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WHEAT LEAGUE VOTES TO AID SALES TAX BILL

Taxation Committee To Fight For New Tax System

COUNTIES TO BE ORGANIZED

Relief of Real Property Held Important Issue

The taxation and legislation committee of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League met in Arlington Saturday and made plans to carry the fight for the sales tax to the people of the mid Columbia wheat district. Representatives present at the meeting expressed the opinion that all land owners of the wheat areas would be materially aided by the application of the sales tax as they are generally large taxpayers and at present, at least, small purchasers of retail goods.

W. H. Ragsdale is chairman of the committee in Sherman county. As a member of the general committee he will appoint a group of men interested in the passage of the sales tax to aid him as will county chairmen in the other nine counties holding membership in the league. An aggressive campaign is planned.

Men who opposed the sales tax last summer were willing to admit that conditions from a tax standpoint had not improved since that time and that unless some relief was given to real property holders they were in danger of losing their property to the counties. The sales tax, while not advocated as a perfect tax system, was regarded as being a means of temporary relief that would catch up on some of their delinquencies.

The opinion of the meeting was that a tax system that increased the number of taxpayers and therefore increased the number of persons interested in tax spending would tend to keep government expenses down because of public pressure against extravagance.

Attending from Sherman county were: J. B. Adams, W. S. Powell and G. L. French. Mac Hoke, of Pendleton, chairman of the committee presided.

Frank Morrow Injured By Auto

Frank L. Morrow of Wasco was seriously injured Tuesday night while on his way home from his office the Sherman Garage and Machinery Company, when he was struck by a car driven by Roy Belshee. It was raining at the time and Mr. Belshee did not see the pedestrian until it was too late to avoid him, it was reported.

The injured man was taken to the Mid-Columbia hospital where it was found that he had a broken shoulder blade, chest and spine injuries and a wound on the head beside suffering from shock. It is thought that he will recover unless developments of a more serious nature ensue.

CWA Projects On Last Lap

Work on CWA projects in the county has gone on apace this week with the weather remaining good for outdoor work. Moro officials have ordered the pipe for the city water project and the CWA officials have asked for bids on the part to be furnished by the government agency. A large part of the digging has been done and it is thought that laying of pipe will begin next week.

The project calling for the employment of two men to check the tax records to determine the status of rural property was approved and Joe Truitt and Fred Fortner are working on it. They will find out the amount of property that has changed hands and why. The government especially wishes to know the extent of tax sales, mortgage sales and tax delinquency.

At Wasco a crew of men are working on the viaduct and the road projects in the north end of the county are taking a good sized crew of men to complete the grading and graveling of the roads there.

Crested Wheat Seed Sold

Curtailing the wheat acreage of the county has been a means of increasing the Crested Wheat acreage of the county for several farmers will grow this kind of forage grass on their contracted acreage.

S. J. Brock, L. E. Kaseberg, Fred Hennagin, Fred Krusow, Amandus von Borstel and J. S. Fowler have made purchases of seed lately and the county agent's office has placed an order for 300 pounds more of the seed.

CORN-HOG PLAN GETS UNDER WAY HERE

Community Meetings Scheduled For Next Week

BRANDT EXPLAINS REASONS

Reduction Held Necessary Because Of Reduced Exports

The schedule of meetings for the county hog reduction program is as follows: Wasco, schoolhouse, Monday January 22nd.

Moro, courthouse, Tuesday January 23rd.

Grass Valley, Auditorium, January 24th.

Kent, grange hall, Thursday, January 25th.

All meetings begin at 7 o'clock p. m.

This schedule was announced at the county meeting held here Wednesday afternoon at which hog raisers heard the details of the corn-hog reduction plan from P. M. Brandt of Oregon State College.

Mr. Brandt explained the reasons why it was necessary for farmers to reduce the number of hogs raised. It sounds very much like the wheat surplus all over again. We used to eat pork and pork products in generous quantities in this country; we used to ship pork and lard to Europe for them to eat. Then—

Twenty years ago a firm put out a vegetable oil shortening and advertised it as purer, healthier and better than lard. Gradually people began to use less lard until now vegetable oils are used by the majority. We ship such oils from our south sea islands to compete with our hog growers.

