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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 the generous patronage that has built one of the best businesses in the county and we thank you in advance for what may be our share in the future.

Again wishing you a Happy New Year, we are very sincerely yours

**MORO COMMERCIAL COMPANY.**

## The Observer

MORO, SHERMAN CO., OREGON:

**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 W. M. J. M. PERRY, Secretary.

**Bethlehem Chapter**  
No. 78 O. E. S.  
Regular communication each 2d and 4th Thursday evenings monthly. By order of W. M. MRS. HELEN PERRY, Secy.

**Moro Lodge, No. 113.**  
I. O. O. F. MORO, OR.  
Meeting every Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Visiting members are cordially invited. Members expected to be present. W. D. WALLAN, N. G. Wm. HENRICH, Secy.

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

FRIDAY JAN. 7, 1910

Ice in the rivers have carried out numerous ferries.

Observer Book Store Thermometers are the thing.

Anything that will cure a cold isn't to be sneezed at.

C G Hulse is on a business trip to the Willamette valley.

Uncle Jasper says "Sum men are so good that they ain't good fer nothin'."

New Year day 1910, produced the worst set back our summer has had this winter.

An 80 percent silver gray fox hide killed in Klickitat county, sold for \$240 in Portland.

Now if you want that cutter at The Observer barn, buy it. Almost as good as new.

Roads in this vicinity Monday were up to date for fine sleighing, but zero weather produced some rummy looking noses.

Mr and Mrs W A Mitchell and son of Spokane are now residents of Moro. Mrs M is daughter of Mr Foss, one of DesChutes railway contractors.

Bob cats and cougars, driven near to habitations this winter on account of the deep snow driving game out of the mountains, are profitable to buntmen.

Knox, the 1-man showman who plays for Knox, earned a good hit in Condon, where his performance was "under the auspices" of an athletic club, concluding with a dance.

Alvin Sigman, brother of Mrs C D O'Leary of Grass Valley, died at his home near Dufur last week, of Bright's disease of the kidneys. He was a popular and highly respected citizen.

A Hilgard, Union county man, has imported grey squirrels from Missouri, hoping to populate his ranch with them. The habits to which they are let go are unknown to any but the pine species of the squirrel family, but is supposed to be an ideal place for them.

If the Astoria man's rat exterminator is what the local press paint it to be, Oregon should buy the formula for free distribution. Rats has got to be fit, and as cats is laid off for worthless pups, the Astoria medicine should be distributed.

Sprig caddot cub eddy too sood to suid the host of us.

The glassy roads of the past week called loudly for sharp shod horses.

Mrs Emily Anderson and the little boys, returned from Antelope Tuesday.

That squeaky sound you heard last Friday night was Old 1909 on his last legs.

What has become of the man who used to keep a diary every year—for about 20 days.

A sweetly spoken refusal of a request is more satisfactory than a begrudged acquiescence.

Mrs H W Strong, Baby Strong and Miss Vivian, spent the holidays at Kent, with Mr and Mrs Perry Strong.

Most folks who itch for buck-wheat cakes in the fall keep right on itching after they have eaten into the next year.

Miss Clara, sister of Mrs W R Wallan, after spending the holidays in Moro, returned to her studies in the O A C at Corvallis.

A sure way of getting the home peoples' money is to have something the people want to buy, then let them know it, and at what rate they may procure it. These facts, simply, plainly and honestly told through advertisements correctly written and displayed in The Old Reliable Observer, will surely bring in the cash in exchange for what you have to offer. Try it, now.

Discussing a movement on the part of the Portland Commercial Club to pay some respect to the printers' craft at home, The Eugene Guard says: "Here in Eugene all the University printing is sent to the State Printer at Salem, tho' the president of the institution is a member of the board of managers of the promotion department. Probably it has never occurred to him that the printing offices of this city pay out \$20,000 a year in wages, and that this large amount might be materially increased if all the printed matter used here were given to the local offices. Also, it might be argued that the state printer insists on his right to do this work, although until a year ago it was kept at home, where it belongs. We are inclined to believe, however, that the state printer would not resist a determined attempt to deprive him of the University patronage, because he would not care to have the affairs of his office brought too strongly into the limelight, and this might be the result of such a course on his part. An official who is making a net profit of \$30,000 a year, and who maintains this graft mainly because the people who pay the bills are kept in ignorance of the facts, is not likely to court publicity in order to garner in a few hundred dollars more. In this connection it would also not be out of place to call attention to the county fair work and the telephone directory for this county, which is printed in Portland, or somewhere else, and paid for with the money of local subscribers. It should be printed here, even if the cost were a little more. Anyway, matters of this kind are as worthy of attention of our home League as they are of the larger and stronger organization which is boosting for a greater Portland.

