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SPEAKER SNELL TO TALK HERE TUESDAY

Commercial Club To Be Host To Representative

ENTIRE COUNTY MAY ATTEND

Special Session Will Probably Furnish Topic

It was announced this week by officials of the Moro Commercial Club that a meeting will be held next Tuesday evening, February 6, at which time Earl W. Snell, speaker of the Oregon house of representatives as the last regular and the special session, will be the speaker.

Mr. Snell is well known in this section of the county as he has represented this district in the legislature for several terms. It is thought that he will talk on developments of the last legislature and will spend some time talking about the sales tax, the most controversial question arising out of the special session of last November.

As usual with meetings of the Moro Commercial club everyone is invited to attend. This especially applies to other towns who may wish to hear the speaker. The meeting will be

Robert C. McClure Buried In The Dalles

Robert C. McClure, a resident of The Dalles, but one time a Sherman countyman died at his home Monday after a brief illness with pneumonia. He was 45 years old.

He was born in Kansas in 1888 and came to Sherman county with his parents in 1906. He remained here until twenty years ago when he moved to The Dalles where he was engaged in the barber business. He is survived by his widow, his mother, a sister, Mrs. Jessie Robinson, and two brothers, John E. and Andrew, both of Wasco.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in The Dalles with interment there.

Final Rites Held For Mrs. Milton Damon

The final rites for Mrs. Martha Damon were held in Moro Monday afternoon upon the arrival of the funeral party from Portland. Mrs. Damon died Friday in Portland at the age of 66 years. She was the wife of Milt Damon and was well known in this county because of her long residence here. Surviving are her widower, a son, Blaine of Portland, two brothers and two sisters, one being Mrs. Jane Young of Wasco.

preceded by a dinner which will be served at 7 o'clock in the evening. A second meeting is planned for the 20th of February when the club will act as sponsor for a gathering of club boys and their fathers.

Liquidation Of Banks In County Progressing

The two banks in liquidation in Sherman county have filed their statements as of November 15 which is one of the semi-annual dates on which they must make a report of their activities for the past six months.

Since the report date the Bank of Commerce has paid a dividend and by selling wheat on hand has reduced its bills payable. Bills payable for the Bank of Commerce on May 15 was \$93,352.68 and on November 15 was \$53,778.36. A considerable part of the collections were made by and for the Federal Reserve, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the United States National Bank which reduced the money owed by the bank. Expense since the bank closed has totaled \$5,017.86.

The Moro State Bank has also reduced its bills payable since the 15th of November by sales of wheat. At that time it was \$85,415.29 a reduction from \$94,252.19 since May 15. Expenses of this bank since the closing date in 1931 were \$7,149.69.

CWA Work Drags Since Hours Reduced

CWA work has dragged along this week with more slowness than usual because of the small number of hours allotted to each man on the job. Three days per week and five hours per day hardly allow for efficient work on the part of the men. County roads where work is in progress are bars to traffic for long periods of time and city streets remain torn up for seemingly interminable periods.

Efforts have been made to have the time increased or the number of men doubled but such efforts have availed naught. If the work actually stops on the 15th of February there are remaining only 6 days in which to finish the work and in many cases this is impossible. It is possible that a quarter of the men will be let out at that time and that a quarter will be removed from the payroll each week until all are put on their own resources.

County Spellers are 25 Percent Perfect

The school ma'ams of the county called all the children together one day last week and pronounced a list of words for the youngsters to spell. Fifty four of the results filed at the superintendent's office were perfect out of a total of 321. Scores varied from the perfect 100 to less than 20. The grades from the third to the eighth were tested.

Results by schools show 11 out of 62 perfect at Grass Valley; 21 perfect out of 51 at Moro; 8 perfect out of 34 at Kent; 4 perfect out of 18 at Wasco in the 3rd and 4th grades, 1 perfect out of 4 at Erskine, none perfect out of 7 at Fairview, 2 perfect out of 6 at Klondike, none perfect out of 9 at Rutledge and none perfect out of 4 at Liberty. Harmony district had not sent in scores.

