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Tenants Protest High Rents.

The tenants of the Eastern Oregon Land Company held a mass meeting in Grass Valley last Saturday to enter a protest against the proposed increase in the rents charged by the company for the use of its lands in Sherman county. Fred E. Cox acted as chairman of the meeting and W. C. Todd as secretary.

A general discussion took place from which it appeared that the company is demanding that the tenants in the central part of the county who have been paying 1/3 of the crop delivered in the warehouse, free to the landlord, should this year pay the taxes against the land in addition to 1/3 of the crop. The company also demands that those tenants in the southern part of the county who have been delivering 3-10 of the crop in the warehouse should this year deliver 1/3, free of expense to the company.

This proposed increase in the crop rent is more than the tenants feel they can afford to pay. Their legal adviser, J. B. Hosford, was present at the meeting and read letters from Hon. E. O. McCoy of the Dalles, and other extensive landowners in Sherman county, stating emphatically that one-third of the crop delivered in the warehouse is an extremely liberal rental for the landlord, and that no other landlord in the county was demanding or receiving any higher from his tenants.

A resolution was unanimously adopted by the tenants protesting in the strongest terms against the following conditions demanded by the company:

1. To the payment of the taxes by the tenant in addition to a grain rent of 1/3 of the crop delivered in the warehouse.
2. To the payment of a grain rent of 1/3 of the entire crop where 3-10 thereof has been heretofore paid by the tenant.
3. To leases for a term of only one year. In justice to the farmer his lease should be for not less than two years.
4. To the low price of \$1.50 fixed by the company as the price to be allowed the tenant for summer fallow ploughing left on the land by the tenant upon the termination of his lease. The minimum price for the kind of ploughing required by the company under the leases should be not less than \$2.00.

A copy of this resolution has been forwarded to the Eastern Oregon Land Co. in San Francisco.

A special election was provided for by the legislature, in its closing days, to be held June 4. The election is called to have the people pass upon eight measures enacted by the legislature, chief of which is the \$8,000,000 road bond measure providing for the hard surface paving of main trunk roads after the county, under direction of the state commission, has built roads conforming to specifications and location demanded by the state highway commission. Sherman county will receive approximately 14 miles of road if all conditions are met.

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Squeezing the Turnip.

The Eastern Oregon Land Co. has been receiving during the past several years a very high rental for the use of their lands by farmers of Sherman county. The crop rent has been forced up through successive years until now it stands at one-third the crop clear of expense in the warehouse.

This means that the tenant pays all bills for sacks, harvesting, seed, etc., and in addition is charged with all hay cut on the place with which to farm and harvest the crop. We doubt if any other than an E. O. L. Co. lease makes a charge for hay used to harvest the crop.

In addition the company makes a cash charge for the use of all waste land, rock patches, etc., mis-calling it pasture land. This charge averages 10 cents an acre, but in a number of cases we are informed that it is more than double this figure.

If there are improvements of any description on the land, put there at the expense of the company in recent years, there is an additional charge for this in addition to the percentage of crop rent and the cash rent charge for the waste land. This charge for improvements is an interest account figured at eight per cent on the cost of the improvement of the company's own land, and which other land owners pay and furnish without protest. The tenants do not feel secure in adding to the improvements, unless built on skids or rollers, as they feel they are doing so at their own risk and loss in case of sale or change of tenant.

Coupled with all the other financial obligations assumed by a tenant of the Eastern Oregon Land Company is the additional one now pending between the company and the tenants whereby the company proposes that the tenant assume the obligation to pay all taxes that may become due upon the land during his lease of the premises. In this section of the county the new proposal adds a cash rent of approximately \$260 a section to the amount that must be paid by the tenant for the use of the land and this must be paid regardless of what crop may be harvested or whether an east wind or hail storm should catch the maturing crop and destroy it utterly.

Probably the next assessment to be made against the tenants will be 10 cents an acre with which to raise a fund to pay the hire of a stenographer to write cheerful letters on how to improve farming, and if any be left of the fund after paying postage it could be used to buy gasoline with which to make visits to tenants and tell them to cheer up, as the worst was yet to come.

Basket Social in Kent.

