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Farm Bureau Membership Plan

The city that is doing things these days is the one which has a Chamber of Commerce with a large live membership which is busy. Each individual merchant has his own interests, but there are problems to meet, problems to solve, duties to perform in the interests of all, which would not nor could not be met by the merchants working individually, no matter how enthusiastic the men may be. In recent years the farmer has found that he could profit by their example and as a result nearly 1000 counties in the 33 northern and western states have a corresponding organization known as the Farm Bureau. Up to a year ago four of these states did not take memberships in the organization with the result that the organization was rather indefinite which in turn

hindered the progress of the work outlined by the body. The executive committee of the Sherman county Farm Bureau at its meeting December 5th after a thorough investigation decided in favor of an organized farm bureau on the membership plan used in all the states at present. Committees of five leading farmers were appointed for each community in the county. These will meet between now and Christmas, discuss with and arrange for community meetings which will follow these committee meetings at such time as it is possible to arrange for them. The possibilities of such an organization which sets every community of the county to work, is unlimited. You will have an opportunity to become better acquainted with it in the near future.

Conserve Your Coal Supply

Published by request of the National Fuel Administration.

There is not sufficient coal supply expected, to protect against freezing in the eight priority classes named by the National Fuel Administration. Under these circumstances all consumers have been notified by the fuel administration that they must reserve sufficient of their present stock of coal to protect their plants and places of business throughout the winter. Private residences and homes come in for their supply after the eight priority classes are provided for and, under these conditions, very little coal can be expected to be received for distribution by dealers for private homes until the coal situation become normal again, which may not happen until the winter is over. Retail coal dealers, if they would

not have their supply entirely cut off, must take every precaution to see that coal is only delivered where it is absolutely necessary and then only in limited quantities that the supply may be distributed as widely as possible to prevent suffering. The distribution to the retail dealers must, necessarily, be administered by the railroad administration in pursuance of orders from the National Fuel Administration, their duties being prescribed under the Lester act of Congress.

Moisture Precipitation Compilations

Given a good precipitation properly distributed throughout the crop year and we can bank on a good wheat yield over the county. For that reason the following information, compiled by D. E. Stephens, superintendent of the Experiment Station, will be of interest to many:

	Crop Year 1918-19	1919-20	Average
September	1.03	1.83	.78
October	1.58	1.04	.78
November	1.00	1.93	1.73
December	.91	*1.22	1.61
January	2.19		1.60
February	1.48		1.04
March	.83		.83
April	1.00		.63
May	.18		1.23
June	.07		.86
July	.03		.19
August	.17		.24
Total	10.47	4.12	11.61

Notice how near the precipitation for the last crop year was above the monthly average of the past 14 years and then notice the drop to below the normal in the most vital and important months of May and June.

Notice also that the average for the present crop year is again similar to that of the previous crop year.

The above table of moisture precipitation for the current crop year, including that of the last crop year and the average for the past 14 years, will be published in the Sherman County Observer during the first half of each month.

As near as can be estimated by Superintendent Stephens there is approximately 18 inches of snow on the levels. Over the county come reports of many very large deep drifts. The snow drifts having practically stopped all travel the past few days and what little has been done has either been team or horseback.

One bad feature of the snow fall at this time is that tests made by Superintendent Stephens on Thursday show the ground to be frozen to a depth of 12 to 14 inches. If a Chinook wind hits Sherman county too soon there is a strong probability of much of the moisture being lost in the frosts that will surely follow instead of the snow going into the ground by means of it thawing the frost.

This cold weather makes a new record at the Experiment Farm, since the establishment of the station in 1911. The coldest day previously recorded was in January 1916 when it was 10 degrees below zero. This record was broken the night of December 11th when 18 degrees below zero was registered, although last week several nights had been below zero and the previous night 8 degrees below. The coldest temperature for November 1919 was that on the 27th, when it registered 8 degrees above zero.

Teachers' Examinations.

Notice is hereby given that the County School Superintendent of Sherman county Ore., will hold the regular examination of applicants for state certificates at the Court house in Moro, Oregon, as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, December 17, 1919, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, December 20, 1919, at 4:00 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday forenoon—Writing (Penmanship), Music, U. S. History, Drawing.

Wednesday afternoon—Reading, Physiology, Manual Training, Composition, Domestic Science, Methods in Reading, Course of Study for Drawing, Methods in Arithmetic.

Thursday forenoon—Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography, Mechanical Drawing, Domestic Art, Course of Study for Domestic Art.

Thursday afternoon—Grammar, Geography, Stenography, American Literature, Physics, Typewriting, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

Friday forenoon—Theory and Practice, Orthography, Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry.

Friday afternoon—School Law, Geology, Algebra, Civil Government.

Saturday forenoon—Geometry, Botany.

