

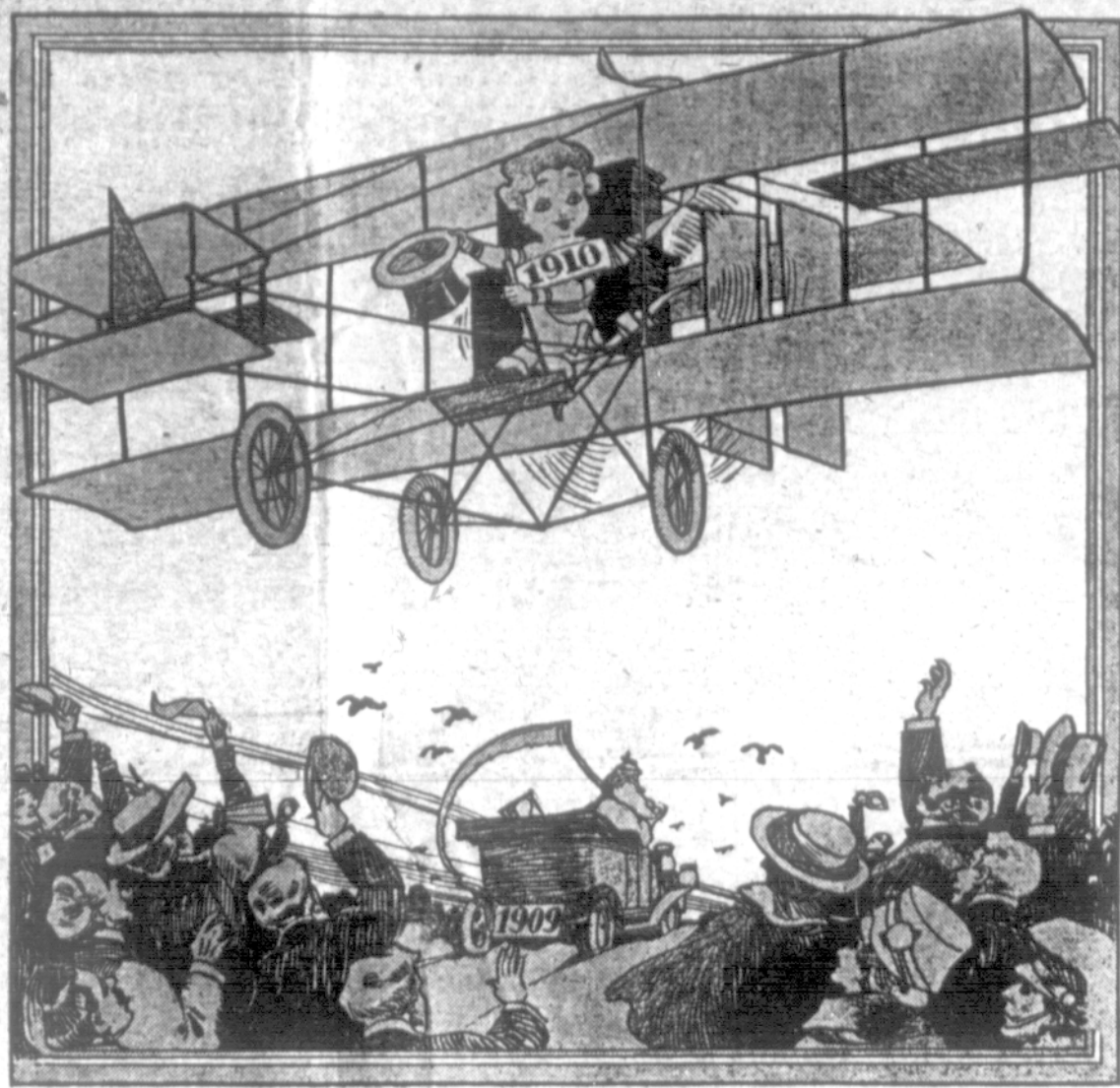
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A Happy New Year

May your happiness and cheer throughout the new year be no less than that contained within our overflowing measure of our Good Wishes. We are indeed beholden for for the generous patronage that has built one of the businesses in the county and we thank you in advance for what may be our share in the future.

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Mince Meat, like mother used to make, pkg 10c
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640 acres of fine farm land, mile south of Wasco, well improved, about 200 acres in summerfallow, \$5,000 cash, bal. easy terms.
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 Also several building lots in different parts of town.

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The Observer

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Eureka Lodge No. 121.
 L. O. F. M. Moro, Ore.
 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. 28 O. E. S.
 Regular communication each 2d and 4th Thursday evenings monthly. By order of the W. M., Mrs. Helen Parry, Secy.

