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## County School Statistics

The following data compiled by County School Superintendent Curfman will be of interest to the readers of the Observer:

There are 54 teachers employed in Sherman county, divided equally between town and rural schools. Wasco employs 10, Moro 9, Grass Valley 8, Kent 4. There are 30 school districts in the county; 28 rural and 4 high schools.

The average salary paid town grade teachers is \$93.75. The lowest wage paid a high school teacher is \$100. Seven town teachers receive \$100. Average salary paid rural teachers is \$81.66, highest salary paid is \$90 and lowest \$65.

There are 1118 boys and girls in the county between the ages of 4 and 20. The total county enrollment for the current term is 919, 535 in town and 384 in rural schools. Wasco has an enrollment of 192, Moro 139, Grass Valley 114, Kent 90. Wasco high school has 54, Moro 49, Grass Valley 23, Kent 13; total 140. In the 8th grade—rural schools, 33; in town, 60; total 8th grade enrollment, 93.

## Income Tax Returns

Work on the collection of the estimated \$6,000,000,000 of new income tax revenue has been begun by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. The provisions of the act reach the pocket-book of every single person in the United States whose net income for 1918 was \$1000, or more, and of every married person whose net income was \$2000 or more. Persons whose net income equaled or exceeded these amounts, according to their marital status, must file a return of income with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which they live on or before March 15. Here is what will happen to them if they don't.

For failure to file a return on time, a fine of not more than \$1000 and an additional assessment of 25 per cent of the amount of tax due.

For "willfully refusing" to make a return on time, a fine not exceeding \$10,000, or not exceeding one year imprisonment, or both.

For making a false or fraudulent return, a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both, together with an additional assessment of 50 per cent of the amount of tax evaded.

For failure to pay the tax on time, a fine of not more than \$1000 and an additional assessment of 5 per cent of the amount of tax unpaid, plus 1 per cent interest for each full month during which it remains unpaid.

In addition to the personal exemptions, taxpayers are allowed an exemption of \$200 for each person dependent upon them for chief support if such person is under 18 years of age and incapable of self-support. Under the 1917 act this exemption was allowed only for each dependent "child."

The head of a family—one who supports one or more persons closely connected with him by blood relationship, relationship by marriage or by adoption—is entitled to all exemptions allowed a married person.

The normal rate of tax under the new act is 6 per cent of the first \$4000 of net income above the exemptions, and 12 per cent of the net income in excess of \$4000. Incomes in excess of \$5000 are subject also to a surtax ranging 1 per cent of the amount of the net income between \$5000 and \$6000 to 65 per cent of the net income above \$1,000,000.

Revenue officers will visit every county in the United States to aid taxpayers in making out their returns. Failure to see these officers, however, does not relieve the taxpayer of his obligation to file his return and pay his tax within the time specified by law. In this case taxpayers must seek the Government, not the Government the taxpayer.

## Wheat Price Guarantee

The administration billion dollar wheat guarantee bill was passed by the house February 22 by a vote of 277 to 15. The bill as reported out by the agricultural committee was amended only in two important particulars. One by Representative Moore of Pennsylvania limits the life of the act to June 1, 1920, instead of October 15, 1920; the other by representative McLaughlin of Michigan broadens the power of the president to restrict the importation of wheat if such action is found necessary to protect the United States government against undue loss in making good the guarantee. Under this legislation, the wheat growers will be paid \$2.26 a bushel for their 1918 and 1919 crops.

The measure is now before the senate for final action and must be passed by that body before March 4th or fail entirely, as congress adjourns by limitation on that date.

Fully one-half the total value of all farm crops in 1918 at the farm, according to the bureau of crop estimates of the United States department of Agriculture, is found in the cereals, the crop total being \$14,222,000,000 and the cereal total \$7,079,000,000. The group next below in value is that of the fiber crops, cotton and hemp, but the latter is insignificant. Including cotton seed, these two crops have a value of \$1,946,000,000, or 14 per cent of the aggregate of all crops.

## Horses and Mules for the Army

Some idea of what has been done in furnishing horses and mules for overseas service may be gained from a report just made by the statistical section of the remount division of the U. S. War Department. This shows that up to January 11th there had been shipped overseas from this country a total of 67,948 animals, which included 5,489 cavalry horses, 33,396 draft horses, 28,088 draft mules and 975 pack mules. The total number of animals lost en route overseas is 600 horses and mules, or less than 1 per cent of the total number of animals shipped. These figures do not include sales made during the war to foreign governments.

