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There always are two ways of doing anything: a best way and a worst way.

Pure food law advocates in Japan recently discovered that much rice was adulterated with quartz sand to increase its weight.

An American slogan at the present time may be "fewer useless ferrets and more useful soldiers, fewer needless navy yards and a larger and stronger navy."

The national government's dragnet for conspirators in behalf of foreign governments has shown itself to be large and strong. Neither large fish nor small fish are likely to slip through its meshes.

The Dalles Chronicle, December 15th, celebrated its 25th birthday by a special edition, which was most creditable to that city and the paper. One of the features was a reproduction of the very first issue.

The attic is being rummaged these days for old forgotten laws. The Sunday closing law was, practically, a dead letter for sixty years until rejuvenated lately and now another old law has been discovered at Roseburg by an attorney, prohibiting dancing.

Railroad trainmen want an 8-hour day with 10-hour pay; they sometimes get two days pay for less than one day's actual work now. The government wants two tons hauled for the price of one. Probably these may be partly the reason railroad investments are not considered as reliable as in former years.

Patriotism and Preparedness.

The country's greatest need is a revival of intense and rugged patriotism, for its influence on the native-born generation, as well as its impress on the minds of millions who are here from foreign shores. The presence here of so many strangely mixed millions from diverse lands across the seas imparts to that need an intensity not requisite in other countries.

The census of 1910 found in the United States a foreign born white population of 12,345,545. Additional to these millions directly from foreign lands were 18,897,847 Americans of foreign or mixed parentage—that is, having one or two parents who were born abroad.

A little more than one-third of the people of this nation, therefore were either born abroad or spring from foreign-born parentage on one or both sides of the house.

No thoughtful person who weighs well these census facts can remain blind to the imperative need of keeping alive the fires of patriotism. To permit those fires to burn low or become extinguished would jeopardize the very existence of the republic.

In the western states water power development has advanced proportionately much more rapidly than in the east, where land is privately owned. The amount of water power used in the generation of electricity by public corporations, street railway companies, and municipalities has, in the last decade, increased 440 per cent in the west, or more than twice as fast as in the remainder of the country. According to the secretary of agriculture four and one-half times as much water power, in proportion to the population, is used in the west as in remainder of the United States, and nearly three times as much as in the eastern states.

Edgar, only son of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Denny, died at the family home in Arlington on Wednesday, December 15th. Edgar Denny was a talented young man, a college graduate, and had about finished his studies preliminary to taking the examination for admission to the Oregon bar. He has a number of friends in Sherman county that regret his early death.

Auto license plates for next year will have a red background with white letters and figures. The number of tags issued by the secretary of state now approximates close to six thousand.

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Local High Wins Two.

In a game replete with fast playing the Moro high school basketball team defeated the Grass Valley town team on the latter's floor Saturday night by a score of 25 to 27. Owing to the smallness of the hall and the eagerness of the players the game was marred by considerable roughness. Coon starred for the Grass Valley team, while Tomlin made a large share of Moro's points and Searcy played a particularly good game at guard, holding his man down to one basket. The line-up follows:

Grass Valley—Coon and S. Davis, forwards; C. Davis, center; Morrison, Baker and Vinton, guards. Moro—Tomlin and Sayrs, forwards; Barzee, center; J. Morrison and Searcy, guards.

Moro 38; Wasco 17.

On the local floor Friday evening Moro defeated Wasco high school by the score of 17 to 38. The locals took the lead at the start and were never headed. The game was fast at all stages, however, and the visitors put up a game fight all the way. In justice to the Wasco boys it should be stated that they are but recently organized and had had but little opportunity for practice. Greby at center played a particularly good game for the visitors while Morrison played a rattling guard for the locals. The teams lined up as follows:

Wasco—Medler and Fleck, forwards; Greby, center; Venable and Jones, guards. Moro—Tomlin and Sayrs, forwards; Barzee, center; Searcy and Morrison, guards.

Next Wednesday evening the local high school basketball team will play the Dufur high. The latter have a fast team this year, defeating The Dalles team in a recent game and the boys expect a hard fought contest. The winner is very liable to have a good claim for the central Oregon championship. Local people should turn out as this game will certainly be worth seeing.

