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Tri-County Baseball League Proposed

The proposition of the organization of a Gilliam-Morrow, and possibly to include Sherman county, baseball league has been put forth by L. Van Marter of Lone. Such a league would not be intended to be professional, but a strictly home organization to stimulate interest and develop support for the game, and to adopt regulations and a schedule of games. Condon baseball enthusiasts are considering the scheme, and a meeting of representatives of towns concerned will possibly be held in the near future.

Small Wheat Surplus May Raise Price

In spite of the efforts of many farmers' organizations to gain the upper hand, the wheat market is still under the domination of others than the friends of the farmer. Supply and demand were manipulated as the middlemen saw fit. However, conditions that are changeable by no man are coming; normality is slowly but surely returning to place the producer upon somewhat of a fair basis as regards that which is bought and sold. Prophetic statistics at this time place the surplus in four wheat countries above the world import requirements at 25 million bushels. The world surplus has been cut down enough to make the prospective crop of 1922 matter of great concern. Spring weather conditions will be a paramount influence in determining the trend of prices. In spite of heavy shipments to Europe, the available supply in European markets is not large and small quantities are being taken from North America for prompt shipment, even tho the southern hemisphere wheat is lower in price. If present conditions continue, the farmer may look for a price this fall that will be more in proportion to what has been deserved, but not realized in the past.

Julio sat and listened a great deal to Tchernoff, who all the time had been prophesying that the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse soon would ride madly over the earth; the four horsemen: War and Conquest and Famine and Death.

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Ralph Wheat Drowned in Flood Stream

Our community was saddened Saturday afternoon by an unfortunate accident in which Ralph Wheat, aged seven years, who has been making his home in Moro with his uncle, Don C. Wheat, since the death of his parents last year, lost his life in the flood waters of the usually placid creek that meanders thru Moro to a juncture with Grass Valley canyon creek below De Moss.

Ralph had left town in the early afternoon to overtake three playmates who were following the creek on the side of the Sherman highway, stopping occasionally to note the action of the flood, caused by the melting snow and the debris carried past by the swift waters.

When his playmates were overtaken he found that he was on the opposite side from them and attempted to cross. They warned him of the danger and he started back to town while they continued, thinking he was going home. Evidently he came to a place in the creek where he thought he could cross safely and started to wade the creek. About this time Mrs. Truman Strong noticed Ralph in the waters and ran toward him to help him cross, but before she reached him he lost his balance and was seen being carried down stream.

Mrs. Strong ran to her home close by and phoned the alarm to Moro. Searching parties were organized and within an hour Ralph's lifeless form was found about half a mile down the stream, lodged among the flotsam of the flood, having been carried thru two barb wire fences in that short distance.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the Methodist church, Rev. U. J. Smothers preaching the sermon. Interment was in the Moro cemetery. Miss Myrtle Wheat, a sister, teaching school at Harrisburg, and an older brother, Daniel, living with his sister Myrtle, attended the funeral.

Farm Bureau Organization Completed

The Sherman county farm bureau has just completed a series of successful organizations in the nine principal community centers of the county. George E. Mansfield, president of the state farm bureau, appeared at each of these meetings explaining the relationship of the county, state, and national farm bureaus, at the same time pointing out that it is not the purpose of the farm bureau to displace other farm organizations but rather to consolidate them into a force broad enough to command the attention that the farmers deserve to command in shaping the policies of the nation.

While all the meetings were a success from the standpoint of attendance and interest the evening meeting at the Michigan school house deserves more than usual mention. Not only the farmers but their wives and children turned out. The children of the school put on a very enjoyable program for which they deserve much credit. The wonderful offering of cake, salads and hot coffee provided by the ladies was properly received and thoroughly enjoyed.

As soon as road conditions will justify the annual meeting of the county bureau will be held and the officers and an executive committee for 1922 will be elected. Committee men have already been chosen for seven different projects from each of the nine communities.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend sincerest thanks to the searchers who gave their aid, to those who expressed themselves with flowers, and to everyone whose kindness and sympathy was so appreciated in our recent bereavement.

D. C. Wheat and family.
Myrtle Wheat.
Dan wheat.

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Too Much Bother; Haven't Got Time

R. C. Atwood of Wasco, who has been spending the larger part of two days in this city, does some sage philosophizing, which is quite uncommon in this age of speed and afterthought. To accommodate the demand of farmers for barley, Mr. Atwood went skimming over the state and located the required article at North Bend, that coast city down in Coos county. A carload of barley was contracted for. Four railroads were necessary to transport this car to Sherman county: a branch of the Southern Pacific from North Bend to Eugene, Southern Pacific main line to Portland, O.W.R.R. and N. to Biggs, and the short line down thru this county. The final cost of the barley was forty dollars a ton to the farmer. Last year, said Mr. Atwood, oats were shipped in from Minnesota and sold at sixty dollars a ton.