Mr and Mrs K A Kime returned home Sunday evening from an extended Eastern trip, visiting in Missouri mostly, at the home of his invalid mother. They found Hoary Old Winter everywhere they went. On the 28th they had a lovely day in Denver, and they made good use of it, sight seeing by auto.

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Nez Percé millers are taking all the blue stem wheat at 1.08 per bushel.

Fred L Derby is at his post of duty in this office, after a season of holiday feasting in Yamhill towns.

C L Powell and family arrived at Long Beach on the 28th, after visiting several other points in the sunny districts of California.

L L Peetz' Farmer's Ball was a successful social event and all had a good time. The supper at The Hotel Moro was up to date fine.

Wheat in almost every part of Sherman county is yet very nicely under the snow. An inch or two was added Sunday night, and in the absence of wind spread evenly over the fields.

Hon R J Ginn spent several days here last week but reached his Portland home in time for his New Year dinner. He took two Sherman county turkeys, the gift of James Tomlin, one being for W H Moore and family.

Messrs R C Atwood, Tom Sink and President Clark Dunlap, of the Development League, attended County court Monday in the interest of the tax payers petition for a levy for publicity purposes. More than 100 tax payers signed in Wasco and the north end of the county.

Miss Jean Anderson of Pendleton, who has been visiting in Kent for some time, returned to her studies at Pendleton Academy on the 4th. Mrs O A Anderson remained for awhile longer, a guest of her daughter Mrs Ella Johnson where that little grand son is the great attraction.

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Mrs Anna Urquhart is visiting in Washington with her sister-in-law.

Truman Strong spent the holidays at Biggs, with Mr and Mrs A B Wolfard.

The Observer will in the future publish authentic report of Moro weather every month.

Being a mind reader has its drawbacks, sometimes causing one to stammer and turn red.

Jas Tomlin has four pair of full blood English grey hounds for sale at reasonable prices.

More double holidays coming. Memorial day and the Fourth of July, 1910, both fall on Monday.

There are people so painfully humble that it is as comforting to have them about as it is to nurse a toothache.

E Peoples, C K Cochran and J O Elrod, have been appointed appraisers of the estate of the late Thomas H Fraser.

Coasting on First street in Moro was never better. And it is enjoyed highly. No material accidents yet to report.

Of all the mean things said of explorer Cook none can be meaner than that his wife has quit him. A canard beneath Peary.

Moro Coasting Club have invited their Grass Valley friends down to have a share in the sport on Moro First street slide.

Bright Sunny Monday was Jan. 3d, beginning the new Business year. Good sleighing, no ugly wind, but a 4° below zero thermometer.

Mrs Cora Russell, of Spokane, sister of Gilbert Davis of this city, has been very near to death's door recently. The ailment is consumption.

The Dalles is warming up this cold winter over the whiskey topic. Licences in future will be different from licences in the past, in that old town.

Who said the old fashioned winters were a thing of the past? The present sample appears to be about as genuine as "the kind mother used to make."

Girls of the University of Missouri have organized an "affinity club." Wonder if they are too old for the judicious application of the maternal slipper?

In answer to an inquiry: By a wise provision of nature the days lengthen after the holidays so that people may work a little longer to square up their increased bills.

The nobleman who married Miss Anita Stewart has been sued for \$1,000,000 and thus the curtain goes up on the latest version of the comedy called International Marriage.

Ashes in Main street, in front of Mrs Maxwell's property, were very lively Wednesday morning, and but for the timely discovery by the Celestial cook at the Hotel Moro, might have caused a destructive conflagration.

Louis Heydt has beat them all for 1910 in calendars. They are real gifts. A beautiful calendar, with basket attachment, embellished with a picture of a rider in the act of lassoing a buffalo. The shape is a large pocket.

