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### Farm Bureau Live Stock Meeting

County Agent Calkins informs the Observer that the long deferred livestock meeting planned by the Farm Bureau will be held in the circuit court room, court house, in Moro Tuesday, February 11 at 1 p. m., sharp.

This meeting will discuss the breed of cattle favored by the farmers and the possibility of securing bulls of that breed.

Prof. E. L. Potter, head of the Animal Husbandry Department will attend the meeting. He is well acquainted with the different breeds and knows where good stock can be purchased and at what price.

With all this hullabaloo about providing farm homes on arid lands for the returned soldiers, we do not see much manifestation of enthusiasm among the soldiers themselves. Maybe they feel a good deal like the dairyman who, when there was discussion as to the punishment to be meted out to the Kaiser, suggested that he be condemned to run a dairy farm for the rest of his life.

### Income Tax on Land Sales

A number of Sherman county people have been wondering as to the basis of settlement with the government if they should sell or trade real estate. The fear with some people is quite real that they would be compelled to pay an income tax on the full amount received, more particularly if the sale money would materially increase their gross income for any one year. This question was taken up with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington, D. C., by parties in Fossil and the answer to their letter was published in the Fossil Journal, and is as follows:

"Office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C. "Sirs: Replying to your letter you are advised that if an individual sells lands or any other capital asset which he purchased on or after March 1, 1913, the profit subject to income tax which he realizes from the transaction is the amount by which the selling price exceeds the cost to him of the property sold. If he owned the property prior to March 1, 1913, the taxable profit is computed on the basis of its fair market value as of March 1, 1913.

Respectfully,  
J. F. Speer,  
Deputy Commissioner.

All unmarried persons who earned \$1000 or more during the year 1918 and every married person who, together with wife, husband or children earned \$2000 or more during 1918, are subject to the income tax. A farmer must figure up all income derived from the sale or exchange of products during the year, except that consumed by the family. He is allowed to deduct from the total his expenses connected with planting, cultivation, harvesting and marketing his crops, or the care, feeding and marketing of livestock, but not the purchase price of stock bought unless sold, and then only the difference between the price paid and the amount received.

### Did the "Y" Graft?

An interesting series of letters and editorials has been running in The Dalles Daily Chronicle the past week entitled "Did the 'Y' Graft?" The letters are from the pen of L. J. Gates, formerly a merchant at Kent, who took exception to a soldier's statement that he was overcharged in many particulars for goods bought from the "Y" while he was a soldier in France. Mr. Gates took the stand that many soldiers were untruthful before their induction into the service and that many improved in that particular since, and for that reason their statements should not be considered.

Evidence in the hands of the Chronicle from a number of independent sources seemed to prove conclusively that if the "Y" did not graft it, at least, has managed in such a business-like manner that the organization now has in its treasury \$100,000,000 as a result of selling necessities to the American soldiers in France, and there is no evidence that anything was given to any soldier in need.

The fund with which this was achieved was a gift in trust to the "Y" by the American people and there is apparently much evidence that it was handled as if it was a private enterprise conducted for the purpose of returning dividends. We have always considered that the money was given to be expended in France, but in Oregon, at Corvallis on the O. A. C. campus, is a \$11,000 "hut" built by the "Y" last year. We do not know how many others the "Y" built in the United States or whether they had their national organizers come across the continent to open the others at "Y" expense. If a "hut" in Oregon cost \$11,000 what did they cost in France.

The Condon Times in its last issue speaks of some legislative work did at Salem this session by Senator M. D. Shank that is of interest to this county. A bill was introduced in the house and referred to the committee on taxation that imposed a graduated tax on all land holdings above 640 acres, beginning at a tax of one mill on 640 acres it ran to a tax of 10 mills on 3200 acres. As soon as Senator Shanks saw the bill he went before the committee having the bill in charge and succeeded in securing a report that effectively disposed of the measure for this session at least.

