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FARM BILL

Sherman county farmers who
take the time to analyze the farm
bill now before the senate will find
several things in it not to their
liking.

It is possible that many will be
in favor of the compulsory fea-
tures incorporated therein but it is
doubtful if a majority would favor
such practices for a long period of
time.

From the point of this county
probably the most dangerous part
of the bill is that which "freezes"
production on the previous ten
year period. This puts a penalty
on Sherman county that is not
fair, for our production was far
below normal during that time. If
our marketable quota is based on
what we have raised in the period
proposed in the bill the county will
be held to a total production of
five bushels per acre less than our
former average. Now our average
per acre is figured at 15 bushels
for the purposes of the government
administration and it was 20
bushels per acre during the twen-
ties, just prior to the triple A.

A return of good moisture con-
ditions, which now seems possible,
would therefore be of no advantage
to the county for the good crops
that might be produced could not
be sold unless drouth or other fail-
ure ruined the crops in other parts
of the nation.

In mention of the parity price
the bill does not state the market
from which parity is to be figured.
This probably means that the Chi-
cago market will be taken. The
difference in freight rate will con-
demn this part of the nation to re-
main far under parity for the dura-
tion of the life of the bill.

The surpluses gathered by the
government to provide the ever-
normal granary will be released
when the price reaches parity. How
ever, should we have a series of
years, and governmental manipu-
lations, similar to those of the
very recent past wherein parity
was not reached, a surplus would
be built up that would be as stag-
gering and as damaging as it was
during the days of the farm
board when the government held
wheat in an attempt to aid the
price.

For those who do not believe in
absolute government control of
farm operations and marketing this
paragraph is important: "Sec. 22.
(a) It shall be an unfair agricul-
tural practice for any farmer
(whether or not a cooperator) to
market wheat or corn in excess of
his farm marketing quota establish-
ed for the commodity unless prior
to such marketing (1) the secre-
tary shall have released such com-
modity from marketing quota re-
strictions." Violators are taken in
hand by the district attorney of
the United States.

PRIDE BEFORE A FALL

Pride goeth before destruction,
and a haughty spirit before a fall.
One cannot but recall this bit of
Biblical philosophy when confront-
ed with certain of our temporary
labor leaders who with jaws pro-
trudingly protruding go about the
country telling honest laboring
men that "You just as well come
along with us, see. We got the
government with us and we're
going to do as we please."

These gentlemen have done seri-
ous damage to the cause of labor,
have materially aided in bringing
about this present panic-politely
called recession—but have in many
cases helped themselves to the
country's prosperity through the fees
from laborers who have been forced
to join the unions against their
will.

Unions have done, and undoubt-

edly will do again, inestimable ser-
vice to the working man. They
have never done him a lasting ser-
vice by strong arm methods. A
man who signs his union applica-
tion card—or else—is no asset to
the union but his ten dollar mem-
bership fee will buy as much beer
as if he had asked to join. That
seems to be the basis on which men
are now recruited. They are coer-
ced, not convinced.

Sometime before long, the em-
ployers who have been scared and
for months, the people who
have been without necessities thru
picketing between unions, and the
actual laborers who have been kept
from their labor are going to de-
mand of city, county and state
officials and the high and mighty
NLRB, that the beatings and win-
dow breaking be stopped and gov-
ernment by illegal force be ended.
Then the heavy shouldered and
square jawed so called labor organ-
izers can return to the prize ring
and wrestling mat from whence
they so unfortunately came.

The present tie up of work on the
Pacific coast is caused by a "juris-
dictional" dispute which means
that two big union leaders cannot
work. Wages and hours for the
men are not in the question. Men
cannot work, however hungry their
children, for fear of broken
jaws and cracked heads. It is the
law of the jungle and must be
ended.

CLIMATE COMMENT

Last week M. A. Bull found a
grass hopper jumping around on
the flat indicating that the fall had
been easy on insects as well as
humans.

Furthermore, just to counteract
the stories of buttercups in other
climes, volunteer wheat in several
fields in the county has headed out
this fall for the first time in the
memory of the elders. All of this
indicates a lack of killing frost
for the major part of the autumn.
Since these indicators of warm
days and frostless nights have been
noted there has been several nights
that would chill the hop out of the
grass hopper and cause permanent
cessation of growth in headed
wheat. But after all it isn't a bad
climate in which hoppers hop in
November and wheat heads in late
fall.

CONGRATULATIONS

Wasco is to be congratulated
on the organization of a civic club
after several years of inactivity. It
is difficult to maintain interest
in community affairs throughout
a long period in any event and it
is practically impossible without
some sort of a community club
where ideas can be presented and
discussed and action started.

