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Moro Debate Teams Lose Contests

The Moro high school lost to Bend in a triangular debate last Thursday evening by a two to one decision. The question was "Resolved that the United States should grant the Philippines their independence within five years." The affirmative was upheld by the Moro team composed of Wallace Cochran and Ruth Bryant.

At the same time the Moro negative team represented by Helen Bryant and Cecil Cochran met the Hood River high school at Hood River. This contest resulted in a three to nothing decision for Hood River. The Moro girls showed up very well but owing to the more mature and experienced debaters, Hood River won the contest.

This is the first year that Moro high school has ever participated in debating. Much interest was manifested by the students in this important activity. Prospects are very bright for next year inasmuch as only one debater will be lost through graduation.

W. H. Ragsdale acted as chairman of the local contest. Principal W. Knighton of Grass Valley, Roy J. Baker, Grass Valley and Judge E. D. McKee of Wasco were judges. Mrs. Shepard gave an interesting reading and Laura Urquhart entertained with a piano solo.

Miss Samuelson, coach of the Moro teams was well pleased with the work of the debaters. She says, "In actual argument, I believe Moro was superior and in each contest, the opposing team's victory did not come easy."

A number of contests between large irrigation and power interests claiming water rights from the DesChutes river and its tributaries probably will develop when the various claims opened for public inspection this week by the state engineer are checked up by the parties interested in obtaining water rights from the DesChutes river.

The DesChutes river furnishes an excellent source of water supply for irrigation and power purposes, and during the early days the idea prevailed that the stream was practically inexhaustible. This was erroneous, it was said, in that claims now filed exceed the actual supply of water.



Egbert Home From Washington, Absent Six Weeks

Herbert Egbert, who has spent the last six weeks in Washington lobbying for the McNary-Haugen farm relief measure, returned to his home at The Dalles last Sunday.

Mr. Egbert is quoted in news paper interviews as saying that if the McNary-Haugen bill is placed on the calendar immediately upon its return from the committee on Tuesday of this week, instead of being left until the closing days of the session, it has a good chance to pass. It will be recalled in this connection that Congressman N. J. Sinnott is a member of the house steering committee, in charge of the calendar, and he may be able to influence the steering committee to place the bill on the calendar as an emergency measure for the relief of western and north-western wheat farmers.

Mr. Egbert believes that Senator McNary of Oregon, Senator Tincher of Kansas, and Representative Sinnott of Oregon are in positions that command the respect of their colleagues in congress and that their influence as leaders in farm relief measures will bring pressure to bear on the committees that have the calendar of both houses in their charge.

Consolidated Districts Declared Void

The Woodburn Union high school district, comprising 21 districts in Marion and Clackamas counties, was declared void and illegal by circuit Judge Kelly in an opinion handed down Saturday afternoon at Salem.

The legality of the district organization was attacked by the property owners in one of the districts included in the consolidation on the ground that districts of the third and first class were included in the union which was formed prior to the enactment of the law permitting such consolidations. The action of Judge Kelly also voids the tax levy attempted to be made for the support of the district.

F. E. Fagan, formerly principal of Moro schools and also county superintendent for Sherman county, is principal of the union school for the school district declared void by the court decision.

Sherman County Run on Little Money

This week we publish the abstract of taxes payable in 1924 on the assessment rolls of Sherman county for the year 1923, furnished this office by Assessor Otto Peetz. The figures are worth a careful study by all readers of the Observer.

The several school districts of the county have voted special taxes amounting to \$54,416.55. The general road tax amounts to \$29,221.46. Special city taxes total \$17,956.45. The state tax this year is \$79,960.64. These taxes, to which must be added the per capita school tax of \$12,000 and the tax of \$10,000 for interest on road bonds, leaves but very little, relatively speaking, for the total general expenses of the county such as elections, roads, bridges, county fairs, and the care of the poor.

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William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury in the cabinet of the late Woodrow Wilson, and director general of the scrambled railroads of the United States. Picture taken as he appeared in the witness chair when he testified that he was engaged as an attorney by the Doheny oil interests. McAdoo is the largest known fee taker in recent United States history, he says he got \$150,000 from Doheny and was to have received \$500,000 additional; he got \$200,000 from the motion picture trust; another \$150,000 from the Morse ship trust; another \$200,000 from an iron and steel company. He is an aspirant for the democratic nomination for President of the United States. He earned all that money, after being out of the practice of law 15 years.

McNary-Haugen Bill Winning Out

Series of Letters Received by R. J. Ginn Shows Status of Measure

R. J. Ginn, of this city, has written and received a large number of letters explanatory of the purposes and intent of the McNary-Haugen bill now pending in congress. These letters have been sent to and received from business men, farmers, and national legislators.

