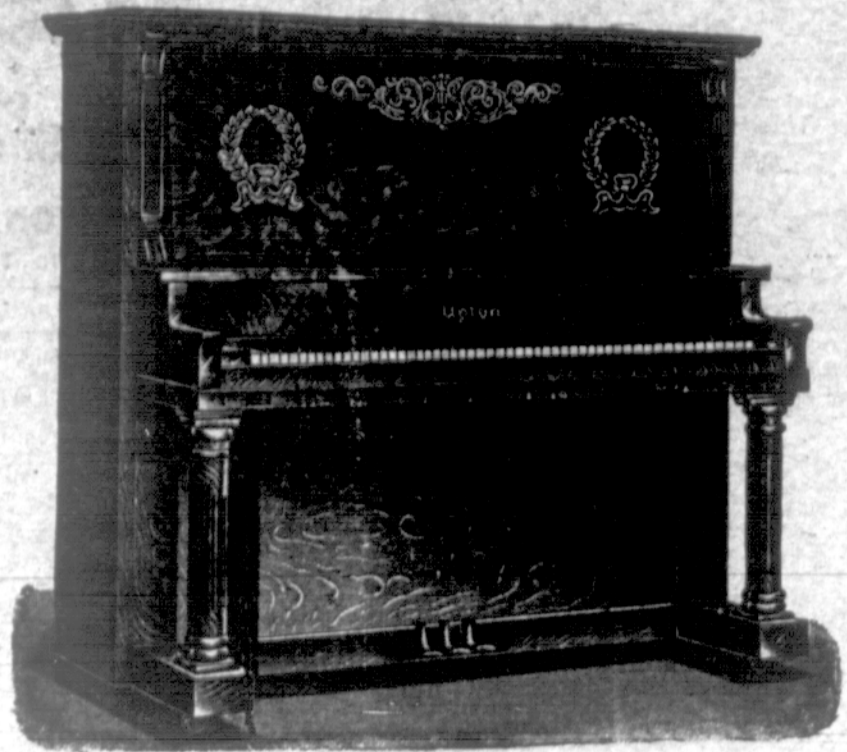


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The Observer

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Eureka Lodge No. 121. A. F. A. M., Moro, Or. Meets the first and third Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. By order of the W. M. J. M. Parry, Secretary.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S. Regular communication each 2d and 4th Thursday evenings monthly. By order W. M. Mrs. Helen Parry, Secy.

Moro Lodge, No. 113. I. O. O. F. Moro, Oregon. Meets every Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Visiting members are cordially invited. Members are expected to be present. By order W. M. J. O. Elliott, N. G.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 3, 1909

Oyster cocktails are now served at Rudolf's.

Common sense is better than higher education.

Mr and Mrs Reed Hulse are now residents of a delightful home at Vancouver.

Mrs Belle McGrath and Frank Myers were married in Hoodriver valley on the 20th.

Walter Parry is up from the Rose City on a visit to his father, Hon J M Parry.

Rogue river valley captured the \$1,000 sweepstake prize at the Spokane National Apple show.

E H Overman has revived the newspaper field at Shaniko, by planting his Star there.

Don't forget the place to get your money's worth in a watch is at L. W. Ross' Jewelry, Wasco.

A case of kidnaping is sure to rouse the ire of the parents, when the kid-naps until after 8 o'clock in the morning.

Robert Urquhart had the misfortune to lose one of his prize colts, the matched roadster team, by death recently.

The man who has a large and varied assortment of afflictions should be something of an authority on the course of true love.

Being a driver in an automobile race may be a trifle less exciting than going over Niagara falls in a barrel, but it is a lot dustier.

Contractor Orrin A Ramsey has just completed a store building, 20 by 44, at the Free Bridge, on Des Chutes, for sub-contractor W A Pickett.

Edison's 4-minute Records for Phonograph arrive every month at the Moro Hardware and Implement Company store. New, just like a Magazine.

Mrs James Woods was able to ride out to the farm home of her son Albert, on Monkland road, one day last week, returning the next day. The chief attraction was a visit with that pretty new grand son.

Fine line of robes and horse blankets at the Moro Hardware and Implement Co.'s. Make the family home smile. "The merciful man is merciful to his beast."

Marriage is always a failure to those who get left.

Marrying for position is often done on mere suspicion.

The spark of love is usually kindled before there is a match.

Tom Lawson says poverty is a luxury. Who told you that, Tom?

Miss Inez Baker of Forest Grove was the guest of Miss Sara Ruggles Thanksgiving week.

The letter that never came was probably identical with the one that never went.

