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FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1907

Potatoes, S T Co, Moro.

Subscribe for The Observer.

Car load potatoes at Moro S T Co

Car load of Potatoes at Pages market. Arrived this week.

John Conroy of Madras, has secured a position in the Moro flour mill.

Basket ball on roller skates brings together two old fads in the Wallam-et valley.

Dr Marie M Goffin, in Portland this week on professional business, is expected home tomorrow.

Dr Hartley and Jeweler Ross of Wasco, were Moro visitors Saturday, guests of Mr and Mrs Berrian at dinner.

E M Florer, once a Moro boy, has gone into business at Twin Falls, having purchased the Farley shaving parlors

Del Calbraith lost two good work horses last week. One of them fell in a gopher hole breaking its leg, and had to be shot.

It isn't every day that you can get a \$3.00 or a \$3.50 Hat for \$1.75, so step into J W Messinger & Son's, and see if you can get a fit.

We are not offering spuds as at a prize show, but we are offering some prize spuds to the public at prices satisfactory. Call at the S T Co.

Sanford, Bill & Co., Madras, have introduced the combined harvester into Crook county this year. It will cut and sack the crop of Tom A Taylor.

Erskineville postoffice having been discontinued, people who have been accustomed to getting their mail at that office will now find it at the Moro postoffice.

The silver cup, the prize for the field meet May 24th is on exhibition at the S T Co store. It was purchased through the establishment of L W Ross, Wasco.

Miss Nellie Rose is preparing for her departure on the 19th to her new home in Idaho. Miss Rose will be greatly missed from the social and musical circles of our little city.

J R Kaseberg was up to Moro on business Wednesday and gave us a call. His faith in Sherman county is unshakable, and he has just finished seeding 1600 acres for the current harvest.

Our boys did n't line up right for a winning at Grass valley on the 5th and lost the game. However, the playing was good on both sides. The Grass valley boys made 4 scores on one hit to center field.

Peary day, May 22d, the school children of the United States will contribute \$60,000.00 to place the arctic exploring ship Roosevelt in condition for another trip toward the North Pole. That will make it interesting to the children.

Potatoes, Potatoes, Potatoes, at the S T Co, Moro.

Mrs Dr Taylor of Grass valley was the guest of Mrs Wallen a day last week.

Do you want spuds? had better call upon Page. Car load just arrived City market.

Mrs Adams is spending her vacation at Hood river, during the absence of Mr Adams in the east.

Grandpa Maxwell died at the home of his son in Washington county on the 27th ult, aged 86 years.

Geo N Crossfield will have a car of 300 cases of harvesters oil in by May 15th. See him, if you wish a hot price.

C L Montgomery is a non-resident, but he values his Moro property sufficiently well to look after and care for it.

H A Stuart has found gold in the decomposed quartz near Moro which it would pay to work with proper machinery.

Spuds, potatoes, and murepys on tap by the sack, or hundred, at Pages City Market, Moro. Carload just received.

The Sunday school picnic Saturday was enjoyed by all who were so fortunate as to discover that the thing "wasn't all off."

Giffords' Columbia river pictures are the drawing attraction at Los Angeles this week, at the headquarters of Oregon shrimpers. The attendance is 20,000.

LW Ross has made arrangements with Wm Rudoll of this city to take watch and jewelry repairing. Leave it with him and Ross will give you good work always.

Mrs J T Boothby and daughter were shopping in Moro on the 3d. Mrs B is looking very much better, having nearly quite recovered from her recent serious illness.

LW Ross, the Wasco jeweler, has just received a nice line of watches, in gold, gold filled and nickel, which he is selling for less than what you have been able to buy elsewhere.

W B Powell made a deal while in Umatilla county last week, through which he secured 781 acres more of Sherman county farm lands, formerly known as the Clark & Mercer ranch.

Frances May, the charming little baby daughter of Mr and Mrs Geo Hennagin, attended by Miss Sadie Pickard and Miss Johnson, paid The Observer a cheerful call Saturday.

Umatilla county wheat was badly injured by the water soaked fields drying off in a hard crust, and continued cold weather caused the grain to stool out too much, and grow too thick for a safe crop on very many farms.

