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FRIDAY FEB. 25, 1910

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

Spokane authorities have put a kibosh on the planting of poplar trees in that city. Now it's unpopular to do so any more.

Erskineville school district are laying plans and figuring on a new school house next fall of modern, up to date construction.

We hear that \$1,400 has been subscribed to help out the Development league. This is making good for the near future.

Cowlitz river is running full of smelt. That should make the fish plentiful and cheap in inland Empire markets—but does it?

The crankiest thing to crank is the engine crank of an auto. One flew back in Pendleton a few days ago, breaking an arm for Dr McFaul.

That jury sized up Mr Hermann as 11 parts guilty to one part innocent; and innocence triumphed over guilt. It was a Heeney jury all right.

Mrs Deems, one of the very popular teachers well known in parts of Sherman county where she has been employed, has taken the Erskineville school.

Another flour famine confronts Prineville, owing to the mill being temporarily out of commission, and merchants are limiting sales to prevent a corner on the market.

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.

Chas A Hunt, The Dalles man embezzled \$217.50 of I. O. O. F. Employment funds, plead guilty, and Judge Bradshaw gave him a job in Salem where he will not be tempted to steal for 2 years at least.

The Busy Bee Restaurant, Main street, opposite Mitchell & Foss, opened for business last week, 14 guests being there over Sunday. The dining hall has been repainted and up stairs several hundred dollars has been expended for new furniture, etc. See advertisement and cards.

Subscribe for The Observer.

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

J P Strahl left for Puget Sound Wednesday where he has a contract to build a house for his brother-in-law, R M Brash.

Farmers' Unions are becoming more frequent and popular in the Inland Empire after many years experience without them.

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.

We can't just make out whether winter simply has had a relapse, or whether this is some of the present winter that hadn't been unboxed, or is a slice of next winter that the weather man touched off too soon.

An operator at a Kansas railway station let a train go by that should have been side tracked. He phoned a farmer and had him flag the train thus preventing a wreck. The faster we build rural phone lines the better.

Road builders claim that sage brush is valuable for making good roads; that it is readily crushed into pulp, and forms a perfect mat. Mixing with the earth it becomes firm, dustless and noiseless, and gives promise of long wear.

Everything is now all right with the Experiment Farm Station at Moro, the deeds to the land from the county to the state have been properly executed and signed removing all obstacles to commencement of the work in hand by Mr Umberger.

Just the same our advice is that you send in that order for flower and garden seeds. It's nearly time to get out the spade and hoe; don't wait for the mellow days that are nigh; for the roads that will soon be dusty; nor the back-yard smell that'll soon be thick and brown and musty.

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.

Mrs Helen Phelps, of Lebanon, gives The Oregonian her experience with hens, saying: "If this published I may write again," to which The Oregonian answers: "Write again, by all means; we would rather hear from you and your hens' doings, than all the poets and poetesses in Oregon."

The Mitchell Sentinel has found out that the early bird story of catching the worm, is a chestnut; that the early bird did catch the worm all right, but the early cat caught the bird, and the early dog caught the cat, and the early dog catcher caught the dog; so there you are. What's the use of getting up early? It don't pay.

Well, the Hay Creek rancho of 26,000 acres of the best land near Madras-Shaniko, has been sold, including bank, store, stock, etc., everything excepting the sheep, the bone of contention which started the break up. A Portland syndicate is the purchaser at \$400,000, who will plat the land into tracts suitable for homeseekers in search of small farms. Jack will get rid of the sheep in some way.

It is reported that a Seattle man, through a 3-inch glass has located Halley's comet, and people are very much excited over it, yet it is said there are over 100 "observatories" in the city where, by frequent looking through small glasses one is able to see whole flocks of comets.

We have the prettiest, most artistic, neatest, assortment of St. Patrick day postal cards. Every body uses them, they don't have to be sent to an Irishman to be appropriately used. Observer Book Store.

All whose acquaintance extended to Dr H R Littlefield, father of our former townsman Hon E V Littlefield, will be sad at hearing that the good old man died in Portland last week, though death was expected, as he has long been an invalid. With hosts of friends we extend sympathies to the sorrowing family.

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.

Oil escaping from tanks of the fuel folks at Megler is a menace to fish in the lower Columbia. In draining the tanks, in which there is more or less water, to make sure that all the water has been drained, frequently 5 to 20 barrels of oil are allowed to run into the river. This kills the young hatchery fish on their way to the sea.

The Budget says the difference of this winter's climate at Astoria, and south along Clatsop plains and in the vicinity of Seaside, has been quite noticeable. They have had almost continuous east winds at Astoria where is now no sign of vegetation, while at Clatsop and Seaside south winds have prevailed and as a result the trees and flowers are beginning to bud, and are well advanced for spring.

