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COUNTY'S SHARE OF STATE TAX LESS

Reduction of \$4,587.40 Given
Sherman County

STATE DEFICIT WIPED OUT

Percentage of Tax For County Also
Smaller This Year

The state tax which will be paid by Sherman county in 1935 will be smaller than that which was paid in 1934 by \$4,587.40. This is Sherman county's share of the state tax reduction which totals \$501,886.80 in the state as a whole.

These figures were made available this week when the state tax commission sent out its annual booklet giving tax data. For 1935 the direct state tax will be \$22,211.07 and the elementary school tax, also collected as a state tax, will be \$16,709.35. In 1934 these items were \$26,389.99 and \$16,117.83 respectively for this county. Totals are \$37,920.42 for 1935 and \$42,507.82 for 1934.

The entire state tax has been reduced by over half a million dollars through economies in administration and lowering of state expense. For the first time in many years the state is out of the red and has a small surplus.

From a percentage standpoint Sherman county will pay .008325 of the total state tax which is less than was paid last year when .008406 percent of the total tax was paid by this county. Several counties pay smaller percent of the state tax than Sherman county although less than one percent of the total tax is paid by property owners here.

The total tax bill of the county has not been figured yet because not all of the school districts have sent in their completed budgets with full data required by the assessor before it is possible for that officer to complete the total tax. That figure will be available early next year. It will probably be slightly in excess of \$200,000.

Mr. Kennerly, of Klamath Falls is coming to take the place of Rev. F. F. Snyder at the Full Gospel Assembly. He is expected to be here for Sunday service.

Grass Valley School Has Plan For General Physical Development

With the 1934-35 schedule of activities practically complete, the Grass Valley high school finds itself offering perhaps the largest and most varied program of many years. The Grass Valley faculty under the leadership of Harold G. Hughes has taken as its aim the offering to every student enrolled all possible opportunities for development in the fields of the mental, the physical, and the social.

In the field of the mental or scholastic, majors are available to every student in the fields of English, Social Science, Pure Science, Mathematics or Commercial. Every possible field is thus covered which is of importance to high school students. Foreign language has been dropped from its curriculum as these subjects are more efficiently taught in college.

During the four years of high school, the Grass Valley pupil majoring in English has the opportunity of four full years as well as public speaking for one year.

Those majoring in the social sciences may take World History, American History, Sociology, Economics, Economic Geography and Civics. The pure science department offers General Science, Healthful Living, Biology and Botany. Those interested in mathematics may take General Mathematics, Algebra and Geometry, while the commercial department offers a course including Typing, Bookkeeping, Business Law, Introduction to Business Training, and Commercial Arithmetic.

Outside or extra-curricular activities include athletics, music, (band and vocal), Journalism, de-

Preliminary Hearing Held For Jensen

A preliminary hearing for Urban Jensen was held Thursday afternoon, December 6, at the court house with Justice Ginn presiding. Attorney Dick of The Dalles, appeared for Mr. Jensen and state police and the sheriff gave testimony for the state.

The prisoner was charged with intent to kill and was bound over for the grand jury by the judge.

Suspects Arrested In Potter Case

Lee Russum, 30, and Jack Hilton, 23, were arrested at Grass Valley Tuesday afternoon by state police. Unger was caused by Russum selling very good looking pocket knives to E. E. Gervais and C. W. Fields for trifling sums. Tom Garrett, deputy sheriff, informed Unger who took the men into custody for questioning.

Russum admitted breaking jail at McCook, Nebraska while being held on a narcotic charge and if his story is found to be true he will be retained for Nebraska authorities it is thought. Hilton is not thought to be implicated.

A key found in possession of Russum was identified by George Potter as being one stolen from his store when it was burglarized lately. Also some of the knives found in possession of the men were identical in make with those stolen at that time. The men had revolvers and burglar tools with them.

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Mineralogical Map Being Prepared

University of Oregon. A mineralogical map of Oregon, to be used by the Northwest Regional Planning commission at its December meeting in Seattle, is under preparation by students of the University of Oregon. It was announced here today by Dr. Warren D. Smith, professor of geology and geography, who is in charge of the work.

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4-H Club Meetings Scheduled For Week

Meetings for the preliminary organization of the 4-H club leaders of the county will be held next week in five places in the county for the purpose of welding the leaders of this activity into units strong enough to do much of the detail work necessary.