B. F. Strange Dies In Portland January 22nd

B. F. Strange, known to many persons in this country as a horse buyer of olden days, passed away at his home in Portland January 22. He was suffering from cancer. He was born in Illinois March 17, 1862 and spent his life in the middle west until coming to Oregon to buy horses several years ago.

In 1921 he married Mrs. Chris Koepke and lived on the Koepke ranch south of Grass Valley for a couple of years before returning to Portland. He is survived by his widow and seven children by a former marriage. Funeral services were held in Portland Thursday, the 25th, and interment was in the Rose City cemetery.

The Monday night pinocle club met with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barum this week.

WHEAT CHECKS BEING DISTRIBUTED HERE

Majority of Farmers Receive First Allotment Checks

SOME TAXES PAID IMMEDIATELY

Signatures Necessary and Some Must

For the last three days the court house has been a busy place. Upstairs the allotment committee assisted by some local committeemen and clerks has been passing out wheat allotment checks as fast as farmers call for them. This brings a smile and a bit of cheerfulness.

Down stairs the sheriff and his deputy skip over their big ledgers calling out the tax division as some one drops in on his way out to pay his taxes. Paying taxes always causes a glum look on the face of the payee.

Nearly every farmer in the county has called at the court house this week to receive his check. Eight hundred and eight checks were received. About ten per cent of that number were held in Washington for further information and cannot be distributed for a week or more.

The total value of the checks exceeds \$210,000. About \$240,000 will be the total of the first payment when it is all received. Those having landlords who live outside the county must wait until these landlords have signed on the dotted line for fear some would not do so, thus leaving the tenant unable to perform his part of the contract.

Two hundred thousand dollars—that's a lot of money to come dropping into the county along in the middle of the winter. What will become of it? Some have already gone to pay taxes and will continue to come in for several days. About \$7,000 was received the first two days of check delivery. Some will go to pay interest, land payments, insurance, bills. It is possible that the \$210,000 already received will clear up a million dollars worth of obligations within the county.

Those receiving the checks must sign a receipt, then they get a statement showing the division of the total amount allowed for the farm in question and the heavy government check itself.

Of those failing to come the majority are largely from the Grass Valley and Harlandview districts where hail damage was the greatest. Some were held back because of faulty signatures, powers of attorney and other slight errors.

Scrip Issue Being Called Having Served Purpose

The issue of scrip put out by the Sherman County Scrip Association last spring has been called in for redemption and may be cashed at the office of the association. The scrip was issued for the purpose of aiding school teachers and others holding school warrants on Sherman county schools in getting something to spend instead of non-cashable warrants. Since so many school warrants are now being cashed at the banks it is thought that the scrip has served its purpose and the resolve to call it was made.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 31

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
JAN. 25	42	33	.00
" 26	55	40	.00
" 27	61	37	.00
" 28	55	32	.00
" 29	48	29	.01
" 30	50	34	.00
" 31	52	36	.01
Total for week			.02

Mrs. George Schwartz Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. Anna Schwartz, wife of Geo. Schwartz died in The Dalles Wednesday night of last week after an illness that has kept her bedfast for several months. Mrs. Schwartz was born in New Brunswick a daughter of Adam and Jeanette Scott. She came to Oregon the first of the century and was married to Mr. Schwartz May 13, 1904.

They lived in Sherman county until about twenty years ago when they retired from actual farming and moved to The Dalles where they have since made their home. The deceased is survived by her widower and one son, Walter Schwartz of The Dalles. Funeral services were held in The Dalles.

