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The Observer

MORO, SHERMAN CO., OREGON:
FRIDAY, December 8, 1911

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

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 evenings monthly. By order of Mrs. Anna Moore, W. M.

Moro Lodge, No. 113.
I. O. O. F. Moro, Or.
Meeting every Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us. By order of W. M. G. E. LEWELLEN, N. G.
W. M. HENRICH, Secy.

Bazaar day, December 16th.
Try the Observer \$1.50 a year.
Birthday Postal Cards at The Observer Book Store.
Small pencils, with cord attached, at The Observer Book Store.
School books and school supplies at The Observer Book Store.
P. H. Buxton has taken the agency of E. Peoples' Funeral supplies, at Moro.

That's an odd thing about flatery: it makes everybody sick, except those who swallow it.

Christmas cards, the best line in Oregon, 2-for-5, or 25 cts a dozen, at The Observer Book Store.

The sauer kraut supply is said to have been cornered; get ready fellow-sufferers, to take off your hats to the sauer-kraut king.

The flouring mill at Bend will begin work next Monday producing 150 barrels per day, which will find ready sale in local markets.

The Moro Commercial Co. has on display an entire new line of fancy China ware, to which the attention of Christmas shoppers is called.

A bachelor's club down in Arizona has offered to marry 250 California widows; surely we must be living in an age when gallantry is practical.

Holes for planting trees are now cheaply dug with dynamite; the statement that worms are incidentally killed will be accepted without further evidence.

Christmas (December) Magazines, Pacific Monthly, Cavalier, Argosy, Scrap Book, Munsey, Railroad, etc., are now on sale at The Observer Book Store.

The weather is just fine for the concrete culvert work W. A. Raymond is doing for the county in the vicinity of Wasco. The first culvert finished was 8x20 long.

DeMoss Springs Letter.

Mrs T E Epplert of Tillamook is staying with Mr and Mrs Alex Hunter this winter; she comes here for the benefit of her health.

George DeMoss is in Portland on business.

Miss Winnie Epplert, who came from the coast with her mother, is one of the teachers in Tillamook county schools.

"Let 'er buck," to use the drawing Pendleton card. Ed Larkin is helping Alex Hunter to break a colt; and they are having a jolly good time at it.

N P Gleason purchased four more horses recently.

Geo Davis thinks of moving to DeMoss Springs. Watch DeMoss grow.

Geo Haskell is going into the hog business here.

Charles Davis is the proud father of a new boy.

Bargains in Holiday Merchandise.
At the Moro Commercial Co.:
A few pieces of cut glass, offered at cut rate, to close out.
Ladies' and childrens' knit goods sweaters, scarfs, shawls, at bargains.
Childrens' bear skin coats, different qualities, at remarkably low prices.
Ladies' furs, specially priced, at from \$1.50 to \$10.
Ladies' and childrens' coats; different qualities and prices.
Mens' and boys' overcoats, and boys' suits at reduced prices at the Moro Commercial Co's.

Teachers' Examinations.
Notice is hereby given that the County School Superintendent of Sherman county will hold the regular examination for applicants for state and county papers at the Court house in Moro, Oregon, as follows:
FOR STATE PAPERS.
Commencing Wednesday, December 20 at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, December 23, at 4 p. m.
Wednesday forenoon—Writing, U. S. History, Physiology.
Wednesday afternoon—Physical Geography, Reading, Composition, Methods in Reading, Methods in Arithmetic.
Thursday forenoon—Arithmetic, Civil Government, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography.
Thursday afternoon—Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Physics, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.
Friday forenoon—Theory and Practice, Orthography, English Literature.
Friday afternoon—School Law, Botany, Algebra.
Saturday forenoon—Geometry, Geology.
Saturday afternoon—General History, Book-keeping.

The Subjects for These for primary papers for teachers' examinations are: Nature Study, Reading in Primary Grades and Book Work. Applicants will have from this date until the December examination to look up materials for their theses.

W. C. BRYANT,
School Superintendent.

Choked to Death
Is commonly said of babies who have died of the croup; how unnecessary this is. No child ever had the croup without having a cough or cold at the start; if you will stop the first symptom of the cough with Ballard's Horehound Syrup there is no danger whatever of croup. Sold by Moro Pharmacy.