Every poor man is ready to make fun of a rich man, or borrow money from him.

Some times the pen is mightier than the long and elaborate petition for pardon.

It can't be noticed that things eat taste any better now that they cost so much more.

A trackless trolley in the streets of Vienna, nearly two miles long, operates with success.

Hard work always seems to have a direct relation to hard times even if you are out of a job.

The more expensive a joke is the funnier it is, so long as the other fellow is putting up for it.

Look at a man's clothes, and you will find from seven to 70 spots that should be removed.

Some people never even pay their respects without acting as though they ought to have a receipt.

People like to be taken for what they consider themselves worth except when the assessor visits them.

The Ladies' Aid of Moro M E Church will give their Bazaar December 11th. Watch for further notice.

At the Thanksgiving reunion at the home of Mr and Mrs J F Belshie, 22 members of the family were present.

John Parry returned Sunday from a business trip to Hoodriver, and a short visit with his grand mother at Falls city.

Skating at the rink every Wednesday and Saturday evening from 8 to 10. Friday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30, will be for ladies only. See ad.

An unconfirmed report from Kent says that Commissioner Duncan Chisholm had damaging fire Sunday on his premises.

O W Axtell was a Portland visitor last week, and considers himself in luck that he got back at tea time on Thanksgiving day. It was a week of casualties on both lines.

Miss Ada Hembree and Miss Neill, of Grass Valley, were Moro visitors a few days ago. Through courtesy of Assessor Peetz they were shown through the court house. We acknowledge calls.

J K Irby of Kent, and Miss Theodosia McLeod of The Dalles, were married at the latter city on the 21st, Rev Poling officiating. The Observer extends greetings. Kent will be the home of the happy couple.

J T Ashby of Antelope, was an agreeable visitor to this shack on the 25th. He spent several days in the city with friends eating Thanksgiving turkey with Mr and Mrs C L Ireland, Mrs Emma Anderson, and Grandpa Isaac Thompson.

Miss Rieding, one of the popular teachers of Moro school, dined with Mr and Mrs J. J. Hecker, at The Biggs on Thanksgiving day.

When a man comes into your office on a cold day and leaves your door open, retaliate, go over and leave his door open, going and a coming. Politeness will never touch stony hearts like his.

J. J. Hecker has leased The Biggs Hotel for 12 months, from December 1st, to A B Wolfard. The house will be kept in an up-to-date manner. Mr. and Mrs. H. will remain in Biggs, where he has charge of the grain warehouse.

Mrs. Frederika Hansen, mother of Mrs. Boesen, died in this city at an advanced age last Friday. Funeral was attended by family and sympathizing friends, from the residence, Saturday forenoon; burial in Moro cemetery, Rev. A J Adams officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. A B Wolfard spent Thanksgiving in Moro, guests of Mr. and Mrs. H W Strong. A. B. was in haste to return by noon the next day but as the passenger locomotive out of Shaniko died on the engineer's hands and didn't pass Moro until after dark, having to send to The Dalles for a locomotive, he prolonged his visit 24 hours.

A C Thompson has closed out his horse business of the past 3 years by the sale of the remaining two full blood Percheron mares, two sucking colts and one yearling colt, for \$2,900. In the three years Messrs Thompson have just doubled their first investment of \$4,000, which is proof positive that whatever enterprise you undertake the very best system and the best that money can buy is most profitable.

Jimmy Benson had a pretty bad accident happen to him Sunday as he was driving up DesChutes river on the Wasco side above the free brikke, with supplies for one of the Oregon Trunk Line, camps. Five heavy blasts were discharged completely blocking the road above and below him and in some way he fell under the wagon from his load and was run over, crushing the bones of one leg badly. His brother Harry was near by and came to his relief. As the road was blocked Harry succeeded by the aid of a volunteer at one of the camps, in getting the injured man across the river, and then secured a horse and by leading it, brought Jimmy to Moro at 9:30 p. m. Dr O J Goffin has the case in hand, at the home of his brother Roy on Court street.

Superintendent W C Bryant has received a number of books from the Oregon Library Commission, entitled: Among Country Schools, by Kern, especially for the use of rural school teachers. The commission send to each county superintendent 10 or 15 copies of each book, one copy of which is delivered to the teacher who retains it for two or three weeks when it is passed on to some other teacher in the county. In the course of a year each teacher will have had an opportunity to read, without cost to them, several of the very best books that money can buy. Other books to be received for distribution in like manner are: Teaching a Country School, by Dismore; Jean Mitchell's School, by Wray, and Civica and Health, by Allen.

DISASTEROUS FIRE IN WASCO

House and Contents Belonging to Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Crosfield Laid Waste.

