

**The Observer**

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C. L. IRELAND ..... Manager.

The 3-day series of Winter Chautauques concluded this week at Moro under the Ellison-White management was attended by a large number at each session. Popular opinion votes the Lady's orchestra as the best entertainment feature and the Hawaiian number as the least deserving.

Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Gray and two children, from Cincinnati, Iowa, are visiting with Mr. Gray's uncle, P.J. Dillinger and family.

**Hotel Multnomah Recognized**

The first official Hoover conservation flag to be flown on the Pacific Coast was hoisted over the Multnomah hotel at Portland last week. It is of white wool cloth, 12 by 18 feet in size, and across the top are the words "Food will win the war." Below is a shield in a circle, and on the circle are painted heads of wheat. The flag was first flown over the Hotel Biltmore in New York, the second one, so far as is known, being the Multnomah decoration. The famous Portland hotel under H. H. Cloutier, E. V. Hauser and H. H. Cloutier has taken a leading part in food conservation in Oregon because of the fact that many of their families and friends are in the army, and for the larger reason that they are discharging a patriotic duty by responding to the request of the government along these lines.

**Another Shipment of Red-Cross Supplies**

Moro Auxiliary, Red Cross, last week shipped another large supply of needed goods to the Chapter at The Dalles in which was included: 123 hand towels, 18 bed shirts, 13 surgical gowns, 13 pair pajamas, 25 pillow cases, 13 wash bags, 3 dish towels, 18 pair socks, 9 sweaters, 1 scarf, 10 handkerchiefs, 1350 gauze wipers. These shipments are now being made quite regularly by the local organization and is a large task on those who are doing the work. Any one who can find the time to help with this work will be welcome at either the evening or day work meetings.

Ford roadster just overhauled, newly painted, for sale by the Barnett Auto Co., Wasco.

**HULERY BROS. CHALMERS DEALERS, CREATE AUTO-MOBILE HISTORY IN MORO**

**Unload Carload of Chalmers Hot Spots**

With the foresight that makes for successful business and an appreciation of eastern freight conditions, Hulery Bros. have taken time by the forelock and placed an order for a carload of the new series 1918 Chalmers Hot Spot automobiles for immediate delivery.

W. C. Todd of Grass Valley bought the first new Chalmers, almost before the carload was unloaded, after Mr. Roy Hemphill, General Manager of the Western Motor Car Co. of Portland, Chalmers distributors for the state of Oregon, had explained to him the many new features of the Chalmers car, especially the Hot Spot and Rams Horn Manifold—an invention of the Chalmers staff of engineers, that will deliver 100 per cent of power from even the lowest grade of gasoline now on the market.

The cars have just been received at Moro and have the same powerful six-cylinder engines that created the world's 24-hour endurance record at Sheephead Bay, New York. Driven by Joe Dawson, the Chalmers Hot Spot reeled off 1888 miles during this run without a motor stop. A wonderful performance of speed and endurance.

T. E. Herlihy, factory representative, in charge of Chalmers Sales and Service on the Pacific Coast, accompanied Mr. Hemphill on his visit to Moro. Mr. Herlihy left the Chalmers factory at Detroit, Mich., only two weeks ago and is well posted on freight and motor car production conditions. He was most emphatic in his statements regarding the certain shortage of passenger cars this season, due not only to the government control of the material market, but the extreme shortage of freight equipment to move even the cars that will be manufactured.

Dealers at eastern and southern points have been driving cars overland for hundreds of miles throughout the winter, in anticipation of this shortage. The Hulery Bros. are to be congratulated on their good fortune in obtaining these cars, and with their well-known reputation for service these new Chalmers will be snapped up by our motor-wise community, long before the driving season opens in real earnest.