Ladak Alfalfa Favorably Known

PRINEVILLE—Reports that Ladak alfalfa would "go dormant" and make no further growth after the second cutting have been shown to be untrue by observation of Ladak plantings in Crook county this year. An eight acre field of Ladak on the E. N. Hall farm at Powell Butte made an excellent growth after the second cutting, though it started somewhat slower than other sorts. Growers here would like to use more Ladak seed but so far the seed is so scarce that the price is prohibitive in most instances. Prices of Grimm and common alfalfa seed quoted here are below a year ago, but Ladak prices are more than double.

Farm Mortgage Group Hears Of Federal Aid

Members of the county farm mortgage groups of the lower Columbia basin met in Arlington Wednesday and listened to a discussion of ways and means to make their organizations effective. Representatives from the federal land banks explained the procedure of getting government loans for those threatened with foreclosure. Farm mortgages have increased greatly since 1910 and for several years farm income has decreased making a startling spread. Those attending from Sherman county were D. E. Stephens, Fred Krurow and C. A. Tom.

Atlas To Tell History Of Races

EUGENE, Ore.—Compilation of an archeological atlas of the state of Oregon, that some day will tell at a glance the history of races of men who lived in Oregon long before the coming of the white man, is the aim of Dr. L. S. Cressman, professor of sociology of the University of Oregon, he announced today.

Dr. Cressman has already done a great deal of research and exploration in the state, and has discovered some remarkable evidences of ancient life in the Willamette valley, in Southern Oregon near Gold Hill, and at several points in Eastern Oregon. This information will be transferred to the atlas, along with findings of other scientists and residents who are interested.

Persons who have found Indian relics, or who know the whereabouts of ancient habitations, camp sites, trails, rock writings, burial grounds or other evidence of older peoples are asked to communicate with Dr. Cressman. Collections of relics will be of special value, he says.

Compilation of the atlas will take many years, it is pointed out, but such work will have immense value for students of anthropology, history and other fields. Such atlases are now in use in Michigan and other states. Dr. Cressman says, and hundreds of people have helped to furnish information for them.

Correspondence should be sent direct to Dr. Cressman at the University of Oregon. Information on relics and other items of interest found anywhere in the state will be sent by Dr. Cressman upon request.

Milk Dealers To Be Licensed Now

A new law makes it necessary that all milk dealers be licensed. The 15th of January was the final date for such licensing but so far nothing has been done in this county about it. Temporarily the applications may be obtained from the city officials which should be filled out and mailed to the Oregon Milk Control Board in Portland. Stores that sell milk must pay a fee of one dollar per year and other milk dealers must pay a tax of one quarter of a cent on each pound of butterfat in the milk delivered.

Erosion Control Work May Be Started

There is a possibility that erosion control work will be started in this county by the federal government as such work is planned for other parts of the northwest notable the Palouse country. Erosion Control Worker Swingle of Washington, D. C., was here this week looking over the territory in an effort to determine the needs of the country from the standpoint of his work and to find out the plants or trees to grow that would make such work worth while.

Crop Conditions Affecting Markets

Crop conditions are now becoming an important influence in grain markets. Serious drought continued over large areas of the domestic hard winter wheat belt, with the crop in poor condition in Western Kansas, Western Oklahoma and in the Texas Panhandle. The soft winter wheat crop is in fair to good condition in the Ohio Valley and Central districts but more rain is needed in Eastern and Southeastern sections. Winter wheat is in good to excellent condition in the Pacific Northwest. Winter wheat conditions in Europe are less favorable than a year ago with acreage slightly under that needed for the 1933 crop. Acreage in France is officially placed at 12,771,000 acres as against 12,863,000 acres a year earlier. The condition of the crop is favorable although frost and thaws have caused deterioration in (Continued on page two)

What Happened 40 Years Ago, And Who It Happened To

From the Observer February 10, 1905
Rev. A. J. Adams is the proud Grandpa of a bouncing boy born to his daughter, Mrs. Nichols in Milton on the 4th.

