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Official Paper for Sherman County.

J. S. Smith, deputy collector of internal revenue, has been appointed federal prohibition director for Oregon, according to announcement from Washington, D.C. This is an entirely new office created to enforce the prohibition law, to handle violations of the narcotic laws, grant permits for the sale of alcoholic mixtures by druggists, doctors and others. These matters have been included in the duties of the revenue agents and the internal revenue collector heretofore. Mr. Smith, who is fitted for his new duties by reason of his experience as deputy collector of internal revenue, will take over the new work immediately upon receipt of his commission.

Fresh cow for sale; good and gentle; phone E. E. Barzee, Moro.

**Farm Bureau Committees Meet**

While space will not permit of a detailed discussion of the farm organization plan, its possible program of work, its value to the farmer functioning as a rural Chamber of Commerce, and the opportunity it gives for expression by and development of the rural people, it suffices to know that it was discussed with the committees of farmers in each of the nine communities of the county, or 40 men in all and without a single exception every man was behind the Farm Bureau and is willing to accept his share of the responsibility in getting it into operation in their community.

From one and a half to two hours was spent with each committee. Bad roads and weather conditions hindered calling public meetings in an effort to reach all the people, but the fact that the committees over the county after discussing its different advantages for two hours have not only found it to be worth while, but are willing to take time to ask every farmer in their community to become a part of the organization is a guarantee that it is worth while for every one to affiliate with it.

The universal experience in 800 counties in the 33 northern and western states having similar organizations is that it includes all of the best and most progressive farmers. Experience thus far shows the same result in Oregon and Sherman county. No progressive farmer who understood the organization has not joined when solicited by the committee.

The Farm Bureau is the farmers' organization absolutely. Members of the committees know that and as such see its possibilities. Had every farmer been on the committee or understood it as they do all would not

only join but be willing to do as they are doing. They have the responsibility, help them out by being ready to join when they speak to you.

Following the membership campaign each community will organize for work. The membership campaign will close at the time of the annual county-wide meeting which will probably be held the last of January. Join now.

In spite of unfavorable weather conditions the Moro committee appointed by the Farm Bureau met 100 per cent strong last week at the county agent's office to discuss community problems and organization plans. The members of the committee were: Roy Powell, Chet Silvers, A. H. Barnum, Harry Pinkerton, W. C. Bryant, Joe Brackett and Martin Melzer.

The committee unanimously endorsed the Farm Bureau plan. The problems of interest which should respond to cooperative effort and the lines of endeavor which should be pushed as brought out by the committee were: Control of weeds by all, universal use of certified seed and better sires campaign. Other projects were discussed and will be taken up at the community meeting later.

The names of the farmers tributary to Moro were divided among the committeemen and every farmer will have an opportunity to join the Farm Bureau within the next thirty days. The membership fee of two dollars covers the cost of the Farm Bureau News and provides funds for use by the organization. During the latter half of January the weather permitting, community meetings will be held to discuss community problems and elect committee men in charge of work in the community.

Following these a county-wide annual meeting will be held at Moro which should be attended by all members and their families. Plans are being made to make this more than worth while.

The committees appointed at the other points which have had meetings are: Rufus: Payne, Kuypers, Tate, C. A. Tom and Chub Fowler.

Wasco: Henry Howell, V. H. Smith, Herbert Root, Roy Belashee.

Klondike: Potter, Boice, J. T. Johnson, LeRoy Seely.

Fairview: Hans Thompson, Callaway, Conlee, and Coe.

Harmony: P. C. Axtell, T. S. Reese, E. W. Mason and T. J. Henkle.

Grass Valley: Fred Cox, E. M. Alley, J. J. Wiley, A. L. Russell and Bruce Kee.

Michigan: O. N. Hodges, Fred Stradley, W. C. Todd, Tom Coyle and L. D. Eaton.

Kent: J. A. Schassen, L. Schade-witz, Wilber Haggerty, L. W. Amick and Wilber Helyer.

All meetings have heartily endorsed the Farm Bureau organization plan and all thus far have been interested in the same lines of work. Indications are that most of the farmers are going to join and get behind a progressive program which will do things next year.

