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In the concrete, recently completed, fully equipped, roomy garage of Walther-Williams Company. Competent workman always ready to help you in any way they can at least expense to you. For any service rendered the charge will always be reasonable.

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**Notice to Horse Breeders**

MY PERCHERON HORSE

**TEDDY**

Will make the season of 1917 at my place and at other places by appointment. Teddy is 15-16th Percheron and 1-16th Belgian.

TERMS—\$15.00 TO INSURE

**J. M. EDDY, Owner,  
MORO, OREGON**

**The Observer.**

MORO, OREGON.

Official Paper for Sherman County.

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C. L. IRELAND, Manager.

If you do not read The Observer, why not?

We would like to have you take it, and we know it would be profitable to you to become a subscriber. We send it two years for \$2.50; one year \$1.50; 12¢ a month isn't much. Try it. Order by postal card, and pay for it when you can.

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Church and Society notices FREE, except when for money making purposes. Such notices at regular rates at the option of the publishers.

At any time when requested to do so, the paper will be discontinued. But we expect that all arrears will be paid before such request is made. It is easy to ask us for a statement, which will be cheerfully rendered at any time.

A measure is up before the state legislature providing for free school books to be furnished by the state to every school in the state regardless whether they be public, private owned and operated for "select" pupils, or whether they be operated by religious organizations independent of any supervision by state officials. It is proposed that each school, through the clerk in charge, make up a list of books they want to use and the state must print and furnish them free of cost. It might be the case that some district would not use any books that another district would, but the proposed law states that the district clerk must submit a list of books needed to the county text book board, who in turn submits the total needed to the state superintendent, who in turn submits the total needed by the state to the state text book board, who must provide them by a special tax levied on all property within the state regardless of tax limitations. We fail to see economy in having four sets of officials buy school books for each school district in the state. Neither are we in favor of the public furnishing free books in any amount that may be called for to schools run by "private" or religious interests. We believe that if the public schools are not good enough for any family, then they should foot the entire bill when they refuse to use the public school system of education.

L. L. Peetz prevailed upon the county court at the January term that he be permitted to resign from the board of directors of the Sherman county fair association and also as supervisor of this road district. Two good men have been chosen to succeed Mr. Peetz, Robt. Urquhart on the fair board and C. G. Silver as road supervisor. Mr. Peetz deserves a great deal of credit for his public enterprise and commendation for neglect of his personal affairs to serve the public. He was one of a few who made the Sherman county fair possible by persistent work and effort in its pioneer days, and the same effort to fulfill the trust reposed in him as road supervisor gave this district some very notable road improvements during his term of office.

The Eastern Oregon Land Co. has been proposing a new method of leasing land that would go a long way toward inoculating the farmers of Sherman county with the bacteria of better farming. It was proposed that land leases in the future as in the past would be drawn to provide for one-third the crop delivered at warehouse, besides cash rent for rocks, etc., miscellane pasture land, and the charging to the tenant for all feed used in harvesting the crop. This to apply up to 25 bushels to the acre and then the land company to take the two-thirds on all above that amount.

One flour mill company at Portland is opposed to farmers marketing their wheat in bulk because it would shut off their supply of bags for sacking bran, shorts, etc. Their representative is quoted as saying that last year the company sold \$54,000 worth of second hand grain bags after filling their own needs. Perhaps your sacks were part of that bunch.

**Farmers Hold Interesting Session.**

Members of the local farmers' union held two business sessions last Saturday, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, with a cafeteria lunch at noon. It is estimated that more than 250 were present during the lunch hour.

The morning was given over to routine business and the obligation of a class numbering about forty. In the afternoon, in addition to other business, was the election of officers for the ensuing year. W. S. Powell was elected president, O. G. Sayers vice president, C. G. Silver secretary, Rev. Robertson chaplain, Clare Axtell conductor, Eugene Amidon door keeper.

The Moro Co-operative Warehouse Association, while a separate organization, is to all intents and purposes part of the local farmers' union, and the report of the officers and annual meeting of the stockholders followed the union business meeting of the afternoon. The reports of the officers showed a very satisfactory business for the year and the directors were instructed to declare a dividend.

It is the present intention of the warehouse association to collect all data possible regarding bulk handling of wheat, and within a comparatively short time to make that method the permanent local way of handling grain.

**Autos for Sale.**

Will give terms.  
One Hudson Six. Run less than 10,000 miles. This car is for sale at a snap.

One 1914 Ford. Dandy for the money. This car has had good care. Good tires and Prest-o-Lite. Don't fail to see this Ford.

One Reo Four. Just out paint shop. Looks like new. See Geo. N. Crosfield, Wasco, Ore.

**Do You Appreciate Your Home Paper?**

The big city dailies may print pages of news to every column printed in the little country weekly but the big sheet cannot take the place of the latter just the same. Each has its particular place to fill and cannot crowd out the other. You may not appreciate the little paper when at home where you have had an opportunity of learning much of the local news before it was printed, but go away from home for awhile and see how good it will look to you. A "letter from home" does not compare with it. You can do a big part to make it better by handing in an occasional item of news. It will be appreciated.

**Gas Engines for Sale.**

One new 2 1/2 h. p. Stover.  
One new 2 1/2 h. p. I. H. Co.  
Less than cost.  
Geo. N. Crosfield, Wasco, Ore.