Any improvement made, be it in
general appearance of the town
more cohesive community spirit or
industry-aided will help the town
and the county and be a source of
pride to all in the organization.

Last week citizens of the county re-
ceived envelopes containing Christ-
mas seals. Income from these will
to a large extent be used to aid
the local unit and that which goes
to headquarters will be used to
fight tuberculosis. It is worth
something to have the disease re-
duced to its present status and
much more to have it eliminated
entirely.

"Cactus Jack" Garner is report-
ed to have shot a 125 pound buck
in the wilds of Pennsylvania. Are
they sure it wasn't a Republican?

Look out boys. Marion Miller
is telling the girls how to hook
their man. Sounds like a fishing
story.

Well, let it snow.

THE THOMPSON FAMILY

Among the most numerous of
the first families of Sherman county
is the Thompson clan which now
includes about 130 members and
annually holds a reunion at De-
Moss park to further acquaintance
and friendship among its many
branches.

The father and grandfather of
them all, Charles W. Thompson,
was born in Iowa and came to Cor-
vallis in 1875 to remain a few
years until 1883 when he and his
wife Della came to the present
Sherman county with nine chil-
dren.

He bought a homestead right at
Monkland and started a general
merchandise store there, later es-
tablishing the first postoffice at
that point. Mail was transported
to Monkland first from Nish and
later from Moro by star route for
many years or until roads were im-
proved. The present mail route out
of Moro is an outgrowth of the old
Monkland route.

The children grew to manhood
and womanhood, married and took
up homesteads and many of them
remained in the county of adop-
tion. They were Mrs. Emma Ell-
iot, now dead; Andrew; Mrs. Har-
riet Nish, now of The Dalles;
James, of Tygh Valley; Nelson W.;
Ezra, now of Philomath; Owen, of
Camp Sherman; Burton, living in
Pasadena, California; and Mrs.
Mira Bullard.

CHAMP 4-H CANNER



ESTHER MAASSEN, 16, of Lents,
has earned the Oregon 4-H
championship in food preservation
on a four-year membership in which
she canned 1933 pints of fruits,
vegetables and meats, gave 8 pub-
lic demonstrations and entered 11
judging contests, winning county
honors in 1937. She receives a trip
to the 16th National Club Congress
in Chicago, Nov. 24-Dec. 4, and will
vie with other Western State cham-
pions for sectional honors and a \$200
scholarship, provided with other
awards by the Kerr Glass Corpora-
tion. If successful she will compete
for an additional \$200, which goes
to the National champion.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

(Continued from page one)

cent increase allowed by the state
constitution in order to provide for
growing costs of state government.
In calling attention to this situa-
tion the tax commission warned
that if the business recession con-
tinues, augmented in this state by
labor controversies which have shut
down many of the larger indus-
tries it may be necessary to resort
to a property levy again in 1939.

This is the second time in the
state that it has been possible to
waive the state property levy both
within and without the six percent
levy, thanks to the income tax, the
former occasion being in 1932.

Technically, of course, there is
still a small state levy against
property. That is found in the
levy for elementary school pur-
poses which is included in the state
levy but which, for all practical
purposes is in reality a county levy
inasmuch as the revenue from this
levy is retained in the counties in
which it is raised and never goes
through the hands of state officials.

In an effort to keep within a
safe margin in their estimate of
state revenues for 1938 the tax
commission has placed collections
from income taxes for that year
at \$4,387,704.67 which is approxi-
mately \$1,000,000 below actual col-
lections for the current year. In
thus reducing their estimate on
income tax revenues, the tax com-
mission explained, they were
prompted by fears that 1937 in-
comes upon which next year's taxes
will be based have suffered serious
shrinkage principally due to labor
troubles which have closed down
many of the larger saw mills and
allied operations.

Prompt to recognize the absurd-
ity of their original proposal to
pension all aged persons in the
state regardless of need, the Ore-
gon Merchant's Legislative League
this week filed a substitute and
matrially modified initiative peti-
tion with Secretary of State Snell.
The substitute petition seeks pri-
marily to legalize and license cer-
tain forms of gambling, including
punch boards, pin ball games, horse
and dog races, etcetra. Revenues
from these gambling licenses—es-
timated by a "League" spokesman
as approximately \$3,000,000 a year,
would go toward the support of
pensions for the aged under any
plan that might be adopted by the
legislature.

