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**SOCIAL FAILURE**

There is no doubt about it, Sherman county is an economic success. On the other side, Sherman county is a social failure.

We boast of the fact that our income per capita is higher than almost any other place in the nation and we can prove it. We do grow grain as efficiently as any and better than most. We have the broad acres for that purpose, the modern machinery and the intelligent operators. As a wheat factory we are unsurpassed and consequently we do have money.

None of this mitigates the second charge: that we are a social failure.

Whenever a man accumulates enough money to enable him to take the remainder of his life at ease he pulls stakes and moves to a greener place nearer the bright lights. So far no good explanation of the moving has been given either by the ones who remain or, in truth, by the ones who leave, except for a few hospital cases.

To those who meet them and converse with them it seems that their life is terribly humdrum. Putting out the cat at night and tucking the soil around the potatoes are as exciting as most of it.

Yet they leave Sherman county every fall and the county that made them prosperous gets no advantage from their success. They would be valuable citizens if they remained. The towns would be bigger and could have more services; at public affairs they would be well trained and have the time.

One can hardly believe that these hard individualists move away because it has always seemed the thing to do; social matters may be discounted as a reason for going.

Plainly, Sherman county lacks something it should have to engender the sort of loyalty needed to keep these people here. They look lonesome in other surroundings. Let's find out why they go and then arrange to remedy those conditions.

**ELEVATOR FIRES**

The elevator fire at Heppner, coming as it did shortly after the one that burned the Moro elevator, illustrates something that fire prevention men have been saying a long time; that wooden elevators are a poor risk.

Few of them are being built any more and most of those on farms or where it is not expected that they will contain wheat the

year around. Dust collects on them with the years and they can break into flames with the slightest spark. As machinery gets old, and wiring becomes bare, there is opportunity for sparks that may burn the whole structure. Probably both fires started from sparks.

The history of the two blazes reads much alike. Nothing could be done to stop them and those who see the pictures of the Heppner fire will realize the helplessness of firefighters as the flames shoot out the head house. A good draft has been started by a previous explosion.

In Sherman county it appeared that early May was a poor time for an elevator fire, but Heppner chose a much worse time. We hope they will be able to find storage for this year's crop.

**INDIANS AND LIQUOR**

An old man from The Dalles is in federal court on his sixth offense for selling liquor to Indians. He has been in and out of court and jail for the same thing.

White men have long tried to prevent Indians from getting hold of fire water and probably the reason is to prove the white man's superiority more than because the Indian is a dangerous character when full of panther juice. White men can be pretty rough when filled with liquor and not much different than Indians.

Probably more Indians drink, or Indians drink more, under the present regulations than if they could buy liquor as long as they behaved. We have learned that absolute prohibition isn't a good way to bring temperance among whites and the Indians are about the same in their

thinking. Outside of buying liquor Indians commit few crimes. They are generally a peaceful, law abiding race and we doubt if many would abuse the privilege of buying a drink. Goodness knows, some of the indignities the whites impose on them give plenty of reason for a good snort.

**In Days of Old**

From the Observer, July 25, 1930

A loaded freight truck, with groceries for the second time in a week, hit a freight train at Wasco, scattering food stuff for blocks.

The Vic Barr combines were burned this week and the Albert Kaseberg machine tipped over.

Dewey Thompson and Dan McLachlan won the barrels of flour given by the Farmers Elevator company for first delivery of wheat to Moro and Hay Canyon.

From the Observer, July 22, 1910

J. C. McKean has disposed of 20 carloads of wood this month and is now enjoying the breeze at Seaside with his family and R. H. McKean who was married to Miss Sadie Lower of Bolivar, Mo., on the 17th.

Moro men were out to the Wm. Curry farm this week to see the new Idaho combine at work. It is operated with 8 horses with 7 foot cylinder and separator.

Judging by appearances a rising city of the Inland Empire will rise near Celilo.

A few bathing suits are left reduced to clear.