Yesterday began the Haywood trial in Boise city. The accused is one of three arrested for the murder of ex-Gov Frank Stuenberg, on confession of the principal one Orchard, working in secret like the Media organization.

Do for pity sake clean up a little around your home. Of course the nasty appearance of the empty old shacks owned by no-one-in-town at present, must be tolerated for a time but that excuses none who might take a tumble to themselves.

Horse Bills printed in good style at The Observer office.

A car load of the very best in the market, potatoes, at the S T Co.

J A Walters, of Klondike, has given his order for a 1907 Holt harvester.

For sewing machine needles and supplies for all makes of machine, call on L W Ross, Wasco.

Thanks to someone in Portland who tells us in Mondays Oregonian how to catch the DesChutes river trout.

H A Page had a car load of potatoes to arrive this week in good shape. Now is when you want to lay in your supply.

MG Ellis now has about the prettiest cottage home in this city of attractive homes. Paint don't cost much and it is a big dividend pay in beauty.

Attorney Miller is attending the Woodman grand lodge in Pendleton this week a delegate from Antelope, and also to some legal matters in the Supreme court.

Laidlaw citizens are ready to put up \$100,000 bonus for furthering the Oregon Trunk Line Ry to that place. The location of Laidlaw is one of the finest in the whole Inland Empire.

On and after the 25th union high schools may be organized in any of the counties of this state, by means of which country districts may be provided with courses for students who have completed the grammar grade.

Messrs Wilde & Shaw have completed a 512 foot well on the Charlie Jones farm, now owned by Mr Harper, which furnishes a good supply of water near the house. They are now drilling at Hans Thompson's farm.

The Oregon Trading Co stock of goods and accounts were bid in by E O McCoy at \$46,225.00; subject to confirmation by the court. The stock and accounts, according to the advertisement, invoiced just prior to the sale at \$38,000.00.

Anyone may destroy ground squirrels, sage rats, wood rats, field mice, rabbits, and the whole catalogue of such pests, by using Pasteur vaccine virus, strongly recommended as producing a deadly contagion among the rats, etc, without danger of contagion to domestic animals on the farm.

Mrs J P Strahl has just opened a large shipment of mid-summer hats of all styles, for ladies, children and boys, and having an expert trimmer to trim them, a grand opportunity is afforded buyers in any part of Sherman county to secure the very best quality of new goods in these lines at satisfactory prices.

Whether the finding of an ancient Egyptian coin at Kenneth by the son of J O Thompson is to lead to connection between the Springs at DeMoss and the Pyramids is the uppermost question now in many Sherman county minds. It is certainly a very remarkable coin and its history would be intensely interesting. So many queer old coin pieces are being dug up lately in parts of the Inland Empire, that it seems proper to suggest—that our Historical Society become the custodian of the find and trace their origin and purpose in life.

Grandpa Observer had many calls from numerous little friends in the surrounding country Saturday. The day was perfect for the approach of summer, and the work so well along at home and farm, that whole families came to town to enjoy a day off, and none were more attractively attired, or seemed to enjoy themselves better than the well behaved children of our county neighbors.

The school children of Moro will help materially to entertain our visitors at the depot tomorrow evening; 30 minutes will not admit of a walk around to show the pleasant homes in our city, but it will go a long way toward changing the view to the happy faces growing up in our community. It is unfortunate for Moro that the view of the city from the depot is not a more inviting one.

Hitching posts are under ban on prominent North Yakima streets. The side streets have unsightly Ryties set at irregular intervals, and from present indications a fight will develop over the posts and some future meeting of the city council is likely to be the scene of a lively debate on the subject. They should send a committee to Moro and see our models for the farmers accommodation.

Solicitors to copy photographs free (I are gettin' busy again around the country, and housewives should show them scant courtesy. Their scheme is a very old one, to put the copied picture in a frame worth about 18 cents, for which they charge \$4 or so; and they almost force people to take it and pay. The persistency of some of these fellows is often offensive, and sometimes actually insulting.

Boring operations have begun on option fields on both sides of Snake river, between Payette and Ontario, for both oil and gas. Minneapolis men are behind the deal with funds available for exhaustive tests, long continued if necessary. One Ontario residence is now supplied with natural gas for heating and lighting purposes, and hundreds of feet of gas are going to waste every day from lack of system to preserve the flow.

