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



Under authority of the act of Congress of August 29, 1916, the Council of National Defense has appointed a committee to regulate the production of coal throughout the United States, which has been seriously curtailed by difficulties in transportation and distribution.

Sunday School Convention.

The Central Oregon Older Girls' Sunday School Convention will meet in Moro June 1, 2 and 3. Charles A. Phipps, general secretary and state supt. of teen age work, and Mrs. M. A. Danenhower, state director of girls' conference work, will be present at this convention.

Friday evening, June 1, at 6:30, a banquet will be served in the basement of the Presbyterian church. Every young lady and young gentleman in Moro and surrounding country are invited to be present at this banquet. After the banquet a musical and literary program will be rendered, and Mrs. Danenhower will give a talk on a subject chosen by herself. Every person in Moro is invited to attend.

The convention will meet in the Presbyterian church Saturday morning and afternoon; Saturday evening in the M. E. Church. Sunday morning in the Presbyterian church; Sunday afternoon and evening in the M. E. church. Everyone is invited to every session of this convention. Rev. Phipps will speak both morning and evening on Sunday.

Always read the Observer.

State Highway Commission Policy.

At a meeting held at Oregon City last Saturday in the interest of Good Roads for Oregon, a statement written by the State Highway Commission was read that should set at rest any doubt as to how far the money realized from the proposed bond issue will go toward giving Oregon better means of communication.

The Commission said that the first cost of a road; the life of a road; and cost of maintenance were the factors in determining what a road should cost.

They said that buying roads was like buying shoes; you may buy one pair for \$2 and another pair for \$5, yet the \$5 pair may be the cheapest because they cost less per day for actual service. So it is with roads. We do not want any poor roads. We want good roads, and as many miles of proper width to serve the traffic as our money will buy.

The commission will not pay one cent for any kind of pavement over and above its actual worth on the ground. If anything is attempted to be added to this, whether as royalty, unreasonable profit or otherwise, the commission will not allow or pay it.

To insure good, honest construction work, we favor a guaranty and maintenance bond for as long a term of years as possible, but not for so long a term as to jeopardize free competition.

State money must not and will not be paid to contractors for maintenance that is covered by their guaranty or maintenance bond.

Before opening bids or letting contracts, the state highway engineer must make and furnish the commission with careful estimates of the actual amount it would cost the state to do the work upon any project on its own account, and if the bids exceed this amount, then the commission will reject all bids and do the work on state account. Quality, quantity and cost must control.

We favor the use of convict labor in the preparation of crushed rock and other material, as well as actual road work, wherever the same can be used to advantage.

Wherever money can be saved, we favor the state buying cement, asphalt and all other road materials largely used in sufficient quantities to supply its own needs, and also to furnish the counties at cost what they may need for their own work.

Wherever money can be saved by so doing, we favor the letting of contracts for the labor of putting materials in place, the state to furnish the materials. This will enable smaller contractors to compete.

We insist that the state highway engineer shall prepare or approve all specifications for all types of hard surface, and that the same shall be in such form that full, true and real competition will prevail.

Circuit Court Proceedings.

May term of circuit court was adjourned by Judge Parker early Wednesday morning, holding but two days and having only one jury trial.

The case at issue was the Wasco Warehouse Milling Co. vs. B. G. Gervais, suit for damages resulting from violation of a written contract of sale and delivery of wheat. The amount involved was the ascertained loss of \$1166 profits arising from the contract sale of 600 sacks of bluestem at \$1 and 400 sacks of club at 95c. The contract was signed August 8, 1916, and delivery should have been made October 25, 1916. Instead, at that time, Mr. Gervais repudiated his contract and delivered and sold to a third party. The suit was based on the price of wheat at that time, which was \$1.50.

The following jury: R. W. Kaseberg, D. A. Maxwell, J. O. Elliott, Bruce Millard, R. S. MacNab, C. E. Hill, Ray Hansell, W. C. Helyer, H. C. Happold, Henry Johnson, R. P. Hulse and M. E. Martin, brought in a verdict for \$583 damages. Attorney J. B. Hosford of this city prosecuted the action to a successful conclusion and Attorney J. B. Allen of The Dalles defended Mr. Gervais.

Dr. Freeze the Eye Specialist will make regular trips to Moro each month during 1917. Call Moro Hotel.

Sherman County Army Y. M. C. A.

The committee in charge of raising funds for the Army Y. M. C. A. in Sherman county met at Moro Wednesday afternoon to report progress. Funds collected at Moro amounted to \$431.15; Wasco, \$329.40; Rufus, \$136.05; Grass Valley, \$156.30.

The quota assessed against Sherman county for the Y. M. C. A. general field work was \$500; of this amount \$250 was sent forward from the funds raised at Moro, and at the meeting Wednesday another \$250 was ordered sent to pay this in full.