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### Special Congressional Meetings

A special congregational meeting of the Moro Presbyterian church was held on Sunday, February 2d, 1919. Geo. B. Bourhill was elected chairman and F. E. Fagan secretary, at which time the following business was transacted:

Rev. B. Trueblood Smith tendered his resignation as pastor of the Moro Presbyterian church to take effect with the end of the present church year, March 31, 1919. The resignation was accepted.

F. E. Fagan was elected an Elder to serve until March 31, 1922. An invitation was extended to Pendleton Presbytery to hold its spring meeting in April in the Moro Presbyterian church.

A special congregational meeting of the Monkland Presbyterian church was held on Sunday, Feb. 2, 1919, of which C. J. Thompson was elected chairman and Dewey Thompson secretary. The Monkland church concurred with the Moro church in accepting the resignation of Rev. B. Trueblood Smith as pastor of the church.

### Names of County Officers

Through the courtesy of Sheriff Buxton we publish this week a complete directory of the present officials of Sherman county. The list as published includes both the names of those elected to office and those appointed by the county court for the current year, and is as follows:

Judge, E. D. McKee.  
Commissioners, J. M. Wilson, R. J. Ginn.  
District Attorney, C. M. Huddleston.  
Clerk, Mary L. Hoskinson.  
Deputy Clerk, Nellie McKeon.  
Sheriff, P. H. Buxton.  
Deputy Sheriff, E. R. Hickson.  
School Superintendent, E. R. Curfman.  
Treasurer, Geo. B. Bourhill.  
Coroner, M. B. Taylor.  
Health Officer, W. N. Morse.  
Road Master, Homer S. Wall.  
Stock Inspector, James Stewart.  
Road Viewers, P. C. Axtell, I. N. Lemon.  
Fruit Inspector, F. E. Brown.  
County Agent, C. C. Calkins.  
County Fair Directors: A. H. Barnum, I. N. Lemon, John Fulton, C. J. Thompson, C. C. Richmond.  
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### Church Announcements

Presbyterian Church, Sunday, February 9, 1919—at Moro  
10 a. m. Bible School. F. E. Fagan, Superintendent.  
11 a. m. Morning worship, and ordination of Elder.  
6 p. m. Junior Endeavor.  
6:45 p. m. Senior Endeavor.  
7:30 p. m. Evening Worship under auspices of Young People's Society.  
At Monkland.  
2:00 p. m. Bible School. M. G. Melzer, superintendent.  
2:45 p. m. Preaching services, and baptism of infants.  
On Sunday, Feb. 16, Rev. Harry F. Gelvin of Portland Presbytery will preach in Moro at both the morning and evening services and at Monkland in the afternoon. B. Trueblood Smith, pastor.

Methodist Church, Sunday, Feb. 2, 1919—at Moro.  
Sunday School 10 a. m. C. C. Calkins, superintendent.  
Preaching service at 11:15 a. m. Theme, "Prayer"  
Mrs. Don Wheat will sing at this service.  
It is possible that Rev. J. H. Forsyth of The Dalles will be at the evening service with his slides illustrating the needs of our Home Missions. This survey was one of the preliminary steps in the world wide centenary movement.  
At Spaulding Chapel.  
Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Preaching at 3:30 p. m.

J. R. Morgan

Dentist

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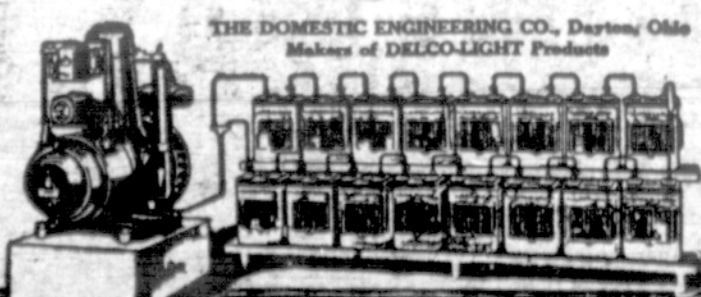
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