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The Observer

MORO, SHERMAN CO., OREGON

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A. F. A. M. MORO, O.
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. PARRY, Secretary.

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Meeting every Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Visiting members are cordially invited. Members expected to be present.
Sam BISHOP, N. G. W. HENRICH, Secy.

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FRIDAY FEB. 11, 1910

Remember the prize skating at the rink tomorrow night.

H W Wilcox and family have located in North Yamhill.

Valentines are in full bloom now at The Observer Book Store.

Louis Heydt, the popular harness maker, is also prepared to mend shoes.

French & Downing have sold their Grass Valley business to the firm of Cooper Bros.

That's what we like to have our farmer friends write about—things of interest around the home.

You'll make no mistake to begin right now saving ten cents a week for the 4th of July celebration.

A fine and up to date chicken dinner every Sunday, at the Cottage Hotel, 35c. Come and see.

A movement to lower the price of booze by discontinuing its use has met with little encouragement.

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

Arthur French and E. T. Butts, late of Grass Valley, are preparing to open up a new business in progressive Bend.

Valentine Postal Cards at the Observer Book Store from the good value at 2 for five cents to an exquisite satin finish card.

Looks like a big year all round for 1910. It is even predicted that Inland Empire chickens will have the biggest crops on record.

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.

J O Thompson and family are again residents of this city, occupants of Judge George B Bourhill's property, near the High School campus.

Mrs Truman Butts, late of Grass Valley, will be the guest of relatives and friends at The Dalles, until Truman gets their new home at Bend organized.

One Lincoln penny has been coined for very man, woman and child in the country, approximately. And yet, the chances are that you have not yours about you.

The days are almost three minutes longer than they were a week ago. It seems so good.

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

Comet A returned on the 4th, all dressed up in a clawhammer suit to bid the world good bye.

It is strange, but nevertheless true, that when a person enters upon a fast he slows up on things.

Lent come this year in just the niche of time to give fresh impetus to that now famous Ohio meat boycott.

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

Lost.—Between Moro and Gordon ridge, a boy's shoe, almost new. Finder please leave at this office. R. W. Pinkerton.

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

The idea of putting in meters to measure telephone talk is good, but will it be possible to devise a machine that will stand the heavy strain?

Judging from the Fahrenheit atmosphere that has been abroad for 24 hours past, the weather doctor must have donned his medicine hat again.

The Dalles land office has been notified that two tracts of government land near Wamic, withdrawn in 1906, is to be reopened and subject to settlement March 24th.

If it so happens that there is none of the divine afflatus in your make up, eat plentifully of horse radish. It answers the same purpose by curing that awful spring hanker.

The work of extending the taxes on the assessment roll of 1909 has been completed, and Sheriff Freeman is now prepared to issue receipts for taxes to all who may be thus indebted.

For 10 long days so far this month the sun has been working overtime to make things sprout in this region, but with Jack Frost sneaking in nightly there is nothing doing in the line of verdure.

Miss Anna Stuben came up from The Dalles last week on a brief visit to Mr and Mrs Maus of The Cottage Hotel, while their niece, Miss Mildred Betts, was here. Both young ladies returned to The Dalles on the 6th.

Miss Jennie Ginn arrived in this city on the 7th to be present at the wedding anniversary of her friend Mrs. Lillian Stanley-Rose, on the 9th. Miss Jennie is looking remarkably well, and living in Goldendale certainly must be quite agreeable to her.

Harry Benson assumed charge of Moro Dray No. 2 on the 1st, having purchased the interest of Soren Hansen, who goes back to the farm. Harry may now be at home, and has many friends who wish him success in his new venture. Give him a trial.

Under date of the 2d C L Powell drops us a line from The Natick at Anaheim, stating that he had bought an auto in which to enjoy the salubrity of the California climate; but this week he would run up to Los Angeles and prepare for the trip homeward.

L W Ross is conducting at Wasco, a reducing and clearing sale of jewelry cut glass, and high grade China; a fine chance to get good goods reasonable. See adv on 2d page.

The use of electricity on the farm is growing, and farmers will in time come to consider electricity a necessity. Then it will be found profitable to establish central generating stations for farming districts to take the place of small individual plants.

John M Johnson and family have moved to Hood river, where they will make their home in future. They leave behind them a score and more of friends and relatives with whom The Observer joins in best wishes and for prosperity in their new home.

Mrs Cora Davis-Russell, long an invalid, suffering from lung troubles, finally yielded to the inevitable and died in Spokane on the 6th. The remains were brought to Sherman county, and the funeral was held in Grass Valley on the 8th, interment in the family lot.

C F Coe, the new president of the Moro Hardware and Implement Co, has bought the residence property of Harry Benson, and is now at home in Moro. Mr Benson, our new city drayman, has moved into Mrs Slater's house, recently occupied by Mr Umberger, of the experiment farm station.

