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RAIN MAKES OUTLOOK HOPEFUL FOR FARMERS

Beautiful But Related Showers Aid Prospects

SMALL PERCENTAGE SEEDED

Spring Wheat May Be Rule Next Year Unless Weather Remains Mild

For weeks it has looked rain and until the past week end looks has been all. It really made an effort to rain Friday, Saturday and Sunday but the result was a mere .45 at Moro and .22 at Kent, just enough to be dangerous to those who had seeded.

Monday night though, it really rained. Tuesday morning weather observers in the county checked in .81 at Wasco, .83 at Moro, 1.02 at Grass Valley and .91 at Kent and the visiting rain drops were promptly put to bed with the waiting kernels of wheat. This was the best rain of the fall and in fact the only one that gave any assurance of safety to those who seeded in the dust.

A small part of the land in the county has been seeded as few farmers were willing to take a chance on the dry earth. Quite a large number will seed some now after sufficient moisture is assured, but many farmers will let the entire place go until spring, believing that seeding in November is not good farming practice.

Wheat is up in spots in the Erskine territory and some grain in the north end is up with a nice stand. As a general thing however, the summer-fallow is brown, whether sown or not. There is constant argument as to whether wheat sown now will come up this fall or not, with the only answer ebbing that it all depends on the weather.

Rain Wednesday night increased the total for the week to 1.57 inches. This is greater than the average for the month but as it came late it did less good than a smaller rain earlier. Thirty hundredths of an inch fell Wednesday night.

Boy Scouts Committee Chosen

Boy Scout leaders met Wednesday night for a brief discussion of scout matters and appointed a committee to handle club activities for the coming year. Willy Knighten, John Foss and Harvey Thompson will act as the committee for the year and Clyde Gilmor will be the scout leader with Melvin Schadevitz as assistant. District leader W. W. Belcher was here Thursday to give his aid to the local group although they are not officially members of the district.

Hallowe'en Question: What Do Good Goblins Do For Amusement?

Why don't good goblins walk on Hallowe'en? Why is it only the bad, destructive element of the spiritual world that returns to earth on October 31? Some such questions must be in the minds of many persons as they view the destruction that usually is in evidence the morning of November 1.

Instead of tearing down the widows wood pile, breaking the aged man's fence, overturning the cripple's sidewalk, why doesn't the crowd of children masquerading as goblins and goblins look for good deeds to do? With a slightly different attitude it might be as much fun to pile up the widow's wood, repair needed fences and cart junk to the outskirts of town as it is to destroy property.

This is all a moralists viewpoint and it is not expected that gangs of boys will consider it seriously. It is

State To Celebrate 75th Anniversary

Governor Julius Meier has issued a resolution asking that next February 14 be celebrated as it will be the 75th anniversary of the admission of Oregon into the union. Public officials and chambers of commerce, newspapers and radio stations are asked to aid in making a genuine celebration out of the day. Medford and Jacksonville have been selected as the state headquarters for the affair but other towns will also participate.

"Fritz" Watkins Hurt In Wasco-Dufur Struggle

Fritz Watkins, who rates as the spark plug of the Wasco football team, was laid up for the season last week end when his leg was broken above the ankle in the game at Dufur. Watkins has been the passer and quarter back of the Wasco team and his loss will be a serious handicap to the team for the remainder of the season.

Jury List For November Chosen

The following list of men will be jurors at the November term of court which will convene on the 20th. Contrary to the general situation it is probable they will have some work to do before they are permitted to go their way.

Jury Drawn for November, 1933 Term of Circuit, Sherman County.
R. O. Scott, Wasco; Geo. A. Witter, Kent; J. S. Brock, Wasco; T. M. Rolfe, Grass Valley; M. G. Melsar, Moro; A. H. McIntyre, Wasco; Joe Truitt, Moro; Howard Conlee, Moro; Arthur Bucholtz, Moro; A. J. Murray, Moro; Arthur Smith, Wasco; Clyde E. Smith, Grass Valley; Karl Eaton, Grass Valley; Harold D. Eakin, Grass Valley; Roy E. Tiller, Grass Valley; George Blackburne, Rufus; W. L. Wilson, Rufus; W. C. Harper, Wasco; O. T. Hansen, Wasco; Truman A. Cross, Wasco; S. P. Boyce, Klondike; W. E. Bruckert, Klondike; S. B. Holmes, Grass Valley; O. A. Ramsey, Moro; W. C. Helyer, Kent; J. L. Brackett, Rufus; George F. McKay, Kent; Frank W. Haynes, Kent; W. C. Miller, Moro; L. V. Walton, Kent; Donald Clodfelter, Grass Valley.