Moro Lodge, No. 113.
 L. O. F. M. Moro, Oregon.
 Meets every Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Visiting members are cordially invited. Meetings for our friends who are interested to be held are arranged to be held at the date at which our current subscription expires.
 J. O. Elliott, N. G.
 Robert M. Brash, Secretary.

The price of The Observer is \$1.50 per year. To ensure for six months, 50 cents for four months—but if paid in advance we charge \$2.50 in full for 2 years. Money for our friends who pay 12 1/2 cents per month.

A Blue Mark here will answer any inquiry, when entered upon our calendar, giving the date of the paper as the date at which your current subscription expires.

FRIDAY..... Dec. 31, 1909

Observer Book Store Thermometers are the thing.

Senator Jay Bowerman and family enjoyed their Christmas at The Imperial.

A white Christmas, and jolly sleighing, extending over the introduction of 1910.

G. E. Llewellyn is celebrating the advent of 1910 at the family home in Clackamas county.

Robert Brash arrived home in time to attend the family Christmas tree at Grandpa DeMoss'.

Otto Pertz is buying Canadian money—10, 25, 50c pieces; wonder if he is going to win a pea.

Wm Morrison lost the nail off one of his fingers, by breaking a thread of wrapping twine with a jerk.

Ev Sink passed through Moro Monday, on horseback, bent upon rounding up a band of horses out south.

Mr and Mrs Coolidge of Hood River, spent Christmas in Moro, guests of Mrs G.'s parents, Mr and Mrs J. P. Strahl.

Mr and Mrs John DeMoss and baby boy, from Washington county, were guests of his parents in Moro during Christmas.

Andrew C Thompson and family left Tuesday in search of summer weather down south, with Pasadena as their destination.

A H Barnum treated the neat stock at his Lone Rock Farm to a car load of alfalfa hay from the Boise City market holiday week.

The O Man of this shack turned his back upon business and the key to an open door Saturday forenoon; and with Mr and Mrs Wm Morrison and Miss Eliza; was whisked out of town by Robert Urquhart to Erkinville, where a grand Christmas dinner was soon discussed, prepared in fine style by Mrs Urquhart and daughter. It was a quieting relief from the busy whirl of holiday week, and altho' we hastened back to this old tread mill to meet the evening mail, we felt that money could not purchase anything more compensating than a half day spent with such genial friends at such a time, upon such occasion.

But you wont get Willie a horn next Christmas.

Of course you'll turn over a new leaf—glue it down.
 Most school boys would rather eat a piece than speak one.

A New Yorker, earning \$15 a week is sued for \$100 a week alimony.

Did you get what you wanted? and will you be satisfied with what you got?

Daniel McLachlan came up from Portland last week and sold his wheat.

J O Thompson of Portland, enjoyed the holidays in good old Sherman county.

In spite of the fact that it was a white Christmas most of the reds about town felt blue.

Some men are so dependent on others that they require help to play a game of solitaire.

The night mare waited upon those who indulged in too much Christmas cheer. Beware.

John McCune has returned to good old Sherman county and has been elected Mayor of Erkinville.

Mrs Emily Anderson and her interesting little boys, are Christmas and New Year guests of Antelope friends.

Bro Kennedy has settled down at last, a married man of the Prineville Review. Mrs Mina Wilmath was the bride.

Rev A J Adams we learn is quite too ill to fill any of his appointments this week and Sunday, except for Moro.

Those Specs advertised in The Old Reliable Observer last week, were delivered to the owner, in Wasco, Foster Gow.

While shaving Judge J A Wilson Monday morning, Gilbert Davis noticed a team start off alone hitched to a header bed. Davis left his customer and caught the runaway, within half a block; which proved to belong to O C Mortensen.

W. O. W. Notice.—Neighbors of Camp No. 351. The joint installation of officers, with Circle No 56, will be the evening of Jan. 12th, instead of Jan. 5th, as first announced. J. F. FOSS, C. C., P. H. BUXTON, Clerk.

Masonic Installation.—A joint installation of Masonic Blue Lodge and the Eastern Star Order was held on the evening of Sis Johns day, December 27th, closing with a banquet at Hotel Moro; Robert Urquhart, Past Master and Installing officer, assisted by Past Master L Barnum, as marshal, installed Eureka Lodge as follows: Master Wm Morrison; Sr Deacon Geo Meloy; Jr Deacon E E Barnum; Treasurer Wm Henrichs; Secretary J M Parry sr; Stewards E H Moore Chester Silvers; Tyler Roy Powell. Eastern Star officers were installed by Mrs May Barnum, Past Matron and Grand Ruth, as follows: Worthy Matron Nellie Meloy; Worthy Patron Geo Meloy; Associate Matron Anna Moore; Secretary J M Parry sr; Treasurer E H Moore; Conductor Nana Barzee; Assistant Conductor Mrs N Silvers; Ada Anna Urquhart; Ruth May Barnum; Eather Rachel Morrison; Warden Wm Morrison; Sentinel J McCune Miss Ina Hansen and Mrs Wallan each rendered an instrumental piece during the evening.

