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25 Per Cent Off Regular Prices 25

To close out certain lines before the arrival of new goods, for a short time we will offer special discount of 25 per cent off regular prices on the following goods:

Knit Scarfs, Shawls, Skirts, Etc. Children's Bearskin Coats, Hoods and Leggings; Ladies' and Children's Gowns, Over Gaiters, Sweater Coats in all colors, Furs.

Some bargains you can not afford to pass up. Look them over and be convinced. Yours for business,
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. PARKY, Secretary.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O. E. S.
Regular communication each 2d and 4th Thursday evening monthly. By order of W. M. MRS. HELEN PARKY, 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.
SAM BUSHING, N. G. W. M. HENRICH, Secy.

The price of The Observer is \$1.50 per year, 75 cents for six months, 50 cents for four months—but if paid in advance we accept \$2.50 in full for 2 years. Shorter terms than one year 12 1/2 cents per month.

FRIDAY, JAN. 14, 1910

Observer Book Store Thermometers are the thing.

Mrs L. Sells is on the sick list at her home in this city.

Hans Thompson is visiting The Old Folks at Home in Denmark.

Mrs Perry Axtell has been on the sick list since the advent of the new year.

The first illegal holiday on the 1910 calendar is Groundhog Day, February 2d.

Judge Butler, of this district, is holding court for Judge Bean in Pendleton this week.

F A Sayres paid The Dalles a flying visit last week and he didn't travel with his auto either.

Mr and Mrs Spoon have decided to give Nevada a trial, and are preparing for the journey.

Get a pair of those wool-nap blankets at the Moro Commercial Companies. Like wool, at 1/2 the cost.

Vollmer burned its city hall and its chemical engine on the 13th. There is talk of getting another chemical.

Six weeks of such weather as we are having wears out the stacks of feed and makes an alarming outlook for fodder.

Who is responsible for the wide variations of Time in this city? Set your time pieces by the clock at the ticket office.

Mr and Mrs Vose returned from Portland Saturday and resumed teaching at Hay Canyon and Rutledge on Monday.

The merchant in his darksome safe his clinking gold doth lock, while at the counter, dumpy-like, the billious clerk takes stock.

Men that know good working shoes buy the Buckingham & Hecht. You can get them at the Moro Commercial Co's store.

The best working shirt for the money is the Cherry Valley Flannel. Warm and durable, and costs but \$1.50 at the Moro Com'l Co.

Miss McDonald of Seattle, was granted a permit to teach in this county by Supt Bryant, last week, and opened Fairview school this week.

The Dalles is to have a modern gas plant.

J F Lentey of Arlington, was a business visitor at Moro part of this week.

John Tonkins has sold his farm at DeMoss, and expects to return to this city with his family.

Cheer up, you goose-pimple shivers who think this is cold weather; it's 40° below in North Dakota.

Old type metal makes the best and the cheapest babbling. The Observer has a lot of such material for sale cheap.

Wanted—Three good horses, to work on railroad. Not for scraper work. Straight time allowed. Apply to G. O. Foss & Co., Moro Depot.

Frank Hulery of Wasco, who attended The Dalles High School before the holidays, is confined to his home, suffering from an abscess.

We wish to announce that our piano contest will close February 1st. All coupons must be deposited at our office before that date. Moro Commercial Co.

Mrs Anna Urquhart, visiting at Lind, Wash, with Mr Urquhart's brother, expects to return home on or about the 4th of February. The two little boys and Baby Laura are with her.

H R McKean, manager of the Independent Warehouse and Milling Co, was a Moro visitor Monday. On that day his company delivered a car load of mill feed here for hungry cows.

Ice in the Columbia river at the Dalles was strong enough to allow pedestrians to cross on it Saturday; the earliest date since 1897 for exploits of this kind, and in 1897, all occurring Jan 10, 6 and 14.

Hogs are high in Kansas city and St Louis \$8.60 per 100 lbs, but the Portland Stock Yards sales beat it 40c per 100 lbs one day last week. Talk about your cow jumping over the moon, but hogs have gone higher.

The Dalles is moving at last in the matter of extending the Oregon Portage Railway to a close connection with its water front. That was the original idea when Sherman county first proposed the Portage Road.

At 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon Old Sol shown out nicely for half an hour encouraging the hope of a bright sunset, but a heavy fog got the best of it, and every woven fence in the county showed up in the morning like the lace works at Zion.