The elegant \$10,000 residence of G N Crosfield was totally destroyed by fire Sunday night. The origin of the fire is supposed to have been the basement furnace. About 12 cords of dry wood added to the flames as they swept through the building straight up to the roof and the outer parts tumbled in as the fire ascended making an apparently natural fuse of the entire structure, consuming everything to the very corners of the rooms. Nobody was at home, and it was with the greatest difficulty that the place could be reached by appliances for fighting the conflagration. Mr. and Mrs. Crosfield were at the Oregon Hotel, in Portland at the time, and when informed of their loss started home on the first train. The clerk at the hotel learned of the fire through the Morning Oregonian and communicated the news to the owner. We feel sorry for our friends in this great loss, too great to be covered by any insurance.

Several autos in this city are badly afflicted with epizootic.

Mr. and Mrs. Mortensen dined at Wasco on Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Medler.

J C Coy took his Thanksgiving dinner at his new home in Dalles city. He still keeps his Sherman county realty.

Mrs. Robert Brash and children returned from Puget Sound recently for the winter. Mr. B. is expected soon.

Dr. O J Goffin took Jack Gibson to a Portland hospital Tuesday for surgical attentions, on account of gall stones.

More than 10,000,000 feet of logs went to sea during the recent flood from points along the Columbia, and from Tillamook bay.

Misses Oneita Webb and Edith Thompson took the ladies' prizes, and Roy Axtell and Mr. Lowe the gents' prizes at the masquerade skate.

Six crews of Ry. bridge builders laid over in Moro Sunday. Every bridge on the line of the C. S. Ry is to be supplied with concrete piers.

The new hotel at The Dalles has fallen into a mixup between its owners. One man insists upon Shipherd as its name, the balance say it shall be known as The Dalles.

Grandma Powell has returned from a real good visit with her people and friends in the valley of Willamette. She got away before the worst of the late floods.

The new schedule goes into effect daily at 1 minute past the time the up train leaves Biggs. Arrivals at Moro makes delivery of the mail tomorrow too often for pleasant smiles.

Manager C L Ireland, of The Observer, is confined to his room at home by an affliction of his right leg which has been much trouble to him for a long time, but from which Dr. Goffin assures us he will now speedily recover.

Messrs A L Woods, Perry Axtell, Clark Teal, C J Thompson, Louie Pape, Charles Bullard and Frank Burnett, have organized the Monkland Belgian Horse Association, and brought a fine full blood stallion into the county, one of the pick of many. He weighs 1930 lbs. now and will go over 2,000 in season. This is another good move for the credit of our farmers.

The annual Bazar of the ladies Aid of Moro M. E. church, Saturday, December 11th, 1909, beginning at 2 o'clock, afternoon and evening. Will serve chicken supper. Come and select from hand made fancy work booth. Japanese ladies will serve tea. Home made candy. The ladies would be pleased to have you come and eat six o'clock chicken supper with them.

Every proposition for improving a town, or promoting its business and other interests, should be considered on its merits. Too often that is not done, especially where the curse of faction exists. Where such a spirit prevails every proposition is bound to be vehemently opposed by the other faction and as a consequence the city suffers. For progress and prosperity it is necessary that everyone sink his personal prejudices and preferences and that all work together in intelligent and cheerful harmony.

Every once in a while the most patient people get tired of a nuisance.

Rev A J Adams was called to Antelope to officiate at a funeral yesterday.

There are lots of workmen in the old world—and many that have been worked.

Some one says it would be impossible for a congressman to stop on a ten-minute speech.

It is said that Satan has one virtue—perseverance. But he has never yet got all that he wants.

It is better to make a few mistakes than to do nothing at all.

Mr and Mrs James Mitchell will leave for Athena tomorrow on their annual visit to the parents of Mrs. Mitchell.

Our Japanese visitors pronounce American women's hats exaggerated. Their well-known politeness perhaps prevented them from saying monstrous.

Johny Johnson has sold his farm and may return to Hood river valley. Fred Hennagin bought one quarter and Johny Christensen bought the other.

A Kansas hen has laid an egg bearing the prophetic inscription, "drought 1911." This is what comes from operating a poultry farm in a prohibition country.

Unless the observer at Flagstaff sees double the planet Mars had two snow storms last week. But, pshaw, what o' that? Moro had two snow storms last Wednesday.

Baby Morgan, an 8-lb boy, came to stay with Ben F and Lillie-Martin-Morgan on the 28th at Lone. Mrs Morgan's mother, Mrs W J Martin of Walla Walla, is with her.