Geo Urquhart and Will Mowry, students of O A C, are at home for the holidays.

George Hennagin took a part of the J C Coy farm with J C Teal. The deal amounted to \$12,000.

Miss Anna and Master Harty, daughter and son of Angus Kuka, are with Mr and Mrs J F Foss, and Grandma McCullum, during the holidays.

James Mitchell cut his holiday outing short, and is back to his Moro post of duty. Mrs M remained awhile with the family at home in Athena.

A sister of Mr Wallan of the W W M Co Bank, is spending the holiday vacation allotted by the O A C to its pupils, of whom she is one, in Moro.

Mrs Mabel Barnett of Rutledge was down this week to see her sister Nellie, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Thompson, who has been very sick, but is now improving.

Fred Hennagin has bought the farming outfit of John Christianson, which includes combine and team, implements, etc. Mr C will now make a determined effort to regain his lost health.

What a merciful dispensation it is that the scandals of the Astors, Gouls, Vanderbilts, and other upper-tendum families are not publicly aired at once. The moral odor would be too strong for even a long suffering public.

Typhoid fever, which has been raging for months in Salem, is being stamped out entirely. Citizens are aroused, the board of trade is aroused, and even the city council has stirred itself, and taken cognizance of the situation.

H S McDanel spent Christmas in Portland. Owing to the inclement weather Mrs M did not accompany him, but enjoyed a sleigh ride and dinner with her brother E A Cushman and family.

S S Hayes, one of the Pioneers of Sherman county, was in Moro this week on business. Steve is looking happy, and says the family are all in excellent health. Dean is teaching in Hill Academy this winter.

J C McKean is making up a car load of bran and mill feed from the Independent Warehouse and Milling Company, at Wasco, of which his brother H R McKean is manager. Leave your orders with J. C. at the Sheriffs office.

Yesterday morning none of the frosted lace work of previous days was visible in this region. Fair Luna called Gentle Chinook to aid her, and then settled things with a mild rain at the break of day, but the snow is still firm as we go to press.

Judge Henrichs arrived home on the 25th from his sad visit to Davenport, Iowa, where his father recently died. Mr Henrichs reached Iowa in time to attend the funeral. Business compelled him to return to Oregon, and the round was a very disagreeable one.

Zelaya's abdication makes a sweeping change in the Nicaragua situation, and may lead to the organization and perfection of the United States of South America. If Uncle Sam decides to deal with Zelaya on the charge of murder of American prisoners of war, Mexico will not interfere.

DeMoss Correspondence.

December 20.—Saturday night a surprise party was given to Miss Margaret Hunter. About 40 assembled at her home about 8 o'clock, and brought with them some very nice presents, the party being in honor of Miss Hunter's 10th birthday day. The evening was spent in games, singing, etc. Lunch was served at 10 o'clock after which the ladies and gents took part in Yankee doodle kitchen. All expressed themselves as having had a real jolly social time.

M J Hendricson is building a barn on his place.

M P Gleason was in Portland on business last week.

Mr and Mrs Tonkins and family were guests of Mr and Mrs Hunter Sunday.

Mrs Reese and Miss Evans made a flying trip to Wasco one day last week.

DeMoss Public School is taking the midwinter examinations this week.

Saturday last, at the school meeting, a 3 1/2 mill tax was levied to pay off all indebtedness of the new school building.

George Davis is running a blacksmith shop here, and is doing good work.

At the close of church services Sunday night several ladies of our burg filed into Rev Tonkins sleigh. Some one remarked that the load would weigh about 1,500 lbs. Mr Tonkins had to walk. Messrs Hunter, Tonkins and Hendricson finally gathered up the fragments. No one was badly hurt, but Mrs Hunter was considerably bruised.

Miss Edna Evans is able to sit up; her friends will be pleased to hear of this, and hope she will soon be able to attend church again.

Our teacher is teaching a fine school at DeMoss. She is very zealous with her pupils.

December 26th.—Christmas eve was a time long to be remembered. The Sunday school and the public school united in preparing an elegant program. The school house was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The Tree, with its sparkling ornaments, the bountiful supply of presents, and the sweet, cheerful faces of the children, made the evening one of pleasure to all. Old Santa (Marvin H), acted well his part, presenting every one with a big bag of candy. All the neighbors gathered to have a good time and they surely had it; to a finish.

Special mention should be made of members of the committee who worked so faithfully to make the exercises a success. viz: Mrs Dame-wood, Mrs Haskell, Mrs Aurelia DeMoss, Mrs Geason, and Mrs Morgan; also, the gentlemen who secured the Tree: Messrs Morgan, Davis, Haskell and Reese.