LETTER FROM KENT.

Opponent of Tri County Lemonade Advises Attention to Neglected Farm Products.

Kent, Or. Dec. 2d.—[To The Observer]. Referring to your article entitled: "A Lemon Handed this County," beg leave to say that we think you hit the spot and the sooner the people of Sherman county come to realize this the better. The writer was appointed as one of the committee for Sherman county on "fair," but not being in sympathy with the proposed tri-county move, declined to serve on the committee, and so advised Mr Chapman as well as Mr Shanks. We are of the opinion that "fairs" are not, as a rule, such an important factor in demonstrating to the average farmer the best means for obtaining a given result. The great majority of farmers want to be "misunderstood," when it comes to fat cows and hogs, the best conditioned horses, poultry, and other products of the farm. The best way, to my mind, to convince Sherman county farmers of the error of their ways is to "show" them how to obtain a given result, and at what cost. You cannot do this with and through the workings of a "tri-county fair."

We believe in each county loyally supporting its own fair, and demonstration farms, if they have them, and where possible transfer exhibits from one county to another. We think Mr Strong, of Moro vicinity, Barnum Brothers, and others have learned the right idea, viz.: fence the farm with hog wire fence, raise a few hogs, sheep and goats, not overlooking poultry; yes, and potatoes. Many thousands of dollars are sent out of the county annually, for bacon and lard, which is sold to farmers without profit to the merchant; potatoes are also shipped into the county, and butter as well, for the farmer. It should be just the other way round. Reverse things: the farmer should be able to supply all demand for butter, potatoes, ham, bacon and lard, and should be able to ship out of the county goodly shipments of sheep, hogs, and cattle for outside consumption. Sherman county can do this by properly fencing the land; each farming less land, raising more hogs and less foul weeds.

In conclusion will say that "lemons are all right in their place, but when mixed up in a 'tri-county fair' with the John Day river hills for a paddle they are no good but a poor investment for Sherman county farmers.

Very truly yours,
LOUIS J. GATES.

California Wants O. A. C. Men.

A J Cook, horticultural commissioner of California, has written Dean A B Cordley of the Oregon Agricultural College, asking him to recommend two men for assistants in the commission; one to act in the insectary, as assistant, with a salary of \$1,800 per annum, the other as field deputy at a like rate per annum with expenses, to travel through Mexico, Tahito, and like districts, collecting and breeding predaceous and parasitic insects for economic studies.

Sherman County Abstract Co., the only complete set of abstract books in the county.

Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach. Take Chamberlain's Tablets and correct that and the headaches will disappear. For sale by all dealers.

REPORT OF SHERMAN Co. SCHOOLS
Month Ending December 1, 1911.

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.

School District number	Enrollment	Number days taught	Total number days absence	Total number times absent	Total number times absent not late	Per cent of attendance	Visits by parents	Visits by school board
1 Bigelow	16	18	14	45	1	94.7	0	0
2 Brock	6	19	1	0	0	100	0	0
3 Rufus	30	18	12	5	5	96.3	1	1
5 Locust Grove	19	18	34	18	4	90.8	0	0
6 China Hollow	111	18	66	13	73	96.5	5	0
7 Wasco	51	19	57	12	28	94.1	12	6
9 Kent	11	18	4	0	0	100	0	0
10 Webfoot	11	18	4	0	0	100	0	0
11 Fredberg	15	19	1	4	11	99.2	3	0
12 Sherris Bridge	9	18	0	0	0	100	0	0
13 DeMoss	17	18	26	19	3	90.7	0	0
16 Erskville	9	18	46	13	50	96.3	0	0
17 Moro	11	19	25	13	1	84.8	1	0
19 Monklund	12	19	12	5	0	93.2	0	0
20 Upper Hay Canyon	5	19	2	4	3	98	0	0
21 Fairview	9	19	7	14	6	95.3	0	0
22 Boardman	19	19	12	3	4	97.7	2	1
23 Grass Valley	14	19	16	31	3	91.9	1	0
24 Rutledge	27	19	23	0	0	95.4	0	0
25 German Settlement	10	18	33	7	0	79	0	0
26 Michigan	3	19	2	0	1	93.3	0	0
27 John Day	3	19	2	0	1	93.3	0	0
28 Blue School House	11	19	2	11	4	96.5	7	3
29 Wilcox	17	18	26	19	3	90.7	0	0
30 Klondike	5	18	14	3	2	81.8	1	1
31 Biggs	19	19	15	6	8	95.1	0	0
32 Rosebush	9	19	15	1	1	93.8	2	0
33 Buckley	7	19	17	7	2	86.1	1	0
35 Double Point	11	19	4	2	7	98	1	0
44 Early	11	19	4	2	7	98	1	0

School not in session this month. † Report incorrect. ‡ Teacher failed to report.