**COUNTY AGENT NOTES**

**Farmers to Get Early Start For Spring Seeding**

Early Beart is a spring wheat that is capable of producing and has produced four bushels more per acre than our Bluestem. Since there was a great demand for this seed, the county agent endeavored to locate some of this seed within the county to supply the wants of those desiring to seed it this spring. It did not take long to learn that every available sack of this seed in the county was spoken for. The names of those desiring this seed were then taken together with the amounts, and after ascertaining where this seed could be obtained most reasonably, the order was placed. The wheat will be shipped from Walla Walla, Wash., and a car load has been ordered for each of the three points, Wasco, Moro and Grass Valley. This will furnish seed enough for over 3,000 acres and with an increased production of but 2 bushels per acre, this will give us 6,000 bushels to make Hoover glad. This is one of the most effective ways of increasing production and another year this seed will be available for all.

**Farm Survey**

Thus far we have received survey blanks from about 50 per cent of the farmers. If you have not sent your blank in yet, do it now. We may be able to get it in to headquarters in time. We want to thank the farmers for their splendid cooperation in getting this survey. It is a service for our government who will in turn serve us better because she can do it intelligently.

Chas. McKinney was home last Saturday on brief furlough from Port Stevens. After the Chautauque entertainment last Saturday a dance and reception was held at the opera house in his honor. He left the next day for a brief visit with his parents at Goldendale before rejoining his company, soon to go to California enroute to France.

Wait for Dr. Freeze if you need eye service. Trips each month to Moro and other towns.

**The Citizen and His Taxes**

Here is a sermon that is old, but with a text that is new. Sherman county taxpayers have lately been receiving their yearly statements of taxes payable, and a good many of them have hastened to demand why they must pay more this year than last.

To which Otto Peetz, our county assessor, replies that the answer is very simple—the tax levy this year in Moro is 13.1 mills higher. State, county and city governments are spending more money than a year ago, must raise greater funds and hence more taxes.

That a considerable number of people should have been unable to figure this out for themselves testifies to the continued prevalence of a stubborn tendency. There is no privilege more cherished by the average taxpayer than to hold his peace while appropriations are being made and tax levies fixed, and then to protest with all the passion of an innocent victim when his own tax has been assessed, and it is too late for any changes to be made.

If this average taxpayer were to keep a keen, appraising eye on various propositions while officials are in the throes of deciding how much money they are going to need, if he would make his protests against expenditures at times when such protests might do some good; if, in short, he would take a little personal interest in his local government the year around he would not have to go to the courthouse at tax statement time to find out why his taxes are so high. They probably would not be so high, in the first place, and even if they were the citizen would know why.

The city tax in Moro this year is 43.1 mills, figured on the tax returns of property held last year and which includes considerable wheat held in the local warehouses and upon which various farmers must pay taxes this year to the city who have never done so before.

There is an increased city valuation of property on the 1917 roll which is nearly all wheat held for higher price during February and March a year ago.

The conditions prevail to some extent in the other city valuations of the county. In addition to the increased valuation that applies to the city there is also an increased valuation in the school district.

Those who live in the municipalities of the city and school receive the benefit of the increased valuation and the extra special tax voted for both the city and school district last fall. We doubt very much, if anyone objects to the increased taxes when it is known definitely what causes the increase.

Another item that helps materially in keeping the tax collections to a minimum is the system of assessing that is in force by Assessor Peetz. Under the system he is using there is very little if any available property that escapes its proper share of contributing to the expense of conducting public enterprises and in addition to this system makes tax collections a simple method of accounting and book keeping. When a party calls to pay his tax the collector knows to a cent what is due before he receives the rolls for collection and the taxpayer does not have to itemize each separate parcel of property with a consequent chance of forgetting some part of his property only to find later that he is delinquent in his payments.

This last item is carried to so successful a conclusion that while other counties are now advertising their delinquent tax list as is provided by law the delinquent list for Sherman county has not as yet appeared and probably will be found to be entirely collected and the publication of delinquents not necessary.

Cadillac touring car, completely overhauled and newly painted. For sale by Barnett Auto Co., at Wasco.

If you have a news item, tell it to the Observer. Don't imagine we know it and then wonder why it is not in the paper phone it in.

Maxwell touring car, for sale by Barnett Auto Co., Wasco. Starter, lights, and all in good shape.