Up DesChutes river, where two railways are being pushed to completion, the builders have decided that the abundance of lava rock is just the stuff to make a finished ballast, nature seems to have prepared it for the purpose; all there is to do is to have a steam shovel scoop up the half disintegrated rock and dump it into cars which carry it to the point where it is to be used. There is enough of it to ballast every mile of track in the Inland Empire, and this is the first time that any practical use has been found for lava.

That was the tail of a Chyenne blizzard that swopped down upon us unannounced last Friday covering the earth with the beautiful of beautiful snow, affording three nice days for getting around with sleighs. The anniversary of the birth day of George Washington was a cracker jack as predicted in The Old Reliable last week, preceded by a cold wave from noon on Monday. We'd like to do it, but under present circumstances we cannot predict any descent Oregon weather for a month. This is bad for stock men with whom feed is short, and farmers who want to be seeding—but Jim Hill couldn't change the program.

It's a cold day now when it don't snow some.

Mr and Mrs H S McDanel are visiting in Portland.

Mr and Mrs P C Axell returned home from Portland Monday.

Mrs Fred Hennagin left for the Rose city Wednesday on a visit.

The storm which we enjoyed on Washington's birthday came from Alberta.

Chas Poole made a flying trip to The Dalles last Monday on business.

Louis Heydt has sold an extra nice set of heavy team harness to Star Ruggles.

Judge Fulton is now the owner of one of the best automobiles in Sherman county, a fine 50 h. p.

EW Lewis, Otto Peetz and All Barnum were attending to business at The Dalles land office on the 24th.

All trains on LaGrande division O R & N Co, were stopped by snow Monday. At Kamela "the beautiful" was nine feet deep.

J F Foss and Mrs Jas Mitchell left for Athena on the 18th to meet an uncle from the east who is traveling to California for his health.

The Oldfield Big Four Comedy Company played to a crowded house Thursday; judged by the applause and encores demanded they easily made good.

Didn't Old Sol come out and show his bright colors nicely tho', for about 20 minutes Wednesday afternoon? You'd just aught to have seen the elegant display.

The Dalles Business Men's Association will give a banquet at the new hotel March 1st, at which the name selected for the magnificent caravansary will be announced.

Laura Ada, the 12 year old daughter of Mr and Mrs Wm Walker of Wasco, died at The Dalles hospital Saturday of acute nephritis. Funeral and interment at Wasco.

Elwood Thompson was in the city last week from Trout Lake. Grandpa Thompson arrived there safely, and was feeling pretty well considering his crippled condition.

Mr and Mrs Robert Urquhart, Mr and Mrs F G Messinger, Mr and Mrs E E Barnum and Mr and Mrs L H Martin, jointly entertained at whist in Masonic hall Wednesday evening.

Little Carol Hunter of Iowa remembered his brother Lee, "way out here in Oregon," on the 14th, by sending him an alarm clock Valentine with this sentiment: "Wake up, and show signs of life." For a 4-year old boy Carol is certainly up-to-date.

Mr and Mrs Reed Hulse are in a position now to entertain, and will be pleased to have Sherman county people call upon them at The Oaks Restaurant, 709 Washington street, Vancouver, Wash., their place of business, where they serve the best meal in the city for the price.

Two St Louis girls have leprosy in its most aggravated form, from wearing false hair and "rats," supposed to have been hair originally worn by Chinamen, and brought to this country and dyed over long after the Chinamen had died. The girls are strongly guarded in a St. Louis sanitarium.

Smokeless fire, which will send a 20,000 ton ship across the Atlantic for \$12, it is claimed, is the newest successor of wireless telegraphy, fireless cookers and other inventions which contradict the well established terms of science. It can be adapted to present engine rooms, and steamers need no smokestacks. It comes just in time to settle draw bridge disputes in the Rose city.

Mrs Nellie-Rose-Hulse went to Parma, Idaho, accompanied by her father on the 19th. Mrs J O Elrod came up from Portland and aided to make the invalid comfortable to The Dalles, and into the Pullman for the journey. Roy will be lonely at home now for a time, but when Mrs H comes back strong and hearty, as we all hope may be the case, there will be more than legions to welcome and congratulate this popular young couple.

Hotel de Cross-Bar, J C McKean Manager, has quite a spurt of trade this week, there being four stage boarders since Graham's departure for Mabton "to visit friends." Joe York, Jim Payne, Fred Henderson and one Fields, all arrested on charges of stealing from a pair of boots to a band of beef cattle. District Attorney Burdett came over from Arlington and gave the offenders a hearing on the 23d before Justice Buxton, resulting in the holding of Payne, Henderson and York in bonds of \$1,000 each.

Money Owng Farmers.

