

**SHERMAN COUNTY OBSERVER**  
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Plans are under way for the organization of the West Coast National bank of Portland.  
 Contractors have just completed the laying of concrete on the new market road south of Hood River.  
 Thirty-eight persons dead and more than 200 injured was the toll of Fourth of July celebrations this year.  
 Expenditure of \$718,724 of forest road funds for the construction of roads in Colorado and Idaho has been approved by Secretary Wallace.  
 It is officially announced that Leonid Krassin has been removed from his position as head of the Russian soviet delegation in London, says a Reuter dispatch from Moscow.

In view of the approaching wheat harvest, the federal reserve board has issued instructions to federal reserve agents through the United States to take special precautions to insure adequate financing for the marketing of agricultural produce.  
 The United States will maintain at full efficiency during the next fiscal year, "a minimum naval force at sea," of eighteen first line battleships, fourteen cruisers and eighty-four submarines, under a decision of the general board formally approved by Secretary Daugh.

The million-dollar plant of the Alsea Lumber company of Eugene, located at Glenbrook, in Benton county, will be in operation within a short time. The mill has a capacity of 150,000 feet a day.  
 The board of trustees of the international Christian Endeavor meeting here in their annual convention at Des Moines, Ia., chose Portland, Or., as the meeting place for the 1924 convention city.

The Hood River city council has branded as unjust and false criticism recently current to the effect that traffic officers and City Recorder Mow were engaged in indiscriminate arrests and assessment of fines against visiting motorists for minor infringements of rules of the road.

**Camp Sherman Celebrates July 4th**  
 July Fourth was celebrated at Camp Sherman, on the Metolofus river, in fitting style. Several hundred people enjoyed the hospitality of the camp, including many from Sherman county and a number from Bend. The morning hours were spent on the grassy banks of the river, the main sporting event being a horse-shoe pitching contest for the championship of Central Oregon which was won by L. L. Peetz. At noon a bounteous basket dinner was served after which all motored to Suttle Lake for the afternoon, where news of the Dempsey-Gibbons fight at Shelby was received by radio at the Martin Hansen home. In the evening an enjoyable dance was held at the beautiful log home of L. L. Peetz at Camp Sherman. Music for the dance was furnished by the Gardner orchestra of Culver. It may be of interest to state that Mr. Gardner, leader of the orchestra, is a brother of Miss Gardner, formerly employed at the Bank of Moro.

**"Manslaughter" is Nixed Novel Fined**  
 Lydia Thorne, a capricious wealthy girl, while speeding in her automobile, causes the death of a motor policeman, and is prosecuted by Dash O'Bannon, a district attorney, who loves her. O'Bannon is shocked by the gaudy of modern society and the mental picture of a picture of the downfall of Rome. This tremendous epoch is shown in all its splendor. O'Bannon impersonating Alaric of Goth, and Lydia the most beautiful and profligate woman in Rome.  
 Lydia's conviction of manslaughter through O'Bannon's efforts, and her sentence to a term in prison, enrages Lydia and when O'Bannon calls on her in the prison, she attacks him and collapses. In her delirium she fancies she has shot O'Bannon in the courtroom and when she recovers, she realizes that she loves him devotedly.  
 But O'Bannon, in remorse, despises, neglects his duties and gradually sinks into the depths. After her release she engages in humanitarian and uplift work. One night, O'Bannon, covered with snow, enters a coffee kitchen she has established and recognizing her, flees. She drags him back and tells him of her love. He reforms and two years later regains his prestige and is a candidate for governor. When told that Lydia, as a former convict, can never become the wife of a governor, he resigns his candidacy despite her protests and finds happiness in her love.

More than 200 girls and women are employed at the cannery of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association.  
 A daily train service on the Natron cutoff, between Springfield and Oakridge has been inaugurated.  
 Former residents of Union county held a get together Sunday meeting in Columbia park, Portland.  
 So far this season the Libby, McNeil & Libby plant at The Dalles has canned about 650 tons of cherries.  
 More than 2000 visitors declared Cottage Grove's Fourth of July celebration one of the greatest in history.  
 The Oregon Loganberry Exchange started its first car of fresh berries from Salem to the Eastern market last week.  
 The postoffice department announces the appointment of Mrs. Mollie Fox as postmaster of Homestead, Baker county.