"Father of Fishes." Probably the most famous of our fish culturists—by reason of his long service and remarkable success—was Seth Green, familiarly known as the "Father of Fishes." His experiments began in 1864, and he discovered the so-called "dry method" of impregnation so extensively used in later-day practical trout culture. His early work was done in the Caledonia creek hatchery. The artificial propagation of shad in the Connecticut river was successfully attempted by Seth Green in 1867. —W. W. Wood, in the American Angler.

**Summary of Assessment Rolls**

For the Year 1917

Total value of assessment of all property in Sherman county, Oregon, \$10,240,114. This is to certify that I, Otto Peetz, Assessor for Sherman County, Oregon, have extended the taxes on the assessments made by me and as equalized by the County Board of Equalization, also containing the assessments made and certified by the State Tax Commissioners; and to certify that the several amounts apportioned to be assessed upon the taxable property in Sherman county, Oregon, for the State, County High School, County General, Bridges, Special School, Roads, City, and other purposes for which a Tax heretofore has been legally levied by the County Court and the Voters of the different municipalities are as follows:

Special School Tax			Road District Tax		
Dist.	Value	Levy	Dist.	Value	Levy
1	\$138,900	8.2	1	\$494,578	4.6
2	356,750	1.1	2	155,600	2.5
3	506,684	2.7	3	465,950	2.5
4	67,380	13.7	4	527,613	2.5
5	353,940	2.3	5	281,190	2.5
6	206,909	2.6	6	513,634	2.5
7	981,479	9.7	7	867,398	2.5
8	682,282	4.4	8	448,197	2.5
9	170,590	4.1	9	655,595	2.5
10	106,440	6.0	10	462,233	2.5
11	183,125	1.0	11	516,647	2.5
12	302,649	3.5	12	587,985	2.5
13	288,732	1.7	13	571,597	4.6
14	453,137	2.5	14	186,560	2.5
15	860,842	15.2	15	260,100	2.5
16	336,251	3.6	16	471,210	2.5
17	330,650	2.2	17	241,015	2.5
18	164,560	12.6	18	980,707	2.5
19	174,410	5.2	19	439,314	2.5
20	741,524	11.0	20	186,560	2.5
21	283,840	1.5	21	260,100	2.5
22	168,290	none	22	471,210	2.5
23	387,743	1.5	23	241,015	2.5
24	33,740	none	24	980,707	2.5
25	276,150	1.5	25	439,314	2.5
26	424,969	1.4	26	186,560	2.5
27	337,756	none	27	260,100	2.5
28	379,904	1.7	28	471,210	2.5
29	120,200	2.9	29	241,015	2.5
30	46,770	10.0	30	980,707	2.5
31	328,988	3.0	31	439,314	2.5
32	37,410	12.0	32	186,560	2.5
33	9-joint darts	6.4	33	260,100	2.5
			34	471,210	2.5
			35	241,015	2.5
			36	980,707	2.5
			37	439,314	2.5
			38	186,560	2.5
			39	260,100	2.5
			40	471,210	2.5
			41	241,015	2.5
			42	980,707	2.5
			43	439,314	2.5
			44	186,560	2.5
			45	260,100	2.5
			46	471,210	2.5
			47	241,015	2.5
			48	980,707	2.5
			49	439,314	2.5
			50	186,560	2.5
			51	260,100	2.5
			52	471,210	2.5
			53	241,015	2.5
			54	980,707	2.5
			55	439,314	2.5
			56	186,560	2.5
			57	260,100	2.5
			58	471,210	2.5
			59	241,015	2.5
			60	980,707	2.5
			61	439,314	2.5
			62	186,560	2.5
			63	260,100	2.5
			64	471,210	2.5
			65	241,015	2.5
			66	980,707	2.5
			67	439,314	2.5
			68	186,560	2.5
			69	260,100	2.5
			70	471,210	2.5
			71	241,015	2.5
			72	980,707	2.5
			73	439,314	2.5
			74	186,560	2.5
			75	260,100	2.5
			76	471,210	2.5
			77	241,015	2.5
			78	980,707	2.5
			79	439,314	2.5
			80	186,560	2.5
			81	260,100	2.5
			82	471,210	2.5
			83	241,015	2.5
			84	980,707	2.5
			85	439,314	2.5
			86	186,560	2.5
			87	260,100	2.5
			88	471,210	2.5
			89	241,015	2.5
			90	980,707	2.5
			91	439,314	2.5
			92	186,560	2.5
			93	260,100	2.5
			94	471,210	2.5
			95	241,015	2.5
			96	980,707	2.5
			97	439,314	2.5
			98	186,560	2.5
			99	260,100	2.5
			100	471,210	2.5