That fine old temperance drama The Curse of Drink: or, Never Again for Me; is playing a 17 days engagement in 1,000 cities. One of the big features of the show is a grand free street parade at noon each day, led by the water wagon and made up lastly of a long line of thirsty looking citizens on foot and horseback.

The Moro Daughters of Rebecca on the 7th completely surprised George E James, their Captain of Staff, by tendering him a handsome testimonial incidental to his resignation as such, preparatory to his removal from Moro, for the benefit of Mrs James' health. Mr James has been a very efficient aid to the D of R, and will be much missed in lodge circles.

The Morning Oregonian of the 8th built another railway up John Day river.

The Dorcas Society social was held at Mrs Lottie Lee's home, Wednesday.

Mr and Mrs N P Hansen are in Portland this week, on business and pleasant visits combined.

Boise city is short of fuel; Silver Lake is in need of groceries, and Paisley is at the bottom of a flood.

Joint installation was held Wednesday evening by the Women of Woodcraft and Woodmen lodge.

Harry Benson is laid up at one of the Oregon Trunk Railway Co hospitals in Wasco county, from a crushed foot.

Dr O J Goffin accompanied Mrs Walter Stanley and Mrs J C Hockman, to a hospital in Portland for treatment this week.

Nelson Dade, the lone old colored man who has lived in Moro several years, died Wednesday. A few friends gave him christian burial. Peace to his ashes.

Mrs Wm Rudolf arrived home Monday from Portland where she was with her father, Henry Hennagin, who had a severe rheumatic attack, but is now improving.

Mrs Wm Henrich entertains the members of Rebecca lodge this afternoon, in honor of their past Noble Grand, Mrs May James, who is soon to depart from Moro.

I L Taylor, recently from Iowa, has located in Gilliam county. He was a visitor this week with his daughter in Moro, who has charge of one of the grades in the school here.

Grandpa Isaac Thompson is now getting along very nicely. Mrs Neil McDonald, his daughter from Trout lake, is still with him, and he has a host of excellent neighbors near by.

Mr O Anderson has no intention of returning to Pendleton before spring. She is now with Mrs Nellie Hulse in Moro, but is at home with her daughter, Mrs Ella Johnson, Kent. Her health is superb.

Seventeen couples of Moro young people had a sleigh ride to Grass Valley Friday night and attended a party in our sister city. They ordered supper at The Vintin by phone, and enjoyed the occasion very much.

A heavy wireless message passed over Moro at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning. It shook things at the home of The Observer family at a lively rate. This is twice this phenomena has shaken up things about that crest of Moro within six months past.

They may rave about Cook and Peary, the north pole, and mountains of ice, while sitting beside a warm fire it is all comparatively nice. But the man I would like to shake hands with, I assert with all fairness and truth, is the man who 'll start out in a hurry and discover a good warm Chinook.

A series of Gospel meetings is in progress at Moro M E Church, which began Monday evening. Rev C L Lowther is assisting the pastor. The attendance and the interest has been very good, from the commencement. It will do you good to attend, and become interested in religious matters. The song service and special music is an attraction.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Tax Levy Made -- Road Supervisors Appointed -- Jury List Drawn.

List of 200 names for jury duty during 1910 drawn and selected.

Report of Sheriff J C Freeman received, examined and approved.

Report of county treasurer Stanley up to December 31st 1909 accepted.

In the matter of appointment of county road master, no appointment was made.

Warrants aggregating \$351.60 for jurors November circuit court were ordered paid.

Fred Krurow and B W Anson were appointed county road viewers for the year 1910.

Contract was awarded Fred Tucker for painting and repair to the court house in the sum of \$172.

Warrants from 789 to 803, class J, both inclusive, issued to the Eastern Oregon Banking Co, were ordered cancelled.

Report of stock inspector Jas. Stewart for the past year was accepted and he was reappointed to serve during 1910.

Resignation of I D Pike as director of the state agriculture fair was accepted and Frank Hulery was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Application of C C Huck and others for new road district allowed as per maps and description to be known as District No. 13, B L Andrews appointed supervisor.

Tax levy for 1909 ordered as follows: That 8 1/2 mills be levied on all property as assessed by the assessor for the year 1909 and that the county clerk issue a warrant to the sheriff of Sherman county to collect the same; levy to be divided as follows: State, county and library 5.6 mills; county schools 1.2; experimental farm fund .7; county road 1 mill, but no road tax is levied within the city of Wasco.