**Record Rain Storm Benefits Sherman County Crops**  
 Thousands of dollars of golden wealth has been added to the crop value of Sherman county by the storm of last week beginning the evening of July 5th. The rain fell gently and persistently for more than thirty hours until a new precipitation record of 1.28 inches was established at Moro experiment station.  
 As a result of the storm period, there is also a record of some damage to wheat and hay crops. Compared to the benefits derived from the season just closing this is in reality not to be considered, except in one small section of Sherman county where hail the first of the week has taken heavy toll from the Moore Bros., Arthur Smith, P. L. Schamel, and Ed Alley.

First reports of the rain storm, emanating from north Sherman county and The Dalles, was that all Sherman county would have a ruined wheat crop to garner. In reality the opposite is the fact. With very few exceptions all wheat fields will be directly benefited by the rain storms of the past week.  
 Even in the territory north of Wasco the damage will be slight, if any. Some wheat may have the yield reduced, but these are offset by the direct benefit to the summer fallow that will result in a crop next season.  
 Farmers north of Wasco are to a large extent like W. E. Howell who had 1450 acres ready for harvest when the storm hit his field. He had some wheat "down" as result of the storm, but he said when talking with parties Sunday, that he would be benefited more than any damage that might result. There are other fields like the Kaseberg field west of Wasco, on the highway, that at first seemed to be badly damaged by down grain, but under the cool drying days that followed this grain is practically standing as upright as before the storm. The storm sets a new record for rainfall in Sherman county during the summer months preceding harvest. All in all it is of immense benefit to the county.  
 From north of Moro to the southern line of the county it has guaranteed a record crop of well filled wheat berries to practically every farmer in that territory. In nearly every instance where the rain had caused down wheat the succeeding weather has dried the grain and the stalks have again become upright.  
 The real damage that can be charged to the storm has not been considered as yet by those mainly interested. The rain undoubtedly caused the wheat berry to swell and thus force apart the chaff holding the berry close to the head. Since the storm the wheat berry has again resumed normal size, but the chaff has not again closed over the berry. The result will be that a wind storm can cause heavy loss thru shattering wheat ready for cutting should be harvested promptly.  
 A man forewarned is forearmed. The remedy is to have all harvesting machinery in tip top shape and take advantage of every favorable factor. This maxim could apply to all farm operations.

The Lincoln county fair board has set September 5 to 8 as the date for the annual county fair this year at Toledo.  
 Although all kinds of berries yielded heavily in Lane county this year, cherries turned out only about a 30 per cent crop.  
 H. S. Emery recently celebrated the 70th anniversary of his residence in Ashland. Mr. Emery's father settled there in 1853.  
 Oregon was second in the 12th federal reserve district in sales of government savings certificates during the first four months of 1923.  
 A total of 432 accidents, with four fatalities, were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ended July 5, 1923.  
 The civic clubs of Salem and many of its citizens have decided to get behind the movement to raise funds to complete the Salem hospital.  
 W. D. Evans, who has been connected with the automobile division of the secretary of state's office for several years, has presented his resignation.  
 With broccoli planting at its height in Douglas county, growers are finding great difficulty in getting plants. Broccoli seed is bringing \$32 a pound.  
 Since the law requiring visiting motorists to register upon their entry into the state went into effect, May 24, more than 7000 cars have registered.  
 The historic old Brownsville planing mill building is undergoing a reconstruction which will change the lower floor from a garage into an apartment house.  
 Cigarette stubs, matches and smoldering campfires are blamed for five small fires which started near lake resorts in central Oregon over the Fourth.  
 A report by the sheriff's office of Clackamas county for the month of June shows that \$684.70 was collected in the county as penalties for traffic violations.  
 Hayting will start in the Summer Lake country about July 10 this year. According to reports from Paisley, the crop will be the heaviest ever grown in the county.  
 Increase of more than \$11,000,000 in deposits was shown in statements of 22 Portland banks and trust companies, as of June 30, compared with the same date of 1922.