Hunter Warned To Watch Ps & Qs

Hunters, especially those who hunt illegally, should beware the long arm of the federal government. The last congress passed a game law that permits federal officers and federal courts to prosecute game code violators and this law is going to be enforced.

Already one Sherman county man who shot a goose after the sun had gone down is in the toils of the law. He will either be taken to Portland or Pendleton to plead before a federal court.

WHEAT LEAGUE VISITORS ENTERTAINMENT TALKED

Local People To Co-operate Toward Successful Session

GENERAL DECORATION ASKED

Schoolhouse Will Be Used For General Meeting Place

The general committee for the wheat league meeting here this winter met at the hotel Monday night and discussed plans for the entertainment of the several hundred wheat farmers who are expected to attend the sessions.

It was decided to wait for a time before deciding where to hold the Friday night banquet. The hotel dining room will not seat over a hundred comfortably and if a larger number signify a desire to attend that function—which is probable—the dinner may be served in the Legion hall. Tables may be arranged there and stoves taken to the hall to keep food hot. Every effort will be made to make this banquet a success.

The school house will be used for the meetings if present plans are followed. The auditorium there is large enough to contain the normal number of attendants and the school rooms are well adapted to serve as committee meeting rooms. With this arrangement it will be possible to hold the entire session under one roof and allow fullest co-operation between committees—a very desirable situation.

Merchants of Moro will be asked to assist the general appearance of the town by preparing suitable window decorations for the entertainment of the wheat leaguers. As many of the visitors will undoubtedly visit other towns of the county while here, it was suggested that merchants in Wasco and Grass Valley may also be interested in window decorations with wheat as a background or theme.

Plans for the program of the wheat league are being prepared by the officers of the organization assisted by extension service men of Oregon State college. Due to the special session of the legislature which will likely be assembled during the league meeting taxation and legislation will undoubtedly be popular topics of discussion. The AAA scheme and the new credit facilities of the government will interest a large number of farmers and transportation, always a matter of interest to the wheat farmers of the upper Columbia country, will come in for a good share of the arguments.

As a whole the 1933 meeting of the league bids fair to be one of the most interesting and most instructive of any that has been held in recent years so much has happened since the last meeting to discuss, exciting things are in the process of happening for the farmers to debate.

Legion; Perhaps Auxiliary Will Meet Wednesday

Chris Schultz post of the American Legion will meet Wednesday November 8 at the hall for the first meeting of the month. It is probable that the Auxiliary will meet at the same time and that a joint assembly will be held. Repairs to the hall are contemplated, a proposal to rent it is to be debated and the winter's program will be discussed.

Warrants Called

Warrants Nos. 159 to 190 inclusive will be paid upon presentation to the clerk of School District No. 7, Wasco, Oregon. Interest ceases on date of this notice.

Margaret E. Tuel, Clerk
District No. 7, Wasco, Ore.

Local Boys Make Good At Pacific International

Not content with placing in the crops judging contest at the state fair the Fraser boys, Tommy, Paul and Gordon, entered the same competition at the Pacific International Exposition. Instead of being adjudged a mere third the team won first place against teams from the entire Pacific northwest. Crops judging is an unusual competition for from Sherman county where special ized crops are grown, but this did not deter the winners. They were given fourth, fifth and sixth places on the wheat entries also.

Elvin Martin Buried In Local Cemetery Monday

Elvin E. Martin, brother of W. J. and L. H. Martin, of this city died in The Dalles last Saturday and was buried at the Moro cemetery Monday afternoon. Mr. Martin was for many years a resident of Sherman county in the early days and was well known to the first settlers of this district. He was ill but a few days.