Greta, The Dalles

**From the Observer, July 20, 1960**

The Summer Fallow Machine company now have their new and improved machines ready for delivery. A machine will pay for itself on 100 acres in one year.

Messrs Parr and Sharp of Eastern Oregon Land company are now in Sherman county with headquarters in Moro.

President E. E. Lytle and Treasurer W. H. Moore of the Columbia Southern RR entertained party of gentlemen the 14th, among them Senator Simon and Congressman Moody, who expressed surprise at the local development since 1898.

Some old timers of Shaniko will remember the editor, Mr. Edgar Overman, of the Shaniko and the Maupin paper around the years 1910 to 1922. He passed away in 1922. His daughter was going through and stopped to look at her old home. They lived in the house now owned by Mrs Garrett. The printing office on the same lot. Her name is Mary Overman Ellis of Los Angeles, California.

Cotton dresses for that vacation. Get them at our clearance sale now in progress.

Greta, The Dalles

**Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116**  
 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Sallie Martin, N. G. Clara Houston, Sec.

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 John DeMoss, Secretary

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**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**  
 NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Account and Report as Administrator, with the will annexed, of the Estate of William M. Van Patten, deceased, and that Monday, the 8th day of August, 1949, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the courtroom, in the courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said estate.

T. Lester Johnson  
 Administrator with Will Annexed  
 36-39c

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF NAOMI VAN GLIDER, COUNTY TREASURER OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM DECEMBER 31, 1948 TO JUNE 30, 1949**

**COUNTY GENERAL FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 23,701.82
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	712.48
Rec'd from Ross Ornduff, County Clerk	528.05
Clerk's Fees	60.00
Rec'd from Norman E. Fields, County Sheriff, Sheriff Fees	150.00
Rec'd from rent of County Agents offices	1,622.50
Rec'd from R. O. Scott, Justice of the Peace - Fines	1,704.46
Rec'd from Wasco Electric Cooperative	71.50
Rec'd from Miscellaneous Small Receipts	17,632.08
Warrants paid on County General Fund	10,918.73
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 28,550.81

**GENERAL ROAD FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 27,956.78
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	552.79
Rec'd from Sec. of State	6,975.05
Motor Vehicle Registrations	3,390.50
Rec'd from R. O. Scott, Justice of the Peace - Fines	1,274.29
Rec'd from Rent of Equipment	410.65
Rec'd from Sec. of State, Gas Tax Refund	60.15
Rec'd from Refund on Gas Purchases - Companies	175.92
Rec'd from Sec. of State - 1-20 mill tax - Surplus	45.00
Received from Sale of Equipment	46.08
Rec'd from Miscellaneous small receipts	22,061.22
Warrants paid on General Road Fund	18,825.99
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 40,887.21

**Post War Road Construction Sinking Fund**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 1,400.25
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	47
Rec'd from Sale of Gravel	935.40
Warrants paid on Post War Const' Fund	1,500.00
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 2,336.12

**BRIDGE FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 120.76
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 120.76

**SPECIAL ROAD TAX FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 23,091.58
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	556.50
Paid Warrants on Special Road Tax Fund	3,138.95
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 20,509.13

**SPECIAL ROAD TAX - CITY OF MORO**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 23,648.08
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	830.82
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 864.56

**SPECIAL ROAD TAX - CITY OF WASCO**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 864.56
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	970.22
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 985.58

**SPECIAL ROAD TAX - CITY OF GRASS VALLEY**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 985.58
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	584.43
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 593.38

**NON-HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT TUITION FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 11,066.88
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	118.34
Rec'd from State Treasurer	1,058.83
Rec'd from School Supt. - Transportation	40.00
Paid Warrants of County School Supt.	1,413.60
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 10,810.45

**COUNTY PER CAPITA SCHOOL FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 2,302.40
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	92
Rec'd from Sec. of State	2,225.00
Paid Warrants of County School Supt.	4,215.00
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 313.32

