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SHERMAN COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

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COUNTY BUDGET PASSES WITHOUT ANY CHANGE

No Tax-payer Appears To Cast Vote On Levy

COUNTY AGENT ITEM VOTED

Office of Agent To Remain At Court House

The county budget has been approved. Last Saturday with no one present but the county court, the members of the budget committee and other county officers the yearly estimate of county expenditures was found adequate and satisfactory and duly passed.

There was little discussion for the men were merely approving their own work of a month before. There was some words about the county fair money, some thinking the fair should be supported from the income of dog and horse racing, but the allowance was not changed.

There was some belated argument about the advisability of putting the pension money under a different heading so that it could be used for poor relief if the pension law was scuttled at the next legislature but this was not done. The general question of relief was debated briefly but nothing was done to change the original figures on the budget. It was a most amiable meeting.

The committee placed \$20,000 in the budget for the payment of road bonds of which \$257,000 are still outstanding. They levied \$13,000 for interest on these bonds. They did not estimate the state tax.

The item allowing \$1500 for a county agent was not challenged and was passed into the levy without a dissenting word. There has been unofficial opposition to this item but no one was on hand to make a protest. The 343 signers of allotment applications represent a vast majority of the tax payers of the county and feel that they are entitled to have the expense of their office paid for by the government.

The high school tuition has been reduced in the county budget because the payment of high school tuition has been transferred to a new body of men. The county is still in debt \$23,897.19 on tuition against which there is \$19,719.00 in delinquent taxes to be applied. The appropriation this year is \$3000 which will nearly wipe out the difference if all

Mitchell-Antelope Road Cause Of Inter-county Argument

For years the residents of northern Wheeler county and southern Gilliam county have rested on their arms after having aided the building of the John Day highway. The agitation for the Mitchell-Antelope cut-off that will divert traffic from the upper John Day country from that road to either the Wapinitia road or the Sherman highway has been progressing for two or three years. And yet there was no mention of it in the public prints from the effected towns in Gilliam and Wheeler county.

A week or so ago the highway commission, having looked over the proposed cut-off expressed themselves as favorable to its construction when possible. Now the opponents of such a road are fully awake and are making valiant strides to catch up in their belated propaganda for the John Day highway as the main artery up that valley.

The Mitchell-Antelope road would shorten the distance from Dayville to Portland by several miles. Although projected through a rough and rugged country it is not a hilly road. From Mitchell, already on the Ochoco highway, the road would run down Bridge creek to the John Day river,

Journal Now In Its Forty-Sixth Year

With this issue the Sherman County Journal enters its 46th year. The Observer was established in Wasco in November 1888 and was published there for a few years when it was bought by Moore Bros. who wished to move it to Moro to aid them in having the county seat located here. J. B. Hooford was editor of the paper at that time.

In 1894 the paper was sold to D. C. Ireland and sons in whose hands it continued until March 1931 when it was sold to the present owners. The Wasco News-Enterprise was established in 1890 and the Grass Valley Journal was started in 1897. Both of these papers together with the Observer, have become a part of the Sherman County Journal.

Forty-six years is no inconsiderable time especially in the west where all men made things are comparatively new. The Journal is older than the county for Sherman county did not appear in the roll of Oregon counties until February 25, 1889 when it was carved from Wasco county.

Files of the paper date back almost forty years. They recount the births and deaths, the troubles and joys, of Sherman county week by week for the entire period. It is as old as the county and as new as the allotment plan or the newest born baby.

Ralph Brisbane Injured Saturday Evening

"Slats" Brisbane had a close call Saturday night when he was repairing a break in the street lighting system. He accidentally touched a wire carrying between 600 and 700 volts and could not get loose until he dropped to a guy wire beneath him. He was burned severely on the hands but otherwise seems to have no bad effects from his experience.

Discussion Group To Meet With Morrison

The Keystone Class will meet Sunday evening November 12th at the home of Clarence Morrison. Parsees, Brahmaism and the caste system will be discussed by Mrs. Elva Bryant, Dewey Thompson and Miss Eleanor Biggness respectively.

taxes are collected. It must be done within five years. Representatives of the allotment committee appeared before the county court to ask about moving from the court house to an office down town, but they were discouraged by court members who wished to evade the expense if possible.

thence down that stream to Clarno, where they are digging for oil and from there over the hill to Antelope and up the Antelope hill into Shaniko. Condon opponents of the cut-off advocate the use of the Hepper-Wasco secondary road which will cross the John Day at Cottonwood as a short cut for upper John Day valley travelers. Arlington, being at the extreme north end of the John Day highway, favors the development of that road above all others.