District Attorney Fred W Wilson of The Dalles has his hands filled with prosecutions in Crook county, chiefly boot leggers of the imported variety. He barely escaped having to try a woman for murder. She took a dose of pi-zen and died while on the road to Madras, and the man she shot still lives.

Avenarius Carbolineum is a germ destroyer. It destroys the cause of decay in posts or timber. The U S Government, the O R & N Co, Multnomah county and the city of Portland, are making general use of it on bridge timbers, etc. The Observer Book Store is distributors of the pure article in Sherman county.

Prof Blough of Fossil, and three of his pupils Elmer Knox, Halbert Stewart and Howard Lamb met the Wasco high school debaters one evening last week and carried away laurels won. At the same time the Moro and Grass Valley team met the Prineville team at the latter place, and won similar laurels, thus squaring the Sherman county record.

The Moro Hardware and Implement Co., at a meeting on the 5th, elected the following officers for the current year: C F Coe, president; E V Sink, vice President; I D Pike, secretary and treasurer; Roy Hulse, manager. With the New Year, and under its new regime the Company will now be better prepared than ever to supply the wants of its patrons.

Concerning house plants, observation has taught us, and practice has confirmed the theory, that plants which are kept as dry as possible during a spell of frosty weather, without being allowed to suffer from this cause, will withstand successfully far more frost than the same kind of plants whose tissues are gorged with liquid, and observation has also taught us that the greatest mischief is caused by rapid thawing.

He Knew The Difference.

A teacher in one of the public schools of Crook county had encountered such a degree of stupidity on the part of one of her boys in relation to the recorded acts of the father of his country that she grew sarcastic. "I wonder," she began, "if you could tell me whether George Washington was a sailor or a soldier?" The boy grinned: "He was a soldier, all right," he said, "because I saw a picture of him, crossing the Delaware; and any sailor would know enough not to stand up in a boat."

News and Comment.

Minority factions in congress are always dissatisfied with the rules. If the democrats were in power it is probable that Uncle Joe Cannon would be making bitter complaints against Czar Champ Clark.

Over \$150,000,000 of the ship-plaster fractional currency of the civil war period has never been presented for redemption and is doubtless lost or destroyed. The rag baby is an expensive luxury from every point of view.

Antelope stole hay and grain from farmers feeding flocks of sheep in Wyoming last week when 200 head of antelope suddenly appeared and took possession of the ranch. They appeared nearly starved and ate ravenously the feed that had been sparingly provided for sheep.

Cooper, the farmer, and a number of men sought to drive the antelope away, but the hungry animals refused to leave. Fearing their stacks of hay might be badly depleted before additional feed could be secured for the sheep the stockmen are busily engaged in building wire fences around hay stacks. Meantime antelope are eagerly devouring all feed within reach.

Subscribe for The Observer.

Numerous teachers were attending examinations in Moro this week.

Roy Axtell is decorating the interior of Attorney J A Wilson's office.

Brother Sam Brisbin is now in a fair way to recover his wonted health.

At the Dorcas Social at the home of Mrs C L Ireland, Wednesday afternoon, 23 ladies attended.

George E Thompson and family moved to their new home, the Rose farm, 7 miles east of Moro, this week.

Mrs Alice Holder of Grass Valley, is the guest of her sister, Mrs Jennie Foss, and her mother, Mrs McCullam.

Another touch of winter here Wednesday morning left us with a "consistent" snow fall; at least it covers the ground.

If you need a watch, now is your time; the reduction sale at L W Ross, Wasco, is giving fine bargains. See adv on 2d page.

Mrs Pauline Nichols, daughter of Rev and Mrs A J Adams, left Moro yesterday to join Mr N in Portland, where their future home is to be.

Dr Morgan expects to resume practice of his profession at Wasco on the 15th. Mrs Morgan is now able to be up the better part of every day.

Moro Pharmacy prize sale was concluded before the week was out. Who says it don't pay to advertise in The Observer is certainly mistaken.

Grandpa Isaac Thompson is now improving so nicely that he hopes to be able to make the trip to his daughter's home near Trout lake, as soon as the weather settles.

Having purchased the outfit of Robert Brash, Roy Axtell is now better prepared than ever to fill completely all orders in his line of painting, paper-hanging, etc.

One publication of a want ad, in The Observer sent chickens a-flying to J O Thompson's henry. Positive proof that The Old Reliable is read by every up-to-date person in Sherman county.

This (Friday) evening Mrs Julia Woods-Hanson will entertain the Dorcas Society, and husbands of its members, at a farewell to Mr and Mrs G E James, who are to make their home at Eugene.

We are informed that English sparrows make good pot pies. Dad Sells says the birds of the Main street pest are full blood English sparrows, and are easy to trap, so help yourself to a mess of them for dinner, so long as they last.