Plans are now being outlined by the remount division for the encouragement of horse breeding in this country with a view to supplying suitable cavalry and artillery horses in the future. Reports from the bureau of animal industry show that there were 2.9 per cent more horses and 8.4 per cent more mules on the farms in the United States on January 1, 1918, than there were on January 1, 1914. According to reports there is no appreciable decrease in the number of animals in the rural districts of England, while there is about a 20 per cent prewar decrease in France.

A dead grand fir tree, four feet in diameter, was ignited June 27, 1918, during a forest fire, and burned continuously until November 8 although heavy rains visited the region in September and October. The tree stood near the north fork Cispus river, on the Rainier National Forest. When last seen the tree was still burning and had been reduced to a stub 40 feet high. Fires of this sort persist on account of the clinkers which form and lie in the center or lowest part of the burning surface. The clinkers resemble those in the bottom of a blacksmith's forge and are like red-hot bricks. A tremendous amount of rainfall is necessary to cool them off.

The daylight saving law will most likely be repealed by congress through an amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill now pending in congress. Senator Calder, the author of the idea, says the law is in "grave danger" because of opposition from "misguided farmers who suppose that they must go to work by the clock and rest by the sun." Friends of the measure claim food production has been stimulated, health improved and electric light bills reduced more than one-tenth during the summer under this law. Nothing is said about the upset to operation of business in the farming communities.

George Washington's birthday witnessed a record-breaking scientific feat when Secretary of the Navy Daniels, sitting in his office, talked to President Wilson on board the U. S. S. George Washington, 600 miles at sea. The total distance traversed by Secretary Daniels' voice was 1700 miles. The conversation was carried on over the wireless telephone which the navy department has now developed to a high degree of efficiency, so much so that transmission of the human voice across the ocean will be common at no distant date, it is thought.

M. B. Paroungian, an Armenian who came to this country just before the war began and who has many near relatives in that stricken country, will talk to the people of Sherman county on "Armenia, her people and conditions there" at Wasco on March 3d, at Grass Valley March 4th, Moro, school auditorium, March 5th, and Kent on March 6th. Subscriptions will not be asked at any of these meetings. Mr. Paroungian comes under the auspices of the local Armenian Relief committee.

Communication between an airplane in the air and a regular telephone on the Washington city line was recently established at the office of Maj. Gen. William L. Kenly, director of military aeronautics. Although regular radio-telephonic conversation frequently has been held with planes in the air at flying fields, this is the first demonstration of the combination of the radiophone and regular land telephone.

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## Kent Items

Fred Haynes made a trip to Portland Monday.

John Odell was a business visitor from Grass Valley Tuesday.

J. K. Irby and C. O. Gidea went to Moro on business Thursday.

Guy C. Haynes went to Portland Sunday to remain for a few days.

Henry Schadewitz went to Wasco Monday, returning with a new Ford.

The pupils of the 7th and 8th grades gave a surprise party for Cleo Bayless Monday evening.

Arthur Justeson left Wednesday for Camp Lewis, where he expects to meet his brother Theodore who has been in the service in France.

The play given Saturday evening by the lodge, called "The Family Affair," was very good. The performance lasted about an hour and a half, after which the Rebecca's served a lunch in the basement. It is reported that the net proceeds were \$123.90.

The Christian Endeavor will hold a social next Saturday evening in the assembly room of the school house. All members are especially invited. If you come bring 10 or 15 cents in pennies. They are going to try a unique idea of raising money. You will learn particulars when you come.

## Obituary

Hattie Larison was born in Lane county, Oregon, on September 29, 1873, coming to Eastern Oregon with her parents when a small child. She was married to Philip Zobel at Springfield, Ore., Sept. 10, 1892. Coming to this county in 1901 she had resided continually here since. The home was blessed with seven children, of whom four daughters and one son survive their mother. All four daughters live in this county, the son is with the army in France.


After a week's illness Mrs. Zobel breathed her last Monday, Feb. 24, at the family home southwest of Grass Valley, aged 45 years, 4 months and 25 days.

The funeral service was held in the Moro Presbyterian church, Rev. B. Trueblood Smith officiating, and interment was in Rose cemetery, where the remains now repose by the side of her two children who preceded her to the eternal shores.

## Card of Thanks

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