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Encouraging progress in digging out from under their debt load is being recorded by Oregon school districts according to a survey just completed by State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman.

In the past two years, this survey reveals, the school districts throughout the state have whittled more than \$2,500,000 off their aggregate debt load. This sizable bit of whittling is in addition to a reduction of nearly \$2,300,000 reported by the school districts for the preceding two years. The net aggregate debt of the school districts as of July 1, last, was \$15,128,292 compared to a net aggregate debt of \$17,646,349 carried by these same districts on July 1, 1936.

Not all of the districts were able to report debt reductions. In ten counties the aggregate school debt increased during the past two years. These counties were Crook, Curry, Douglas, Josephine, Klamath, Linn, Malheur, Polk, Washington and Yamhill. In most counties increased school enrollments calling for new buildings, accounts for the increase in the debt load. Klamath county reported the heaviest debt increase from \$1,096,454 to \$1,248,740 while Multnomah county made the greatest progress in unloading its school debt with a reduction of \$1,476,722 in the two year period.

"The credit of the school districts in Oregon is one of the very highest character," Holman declared. Notwithstanding the adversities of some of the districts on account of fires and reductions in assessed valuations, low prices for farm products and tax delinquencies none of the school districts in the state are in default in the payment of the principal and interest on their outstanding bonds."

The demand for more money to finance public functions is by no means confined to Oregon according to Chas. V. Galloway, chairman of the state tax commission. Galloway has just returned from a trip to Detroit, Michigan, where he attended the annual conference of tax officials, stopping over on his way home at the capitol of several states to discuss taxation and revenue problems. In practically every state Galloway found that the new social security program has laid a heavy strain on state finances. Some states have found a solution to the problem in gross income and sales taxes but many states, like Oregon, are still groping around for an answer to their problem.

Members of the state parole board who visited the parole camp in the Elliott State forest in western Douglas county are most enthusiastic over the work being accomplished in the rehabilitation of former convicts by this program. Seventeen parolees are now being employed in the camp. These men, in addition to receiving food and lodging are paid \$50 a month, the money providing a nest egg on which the men are able to make a new start in life. Men assigned to the camp are carefully selected by officials at the state prison. Their stay in the camp averages about four months.

This is the shortest week in the year for state officials and employees. What with election day and Armistice day and the regular Saturday afternoon half-holiday they will be required to put in three and one-half days at their desks this week. Thanksgiving Day, November 24, will provide another day of rest and recreation for those on the public payroll.

The State Board of Control has indicated it will be in no great hurry to pick a successor to James W. Lewis, former warden at the state penitentiary who died last week. In the meantime E. C. Halley, deputy warden, will be in charge of the institution. Halley, it is understood, is not an applicant for the wardenship, being content to remain in his subordinate position. Among candidates being considered for the wardenship, it is understood, are George Alexander, former state prohibition commissioner and present assis-

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Knows His Way to the Well



First Snow Falls To Announce Winter

The first snow storm of the season fell Wednesday morning as citizens were hurrying about trying to find out the details of the election. Huge flakes, wet as a charwoman's mop, covered the ground before slightly warmer atmosphere caused them to melt. Then the gutters were full and the earth received another good soaking for it doesn't take much to soak the earth after an October that exceeds the twenty five year record for moisture. Farmers who traveled dirt roads put chains on their cars and, with the snow, it appeared that winter might be, like the long hoped for recovery, "just around the corner."

Woman Injured In Highway Crash Thursday

An accident on the Sherman highway south of Moro Thursday morning resulted in a compound fracture of the right leg of Mrs. Kerr of Idaho who was traveling with her husband. Their car skidded on the ice and was struck by a car driven by A. A. Dunlap whose car also skidded. Mrs. Dunlap and Mr. Kerr were slightly injured.

Marion Morrow, with Mrs. Max Pluemke and Mrs. Flint, came along and brought the injured people to Moro from where Dr. Poley, after administering first aid, took them to the hospital.

County Court

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER TERM, 1938.

November 2nd, 1938 being the time for the regular term of the County Court of Sherman County in the State of Oregon, the Honorable County Court did on said date meet in the County Court room at Moro, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m.

The following were present: Geo. A. Potter, County Judge; A. A. Dunlap, County Comm. David Reid, County Comm. J. Lester Johnson, District Atty. Joe Truitt, County Clerk.

The following proceedings were had at said term of court:

In the matter of the payment of the claims against the General Fund. Claims allowed as presented and ordered paid.

In the matter of the payment of claims against the road fund. Claims allowed and ordered paid.

Re: Letter of Mrs. Marion H. Medler of October 26th, 1938 in regard to road right of way. District Attorney ordered to prepare deed. When deed is prepared and signed Clerk is instructed to issue Warrant for \$20.00.

Re: County Treasurer's monthly report. Accepted and ordered filed.

Court adjourned, subject to call of County Judge.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AND ALLOWED AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND, NOVEMBER TERM 1938.