Last year this work was handled by the county leaders, but with prospects of over 50 clubs in the county, the local leaders will be in a position to handle many of the minor parts of the organization themselves. Officers of the local association will serve on the county board of 4-H club leaders and set the policies.

Schedule for the meetings includes one in Kent, Monday afternoon, one at Grass Valley Tuesday afternoon, at Moro Wednesday afternoon, at Wasco Thursday afternoon and one at Rufus Friday afternoon.

MRS. EMMA BELSHEE BURNED AT ROSE HILL

Aged Pioneer Laid To Rest Beside Husband

Mrs. Emma Belshee, aged 79, died at her home in Moro Wednesday morning after several months of declining health. She was the mother of six sons and three daughters who are well known in Sherman county.

Mrs. Belshee was born in Hancock county, Illinois, January 15, 1855, and was married to Joseph Frank Belshee there October 26, 1876. In 1878 they came to Oregon, settling in the Willamette valley for a few years before coming to what is now Sherman county. Mrs. Belshee had lived here more than fifty years, farming east of Monkland for the greater part of the time. Mr. Belshee operated a harness shop in Moro before his death in 1926. Deceased was a member of the Methodist church throughout her life.

Surviving Mrs. Belshee are six of her sons, Robert, Howard, Roy, Charles, Homer of Sherman county and Frank of Portland, three daughters, Mrs. Frank Burnett of Moro, Mrs. Estella Benson of Portland and Mrs. Cassie Mason of Salem and 32 grandchildren.

The funeral was held Thursday at 1 o'clock from the Methodist church in Moro with Zells in charge. The sermon was given by the Rev. Frank Spaulding of Hood River, a former pastor of Mrs. Belshee in the early days.

Columbia Valley Association Rejoices

Walla Walla. Announcement has been made from the United States district engineer's office in Portland that the \$400,000 PWA appropriation for the channel improvement program on the Columbia river between Celilo and Wallula will be available next year. Completion of the open river work will permit barge operation where today only river steamers are plying. This provides an improved Columbia river as far East as Umatilla, Oregon to date.

The brief asking the \$400,000 appropriation was filed August 22 and this announcement was made November 26. That the appropriation has been granted is evidence that repeated urgings from Grange and Chambers of Commerce of the three Pacific Northwest states are being heeded.

An outstanding development from the standpoint of the inland Empire Waterways Association, which filed the brief asking the appropriation and which directed the barrage of letters and telegrams on the PWA from the Northwest, is the perfecting of regional committees in several districts of Washington and Oregon to handle its membership activities. This plan was first put into operation in Whitman county in Washington, where Mr. O. E. Barber, Pomona Grange Master, called a meeting of key men from subordinate Granges. The regional group plan developed.

Since then it has been extended to The Dalles, Oregon where a similar committee was formed. Others are being organized in various other districts, especially at Arlington.

WHEAT LEAGUE HAS FULL PROGRAM

All Phases of Farming Debated By Authorities

BANQUET ONLY SOCIAL EVENT

Two Days of Hard Work In Sight For Committee Members

Many Sherman county farmers left this morning for Arlington to spend a day or two in convention with their neighboring farmers of other eastern Oregon wheat counties. The annual meeting of the wheat league is the attraction.

The program this year is varied as much as possible and still remain truly representative of all phases of wheat growers' problems. For those who believe that production is the most important part there will be talks by Stephens of the experiment station and by Rockie of the erosion service who will tell how to retain the productive soil; few those who believe freight rates to be of prime importance Geary will talk on transportation and West of the Inland Water Ways will speak on that organization and its aims; for the ones who look to the government for aid in making success Ferrell of the wheat section will be of major interest and Shumway will talk on the northwest surplus and Adams will speak on finances. In addition there will be talks on taxation, legislation and grain position in farm affairs. It will be a complete course in farming, this program of the wheat league.

The program will begin Friday morning as soon as the crowd gathers and will continue until afternoon Saturday when officers are elected and the meeting breaks up.