We shipped many pounds of pork and lard to Europe until countries over there began to give substitutes to their own producers and to raise the tariffs on American lard. Now there is no place to send our surplus and with prices of other farm products low many farmers have been trying to get out of the hole with the old reliable mortgage lifter. It hasn't been working.

Now the government is aiding the hog growers by giving a subsidy for reduction of the number of sows bred. Farmers will produce 25 percent less hogs if they join the plan.

At the meetings to be held next week the community committee men will be elected just the same as they were during the wheat control organization. Each district—and the county has been divided as it was for the wheat control plan—will elect three community committeemen and the first elected will be the county committeeman and serve on the county board. Duties of these men will be much similar to those assumed by the wheat board.

Temporary committeemen appointed for the several districts are: Locust Grove, Fred Hennagin; Wasco, A. D. Richelderfer; Moro, Henry Barnum; Harlandview, P. C. Axtell; Klondike, W. E. Bruckert; Grass Valley, E. M. Alley; Kent, Wilbur Haggerty.

Over sixty men attended the meeting Wednesday afternoon and showed considerable interest in the procedure of finding the figures for past years in their hog production.

In addition to Mr. Brandt, Johnnie Walker, of the commission firm of Bodine and Clark, spoke about ways and means of getting the necessary affidavits.

Legionnaires Will Meet

Legionnaires and their wives and auxiliary members and their husbands will have a party Friday night, tonight, at the Legion hall. Cards and perhaps dancing will be amusement features and a general ex-service get together is promised.

Taxpayers To Meet In Moro Wednesday

"The County Taxation Committee of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League hereby calls a mass meeting of all tax payers at the Court house at Moro at 1:00 p. m. Wednesday, 24th instant, for consideration and discussion of pertinent taxation matters and with the object of forming an organization of taxpayers of the County."

The above announcement presages the formation of an active group of men within the county who will be interested in the various tax matters that confront the property owner.

While the meeting is called under the name of the wheat league it is to be a general meeting for tax payers and all are invited to come. Sherman county at one time had an active tax league but it has ceased to be effective in the last few years. In other parts of the state meetings have been held to organize farm groups interested in tax legislation and this will be along the same lines.

Tractor School Attendance Satisfactory

Farmers from all over the county attended the Caterpillar diesel tractor school here Monday. Talks were given by representatives of the company and moving pictures were shown of the Diesel in operation. Still pictures of the parts of the machine were shown and explained by Vic Wallace and William Wagner of the Caterpillar company.

After the school was over interested farmers took the 35 diesel out for a trial spin around the Legion hall. One after another they backed and turned along the side of the hill like an old time horse buyer trying out the paces of a new steed. William Frail and Freeman Sernaus of the Loggers and Contractors Machinery company handled the arrangements for the show here.

Belcher Appointed Re-employment Head

W. W. Belcher, well known to residents of this section as executive for the Boy Scouts, has a new job. Mr. Belcher was appointed as re-employment officer for this district which comprises four counties. Mr. Belcher will maintain an office in The Dalles but will be responsible for the men in this county.

4-H Club Boys Buy Steers

The group of boys, who have engaged in the 4-H club project for raising and fattening a beef steer were visitors at the Phillip ranch near Blalock Sunday and brought home a truck load of stock to practice on for the remainder of the year. Those buying steers were: Bobbie King, Carson von Borstel, Frank von Borstel, Jack von Borstel, Donald von Borstel, Paul Fraser, Gordon Fraser and Frank Sayers. Ronald Powell bought a beef heifer.

MORTGAGE MEN TO MEET

Members of the Farm Mortgage Adjustment groups of the mid-Columbia counties will meet in Arlington Wednesday January 31 to discuss what shall be done to make effective the wishes of the government regarding easier credit terms for delinquent farmers. O. M. Plummer of Portland, chairman of the state group, and L. R. Breithaupt, secretary will be present.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 17

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
JAN. 11	41	29	.07
12	47	30	.00
13	50	32	.00
14	47	32	.00
15	36	28	.00
16	53	31	.08
17	50	38	.17
Total for week			.84

DISTRICT PRODUCTION CREDIT ORGANIZED

Wheat and Fruit Men Will Borrow From Same Local

RAGSDALE ELECTED DIRECTOR

Final Organization Will Be Complete Soon

Organization of Production Credit loans in this district was furthered this week when meetings were held here in Moro and later in The Dalles where actual organization was perfected.