Filing of pension applications by
nearly aged in the 65-70 year group
is now under way in every county
of the state. Early filing of ap-
plications by the new beneficiaries
made eligible to pensions under the
act of the last legislature was urged
by Governor Martin in a letter
to the State and County Relief
committees last week. Pensions for
the new age group will date from
January 1 but will not be payable
until the last of the month. It is
estimated that lowering of the age
for pension beneficiaries will in-
crease Oregon's pension load by ap-
proximately 60 percent, the state
and counties sharing equally in this
increase.

Population of the state's 11 in-
stitutions shows an increase of 175
during the past year. Seven of the
11 institutions record population
gains. These include the state
hospital for insane at Salem, peni-
tentiary, and the home for feeble
minded. Four state institutions
record a loss in population during
the year.

Governor Martin has issued a call
for a meeting of all persons inter-
ested in the conservation of Ore-
gon's wild life. The meeting will
be held on the State College
campus at Corvallis December 8
and 9.

Frank—Every woman, without
exception, must always contradict.
Sylvia—That's not true.

Jay Price Tells
Early Day
Families

Skamania, Wash., Dec. 1st, 1937.
Editor Sherman County Journal:

Thinking it might be interest-
ing to the people of Sherman county
to know some thing about the
earlier settlers of the country, I
will give a brief account of these
people. In 1859 or 1860 the Wm.
Graham family located on the east
side of the Deschutes river near
its mouth. The family consisted
of Mr. and Mrs. Graham, three
boys, and a lot of girls.

A negro, the first one I ever
saw, made his home with them.
They sold out in 1876, and moved
to Dayton, Washington. In the
spring of 1862 George Masiker lo-
cated at Sand Spring, later known
as Price's Station. Beside his wife
there was William, Esther, Char-
ley, Elmira and George. Marty
was born there in 1863. Mr. Mas-
iker died in 1863, and is buried on
the old place. The widow and Sam-
uel Price was married in 1864, and
I was born in 1866. They sold out
in 1863.

I think it was in 1863 a man
named Biffle took up what was
known as the Hay Stacks. Later
Mike and Pat Finnigan owned this
place and lived there many years.
It was probably about 1860 that
Tom Scott operated a ferry on the
John Day river at the mouth of
Grass Valley canyon. He sold out
to D. G. Leonard in 1865. He built
a bridge, and here was the first
Post office. It was named Scotts
P. O. Mr. Leonard operated the
State Station, and hotel for many
years. And I think it was in Dec.
1877 he was found in his bed shot
in the head. His wife was tried for
murder, but came clear, but every-
one was sure she did the shooting.

The Eaton family settled in
Spanish Hollow in 1864. This place
is below the town of Wasco. Mr.
Eaton was post master of the sec-
ond P. O. in that country, called
Spanish Hollow. This was about
1875.

In 1865 Jeff Miller had a cattle
ranch in Grass Valley canyon about
seven miles from the John Day.
He sold to James Pearson. There
were three boys, Will, Jim and
Tom. And two girls, Mary and
Hanna. They moved to the Big
Bend country in the early eighties
with a large band of cattle.

Henry Barnum located where
Moro is now, in 1867 or '68, and
named it Seedum Valley. He mar-
ried Elmira Masiker in 1873. He
died in 1884. He had the first
grocery and feed store at that
place.

In about 1865 a man named
Gould took up a place in Grass
Valley canyon. He died and D. G.
Leonard got the place. Bill Grant
owned it at one time. It was a
fine hay ranch. Elvin Barnum is
the owner now.

During the early sixties a man
named Falconer lived where Flecks
Orshard is. Th next owner was
Tom and Jim Jenkins.

In 1865 Thomas Gordon bought
the Bill Nix bridge which was
about four miles above the mouth
of the Deschutes river. He lived
on the east side of the river. Gor-
don Butte, Gordon Ridge, and Gor-
don Hollow was named for him.

Old man Corhwall located in
Buck Hollow in the late sixties. He
lived there several years. He was
alone when he died, sitting in a
chair. Pat Finnigan, Black, and
Breckhouse made a box and took
him to Ten Mile and buried him.
Jimmy Mackin was the next owner
of the place.

Tommy McGraw and Jimmy Bur-
den, two Irishmen, had a cattle
ranch in Grass Valley Canyon be-
low the mouth of Hay Canyon,
Saltmarsh, a sheep man, had the
same place later. About 1869 Char-
ley Kandle was living on the John
Day river above the mouth of the
Cottonwood Canyon. Frank Kim-
ble had a cabin in Cottonwood. The
Indians robbed Frank's cabin. He
set a gun for the Indians. Kandle
came there while Frank was away
and was shot and killed. Henry
Willerton, a step son of Pearson,
married Jane Eaton. He lived in
Lower Grass Valley Canyon for
a while and then in Hay Canyon.
He later moved to The Dalles and
worked for the railroad for many
years.

