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Good Roads for Sherman County

If anyone doubts that the tax payers of Sherman county want good roads they should have attended the session of the Sherman county court last Wednesday when a petition signed by more than 25 per cent of the registered voters was under consideration by the court asking that a special election be called to vote on the proposition of bonding the county in the sum of three hundred thousand dollars for good roads.

At the same session a second petition was also presented asking that the court take action to have the road between Rufus and Wasco designated as a pos' road, the same to be built with the aid of county, state and federal money.

At the morning session of the court about fifty taxpayers were present to urge consideration of the two petitions, and at the afternoon session this number was increased approximately one half. Considerable discussion was held over the disbursement of the proceeds of the proposed bond issue, but a vote of all present showed

that a road running north and south through the county was considered as of first importance, and aid in improving the road leading to the Cottonwood grade as second.

Some discussion was had as to the advisability of building lateral roads from each of the towns, but all united for voting for a main road first and then using other county funds for lateral roads.

Judge McKee and Commissioners Wilson and Ginn stated that they wanted an advisory committee from each section of the county to meet with them for the purpose of assisting the court in expending the proposed bond issue. After some discussion it was voted by those present to have a committee composed of one member from each road district to act as an advisory board, to meet at the call of the court. This matter, as well as definite action upon the petitions will be settled at an adjourned meeting of the court next week.

Order Your Men Early

There is quite a demand for experienced farm hands right now and very good men can be secured at present if a little time can be allowed for securing them. J. D. Brown of the public employment office states that there are lots of good men available at present but he expects that we will experience difficulty in securing good men a little later. It takes two or three days at best to get men up from Portland, so put in your call a little before you have to have him, it possible.

C. C. Calkins, County Agent.

Sheriff P. H. Buxton returned Tuesday from Portland, where he was visiting at the home of his sister who leaves soon for a new home in Ohio.

Governor Olcott



Ben W. Olcott, secretary of state, automatically become governor of Oregon with the passing of Governor Withycombe and will take his place as the 16th governor of the commonwealth.

With his elevation to the gubernatorial chair he will also continue to hold the office of secretary of state. Under the constitution the secretary of state becomes governor upon the death, inability to act or resignation of the incumbent. The new governor will serve in that capacity only until January 1, 1921, as under the constitution he would succeed to the gubernatorial chair only until the next general election.

In consequence his successor will be elected at the general election in November, 1920, and Mr. Olcott will not serve the full term for which Governor Withycombe was elected. His successor as governor will hold for a four-year term. In the last primaries he was a candidate for the republican nomination for governor, but was defeated by Governor Withycombe, who was a candidate for re-election.

In spite of the many difficulties under which dairymen of Oregon operated this last year there was an increase of 400,000 pounds of butter made in the state in 1918, over 1917. This speaks well for the patriotic spirit of the dairymen. Feed was high and labor scarce and some dairymen worked at a loss, but they endeavored at all times to comply with the request of the government to hold on to their herds.

The theory of the ignorant is that milk is a food for babies only and that "real food is, something you have to chew." Every wise housewife, however, nowadays knows the food value of milk for grown up folks, too. Think of a quart of milk as equal to eight eggs in value. Makes the milk look pretty precious these days.

High Cost of Living vs. Wages

The proposition as to the possible decline in prices and with this the decline on the high cost of living is a topic for serious thought at this time by all who have anything to do with the buying and selling of merchandise, and it is most apt to interest farmers of Sherman county personally because of their being on the selling side of the marketing interest.

The publisher of the Observer considers that the possibility of a decline in prices in the immediate near future is not a probable contingency and to illustrate the point we reprint the following article clipped from the New York Tribune under date December 2. In considering this problem it should be borne in mind that the ability to pay, scarcity of supply and the means of reducing the scarcity of supply are dominant factors. These in turn are governed by the ability of men, machinery and the farm to produce the goods most in demand:

"Let those who believe that the close of the war means a rapid fall in prices, of course by necessity wages as well consider one problem. In Norway and Sweden wages in many lines are higher than in the United States. And so are prices. It is extremely difficult to make close comparisons that are really illuminating. But here is an international industry involving the same article, namely, wood pulp. Mechanical wood pulp is now selling in Canada at around \$38 a ton. The same article in Sweden and Norway is around \$59 a ton. The same article in England is around \$110 a ton. There is a great "scarcity value" for wood pulp in England, and, as it is easier to get wood pulp from Scandinavia to England than from Canada, it might be considered that the price in Norway and Sweden was determined wholly by the price in Great Britain. It is not. At a pinch Great Britain would have drawn wood pulp from Canada. It did draw it. It cost roughly \$20 a ton more, to get it from Canada than from Norway. The price was fixed by the price in Canada. And this was fixed by the scarcity of labor. This scarcity drove up wages in Scandinavia just as much as, or more than, in Canada. Unless wages in both countries are sharply reduced, prices for wood pulp will continue high. A free supply of ships merely will not greatly reduce it.

"Both Norway and Sweden are countries which have a large redundancy of money. But theirs is not paper money, but gold. They are rich in money but poor in goods. As a result wages and costs are so high that this surplus of gold is flowing out of the country as fast as it can find profitable channels. For example, it is said that there is \$90,000,000 from Norway alone lying in New York ready for the purchase of ships when they can be had. More or less, this means \$90,000,000 of gold. The United States is almost the only great country that will have a surplus of things to sell for the better part of next year. The opening of free shipping must inevitably mean large imports of gold. The effect of this gold will not be different than in 1915 or 1916, or any other year. It will make prices higher or check a decline

Community Meeting at Gorman

The Fairview-Gorman community club met at the Gorman school house Friday evening February 28, to enjoy a local entertainment. One of the most enjoyable events was the reading of a local paper edited by Miss Edith Flemming, teacher in the Fairview district. It was noted that the giddy gossip of the Gorman Gazette galled the gillies who were made the goat, though everyone managed to stand the gaff. Upon finishing the reading of her master production Miss Flemming tendered her resignation as editor, stating that one is liable to be mobbed, you know, and looking at Hans Thompson as she said it.

Laying jokes aside it was an evening enjoyed and profitably spent. Supt. E. R. Curfman and County Agent Calkins were present and spoke to the club.

Following the program Mrs. Howard Conlee and Miss Flemming chose up sides for a cyphering match, in which all participated. Miss Margery Holman, teacher at Gorman, gave out the problems, but at the close showed her ability by cyphering down the winner.

As a fitting close the ladies served sandwiches, coffee and pie in order not to work a hardship on anyone. All took a part in this part of the program.

The next meeting of the community club will be held at Fairview March 14.

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Obituary

Henry Gearheart Johnson was born near Moro October 3, 1890, and spent the most of his life in this county, attending the public school in Moro. In 1902, with the family, he went abroad for medical treatment and study in Europe, returning to Moro after an absence of five years. For several years he has been obliged to go to California and Arizona during the winters on account of delicate health. The last message received directly from him he seemed to be feeling some better; then, without warning, a telegram was received stating that he had died in Phoenix, Ariz., Thursday, Feb. 27, aged 28 years, 4 months and 24 days. He was a member of the Lutheran church and also of the Masonic order.

Funeral services were held from Moro Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. B. T. Smith conducting the services. Interment was in I. O. O. F. cemetery.

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