

# The Observer.

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### Special Election Returns.

Sherman county endorsed five of the nine measures voted on at the special election held June 3. All the road measures on the ballot were favored by this county, the Roosevelt highway receiving the highest favorable vote, the market roads bill being next, and the bill increasing the limit to six per cent of the assessed valuation of a county as a basis for bonding for good roads receiving the third highest vote.

The official vote was as follows: Six per cent county indebtedness amendment—yes, 230; no 122.

Industrial reconstruction amendment—yes 137, no 184.

Payment by the state of interest on irrigation and drainage bonds—yes 161, no 162.

Five million dollar reconstruction bonds amendment—yes 163, no 161.

Lieutenant Governor amendment—yes 148, no 189.

Roosevelt highway bill—yes 264, no 101.

Five million dollar reconstruction bond bill—yes 149, no 101.

Educational aid for soldiers, sailors and marines—yes 222, no 134.

Market roads tax bill—yes 254, no 82.

Only 365 voters of all those registered in the county took enough interest in the election to express their opinion at the polls, although the bonded indebtedness of the state was increased by \$7,500,000 and another measure on the ballot would very probably increase the taxes of the state more than \$2,000,000 during the next four years. These figures are in addition to any tax that might be levied under the county bonding act or the market road bill.

Anyone having lost an electrical appliance may have it returned by calling at this office.

### Genuine Weed Preventive

Driving along the road by the L. L. Peetz farm Sunday evening was about as restful as visiting an ice cave on a hot August day in the afternoon. The main track in the center was crowned just right for easy driving and on each side the balance of the road was all plowed, harrowed and worked smooth—just right to not have a blow start or stall the engine when turning out for a passing car.

The road looked so neatly kept and inviting that we decided to continue on and come into Moro from the west. The sides of the road along the Powell place we found seeded to wheat and being used by J. N. Landry as pasture for three contented looking cows. Even after making the turn at the four corners we found the same condition of plowed roadside seeded to wheat alongside the Powell and Sayers farms close to the city limits.

Not every person realizes that we have pioneers with us practically all the time. Someone who is always trying to better conditions and improve circumstances. Such a one is L. L. Peetz, although we don't always have a chance to say so in public. We remember ten years ago when he began the practice of working the roadside to kill the weeds growing about his fence rows. At that time he was criticized for destroying the road bed and little attention was directed at his efforts to destroy the weeds. He was a pioneer because since then many others have followed the same system. Mr. Peetz has discontinued using his roadsides for pasture because of the heavy traffic past his farm, again earning the unspoken thanks of many auto drivers because they are not forced to slow down while a sleepy old cow decides to meander out of the way.

L. L. Peetz has more than 30 miles of fence on his farm, probably 35, as some fences are located along the pasture lands overlooking the DesChutes river. Driving along the farm you cannot see a weed in either his growing wheat or on the summer fallow, neither can you see a weed under or near any fence on his farm except the farthest removed pasture fence where no sort of farm machine can be used to destroy them.

Mr. Peetz could be elected to the Society of Pioneers because he early realized the drain upon a farmer's pocketbook of the common farm weeds ten years ago. He first destroyed the weed nursery along the roadside and then succeeded in keeping his wheat fields and summer fallow clean of

weeds. The article in the Farm Bureau News for June, written by County Agent Calkins, and the law against weeds quoted by Mr. Calkins were put upon our statute books to protect efforts of men like Mr. Peetz in having the farms of Sherman county return larger dividends to the farmer.

### Medal Made From Captured Cannon

The editor of the Sherman County Observer this week received a medal made from captured German cannon, presented by the United States treasury department through the Liberty Loan general committee for this district, located at San Francisco. Accompanying the medal was a letter which in part read as follows:

"Now that the last popular loan has been successfully floated we want you to know that we fully appreciate the great service you have rendered our government, and that we are indeed grateful to the publishers and editors of the Twelfth Federal Reserve District for their generous contribution to the government of space both in their news and advertising columns during the several Liberty Loan drives and particularly during the Victory Loan campaign because the sacrifices of peace times in behalf of the national government indicate a higher type of patriotism than is prompted by the hysteria of a people at war."