THE PROFITS IN CHICKENS.

Experience of Four Farmers. - Let us Hear from Others.

To The Observer.]

Your Barred Plymouth Rock hens certainly did well, during the month of January, and you ask if any bunch of hens in the county can beat the record? I believe mine can.

I have 12 Rhode Island Red hens; 18 R I R and P R mixed; 8 young pullets (don't know what they are); total 38. During January we got 18 1/4 dozen eggs. The smallest number brought in any one day was 2, then 3, 4, etc. I note that on the 29th we got 14, (the same number you did); 30th 12; 31st 18.

All we fed them was wheat twice a day; once a day during the coldest weather we gave them a warm drink, and a warm mash of scraps and potatoes, with a little salt, adding a little cayenne pepper about twice a week; burned bone, just as we happened to have it.

Now, is there a bunch of hens in the county that can beat this record? Mrs. L. H. MARTIN

C J Thompson, of Monkland, reports 42 1/4 dozen eggs in the month of January from 46 rose comb Rhode Island Red hens; 25 eggs being the most laid in one day, 12 the least. These hens have been laying steady since last fall. At the prices eggs were selling during January this would be \$20.

The secret is good hens to begin with, a good warm house, plenty of grit, a variety of feeds such as wheat, oats, etc., and scraps from the table.

Fred Mcninger is authority for the statement that Howard Coon realized \$9.00 per dozen net, after all charges were paid, on a lot of chickens recently shipped to Portland. Another point made in a recent conversation with Mr Mcninger was that he has not drawn on his bank account for one dollar since last fall; his Barred Plymouth Rock chickens paying the way all that time for all family expenses, and he has been busy lately selling his surplus Barred Plymouth Rock hens and roosters at 15 cents per pound, live weight, to any who want pure blood stock; sales based on Portland prices of 18 cents per pound.

In our article of last week we failed to state that our Barred P R hens are, only eight months old and were not due to be egg producers until about now. So far this month The Observer Barred Plymouth Rock hens are averaging 16 to 20 eggs per day.

O C Mortensen is through with mixed breeds of chickens and is building a model hen house for his new flock of Rhode Island Reds.

The interest in egg production and chickens, which these articles tend to develop, all converge along the main line of thought for observant farmers, that chickens of good breed are not strictly a side issue, and will well pay any one for the half hour attention given them daily.

Avenarius Carbolineum is the best chicken lice destroyer on the market, and will sweeten and preserve a water trough, pig pen, stable, etc., and keep away flies. It is a guaranteed article. The Observer Book Store is distributors of the pure article in Sherman county.

Christian Science Readings.

There will be Lincoln Day services at the Christian Science reading room Saturday, February 12th at 3 p. m. Subject: "Liberation." Mrs Marietta Mowry first reader.

Where Experience Was Lacking.

The report that the fruit growers in Yakima are importing birds to eat the worms that prey upon their apple trees brings to mind a conversation that is reported to have taken place between two boys recently in front of Axtell's. The sparrow is a pest in Moro, and the talk is a bonus to capture and exterminate them. One boy said to the other "this is a funny world. But a few years ago the people brought sparrows by thousands here to eat the worms, and now they are offering a bounty to get rid of them because they are so numerous and such a nuisance. Which do you think is worse, worms or sparrows?" Sammy scratched his head a minute and replied: "I ain't never had sparf rows."

The Local Churches

Spaulding Chapel.

Services as usual Sunday next. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

C. L. Lowther, Pastor. Sunday School at 12 o'clock.

A. M. Wright, Supt. A series of meetings are being held every evening which have so far been very encouraging. Rev Skipworth, district superintendent, was with us Tuesday night.

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.

Farewell Party at Demos.

The young ladies of Demos gave a farewell party February 2d in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Tonkins and Mr. and Mrs. Gleason at the home of the latter. Quite a number of young people gathered and the evening into the small hours of the morning, was spent in playing healthful and exercising games. A most delicious lunch was served at ten o'clock. Every body expressed themselves as having had a delightful time.

A Righteous Decision.

In the case of Wm Z Harris, a Grant county homesteader, victim of a hound of the general land office, holding a sinecure job, probably; a decision has been handed down in the contest that looks a lot more creditable than many previous decisions by the department, under similar circumstances. It is that when the entryman has not the means to improve his homestead and is absent for short intervals, employed to secure the means necessary to improve his place, it is not sufficient abandonment on which to base a cancellation, and though Harris was absent for some time it is a fact that he had no other residence than his homestead, and that this was sufficient compliance with the law and that patent should issue.

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Some stores sell Cleveland baking powder in pound cans at 50 cents, we at **40C**; in 3 pound cans at 1.25, we sell them at **\$1.00.** The Wadco baking powder sells by us in pound can at **25C** five pounds for **\$1.00.**

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