In Jamaica the rainfall in seven days last month amounted to 90 inches. In spite of many afflictions the island maintains a cheerful spirit and is getting along swimmingly.

The dime novel costs a good many dollars when it comes to the suppression of crime. Boy bandits are becoming so numerous that sociologists will soon be gathering statistics about them.

The Dorcas society of the Presbyterian church now have a permanent meeting place, in the Garlic Bakery building, and will feel quite at home at the first meeting, Wednesday next.

By the late mining calamity at Cherry, Illinois, 1,500 orphans were made. The call for relief is loud, and is being met with a generous response. What a harvest it has been for Carnegie hero men.

Our 2d winter here in Moro began on the 1st, with less than 15 minutes from a luring sunshine. Twice the earth was covered with snow, the first disappearing within two hours; the last still lingering, in face of a threatened Chinook.

The St. Louis girl who married a so-called count the other day has made the discovery that his title is spurious. At that he can not turn out worse than many foreign noblemen (so-called), married by American girls, and whose titles are the only thing about them free of flaw and blemish.

Johnnie Shearer, who has been teaming on the DesChutes railroad, at Celilo, was kicked by a horse Tuesday afternoon and taken to The Dalles hospital Tuesday evening. The extent of his injuries is not known at this writing. His brother Wm. went to The Dalles Wednesday morning.

It appears to us, from reading about marine disasters all along the Pacific coast, that commanders of the fleet are of a most indifferent class of irresponsibles, chosen for their cheapness rather than efficiency. In the days of Commodore Connor, Capt Bolles, Capt Jensen, et al., passengers sang songs in praise of their officers, where now is uniform censure.

Our views of the situation in Nicaragua intended for today, while the subject is prominent, is laid over one week to make room for several contributions on other subjects of greater interest. Not "stuff to fill up with" either. History is perverted about Nicaragua, and we hope that Mr. Taft, at this time has nerve to quiet some outrages down there.

It begins to look as though the sugar trust scandal will shake the country as nothing has since the Chicago packing house and New York insurance revelations. The facts already brought to light give good cause for fear there may be truth in the accusation that men of important places in several national administrations have either shut their eyes to, or connived at, the swindling of the government, and ruining of independent producers.



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The Local Churches

Spaulding Chapel.

Preaching Sunday next at 11 a. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all. C. L. Lowther, Pastor Sunday School at 12 o'clock. A. M. Wright, Supt.

Kent M. E. Church.

Services and sermon at 7:30 p. m. Would be pleased to have you come. C. L. Lowther, Pastor

Rutledge M. E. Church.

Preaching service at 2 o'clock p. m. Welcome extended to all who can come. C. L. Lowther, Pastor. Sunday School at 3 p m. C. J. Simon, Supt.

Moro M. E. Church.

Preaching services Dec. 5th, at 11 o'clock a. m., as usual. F. E. Smith, Pastor Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Ladies' Aid Society Thursday afternoon in the lecture room.

Monkland Presbyterian Church.

Regular service at the usual hour next Sunday. Everyone welcome. A. J. Adams, Pastor

Kent Presbyterian Church.

Preaching services at Kent Wednesday evening December 29th, at 8 o'clock. Everybody invited to be present. A. J. Adams, Pastor

Moro Presbyterian Church.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Services as usual next Sunday, morning and evening. A. J. Adams, Pastor

Subject in the morning: An Old Sermon by the World's Smallest preacher. Subject in the evening: Some Criticisms Criticized. So then everyone of us shall give account of himself to God, Rom 14:12. The above quoted Scripture is our reason for inviting you to these services. A. J. Adams, Pastor

Public School Notes.

Our new library was received last week and is now ready for use. It consists of 150 volumes, suitable for all grades. John Mowry is librarian.

Miss Taylor spent Thanksgiving with relatives at Kent.

Much interest is being shown in the high school debate. Contestants are Theodore Johnston, Robert Hoskinson and Ernest McClure. The county debate against Wasco will be held here Dec. 16th. Friday afternoon these three will debate Messrs Ragsdale, Bryant and Wilson, on the question of the County Unit in School Administration, in Oregon.

The high school basket ball team won its first honors Wednesday night, defeating the town team by the decisive score of 14 to 7. Chester Axtell and Perry Johnston made the most points for the school team. Last night we played a team from Grass Valley. Reported too late for today.

Raymond & Tomlin repaired the chimney Monday. We hope they did it well, as school has had to be dismissed several times on account of smoke.

If you wish to know more of us, visit us. Welcome at all times.

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All regular courses begin January 4th, and end February 11th. Farmers' Week, February 14th to 18th.

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