The program as announced follows:

Wheat League Program
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7
8:30 Registration
9:15 Music by Arlington High School Band
9:30 Address of Welcome
George Smith, Mayor of Arlington
9:45 Response, Mac Hoke, Vice-President, Eastern Oregon Wheat League
10:00 President's Annual Message
J. B. Adams, President, Eastern Oregon Wheat League
10:30 Future Development of Columbia River
H. G. West, Secretary of Inland Water Ways Ass'n
11:00 Transportation Problems
Arthur M. Geary, Attorney for Freight Shippers' League
11:20 AAA Land Policy and Classification of Lands in Eastern Oregon, Rex E. Willard, Regional Director of Land Policy Section AAA

NOON
1:00 Musical Number
1:10 Removal of Surplus Wheat in Pacific Northwest, A. R. Shumway, President North Pacific Grain Growers, Inc.
1:30 World Wheat Situation and the AAA's Wheat Production Control Plans George Farrell, Chief Wheat Section, AAA
2:30 Latest Experimental Results at Sherman Branch Experiment Station D. E. Stephens, Sup't.
3:00 Prevention of Soil Erosion in Pacific Northwest, W. R. Rockie, Superintendent of Pacific Northwest Soil Erosion Station, Pullman
3:45 New Changes in Grain Grades, B. W. Whitlock, In charge, Pacific Coast Headquarters, of Federal Grain Supervision
4:15 Committee Meeting
6:30 Banquet
Toastmaster—E. W. Snell, Secretary of State-elect
Guest Speaker—B. F. Irvine, Editor Oregon Journal

9:00 Committee Meetings
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
8:00 Committee Meetings
8:50 Musical Number

More Government Money Received

Some more government money was received by G. H. Root, treasurer of the SCWPCA, Tuesday morning but it was not the large sum that has been daily expected for some time. Officers of the wheat control association expect \$131,000 to drop in their laps any day and this trifling item of \$40,564.80, while welcome was disappointing.

The sum received was the remainder of the 1933 payment of 8.9 cents per bushel. The 1934 payment is still coming although it is still expected. Word was also received that seven more contracts have been approved. These total \$232,240 and another hog contract has been passed on favorably by the government.

John Wesley Wilde Buried In The Dalles

The funeral of John Wesley Wilde was held in The Dalles Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m. with Rev. W. I. Eck officiating. Mr. Wilde died Monday night in that city after a short illness. He was for many years a resident of Sherman county living in the Wasco neighborhood. He was a native of Iowa having been born at Logan, in that state February 28, 1860.

Two sons, Wesley and George, both of Wasco and three daughters, Mrs. Bertha Moon of Wasco and Mrs. Mildred Herriman and Mrs. Amanda Fagan of The Dalles survive.

AAA HELD TEMPORARY AID WHILE MARKETS ARE DOWN

Foreign Trade Will Make Plan Unnecessary In Time

The present tendency among leaders of the Agricultural Adjustment administration in Washington is to look upon current programs of crop curtailment and control as temporary expedients necessary until the international trade problem has been adequately dealt with reports W. A. Schoenfeld, dean of agriculture at Oregon State college, who has just returned from a business trip to the capital.

As long as surpluses here make the export market a buyer's market, it is difficult to make satisfactory trade agreements, the leaders say. When this condition is corrected through programs of production control, then it is believed that satisfactory arrangements may be made to exchange a great volume of America's farm products for goods produced best in other countries, and thereby maintain the international trade deemed essential to greatest American prosperity.

Effects upon the consumer and producer of the present crop control expedients are discussed in a recent statement by Dr. F. C. Howe, consumers' council in the AAA. He dealt particularly with (Continued on Page two)

9:00 Financing the Farmer, A. C. Adams, General Agent Farm Credit Administration of Spokane
9:45 Taxes and the Farmer, W. H. Dreessen, Tax Expert, Oregon State College
10:15 How the Grange is Helping, Ray W. Gill, Master Oregon State Grange
10:45 Malting Barley, D. D. Hill, Farm Crops Department, Oregon State College
11:15 Agricultural Adjustment Wm. A. Schoenfeld, Dean and Director, School of Agriculture, Oregon State College

NOON
1:00 Committee Reports
3:00 Election of Officers

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 5

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
NOV. 29	51	40	.05
" 30	49	33	.00
DEC. 1	44	35	.00
" 2	51	32	.00
" 3	48	37	.07
" 4	49	36	.00
" 5	49	33	.00
Total for week			.12

Keystone Class To Meet Again

The Keystone Class is again starting the Sunday night study meetings. The first meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Thompson with Mrs. Margaret Pestz and Viola Hansen as assistant hostesses.

Miss Isabelle Bourhill, a former missionary in Alaska, will talk to the class.