Teachers' Institute and Dedication.

Superintendent W C Bryant has arranged for a local Teachers' Institute and school board convention to be held at Moro, Saturday December 16th, in connection with the dedication exercises of the new Moro high school.

Supt R F Robinson of Multnomah county, will be present to assist in the exercises during the day, and also deliver a lecture in the evening; a pleasant and profitable time is anticipated, and all interested in school work are invited to attend these exercises.

Inland Empire Coming Conditions.

"Why can't I get my number?" demanded a prominent citizen of Canyon city.

"Line's busy," replied the telephone girl at Fossil.

"I don't believe it."

"Well, it's so, just the same; a squad of cow boys have borrowed it to hang a cattle thief with."

Just a Plain Clothes Trusty.

A man who has been carrying cash to the sub-treasury in Wall street for 57 years, sometimes in batches of greenbacks amounting to \$6,000,000, has just been given "a gold watch and chain" for faithful services. In that time he has seen a good many men handle millions who haven't come out so far ahead in the game, tho they have got more experience.

Moro Public School Report.

For the month ending December 1, 1911.

Enrollment—
Primary Grades, Miss McConnell teacher
Boys 9, girls 6, total 15

Primary Grades
Whole No days attendance 300
" absence 5
" times late 7

" pupils neither absent nor late 293
Forrest Benson, Frances Anderson, Cora Stewart, Marguerite Foss, Beanie Mortensen, Leland Wallan, Hecoo Moore, Maurine Dumas, Raymond Hadley.

Intermediate Grades, Miss Taylor, teacher
Boys 13, girls 11, total 24

Intermediate Grades—
Whole No days attendance 430
" absence 3
" times late 0

" pupils neither absent nor late 427
Telva Martin, Iris Messinger, Beanie Anderson, Lenora Ramsey, Thelma Borton, Greta Freeman, Jessie Hoskinson, Alida Dumas, Evelyn Bagedale, Myrtle Sheets, Lee Stewart, Collis Moore, Chester Anderson, Harold Rholl, Aerialis Dumas, Oberardus Dumas, Raymond Henrichs, Asa Blue, Luke Johnston, Otis Messinger, Ray Messinger, Laurel Tomlin.

Grammar Grades, Miss Johnson, teacher
Boys 12, girls 11, total 23

Grammar Grades—
Whole No days attendance 383
" absence 22
" times late 1

" pupils neither absent nor late 361
Neil Freeman, Harry Horner, Carol Sayre, Wilma Henrichs, Jacob Dumas, Arlene Barnum, Neta Martin, Lela Barnum, Esther Cushman, Mary Kinnaman, Violet Messinger, Alvie Mortensen.

High School, F E Fagan, teacher
Boys 1, girls 1, total 2

High School—
Whole No days attendance 271
" absence 17
" times late 5

" pupils neither absent nor late 254
Lois Messinger, Nina Beary, Vivian Strong, George Hansen, Elmer Barzer, Maria Dumas, Virgil Cushman.

Summary for all the Grades—
No. days taught 18, holidays 2.
Whole No. pupils enrolled 79
Whole No days attendance 1344
" absence 46
" times late 13

" pupils neither absent nor late 1288
Average No pupils belonging 77.2
Average daily attendance 74.6
Percent of attendance 96.6

No visits by parents 0
" members school board 0
F. E. FAGAN, Principal.

New Line of Floor Rugs

Axminster, Velvet, and Smyrna in size 27x54 and 36x72 inches

If the Christmas Season passes without some token be exchanged between friends and relatives the ensuing year will start wrong for most of us. We call attention to our merchandise for gifts for the home

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