Farmers are too busy raising wheat, wheat and more wheat, Mr. Atwood declared, to take the trouble to raise a little patch of grain for feed. And the satisfaction of having grown no feed is in the paying of a fancy price to the farmer across four states for his product, paying several middlemen for handling figures in a notebook, paying freight rates, and finally paying a small profit to the home merchant who imports the feed.

Mr. Atwood is severe in his censure of present farming tendencies. A few years ago, he said he could go down to the depot and find the freight room half filled with export products: dressed meats, eggs, ground vegetables, but now in place of that one finds large consignments of similar products for home town merchants who ship in according to the demand of the farmer.

Just a few days ago, said Mr. Atwood in telling an incident in the store, a man came in with an empty egg crate and said: "Fill this up. I haven't time to bother with chickens; I'd rather buy my eggs in town." And so it is with other farm staples. It's too much bother to raise hogs. There is no time to do the little things that bring down the total of the expense account.

Luckily, one man has been heard from who did happen to come out with a pocket full of chicken feed at the right time by a neat bit of judgment. P. L. Schamel of Grass Valley had a large bunch of hogs when prices soared to the sky some few years ago. He had not spent a great deal in raising them. He sold them for a top price. Some time later, when most all the farmers had disposed of their hogs, Mr. Schamel saw that the inevitable outcome would be a raise, and that a great many of the farmers who had sold off their meat supply would soon be buying back at a double price. So Mr. Schamel bought a bunch of hogs at a reasonable figure and fattened them. Along came winter and Mr. Schamel sold over five hundred dollars worth of dressed meat in Grass Valley and vicinity. One farmer, who had decided that it was to much bother to raise hogs, paid Mr. Schamel seventy-five dollars for meat. The same amount of meat, had he raised it himself, would have cost but half that sum.

As long as people have no time to do things they are going to pay the other fellow for doing them.

Church Items

The union evening service next Sunday evening will be held at the Presbyterian church, Rev. U. C. Smothers to preach the sermon on "The Greatest Supper." The young people's meeting will be held at 6:45 at the same place, and will be led by Misses Linnie Belshie and Frances Hennigan. The topic is "Books that make Life Better."

It is expected that the next monthly social of the young people will be held next Tuesday evening. The place is not yet decided upon.

At the Presbyterian church last Tuesday evening the last of the series of six pot luck suppers was held. The usual splendid quality of good things for the inner man was upheld right through, and this with the equally splendid appetites added to the social feature of each occasion. The study course on "The Unfinished Task of the Church" has been interesting right thru, tho the numbers were sometimes partly reduced by impassable conditions of the roads, thus keeping away some of the people from the country, who had anticipated attending right through.

At the meeting of the Dorcas Society a week ago steps were taken to make this society more useful, by introducing a missionary meeting once a month. To facilitate this a missionary committee was appointed who will have complete charge of arrangements for such a monthly program. The committee appointed was Mrs. Otto Peetz, chairman, Mrs. C. L. Ireland and Mrs. J. W. Cochran. With the proper cooperation of the women of the church this will greatly enlarge the usefulness of this society.

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Elimination to Decide Hoop Champions

For the purpose of selecting the most promising high school basketball team in the entire central Oregon district, comprising Wasco, Sherman, Hood River, Jefferson, Deschutes and Crook counties, a district committee will meet in The Dalles on March 1. This committee will review records made by all teams in the district this season and pick out the top-notchers. These teams will be invited to play for the championship of the district at the time of the Mid-Columbia league basketball tournament in The Dalles on March 10, when the winner of the Mid-Columbia league championship will also be determined.

The championship team of the central Oregon district will represent the district at the state basketball tournament to be held at Salem on March 16 and 17, when the championship of the state will be settled.

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The Legion will also ascertain the number of wounded or otherwise disabled veterans needing government attention or vocational training. The answers to the questionnaires will show also exactly how many men prefer the various options of the five-fold compensation bill. This and much other information will help Treasury and Navy departments to clear up a great mass of unfinished business relating to allotment, discharge bonuses, liberty bonds, reservist pay, etc.

George R. Wilburn of Hood River will be in charge of this Legion census in Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman, Wheeler, Crook, Deschutes, Hood River, Jefferson, and Wasco counties. —Condon Globe-Times.

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