The stand of Sherman county has not been taken officially. If the county could be assured that the new cut-off would bring John Day traffic down the Sherman highway there would be agitation for it although life long advocates of a Wasco-Condon highway might still defer the completion of the road.

In any event all honor can be given to the advocates of the Mitchell-Antelope cut-off. Three years ago the project was a wild dream which was referred to as the one man road. Now, while it is not an accomplished fact, it is approaching the last stage of agitation and it is almost safe to say that it will be built if the government provides the \$15,000,000 for Oregon roads.

WHEAT LEAGUE NAMES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Prominent Men From Each County Will Lead Discussions

WELL KNOWN LEADERS COMING

Wheat Men Expect To Retain High Reputation For League

Heartened by the success of the recommendations made at Condon last year, the Eastern Oregon Wheat League will convene at Moro on December 8 and 9 to again discuss important, timely questions of the industry. From the discussions it is expected further recommendations of the growers will be made in an attempt to bring about other changes beneficial to the wheat growers.

Four major committees, with personnel including 183 leading growers representing every wheat growing section of eastern Oregon, will discuss the questions arising, with prominent men in the various fields slated for addresses.

These committees, with officers and members from Sherman county are: Taxation and Legislation, J. B. Adams, Moro, Chairman; Mac Hoke, Pendleton, vice-chairman; E. B. Jackson, Corvallis, secretary; G. L. Belshie, C. J. Thompson, Frank Burnett, Arvid Anderson, Asa D. Richelderfer, J. P. Yates, J. M. Wilson, C. B. Andrews, C. P. Adams, and G. A. Potter. Marketing and Finance: Oas. Harth, The Dalles, chairman; Harry Pinkerton, Moro, vice-chairman; E. L. Potter, Corvallis, secretary; W. F. Jackson, W. H. Ragsdale, J. L. Davis, Fred Hennagin, G. H. Root, T. M. Rolfe, G. H. Wilcox, A. A. Dunlap, A. H. Barnum, A. C. Kaseberg, H. A. Walker, Roy J. Baker, J. H. Wilson, Arzell Lemley, Hugh Walker, Emil Anderson, and Thomas A. Douma.

Transportation: L. J. Kelly, The Dalles, chairman; John Withycombe, Arlington, vice-chairman; W. W. Lawrence, The Dalles, secretary; Dewey Thompson, L. R. French, Grass Valley, R. H. McKean, C. M. Kuyper, Rufus, V. B. Eakin, Grass Valley, W. B. Rice, Moro, T. H. Fraser, C. R. Morrison, L. L. Peetz, G. A. Sargent, and Arthur Justesen.

Wheat handling, Warehousing, Discomits and Production. H. D. Proudfoot, Wasco, chairman; Earl Hoag, Blalock, vice-chairman; G. R. Hyalop, Corvallis, secretary; W. S. Powell, J. W. Shepard, B. H. Grady, W. T. Balsiger, Dave Reid, A. C. Kruger, J. B. Coon, R. Abell D. E. Stephens, Fred Krusow, Fred E. Cox, Joe Petes.

Discussion in many instances will be a continuance or enlargement upon recommendations made at last year's meeting, many of which recommendations have already been fulfilled. Listed among these realized recommendations are the amended state warehouse code, lower interest rates and more liberal credit through the Federal Land Bank, the working of the domestic allotment plan for wheat, reduction of property taxes and auto license fees, changing of the federal agricultural marketing act more in line with recommendations of national cooperative and farm organizations, branding of grade on pumps through which motor fuel is vended, and the world economic conference. Such an international conference as the world economic conference was recommended last year in the hope that U. S. goods would be placed on an equality with goods of other nations in the foreign markets through adjustment of the monetary system.

In the field of taxation and legislation, discussion will turn to reverting to the counties some of the tax monies which are, or may be, collected indirectly by the state, and other tax matters of moment. As the legislature is expected to be in session at the time of the wheat meeting it is hoped that immediate action of that

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Grass Valley Boys Defeated 41 to 0

An even dozen kids from Grass Valley, necessarily emulating the Oregon State "iron men" engaged Moro football team last Friday only to suffer a 41 to 0 defeat.