The longest continuous flight by any bird is made by the golden plover. From Nova Scotia to the coast of South America the entire flight of 2000 miles is accomplished without pause or rest. The golden plover of the Pacific ocean migrates from Alaska to the Hawaiian Islands. Its flight takes it 2000 miles across an island-less sea.

Members of the Farmers' Union at Walla Walla are urging the Washington State legislature for an appropriation with which to experiment with the fiber of the banana palm in the making of grain bags as a substitute for the higher priced jute which is grown successfully only in India. It is said that the right sort of banana fiber can be had from 12 different sections of the world.

Grasshoppers are a pest in Sherman county and have taken heavy toll from farmers each year. A sure way to destroy them is by means of a poisoned bran bait. Although birds of all families prey upon grasshoppers the department of agriculture names the prairie chicken, hawk, the screech and burrowing owl, crow, magpie, blackbird, meadow lark, wren and robin as being natural enemies of the pest.

If the sale of road bonds of Wasco county is satisfactorily settled then it is more than likely that the state will assume the cost of building a modern bridge across the DesChutes to replace the present unsafe toll taker.

**New Business Firm.**

The International Sales Co., of Portland, has opened a branch grocery and table supply store in the O'Meara Co. building, Wasco, opposite the depot. Ross McIntyre, general manager of the company, has been in charge of the work of getting things placed and arranged for business, and left this week for the main store in Portland. The company will operate as a strictly cash store, will make no delivery of goods or increase their expense of doing business in any way that will tend to increase the sale price of their goods. They make a specialty of large orders and will give figures that will astonish their customers. The new company extends to every citizen of Sherman county a cordial invitation to come in and inspect their goods and prices, with the assurance that getting acquainted places you under no obligation to buy.

**Store Will Not Close.**

My store will not close promptly at 6:30 during the winter. Myself and boys will be on the job to give you prompt service.

Geo. N. Crosfield,  
Wasco, Ore.

**News Items From Kent.**

Guy Walton left for Portland Sunday on business.

Mrs. Boyle was a passenger for Grass Valley Monday.

W.A. Barnett and bride returned to Kent on Thursday.

Miss Hill spent the week end at the J. H. Wilson home.

C. W. Mason moved into the Irby house on Saturday.

J. M. Mathes and family left for a visit with friends near Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Amick motored to The Dalles Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Boardman were visiting at Moro over Sunday.

G.O. Haynes has returned from a visit with friends at McMinnville.

B. M. Brown left last week for a visit with friends at The Dalles and Dufur.

Ray Ragsdale and Guy Hoskinson made a business trip to Antelope Sunday.

J. M. Wilson and family spent Sunday at the home of W.C. Helyer, near Wilcox.

On account of Prof. Curfman being sick there was no school in his room Monday.

Mr. Gus Schillings, who has been suffering from pneumonia, is reported much better.

Mr. and Mrs. George Howell were visiting near Grass Valley Thursday and Friday.

Misses Gertrude and Minnie Hogue were in The Dalles transacting business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenard took their daughter Nellie down to Grass Valley Sunday to see Dr. Taylor.

L. J. Gates has been busy settling up his business here and will leave for The Dalles in a few days.

**Card of Thanks.**

We hereby express our most heartfelt thanks to our neighbors and friends for their kind assistance during the sickness and death of our beloved baby.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bogart.

A bill, introduced by Representative Clark, to increase the salary of the school superintendent of Sherman county from \$1000 to \$1500 passed the House Monday with an almost unanimous vote. It is yet to be passed by the senate. The proposed salary is no greater than the salary paid other superintendents in adjoining counties and of about the same amount now paid to principals of the leading schools in the county.

There are some people who still argue that there should be absolute free trade between the United States and Canada. When the war ends and we read the new trade laws by which Great Britain and her allies guarantee advantages among themselves and their colonies, even these free traders will change their views. The United States will wake up some fine morning to find that the Canadian producer has a decided advantage in the British market.



**D**ON'T carry around a great amount of currency. If you do you are beset by two great evils. One is the temptation to spend readily. A man with \$100 in currency in his pocket is freer to spend than the man with little currency. He is more apt to break a ten dollar bill than he is to draw a ten dollar check.

The other evil is the bait offered to thieves. A man who is known to carry a large sum of money in his possession never can tell when he will be set upon by a highwayman. The wealthiest men in the country seldom carry large amounts of cash. When you accumulate a goodly amount of currency deposit it in the bank at once.

**THAT IS THE SAFEST PLACE FOR IT.**

**"Bank of Moro"**  
MORO, OREGON

**BUY HARNESS NOW!  
Buy It From Us**

You may think you can get along without that new set of harness this winter, and possibly you can—BUT WILL IT PAY YOU? The time lost in repairing and tinkering and cussing on old and broken and unreliable harness will just about pay for a new one. And time is money these days.

Then broken harness often cause runaways, and they often result fatally to the driver or the animals. No, unreliable harness does NOT pay. Buy a new set NOW, and buy it from US, where it is BEST and CHEAPEST.

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**Independent Warehouse & Milling Co**

R. H. McKean, Manager, Wasco, Oregon

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you will not only find a habit hard to break, but one that you will not want to break.

We have many customers who have contracted that habit, and they are glad of it.

Won't you get the habit? We are prepared to make it very much to your advantage.

At least, come in and let us "show you."

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