Floods threaten the destruction of Paisley. The citizens are fleeing to higher ground. The Che-waucan river is on a rampage and is carrying huge cakes of ice through the streets of Paisley. The river has spread over the entire valley surrounding Paisley and is congealing into an immense ice-floe. Zero weather prevails.

The Hadley house in this city nearly escaped destruction by fire on the evening of the 3d, and possible cremation of some children who accidentally caused a blaze by use of a candle too near an ex-Christmas tree in an upper room. Christmas of the children was obstructed by the tree filling a narrow passage way, but the heroic little flock fought fire bravely and mastered the situation.

Odd Fellows Installation.—Saturday evening January 1st, DDGM. Geo A Meloy installed the following officers in Moro Lodge 113, I. O. O. F.: P G, W D Wallan; N G, Sam Brisban; V G, Don Wheat; Sec, Wm Henrich; Fin Sec, J F Foss; Treas, Otto Peetz. District D G P, Margaret Rutledge, installed the following officers in the Rebecca Lodge, 116: Past Grand, May James; N G, Eva Rudloff; V G, Nellie Pike; Secretary, Mary Wheat; Fin Sec, Edna Freeman; Treas, Essie McKean. After the installation a banquet was served to about 100 Odd Fellows and friends. The social features of the evening were the best ever known to the fraternity in Moro.

Dr. Fletcher says, chew every particle of food taken 32 times. At that rate would it be possible to finish dinner by supper time?

"The worst chill ever," hit almost the entire United States Tuesday. The icy wave headed for Dixie land circling the Atlantic coast down the gulf, and up into California, freezing everything in its path.

From Salem to Passadena is the title to an interesting letter from Owen Thompson to his sister Mrs A Nish, of Monkland. The writer had various kinds of amusement en route, and is a pretty fair descriptive writer.

Moro is about to lose its city engineer, Mr Olds having purchased the store, stock and good will of the Wilcox business in Grass Valley and expects to take possession shortly. Mr Wilcox expects to make a new home in California.

Three stock men riding the ca-boose of a train in which they had stock for Portland, were killed near The Locks Tuesday, by a rear train running into the train upon which they were traveling. Both trains were badly damaged by the impact, alleged to have been caused through neglect to observe the block system warnings.

Secretary of War Dickinson issued an order prohibiting the purchase of oils and other petroleum products from the Standard Oil company or any of its recognized agents. By this order the trust loses as customers every branch of the military service. A similar order against the tobacco trust has been in force for some time, but only affects the commissary department.

If we are to make the most of 1910 we must enter it saying: "This is to be the best year in the history of the world and of my own life as well." Wilkins Micawber is no patron saint of prosperity, but if all discouraged people start the new year in high hope that something is going to "turn up" they will help to turn something up before many weeks. Was ever the world more full of things than now? Is it not enough to make one happy, simply to live in these wondrous days?

From Walla Walla the Blue mountains and the Salmon river reports of suffering among horses and cattle. Following the recent thaw the ground froze and rivulets became strips of ice, hillsides made slippery sheets and grass blades stiff as sticks. Slippery hillsides caused the death among heads, where cattle, feeling their way along the tops of precipitous hills, lost their footing and rolled to the bottom of the canyon where their lives were crushed out on the rocks.

Walter Nevius was killed through carelessness near Bend last week. He was driving a team over the cable, Nevius struck one of the horses, which gave a sudden jump. The arrangement which held the clevis had been broken and the machine was being operated by simply slipping the clevis over the end of the sweep. When the horse jumped, the clevis slipped off and released the sweep which flew back and struck Nevius across the abdomen, inflicting injuries from which he died.

Courage for the New Year.

Have the courage to start right, and keep right.

Have the courage to turn from evil, and to cling to that which is good.

Have the courage to prefer comfort and propriety to fashion, in all things.

Have the courage to wear your old clothes until you can pay for new ones.

Have the courage to discharge a debt while you have the money in your pocket.

Have the courage to obey your conscience at the risk of being ridiculed by men.

Have the courage to own you are poor, and thus disarm poverty of its sharpest sting.

Have the courage to speak to a friend in a seedy coat, even tho' you are in company with one richly attired.

Have the courage to speak your sentiments when necessary to do so.

