

Eureka Lodge No. 121.
A. F. & A. M. aux. 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. FARR, Secretary.

Bethlehem Chapter
No. 78 O. E. S.
Regular communication
each 2d and 4th Thursday
evening monthly.
F. E. FORTNER.

Moro Lodge, No. 113,
I. O. O. F. Moro, Or.
Meeting every Saturday
evening at 7:30 o'clock.
Visiting members are cor-
dially invited. Members
expected to be present.
HENRY ROGUE, Noble Grand.
F. E. FAGAN, Secretary.



Advertise in the Observer.

Try the famous Sunday dinner
at the Hotel Moro.

Mrs. Ann Belshee is visiting at
the home of her son, O. L.

Granville Phillips was a visitor
in Moro last week from Kent.

Mrs. O. B. Messinger was able
to return from the hospital last
Sunday.

W. G. C. Woods for the past
week has been nursing a painful
attack of rheumatism.

Carbolinum, fresh stock, direct
from Germany, now on sale at
The Observer Book Store.

Granpa Isaac Thompson has
returned from a month's visit at
the home of Neil McDonald near
Monkland.

Mrs. Neal is visiting at the
home of her son, Malcolm, and
daughters, residing in the vicinity
of Moro and Monkland.

A. F. and C. F. Brelmer, accom-
panied by John Deffen, all resid-
ing near The Dalles, were in the
county Friday seeking a farming
location.

Mrs. Wm. Morrison returned
from The Dalles Tuesday, accom-
panied by her nephew, Miss Eliza
is visiting with her uncle Jack in
British Columbia.

Kenneth Harvey, four month
old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert
Messinger, who reside near The
Dalles, died at Wasco last week
while the parents were visiting at
the home of relatives.

Your chickens will soon pay
for themselves in increased egg
production if you will use a quart
can of carbolinum around the
chicken house and perches; you
can get it at the Observer Store.

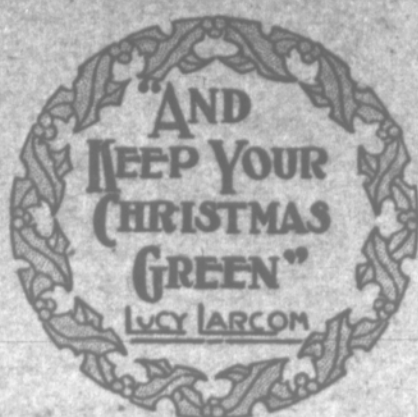
This week the Observer records
the transfer of the last piece of
property owned in Moro by Dr.
I. M. Smith to Mrs. Helen Parry.
The building was built as a private
office for Dr. Smith and is now
used as a millinery store.

Louie Peetz is going to buy the
song entitled "he devil in his
own home town" and give it to
Fred Hennagin. Fred got hold
of an advertising sign showing a
bottle of ink upset which he put
near Louie's chair and a sudden
motion did the rest.

Truman and Vivian Strong left
Sunday for Leland, Ore., where
they will visit with their uncle,
George Strong. They expect to
spend the holidays with their
grandmother at Cottage Grove
and on their return journey visit
with relatives at Washougal and
Hood River.

The operations of the Helix
division of the farmers' union re-
sulted in an actual saving of an
average of \$109 to each of its 100
members during the past season.
The local division at Moro trans-
acted considerable business for its
members during the past season
with profit to all.

The Boardman Sunday School
society had their last social affair
at the home of W. G. C. Woods
and family Saturday, 22 members
being present. A novel feature of
the evening was the serving of re-
freshments in cafeteria style, every
one agreeing that this arrange-
ment was the most suitable that
they had seen.



BY BOOSTING
the
Municipal
Christmas
Tree

Other Places Have Joined Heartily and
Cheerfully in the Movement to Have a
PUBLIC CHRISTMAS TREE

Let's Not Lag Behind in the Movement to Bring
Christmas Cheer to ALL the People. The Mu-
nicipal Christmas Tree Will Do It.

Think It Over—Talk It Over!

Always read the Observer.

See Millikin "the harness mak-
er" at Wasco, Oregon.

W. C. Todd is advertising a
stray mare at legal sale.

Walter Parry is visiting at the
home of his parents in Moro.

W. C. Bryant has returned from
a business trip to Portland and
Salem.

Abstracts promptly made by the
Sherman County Abstract Com-
pany, Moro, Oregon.

Several Moro ladies were visit-
ors in Grass Valley Saturday, pat-
rons of the society bazaar.

Dr. Peley reports that it is ex-
pected Mrs. J. C. Hockman will
be able to return home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ragsdale and
Miss Ida May Johnston, teacher
at the Michigan school, were visit-
ing in Moro last week.

Judge Krurow and Commis-
sioner Holt are in Portland, at-
tending the conference of county
judges and commissioners.