The first quarter was Grass Valley's and while no score was made in that period the invaders played the better brand of football. Moro received the kick off and fumbled, Grass Valley recovering. After four futile tries they lost the ball and Moro fumbled again to lose it back. Boyce and Shipley of Grass Valley were able to make some gains through the Moro tackles, but not enough for consistent yardage. The passing combination both to both failed to function as the receiver could not hang on to the pigskin.

After the opening period the game was all for Moro with the heavier and more experienced players making yardage on nearly every play. Barnes and Fraser, carried the ball for most of the touch downs. Grass Valley's boys were inexperienced and while they usually tackled low enough they often failed to hang on to their man and lost him.

Wasco defeated Grass Valley by a score of 25 to 0 giving a comparative score of 16 points in favor of Moro, whatever that means. The game that will determine the championship of the county will be played November 18 at Wasco when the Moro and Wasco teams meet.

Barge Line Will Not Start Until Next Spring

According to the latest report received here from Major Williams U. S. District Engineer, of Portland, the Celilo canal will not be ready for use until some time in January of next year. This will make it impossible for shipments to begin until next spring and the Columbia Boat and Barge company will not try to make shipments until that time.

Red Cross Searching For Members

Red Cross volunteers are perfecting the organization for the enrollment of members, November 11-30, was learned yesterday from W. W. Belcher Chapter Roll Call Chairman that more than 25,000,000 persons in the United States have received flour and clothing through red cross distribution of these government surplus commodities.

The local chapter has taken a prominent part, distributing in Wasco, Gilliam and Sherman counties 560 barrels of flour valued at \$1932.00 and clothing valued at \$3500.00.

Ninety six times during the past year some part of the United States was visited by tornado, flood, fire, earthquake or other form of disaster. Twenty one times the scenes of disaster was in the insular possessions and three times in foreign lands. Relief workers rushed from one task to another 46 disasters sweeping 23 states during one period of twelve weeks.

"We never know where disaster will strike" said Chairman Belcher, "and I urge the people of this community to renew their membership in the Red Cross that it may be equipped to cope with any disasterous situation."

Recent government economy measures have reduced or entirely eliminated the compensation, pension, and other benefits of several hundred thousand veterans. All of these men are granted the privilege of appeal and

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WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 8

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Nov. 2	65	40	.30
" 3	57	42	.15
" 4	47	29	.00
" 5	47	27	.00
" 6	42	27	.00
" 7	53	29	.00
" 8	52	32	.00
Total for week			.45

ALLOTMENT BOARD COMPLETES FIGURES

Show 1931 Production Well Above Government Estimate

BOARD AWAITS STATES ANSWER

Contracts Must Be Signed Hurriedly If Deadline Unchanged

Figures prepared by the county allotment committee in justification of its claim that the government records for the year 1931 are incorrect show that there was 1,237,684 bushels warehoused in this county in that year. This does not include any feed or seed or allow for any truck shipments or hail damage. The government figures give the county a total of 1,264,000 bushels.

There were 137,358 acres sown for 1932 crop which accounted for that number of bushels, according to the committee, which gives a total proven crop of 1,375,042 bushels. This is 111,042 bushels more than the government figures.

By another method of approach the committee shows that there was 1,401,493 bushels produced in the county. This is taken from landlords records of receipts from their farms. To this is added 210,032 bushels which is adjudged reasonable allowance for feed and seed used on the farms, 13,956 bushels which was pastured off as ripe wheat and 140,661 bushels as estimated hail damage. This makes a total of 1,766,142 bushels produced in the county in 1931, a figure considerably above that of the government statisticians.

It may take several day before the state board of review passes on these figures and until that time the local committee will be at a stand still. Contracts cannot be made out until the acreage and bushelage of the county and the individual grower is known definitely. Publication of the second set of figures will be delayed for a few days and contract making will necessarily be a hurry up affair unless the dead line is moved farther ahead. The difference between the government figures and the local figures are so widely divergent, though, that the board decided to make a fight for readjustment even if it does make them hasten to get under the wire.

Crested Wheat Grass Seed Available

Perry Johnston states that farmers wishing to sow Crested Wheat grass may get the seed from the state college. E. R. Jackman is handling the seed which is stored at Baker. For seeding in drills from 3 to 4 feet a part 3 to 5 pounds of seed are used while for those who use a regular grain drill and put the seed close together 10 to 12 pounds are needed.