About 1870 John and Mike Har-
rington had a sheep ranch in Grass
Valley Canyon about east of De-
Moss Springs. Orr Donnell after-
wards owned the same place. I
will tell more along this line later.
Jay Price

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116
Moro, Oregon

Meets 2d and 4th Tu-
sdays of each month
Visiting members wel-
come.

Mabel McKee, N. G.
Naomi Van Gilder, Sec.

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78. O. E. S.
Moro, Oregon

Meets Every Second
Fourth Thursdays in each
Month. Visiting mem-
bers invited.

Frances King W. M.
Ruth Spauling, Secretary.

IN THE WAKE OF FLOOD



This scene was enacted many times in refugee centers established by the
Red Cross during the Ohio-Mississippi Valley flood. Inevitably floods
bring the danger of disease as drinking sources become contaminated and
large groups of people are thrown together. The medical-health service
of the Red Cross serves thousands each year, and is maintained by mem-
bership funds contributed to the organization at the time of its annual
Fall Campaign, usually on Day to Thanksgiving.

In Other Days

From the Observer Dec. 9, 1898.

Page & Parry have enlarged the
City market by the addition of a
comfortable and convenient office
room annex to the meat shop.

McCoy street has built up splen-
dently this year. From L. K. Moore's
handsome cottage at the south to
A. C. Sanford's cherry home at the
north end, two churches have been
added. H. A. Moore moved in line
and F. E. Brown's model sub-base-
ment home, of brick near-comple-
tion.

A good deal of fun cropped out
at the rebate at DeMoss Saturday
night. J. F. Foss was elected to
edit the Flap-Flap, that's where
future fun will crop out. The ques-
tion debated: "That knowledge is
more beneficial than wealth" was
negated. The question tomorrow
night is "That Cuba be annexed."
P. O. DeMoss affirmative. J. F.
Foss, negative.

From the Observer Dec. 4, 1908.

E. A. Hoskinson of Kent, re-
ports several new wells of good
water struck by drilling this sea-
son. L. L. Bell has one at 100 feet.
J. W. Dougherty 112 feet. W. H.
Helyer 114 feet, the hotel well in
town is 140 feet deep.

Chronicle.—A quiet wedding took
place this morning at the parlors
of the Gerlinger hotel when Aaron
Fields of Walla Walla and Miss
Cora Arven of this county, where
married, Judge J. M. Fillion, officiat-
ing.

Mrs. Jewell, assisted by Mrs.
Clara Belshe, gave a Thanksgiving
party, on the 26th.

Miss Emily Anderson will take
orders for family baking, pies,
cake and bread, by the week or by
the piece.

From the Observer Dec. 6th, 1918.

L. H. Martin was over this week
from Heppner, returning Tuesday
with a shipment of farm stock and
implements from his farm in this
county to the one he owns near
Heppner.

Steel for the new bridge at
Lone Rock crossing of Grass Val-
ley canyon arrived this week. The
concrete piers have been completed
by the county.

County Agent Calkins and family
and Mrs. Calkin's sister, Mrs.
Smith were all confined to their
home this week with a severe at-
tack of "flu."

An unusual shipment for this
time of year was delivered by
rural route carrier J. M. Eddy on
Thursday of this week consisting
of baby chicks for Mrs. Anna Gil-
lette at Monkland.

Every motorist should know the
location of his light fuse so that
he may be able to replace it should
the lights fail as the result of a
"blown fuse."

Bureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M
Moro, Oregon
Meets the 1st and 3rd
Thursday evenings of
each month. Visiting
members cordially in-
vited to meet with us.
Roy Powell, W. M.
C. V. Belknap, Secy

Moro Lodge No. 113, I. O. O. F.
Moro, Oregon
Meets 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays in the
I. O. O. F. hall. Tran-
sient and visiting
brothers are cordi-
ally invited to meet
with us.
Lewis McKee, N. G.
Joe Truit, Secretary

CHURCHES

Christian Science Society

Christian Science church services
are held every Sunday morning at
eleven o'clock and on Wednesday
evening at eight o'clock. The Wed-
nesday evening service includes
testimonies of Christian Science
healings. The reading room is
open daily in the rear of the church
building, where all authorized
Christian Science literature may be
read, borrowed or purchased. The
public is cordially invited to attend
the church services and to make
use of the reading room.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

H. H. Fleckenstein,
Next Sunday, Dec. 5th Lutheran
church service will be held in the
Grass Valley Methodist church
building. German service 10:30;
English sermon at 11:00 o'clock.
Let us be diligent in church atten-
dance. It is, for some, the only
intercourse which they have with
their God. Church going is not a
drudgery but an exalted privilege.
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.