**News Items From Kent and Vicinity**  
 Mrs. Frank Brown is reported to be on the sick list.  
 A. L. Mothers has moved his family to the Tumalum house.  
 Miss Rose Howell spent the Fourth as guest of the Misses Hogue.  
 Miss Wilma Boardman is at Moro, stopping at the D. E. Clark home.  
 Jacob Croker, of Goldendale, Washington, was a visitor in Kent this week.  
 G. L. and E. J. Barnett and families were over from Clem for the Fourth.  
 Mrs. George Howell is visiting in The Dalles at the home of her son Marvin.  
 William Young went to Grass Valley Tuesday to consult Dr. Thatcher.  
 J. H. Wilson and family were guests Sunday at the Antelope home of W. R. Adams.  
 Miss Winifred Vogel, from The Dalles, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. James Dellinger.  
 Uncle Ben Brown left Saturday for a visit in Portland with his daughter, Mrs. George Rader.  
 G. J. Gentry and family and A. L. Mothers and family were Sunday dinner guests at the J. L. Gentry home.  
 Miss Thelma Dellinger, who has been visiting in The Dalles and Portland the past month, has returned home.  
 A. A. Dunlap and family arrived home Tuesday from Camp Sherman, where they have been enjoying a two weeks outing.  
 Max Ploemke and family took in the base ball game at Grass Valley on Tuesday. Max reports an interesting and exciting game.  
 J. M. Wilson and family, Mrs. Carl Schadewitz and father, are at Turner, Oregon, attending the convention of Christian churches.

For the Fourth of July some of our folks went to Grass Valley. Some went to Buck hollow. And the rest of us stayed at home like good dogs.  
 O. E. Boege, wife and young son arrived via Ford Saturday from their home at Boring, near Portland. They will spend the summer with Grandpa and Grandma (C. E.) Boardman.  
 There was an exciting time in our city Tuesday afternoon when word came that Jim Wilson's home was afire. We are glad to say that the damage was small. The blaze had lodged between the walls of the basement and was soon under control.  
 George Gentry and family arrived from Tennessee, Monday. Less than three months ago Mr. Gentry was here to bid his folks good bye and at that time said he would never be coming back to Oregon. After he had arrived at his old home it did not take him long to make up his mind that Oregon was much better than Tennessee.

Principle and Impulse.  
 Impulsiveness would be a greater blessing if only we would use our impulses instead of letting them use us. Let good impulses have their rightful play, but let principle stand squarely behind them.

**CHURCH NEWS**  
 Notes of Interest to All Local Denominations  
 The usual services in the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning, Sunday school at ten o'clock and church service at eleven o'clock.  
 Rev. and Mrs. Smothers expect to attend the Epworth League institute at Suttle Lake August 13 to 19. They are very anxious to have a number of young people accompany them. Besides several local pastors, there will be a faculty of seven men and one woman.  
 There was a very noticeable increase in attendance at the union service last Sunday evening at the Methodist church. Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Smothers sang a duet as a special musical number. Rev. Smothers spoke from the theme "God first in our lives."  
 A baptismal service will be part of the morning church service next Sunday at the Methodist church. Parents desiring children to be baptized are urged to present them at that time. Rev. U. C. Smothers will preach the sermon. Special music will be provided by the choir.  
 The subject for morning service at the Christian Science church next Sunday will be "God." Golden text: Let Chronicles 16:29. Give unto the Lord the glory due his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Responsive reading: Psalms 46:1-11.  
 Next Monday, July 16th, Rev. Henry G. Hanson and family will leave for the valley on their way to the annual meeting of Synod which takes place at Eugene, Oregon, July 19-25. They will work in a short vacation in connection with this trip, seeing Mrs. Hanson's sisters at Newberg and Corvallis, and adding to this a brief stay at Stevenson, Washington. Mr. Hanson will be back in his pulpit on Sunday, August 5th. During his absence the Sunday School will go on as usual. For the church service the people are urged to worship with the Methodists, at such times and places as may be announced thru church and press, or other arrangements as are made by the session.  
 Explaining Dream.  
 Frightful dreams foretell a sudden rush of blood to the head, while dreams about blood point to inflammation in some part of the body. In this connection a person may suffer from nothing more serious than a festering finger, and yet the spectacle of blood will form part of his dream.

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