**STATE SCHOOL SUPPORT FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ .18
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ .18

**RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 5.10
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	807.72
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 812.82

**STATE SCHOOL FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 312.74
Paid Warrants of County School Supt.	312.56
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ .18

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**STATE FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 47.92
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 47.92

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 2,510.34
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	1,094.47
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	2,486.82
Paid Warrants of Special School Districts	1,717.99
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 4,204.81

**CITY OF MORO**

Rec'd from Tax Segregations	\$ 73.05
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 73.05

**CITY OF WASCO**

Rec'd from Tax Segregations	\$ 90.13
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 90.13

**CITY OF GRASS VALLEY**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 12.85
Rec'd from Tax Segregations	43.11
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 55.96

**LAW LIBRARY FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 223.11
Rec'd from County Clerk - Circuit Court and Probate Fees	23.78
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 246.89

**COUNTY FAIR FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 4,092.54
Rec'd from Sec. of State, 1-20 mill tax	375.44
Rec'd from Sale of materials, etc.	49.66
Paid Warrants on County Fair Fund	2,752.41
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 1,765.23

**TAYLOR GRAZING ACT FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 237.23
Rec'd from Sec. of State	351.67
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 588.90

**TAYLOR GRAZING ACT WAR BOND ACCOUNT**

Cash & Bonds on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 1,076.48
Interest on Bonds	40.00
Cash and bonds on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 1,116.48

**COUNTY DOG TAX FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 20.36
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 20.36

**ADVANCE TAX FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 3.06
Rec'd from Marie Hoskinson, County Assessor	32.64
Apportioned to Funds	3.06
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 35.70

**STATE MALT BEVERAGE FUND**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 790.33
Rec'd from Sec. of State - Malt Bev. Tax	233.21
Rec'd from Sec. of State - Amusement Tax	28.48
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 1,052.02

**SHERIFF'S UNSEGREGATED TAX ACCOUNT**

Rec'd from Norman E. Fields, County Sheriff	\$ 4,677.38
Apportioned to Funds	4,677.38
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 4,677.38

**TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY**

Cash on hand December 31, 1948	\$ 50.00
Rec'd from Sale of Property	35.00
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 85.00

**SUMMARY OF BALANCES ON JUNE 30, 1949**

County General Fund	\$ 10,918.73
General Road Fund	18,825.99
Post War Road Construction Fund	836.12
Bridge Fund	120.76
Special Road Tax Fund	20,509.13
Special Road Tax - City of Moro	864.56
Special Road Tax - City of Wasco	985.58
Special Road Tax - City of Grass Valley	593.38
Non-High District Tuition Fund	10,810.45
County Per Capita School Fund	313.32
State School Support Fund	.18
State School Fund	812.82
Rural School District Fund	47.92
Special School Districts	1,717.99
City of Moro	73.05
City of Wasco	90.13
City of Grass Valley	55.96
Law Library Fund	246.89
County Fair Fund	1,765.23
Taylor Grazing Act Fund	588.90
Taylor Grazing Act War Bond Account	1,116.48
County Dog Tax Fund	20.36
Advance Tax Fund	3.06
State Malt Beverage Tax Fund	1,052.02
Tax Foreclosed Property Fund	85.00
	\$ 72,457.19

**CASH SEGREGATION**

Sherman County Branch	\$ 71,457.19
The First National Bank	\$ 1,000.00
U. S. Government Bonds	
County of Sherman )	\$ 72,457.19
State of Oregon ) ss.	

I, Naomi Van Glider, County Treasurer of Sherman County, Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of receipts and disbursements and balances of funds of Sherman County, Oregon, for the period ending June 30, 1949 as appears upon the records of my office and in my official custody as such Treasurer.

Witness my hand this 11th day of July 1949

Ross Ornduff  
 County Clerk  
 (Seal)

Naomi Van Glider  
 Sherman County Treasurer

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