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We will not be responsible for the neglect of subscribers to notify us of changes in their address. Nor will the notification of a Postmaster that the subscriber has "Removed" settle the bill of a delinquent.

Moro to Have New School Building.

At least a large majority of the patrons of the Moro schools have so expressed themselves in replies to circular letters sent out to ascertain the wishes of the voters on the desirability of building a new school house.

A public meeting will be held at the Opera House to discuss this question. This meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, April 25, at 8 o'clock. Every voter should attend.

Flood Water Expected.

More snow in the Columbia river drainage district than was the case a year ago at the same period may produce unusually high water this season. The Weather Bureau regards such a condition certain if normal temperatures prevail in May, while if they are above normal the influence of melting snow will be greater. It is known that the mountain regions of Oregon, Washington and Idaho have more than the normal amount of snow, all well packed.

The total fall during the winter of 1916-17 was considerably less than the amount last season, but owing to cold weather in February and March, very little had melted, while last year those months were mild and the snow at low levels had nearly all disappeared.

The war will have a great influence upon the labor market and the demand for the services of skilled and common labor will be as great at home as the demand for men to enter the army and navy, and their services will be as patriotic.

Road Work Rightly Done.

R. C. Byers has had three road crews at work for the past few weeks in his district putting the roads in shape for use during the coming season. He has built a new grade on the north side of the canyon leading past Monkland church and also graded and improved the road best built last year leading from Grass Valley canyon past the W. A. Woods farm. The dangerous turn from the Grass Valley canyon road onto this new grade has been eliminated by making a new grade on the side hill further east of the old road and on an easier grade on the hill side. The road leading past the Hardin farm, down the old grade into DeMoss has been left as it was formerly.

Mr. Byers has greatly improved the Lone Rock grade on the west side of the canyon; that road is now widened to 16 and 18 feet, except for about 40 feet of rocky point. He has put drainage channels on the long stretch running east, at the top of the grade, and in four culverts under the road bed to carry the water to the outside of the grade.

The money allowed by the county court was not sufficient to do all the work on the Lone Rock grade that was desired, but several who use the grade made an arrangement with Mr. Byers to use the money to widen the road as far as it would go and then they would later donate men and team work to gravel the top part of the grade where it generally has been impassable in the spring months because of mud. Under this arrangement a more satisfactory road will be secured and those most directly interested will show the members of the county court that the appropriation for the road is appreciated.

Moro High School Notes.

Let the school library settle your problems. We have an excellent library for the size of the school and it is the desire of the people who have been instrumental in building it to have it used to the fullest extent possible. We have two first-class encyclopedias and a wide range of reference books. You are welcome to this fund of information on almost any subject in which you might be interested. If you haven't time to use it send in your questions by the pupils and we will serve you by giving the information direct or by loaning books on subjects interesting to you.

During the year the school has sent for and received free educational exhibits of the manufacture of buttons from ivory beans, rope and twine from sisal fiber, cocoa and chocolate from cacao beans, cream of tartar from grapes, fuel and lubricating oils from crude petroleum, corn flakes, postum, pencils, pens, flour and finished woods of different kinds. These exhibits are very good, coming from the factories as they do they are intended to make a favorable impression. If you are interested come and see them and talk over the subject with them who make the reports.

Are you interested in heredity, in home furnishings, in art, in woodwork or science? If so drop in at the school house some day about four o'clock and borrow a library book for a couple of weeks. It's free.

There are about twelve hundred good books in our school library covering a very broad range of topics. The people of the community are entitled to free use of these books. Mr. Dunton is spending considerable time cataloging the books according to the latest methods as are used in large city libraries, in order to make our library of the greatest possible convenience. Books may be borrowed for two weeks and renewed for another two weeks if desired.

The time has come for Oregon to make a start in the direction of permanent state highway construction. Washington, north of us, will spend \$6,500,000 in the next two years; it is proposed that Oregon spend \$6,000,000 in five years; California, south of us, has authorized \$15,000,000 to be spent in the next two years and about as much more will be spent by the counties of California. Indications are that conservative people are awakening to the need of getting away from the mud and dust and expense of poorly built and maintained means of communication.

Local Teachers' Institute.

County Supt. F. E. Fagan is arranging for a local teachers' institute to be held at Moro Saturday, April 21st, the last to be held in the county this school year. About 75 per cent of the teachers of the county attended the last one held at Grass Valley in March and Mr. Fagan is planning on a full attendance of all teachers at the institute held in Moro this week. He would be particularly well pleased to see a large attendance of the people of Moro and vicinity, as such interest in school affairs always helps in maintaining a higher school efficiency.

M. S. Pittman, of the State Normal at Monmouth, will be in attendance and help conduct the institute work. A meeting of the Sherman County Alumni Association of the Oregon State Normal will be held during the morning intermission period of the institute, at which it is hoped all former State Normal pupils will be able to attend.

The following program has been prepared by Mr. Fagan:

9:45—Opening.
10:00—Address by Mr. Pittman.
10:45—Intermission. The Alumni of the O. S. N. will hold a meeting during this period.
11:10—"Difficulties in Teaching Reading, and How to Overcome Them." Discussion. Leaders: Supt. Terrall of Wasco, Miss Kelly of Kent, Miss Martin of Grass Valley, Mrs. Muir of Moro, Miss Lloyd of Klondike, Miss Floye Clodfelter of Klondike.

12:00—Noon intermission.
1:30—Opening.
1:45—Discussion, led by Mr. Pittman and others. Each teacher will propose one question or topic for this discussion.

Good Roads Rally.

The Legislative Good Roads Committee has decided to hold a state-wide good roads rally in Portland Saturday, April 28. Every organization in the State favorable to the road bond bill is invited to send representatives to this gathering. The Committee has taken up with the various transportation companies the matter of securing a special reduced rate for those attending the rally.

There is every indication that the rally will prove the most notable gathering of good roads boosters that was ever held in the Pacific Northwest. Definite announcement of a program and speakers will be made later.

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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.

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