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LAND MEASUREMENT COST ALLOWED BY AAA

Another Cent of Tax To Be Given Growers on Contracts

COST LITTLE ABOVE 2 CENTS

Cost Per Contract \$6.54 At End Of Second Week

The thirteen three man crews who are measuring the crop land in the county have finished the Wasco, Klondike and Locust Grove territories and moved to Moro to work out the areas in the Monkland and Moro districts. The office crew is located in the jury room of the court house which has been transformed into an engineer's den for the week or so it will require to complete the work here. The report made by the engineer of the work, Hal White, shows that considerable progress in reduction of costs was made in the second week over the first one. These reports are made up Friday nights.

On June 8 the report for the preceding week showed an acre cost of 3.2 cents per acre for the measuring and computing crews. For the week ending June 15 the cost per acre was 2.3 cents. This indicates a reduction of about a third in the per acre cost. The total cost per contract for the first week was \$7.35 which has been reduced to \$6.54 for the second week.

Field crews have improved somewhat in accuracy since the start of the measurements and while re-checks occur in the work they are not so frequent as at first when no one was familiar with the instruments used in making the survey.

In most instances it has been found that the farmers have judged the size of their contracted acreage very closely for the difference between the measured amount and the amount estimated by the farmer at seeding time is usually very small indeed. A field actually larger or smaller than the farmer thought it to be is the most common reason for misjudgment of contracted acreage. Plainly, if a farmer thought he had 300 acres and found the field actually contained 314 he would be off on his contracted acreage.

The government has allotted the county associations an extra cent of the thirty cent tax for the purpose of paying for the survey so that there will be as much or more money paid to the farmers than if the survey had not been made. Originally there was a 30 cent tax on milling wheat and 28 cents of this was to go to the farmers and two cents to the government for expenses including his export plan tried on northwest wheat. Farmers expected their second payment to be about 7 and a half cents. The cent addition will easily take care of the cost of surveying the land in this county it is estimated by Perry Johnston, county agent.

Five Counties In Drouth Relief Area

Five Oregon counties has been added to the secondary list of the 732 counties included in the officially recognized drouth areas as of June 15. These Oregon counties are Jefferson, Crook, Harney, Malheur and Wheeler. Following the appointment of W. A. Schoenfeld, dean of agriculture at O S C as drouth relief administrator in Oregon, the latter designated P. M. Brandt and E. R. Jackman of the station and extension staff to proceed at once to the regions affected and determine which if any of the proposed federal methods of assistance are applicable in this state. Cattle purchasing is being carried out in the primary drouth counties, but reduced rates for feeding and assistance in maintaining water supplies are the chief proposals for the secondary counties.

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Debt Conciliation Chief Investigating Here

E. A. McCornack, of Eugene, was here Wednesday to confer with County Agent Johnston and the county farm debt committee which consists of Fred Krusow, D. E. Stephens, L. J. Davis, Harry Pinkerton and C. A. Tom. Mr. McCornack is traveling representative for the state group and is visiting each county to inform the county committees the best methods of handling the various debt adjustments that come before it. He states that almost without exception the conciliation boards are capable men interested in bringing about an adjustment of debts to the satisfaction of both parties and that they lean neither toward the debtor or the creditor in making their decisions.

Missourians To Gather In Salem Sunday

Missourians, their relatives and families will meet Sunday, June 24th at the Municipal Auto Park in Salem for their fifth state wide get-together meeting. Program, prizes and registration with basket dinner and a general good time is assured. Anyone who has at any time lived in Missouri with their relatives and friends are cordially invited. J. R. Payne of 1645 Cottage street, Salem is president. E. W. Harland, 495 North 18th St, Salem vice president, and Holt Stockton, of Sheridan is secretary-treasurer. Holt Stockton, Sec.

Production Credit Loaning Huge Sums

The Mid-Columbia Production Credit association serving the farmers and stockmen of Sherman, Gilliam, Western Klickitat, Eastern Skamania, Wheeler, Wasco and Hood River counties had 73 loans approved by the Federal Intermediate Credit bank of Spokane amounting to \$245,598.79, according to a statement made today by C. C. Crew, secretary-treasurer of the association. Loans approved from borrowers throughout Washington, Montana, Oregon and Idaho amount to nearly \$600,000 in 215 loans during the week ended June 15. In Oregon alone twenty-four loans were approved amounting to \$205,848.75.

