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DRY AGAIN?
The record from the station
about the lack of crop year mois-
ture is discouraging but not at
all surprising. We have seen dry
years before and the thirties were
made miserable by dry years
which happened to be accom-
panied by low prices of grain.

It makes little difference what
the price of wheat is if there is
no rain with which to make it
grow and the weather man has
been a worse enemy than the
surplus.

It is hardly likely that we will
have as disastrous a period as we
had in the thirties for when the
dry year began in 1931 the econ-
omic conditions had been but fair
for several years. While the na-
tion was very prosperous the
farmer had not been because of
surpluses and only fair growing
conditions.

Now the wheat country has
been very fortunate in having
been able to grow five crops all
much better than the average and
all at high war-time prices. The
nation is taking a goodly share of
the wheat crop to send to starv-
ing peoples and the menace of a
surplus is not so serious as it
sometimes appears.

Winter wheat condition is bet-
ter than usual even if local con-
ditions are not.
It is not assured that the crop
will be poor just because the
moisture on the first of March is
far below normal. The weather
man can bring heavy spring
rains and better the condition of
should get through to June a good
rain could do wonders for it.

Farmers have started summer-
falling in February, which
means drier ground than obtained
this year. Very likely it will not
have a continuance of the most
favorable weather situation of the
last five years, but it may be as
good as the long time average.

NEW MONEY
The Oregon legislature has not
yet found new sources of money
with which to balance the budget.
It would not be too difficult to
find money with which to offset
the state's property tax, for a re-
duction in income tax exemptions
or a change in the excise tax laws
would do that. It is the general
fund where the money is needed.

This difference between money
and general fund money is con-
fusing to nearly everyone and ef-
forts have been made to correct it
but they have so far failed.
Amendment to the six percent
limitation in the constitution
would be needed to do that.

There is, as the governor pointed
out, some \$7,000,000 in excess ex-
cise taxes that are a surplus be-
cause the tax commission did not
figure close enough and this may
have to be used as the governor
requested. It would almost bal-
ance the budget. However the re-
moval of this sum to the general
fund from the offset position
where it now is would bring
closer the day when property
would have to begin paying state
taxes again.

Efforts to find measures for
the raising of new general fund
money have been pretty slow.
There is a withholding bill that
should raise a little money al-
though it may not go to the gen-
eral fund. There are the bills to
tax gambling of one kind or an-
other and the cigarette tax bill
ended. It is for a period of two
which may or may not be refer-
reals only.

It seems possible that the
budget director will be able to
save some money from the pres-
ent budget for prices will surely
go down before the next biennium
is far along and the budget is
made on present costs, naturally.
Some minor money can be found
but there is still a shortage.

Ways and means members are
still struggling with the welfare
costs and have been able to make
little progress in reducing it from
the \$53,000,000 size it had at first
introduction. Everyone wonders
wonders why, it has to grow so
fast in times that are considered
very good and the reason still has
not been explained. It's just that
big and the only way to cut it is
to reduce pensions, it seems.

The legislature could reduce
the amount of services provided
by the state, but no one wants his
own particular interest cut, no
one wants any taxes on his own
particular interest and so it goes.
That the legislature has not
made much progress solving the
problem may indicate the diffi-
culty of the problem as much as
it may indicate the lack of ability
of the legislature, but anyway it
hasn't been solved.

LEGISLATIVE LABORS
Some day the people of Oregon
will change the present method
of trying to get all the state's
business transacted in fifty days
and will lengthen the time of
legislative sessions. It is too hard
on the members. No member of
the house or senate has succumb-
ed to heart attack so far this ses-
sion but George Aiken, state
budget director is hospitalized
with a bad heart and will not be
back for some weeks. Harold
Turner, railroad lobbyist, col-
lapsed this last week and will
probably not be seen in legislative
halls for some time.

It was only a short time ago
when a senator died on the floor
and a member of the house died
from a heart attack attending a
committee meeting.

To those acquainted with the
work done this means that there
is too much work done, too much
tenseness about hastening the
business of legislating and the
boys can't stand it.

Running around packed com-
mittee rooms, trying to get sup-
port for bills, worrying over pub-
lic problems takes a lot of nervous
energy. And when committees be-
gin meeting at night in order to
get the work done many members
work 12 to 15 hours a day during
the final days of the session. Some
means of making the job easier is
needed.

In Other Days

From the Observer, March 16, 1928
Last Saturday night the Sherar
Grange hall was crowded to capac-
ity by members and their immedi-
ate neighbors as well with a con-
siderable sprinkling of business
men from Grass Valley, Moro and
Wasco. The occasion was an open
meeting of the grange to discuss
tax problems and county market
road problems, especially the con-
struction and route of the market
road west of Grass Valley known
as the Sherar grade road.