The program and basket social given by the pupils of the Kent school was well attended. The program lasted about an hour and a half. The baskets were then auctioned by J. M. Wilson, \$200.35 being the amount received. Hot coffee was served free of charge. The children's baskets were sold separately, and after lunch they played games in the basement. All enjoyed a social good time while they ate their lunches in the class room, library and assembly hall. The building was well lighted and warm. The teachers expect to use the money toward purchasing a new piano for the school.

The program was as follows: Invocation, Rev. Lively. Song, "America." Dialogue, "George and Martha Washington." Exercise, "Your Country Needs You." Pantomime, "Ten Little Indian Boys." Play, "The Haunted Gate." Recitation, "Doubting Dad," Geo. Wilson. Recitation, "Red, White and Blue," Helen Withers. Dialogue, "Making the First Flag." Recitation, "Lincoln's Books," Aaron Ireland. "Song of the Hatchet," Lloyd Johnson. "A Valentine Play," Recitation, "A Pretend Washington," Earl Harbin. "A Young Lady's Soliloquy," Wilma Boardman.

There is to be a teacher's institute in Kent March 3. Assistant State Superintendent E. F. Carlton is to be the speaker. The teachers of the Kent school are arranging for the accommodation and entertainment of all teachers who attend. Big community dinner is planned. The afternoon is to be devoted to the dedication of the new school building.

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Moro High School Notes.

School was dismissed on all of the days of the Community Festival. The sessions were very interesting as well as educational, and we sincerely hope that they will return next year.

Carlton Ross was absent on all of the days of the Festival. It is rumored that he went hunting, but we cannot believe it.

Our warriors are painting up for a contest in the application of basket ball tactics with lone high school on Friday, Feb. 23. Give the boys the war "yell" and they will do their best by attempting to return the favor in the form of a victory. Be there with bells and anything to make a noise.

After seeing the Sir Douglas Mawson pictures of the Antarctic, one of the rooks called the janitor a "Penguin."

Just as the grass is sprouting from its winter sleep and as the buds are forming on the trees, so is the material for Track sprouting from a long sleep and preliminary training has begun. Just wait, we will drink soda water out of the Athletic Association's cup.

Preparations are being made for a game with Wasco high at Wasco to be played Friday, March 2. The game will be a double header and we hope to hold them at their own.

Arthur Christianson has been absent this week on account of an attack of measles in his family.

Material for the high school paper is being collected and Editor Ross is on his ear arranging the articles.

The debating class are meeting in the room occupied by Miss Williamson until that period.

In a letter from Mary Kunsman she says she misses the "bunch." In other words, she is homesick. We will wager she has the measles.

Chester Searcy has a beautiful marking on his facial projection, which, according to legend, was caused by a barbed wire fence.

Now, after all these notes have been written with the pleasant breath of spring, King Winter is again forcing his appearance. Such a disappointment.

An accident in the laboratory last Tuesday caused a bottle of sulphuric acid to break, which resulted in several discolored shoes as well as an unpleasant odor.

Two collections of the various rock formations and ores have been obtained from the University of Oregon extension division for the use of the physical geography class. However, they would be interesting to almost anyone.

Farmers Talk Elevators.

About fifty farmers met in the Farmers' Union lodge hall Saturday and discussed the marketing and handling of grain in bulk. Topics ranging from harvesting with combines into wagon bins to the hauling, storage, cleaning and marketing of the grain by the method proposed.

A number of representative farmers were in attendance from Grass Valley, Wasco and Condon. G. L. Hurd of the O. A. C., was the principal speaker, presenting the subject in a convincing manner and clinching his arguments with facts, figures and names of those who had been making a success of the bulk handling.

C. R. Peugh of Condon, among other matters discussed, said that having the grain elevator at Condon saved to the members of the Farmers' Union an extra eight cents a bushel in the price at which they sold their grain last season.

At the close of the meeting subscription papers were circulated among those from Erskine, Moro, DeMoss and Hay Canyon for pledges toward stock to be issued in the financing of elevators at those points in the county. Several thousand dollars was pledged in this way. The members from Wasco are contemplating a meeting in that city within the next week, at which time a means will be found to finance an elevator at that place.

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