Speaking about birthday anniversaries in February: there were two in Moro this week to mention. G. R. McKenzie, 65 on the 8th and Capt. W. Stanley, 66 on the 10th.

W. E. Allison has rented the plow land on his farm, about 260 acres, for six years to I. D. Pike; rental to be one third delivered. Mr. A. retains the buildings and pasture land for his own use, and will engage in the poultry and dairy business in a large scale.

A young man who recently married a bright girl, carefully laid down a piece of bread the other evening at supper and said to his wife, "Mary I wish you could make bread such as mother used to make." The young wife smiled and replied with-out a trifle in her voice, "Well, John, I wish that you could make the dough that my father used to make."

From the Observer February 5, 1915
The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Simon is recovering nicely at The Dalles from a severe surgical operation.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Miller at DeMoss Monday, a boy.

Joseph M. Eddy and Annie Stillwell were married Saturday, January 30, at the Presbyterian manse, Rev. A. J. Adams officiating.

Archie W. Kentner and Miss Cor-

COMMITTEEMEN NAMED FOR TAX LEAGUE

Group Expected To Fight For Sales Tax

MEN FROM ALL OVER COUNTY

District Meetings Will Be Held In The Spring

As an outgrowth of the mass meeting of farmers and taxpayers here last Wednesday a committee has been named to investigate tax matters in this county and the state and to work for the passage of the sales tax or other tax legislation that will reduce the amounts levied against real property in this county and state.

Members of the Sherman county committee are: J. H. Wilson, Arthur Justesen, Kent; T. M. Rolfe, V. B. Eakin, Grass Valley; C. J. Thompson, W. S. Powell, Moro; Marie Barnett Cooper, A. C. Kaseberg, A. D. Richelderfer, Wasco; C. M. Kuypers, Tom Striker, Rufus. W. H. Ragsdale of Moro is chairman of the group and J. B. Adams is secretary.

A general campaign is to be waged in this county toward informing voters of the actual requirements of the sales tax. The expressed intention is to leave no one uninformed about the tax. It is thought that the local group will work with the Eastern Oregon Wheat League committees being appointed in other counties of the Columbia basin.

A committee of actual real property taxpayers was the aim of those making the appointments.

The Keystone class held its last session for the winter Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thompson. Rev. R. A. Hutchison was present and beside reviewing the religious studies by the class for the past two months gave some pertinent criticisms of modern trends of religious thought.

nelia F. McClelland, both of Kent, were married Monday noon at the family residence of Hy Donley, Rev. John Robertson officiating.

The basket social at Monkland last week was a decided success. As a result of the evenings pleasure about forty dollars was raised with which to secure additional school equipment.

The two basketball games at the opera house Friday were won by Moro school. The M. H. S. girls won from the G. V. H. girls by a score of 10 to 4. The M. H. S. boys won from the G. V. H. S. boys by a score of 28 to 16.

From the Observer February 7, 1895
Miss Edith Diekmann is confined to her home with a serious attack of scarlet fever.

Alex McIntosh has taken the superintendency of the Klickitat ranch of Mrs. Mary Green, at Block House.

Rehearsing for a 5-act drama "A Social Glass" develops the fact that some good acting may be anticipated. The cast is as follows: W. H. Moore, Clyde Williams, G. N. Bolton, J. B. Hosford, C. E. Brown, William Holder, Mrs. W. H. Moore, Mrs. J. B. Hosford and Mrs. R. L. Campbell.

A. C. Sanford bid in at Sheriff's sale on the 4th, one span of horses, \$100; header truck, \$35; and one-half interest in a header, \$90; sold on an execution by Deputy McCoy.

County Clerk Hayes wears crepe on his right eye, and T. C. Neece has a scar on his nose. Both gents were marked on the same day, and each tell a different story.