"Interest rate which the farmers pay on these loans is 5 per cent; 2 per cent of which goes to the Intermediate Credit bank to pay for the money it lends to the PCA's and the remainder stays in the local association's treasury to build up the organization and constitute a part of the community's assets," Mr. Crew explained. Loans made by the Mid-Columbia Production Credit association and by the 30 others dotted over the states of Washington, Montana, Oregon and Idaho are made to finance the production and marketing of crops and livestock, machinery and farm supplies. The loans are intended to be self liquidating and are arranged to mature at the end of the crop season.

Only Half Vote

Slightly more than half of the registered voters of the state cast their ballots in the May primaries, according to tabulations made by the secretary of state's office in canvassing the results of the election. Out of a total of 461,914 persons privileged to vote, 238,423 went to the polls, indicating that only 51.6 per cent exercised their prerogatives as citizens.

Wheeler was the banner county of the state, with 78 percent of its voters casting their ballots. Next in line were Lake and Tillamook, where 59 percent of the total number registered indicated preferences on measures and candidates. Malheur with 32 percent, Crook with 34, and Lane and Umatilla each with 40 percent were the counties where least interest was shown in the outcome of the primaries. Multnomah county, with its center of population, had a voting strength of 56 percent, which was equalled also by Baker and Benton. In Marion, where the seat of government is located 55 percent of the voters turned out and the same ratio was recorded in Curry, Jefferson, Sherman and Yamhill. Canvass of the vote was made June 21 by state officials.

ALLOTMENT GROUP RE-ELECTS OFFICERS

Almost No Changes Made In Local or County Directors

SMALL ATTENDANCE IS RULE

Busy Farmers Do Not Come Out To Cast Votes

Election of officers for the seven districts of the Sherman County Wheat Control Association has been going on the past week with meetings scheduled every afternoon and every night in some cases. County agent and association secretary Perry Johnston attends all meetings and gives members some of the latest information relative to the wheat control plan as it is working in this county. Through this method several fields of wheat in the north end of the county that cannot be used by the grower have been given to south enders in need of horse feed.

The Klondike district held its meeting Friday night resulting in the selection of J. M. Youm as community chairman and county committeeman and Claud Eaton and Lee Dehler as communitymen. Youm and Dehler were re-elected.

The Locust Grove precinct met Saturday night and re-elected the entire board consisting of G. H. Root as county committeeman and Fred Hennagin and L. E. Kaseberg as committeemen for the district.

Moro re-elected the same officers in a meeting that almost broke the record for speed and scarcity of attendance. W. S. Powell, L. L. Peetz and Theodore Johnston will serve another year.

At Monkland due to the illness of A. C. Kruger another county committeeman was elected. O. L. Balshe who has served in that capacity for a part of the past year was named for the post. S. A. Hall was re-elected and Dewey Thompson was named to fill the vacancy.

The Grass Valley precinct re-elected its board of J. B. Coon as county committeeman, and E. E. Barnum and W. C. Todd as community committeemen.

The Kent precinct held their election Tuesday night which resulted in the election of the former officers remaining for another year. L. J. Davis will be county committeeman and Wilbur Haggerty and Corless Andrews community committeemen.

Wednesday night the Wasco district elected the same board to serve for another year. Harry Pinkerton will be county committeeman and Dave Reid and C. M. Kuypers community committeemen.

The most surprising fact of these meetings has been the lack of attendance. Few farmers appear willing to stop their work to come out and vote for new officers, probably an indication that the management of the association has been satisfactory in the main during the year. However the by-laws are so written that officers authority ceases on the second Saturday before the first Saturday in July making re-election necessary if a district is to have representation on the county board, according to local interpretation of the rules.