The I. W. & M. Co. at Wasco
have a fine supply of alfalfa and
grain hay on hand. They also
have a supply of good seed rye
and are county selling agents for
Diamond flour.

Milo Elliott and wife are visit-
ing at the home of his parents
near Monkland. Milo now lives
at Ashcroft, B. C., and drives an
auto stage, a distance of 220 miles,
between there and Canaj.

A four inch casing and four inch
single acting cylinder was put in
the new city well Thursday. It
was figured there was 97 1/2 gallon
of water in the tube when pump-
ing commenced and at the end of
two hours was delivering 5 gallon
every 7 seconds; 43 gallon each
minute, 2500 an hour.

A motion picture film was taken
last week in The Dalles of the
street parade of those attending
the state convention of the farm-
ers' union. The pictures are being
shown now in The Dalles. It is
expected that arrangements will
be made to show the pictures at
the home towns of the delegates.

A class of fourteen representa-
tive farmers joined the farmers'
union local lodge last Saturday.
The list included Chris Andersen,
Chas. Bullard, H. H. Brackett;
R. S. Hansell, Frank Hennagin,
Jas. Kinney, Herman Christiansen,
E. A. Cushman, A. C. Thompson,
Martin Hansen, C. G. Huls, I. K.
Axtell, W. A. Woods, G. A. Meloy.
The last two by renewal.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Crowther
of The Dalles, are visiting in the
county. The first of the week
they were guests of Geo. Hennag-
in and family and are now visit-
ing at Grass Valley at the home
of C. F. Coe and family. Altho
Mr. Crowther has been an active
Sherman county farmer, at Klondike,
he had not seen some of his Moro
acquaintances for 12 years.

Defective circulation in the heat-
ing plant at the W. W. M. Co. bank
at Moro resulted in the explosion
of a radiator in the office Wed-
nesday morning. Messrs. Wallan
and Fortner were working close
to the wrecked radiator, but owing
to the damage being on the side
to the wall and the force of the
explosion going to the ceiling the
damage was confined to checks,
papers, and books open on the
desk.

At a special meeting of the local
farmers' union, held Saturday,
100,000 grain bags were bought
under contract for harvest delivery
at the lowest quoted price coming
under our notice in recent years.
Absent members were figured in
for 30,000 on the proposition of
first come, first served.

The I. W. & M. Co. at Wasco
has just received a full car load of
Tankage, the best hog fattening
food known. A full car of Shady
Brook cow feed, the best food
known for milch cows. Big six
horse feed, not a condition powder
but ground alfalfa, wheat, bar-
ley and molasses. A car of alfalfa
meal, alfalfa leaves, and alfalfa
blossoms.

Sherman county has had snow
covering its wheat fields for the
last ten days. The first to arrive
followed a severe rain storm that
offset the previous lack of mois-
ture. Since then several small
snow storms have occurred, but
the ground has had hardly enough
covering to protect it from the
subsequent freezing weather. An
odd sight was to see sleighs, auto-
mobiles, and buggies all moving
on the streets at the same time.

People who ship goods by ex-
press or freight must remember
that the war tax is to be paid on
the shipment before the agent is
allowed to bill them out. Agent
Rose says several are in the habit
of leaving cream shipments at all
hours of the night and that the
shipment was shipped without the
issuance of a receipt. It now
means a \$50 fine to Mr. Rose if
he does not issue a receipt for the
shipment and see that the shipper
puts on a one cent stamp and can-
cels it, before accepting the ship-
ment. Quite a number of cream
shipments are liable to miss their
train before this is understood by
our local shippers.

EVERYBODY'S NEEDED.

We Must All Work Together to Make
Municipal Tree a Success.

With the decision that this place is
to have a municipal Christmas tree, to
be "everybody's Christmas tree," the
public spirited women and men who in-
spired the noble plan will not fail to
having every detail arranged. The
spirit of Christmas is to be thus sym-
bolized in that precious emotion mov-
ing all mankind which baffles defining
in words, but is left for its truest
knowledge in the heart. Poets, essay-
ists and novelists have had it infuse
their works, but always it is felt, not
told. So the design to rear a lofty
tree, embellished with tiny lights, and
to have sung within its radiance the
happy carols known through the Chris-
tian centuries obviously has caught the
popular favor.

It is a community affair and will
typify the fellowship of all who chance
to be within the gates. Rich and poor,
humble and proud, native and stranger
here, adult, and, as always at Chris-
tmas, first and last, the children.
will cherish in memory the music of
these nights devoted to an idea and
its irresistible impetus for good, will
derive a rapturous joy from viewing
the scintillating lights and will yield to
the influence of the thought of peace
on earth and good will toward men.