Claimant	Account	Amount
First National Bank:		
General assistance	\$ 93.71	
Blind Assistance	5.78	
Aid to dependent children	15.29	
Old Age Assistance	203.44	
Mid-Columbia Typewriter shop		7.50
Sheriff's office expense		7.50
Pacific Power & Light Co.		
DeMoss Park \$2.50;		
Courthouse \$24.72;		
City of Moro		27.22
Water at courthouse	10.80	
LeRoy C. Wright, County agent, Crested Wheat grass for Courtyard	5.20	
Riirroughs Adding Machine Co		
Assessor's office \$4.45;		
Treasurer's office \$2.50;	6.95	
West Coast Print. & Bind. Co.		
Treasurer's office \$3.60;		
Clerk's office \$3.15		
Electron Supplies \$74.05;	80.80	
Department of Agriculture		
Sealer Wgts & Mens.	3.76	
Hammond & Stephens Co., Supt. office expenses	14.19	
R. C. Byers, Care of DeMoss Park	7.00	
Pacific Tel & Tel Co. Phones for all offices	19.65	
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Wheat League Committees Named For Meet

Three Groups To Do Work
Of Convention Held Next
Month At The Dalles

Lexington—Business of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at its annual convention at The Dalles December 1 and 2 will come before the members through only 3 standing committees, a smaller number than usual, announces George Peck, president of the League.

The executive committee decided to combine the work into three large and important committees, which are already at work gathering information and preparing preliminary reports for consideration by the entire membership. Open hearings will be held during the convention before the final reports are submitted.

Following are the committee appointments made by President Peck, including the officers of the three large committees and the county officers of each so far as they have been announced, Chairman, vice-chairman and secretary respectively: Taxation, Legislation and Rural Electrification Committee—Glen L. Richards, Condon; C. K. Barker, Condon; and William Marshall, Condon. County officers: Gilliam—E. R. Fatland, Condon; John Withycombe, Arlington; W. F. Marshall, Condon. Sherman—Miller Eakin, Grass Valley; Corlis Andrews, Grass Valley; L. C. Wright, Moro. Wasco—Charlie Harth, The Dalles; Emory Davis, The Dalles; W. L. Lawrence, The Dalles. Morrow—R. B. Rice, Lexington; Joe Belanger, Heppner. Umatilla—R. B. Taylor, Helix; S. J. Culley, Weston; R. S. Thompson, Pendleton. Jefferson—H. J. Wolfe, Antelope.

Gov't Programs Studied

Federal Agricultural Programs and Soil Conservation Committee—Mac Hoke, Pendleton; E. H. Miller, Lexington; W. A. Holt, Pendleton. Gilliam County—Lloyd E. Smith, L. G. Parman, W. F. Marshall, Condon. Sherman County—Joe Peters, Moro; A. C. Kaseberg, Wasco; L. C. Wright, Moro. Wasco County—A. H. McLeod, Dufur; J. F. Fleming, Maupin; W. W. Lawrence, The Dalles. Morrow County—H. V. Shouse, Font; Joe Belanger, Heppner. Umatilla County—Mac Hoke, Pendleton; Roy Rittner, Pendleton; J. T. Pierson, Hermiston. Jefferson County—W. J. Stebbins, Madras.

Production, Handling, Marketing, Transportation, and Weed Control Committee: C. A. Nish, Mikhalo; O. W. Cutsforth, Lexington; G. B. Hyalop, Corvallis. Gilliam County—J. C. Weimer, Condon; E. P. Hoag, Blalock; W. F. Marshall, Condon. Sherman County—A. A. Dunlap, Grass Valley; J. L. Davis, Kent; L. C. Wright, Moro. Wasco County—Ray Kortge, The Dalles; Leland Hendrix, Dufur; W. W. Lawrence, The Dalles. Morrow County—W. Cutsforth, Lexington; Joe Belanger, Heppner. Umatilla—Earl Thompson, Pendleton; E. W. Gilliland, Pilot Rock; George Mitchell, Pendleton. Jefferson County—John L. Campbell, Madras.

Many New Men Named To Moro Council

A majority of the council of Moro will be new when the first meeting is held in January and the newly elected city legislators are sworn into office. New four year council member will be Clyde Gillmor and those re-elected to the position are Harry Kunsman and W. A. Ruggles. Named for two year councilmen were M. E. McKee, L. R. Conlee and R. P. Brisbane, all new to the councilpost.

C. V. Belknap was re-elected as treasurer of the city and Glen French will remain as mayor for another term of two years.