Youth Given Year Paroled By Judge

Frank L. Oakman, the inventive young gentleman who sold a third interest in an airplane to Joseph Homer Wilson earlier in the month for the moderate sum of \$60 pled guilty to obtaining money under false pretences in circuit court here last Saturday and was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary by Judge Hendricks. As the \$60 has been returned the judge paroled the offender to his attorney, Roscoe Krier with the understanding that he must get a job, report monthly, abstain from association with disreputable companions and remain in Wasco county.

Legionnaire Attendance Good Sunday In Dufur

Several hundred legionnaires and auxiliaries met in Dufur last Sunday for the first annual picnic of the ex-service men of the fifth district of Oregon which includes the counties of Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Jefferson, Crook and Deschutes. Representatives from all counties were present. Speakers for the occasion were Harold Warner, state commander, who reminded the legionnaires of their responsibilities as citizens in peace time, Jerry Owen, editor of the Oregon Legionnaire, who explained the criticism of the veteran because of the recent legislation and Earl Snell, legionnaire and candidate for secretary of state. District commander Don McLeod also spoke briefly. Races for boys and men and a short session of base ball ended the day.

Kindworth-Striker Wedding Held Sunday

Miss Georgia Striker, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Striker of Wasco, was married at the home of her parents Saturday June 16th, at high noon, to Mr. Benjamin Kindworth, of Connell, Washington. The bride was attended by Miss Deana Clothier of Wasco, and the groom by his brother, Alfred Kindworth. Mr. and Mrs. Kindworth left immediately following the ceremony for a short trip. They will be at home after July 1st at Connell, Wn. Mrs. Kindworth is a graduate of Willamette University and for the past two years has taught in the high school at Rufus. Those attending the wedding from out of town were Mrs. A. L. Hill and family of Yuba, City, Cal., Mrs. John Kindworth, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kindworth of Connell, Mr. and Mrs. Schaeffer of St. Johns, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Junke of Colfax, Wn. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hunter of Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds, Mrs. Pearl Jones and Ada Jones of Rufus.

Electric Wire Used For Clothes-line

Tuesday the street lights went out in this town and the local light company crew could not find the trouble. A daylight search located the trouble in the city park where the street lighting system connects with the park lights. Light employee Ralph Brisbane found a pair of masculine nether garments hanging on the light wire. "Hey," he shouted at a man nearby, "Get those things off of there." "What's the matter?" was asked. "That wire's got a thousand volts in it," said Brisbane. The home laundry man recovered his garments with more haste than grace thankful that none of the insulation was off the wire. The break in the circuit was not found, but using a light wire for a clothes line might cause some one to find it.

Vehicle Registration Fees Paid To Counties

Counties of Oregon will receive semi-annual payments from fees collected from motor vehicle registration and transportation licenses next month, when the office of J. P. Stadelman, secretary of state, will mail warrants totaling \$800,000 to the county treasurers. Under the act of the 1933 legislature, a fixed amount is now received by each county twice a year, with apportionment made on the basis of the 1933 registration of motor vehicles in each county. In prior years the total amount disbursed varied according to the net receipts from motor vehicle collections and the payment to each county fluctuated with the number of registrations made during the year. With a fixed sum available, county courts can estimate budgets for road purposes more closely and depend on definite amounts from such sources in each of the semi-annual apportionments. The allotment to Sherman county in the distribution to be made July 15 is \$2,540.16. Irvin Ackley of Garabaldi is visiting here with his sister, Mrs. Marius Douma.

SCHOOL ELECTIONS GENERALLY QUIET

Moro Has Large Meeting; Makes Board Change

KENT VOTES CONSOLIDATION

Liberty and Kent Join Districts To Unify South End

Election of school officers was the business before the several school districts at the annual meetings held Monday afternoon. All districts in the county elected but Erskine where a special meeting will probably be held. Most important change to be brought about by the days voting was the consolidation of the Kent and Liberty districts through approval by electors in each district. Kent voters welcomed the Liberty district by an 18 to 21 vote and the Liberty district favored the consolidation by a 9 to 2 majority. This move makes the entire south end of the county one school district as the Dobbie Point and Wilcox districts joined with Kent last year. A bus will bring the children all in to Kent for school. Election of officers resulted in the choice of Luther Davis as school director and J. E. Noron as clerk although Mr. Norton refused the position. A. A. Dunlap, present clerk will continue to serve until his successor qualifies for office.