A snow fall of about two inches
fell in Sherman county last Sat-
urday night. The depth of the wet
blanket covering the ground aver-
aged from just a trifle at Moro to
a greater amount as one traveled
south.

Roy Huls was a visitor in Moro
last Monday for the purpose of
concluding a deal to purchase a
number of mules from A. S. Noyes
of the Rutledge district.

From the Grass Valley Journal
March 15, 1918
One carload of Early Baart
wheat was distributed among the
farmers here Monday.

The Second Army draft will be-
gin March 29th, and there will be
800,000 men to joint the colors
this year. Sherman county's quota
is given as 3 for the second call.

There will be a meeting at Moro
this Friday, when a party from
Portland will be present to ex-
plain the workings of the Third
Liberty Loan Campaign, that will
start next month.

The Food Administration has
issued an order taking effect
Monday, March 11th, that no flour
can be sold by our merchants un-
less they sell an equal amount of
substitutes, that is, where you buy
49 pounds of flour you must buy
49 pounds of substitutes.

From the Observer, March 13, 1908
R. W. Pinkerton met with a
serious runaway accident Sunday
on his way home from church. In
making the turn into the home
gate Mr. Pinkerton was thrown
into the barbed wire fence, cut-
ting his face badly. Mrs. Pinker-
ton was thrown out and was car-
ried into the house unconscious,
and their son Harry lost nearly
all of his outer garments, having
been thrown through the wire.

Farming operations in Sherman
county are now in full force.
Every one is plowing, drilling, or
harrowing. The ground is better
than for years, and crop prospects
are fine.

The C.S.R. Co. has discharged
several cars at Moro depot, loaded
with cinders, which the section
men are preparing to substitute
for old wooden walks about the
premises.

Grandpap Isaac Thompson met
with a fall Saturday which shook
him up considerably; but both he
and grandma are pulling through
the winter nicely.

WASHINGTON NEWS
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additional \$200 for the 1947-1948
school year. Since the American
people spend annually seven bil-
lion for liquor and four billion at
race tracks, beauty parlors and
for cosmetics, Mr. Landis believes
they should be willing to make
this contribution to the income of
teachers, who, he said, are as a
class the most underpaid of all the
professions.

Emphasizing the need for the
proposed aid, the Indiana con-
gressman said that so many
teachers are accepting more lucra-
tive employment, teaching is rap-
idly becoming a vanishing profes-
sion, that fewer graduates are
coming from teachers' colleges
and that overcrowded classrooms
and lack of equipment present a
deplorable condition throughout
the country which, if permitted
to continue, may undermine the
very structure of democratic gov-
ernment.

School Meeting
Held In Wasco

A school meeting was held Fri-
day evening to determine whether
the high school would be held in
Wasco or the students transferred
to Moro. It was settled by a vote
of 71 to 7 in favor of holding high
school in Wasco next year.

Mrs. S. J. Brock entertained
the Friday afternoon contract
club at the Sherman Hotel Coff-
ee Shop. A 1:30 dessert-luncheon
was served followed by two
tables of cards. High score was
held by Mrs. A. J. Smith.

The Wasco Gift shop operated
by Mrs. W. R. Reid has erected
an archway between the two
store buildings. They also have
renovated the apartments above
the store.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Reid went
to Portland the first of the week
on business and also visited the
Gifts Shows.

Mrs. Ora Workman accom-
panied by her sister-in-law Mrs.
RUBY McCann returned from
Bend Wednesday.

Mrs. Marion Medler returned
from California Wednesday after
spending the winter.

Patty Hilderbrand and Peter
Welk motored to Portland Sat-
urday and were accompanied to The
Dalles by Mr. Welk's sister Mrs.
B. Wallace and son who visited
her sister Mrs. Stephen O'Meara
and small daughter, Penny Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crews spent
the week-end in Salem visiting
their son and daughter-in-law Mr.
and Mrs. Marlon Crews.

Houseguests at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. F. M. Crews are Mrs.
Crews' mother Mrs. Abby Hull
from The Dalles and cousin Lil-
lian Emerson from Illinois.

Mrs. E. D. McKee returned
Monday from a week's visit in
Portland and Seaside.

CHURCHES

Moro Community Church
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Church Services 11:00 a. m.
Rev. James MacFarlane, Pastor.

Grass Valley Baptist Church
Sunday school 10 a. m.; morning
service 11 a. m., subject, "Four
Choices Before Calvary;" Evening
service 7:45 p. m., subject, "The
Holy Spirit in Ephesians;" choir
practice Thurs. evening at the
church.
Howard A. Schilling, pastor.