Community Presbyterian Church

Lawrence H. Mitchellmore, Ministe-
r.
"Yes, I know the excuses. I
know that one can worship God
in a grove of trees, or by the run-
ning brook or in a man's own home
just as well as in church. But I
know also as a matter of fact the
average man does not trust wor-
ship."—ex-pres. T. R. Roosevelt.
10:00 a. m. Bible school. 11:00 a.
m., Morning worship and song,
when the pastor will speak on
"Behold the Star!" or "Preparing
for Christmas." 7:15 p. m. Even-
ing Christian Endeavor unified
service with groups for adult, high
school and junior intermediate
ages. Beth Mersinger will lead the
high school society in the subject
"WHAT ABOUT THE BIBLE?" Tues-

day night, 7:30, young people's
choir. Thursday, 7:30 p. m., Bible
study at the Manse.

Grass Valley Baptist Church

Gerald C. Dryden, Pastor.
First Baptist Church, Grass Val-
ley. 10:00 a. m. Bible school. We
ought to reach 65 again. 11:00 a.
m. Morning worship—"Christ Pre-
eminent." The Lord's Supper will
be observed. 7:30 p. m. Evening
service—"Thirsty Souls." Come
and accept Christ—John 3:16.
Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Prayer and
Bible Study Eph. 6. The Bible
school is preparing a fine Christ-
mas program to be given Sunday
night, Dec. 19. Plan to come.

Wasco Methodist Church

F. L. Cannell, Pastor
Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.
Preaching service at 11 a. m. Sub-
ject, "The First Old Testament
Missionary" Text Jonah 1:1-3.
Special music by the choir.

FULL GOSPEL ASSEMBLY

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Preaching 11:00 a. m. Sunday and
Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m.
evangelistic service. Welcome.
Pastor, Mr. Norman.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF
SHERMAN PROBATE
DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-
TATE OF MAUDE DAVIS, De-
ceased.

Notice is hereby given that the
undersigned has been appointed
administratrix, of the Estate of
Maude Davis, deceased, by the
County Court of the State of Ore-
gon, for the County of Sherman,
and has qualified. All persons hav-
ing claims against the Estate, are
hereby notified to present the same
duly verified, as by law required,
to the undersigned, at 314 Davis
Building, Portland, Oregon, with-
in six months from the date here-
of.

Dated and first published Nov.
26, 1937.

Last published Dec. 24, 1937.

Neoma E. Smith, Administratrix.
Oren R. Richards, Attorney.

NOTICE

Policies of The Liverpool & Lon-
don & Globe Insurance Company,
Ltd., numbered as follows: 83078
to 83100, in the possession of
Farmers Elevator & Supply Com-
pany, Agent, at Moro, have been
lost, mislaid, stolen or issued and
not accounted for. Notice is here-
by given that this Company denies
all liability under said policies
and requests that if any or all of
said policies are found, they be
promptly returned to the Company,
201 Sansome Street, San Francis-
co, California. 4-6-6

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against
the estate of E. C. Thomas, de-
ceased, are hereby notified to pre-
sent them, with the proper vouch-
ers and duly verified, to the under-
signed, the duly appointed ad-
ministratrix of the estate of E. C.
Thomas, deceased, at the office of
T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law,
Wasco, Oregon, within six months
of the date of the first publication
of this notice, to-wit: November
19th, 1937.

Date of last publication, Decem-
ber 17th, 1937.

Clara Louise Thomas,
Administratrix.

BANK BY MAIL



For the greater convenience of our out-of-town customers
and others who would like to use this service, we have
adopted a new, improved Bank-by-Mail method.

We provide a one-unit Deposit-by-Mail Envelope. You
make out your deposit slip on the inside flap, enclose your
endorsed checks, stamp and mail the self-addressed envelope.
Just as easy as that. One portion of the envelope is returned
to you as a receipt for your deposit.

We invite you to use this easy, safe system. It is fully ex-
plained in a leaflet which may be had by calling or writing.

C. R. Harding, Manager L. A. Littleton, Asst. Mgr.

The Dalles Branch
of the
United States National Bank
Head Office, Portland, Oregon
MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION