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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 FEB. 18, 1910

Miss Lola Martin arrived home from Portland on the 11th.

Mrs. C. L. Montgomery arrived home from Portland on the 10th.

T. C. Reese, of the Monkland region, was a Moro visitor Tuesday.

Miss Jennie Watkins is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Bayard, at The Dalles.

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

O. W. Ramsey of this city, is doing some carpenter work in our sister city Wasco.

Mrs. Mitchell and son returned to Spokane on the 13th with her father, Mr. G. O. Foss.

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

Get a pair of those wool-napped blankets at the Moro Commercial Companies. Like wool, at 1/3d the cost.

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

Mrs. Blanche Landingham returned home Saturday after a very pleasant visit to different parts of the Willamette valley.

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

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.

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 Cora Dougherty returned to her home at Kent after a short visit with Mrs. Wallan and family while attending the teacher's examination.

Boardman school resumed its studies Wednesday on a continuation of the past term and four months of spring and summer. Miss Bayley teacher.

The play last night at the Opera House was first class, so everyone who was there says, hence you'll miss a good thing if you fail to attend this (Friday) evening.

Born: To Mr and Mrs James W. Cochran, the afternoon of February 12th, a son.

Codfish in bricks, clean, wholesome, best on the coast, at Moro Commercial Company's.

James Stewart, Sherman county stock inspector, has been on the serious sick list, but will soon be out again.

Nobody talks resowing yet, and we confidently believe there will be nothing of the sort in Sherman county this spring.

The Rebecca lodge having the larger number of votes was awarded the piano by Moro Commercial Co. on the 15th.

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

The Dorcas Society has ordered the paint and the contract will soon be let for the painting of the Presbyterian church and parsonage.

Mr. McGilvrey one of the G. O. Foss & Co employees in Moro, has been a sufferer from the dreadful pneumonia, but is now considered out of danger.

Mrs. Eathel Hulse of Portland came up to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Cora-Davis-Russell, and stopped over a day or two with her brother in Moro.

The Moro Hardware and Implement Company are better prepared this spring than ever before, to take care of your needs for anything in their line. Try them and see.

O. L. Belshee last week received three 4-disc plows from the Moro Hardware and Implement Co., that had been secured by special order from the manufacturers for his farm work.

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.

Our Rufus friends need have no fears that the cement company options on hard-pan mines will expire. The company has too good a thing to throw it up. The factory should have been located at Rufus, however.

The Moro Hardware and Implement Company has a three disc plow for H. W. Strong, and two 16-hoe 7-inch Superior drills for Martin Hansen, on their special order book for delivery next week. Better put in your order for that new machinery while it can be had quickly.

Sheriff Freeman has this week sent out over 1,800 Valentines, to different Sherman county taxpayers, notifying them to call and square their accounts. Something over \$90,000 is to be collected this year for state, county, incorporated towns and special tax.

Clarence Skinner has purchased the residence property lying between the E. E. Barnum and John Tomkins properties on South Main street, this city. The property has a depth of several hundred feet running from the street to within a short distance of the railroad.

Five sets of new leather harness sold within a few days of each demonstrates that spring will soon be with us, and that the last one to order may not get exactly what he wants. Louis Heydt sold two sets to J. E. Blue, two sets to L. H. Martin, and one set to J. O. Elliott.

Masquerade Ball, 22d.

A Grand Masquerade Ball will be given at Rudoff Opera House in this city, Washington's birthday, Tuesday evening February 22d, with a turkey supper at the Cottage Hotel. Music by Moro Orchestra, Barzee, Axtell & Hulse. Suitable prizes will be given for the best sustained characters, lady and gent; also, for the best waltzing, lady and gent. Get the spirit and come. There's a good time awaiting you.

When Washington Crossed the Ford.

By GERALD PRIME.

Will you ride with me, Betty, down to the ford?
Dear, a hero is passing, so say but the word
And White Eagle shall bear us both swiftly, my lass,
To the spot which the patriot army must pass.



Yes; I'll ride with you, Ethan, down to the ford
To see our brave leader in top boots and sword.
A figure majestic, his great victory won—
My hero forever, the dear Washington!

Ellsworth Woods, formerly of Moro, but now farming near Enterprise in Wallawa county recently saved his railroad fare by buying in Moro. The Moro Hardware and Implement Co. sold him a 16-hoe 7-inch Superior drill at a saving of \$25 over the Wallawa county price.