County Valuation Reduced For 1934

The valuation of the county has decreased by a little over 10 percent in the past year according to figures out by Mrs. Margaret Peets Wednesday. Last year the total taxable property in the county was \$11,145,873 including the public service corporations. This year the total is \$10,023,831. This is divided \$7,321,850 for local valuation and \$2,701,981 for the public service. The latter valuation is made by the state tax commission and is sent to the counties after the local valuation is prepared. The drop in public service valuation has been between 12 and 13 percent in this county.

Historical Society Offers Essay Prizes

The Oregon Historical Society has selected "Sagajawes," the Indian "bird woman" who accompanied Lewis and Clark in 1804-6, as the subject for the 1934 C. C. Beekman History Prizes and Medals. The prizes are four in number, viz. first, sixty dollars; second, fifty dollars; third, forty dollars; and fourth, thirty dollars; and will be awarded for the best four original essays on the above named subject written and submitted by girls or boys over fifteen years of age and under eighteen years of age, attending any public or private school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other educational institution within the State of Oregon. Each of the four prize winners will also receive a handsome bronze medal.

The conditions governing the competition are as follows:
(1) The essay submitted in competition must not exceed two thousand words in length.
(2) The essay may be in handwriting or in typewritten form, preferably upon paper of commercial letter size, either ruled or unruled, the several sheets being numbered consecutively and written on one side only, with blank space of about one and one-quarter inches at top and left hand margin.
(3) The essay shall be accompanied by a separate sheet containing the name and post office address of the

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WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 1

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
OCT. 26	68	39	.00
" 27	62	42	.14
" 28	66	47	.18
" 29	53	35	.09
" 30	49	35	.04
" 31	52	40	.82
NOV. 1	60	35	.00
Total for week			1.87

ALLOTMENT BOARD BUSY WITH ADJUSTMENT TASK

1931 Acreage and Bushelage Much Larger Than Official Figure

PROOF IS BEING PREPARED

Warehouse Records Show Nearly As Much Wheat As Government Figures

The county allotment committee has felt for several weeks that it was solving some of the most complicated problems ever designed for the exercise of the human brain. This week's experiences has led them to believe that what has happened before was just mild training for the problem before them now.

There was little difference in the official figures and the allotment committee's figures for the years 1929, 1930, and 1931. The difference was not large enough to cause much worry on the part of the committee or the state board. The figures for 1931, however, were decidedly different. For that year, which was the last year for which the allotment records show that 137,358 acres were seeded in this county while the official figures show that 119,000 was the seeded acreage. That is a difference of 18,358 acres or about 15 percent.

As for bushels in 1931 the comparison between the official figures and the allotment record is just as striking. The government gives 1,264,000 bushels as the production for the year and farmers making out their allotment records show that 1,770,142 bushels were produced. The difference is 506,142 bushels or about 40 percent above the low figure.

The county committee has checked the hail damage claims carefully and believe that they have reduced them to a figure that is proper and fair. They have checked the seed and feed and truck shipment figures and still cannot reconcile their totals with those of the government. Along comes Mr. Teutsch, of the extension service, and says that official figures are just that and will be used unless the county committee can show good evidence that a larger amount of wheat was actually produced in Sherman county in 1931.

That is all the county allotment committee has to do in the next two or three days. Merely to prove to Uncle Sam's statisticians that they are wrong. The difference means a little over \$10,000 to farmers in the county and the committee believes it is justified in taking the time necessary to prove its case.

On September 11, 1931 the Sherman County Journal printed the warehouse receipts for the stations of the county up to the Friday previous. These showed that there was at that time 1,111,768 bushels of wheat already in the Farmer's National Warehouses and Mr. Lucas and Mr. Shepard estimated that 61,000 bushels would be delivered for shipment later. The total given as accounted for on that date was 1,172,768 bushels.

This did not include the wheat that was shipped out by truck, that was loaded directly on to the cars in the south end of the county, that was kept for seed and feed and a reasonable amount added for hail damage it may be that the committee's are not far from the correct estimate of the county's crop.

Examination Coming

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows: Junior Medical Officer (Interns), \$2,000 a year, Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C. Operative, Serret Service, \$2,600 to \$2,900 a year, Treasury Department.