The levy for the General Fund is 8 mills and produces \$81,920.91. From which following amounts are deducted for State Tax \$30,455.70; Bridges \$23,440.00; Per Capita School Tax \$9,000.00; Balance in the General Fund, including appropriations for fairs, \$19,025.21. Total amount of General Fund \$81,920.91 \$81,920.91

**Recapitulation.**

County High School Levy applies to all school districts except Nos. 7, 9, 17, and 23; is 4 of a mill, valuation \$6,973,987; and produces...	\$ 2,789.59
Special School Fund	53,024.78
General Fund for State and County	81,920.91
Road Fund, including the Specials	27,840.09
Special City Taxes	12,363.59
Overplus Fractional Extensions	30
<b>Grand Total Tax</b>	<b>\$177,939.26</b>
Amount of Advance Tax collected by me	\$5,841.14
Over Collections to be refunded	306.23
<b>Amount to be deducted from Grand Total</b>	<b>\$6,534.91</b>
<b>Amount to be collected by Tax Collector</b>	<b>\$171,404.35</b>

Dated at Moro, Oregon, this 5th day of February, 1918.  
Otto Peetz, County Assessor.

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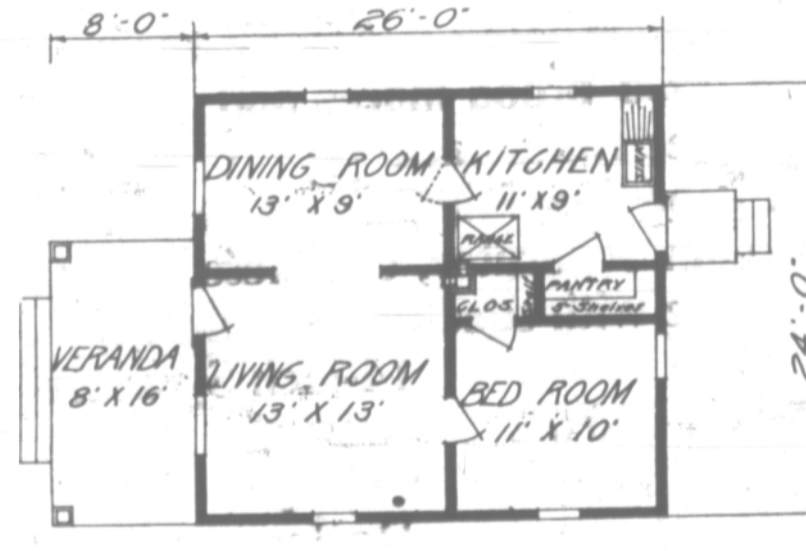
ADMISSION 15 AND 25 CENTS

**A New Sherman County Home**



The above is a Tum-A-Lum Home, known in our Plan Book as the No. 489, it is 26 x 28 feet and has a Veranda 8 x 16 feet. This new Sherman County Home is to be built for E. R. Barzee, on his Gordon Ridge Farm, about two miles north west of Moro. All the Lumber, including sub-walls; the Floor Paper between walls; the Windows, Doors, Lath, Lime, and Cement for the full basement; the Brick and Lime for chimneys; the Window Sash, Weights, and Cord; was all purchased at our yard right here in Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. Barzee are to be commended upon this selection of their Home and we know that, when finished by the well known Contractor, O. A. Ramsey, they will be well pleased with their choice of a Home



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Floor Plan of the new Sherman County Home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Barzee

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