Wasco Methodist Church
10:00 Church school, classes for
all ages; 11:00 Worship service,
fourth Sunday, in Lent, sermon
topic—"The Incomparable Jesus;"
7:00 Youth Fellowship followed
by recreation 2:00 p. m.; Wednes-
day—W.S.C.S. will meet at the
home of Mrs. Inez Sargent.

Christian Science Society
Lesson for Christian Science
Sunday 11 a. m. "Substance." Ser-
vices Wednesday at 8 p. m. first and
third Wednesdays.

Wasco Church of Christ
Church Bible school 10, W. D.
Watkins Supt.; Divine morning
worship 11, the communion mes-
sage—"The Dark Cloud With a
Silver Lining." Bible study each
Monday evening at 7:30. "Study
to show yourself approved to God."
F. Claude Stephens, minister.

WAKE UP, AMERICA!
Is Communism a Threat to France?
Moderated by
FRED G. CLARK
Chairman American
Economic Foundation

As debated by
Dr. Albert Simard
National President of America-
France Forum
David J. Dallin
Author, Associate Editor of
"The New Leader"

DR. SIMARD OPENS: Since the
revolution of 1789, France, cham-
pion of democracy, has evolved to-
wards the so-called "left", towards
greater social justice, civil liberties
and freedom from selfish private in-
terests. Communists won Assembly
seats but they played a magnificent
part in the Resistance and were
proudly calling themselves "the party
of the victims of the firing squads".
If one studies the arguments they
put before the electorate, one sees
how profoundly the French genius
has adapted Communism to national
needs. Communists presented them-
selves as patriots, defenders of the
Republic, respecting small and me-
dium property, promoting basic lib-
erties and prompt justice against trait-
ors. Whatever one thinks of their
declaration, it's on its basis they have
met success. But we have inter-
preted their recent progress too dra-
matically. We printed in our newspapers
six months ago "the French Reds
were licked" because Communists
lost three seats to the MRP. Now we
speak of a Red "majority" because
they control 10 more seats than the
MRP. The Marxist parties are the
minority in the Chamber and in the
Upper House a moderate majority
has just elected the President. The
Communist Party, at the extreme
point of French historical evolution
towards the left, is not a threat to
France. Its success is one of the man-
ifestations of the will of the people
of France who, pursuing a liber-
al life, do not fear daring adjustment.

MR. DALLIN CHALLENGES: It
isn't true that French Communists
played "a magnificent part in the
Resistance". Their performance in
the underground is often exagger-
ated by themselves and their apo-
logists. Instead of calling them a "party
of victims", it would be useful to
recall their treacherous stand in
1939-41 and their leader's desertion
from the army into Russian emigra-
tion. Nor can their promises be taken
seriously. It is misleading to picture
French Communists as promoters of
"basic liberties" and protectors of
"small and medium property". They
would follow the same road as Mar-
shal Tito does in Yugoslavia and
George Dimitroff in Bulgaria. Don't
we have enough experience to dis-
cern between democratic slogans and
terroristic reality?

DR. SIMARD REPLIES: The hero-
ism of the Communists in the Re-
sistance has never been contested in
France by their bitterest opponents.
The figures show that 75,000 of their
members were shot. We note that Mr.
Dallin does not press his point, that
the Communists could seize power in
France but seems to avoid the issue
—is Communism a threat to France?
The storm adopted by the Com-
munist Party, sincerely or not, proves
that the French Communist voters
are patriots attached to basic lib-
erties, respect for small and medium
properties, etc. The political maturity
of the French people is the best guar-
antee that they will not be easily
deceived on basic principles.

MR. DALLIN REPLIES: Dr. Simard
supposes the cautious tactics of French
Communists are the consequence of
their being a minority. Every Com-
munist party is a minority in its
country; nevertheless, it aspires at
the seizure of power and, once at-
taining it, rules the majority by sup-
pression and terrorism. French Com-
munists are no exception to this rule.
Foreign powers—the so-called foreign
intervention—which they consider
likely against a Communist French
Government; and they try to present
their movement to power as a result
of popular evolution, not revolution
by a minority. They make use of
naive and ignorant people prepared
to believe in "democratic tendencies"
of Communism.