Herbert Howell, representative of the Farm Credit Administration, spoke to a group of about 60 men here Tuesday afternoon and explained the set up and told what was expected of farmers who wished to borrow federal funds to finance their farming activities for the year.

Production loans will be procured much the same as are the land bank loans. It is necessary for farmers to form a local association to assume some responsibility for the loans made in that district. The local association makes the loans with funds derived from the government corporation. Each borrower must take out stock in the local association for five percent of the total of his loan. In case the local association becomes in bad financial condition he must put additional funds to insure the safety of the association.

It was hoped in some quarters that it would be possible for each county to have a local of its own but this has been vetoed by the government authorities who desire larger units, at least on the start.

At present the stock men plan on having a statewide organization although it is possible that the state will be divided into 8 districts for stock men as well.

The local district comprises the counties of Sherman, Gilliam, Wasco, Hood River and parts of Skamania and Klickitat in Washington. Fruit and wheat loans will be handled by the same organization. It is assumed that later this will be changed to allow the fruit men and the wheat men to organize by commodities and have loan groups of their own. At present the two will be together.

It was decided to elect a director from each of the counties or parts of counties represented making a directorate of seven which will later elect two directors at large to increase the number of directors to nine.

W. H. Ragsdale was named director from Sherman county. Earl Hoag from Gilliam county, Ray Dukek, from Wheeler county, L. J. Kelly from Wasco and Allison from Hood River county. Complete organization will be perfected in a few days.

Call for Warrants

Warrants to and including No. 21, of School district No. 24, Sherman County called for. Interest to cease after this date.

Dated at Grass Valley this 19th day of January, 1934.

C. P. Adams, Clerk.

NOTICE

Warrants Nos. 241 to 270 inclusive of School District No. 7, Sherman County, Oregon, will be paid upon presentation to clerk of said district. Interest ceases on the date of this notice.

Margaret E. Tuel, Clerk.

Warrant Call

Warrants Nos. 160 to 214 inclusive of School District No. 17, Sherman County, Oregon, will be paid upon presentation to clerk of said district. Interest ceases after this date.

Dated at Moro on the 19th day of January.

M. E. McKee, Clerk.

Stephens Managing Two Banks Now

Since E. L. Morton has left the Bank of Commerce liquidation in Wasco, H. M. Stephens has been hired by the state banking department to take over the management of the two closed banks in Sherman county. Formerly Mr. Stephens was an assistant under R. H. Coppock in charge of the Moro bank.

The new manager will be in Moro Monday, Wednesday and Friday and in Wasco on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday to transact business for the customers of the banks. Mrs. Chas. Burnet is helping since the departure of Mr. Morton.

E. B. Penland Buried In Halsey Tuesday

E. B. Penland, well known to many residents of Sherman county, died at his home near Halsey on Saturday January 13, just two months after Mrs. Penland passed away. He had been ill for several months with an incurable disease.

Mr. Penland came to Sherman county in 1883 from Linn county and made this county his home for many years during the pioneer days. Later he returned to the county of his youth and remained there. He still kept his Sherman county farms, however, and at the time of his death owned 1440 acres of land here.

He is survived by two children, Dr. Hugh Penland, and Mrs. Fred Robbins. At the time of his death he was 78 years of age, having been born in 1855.

He was buried at Halsey Tuesday.

Glenn Garrett Begins Sentence Sunday

Glen Garrett was taken to the penitentiary at Salem Sunday by Sheriff Chrisman to serve an indeterminate sentence of from five to fifteen years for arson. Garrett was sentenced by Judge Carl Hendricks Saturday after he had entered a plea of guilty to burning the Odd Fellows hall in Grass Valley the Sunday night previous. The judge recommended that the prisoner be given a thorough mental and physical examination to accurately determine whether his actions were caused from a form of insanity or not. Many persons acquainted with the case have insisted that Garrett was insane.

Read the ads in the Journal

What Happened 40 Years Ago, And Who It Happened To

From the Observer January 22, 1915
Sweeney the horse buyer is in the county looking for good horses of cavalry size for the armies of Europe.

