clerk	4.83
C. W. Johnson	Clerk	4.83
W. S. Deaton	Clerk	4.83
Monkland No. 4 Precinct		
C. J. Thompson	Chairman and mileage	6.04
Geo. N. McDonald	Judge	5.04
A. C. Kruger	Clerk	5.04
T. S. Reese	Clerk	5.04
Wilford Belshe	Clerk	5.04
Erskine No. 5 Precinct		
Omer G. Sayrs	Chairman	4.32
Roy Powell	Judge	4.32
Collis P. Moore	Clerk	4.32
Theo. Johnston	Clerk and mileage	4.72
Truman Strong	Clerk	4.32
Michigan No. 6 Precinct		
C. E. Eslinger	Chairman and mileage	5.20
Roy E. Tiller	Judge	3.60
Ethel Tiller	Clerk	3.60
Frank A. Lemley	Clerk	3.60
Louise J. Eaton	Clerk	3.60
Rutledge No. 7 Precinct		
Clyde Smith	Chairman and mileage	5.76
James W Blagg	Judge	3.96
Rolfe	Clerk	3.96
Bud Moore	Clerk	3.96

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PROSPECTS FOR BANK APPEAR BRIGHTER

Delegation Finds Portland Banks Interested

THIS FIELD TO BE EXAMINED

County's Need For Bank Is Shown By Data of Committee

Tuesday a delegation of Sherman countians were in Portland to present to the First National Bank a petition asking that a branch of that institution be established in this county.

The petition was the result of work done by the committee working under R. C. Atwood that was appointed a few weeks ago after interest in new banking facilities was brought to the fore. Members of the committe having the petition signed were Mr. Atwood, J. A. Butler, C. A. Tom, Fred Pickett, George Wilcox and A. A Dunlap.

Information about the income of the county as a unit and government statistics about the production of wheat in the county was given the bank. The county has raised an average of 2,400,000 bushels of wheat during the 1923-32 period and has had an average income of $2,195,312 during that time. This gives a per capita income of over $737.00

The county's position as regards average wealth is higher than that of any other county in the state, being almost three times the state average, according to the brief accompanying the petition.

The committee was assured that the county would be given consideration in the matter. No definite promises were made regarding the establishment of a bank here, but an examination of the county will be started that may lead to favorable action later.

The First National located a branch in The Dalles this week.

Despite reports to the contrary no plea was made for the location of the bank in any town in the county. This was in accordance with the aggrement reached between business men of the county at the first meeting. The locating bank will make its own decision in this matter.

There were slightly over 300 names on the several petitions which is not a large number. A fair representation was on them, however. Farmers are very busy at this time of year and many of them didn't sign the petitionh, but practically every business man had his name thereon.

A bank is almost a necessity in this county, especially during the wheat selling period when wheat checks must be cashed or deposited so they can be broken up into smaller amounts. With the new banking laws making banking safer the inconvenience of a community doing without a bank is not necessary and it is felt that a branch bank would receive good support in this county.

Those who presented the petition were: George Wilcox, Fred Pickett, J. C. Freeman and G. L. French.

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.

Grass Valley Collects Few Dollars In Fines

Fines were paid to recorder Gervias of Grass Valley Monday morning by Ronald McLachlan and "Red" George for disorderly conduct. These fines were $10 each. Bill McLachlan paid a fine of $20 in the same court for disorderly conduct and striking a minor.

The arrest of the three and the subsequent fines were caused when under the influence of liquor they became embroiled in a quarrel at Grass Valley Sunday. The elder McLachlan struck Ferdinand Stark, a minor. An elder Stark boy, Hadley, took up the argument and a fight ensued. Marshall Garrett of Grass Valley made the arrests.

Council Moves To Eliminate Fire Hazards

The laws regarding fire hazards in the city of Moro will be enforced more carefully in the future, was the decision of the council at a meeting Wednesday night. The visit of W. F. White, engineer of the Oregon Rating Bureau, last week caused this decision to be made.

Joe Truitt was appointed Fire Chief with the understanding that the council would back him up in eliminating fire hazards in town. It was made plain to councilmen that this must be done if fire insurance rates are to be held to even their present level.

Brawling Frowned On By City Dads

The brawling of last week end was the cause of special meetings of city councils and determination to stop unnecessary noise, yelling, fighting and disorderly conduct if possible.

Wasco city council voted to hire a night man to keep the peace. Grant Armsworthy, husky blacksmith, was named night officer with the promise to keep order or know the reason why.

Moro council took steps to have more peacable conditions prevail in the future. It was the unanimous opinion of city officers that the laws regarding noisy conduct must be observed.

Fred Pickett was in Salem Monday afternoon representing the county as delegate to the repeal convention. He was among the 110 that voted to repeal the 18th amendment.

GRASS VALLEY WINS OVER MADRAS-REDMOND

Agee, Visiting Pitcher, Makes Locals Look Easy

8 TO 7 SCORE WON IN 9TH

Visitors Look Easy; Prove To Be Tough Customers

A blue shirted army of players recruited from The Dalles to Shaniko cavorted over the Grass Valley diamond last Sunday while waiting for their opponents to get ready for the fray. A team from Madras and Redmond, dressed in corduroys, khakis and varied uniforms finally straggled on to the field with a twelve year old boy as lead off man.

The local players were prepared for a romp. The visitors in deadly earnest. Little Bill Brewster, the twelve year old, was hit by a pitched ball, a few errors were made and Madras ended the inning three runs ahead. What looked to be a rout became a ball game and good one.