A very interesting statement showing the growth of deposits in Missouri banks during recent years has just been made by John E. Swanger. According to the figures there is now enough money on deposit in Missouri banking institutions to give to each man, woman and child in the state \$140 in cash. This is the highest per capita deposit ever made in the state. Of the \$429,962,000 now on deposit in the entire state, \$177,740,000 is deposited in banks and trust companies of St. Louis, Kansas city and St. Joseph, the three largest cities in Missouri. The remainder, or \$252,222,000 is deposited in rural towns of the state, showing a large majority of ready cash is owned by farmers and those who deal directly with them. The greatest source of income in Missouri is from agricultural pursuits.

Married.

At the Busy Bee Restaurant parlors in Moro, Monday afternoon, February 21st, 1910, by Rev John Tonkins, Miss Josephine Goff and Fred H Ladd, both of Portland. Mr Ladd is one of the contractors employees, on DesChutes Railway, and will make their home in Grass Valley.

Wheat and Stock Farm for Rent.

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Fourteen Red Breasted Robins.

A pair of red breasted Robins showed up in Moro Tuesday, and in spite of wind and weather so much enjoyed themselves that they returned the next morning with 12 more Robins. They presented a very handsome picture at Wm Morison's residence, hopping on the porch and perching in the shrubbery, chirping for their breakfast. The Old Man talked to them a few minutes, then awakened the family inside, when William came to the door promising to feed them when the whole flock of 14 birds met in the bare branches of a tall tree by the walk, and thanked us for the favor. People who do not believe that dumb creatures are our companions, may smile derisively at this little story, nevertheless it is true.

We are blowing about our Easter post cards. Easter this year is March 27th. We also have dyes, the harmless kind, for coloring eggs, 5 cents a package; try them for the children. The Observer Book Store.

Washington's Birthday Masquerade.

The masquerade ball at Rudolf hall Tuesday night was the best for several seasons; all joined in having a good time. Music was good, floor in trim, and space crowded with masquerade dancers. H S McDanel, I D Pike and J L Barnum judges, awarded prizes to Miss Blanche Wilson and Ed Tomlin as best waltzers, and to John Bull (W A Mitchell), and to Spanish Dancing Girl (Miss Ruth Thompson), for best sustained characters.

The dining hall of the Cottage Hotel was handsomely decorated in patriotic colors, emblematic of the day. The supper was highly enjoyed by all who were so fortunate as to be able to participate.

The Roar of the Mob.

Have you ever heard the roar of the mob in pursuit of a human being? The yelp of the wolf, the horrid laugh of the hyena, the defiant growl of the tiger, the deep growl of the bear, the howling of the dog—all as music that is sweet when compared to the wild cry of the mob in pursuit of human prey. All the finer virtues of man's mind and soul are washed out in the lust for the blood of a brother. Reason is dethroned by insanity.

These are the conditions now at Cairo, Ill., with Philadelphia, Pa., a close second. The Cairo scenes exhibit the fierce joy in hunting a fellow creature in mob formation; and, which is perhaps more appalling, it incurs no individual risks; there is always safety in numbers. Though soulless the mob feels the call of manifest destiny, and puts itself in the role of an avenging angel when safety in numbers is assured. A mob charges the jail and batters down doors because it is a mob and is ruled by savagery. It drags forth the helpless victim to death because of its thirst for blood.

Snowing.

Feathering the willows, Drifting in the hedges, Piling downy pillows On the mountain ledges. Bordering the streamlet Where the sedges shiver, Waiting on the dreamlet To the drowsy river; Weaving robes of ermine For the perished roses, Soft as couch of merman, When the deep reposes; Speaking in a whisper Mystical and olden, Silver-throated lisper With a language golden; Smoothing out the wrinkles, In the cemetery, Laughing where the tinkles Of the bells are merry; Dancing like a fairy, Vanishing, returning, Till the spirits airy Set the woods a-yearning.

Destroying Rats.

Many devices have been recommended for driving rats from premises. Some are based on superstitions, but it must be remembered that nothing is gained when they are simply driven from one place to another. Their destruction must be sure and complete. Traps are good, but the rats are so cunning that after a few are caught the others seem to understand and stay away. To destroy rats, each evening when the cows are milked, place a little fresh milk in shallow pans around where the rats can get it. Keep this up for a week until they get bold and impatient for it. Then mix arsenic in the milk and await results. It will kill every rat that likes milk and that means almost every one.

Vote of Thanks.

The officers and members of Lupine Rebekah lodge 116, I. O. O. F. Moro, hereby tender a vote of thanks to all their friends and neighbors who so kindly favored them with their votes, and made it possible for them to obtain the beautiful piano given away by the Moro Commercial Co. Mrs. EVA RUDOLF, N. G. Mrs. DON WHEAT, Secretary.

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