Tickets will be on sale June 20th to July 12th, good to return until September 15th, at one fare for the round trip from all points in the United States. These are made on account of the big conventions held in different cities, and are available for stops in Oregon without extra cost. Oregonians should get busy and work for this summer travel. The rates are open to everyone, and are not by any means confined to delegates.

Returns from the Oakland smelter, the only place where antimony can be treated on the coast, show that ore from Hay Bros discovery, 1 mile east of Baker city, between the old Emma and Gordon mines, is free from contaminating elements that any other mine in the world, but one. There is great excitement over the discovery, and ample funds are being provided to carry on developments on an extensive scale immediately.

The up-to-date town of Charleport, Pa., has a Carnegie library in which there are several thousand volumes, and the town is roundly taxed to support the institution. According to a report by the librarian just made public, there was one solitary patron of the library last year. He expressed an opinion that the people of the town were so much interested in roller skating, base ball, bridge, whist, and poker, that they had no time for books.

Young ladies of the High School of Moro anticipate much pleasure tomorrow afternoon, at the first basket ball contest with the young ladies of the Wasco school, on the Moro field, at 3 o'clock. We hope to see a good attendance in the grand stand. Moro team is the following named excellent players: Captain Alice Hanson, r g; Emma Sayres, l g; Marion Hornsaday, r f; Hazel Dunahoo, l f; Nora Elcock, center; Gertrude Heinrichs, sub.

One day in March 1898 Walter Rutledge lost his big silver watch. A better time keeper for its size no man ever carried. Walter searched industriously for his time keeper, and finally gave it up. One day in October J M Dunahoo found a watch in the road, and a few minutes later he and Walter pulled up at the same watering trough, and Jim showed his find. That's the same watch I lost last March, said Walter after examination, and sure of it himself Jim delivered the goods. The watch was running when Jim picked it up but the hour tallied to the hour when it was lost, and the most reasonable solution for its running when found was that the jar of the fall in March stopped it and one of Jim's big elephant footed horses struck it with a hoof that started it again.

### DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN KENT.

Twelve Buildings and Contents Go up in smoke.  
Half the City Saved by Changing of the wind.

At 10.30 a. m. Tuesday fire broke out in the Shadewitz building Kent, occupied by Samons as a residence, pool room and barber shop, down stairs, and as a lodge room and dance hall up stairs. Next to this building to take fire was the post office, Recorder printing office, and the Keutner meat market. Back of this the residence of Joseph Patterson was consumed, the flames meanwhile lapping the store and sheds of the Eastern Oregon Trading Co., taking in a building across the street owned by C H Boardman, and an adjacent barn. Next in order to go was the Bottemiller drug store and building. Then the Thompson building, owned by Bottemiller, just vacated by Donley; then the sheds of the Kent Commercial Co were enveloped, the flames meeting at that point, burning to within 10 feet of the Kent Commercial Co's store, with all the water gone that the town had, and all that the farmers could haul, the wind changed its course back over its line of devastation, and with the aid of three barrels of vinegar the fire fighters stemmed the tide of destruction and saved the balance of the town, after a laborious struggle lasting until nearly 4 o'clock. The Wasco Warehouse Milling Co's warehouse caught three times but was saved. The loss is estimated at not less than \$60,000.00 with perhaps not over \$9,000.00 insurance. It is a very sad blow to our sister city and one not easily healed by the deep sympathy extended from every division of the county, Moro included.

At the close of services Sunday noon as people were leaving church a belated bunny streaked it up 4th street, in such a great hurry to reach the court house park that some of its jumps were higher than they were long. Fortunately there was not a vagabond dog anywhere on the street.

Hon C W Fulton, United States Senator, will be in Grass valley tomorrow evening at 6.30 and will remain until the train carrying the Business Men of Portland returns from Shaniko. Mr Fulton wishes to meet all the people he can who are interested in securing relief for dispossessed Sherman county settlers, to get different ideas, and will probably address a meeting about 8 o'clock in the hall. Mr Fulton has enlisted earnestly in this work and everyone in the county will be benefited by coming out to hear him and exchange ideas.