### Former Resident Makes Brief Visit.

J. H. Fraser and family were visitors in Moro from Yakima last week end at the A. M. Wright home. Mr. Fraser formerly lived in Sherman county, farming what is now known as the Deal place near Spaulding chapel and at the same time running a large band of sheep in that section of the county.

Mrs. Fraser is a sister to Mr. Wright and while they were living in the county it was mainly through their efforts that Spaulding chapel was built on land then owned by Mr. Fraser.

The family is now living in the Yakima valley, where Mr. Fraser has a commercial orchard of 10,000 trees. While here they drove extensively over Sherman county and the prosperity evident over this portion of Oregon was a very agreeable surprise to the visitors.

B. L. Carson, manager of the telephone company for this district, living at The Dalles, died in that city May 31 from an illness following an attack of the flu contracted January 17.

### The Salvation Army in Action

(From Stars and Stripes, Paris.)

When the wiping out of the Saison's salient becomes a mere incident in the growing list of German victories that might have been, there will probably be no more item better remembered by men who were wounded while on that little job than the item of lemonade.

The Salvation army had been looking forward to hot weather, drive or no drive, and they were getting ready to substitute real lemonade, with rinds and everything, for the old reliable chocolate or the doubtful pinard. The water supply was none too good and when a man is hot he wants something to drink as soon as he can get it.

So when the doughboys and the artillery and the signal corps began sending representatives back to visit the dressing-stations the Salvation Army came to the fore with those Italian lemons, sugar and barrels of clean, cold water, which they brought up on a Ford delivery truck, every Yank who got within range of that lemonade threw away his cigarette and made a dive for his tin cup.

The doctors say that a good many who couldn't walk and who couldn't make a dive for his share are going to live and go back to the States because they got a drink that killed their fever when they needed it most. Lemonade is a life saver to wound-fevered men, and this particular lot turned some good tricks for the surgeons.

Sherman county's opportunity to show its appreciation for this wonderful organization will come June 22 to 30; when the Home Service campaign of the Salvation Army will be staged in this county. Oregon's quota is \$250,000, of which half is to be raised in Portland.

### Serious Auto Accident.

When coming into Wasco last Sunday evening on the Klondike road the converted Hupmobile truck owned by J. N. Landry and driven by Dewey Warner became unmanageable near the Dr. Huck-in-barn with the result that the car partly turned, threw a tire and careened through and over a nine barbed wire fence, two of the wires going under the car and the other seven over the radiator.

All four of the occupants, Revella Calbraith, Dewey Warner, Telva Martin and Naomi Young, were sitting on the one seat. All but Telva Martin were cut by the wires, Dewey Warner the least. Revella Calbraith's wounds needed 18 stitches and Miss Young's six. All were cuts around the eyes and upper part of the face, Revella having his ear nearly severed while Miss Young just missed having a punctured eyeball.

The injured were taken care of by Dr. Gormly of Wasco and later brought to Moro in the doctor's car. The Hup was left in Wasco for repairs, just what damage it sustained not being stated.

### Water From Drilled Wells

Shortly after starting the new pipe line to the reservoir a large "Y" broke where the line from the old wells join the line from the two drilled wells, causing all use of the new pipe to be suspended until a new extra could be obtained from Portland. Monday all repairs had been made and both drilled wells were supplying the city with water through the new line. It is a satisfying feeling to visit the new power house built over the two wells and watch the little engine operate the two deep well jacks, putting a large stream of water into the reservoir with no apparent effort.

### Spectacle Peddlers Outlawed

House Bill No. 124, which became a law May 29, makes the soliciting from house to house for glass fitting a violation of the law punishable by fines of \$1000 and one year in jail. This will be a good thing for the public, as many honest people who have been faked by these house to house peddlers can testify. Legitimate eye specialists who make regular visits to towns other than their registered headquarters will not be affected by this law. Every person offering to fit glasses or duplicate broken lenses must be licensed under this law or be classed as a law violator.