Moro Moving To Portland For Game

If any one thinks next Saturday is going to be a good time to do business in Sherman county it is likely to be a mistake. Everybody is going to the football game in Portland between the University of Oregon and Oregon State. This is the first time in modern history the two teams have approached the annual game without one or the other having been defeated. With both teams both in the running for a national championship the interest is high. Folks hereabouts have sold the fatted calf, stalled off the creditors, pawned the wife's diamond ring to borrow some jack and will be found in the stadium Saturday afternoon yelling their heads off for dear old alma mammy.

Arrangement Of Flowers Discussed By Women

The Moro Woman's Club met last Friday at the home of Mrs. D. E. Stephens. The rooms were beautifully and lavishly decorated with fall flowers which Mrs. Strong used to illustrate her talk on flower arrangement. Mrs. Strong's excellent discussion of the Japanese and European methods was something out of the ordinary in our club programs and was much enjoyed by all present.

Other numbers on the day's program were a report of the Fourth District meeting at The Dalles by Mrs. Theodore Johnston and a talk on Stephen Collins Foster by Mrs. Carroll Sayers. The latter paper was illustrated vocally by Mrs. Maud Akers and Mrs. Martin Melzer and songs chosen for club singing were from Foster's compositions.

The next meeting will be held Friday, November 17th at the O. A. Ramsey home.

Processing Tax On Corn 28 cents

Definite fixing of the processing tax on corn at 28 cents a bushel, and announcement of the preliminary totals in the wheat sign up campaign are other developments in the A.A.A. for the week. The wheat sign up nationally totals about 80 percent, which means that right close to 8 million acres will be taken out of production in return for more than one hundred million dollars in benefit payments. Oregon with an 82 percent sign up is near the top of the list of wheat states.

East of the Cascades in the main wheat belt the sign up was much more complete, reports the state college extension service which was in charge of the educational campaign. Latest figures show 849,791 acres sign up by 7093 Oregon farmers. This will mean the distribution of around 2 1/2 million dollars in benefit payments to Oregon wheat growers this winter and next spring.

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COUNCIL HIRES WALL TO MAKE PWA PLANS

Rebuilding of Water System For Fire Protection Aim

EXPENSE OF \$4000 ESTIMATE

Opponents Doubt City's Ability To Repay Loan

Council meeting Tuesday night in Moro was enlivened by a close vote on the proposition of hiring an engineer to make up the plans for the public work application, the city is contemplating. Opposition to the employment of an engineer was based on opposition to the entire plan.

As previously outlined the city will apply for a loan of approximately \$4000 from the government with which to rebuild a part of the water system. Eight inch pipe will be laid from the cistern to Second street. From there to the main part of town passing the fire house six inch pipe will be used. The new line will run from the fire house to the post office to the bank corner, to Foss & Co.'s corner, to Walt May's corner and then to the Ginn corner where it will connect with the line from the cistern.

This arrangement was recommended by an engineer from the rating bureau as one that would improve the flow of water and pressure. Such a system, with sufficient hydrants would reduce insurance costs in the city by 15 percent according to an estimate given by the rating bureau. A fire department would further reduce insurance by 7 percent and the passage of two ordinances would lower rates by another 2 percent, by the same estimate.

If nothing is done to improve the (Continued on page two)

What Happened 40 Years Ago, And Who It Happened To

From the Observer November 15, 1894 were married on November 9th.

H. H. Walker, the Wasco art decorator is engaged in Grant in the line of his profession.

Improvement is the order of the day at Grass Valley. The new steam mill is running, the new church occupied, and Mr. Lyons new residence almost ready for the family to move in.

Mr. Frank Watkins and Miss Lottie Cushman were married in Moro on the 9th and proceeded at once to house keeping on Judge Meader's farm, where Frank has his horses for the winter.

Davies and Clair will winter 1700 head of McKinley and Tom Reed sheep on the McIntosh place. It is said that Bill Wilson would like to get a job as herder, but Davies is afraid it might cause a trouble similar to that experienced by Gov. Morton of New York and his coachman, as Bill has not renounced his allegiance to Great Britain and is too "fresh" an import.

Two threshing outfits in the south part of the county, Schassen & Reckman's and Bennett Bros. will probably finish up this week, and that will conclude harvest work in the immense crop of 1894 in Sherman county. A crop and yield such as was never before seen or heard of in the world; and all nicely secured. Surely we have reasons for thankfulness.

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Bow legged Pete and Sallor Joe will be out of jail Sunday. Alexander McNab and Miss Clara B. Morris, both of Sherman county,

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Mrs. Anna Montgomery left Monday morning for Woodburn where she will visit a short time, before returning to her home in Idaho.