The following appointments of road supervisors were ordered:

1. Wm Oehman;
2. To be supplied;
3. M A Van Gilder;
4. E L Wald;
5. Arthur Phillips;
6. A Nish;
7. H W Strong;
8. Mastin Hansen;
9. D H McClain;
10. To be supplied;
11. O C Hogue;
12. Granville Phillips.

Every school district in the future must have six months school each year and have \$300 on hand to begin the school. If the different school districts do not levy a tax on their valuations to do this, the county court must do so up to an additional 5 mills that may be levied. Under the above law a special tax of 1 2-10 mills was ordered in 26; in 29 special levy of 1 2-10; in 31 levy of 1 mill; in 33 levy of 1 mill; in 44 levy of 5 mills, all to apply only in the respective districts.

Warrants were ordered in payment of claims as follows:

On account of bounties:

- W F Guyton.....\$9.00
- R T Morgan.....1.50
- C R Barcus.....1.50
- G A Meloy.....3.00
- L L Bell.....1.50
- J S Fowler.....1.50
- J W Dunn.....1.50
- Miles Martin.....1.50
- Percy Thompson.....1.50
- Walter Ashby.....3.00
- L W Amick.....15.00
- F C Matthias.....40.50
- D E Vintin.....12.00
- D McKelvy.....1.50
- L W Rust.....7.50
- W A Barnett.....10.50

On account of salaries:

- L Sells, janitor.....150.00
- J C Freeman, sheriff.....150.00
- J C McKean, deputy sheriff.....125.00
- Otto Peetz, assessor.....125.00
- H S McDaniel.....125.00
- B F Peetz, deputy clerk.....75.00
- W C Bryant, school superintendent.....83.33
- W M Henrich, county judge.....75.00
- James Stewart, stock inspector.....50.00
- W Stanley, treasurer.....67.00
- G A Meloy, road master.....100.00
- W L Dittinger, health officer.....21.50
- Duncan Chisholm, commissioner.....17.50
- W W Walker.....

Account current expenses:

- O J Goffin, phone rent.....3.50
- Otto Peetz, post office box rent.....1.80
- J C Freeman, sheriff expenses.....20.38
- O A Ramsey, labor and material.....5.15
- Wasco Enterprise, printing.....10.00
- Bushong & Co.....70.75
- Moro Hardware and Implement Co.....29.40
- Wind River Lumber Co.....3.00
- John S Mitchell, transient officer.....4.00
- W E Tate, J R Hunter, C C Devo, A Bushman, W S Deaton, H Thompson, W C Reese, J C Fields, W H Ragdale, school convent'n \$2 ea., 18.00
- J M Perry, stamps.....198.11
- W C Bryant, expense account.....47.65
- Moro Commercial Co.....1.70
- Sherman County Observer, office supplies and printing.....33.95
- O W Axtell, paint......65

A E Blackburn, drawing jury list.....2.00
J P Lindeman.....2.00
C C Deyo.....3.00
J Marsh.....3.00
E S Catron.....2.00
W E Tate.....2.00
Fred Tucker, painting.....32.00
C J Bright, expenses.....4.00
City of Moro, light and water.....34.84
J M Axtell, circuit court bailiff.....14.00
Sam Brislin.....7.00
J P Strahl.....14.00

Account of roads:

- G A Simon, supervisor.....5.00
- Herman Pape.....62.50
- D H McClain.....123.50
- M A Van Gilder.....122.50
- O H Rich.....12.50
- O C Hogue.....22.00
- Sam Brislin.....50.00
- A Nish.....27.50

Account of paupers:

- Dr Huckin, services.....33.00
- Dr Hamilton.....15.00
- H Reichelderfer, expense as nurse.....11.80
- Dalles Hospital.....61.00
- A E Crosby, drugs.....1.25
- Holman Ambulance Co.....3.00

Never. They're too Tender Hearted.

Condon Globe.

President Taft calls attention to the growing deficiency in the postal service. He fails to mention one leading cause: Printing car loads of envelopes absolutely free by the government, which is unfair and wholly unjustifiable, compelling the people at large to pay the bills of the select few. The postoffice department has no more right to furnish envelopes at cost and print them free, than it has to furnish us print paper at cost and do our press work free. Will publishers ever rise up and stop the outrage?