Three years ago this month look-over his farm one day J F Belshie lost a good gold watch out of his pocket, and long since gave up all hope of ever seeing it again. It was an excellent time piece, but he prized it more highly because it was a gift from Mrs Belshie. Since it was gone father must have another one, so the sons and daughters in the family made up a purse a year or so ago and bought him a new one, in every way equal to the lost one. But now he has both of them; for, on the 29th ult, he walked so near to it that he caught a reflection of it in the sunlight and stooping was surprised to find the watch. Its crystal had been broken, and unlike Walter Rutledge's watch, it was not running when picked up, but after brushing out the dust some, and giving the stem a twist it responded with the old familiar tick. Frank is feeling pretty good over this find, but hasn't any more watches than he can keep.

In his Reminiscences of Oregon, Hon B F Nichols tells in the Laidlaw Chronicle of the first wheat raised in Oregon; May 12th, 1845, near where Dallas, Polk county, now stands, Gen Gilliam seeded 10 acres of bottom land to California spring red wheat, from which he thrashed and cleaned up 100 bushels of red wheat. The crop next year was volunteer, which yielded over 25 bushels per acre of California fall or white winter wheat. The next crop, 1848, also volunteer, yielded 32 bushels per acre. The white wheat that was mixed with the sowing in the first place, did not mature but spread out over the ground, allowing the spring wheat to be harvested the first year, and leaving the other to grow and mature for 1847. The 3d crop was the largest of all, and all from one seeding. A truly wonderful thing to those who had come from the cold bleak prairies of northwestern Missouri and Illinois, where the ground is covered with snow from 12 to 15 inches deep, four to six months of the year, and where the mercury drops to 86° below zero quite often during the winter.

### SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS.

The Coming Field Meet and Declamatory Contest.

Teachers and pupils of Sherman county public schools, more especially those of Wasco, Moro, Grass valley and Kent, are busily engaged preparing a superb program of exercises which will be rendered in open field at Grass valley Friday, May 24th, closing the day with a grand declamatory contest for prizes in the evening. Every detail, for transportation, music, etc, is minutely attended to.

The school year in Sherman County nearing termination, has been one of the most successful that the county has ever known, and too much praise cannot be awarded to Superintendent Bryant, and his able corps of teachers taking active part in this affair,—all of whom are highly educated and accomplished principals. It would be very difficult to find more efficient teachers in the state, and patrons of the schools may consider themselves indeed fortunate if the services of these same gentlemen and ladies can be secured for the next school year.

At the preliminary contests last Friday night, in Moro, Wasco, Grass valley and Kent, the following named pupils were winners of place in the final contest for May 24th:

- Grass Valley.
- 1st.....Mabel Moore  
2d.....Giles French
- Recitation.
- 1st.....Henry Baker  
2d.....Vera Westerfield
- II.
- Oration.
- 1st.....John Bell  
2d.....Helen Patterson
- Recitation.
- 1st.....Lois Schaeffer  
2d.....Minnie Hogue
- III.
- Moro.
- Oration.
- 1st.....William Mowry  
2d.....Nora Elcock
- Recitation.
- 1st.....Loraine Johnson  
2d.....Idabelle Urquhart
- IV.
- Wasco.
- Oration.
- 1st.....Elva Love  
2d.....Ruth Murchie
- Recitation.
- 1st.....Catharine McDonald  
2d.....Norma Medier

No. 1 of each class, from each school, are to participate in the final contest. No. 2 is alternate for No. 1, in case of a contingency.

### Eighth Grade Examinations.

Lest we forget it, County School Sup't W C Bryant has announced the following dates for eighth grade final examinations: May 16, 17, June 13, 14. On Thursdays examinations will be held in arithmetic, writing, history and civil government. On Fridays in grammar, physiology, geography and spelling.

### The Local Churches.

Moro Baptist Church

There will be preaching in this church next Sunday, at 11 a m and 7.30 p m. The public is invited.

John Tonkins

At the covenant meeting held in this church May 4th, messengers were elected as follows to attend the Middle Oregon Association at Mitchell, June 8th: Elder John Tonkins, Mrs Cressa M Tonkins, C M Mortensen and Mrs M Mortensen.

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Moro Presbyterian Church.

No preaching in this church on Sunday next.

Christian Endeavor meets at 6:45 p. m., for Scripture study and prayer.

Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30.

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