Saturday afternoon—General History, Book-keeping.

Grace L. May, County School Superintendent.

Train service on the Shaniko branch has been badly demoralized this week. Tuesday night the local passenger did not go further south than Grass Valley; no trains moved Wednesday.

Thursday the passenger made a round trip between Grass Valley and Biggs and the freight made a trip between Grass Valley and Shaniko with freight, express and mail; Friday the local again made the trip to Biggs and returning, went to Shaniko. Saturday about normal conditions again prevailed.

Farm for sale about three miles from Boyd and one mile from Rice elevator; 640 acre wheat farm; 600 acres in cultivation; 275 acres in fall wheat; lots of water and good improvements. This is known as one of the very best wheat farms in Wasco county. Write W. C. Hanna, Dufur, Oregon, for particulars and terms.

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Interpretations Rightly Used

Interpretation is a great word these days. It is used in respect to laws, decisions, platforms, events, actions—whenever one's judgment is called upon to express a view. A person should undertake an interpretation with a great deal of care. There are many things that detract from or lower the virtue of an interpretation, says Ohio State Journal. In the first place, one must watch his standpoint, and see that it does not have too much influence. It generally has. And then one must see that his party affiliation is not tainted with a prejudice. Also, that he does not take a selfish view of the matter in question. One must guard himself against any insincerity resting in his mind. Where a person's interpretation of a law, decision, platform or event is under the influence of any of these forces, it is not an honest interpretation. It will lead him away from the truth. And so it becomes every sincere and honest man to examine the bases of his interpretation and if they are contaminated by any of these defects, he is not a fair man. Also, if he insists upon a consistency that gets its flavor from any of these faults, he is an untrue man. In fine, interpretation is a sacred duty and not a display of the pride of opinion.

William Hohenzollern, according to cable dispatches, has stopped giving advice to the Almighty and has taken to praying. This has given rise to fears in some quarters that the mentality—so-called—of the recent all-highest is giving way and that he is in danger of becoming a fanatic, says New York Herald. It is known, of course, that he always was a fanatic and a fanatic will be for the alibi experts to decide at the much-advertised but, so far, very nebulous trial.

Helium gas is said to be as light as hydrogen gas and almost as economical, while possessing the additional merit of being noninflammable. If the claims made for it as the ideal gas for dirigible airships are justified, the use of the dangerous hydrogen gas which was the lifting agent of the "Wingfoot" dirigible or any other inflammable or explosive gas should be forbidden.

An English minister opposed the eligibility of women on church councils on the ground that two women on a committee will upset the arrangements of any two men. This is practical admission that the power of self-determination is much greater in the gentler sex.

It is true men talk too much about women's clothes nowadays. It is true men never dared to talk about the hoopskirts in the oldtime. They were wonderful women, and you simply couldn't sling the trashy conversation of this time anywhere in their vicinity.

Members of the crew of the big dirigible R-34 actually danced to the music of a phonograph while the airship was passing through the clouds. Of course, the passenger airship of the future will have its dancing saloon. Floating palaces will be out-classed by the flying ones.

Such is human nature that one set of army officers is kicking because of the congestion on transports and others are kicking because they cannot all crowd aboard and come home on the first ship.

The fact that chewing gum was part of the ration served to the crew of the R-34 shows that the war has established at least one American custom in Britain.

The Parisian fad of doing without stockings is being adopted by some American women of obvious attraction. But what a howl there would be were necessity and not fashion to compel them to go without!

The British may have won the war, but the honors heaped on General Pershing and his men in England show that the British are liberal enough to admit that the American troops helped some.

"A monkey won't stay near a man who has been drinking," testified a zoo expert at the Cy de Vry hearing. And still the sensible little animals can't talk so we can understand them.

Russia presents a wide field for American trade, says a consular report. However, unless conditions have changed safety razor drummers might better remain at home.

Formation of an organization to establish permanent relations between French and American surgeons is one of the good things that may come out of the war.

Profiteers are just finding out what the penny is for. It is made to be tacked onto the price of anything that used to be five cents.

Money becomes detestable as soon as it fills a person with the fiendish voracity of a vampire.

This will be a wonderful world to live in if the fishing ever gets to be as good as it is in the report folders.

Britons have begun work on a noiseless aeroplane. How will people know when to look up?

Local Church Announcements

Presbyterian Church: Announcements
Monkland Church:
Sunday School at 1:30 p. m.
No preaching next Sunday.

Moro Church:
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Preaching, 11 a. m.
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.

The pastor having been ill, there will be no preaching Sunday evening. So attend the morning service and get food for meditation for the day.

Elmer E. McVicker, Pastor.

Christian Science Society:

* Services in the Church building, Main street, at 11 a. m. Subject: "God, the Preserver of Man."
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