Charley Powell and family returned from California on the 11th after a jaunt of five weeks. Charley expresses himself as having had a good time, but does not believe that California is far superior to Sherman county as a place for permanent residence, so is glad to be at home again.

At Moro Masonic hall Tuesday evening, Mr and Mrs Berrian, Mr and Mrs Cushman, Mr and Mrs Umberger and Mr and Mrs Wm Morrison, jointly entertained at whist. Eleven tables were seated. Refreshments were served. Mrs L. Barnum won ladies first prize and Mrs Urquhart 2d; Mr Barzee won gentlemen's first prize, and Mr Meloy 2d.

W. O. Hadley, formerly of this city, has formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Fred Clark the popular jeweler and optician of Dalles City, and will make that city his future home.

Roy Benson has purchased the George E. James residence property in this city. This will make Roy a good home property, and at the same time is eligible for a renter, should he wish to put it on the market as such.

Reported from the Office.

The waste basket is the office bully—always ready for a scrap. The blotter is frequently blue; but when employed it finds its work absorbing.

The ink is often disturbed and looks black; it is not very sociable, but occasionally drops in on the ledger.

The eraser is keen at its work; yet it never does so well as when it has an edge on.

The stamps are on the square, and always stick closely to whatever the boss puts them on.

The pencil is a bit of a stick, has many dull moments, but is all write when kept to the point.

The mucilage is sort of stuck up altogether different from the calendar, which is much prettier and is always ready to furnish you with a date.

The pen is kept up to the scratch. No wonder it is so soon worn out, for it is hard pushed during office hours, and kept on the rack all the rest of the time.

Lincoln and Washington Anniversaries.

The anniversary of Lincoln's birth is not a legal holiday, but many years ago congress made the anniversary of the birth of George Washington a legal holiday. Next Tuesday the 22d, will be the 178th. In the schools and in a few societies exercises will be held commemorative of his birth and life, and it is well that it should be so, well for us to have this day set apart that it should be taught to the youth of today what his life and character meant to us as a nation. We can never be greater than our ideals, and if our boys and girls can have their minds filled with the noble aims and endeavors of the father of his country, the day will not have been spent in vain.

A NATION PAYS TRIBUTE

By Arthur J. Burdick

Here, standing on the pinnacle Success,
Strut in our might and of achievement proud,
Leader in world affairs and hearing now
The chorus of the nations' plaudits loud,
We, champion of liberty and right,
We, pilot on the path to Progress' goal,
Pledge on this day to proudly point to one
Whose name is graven upon Fame's great scroll.

Son of the sacred land that he so blessed,
Her needs he learned to know in early youth,
He drew the breath of freedom from her air
And lived to make her free in very truth,
With faith in man and God, he faith inspired,
And led his armies by the bonds of love,
He drew his courage from a righteous cause,
He owned no master save the King above.

Great he in war, but greater still in peace,
He ruled with gentle, tender, guiding hand,
He firmly laid upon the rock of right
Foundation of a mighty structure grand,
And not alone this nation did he bless,
For not a nation hides beneath the sun
That hath not more of hope and blessed cheer
Because he lived, our brave George Washington.

ENDURANCE SKATING RACE.

Five Contestants at Rudoff Rink make A Spirited Effort for the Prize.

Last Saturday evening Rudoff Skating Rink drew all the skating people of this vicinity, as well as some from neighboring cities, to witness the contest for a purse hung up by Mr Rudoff for the most laps around the rink made by any skater within 20 minutes. Up to 9 o'clock the floor was given up to regular patrons of the sport who cared to skate.

At 9 o'clock the floor was cleared of all but the contestants. Three judges, Dr. O. J. Goffin, C. L. Ireland and Attorney J. A. Wilson, were appointed from among the spectators. Four chairs were placed at the four sides of the rink, each occupied by a human anchor, to help the contestants hold the course; and then the race was on.

The contest was divided into two sections, one raced after the other, so that less liability of accident might occur. Three started in the first, of which Bern Coe won, by a record of 142 laps within the 20 minutes allowed. In his 21st lap in this race, Clare Axtell collided with the wall and had to withdraw. Irving Kunsman entering in his place. Kunsman was easily the star skater of the evening, making 135 laps during the time he was on the floor, but not skating the entire 20 minutes was not 'in' the race. In his work of cutting ahead of his opponents, and then doing so again, showed good generalship and the spectators roundly applauded him on several occasions.