Have the courage to wear thick boots in winter, and insist upon your wife and daughter doing the same.

Have the courage to do without that which you do not need, however much your eyes may covet it.

## The Local Churches

**Moro M. E. Church.**  
The usual preaching service next Sunday, at 11 o'clock a. m.

**Special Notice.** Quarterly meeting service will be held in the evening at which time the holy communion will be administered. Dr Walton Skipworth, district superintendent, will preach, and conduct the service at 7.30 p. m.

You are cordially welcome.  
F. E. Smith, Pastor  
Sunday school at 10 o'clock.  
Ladies' Aid Society Thursday afternoon in the lecture room.

**Christian Science Society.**  
First reader Mrs Marietta Mowry. Service at 11 a. m. Sunday school 10 a. m. Wednesday 8 p. m. Reading room open from 2 to 4 p. m. Saturday.

**DeMoss Correspondence.**  
Mr Haskell and family and Eld Tonkins and family, spent New Year day with Mr and Mrs Hendricson. An excellent dinner was served, after which the children entertained the guests with a nice program.

Land was sold here in DeMoss recently at \$150 per acre. Mrs Damewood purchased 6 lots of DeMoss Bros, at that pro rata.

On Friday last Mrs Geo Davis received a partial paralytic stroke, but she is recovering, and is now able to be about again.

Mrs Reese made a business trip to The Dalles last week.

Mr Williams of Forest Grove, was the guest of Mr Hunter, his uncle, last week.

Little Johnny Hunter was badly hurt last week. While coasting his sled got the best of him.

Quite a crowd gathered at the home of Mr Evans New Year eve. They all had a good time.

Miss Elizabeth Anna Conroy and Ernest H Dunwoodie of Vancouver, B C, were married on the 28th. Mrs D will be remembered by a number of her Moro friends who wish her much happiness. She is a sister of Mrs John Tonkins of this place.

New Year day was a day of feasting. No less than four dinner parties are mentioned.

A large crowd attended the Sunday school, the Christian Endeavorers and church services, Sunday.

Albert Pentecost, of Portland, is visiting Mr and Mrs George De Moss.

**A String of Suggestions.**

When in doubt tell the truth.

No one is great until he has felt the pangs of a crucifixion.

Somebody has said that hate is love turned wrong side out.

Over the bodies of her martyrs the world has stepped to freedom.

It takes more force to start a thing than it does to keep it going.

Why mind the bitterness of the tonic that brings you the things you desire?

Philosophise all you please, but a fat purse and a broad smile go hand in hand.

Don't quit the field when slander is rife, in the final shift you'll be the victor.

Keep the upward gaze; it turns prisons into palaces and transforms hovels into castles.

You can invariably measure the greatness of a man by the number of his enemies.

While every thing we strive for is not good, yet everything good comes after a desperate struggle.

Riches may have wings but they are seldom used in coming our way.

When hypocrites or carpet tacks point heavenward there's mischief brewing.

Many a storm could be easily averted if we would only read the barometer that hangs on the human heart.

Necessity is a good thing to make a virtue of, if you have no better material.

Sometimes work is considered monotonous. Perhaps it is but the worker need not be monotonous. Robert Burns plowed fields, but he also sang his way into the heart of humanity. Elihu Burrett worked at the glowing forge but he also mastered languages and became known as the "Learned Blacksmith." And so the list might be indefinitely multiplied. The point is that while the hands are busy the mind is free to exercise itself as it will.

## Some of Hardin's Cash Prices

**CHRISTMAS GROCERIES**

Mince Meat, like mother used to make,	pkg 20c
Citron, Orange and Lemon Peel	lb 20c
Walnuts, fresh stock,	lb 20c
Christmas Candy, fancy mixed,	- 5 lbs for 75c
Sinclair's Meats and Lard at lowest market prices	

**Try Wadco's Baking Powder**

1 lb cans	25c
5 lb cans	\$1.00

Full line of Rubbers, Overshoes, Leggings, Gloves and Mittens.

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My residence property in Wasco, 7 rooms besides bathroom, pantry and attic. Large basement. Connected with water and sewer systems; two lots; house newly painted new fence and new sidewalk, all in fine condition.  
Also several building lots in different parts of town.

**C. J. Bright, Wasco, Ore.**

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