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### County Fair Board Meets

The annual meeting of the Sherman County Fair Association was held at Moro last Saturday afternoon, disposing of considerable business and arranging for the annual fair to be held in this city next October, on the 8th to 11th inclusive.

This year the board has decided to have a three-days race meet, and has posted \$3045 for that part of the program. Each day's program will be different in some respects from the others.

A contract was awarded J. F. Noonan for painting all the buildings at the fair grounds.

The premium list has been changed in many respects and a new class has been opened to take care of the Shorthorn cattle imported into the county during the year.

A contract was awarded O. A. Ramsey for the building of a new cattle barn to be located between the swine and horse barns. The size of the new building will be 36x90 feet. It is hoped to interest Shorthorn breeders from over the state to make exhibits and at the close of the fair to have a sale of pure bred shorthorns.

Officers elected were: A. H. Barnum, president; I. N. Lemon, vice-president; C. C. Calkins, secretary; R. C. Ornduff, treasurer.

### Auto Tourists Return

O. G. Sayers and wife and Roy Powell and wife returned Wednesday from their auto trip to and through California to old Mexico. The trip as a whole was one of pleasure, not a puncture nor any car trouble occurring to mar the joy of the road.

Their first day, when leaving Sherman county, was the only time they were bothered with rain in the 26 days of travel, during which time they traveled 2986 miles and used 183 gallons of gasoline.

At Roseburg they met the Bailey & Barnum circus. Cow creek canyon in Southern Oregon was not any trouble to them, even if reports they had heard about the conditions caused by new road work did make them stop at the worst hotel they met with on the trip.

Coming back they visited Camp Sherman on the Metolious river in Deschutes county, where Roy picked out a spot to build himself a summer home. They report that three new homes will be built at Camp Sherman this summer, one each by W. H. Ragsdale, W. F. Jackson and G. A. Meloy.

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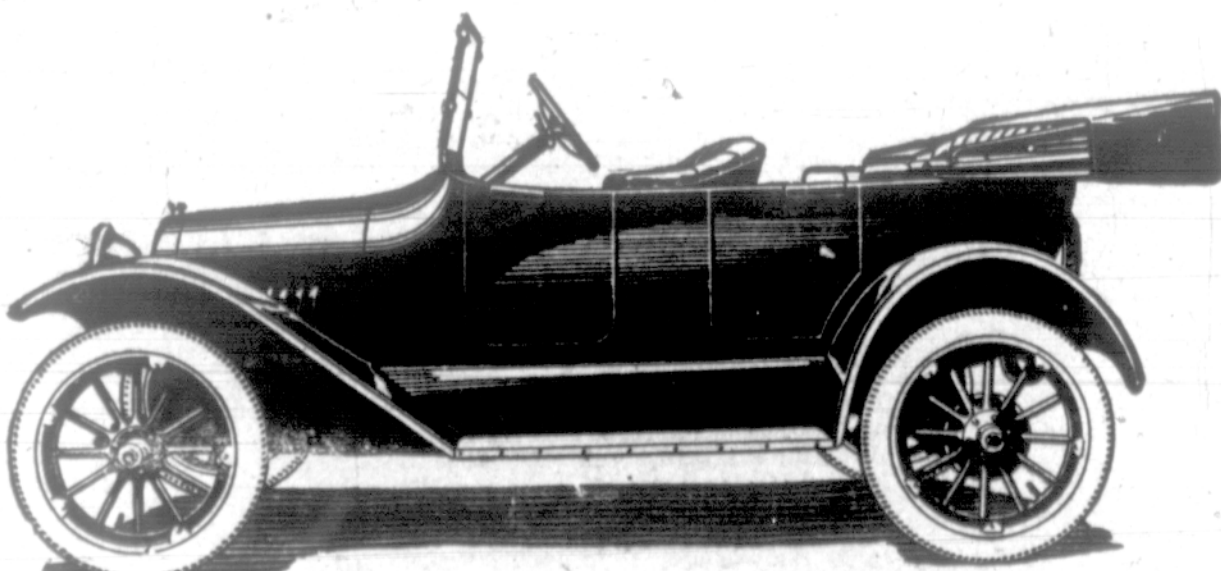
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