DATE	MAX.	MIN.
Nov. 3	56	43
" 4	45	39
" 5	46	35
" 6	51	26
" 7	54	28
" 8	49	31
" 9	45	32
Total for the week		38

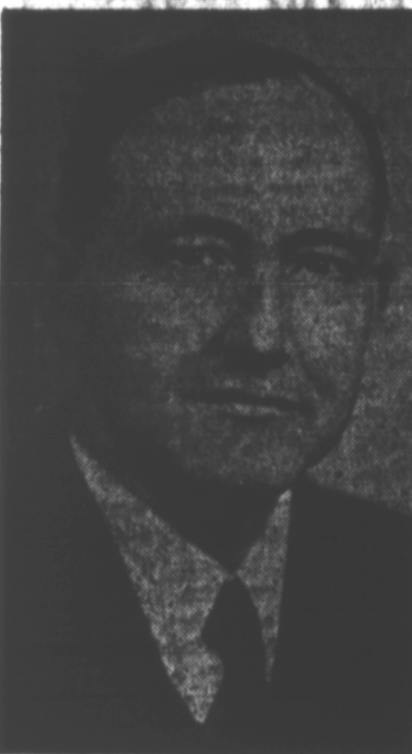
Senator



Congressman



Governor



Wm. Nisbit Kept As Wasco Mayor

Election of city officials in Wasco was an easy task for everyone but the election board, for there were no contests for any of the offices, the ticket named by the caucus being accepted as satisfactory by the voters. William Nisbit was re-elected as mayor, E. F. Feldman as recorder, Mrs. B. E. Hailey as treasurer. Elected as councilmen were E. D. McKee, who will fill out forty years as an official of Wasco, A. C. Kaseberg, R. O. Scott, Frank Lamborn, Viggo Haufelt and J. P. Yates who will all serve for a two year term.

Legion & Auxiliary To Repair Toys

The American Legion and the Auxiliary of Moro are asking that people with old, broken or discarded toys bring them to the garage of the commander, E. W. Christensen or his home. A bunch of the younger boys around town, several of the women and Mr. Christensen will rework the toys, paint them and make them presentable so that they may be given to some children at Christmas time. Dolls will be repaired and re-sewn, toys will be tinkered so they will work again and then painted.

This is a new feature of the Legion activity in Moro and one that is likely to prove beneficial if those who have toys are willing to aid in the work.

Republicans Capture Most State Offices

Sherman County Goes
Along With Remainder of
State and Nation

Surprise and shock were the normal reactions to the election held in Oregon Tuesday. The Republicans were surprised; the Democrats shocked.

Election of the Republican ticket with one or two exceptions was not anticipated by any experienced observer. Metropolitan papers had spoken of the major contests as close and the betting odds indicated that few Republicans would win.

Surprise was therefore the feeling when it was announced that Sprague was elected by a substantial majority, that Rufus Holman had beaten the eloquent Mahoney decisively, that Pierce was hurried to win from Balentine, that non-campaigning Gram had won from poster nailing Hyde.

Only state office won by the Democrats was that of school superintendent which was taken by Rex Putnam, incumbent, who beat Charles "Ice" in a fairly close race.

Legislature Republican

Political complexion of the Oregon house will be changed from a representation of 21 Republicans to one of over fifty and the Senate will have a large majority of Republicans. Even Multnomah county which has been represented almost entirely by Democrats of recent years will have a solid block of Republicans in 1939.

Sherman county gave its support to the change as is indicated by the compilation presented on this page. For the first time in history Walter Pierce had a hard time carrying "Sherman ridge" as he calls this county. Sprague had a big lead here; Holman won over Mahoney and Earl Snell, who generally gets his largest percentage of vote here won by 15 to 1.

Putnam and Gram were both victorious here as in the entire state. Fatland and French, incumbent state representatives, were re-elected with out opposition receiving 569 and 818 respectively in this county. Returns have not been received for the district vote.

Naomi Van Gilder, unopposed county treasurer, polled a big vote with 904 and J. M. Wilson, running alone for county commissioner tallied 875. Judge Hendricks, also unopposed, had a total of 835.

Judge Bean was favored over Zimmerman his competitor and Judges Bailey and Lusk won easy re-election.

Most Measures Carry

Measures in this county were well received. The bill to give the governor additional time carried 681 to 217 and the water purification bill won support to the tune of 702 to 122.

Highest vote received for any measure was the favorable vote on the bill to make marriage examinations mandatory. Second highest was the vote on the bill to regulate picketing and boycotting which carried more than three to one here and also was adopted by the entire state electorate.

J. K. McKean, running for justice of the peace for the Moro district, received a high vote in Moro as a Monkland although he was unopposed.

Election day was pleasant throughout the county although a sudden shower fell late in the evening. Voting was about 70 per cent of the total registration of 1938, 997 voting for secretary of state.

Dunlap Elected Mayor of Grass Valley

A. A. Dunlap was elected as mayor of Grass Valley in the city election held at the same time as the general election Tuesday, R. J. Baker, present mayor who has moved to Gresham was also nominated for the position.

Mrs. I. D. Pike was elected treasurer over Mrs. A. W. Cantrell by a vote of 51 to 45. Councilmen elected for a four year term were Herman Schilling, Wallace May and Glen Karnes and for the two year term Kendrick Dunlap, Frank Pike and Gus Smith.