The person who is taking hay and grain from G O Foss & Co.'s Red Barn in Moro, is known, and if the operation is not stopped at once, will find trouble on his hands.

J Shelby Fowler and wife, Ed Phillips and J P Lindeman made a sleighing party from Moro to Moro and return on the 17th, dining at The Hotel Moro. Rufus is going some according to their report. The station is now supplied with an agent and all facilities for shipping. A literary society, gun club, dancing club, enlivens the place week days and evenings, and a live Sunday school adds to the moral element in an appreciable degree. J W Smith is still in Florida, strongly attached to his realty interests there.

The Local Churches

Moro M. E. Church.

Preaching service Sunday evening Jan. 16, at 7 o'clock. Special music. All are cordially welcome.

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

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.

Rutledge M. E. Church.

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

Kent M. E. Church.

Services and sermon at 7.30 p. m. Would be pleased to have you come. C. L. Lowther, Pastor

Sermons Boiled Down.

No man helps people much who thinks only of pleasing them.

One way to defend the right is to attack all wrong vigorously.

Making the best of that which is wrong is often buttressing evil.

Many believe in the discipline of suffering, provided others take it.

No man hits the mark of righteousness by aiming at respectability.

If you never dream of the impossible you will never do the possible.

You cannot sow weeds in your heart and keep the buds to your self.

You will never lead a boy into your faith until you have much faith in him.

Many talk so freely of religion because they have never met the real thing.

The Moro Commercial Co have a few ladies' coats and suits left at very low prices.

The man who whistles seldom is a swearer. Its those who have to listen to him that do the swearing.

What is said to some people go in at one ear and out at the other, there being nothing between to stop it.

REPORT OF SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

For the Month Ending December 31st, 1909.

Teachers, patrons, pupils and all others interested in the general welfare of our schools should note carefully how your school compares each month with the others of the county.

Dist. No.	School	Teacher	Enrollment	Number days taught	Whole No. days absent	Whole No. times late	Neither absent nor late	Per cent of attendance	No. visits by parent	Visits by school board
1	Bigelow	Hattie Buttermore	19	11	48	10	3	71.6	0	0
2	Brook	Dena Larson	6	13	9	0	3	87	0	0
3	Rufus	Anna & Thompson	19	15	7	1	14	97.2	0	0
4	Locust Grove	Laura McIntosh	6	10	7	0	1	84.7	0	0
5	China Hollow	Florence Heaton	14	13	104	14	81	94	7	0
6	Wasco	J M Woods	53	19	63	4	36	92.9	1	1
7	Webfoot	L W Wimberly	9	19	3	43	5	97.7	0	0
8	Fredberg	Mary E Cook	13	19	11	5	9	97.1	4	0
9	Therap Bridge	B F Smith	10	15	2	7	17	99.3	4	0
10	Monkland	Emma Damewood	20	15	2	2	2	91	1	1
11	Erskenville	Sara Ruggles	8	13	9	5	40	87.7	4	1
12	Moro	Geo. N. Murdock	116	14	171	5	3	72	7	2
13	Up. Hay Can.	B A Vose	10	19	15.5	16	2	90.9	0	0
14	Fairview	Emma Anderson	5	15	12	0	1	83.3	1	1
15	Boardman	Alice Bayley	114	13	173.5	6	28	86.4	2	0
16	Grass Valley	Louis Murdock	17	2	2	5	9	93.3	0	0
17	Rutledge	Anna Vose	15	10	30	19	4	77.2	0	0
18	German Sett'mt.	C P Adams	25	15	37	14	4	90	0	0
19	Michigan	Golda Wise	8	12	15	0	3	80.3	0	0
20	Blue school Hec.	Lena Gilman	3	14	0	0	3	100	1	3
21	Wilcox	Addie Taylor	9	14	0	0	5	74	0	0
22	Klondike	Amy Cook	9	14	18	0	0	74	0	0
23	Biggs	Rosalie Stone	13	20	50	42	0	78.8	0	0
24	Rosebush	Atta O'dell	15	15	21	15	2	82.9	0	2
25	Buckley	Eve Smith	12	15	21	15	2	82.9	0	2
26	Dobson Point	Cora Daugherty	5	12	6	5	1	90	0	0
27	Early	Bertha Angell	5	12	6	5	1	90	0	0

Note: a Incorrect report.
b Teacher failed to report.
c School not in session this month.

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