Largest school meeting of the county was the one held in Moro where factional strife served to bring out adherents of candidates. The election determined that E. R. Barzee will serve a three year term as director replacing W. H. Ragdale whom he defeated. Harvey Thompson was named as director for a one year term over Carrol Sayrs. Marion McKee re-elected to serve as clerk. Nearly seventy voters cast ballots.

Wasco selected William Nesbit to serve on the school board in place of Homer Wall whose other duties caused his desire for retirement from the school board. Mary Fortner was elected as clerk.

Rufus chose Tom Striker as board member to fill the place vacated by George Wilkenson. Hermon Brackett was re-elected to serve as clerk of the district for another year.

At Grass Valley T. M. Rolfe was re-elected as director and W. Ray Blake was named as clerk by one of the smallest groups gathered in the towns of the county.

Boardman district re-elected George Hennagin and Tom Fraser to serve as board member and clerk and Monkland district did the same with Charles Kenney and Claud Thompson.

Mishigan named Millard Eakin as director to serve the unexpired term of A. E. Eslinger and Tom Coyle was re-elected clerk. In the Buckley district Ted Ball was named as director and Arch Russell was re-elected as clerk of the district. Two thousand dollars in bonds were ordered paid by Buckley district as well.

Harmony re-elected Homer Belshee to serve as director for a three year term and re-elected Clyde Crites for another term as clerk. Webfoot elected M. B. Duncan as director and Louise White as clerk.

District No. 1, Biglow re-elected R. W. Smith as director and Geo. Fox as clerk.

In the Fairview district Carl Melzer was elected director and Mrs. Abbie Melzer was made clerk. Both succeeding themselves. Gorman district named W. E. Smith as director and Gertrude Kruger as clerk.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 20.

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
JUNE 14	80	49	0.00
" 15	75	40	0.00
" 16	81	43	0.00
" 17	88	51	0.00
" 18	77	51	0.00
" 19	72	47	0.00
" 20	78	45	0.00
Total for week			0.00

Thompson Round-Up Held June 17th

The 13th Annual Thompson family Round-Up was held at DeMoss Park June 17. With 66 of the clan being present. A beautiful picnic dinner with lots of ice cream was enjoyed at noon. In the afternoon after business was over a short program was given. Readings, speeches music and recitations. During the past year there has been one death, Mary E. Leslie of Eagle Rock, Calif., one birth, Dailene Jean Elliott of Brush Prairie, Wn., one marriage, Vance Nish of The Dalles. Our guests for the day were Rev. Mitchellmore, Mary Reese of Mbro; Charlie Drake, Portland; Stanley Mayfield of The Dalles; Those coming from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. A. Nish, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Nish and Marjorie Nish of The Dalles; Charles Nish and Hollis Dill of Mikkaloo; Mrs. Orrie Elliott, Mrs. Owen Elliott and children of Brush Prairie Wn.; Mr. and Mrs. Al Busch and sons of Hillsboro, Others present were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thompson, N. W. Thompson and wife, Chas Bullard and wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Thompson and family, Frances Henrichs, Maxine and Lloyd S. A. Hall and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Melzer and family, Dewey Thompson and family, Harvey Thompson and family, J. F. Hankle and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bull, Florence Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adlard, and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Thompson and family.

Tax On Grain Bags Eliminated Entirely

The tax on grain bags of burlap used to contain farm products and weighing, full, over 75 pounds was entirely eliminated this week by a bill passed by the senate. Last week announcement was made that all such bags sold after that date would be tax free but that floor stocks would still be taxed. Now that too, is eliminated and farmers may sack their grain without paying a part of the duty levied for the purpose of aiding the cotton men.

City Council Met Tuesday

City Council of Moro met Tuesday night and voted to rent a part of the hotel basement to the power company for storage space. Work of changing the room to suit the wishes of the company will begin shortly. The matter of laying larger pipe to the city limits near the experiment station for the fair ground connection was laid on the table until another meeting. Action was taken to insure the removal of the barns near the hotel in the near future and the advisability of foreclosing on delinquent street assessments was debated at some length by the local legislators.