The Moro hotel has installed steam heat in the upstairs rooms of a part of the building, the work being done by George Miller.

Just before the expiration of his term Governor West pardoned D. A. Howell who shot Mayor Fowle of Shaniko.

Jay Bowerman sold his 1942 acre wheat farm near Condon to a man from Gervais. The consideration was \$50,000.

From the Observer January 27, 1905
Mrs. F. A. Sayers has received a letter from her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Morgan who recently moved to Horso Heaven. She enclosed a piece of wood that was taken from a well 380 feet deep. It is in a good state of preservation.

Upper Hay Canyon will soon have a telephone line so they can say Hello to the world when ever they want to.

Miss Ida Mowrey entertained quite a party Wednesday evening. Progressive Crokinole and Sherlock Holmes furnished the amusement.

People want to know how much of

MORO VOTES LIQUOR ORDINANCE CHANGE

New Ordinance Complies With Knox Law In State

CURFEW WILL RING HEREAFTER

Children Must Be Off Streets By Eight O'Clock

The city council of Moro met Tuesday night for another of the frequent discussions of the liquor situation in this state. A petition from business men was received asking that the council go on record as favoring the establishment of a state liquor agency here. This action was taken by the council and the ordinance proposed by the League of Oregon Cities was also put on the road to adoption. This will make the city's laws conform to those of the state as regards liquor legislation.

Another action taken by the council will be especially interesting to the kids. Hereafter the curfew ordinance will be enforced. From Friday January 19 to March 1 the bell will ring at 8 o'clock each night. After that time it will ring at 9 o'clock each night.

All children under the age of 18 years must be at home by that hour. Penalty varies from warning to a fine of \$100 on the third offense for parents who allow children to remain out after curfew hour.

Applications for the appointive city positions were read with the result that the same were hired for 1934 at the same wages as prevailed in 1933. L. H. Nahouse is recorder, George A. Williams marshal and Henry Ruggles, watermaster.

Debate about the status of the water bills resulted in a decision to collect water rents faster. The city is going to some expense to improve the water system and needs the delinquent rents.

A. M. Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fraser drove to Halsey early this week to attend the funeral of E. B. Penland. While on the trip some one broke into Tom's car and stole their clothes.

COURT NEWS

County Court Proceedings for the January, 1934, Term of Court

Fire insurance policy for \$7500.00 for 1934 on fairground buildings accepted and premium ordered paid.

List of 200 names for jurors for 1934 drawn.

Dr. C. L. Poley of Grass Valley appointed County Health Officer for 1934.

Roy Powell, Moro; D. E. Vintin, Grass Valley and H. S. Wall of Wasco were appointed members of the Road Viewers commission for 1934 for Sherman county.

Dr. C. L. Poley of Grass Valley was appointed County Physician for 1934.

James Stewart appointed Stock Inspector for 1934 for Sherman County.

Hugh Chrisman, Sheriff, appointed County Trust officer for 1934.

County Court of Sherman County appointed as DeMoss Park Board for 1934.

Sheriff's turnover report as of December 30, 1933, accepted.

Sheriff's report for year of 1933, accepted and ordered filed.

Re Transfer of Fair Fund Subject held until information received from Attorney-General of Oregon.

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County Treasurer instructed to transfer from Bond Interest Fund to General Fund, the sum of \$3000.00.

Statement of Mid-Columbia Hospital for medical aid rendered to Bob Elliott of Wasco accepted and claim ordered paid.

County Treasurer instructed to transfer from Emergency Fund to C.-W. A. Project Fund, the sum of \$3500.00.

Treasurer's Trial Balance as of December 31st, 1933, filed and accepted.

County Clerk instructed to pay interest (from Road Fund) on Road Warrant No. A-473 and then issue new Road Warrant in lieu of warrant No. A-473

The following persons were appointed as members of the respective Election Boards of the Precincts in Sherman County for the two year term beginning January 1st, 1934:

Rufus:
R. P. Foister, Judge; W. L. Wilson, Chairman; Blanch S. Everett, W. A. Morris and Mary M. Brackett, Clerks.

Locust Grove:
Fred Hennagin, Judge; Victor An-

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