Agee, for Redmond, pitched some fine ball until late in the game. Few solid blows were made off his delivery and most of the time the boys in Grass Valley's blue popped up or went out on easy infield rollers. Poor fielding on the part of Redmond-Madras players caused more runs than hits until the final three innings.

From the 3 to 0 score of the first inning Grass Valley increased to a tie then it remained 4 for G. V. and 3 for Redmond until the eighth inning when Ford weakened and allowed four runs while Grass Valley made 3 in their half.

Jacob Young started the ninth and his "boom" ball was good enough to retire Redmond Madras without a run although a man reached third before Jacob found the plate. Two hard singles in the Grass Valley part of the ninth ended the game with Perry rounding the bases as the tired visitors walked in from the field. The score 8-7.

Several good catches were made during the course of the game. The visiting center fielder caught some hard flies and Moore fielded a hard driven ball over second base that looked like a hit.

Olds and McCutcheon umpired. Batteries were: Ford, Young and Fritts. Agee and Brewster.

Old Ironsides Viewed By Thousands Of Curious, Questioning People

"How much of this ship is really old?", asked a lady of a blue clad attendant on "Old Ironsides."

"Fifteen percent."

"Then they just try to make it look old," the lady remarked.

"They did make it look old." retorted the sailor with a greater show of life than was customary for the lads detailed to answer innumerable questions for what must seem to be perpetually ignorant visitors.

It is said that all but 15 percent of the wood of the old ship has been replaced since the day it was launched, but that detail is not so important for one part looks as old and as true to its period as does another.

There are 44 guns on her, lined along the sides on every deck. They are muzzle loaders, just a round chunk of tapered iron with a hole in it. Near the breech is a half inch hole drilled from the top down to the powder. They were fired with a fuse. Heavy ropes stopped the recoil; leather buckets held the powder. Whale oil lamps gave the light for night work.

Like other sailing ships of the eighteenth century the Constitution looks taller than its length. The masts rise far above the water and are still covered with a mass of rigging although a submarine chaser now tows the old warrior from port to port and the sails are not used. It must have given a shrill in its day when its sails all swelled to the breeze. The hull of the ship must have looked as small and unimportant as the feet of a gull in flight.

The ship was built of heavy live oak, yellow pine and cedar in Hartt's Shipyard, Boston, in 1794 to 1797 and was one of the first ships built by the then new United States government. Instead of the usual 18 pound cannon she was equipped with 24 pounders and everything was done to make her the very best fighting ship possible. It was a naval unit the entire country,—then more ship wise than now,—could appreciate.

Appreciation became reverence when in the war of 1812 Captain Hull with the Constitution captured 20 British ships and established almost singly a reputation for American naval strength. The crew named the vessel "Old Ironsides" in honor of the seasoned oak planks that withstood the fire of enemy guns.

When, after a cruise in the Mediterranean the navy decided to discard the ship and sink it, the people protested. Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote the poem, "Old Ironsides," that every school child has learned and the ship was placed in a navy yard. A few months go it was reconditioned and started out on a trip to the ports of the nation so that all curious might see her.

Now she is throngedwith visitors. They tramp up and down the worn decks, they examine the sample of copper spike that Paul Revere made to pin the ship together, they lean over the cases of relics of a century ago, they comment on the old costumes, the old weapons, the cat-a-nine tails hanging on the brig, they jest about the grog tub so handily situated and they curse softly as they bang their heads on the low timbers on the lower decks. All apparently without realization that here in this old fashioned little ship men performed valorous deeds in the name of their new nation and made possible the appellation "home of the brave and the free."

Newspaper Files of Years Ago Tell of Early Day Happenings

From the Observer August 16, 1894.

Wheat has advanced to a figure in Portland which justifies paying 80½ cents here now.

Morrisey & Weigands threshing heading outfit gangs number about 30 men. They are working on a district of about 1500 acres for themselves, George Bourhill, John Coy and Tom Searcy.

R. H. Guthrie has not yet disposed of his wool clip and has the advantage of the 3 and a half cent raise. It can now be sold for over 9 cents.

E. M. Shutt was declared winner of the Antelope foot race. It is reported that $1500 changed hands.

Frank Lamphear was badly hurt on the 13th when he fell from a derrick while at work in harvest.

From the Observer August 12, 1904.

A letter from George DeMoss under date of July 24, from Peurosky, Mich., says, "we desire to introduce our ten pound son who was born this morning at one."

The S. T. company have been busy for two weeks. During that time they outfitted over twenty harvesting crews, most of the outfits aking he goods away with a four horse team.

Chas. Florer has added a new tire shrinker to his blacksmith shop.

Moore Bros. and Ginn have warehouses at Moro and McDonald bridge this year. They will buy wheat and store it for 50 cents per ton.

W. C. Rutledge has added a safe to his hotel offices for the convenience of guests.

From the Observer August 14, 1914.

A bob cat was killed on the W. C. G. Woods farm near Boardman Saturday evening by Clyde Woods.

Thursday, August 6, the separator of Asa Eslinger was destroyed by fire while threshing on the E. H. Moore farm. Another one was bought and the work resumed the following Monday.

County Judge Fred Krusow is autority for the statement that the couny has a small crew of men working on Cottonwood grade, removing rocks, etc. Next year the county will make more turn-outs on the grade.

Albert Kaseberg had the fingers of his left hand crushed while oiling a combine Saturday afternoon.