You want to be sure that you are at the Farmer's New Year Ball, at Rudolf Opera house; best of music and a turkey supper at Hotel Moro \$2.00 pays the bill. L L Pertz Manager. Tonight.

Old Sol attempted to drive the frosty misty lace workers out on Wednesday morning, but after an hour retired in seclusion. The fog was too thick for him.

The sugar trust appears to escape public censure, or legal prosecution, by showing that it "has always paid good wages to its hired men."

NEW YEAR'S EVE.

By FRANK H. SWEET.

ONE thing the old year's brought to me, an' that's a real good friend.

Who'd thought that Neighbor Gurley, now, could ever quite unbend!

Three years we've lived here side by side, the calendars aver, An' not a word had we exchanged except "Good evenin', sir!"

Well, I met him Chris'mas mornin' as we came along the street. I was just a-reachin' my door an' he his. We chanced to meet.

So I tried him with a smile. Says I: "Well, neighbor, howdy do! Merry Chris'mas, an' I'm thinkin' I've got Chris'mas gift on you!"



"HE GIVE ME HAND A SHAKE."

Thought a minute he'd 'a' fallen, the way his features twitched.

Then he give a hearty chuckle an' says he: "Well, I'll be switched! Why, that takes me forty year back!" An' he give my hand a shake.

Till my arm from wrist to shoulder for a good hour felt the ache.

So we chatted for a little, an' at last he says to me: "I'm a pretty lonesome fellow. Can't you come an' dine with me?"

That evenin' I went over. (Susie's children had a "hop.") An' them young folks made a bedlam where I didn't care to stop.

I'd a mighty pleasant evenin', an' I found out—well, it's strange how you can't size up a neighbor when you meet him just on 'change!

I've heard from other parties—he'd have never told himself—Gurley's got some square ideas about other things than self.



"HE GRAB ME ON THE BACK."

He had just that very mornin' sent the children's home a check An' had helped an old-time schoolmate of whom drink had made a wreck.

Reacts all how some folks can do such things an' keep their face tart. What's the open hand at Chris'mas, though, without the open heart!

Kind o' cast iron grin his smile was, but he thawed out when I spoke.

An' to make things kind o' easy I worked off a little joke.

Why, he fairly keeled with laughin', an' he slaps me on the back, An' before an hour was over we was callin' Seth an' Jack,

Settin' cheek by jowl an' tellin' 'bout the times when we was young.

The huskin's an' the quiltin's an' the old time songs we sung. The coastin' an' the sleigh rides an' the dancin' in the barn, An' at tellin' old time stories he could cap me, every yarn.

But before I left we made it up to meet tonight ag'in, For we're bound to set the old year out an' see the New Year in.

IN MEMORIAM.

Words of Sympathy on the Death of Thomas H. Fraser.

Communication.]

Not good bye, you are never away From my thoughts so long that I need the word.

I shall miss your hand clasp just for today And the sound of your voice will be joy deferred.

Thomas H Fraser, a former resident of this district, died at his home in Portland, December 15th 1909, at the age of 55 years. He was born in Nova Scotia in 1854, came west while a young man and after remaining in California six years located in Oregon, where he has since resided. He has been troubled by paralysis for the past six years and death finally resulted.

He was a kind husband and loving father, who bore his sufferings without a murmur, and always had a pleasant word and a cheerful smile for all. He leaves a wife and four children, Verdi, Christia, Mabel and Tim, besides a host of friends to mourn his loss. We hope to meet him in the skies.

Relatives of deceased desire to extend heartfelt thanks to the many friends who have assisted them during their recent loss.

Hall of Moro Lodge, No. 113, I. O. O. F.

Officers and members: We your committee appointed to draft resolutions of condolence on the death of Brother Thomas H Fraser, respectfully submit the following:

In the rapid march of time we are again reminded of the uncertainty of life, by the death of one whom in years past we have learned to love and respect. The sad duty devolves upon us to announce the death of our beloved friend and Brother, Thomas H Fraser, who departed this life on the 15th day of December, 1909, leaving a wife, three daughters and one son and a large circle of friends to mourn his departure. By his death a home has been made desolate, yet we bow in humble submission to the will of one who rules the universe.

Whereas, We extend to the bereaved family our sincerest sympathy in their affliction, and trust that the richest blessings of heaven may fall upon them and bless them.

Resolved, That we drape our charter in mourning for 30 days, and that these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of this Lodge and a copy be sent to the bereaved family, and one to the Pacific Odd Fellow and one to the Moro Observer for publication.

Fraternally submitted,

OTTO PERTZ,
 DON WHEAT,
 O. W. AXTELL, Committee