MR. DALLIN OPENS: Communism
is a threat to France not because the
French people are becoming Com-
munists but because the great non-
Communist majority is losing self-
confidence, energy, and ability to
fight. In contrast to them, the French
Communists are active, dynamic, and
well supplied with funds. While par-
ticipating in coalition governments
with other parties, they have suc-
ceeded in penetrating virtually every
branch of the government so that
they can paralyze it if they so de-
sire. The other parties, though aware
of these activities, have been inher-
ently too weak to arrest this process
of decomposition. Another means the
Communists may resort to is a gen-
eral political strike, since they con-
trol the General Confederation of
Trade Unions. Even now the French
Communists could seize the govern-
ment if they resorted to street dem-
onstrations, fighting and general
strikes. They move cautiously, how-
ever,—quite in line with recent Sov-
iet policy. While they wish to
achieve their goal—a Communist
France—they want to prevent the
western powers' intervention, which
intelligent Communists believe would
probably ensue. They therefore try
to avoid clashes and civil war at this
stage. They are willing to act through
"people's government" including
non-Communist groups, hoping to fool
the gullible abroad. By their laxity,
the western nations—especially the United
States—have done much to lower the
prestige of "impotent democracies"
throughout Europe and to enhance
that of dynamic Communism.

MR. SIMARD CHALLENGES: Let
us note Mr. Dallin's admission that
the French people are not becoming
Communists. This is the only and
obvious explanation why they "move
cautiously". The success of the Re-
publican Popular Movement, practi-
cally non-existent before the war and
new one of the three great French
parties, proves that non-Communists
have not lost their "self-confidence,
energy, and ability to fight". As for
the control of Communists over
Trade Unions—it is enough to recall
that last fall the strike of the postal-
communications workers against a
Communist minister and the strike
of the Finance Department workers
were called and succeeded against
bitter Communist opposition.

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Mr. and Mrs. Everett McQuil-
len of Portland are house guests
of their son and daughter-in-law
Mr. and Mrs. Darrice McQuillen.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. White were
week-end guests in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Crosby
of Portland were Sunday night
guests in Wasco.

The Tuesday Study club met
at the home of Mrs. A. L. Gos-
son.

J. R. Johnson returned to
Eugene Saturday, after spending
a week visiting his brother and
sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. J. T.
Johnson.

Mrs. Charles Shannon of Uma-
tilla arrived Tuesday and is visit-
ing her aunt Mrs. Andrew
Shearer and Joice Underhill. Mr.
Shannon spent the week-end and
returned Sunday.

Barbara McConaughy spent the
week-end in Portland visiting
Irene Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Striker re-
turned home Wednesday after
spending the winter in Florida
and California. They were accom-
panied home by their grand-daugh-
ter Shirley Junkhe who has been
in Washington, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Auston Foss and
daughter Sandra moved back to
the ranch after spending the

Moro Lodge No. 113, I.O.O.F.
Meets 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays in I.O.O.F.
hall. Transient and
visiting brothers are
cordially invited
to meet with us.

John Lawrence N.G.
A. R. Kessinger, Secretary

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
Mystery of
the Rocking Chair

Ma Hoskins has a favorite rock-
ing chair that's worn and shabby,
with a noisy creak. Pa Hoskins has
listened to that squeak for thirty
years... and he decided to do
something about it. So he bought
a new rocker, and hid the other in
the barn.

Ma allowed as how grateful she
was... but when Pa missed her
one afternoon, he heard a familiar
round that led him to the barn.
There was Ma rocking happily in
her old chair—squeak... squeak.

No need to tell you how Pa felt.

Joe Marsh

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Winter with Mrs. B. Estelle
Halley.
The Ladies of Methodist church
will hold a spring tea at the home
of Mrs. A. M. Huckin Wednesday,
March 19th, 2:30 to 5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hilderbrand
went to Grass Valley Wednesday
to visit their cousin Hazel Moore
from Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barnum re-
turned Saturday from a few days
visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Price
of North Bonneville, Wn.

C. A. Ruggles
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Genevieve Powell, W. M.
Edna Meizer, Secretary

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims
against the estate of Asa Richel-
derfer, deceased, are hereby noti-
fied to present them in proper form
to the undersigned, the duly ap-
pointed, qualified and acting Ad-
ministrators of the estate of Asa
David Richelderfer, deceased, at
the office of Geo. G. Updegraff,
Moro, Oregon, within six months
from the date of this notice, to
wit: February 28, 1947.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims
against the estate of Rosa Ann
Thompson, deceased, are hereby
notified to present them in prop-
er form, to the undersigned, the
duly appointed, qualified and act-
ing Administrator of the estate of
Rosa Ann Thompson, deceased, at
the office of Geo. G. Updegraff,
Moro, Oregon, within six months
from the date of this notice, to
wit: February 21, 1947.

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All persons having claims
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wit: February 21, 1947.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
THE STATE OF OREGON FOR
THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN
In the matter of the estate)
of) Citation
Eliza J. Dingle, deceased)
To Alfred Smith, John K.
Brown, Raymond F. Brown,
Archie Brown, Ernest Brown,

WITNESS, the Honorable J. M.
Wilson, Judge of the County
Court of the State of Oregon for
Sherman County, with the seal
of said Court affixed this 26th
day of February, 1947.

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