The meeting will begin at 7.30 p. m. and all members of the class and those interested in attending and who do not already have transportation provided will please meet at the Moro Hotel at 7 p. m.

Registering Baby Campaign Started

Oregon started this week to register its babies—all those born in the State during the last 12 months—and every parent is urged to cooperate by filling out a card and mailing it to the Census Bureau, Washington, D. C.

The card is already addressed, and there is no postage to pay on it. All the parent has to do is to fill out the card and drop it into the mail, thus assuring that "Baby gets his first citizenship papers."

"Prompt and accurate recording of its birth is the right of every child," said Dr. Frederick Stricker, secretary of the Oregon Board of Health, which is conducting a "Register your Baby" campaign in cooperation with the Bureau and the State Emergency Relief Administration.

"Such registration insures certain rights to the individual and protection under national and state laws. In many instances failure to report a birth has resulted in the loss of inheritances or of other property rights. A proper record of birth, made in the county court house soon after birth, furnishes legal proof of a person's identity, citizenship, nationality, age, birthplace, legitimacy. Legal purposes for which it is accepted include:

"The right to attend school or to withdraw therefrom.
"The right of protection under child labor laws.
"The right to vote, obtain a marriage license, hold public office.
"The law requires physicians to report births soon after their occurrence, but doctors sometimes forget. Besides, a good many children are born without the attendance of a physician, and in some of these cases, parents do not even know that they ought to have the birth listed at the county seat."

Dr. Stricker called attention to the fact that in this campaign Oregon is competing with all the other states in the Union. Campaigns like Oregon's are being put on in all states, and the success of the work is measured by the proportion which the total number of (Continued on page four)

Items That Were News 39, 29 and 19 Years In The Past

From the Observer Dec. 10, 1915. Miller, councilmen; W. M. Barnett treasurer.
L. Barnum and wife are visiting in Portland.
Harry Kunzman and wife returned Monday from a visit with Mrs. Kunzman's sister Mrs. W. Y. Shearer, at Shedd, Oregon.
Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hulise entertained at dinner Tuesday afternoon in honor of the birthday anniversary of J. C. McKean on the 7th, that of Ira Axtell and Mrs. F. E. Fagan on the 8th. Another coincident of the occasion was that all the men were of the same age.
Chris Anderson, wife and son, Chester, are visiting in Portland this week at the home of R. Rasmussen. Chris and Chester will visit the stock show while in the metropolis.

Wes Rigdon has finished the building of a neat glass wall case for E. C. Clark, who has opened a home bakery and lunch room in the McCody confectionery store.

From the Observer Dec. 8, 1905.
Mrs. Elizabeth Cushman has a badly sprained wrist, sustained in an effort to save herself from a fall on slippery ice one day last week.

Rev. Jenkins has placed a very neat and substantial stone foundation under the residence of L. H. Martin on Main street.

Hon. E. S. Catron was re-elected mayor of Wasco, Monday, R. C. Atwood, Henry Krouse, W. E.

COURT RULES ON ROADS AND SCHOOLS

Dist. 17 To Levy Tax For Bond Repayment

CULVERTS WILL BE BOUGHT

Road and Court House Improvement Estimates Made

Most interesting action taken by the county court was to accept the recommendation of the Moro school district favoring the addition of \$2000 to the budget of that district for bond retirement. The law provides that the court has the power to levy for a school district in case the district does not provide for its bonds. This was not done in this case because the district officials requested that their budget, previously passed, should be amended to include the bond item.

The court is in need of some culverts to be put in the roads since the grading operations of the county crew has raised the road in places. They have not been purchased although estimates on what sizes and length will be needed are being made up by Hal White, acting county engineer. It is expected that culverts will be installed before freezing weather stops the work.

Estimates were received by the court for the construction of a small bridge on the Hay Canyon road near Spaulding Chapel. Two kinds of bridges were considered varying in price from nearly \$900 to about a thousand dollars. The bridge was not authorized.

A project to put a basement under the court house this winter was considered and an estimate was received for it. The project includes digging the basement, constructing the walls, installing a furnace and putting in vault room for the storing of county records which are now piled in the officers rooms where a fire might destroy them. In case the work is authorized later it will be done under S. E. R. A. it is presumed.

Court adjourned until December 10 for another meeting.

Board To Meet

The Non-High School District Board for Sherman county will hold a meeting Monday evening December 10 at the superintendents office for the discussion of important business connected with its part of the school system.