The Community Christmas Tree.
"Peace on earth, good will to men."
This sentence, blazing from a bril-
liantly lighted electric placard raised
almost to the dome of the capitol, re-
flected the predominant sentiment of
the thousands who assembled on the
capitol plaza to celebrate Washington's
first "Community Christmas." A giant
Norway spruce, illuminated with glim-
mering red, white and blue electric
lights, the Marine band, a huge elec-
tric star of the east and a chorus of
1,000 singers, with the capitol itself
outlined as the background against the
dark curtain of the sky, made a scene
of beauty. Tableau, representing the
story of the Nativity, were presented
in the improvised amphitheater.

Next Moving Pictures at Burnett's.

Next Saturday evening at our
local moving picture theatre will
be presented a feature film entitled
"Tricked by a Vampire." This
is a photo-story of how a man
was made to fall in love with a
deserving woman, who ruins him.
With a change of scenes and in-
cidents it is a story common to
every day life, but few profit by
the moral attached to it.

Sherman County Realty Transfers.
Dating to December 5, 1914.

Wm. L. Wilson to Independent
Warehouse Milling Co; tract of
land in sec 31 tp 1n r18e wm, \$10

Irene Adams by sheriff to J. F.
Wilson; 1/2 of 1/4 sec 32 tp 1n
r19e wm and 1/4 sec 5 tp 1s r19e
wm, \$10.

Bert C. Baker to P. N. Lemmon;
tract of land in Grass Valley, \$1.

Seth S. Hayes to Dean H.
Hayes; 1/2 sec 28 tp 2s r17e wm,
\$8000.

Frank L. Fortia by sheriff to
Clatskanie State Bank; lots 1, 2,
and 3 sec. 4 tp 4s r15e wm, and
1/4 of 1/4 sec 34 and 1/4 of sec 33,
in tp 3s r15e wm, \$2990.15.

Irvine M. Smith to Helen Parry
part of lot 4 block 5 Moro, \$50.

Municipal Celebration Comes From Old Germany.

Many beautiful legends are connect-
ed with such a municipal Christmas
tree as it is proposed to have in this
city.

According to an old German tradi-
tion, St. Wilfred gets the credit of
transforming the tree worship of the
savage Teutons to a Christian cere-
mony. It was about the year 725 that
he had a party of priests into central
Germany for the conversion of the
worshippers of the god Thor. Prince
Gregor, the grandson of a king, was
with him, having been entrusted to his
care by the abbot of the cloister
Phazel. On Christmas eve they were
fighting their way through the snow
of the forest when they came upon the
heathen tribe at Gelmur. They were
assembled under the thunder oak sym-
bol of the power of Thor, and were
prepared to offer up sacrifice. The
white haired priest of the heathens
had chosen the young son of the chief
as the fairest possession of the tribe,
and he was to be offered for the god
who was very angry and needed the utmost
atonement.

As the venerable priest raised his
stone hammer on high and brought it
down to kill the boy, who was ready
and prepared for the stroke, Wilfred
appeared and warded off the blow with
his staff. The people were gratified at
his saving their favorite and allowed
him speech, and he gave them the
creed of the Christians. Then he and
Prince Gregor took their axes and cut
down the thunder oak. As it was
ready to fall the lightning came and
split it in many parts and it fell asun-
der. The waiting tribe then beheld in
its place a slender fir tree, green and
sparkling and odorless. Wilfred laid
the tribesmen to bear this tree to the
hall of Grundhar, the chieftain, to
there assemble about it and make mer-
ry. About this first Christmas tree the
wild men of the woods first heard the
tale of the shepherd boy and the fields
of Judah, and it gripped their sturdy
hearts. The tribes became Christian,
and ever after used the fir tree as a
token of the day of Christ's birth.

Municipal Tree Resolutions.
Here's the way the people of this city
resolved to rear their municipal Christ-
mas tree. It offers useful suggestions
to other places desirous of erecting this
beautiful gift to their children, the
"strangers" within their gates and
themselves:

Whereas, The Municipal Christmas
Festival association has been organized for
the purpose of providing for the people of
Chicago their own Christmas tree, to be
erected at some suitable place in Grant
park, and to provide for suitable exercises
to be held in connection with the exhibi-
tion of the tree on Christmas eve; and
Whereas, It is the desire of said associa-
tion that the corporate authorities of the
city of Chicago co-operate with said associa-
tion and the South park commissioners
to the end that a program be arranged for
a municipal Christmas festival in which
all the people of Chicago may participate
and.

