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**The War Census.**

Every man between the ages of 21 and 30 years, inclusive, must register on the day soon to be proclaimed by President Wilson for the war census. There will be no exceptions to this rule. Even if a man belongs to one of the exempt classes, he nevertheless must register if he is a man between 21 and 30 years of age. The government will determine who is to be exempt after its records are complete.

Brigadier General George A. White, adjutant general of Oregon, working under the direction of Governor James Withycombe, has put the machinery to work and his first request of every man affected by this census is that he make a careful study of its provisions to eliminate all possible confusion.

Registering for the war census should be no more confusing than casting a vote. The general plan for gathering the data for the government is based on the ballot system. If every man is ready War Census day will pass like clockwork.

The man who tries to evade the provision faces a term in jail without the option of paying a fine. In almost every case throughout the state the census will be taken in the regular polling places used on election days.

Sheriff J. C. McKean has appointed the following to take the war census in Sherman county:

Biglow precinct, W. J. Ferrill; Rufus, A. P. Altermatt; Wasco No. 3, D. W. Wade; Wasco No. 10, Chas. Everett; Monkland, W. A. Woods; Moro No. 5, J. C. Freeman; Moro No. 11, H. W. Strong; Grass Valley No. 6, J. B. Morrison; Grass Valley No. 12, W. E. Garrett; Rutledge, Jesse Martin; Kent, W. H. Bennett; Biggs, Guy Palmer.

Anyone desiring information please call upon the Census Marshal of their precinct.

**Qualifications of School Voters.**

An erroneous report has been circulated in this school district to the effect that, under recent legislation, the right to vote at school elections has been conferred on persons who were previously disqualified. For the benefit of those desiring to vote at the bond election next Saturday the following information, taken from the law of 1917, is here submitted:

"Any citizen of this state, male or female, who is 21 years of age and has resided in the district 30 days immediately preceding the meeting or election and has property in the district, as shown by the last county assessment, and not by the sheriff, on which he or she is liable or subject to pay a tax, shall be entitled to vote at any school meeting or election in said district; provided, that any person shall be deemed to have complied with the property qualification imposed by this section who presents to the directors or judges of election satisfactory evidence that he or she has stock, shares or ownership in any corporation, firm or copartnership which has property in the district, as shown by the last county assessment, and not assessed by the sheriff, on which such corporation, firm or partnership pays a tax, even though his or her individual name does not appear on the tax roll; provided, further, that in districts of the third class, as is the Moro district, any head of a family who is otherwise a qualified elector, and having children of school age, may vote at such election without property qualifications."

Hon. H. G. Starkweather was in Sherman county this week in the interest of the proposed bond bill to be voted on June 4. In company with Hon. John Fulton, Fred Blau and U. S. Crowder, he visited Moro, Grass Valley and Kent; speaking at Kent Wednesday night, at Moro Thursday and Grass Valley Friday night. At Moro a meeting was called by President W. S. Powell of the Farmers' Union to listen to arguments favoring the road bond bill. Mr. Starkweather is a member of the Clackamas county Grange, and was a member of the Federal Commission that visited Europe in the interest of Rural Credits for farmers. He is an interesting and convincing speaker.

A factory to make starch out of waste potatoes is to be established in Portland in time to consume all the available portions of the present year's crop, taking "culms" too small to sell on the market.

Dr. Freeze the Eye Specialist will make regular trips to Moro each month during 1917. Call Moro Hotel.

**New Light Service for Moro.**

During the past few weeks the Moro city council has been considering a proposition to supply a 24-hour electric light and power service to Moro. Either by selling the city the power, and they distribute it to consumers, or else buy the city plant and have the new company self-direct to patrons, under a franchise to be granted them by the city.

As it is now the city street lights and a large part of the expense of pumping water is met by the water consumers, as it is a known fact that the electric light plant has never been a paying proposition for the city. Under the new arrangement, by franchise, this cost would be met in large part by the additional taxable property brought into the city as the present city plant, being owned by a municipality, is not taxed.

It has been estimated that the present high price of copper wire will act to enable the city to realize nearly the first cost of the present plant and that if the deal goes through it will provide the city with sufficient funds to handle the improvements that are contemplated this year without the need of a new bond issue.

The Observer is not in favor of having the city act as distributor for the new company. There is too much chance of waste, leakage, etc., for which the responsibility is hard to place and the cost is easy to assess against the city. As it has been conducted we all know there are unnecessary costs that cannot be overcome as now operated, but which a private owned and operated company would soon correct or the service cease.

Under the operation of a franchise with proper safe guarding of the public interest, the expense of distribution and operation is put upon the generating system and each individual would pay only for their own service and not help contribute to pay other expenses.

The people who are figuring on the new power system for Moro have made the same propositions to Grass Valley and Wasco. Each of these cities are taking favorable action and at Wasco the council has a franchise under consideration. Atwood & Lee have given the new company an option upon their Wasco plant and will probably sell to them.