Letters of more than usual interest regarding this measure were received by Mr. Ginn this week and parts of these letters are printed below.

Congressman N. J. Sinnott writes: "I note what you have to say regarding the McNary-Haugen bill. Members from wheat growing states held two meetings in my office last week to effect an organization to promote this bill. Last night we invited the membership of the House to the assembly room in the House Office building to hear an explanation of the bill by Mr. Brand of the Agricultural Department, who is the author of the measure."

"We are working up a very favorable sentiment for the bill in the House and I am hopeful that it may be reported soon from the committee. With kindest regards, I remain Sincerely yours, N. J. Sinnott."

Under date of February 18th Senator Chas. L. McNary, part author of the bill, writes to Mr. Ginn as follows:

"I received and read with interest your letter of the 12th inst., proffering support for the passage of the McNary-Haugen wheat bill. We concluded hearings on this bill Saturday, and tomorrow I will take up the study of the bill in executive session."

"Now, it must be understood that this bill is not without opposition. The grain exchanges have been here in opposition, the millers and their representatives, and the elevator fellows. Then there are the radicals who think the bill is not sufficiently radical, and the ultra-conservatives who think the bill is too radical and that well enough should be left alone, and that time itself will right the distressed conditions of the farmers. It is a big subject and may require a great quantity of public opinion to get behind it than is now apparent, though I have been amazed at the approval it has won wherever its principles have been expounded. I feel so certain that it would be of tremendous aid to the wheat growers and cattle producers of the country, that I am practically giving all my time in behalf of this bill."

"You have already done so much to be helpful in the way of organizing farmers in many states that I feel I can ask nothing more of you, but it is pleasing indeed to know that some of the folks back home appreciate what is being done and stand ready to offer additional assistance. Yours very truly, Chas. L. McNary."

Under date of February 25th G. H. Young, sales manager for Marshall Wells company of Portland, writes as follows to Mr. Ginn:

"Answering your letter of the 21st. We have heard Mr. Tompson speak on the McNary-Haugen bill; and while we are somewhat undecided as to what benefit it will produce, we can see nothing wrong in the bill, and it will be possible that its passage will bring some relief."

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Report Tells Growth of Company

Roy F. Dean, manager of the Sherman Electric company, this week mailed to the company stockholders the third annual report of the operations of the company during the last year. The letter written by manager Dean and which accompanies the report of the certified auditor employed to check the finances and operations of the company, is quite detailed and comprehensive.

The report shows an increase in capital stock of \$4,678.17, this is mainly through improvements of the power and light lines service which in turn brought added revenue as well as improving the company property. Another item of interest to stockholders is an increase of income thru sale of power and light totaling \$2,700 and received without any additional charge for current because of forcing customers to observe the "off-peak" load hours. A third matter of importance to those interested in the company is a reduction in operating expense amounting to approximately \$2,026.16. All in all the report shows a remarkable healthy growth of the company.

The third annual meeting of the Sherman Electric company will be held at the court house in Moro next Monday afternoon at 1:30 p. m.

Allotments amounting to \$420,174 have been approved by the bureau of public roads for the forest road sections of the Roosevelt highway. Senator McNary was advised. These funds are to be used as follows: Roadport, Coos bay section, three miles, \$68,474; Brush creek, Mussel creek section, \$75,000; Neskowin-Slets section, \$2.5 miles, \$228,500. Another allotment for \$100,000 another section is for \$55,000.

At the school house in Kent on Saturday evening, March 8th, the Ladies Aid will present a home talent play entitled "Clubbing House-bands". All ladies who are interested in knowing how to handle their husbands should be sure to attend. Of course, the men will be sure to attend so that they will know what to look out for and be prepared to dodge.

Practically every community in Sherman county was represented at the annual farm bureau convention held in Moro last Saturday afternoon. A large amount of business of interest to every member of the county farm bureau was transacted. L. G. Smith, of Scappoose, Oregon, was the principal speaker at the convention. Mr. Smith is a self-made farmer, he started a few years ago as renter of a dairy farm on shares and now owns one of the high class dairy herds in the state.

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Wheat Price Comparison Favors Farm Relief Bill

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January	\$1.30	\$1.70
February	1.25	1.65
March	1.31	1.69
April	1.32	1.71
May	1.28	1.75
June	1.65	1.87
July	1.00	1.50
August	1.00	1.47
September	1.05	1.58
October	1.11	1.62
November	1.06	1.58

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