Whereas, In the opinion of the city council
of the city of Chicago, such a festival is
a laudable undertaking; now, therefore,
be it

Resolved, That the mayor appoint a com-
mittee of three aldermen to co-operate
with the executive committee of the Mu-
nicipal Christmas Festival association and
the South park commissioners to carry out
plans for a municipal Christmas festival

Expanding Ice Bubbles.
The intensely cold nights of Siberia,
says a writer, produce a curious phe-
nomenon. Occasionally the silence is
broken by a loud report resembling the
boom of a cannon. The noise is caused
by the bursting of an ice bubble on a
river. The streams coming from the
hills are incased in ice six to nine
inches thick, and as the water de-
scends faster than it escapes through
the river the result is a heavy hydro-
static pressure. This first causes the
ice upon the river to rise in mounds
often six to eight feet high. For a
time they seem to yield elastically to
the pressure, but finally can with-
stand no more and burst with an ex-
plosive report. The water rushes out,
soon freezing, however, and causing
further explosions. The writer asserts
that he has seen scores of these ice
bubbles within a few miles.

Same Old Stories.
"Do you think the world is growing
worse?"
"Dunno as 'tis," responded the old
man. "They're tellin' the very fish
stories I heard when I was a boy."
Philadelphia Ledger.



Air Guns, Sleds, Coasters,
Wagons, Go-Carts, Rubber Balls, Tops
Large Variety of Dolls

Assortment of Pocket Knives is Complete

Electric Decorating Lights on String

Electric Reading Lamps, Clocks,

Carriage and Auto Foot Warmers

A Nice Assortment of Pocket Flash Lights

Nickeled and Aluminum Ware

Rockers, Chairs, Rugs, and Furniture,

With Every Five Dollar Cash
Purchase Your Pick of the
Dolls - - While They Last.

Community Silver Ware and
Haviland China Dishes Always
Make Pleasant Acceptable Gifts

Other Christmas Goods too Numerous to Mention Here

The Moro Hardware & Implement Co

Estray Notice of Sale

Come to my place, about six
miles south west of Moro, on or
about September 20th, 1914, one
bay mare about five year old; no
visible brands; shows collar marks
has colt with her, now about five
weeks old; weighs between 1000
and 1100 pounds.

The owner or owners of the
above described animal is hereby
notified to call for the same, prove
property; pay charges; and take it
away; otherwise the same will be
sold as provided by law at the
farm named in this advertisement
to the highest bidder for cash at
11 o'clock in the forenoon of
Saturday, December 26th, 1914.

W. C. Todd, Moro, Oregon.

For Sale or Trade

Registered Duroc boar and
papers to prove it; coming 2-year
old; can be seen at the farm.
3n27 Says & Son, Moro, Ore

Shoe Repairs by Parcel Post.

We have in our employ the
best shoe mechanics on the Pacific
coast; they make new work or
repair old shoes and we guarantee
to do your work cheaper and bet-
ter than any cobbler who has
never learned the trade.

Mens half sole and heel \$1.25
half sole \$1; heels 35c. Ladies
half sole and heel \$1; half sole 75c
heels 25c. Ladies or mens rubber
heels 50c. Stitching or other re-
pairs, according to time and ma-
terial used.

We pay postage both ways
and furnish mailing bags for future
shipments with your first order.
All shoes returned promptly.

Victor Marden,
The Dalles, Oregon

Notice to Farmers

During winter will roll feed grain
at the farm of Grant Morgan.
Your patronage will be appreci-
ated. For particulars see
JOHN HASTINGS
or GRANT MORGAN.

Livery Automobile Service

To or from any point, particu-
larly Sherman county. Experi-
enced driver and car always ready.
Phone me at my expense from
any place. Reasonable charges
with plenty of time given com-
mercial men to "make" towns.
GEORGE ELLARD,
Grass Valley, Oregon.

Travelers at Biggs

Should try our famous chick-
en plate dinners; all kinds of nice
sandwich, pie, cake, good coffee.
WILLARD LUNCH COUNTER

L. W. ROSS
JEWELER

Ice Cream, Cold Drinks,
Candy, Cigars & Tobacco

FOUNTAIN DRINKS A SPECIALTY

MORO, OREGON

The Grain Growers Conveniences

Are not alone confined to Rural Free Delivery of mail
and the Telephone. There is another convenience which all
farmers should have — and many do have — a checking ac-
count with a good bank. The possessor of such an account
avoids the risk of having his money on his person or about
his home where it is in danger of fire and thieves.

His bills paid by check are not only a valid receipt, but
also a convenience in his home transactions where very often
the necessary change for concluding settlement is not at hand
Don't stop to think this over, but start an account now with

The Wasco Warehouse Milling Co.
Bank, of Moro.

MORO BARBER SHOP

Porcelain Bath Tub.
Everything First Class and up to date.
Agent for Model Steam Laundry of The Dalles.
Shop in Brick Building next Observer Office
J. N. LANDRY, Proprietor.
Moro, --- Oregon.

A "WANT" ad in THE MORO
OBSERVER will reach more
people in Sherman County than
by any other medium available.