It is not definitely known what interests are behind the move or where they will secure their power. The promoters have given assurances that the new company will be in position to furnish a 24-hour service and sufficient power to all who want it if concerted action by the three towns can be secured.

**The New School Building.**

What is contemplated is a new school building for Moro district, working in and using the present building at a saving to the district of about \$7500. In other words, the new proposed building would cost that much more if the district had to build the entire building at this time.

The new part will be an annex in front, 42x88 feet, and will contain four recitation rooms, library, laboratory, office, and provide basement room for manual training and domestic science, and a modern heating and ventilating system.

At the rear will be a combination school and public auditorium with stage and dressing rooms. This part of the building can be used independent of the main school building whenever public meetings are desired and will seat twice the capacity of the opera house.

The question for Moro voters to determine is: Shall we give our school children the same advantages other children have; from a financial standpoint we believe it is a good business proposition for the community to be prepared to attract and accommodate pupils that will be forced to go to other districts if we cannot take care of them; we believe that the children of Moro are entitled to just as good opportunities as the children in any other part of the county; Moro has generally taken the lead in school and educational matters affecting the county, but at this time Moro district has the least school facilities of any Standard High School in the county. Under our present school law High School pupils from outside

the district have their tuition paid by the county from funds raised by a tax in districts that do not have a Standard High School. Last year nearly half of our High School expenses were paid from this fund; we will lose this help if we neglect to provide for the pupils; it will cost nearly as much to loose this help as it will to provide for these outside pupils and at the same time help our own school children.

**Automobile Show at Wasco.**

Wasco is making a supreme effort to entertain effectively all who attend the three-day Auto Show in that city on May 30, 31 and June 1. They have raised a fund of \$600 to be used for free entertainment purposes; this will include prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 for the best decorated automobile in the Patriotic Parade that will open the show on Wednesday, the 30th. On Thursday, the 31st, Governor Withycombe will be present and take an active part in the program. Friday, June 1, will be Good Roads, Wasco and Sherman County Day and a big crowd from out of the county will be present, the day closing with an address by Mr. Starkweather, who was in the county this week in the interest of good roads.

**Anniversary Celebration.**

A large number of friends and members of Rev. and Mrs. Robertson's congregation met in the parlor of the M. E. church Thursday evening of last week, the occasion being the first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robertson.

Mrs. Bryant and Mrs. Barzee had charge of the entertainment. The absence of refreshments was very conspicuous, as this was the first social event since the serving of lunches was voted out of social gatherings (during the war) by the members of the Ladies' Aid Society. But everyone seemed to heartily endorse the movement, and after a very pleasant evening spent in playing games, etc., the guests departed for their respective places of abode, hoping that it might be their privilege to celebrate like occasions with their pastor and wife for many years to come.

**The Army Y. M. C. A.**

At a meeting of the Sherman county Y. M. C. A. executive committee Monday it was decided to make it a permanent organization during the period of the war. G. B. Bourhill was elected chairman, F. E. Fagan vice-chairman, John Robertson secretary and treasurer, and the Bank of Moro the depository for funds. It was also decided to increase this committee by the addition of the following persons: Dr. C. L. Poley, W. C. Bryant, Rev. B. T. Smith and W. H. Ragsdale.

The committee is especially anxious to have all the names and addresses of persons from Sherman county who have enlisted in the army or navy registered with them, so that they can keep in touch with them through the army Y. M. C. A.

At the Sunday morning service in the M. E. church \$341.50 was quickly raised toward the amount assessed against this county. This was later increased to \$430.15 by additional contributions. Under the by-laws of the Y. M. C. A. the local committee, of which L. Barnum was the acting chairman, has its work finished and it automatically ceases to exist.

Realizing that there will be calls of all kinds for patriotic support during the war from parties who may be most anxious to realize financial returns to themselves, it was voted to reorganize the committee and ask our citizens to submit the various requests to the committee for investigation and endorsement before local action is taken. With that object in view and upon the refusal of Mr. Barnum to continue as chairman, G. B. Bourhill was elected to that office and the committee membership increased, as above noted.

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Dated at Moro, Ore., this 17th day of May, A. D. 1917.

J. F. Foss, Admr., D. B. N., under the will of said deceased. Bright & Bryant, Attys. for Admr. m185t

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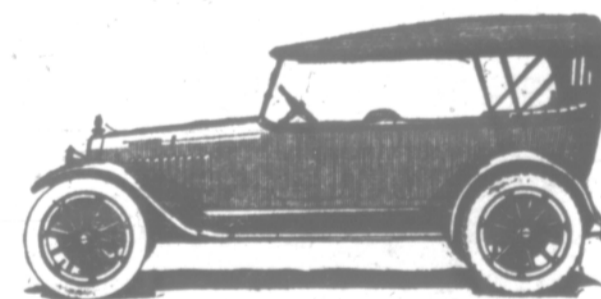
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