**Off Again; On Again; Gone Again**

The electric lighting system the last several weeks in Moro has been so consistently and regularly irregular that it is hard for any one depending upon it for either light or power to calculate with any certainty whether it will or will not be at their command. Last summer we paid \$1.50 per month for 30 cents worth of juice and now we can't get either amount in satisfactory installments. We have been told, by city officials, that the cost in wages in running the plant exceeds \$200 per month, more than any other time in the history of the city. Yet, lights in the mornings are out of the running. This shortens one's business day more than it seems to those who stay abed these winter mornings and is one very potent factor in the Observer being late to its patrons. We had hoped to not be forced to refer to this, but necessity compels our stating the fact.

There are risks in all lines of business, even horse buying. H. B. Belashee found this rule to apply to him this week shortly after he had paid \$175 to W. J. Martin for a fine, large active horse. Half an hour after he had received the horse the animal was sick and when nothing could be done for him was killed to relieve him from further suffering. Howard says the horse was in good condition when sold, but turning him out to run with other horses warmed him up too much for the good feed he had had all fall with little work to pay for it.

The Dalles Chronicle of the 30th says: E. M. Badger, an employee of the local telephone company, suffered minor injuries to his arm and spine when he slipped this morning on the ice-covered Hotel Dalles steps. Badger arose after his fall but fell again in a half-faint near the postoffice. Numerous other falls of more or less seriousness occurred all along the silver-coated streets today.

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**Census Questions to be Asked**

The fourteenth decennial census of the United States is on. Under the immediate direction of Wm. A. Terrill, supervisor of the second census district of Oregon, census enumerators will call at every dwelling house in Sherman county to secure the information necessary to fill out the questions contained on the printed census schedules.

Questions covering the following points will be asked of every person in the United States: Sex; color or race; age at last birthday; whether single, married, widowed or divorced; birthplace of person enumerated and birthplaces of father and mother, giving names of both country and province if foreign born; occupation, specifying trade or profession, also industry in which employed; whether attending school; whether able to read; whether able to write; whether able to speak English; whether home is owned or rented, and if owned whether home is free of encumbrance or is mortgaged.

Persons of foreign birth will be asked questions concerning these additional points: Year of immigration to the United States; whether naturalized, and if so the year of naturalization; mother tongue or native language.

Census enumerators also will call at every farm in this county to secure the information necessary to fill out the questions contained on the agriculture schedule.

Each farmer will be asked questions concerning the acreage and value of his farm; whether he owns, rents or partly owns and partly rents the land he farms; the value of the buildings, machinery and implements belonging to his farm; the quantity of all crops raised on his farm during the year 1919; and many other questions which cover all possible farm operation.

An absolutely accurate census vitally concerns the welfare of this county and of every person living in it. The official population for the next ten years will be determined by the census of 1920.

Be ready with your answers when the census man calls at your house.

**The Romance of Banking**

It is always interesting to watch a small account grow gradually in volume, registering the progress of its owner.

And if it is inspiring to watch and encourage one individual to steadily mark milestones in his career, the banking business amounts almost to romance when it is remembered that it shares in the progress of hundreds of citizens.

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Wednesday evening the Fairview community club met and enjoyed a well rendered program gotten up by John M. DeMoss, Dell Wright, and Malcolm Neal. After the program a good lunch was served and then Mrs. Edw. Sagawa invited the crowd to her house to enjoy the rest of the evening in dancing, which the young people very much enjoyed. The next club meeting will be January 23d, 1920.

Mr. and Mrs. Hog came into town early Wednesday in the G. A. Meloy auto, George jr. acting as chauffeur. They were all dressed ready for the block, but even the cold weather did not permit them to deviate from their uprightness as the car came to a stop on First street.

We do not want foreign malcontents to dictate to us whether our important industries shall be permitted to go on or close. The war should have taught us enough of the danger of alien mischiefmaking in our affairs.

A number of Americans are becoming so excited over matters national and international that they are almost indifferent to the fact that forecasting for the 1920 baseball pennant is now in order.

It is getting mighty hard for a rich man to have a son who does not grow up to regard work as beneath him—and that is equivalent to saying that it is hard for a rich man to have a son who isn't a lunkhead.

Another statesman proposes to reduce the H. C. L. by making "porpoise leather shoes." This massive mind is not at all bothered by the trifling fact that the porpoise has no hide.

Dressmakers say that skirts are to be of modest length. This will occasion great dissatisfaction among those who believe such a length to be unnecessarily long.

Occasionally a man threatening to strike seems to give very little reason for such action beyond the fact that he has become sufficiently prosperous to afford it.

A movement has been started to "popularize the two-dollar bill." We know an excellent way—offer 'em to the public at \$1.95 apiece.

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