The second part of the race was between Ed Tomlin and Joe Rutledge. Ed winning this race, and also the main event, by a total of 171 1/2 laps during the 20 minutes. Soon after the race began Ed gained a half lap on Rutledge, but there he was blocked by the generalship of Joe, who did not propose to give Ed the lead unless it was won by hard work. Lap after lap was made with the two only about three feet apart, until the 51st lap, when Tomlin passed Rutledge, but only to lose it within half a lap, more by reason of being unable to turn short enough to hold the inside position after a burst of speed to secure the lead. Several times Tomlin passed Rutledge, only to lose the lead, and each time the effort was greeted by cheers from the spectators who filled the gallery, stage and orchestra space. On the 86th lap Rutledge dropped out, leaving the floor to Tomlin, who proceeded to roll up a record of several fast laps, finally winning with a margin of 29 1/2 laps.

"See that measuring worm crawling up my skirt?" cried Mrs. Bjens, that's a sign I'm going to have a new dress. "Well, let him make it for you, growled Bjens; and while he's about it have him send a hook worm to do you up the back—I'm tired of the job."

Arthur Phillips was up from the John Day last week on business. He says that everything is booming in that vicinity and last month the river was the biggest boomer of all. When the ice went out it nearly took the river out with it. From shore to shore ice banked up to overflowing and moved in a seething, grinding mass like a huge monster with living power.

THE DORCAS ENTERTAINS

In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. James Who This Week Left for Eugene.

Friday evening, February 11th, the members of the Dorcas society, connected with Moro Presbyterian church, held an informal social entertainment at the home of Mr and Mrs N. P. Hansen in honor of the departure this week of G. E. James and family for their new home at Eugene. Over thirty were present; the evening passed quickly with conversation and the taxing of wits over the guessing of names of flowers, from pertinent questions pinned to the wall, curtains, etc. Refreshments consisting of coffee, several kinds of cake and ribbon ice cream were served. After which Rev Mr Adams voiced the thoughts of all present when he spoke for several minutes of the approaching departure from Moro of a family that has been identified with the growth of our Sherman county, especially Moro and more particularly the Presbyterian church, for several years, among other remarks of Mr Adams were that "some people were born with a talent for teaching, or preaching, others a talent for writing, while others a talent for music; and the family who are so soon to go to a new home have the musical talent to a large degree and have used it at all convenient occasions for the betterment of the Presbyterian church at Moro." At the close of Mr Adams' remarks Mrs Wallan presided at the piano, rendering selections. The company dispersed soon after to their several homes.

CHICKENS WITH A PROFIT.

Something More as to the Ability of The Hen to Pay off Mortgages.

To The Observer.]
While I was reading The Oregonian this morning I came across an article copied from The Moro Observer, in which the writer was giving the egg record of his flock of 43 Banded Plymouth Rocks for January, at the close of which he asks: Can any bunch of hens in the county beat this record?

Of course this is not in that county, but as I have the Banded Plymouth Rocks, and a flock so near the same size, I thought I would like to give the record of my flock of 40 pullets for December and also for January:

Eggs sold in December, 45 dozen	\$30.00
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Eggs set in January 94	13.12
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Total	\$43.12
Cost of feed for two months	12.00
Profit for two months	\$31.12

Besides this there were eggs used at the house that no account was taken of. I will say that I am getting 20 eggs a day or more now, and I have six hens setting. My largest record a day is 28 eggs Feb. 10th. I think that is doing pretty well for 40 hens.

Ray Tarbell, Yankton, Or.
So it is Mr Tarbell. Your location is somewhat more favorable compared with this, this season however. So far none of our pullets show any disposition to set.

Joseph M. Eddy writes that he has a flock of 16 Brown Leghorns that have the run of 1,200 acres and "they try to cover it all." He feeds them table scraps, and wheat scattered in 18 inches of straw. In December they averaged from one to 8 eggs per day, seldom as low as one. In January the 16 chickens averaged 2 to 10 eggs per day with 13 two days in succession. But five of the flock are old hens, the rest are pullets, hatched last July. The percent of egg production per hen per month is certainly good.

February is nearly over; let us have a report the first week in March from all who have kept accurate record. This will stimulate your neighbor to think that "there is something in eggs."

Our Rufus correspondent says the O. R. & N. Co. have 60 men at work there "laying steel." If they do as well proportionately as The Observer bunch of Banded Plymouth Rock hens, the O. R. & N. Co. will soon have no further use for the United States Steel Corporation.

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