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News of Long Ago For Those Whose Memory Is Long

From the Observer June 27, 1895. At a meeting of the stockholders of the farmers co-operative warehouse association, held in Wasco on the 20th 196 shares were represented. Directors elected are J. M. Powell, O. P. King, John H. Johnson, John Medler, A. D. McDonald, N. P. Hansen and O. W. Richardson. The meeting was well attended. Frank Watkins returned from Hood River on the 20th, after disposing of a part of a band of horses driven there for sale. Henry Krause, the leading saddle and harness dealer in Sherman county is preparing to add 20 feet to his building in Wasco. C. N. Gilman is building an adobe barn on his farm with 16 inch walls, 32x48 feet in size. The barn is made after the style of Mexican adobes, with American progressive amendments. From the Observer June 23, 1905. P. N. Lemon of Grass Valley and H. A. Page of this city, shipped a car load of hogs today. Some of them come from as far south as J. W. Browns. C. W. Cochran has sold his elegant 640 acre farm near Grass Valley to Mr. Teegarden, late of Washington county. Dr. Marie M. Goffin, accompanied by Miss Lois Ruggles, left by team via The Dalles Tuesday, on a fifteen day outing to her Klickitat farm. Emmitt Sells has completed a neat job of white washing at the home premises of G. W. Farr, Scott avenue. President E. E. Lytle of the C. S. Ry with a party of O R N officials, on their way to Bend, passed through Moro at 5:30 a. m. Wednesday by special train. From the Observer June 25, 1915. Jas Stewart left Tuesday with his boy Lee; Jas Tomlin's boy Ben and J. C. Freeman's boy Neal; for a ten day outing and fishing at Badger lake. L. W. Ross has purchased F. E. Fortner's half interest in the opera house lease and moving picture show. Hay Canyon won the base ball game from Boardman at the picnic at Hay Canyon on the 18th. This gives a game to both teams and the deciding game will be played at DeMoss this 3rd. G. E. Lowellen has purchased the residence recently occupied by G. A. Meloy and is now moving into his new house.

HARMONY WINS FROM WASCO IN WINDSTORM

Dust Makes All Games Wild and Wierd Affairs

KENT-MORO GAME CALLED

Grass Valley Takes Licking From Undeated Antelope

Team	Won	Lost	Pct
Antelope	8	0	.000
Kent	6	2	.750
Moro	5	2	.714
Grass Valley	5	4	.555
Klondike	3	5	.375
Wasco	1	8	.111
Harmony	1	8	.111

Sunday Grass Valley plays Kent, Moro at Harmony, Klondike at Antelope.

The Harmony team long looked upon as the Portland of the Sherman county baseball league surprised themselves and their backers Sunday by administering a trouncing to the Wasco lads in what was probably the dustiest full game of baseball ever played. Farmer boys right off the weeders and harrows had to great an advantage of boys unused to dust according to one report and Harmony came out ahead with a 13 to 8 score.

The Harmony diamond was not the only dusty place in the county at that for the Moro-Kent game was called in the fifth inning when a couple of players got lost trying to find their way in from the field. Players could hear the crack of the bat and then they had to wait until they heard the ball light before they could go in search of it. Two men stole second base because neither pitcher or catcher could see them walk down the path and every time the pitcher tried to throw a slow ball the third baseman had to field it. Oh, yes the wind blew. Moro was ahead 3 to 2 when the managers sent rescue squads out to find all their players and called it a day. The game may be played July 3 at Grass Valley.

Grass Valley, weakened by the loss of some stellar players, was sadly defeated by the Antelope team. It seems being eighteen to two. Old timers George Wilcox and Earl Olds filled in but were not equal to the occasion.

Klondike made it a holiday by beating the Cherry Park Grange team from The Dalles by a 24 to 23 score. Next Sunday the same grange team will play Wasco.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Moore returned from their automobile trip east Wednesday night having gone as far toward the eastern seaboard as Mountain City, Tennessee.