Wasco has not yet canvassed the collections, not being able to get their committee together, reported D. W. Wade, and their funds are yet a separate amount.

Kent has been delayed by storms and bad roads, but expects to add materially to the fund in the near future.

It was agreed that a permanent Sherman county Y. M. C. A. army and navy relief committee to look after those enlisting from Sherman county be formed by having each community contributing to the fund elect central committeemen. Two each from Moro, Wasco, Grass Valley and one each from Kent and Rufus. Funds over the \$500 will be retained by this permanent committee to apply to relief of any enlisted man going from any part of Sherman county regardless of place of enlistment, duration of service or need that may arise. This relief work will be in charge of the Y. M. C. A. service station nearest the man needing help and be charged back through national and state organizations.

When notice has been received by Rev. Robertson, secretary of the present committee, of the selections of each community of the permanent committee a call will be issued to perfect organization. In the meantime efforts are being made to ascertain the names of all who have enlisted from out of Sherman county in any branch of the government service. To date the secretary has a list of 23 who have gone from this county. Anyone knowing of an enlistment will confer a favor by notifying Secretary John Robertson.

Sherman County Again Leads.

The farm census, being conducted in Hood River, Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties by the Oregon Agricultural College, under the direction of the United States Department of Agriculture, is progressing rapidly with J. W. Brewer as district agent and H. G. Miller as assistant.

In this county a permanent organization was perfected with Judge John Fulton as president and Arnold Buhman as secretary. In just six days complete returns were received from Sherman county. Out of a total of 271,843 acres of cultivated land in Sherman county the farmers reported on 232,590 acres.

The work is being delayed in Morrow and Gilliam counties by the heavy rains of last week, and in Hood River by reason of the closely populated area and number of small farms.

Sherman county was first in this district to make a complete farm census return and was also the first county in the state to make a complete report.

Resolution by Moro High School.

Be it Resolved, That the Moro high school extend a vote of thanks to the District and Board of Directors in appreciation of their interest in the school as shown in the recent election, which decided that a new school building be erected.

Seral Searcy, Pearl Hennagin, Thelma Buxton, Committee.

When discussing the proposed road bond issue at the meeting in Moro last week, H. G. Starks weather stated that on the present assessed valuation of the state of Oregon it would only necessitate a tax levy of 10 mills to pay off the amount of the bonds in one year. Not a great amount for the benefits to be received.

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Memorial Service.

Sunday next, May 27, Memorial Services will be held at the M. E. church under the auspices of W. T. Sherman Post No. 4, G. A. R., Isaac Thompson, commander; G. F. Armstrong, adjutant.

PROGRAM.

Oath of fealty, salute to the Flag. Congregation Standing. Invocation.... Rev. T. B. Smith Song.

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Jessie Hoskinson. "Flag Salute" Opal Powell, Marjorie Ginn, Mildred Ginn Song.

"What the Flag Means." As expressed by a soldier of the Union mustered out. Song..... "America" Congregation Standing.

Address..... J. B. Hosford Lincoln's 2d Inaugural F. E. Fagan Song..... "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Congregation Standing Benediction, Rev. John Robertson

George A. Urquhart of Lind, Wash., and Miss Florence C. Young of The Dalles, were married at the home of the brides' parents on Wednesday, May 16. Miss Young is a popular school teacher of Sherman county. Mr. Urquhart formerly lived at Erskine with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Urquhart.

Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman county: Rosalie Belle Baylis, plaintiff, vs. William A. Baylis, defendant. To William A. Baylis, above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before the 7th day of July, 1917; and if you fail so to appear and answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in her said complaint, to-wit: For a decree that the marriage contract now existing between the said plaintiff and yourself be dissolved, annulled and held for naught.

This summons is published in the Sherman County Observer by order of Hon. D. R. Parker, judge of said Circuit Court, made, dated and entered in said cause on the 21st day of May, 1917, and directing the publication of said summons be made once a week for six successive weeks. The date of first publication is May 25, 1917.

J. B. Hosford, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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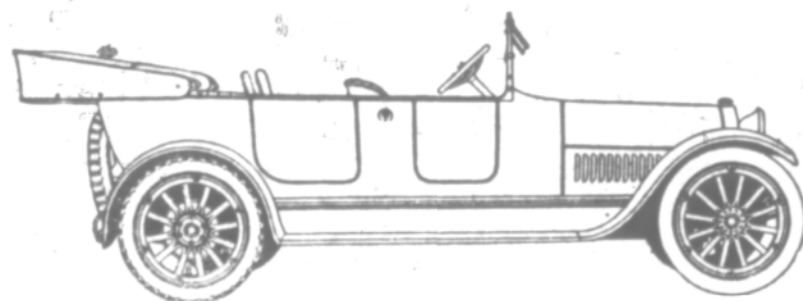
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