Mrs. Pauline Nichols is up from Los Angeles, spending the holidays with her parents, Rev. Adams and wife.

The A. S. Johnson well drill outfit is down 150 feet at the Dayton Henrichs farm east of Moro. At that depth the drill became fast and broke, but was gotten out again and has been shipped to Portland for repairs, giving Arthur and his men a holiday at Christmas time.

The department of agriculture has ascertained from data furnished from a thousand farms that the annual value of food used was found to average \$448 per family, of which 58 per cent. was furnished by the farm. The same figures show that the average farm family use \$100 worth of meat each year.

Tuesday evening while H. H. Brackett and wife were examining a 12-gauge shotgun, at their home east of Moro, it was discharged. The muzzle of the gun was about four feet from the outer wall and about a foot from the bed of a sleeping boy, but the only damage was to the wall, where the charge went through two thickness of lumber and lodged in the porch floor.

All having cash sales tickets issued during December by the Moro Hardware & Implement Co. are requested to bring them in and secure tickets on the fine large robe they are giving away. Cash sales tickets issued during December and up to the evening of the 31st are entitled to take a draw, according to the terms of the offer. The drawing will be on the 5th and all tickets must be turned in not later than the 4th to entitle the holder to a chance.

Mrs. W. G. C. Woods returned Saturday from Portland where she attended on Wednesday, December 15th, the golden wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Randolph, at the home of Rev. C. F. Micler, pastor of Highland Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Randolph were both born in New York in 1846, were married in Minnesota in 1865 and came to Oregon shortly after being married. More than forty relatives and friends were present at the anniversary celebration.

Poley Side Wins.

The rabbit hunt, an annual feature conducted by the Moro Rod and Gun Club, was won Wednesday by Dr. Poley's side, with 19200 points. The side captained by L. Barnum having 17415, losing by 1785. Close to 600 rabbits, a large number of magpies, owls, etc., were brought in as well as a coyote, one lynx, a number of porcupine heads, an eagle and a badger.

Tom Douma got the lynx on his fifth shot at 250 yards.

Hunters of both sides are satisfied that the work of counting the game and awarding points was accurately done. Each side might have been able to bring in a few more points but not enough to change the decision.

Three characteristics stand out prominently in this year's winter short course work at the Oregon Agricultural College. The first is the reorganization of the work to meet the needs of the hour; the second, individual instruction wherever possible; and the third, round-table discussions and experience reports. The work this year has been carefully reviewed under the direction of a committee appointed to secure the utmost possible efficiency.

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In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County.

In the matter of the estate of Eva Heim, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the above entitled Court and cause her final report and account of her administration of the said estate, and that Monday, the 3rd day of January, A. D. 1916, at the hour of eleven o'clock a. m. of said day has been by order of the Court appointed as the time, and the county court room in the county court house at Moro, Oregon, as the place for the hearing of the said report and account, the objections thereto if any, and the settlement of the said estate.

Dated at Moro, Oregon, this 24th day of November, A. D. 1915. Sarah E. Landry, Administratrix of said estate. Bright, Bryant & Ellis, Attorneys for Administratrix. n26d24-5t

Notice of Final Settlement

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County.

In the matter of the estate of John H. Landry, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the above entitled Court and cause her final report and account of her administration of the said estate, and that Monday, the 3rd day of January, A. D. 1916, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. of said day has been by order of the court appointed as the time, and the county court room in the county court house at Moro, Oregon, as the place for the hearing of the said report and account, the objections thereto if any, and the settlement of the said estate.

Dated at Moro, Oregon, this 24th day of November, A. D. 1915. Sarah E. Landry, Administratrix of the estate. Bright, Bryant & Ellis, Attorneys for Administratrix. n29d24-5t

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

(Publisher) Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, December 15, 1915. Notice is hereby given that Clay Blake of Moro, Oregon, who on March 17th, 1910, made homestead entry No. 66235, for s½ sec. 24, T. 42 N., R. 10 E., S. 10 E., township 2 south, range 10 east, Willamette meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described before R. A. McFarson, County Clerk at Moro, Oregon, on the 1st day of February, 1916. Claimant names as witnesses: John Stewart, Daniel Stewart, Martin Hansen, O. L. Belshe, all of Moro, Oregon. H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register. 71d24-328

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