Abstract of Taxes Payable in 1934 on the Assessment Rolls for the year 1933 Sherman County, Oregon

Special School Tax				Special City Tax			
Dist.	Value	Levy	Tax	City	Value	Levy	Tax
1	\$ 189,159	4.9	\$ 929.87	Wasco	\$246,147	25.1	\$ 6,178.29
3	1,327,913	10.8	14,341.46	Moro	175,844	30.7	5,378.41
3A	263,900	7.5	1,979.25	Grass Valley	133,610	13.5	1,803.74
4	64,218	none	none	Total City Tax			\$13,380.44
5	498,304	1.9	946.78	Total Levy in Wasco		48.5 mills	
7	1,054,483	10.7	11,282.97	Total Levy in Moro		49.4 mills	
9	570,912	9.8	5,594.94	Total Levy in Grass Valley		37.5 mills	
9A	34,070	8.0	272.56				
9B	195,573	8.0	1,564.58				
10	179,128	4.2	752.34				
11	129,432	none	none				
13	313,129	1.8	563.63				
15	394,343	1.4	552.08				
16	533,826	2.6	1,387.95				
17	838,987	6.9	5,833.92				
19	255,583	3.2	817.87				
20	370,093	2.7	999.25				
21	194,395	4.4	855.34				
23	585,076	11.3	6,611.36				
22	211,030	3.6	759.71				
24	289,988	2.8	811.97				
25	169,690	7.9	1,340.55				
26	361,082	1.2	433.30				
27	449,543	1.5	674.32				
28	266,787	5.3	1,413.97				
33	87,575	5.6	490.42				
33A	164,509	2.1	345.47				
33B	31,102	2.1	65.31				
Total	10,023,830		60,818.17				
High School Tuition Fund is 2.6 mills and applies to all school districts except Nos. 3, 3A, 7, 9, 9A, 9B, 17 and 23; valuation \$5,152,916 tax \$13,237.03.				General Road District Tax			
High School Tuition Deficit Fund is 3 mill and applies to all school districts except Nos. 7, 9, 17 and 23; valuation \$6,974,372; tax \$2,092.31.				Dist.	Value	Levy	Tax
Total valuation of taxable property in Sherman County				1	\$9,468,229	1.1	\$10,415.05
The levy for the General Fund is 11.6 mills, producing				2W	246,147	1.1	270.76
Which is divided as follows:				3M	175,844	1.1	1,93.43
State Tax (State \$26,389.99) Ele. Sch. (\$16,117.83)				4G	133,610	1.1	146.97
Market Roads					\$10,023,830		\$11,026.21
Bridges							
Sinking Fund for retirement of Road Bonds				Department	Levy		
Interest on Road Bonds				State Tax		4.2408	
County and Children's Industrial Fair				(Ele. Sch. 1.6080)			
Per-capita School Tax				(State 2.6328)			
Elections, Circuit Court and Justice Court				Market Road		1.995	
Care of Poor, County Physician, Burial Expense				Bridges		4.489	
Old Age Pension, Widow's Pension, Relief				Sinking Fund for Road Bonds		1.9953	
Care of insane, State Board of Control				Interest on Road Bonds		1.2963	
Balance for running expenses of the county				School Per-capita		2.6823	
				County		11.6000	
				Average consolidated levy for county		21.65mills	

Recapitulation	
General Fund	116,276.43
Special School Tax	60,818.17
High School Tuition Fund	13,397.58
High School Tuition Fund Deficit	2,092.31
General Road Fund	11,026.21
Special City Tax	13,380.44
Overplus fractional extension	2.50
Grand Total Tax	216,993.64
Amount of advance tax collected by the Assessor	192.72
Amount to be collected by the Sheriff	216,800.92

I, Margaret W. Peetz, County Assessor of Sherman County, Oregon, hereby certify that the assessed valuations, tax levies and taxes set forth herein are the full and complete true copies of the originals as the same appear in this office and in my custody.

Witness my hand and seal this 22nd day of January, 1934.

MARGARET W. PEETZ, County Assessor.