Budget Changes Made In Some Districts

Budget approval meetings were held in the towns of the county this week with the usual result that the budgets were approved in a majority of the cases. The school board of Wasco voted a raise of \$250 in the budget to insure money for emergencies and the city budget committee of Moro voted to allow \$750 with which to insure the hotel building.

This item was forgotten in the first meeting and was not discussed until the second meeting. There was some debate as to whether the city should carry insurance, but the majority of the taxpayers present thought it good business to insure. An item of \$360 was placed in the estimated receipts as rent on the hotel building to partially offset the insurance item which makes \$390 left to be raised by taxation. In the three year insurance period the receipts will offset the insurance entirely.

Relief Agency Distributes Pork

County relief man George Wilcox was distributing cured pork Monday to the needy of the county. The meat was part of that the government procured from the purchase of young pigs and was distributed free of charge to those on the relief list of the county. Five hundred pounds was sent to this county and more will arrive later if needed.

Wheat League Exhibit No. 1 On Way

Lou Peets has already started to decorate for the wheat league meeting. In accordance with the provision of the farm allotment law, as a contract signer, has divided his ground by leaving 15 percent un-sown. The land in question is the slope between retaining wall around his house in town and the highway. He has provided a building spot a cow pasture, even a draw or scab, and has not forgotten to leave out for contracted acreage. No doubt it will cause many a smile when wheat leaguers come.

What Happened 40 Years Ago, And Who It Happened To

From the Observer November 8, 1894
Kerr and Buckley are preparing to feed wheat to about 5000 head of sheep this season at their Grass Valley ranch.

J. J. Schaeffer met with an accident on Young's hill, beyond Deschutes the 2nd which killed one of the best horses in his 4-horse team and badly crippled another.

Dr. Smith was called to Rosebush on the 2nd to attend the little son of C. F. Williams, who had one of his legs broken by a horse.

Smokers generally have been puffing big Hunting cigars this week, from Moore Bros. and George Bolton's "Marriage Bells" stock.

A solitary horseman who crossed the Cascade range on the 3rd, says there was but half an inch of snow on the summit, and that was melting. A scarf and necktie party will be given at Moore Bros. hall on the evening of the 23rd.

From the Observer November 11 1904
Miss Lulu Bolton is at home from her visit to Wasco county, and will resume piano instruction to her class of pupils.

C. H. Tom has recently added the John Senknitch farm to his holdings in the north end. John will be sorry that he sold when he realizes the situation.

W. B. McCoy's cow got a crazy streak a few days ago, and after tearing around the neighborhood madly for about an hour, dropped dead.

Miss Alta Poole has taken a room in the Hood River public school, and left Moro Saturday for her new field. The very best wishes of a host of

COUNTY COURT HAS UNEVENTFUL SESSION

Turnover of Tax Funds Aids Schools and Towns

TWO PENSION APPLICATIONS IN

Court Will Act On Them In January If Law Is Unchanged

The county court almost drew a blank for its November meeting for there was little of importance to do. Even the supply of bills was limited as the meeting was held on the first day of the month and few firms had time to prepare their accounts. Two applications were received for old age pensions, but these were not acted upon as it is probable that the legislature will make some changes in the law before it goes into effect and the court is not empowered to act as a pension board until January.

Sheriff Chrisman's turnover of taxes was accepted. It was made on October 13 and showed that something over \$10,000 had been given to the county treasurer in collected taxes. The general fund was increased by \$1728.48 the elementary school fund by \$886.52 and the high school tuition fund by \$460.09 by the turnover.

Major school districts received funds as follows: Rufus, \$394.23, Wasco, \$767.02; Kent, \$90.79; Moro, \$762.88; Grass Valley, \$440.00. The \$190.69 and Grass Valley \$115.55. The city of Moro received \$118.34; Wasco

The final budget meeting will be held Saturday November 4 at the court house. Taxpayers may at that time present their opposition to the budget item if they so desire.

Moro city council will meet next Tuesday night to talk about hiring an engineer for the preparation of plans for the public works loan that has previously been discussed.