

**The Observer.**

MORO, OREGON.

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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 notification of a Postmaster that the subscriber has "Removed" settle the bill of a delinquent.



"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

Highest Record in United States.

Officers of the National Association of the Red Cross have advised those in charge of the Red Cross subscription work in Sherman county that this county ranks the highest of all places, cities or counties, in the United States in its support and subscription to the work of the National Red Cross in proportion to its population. The amount per capita is in excess of \$8.50, and no other district has exceeded that figure.

If the boast of Wasco county, to which Sherman county was attached, that that county would double the subscription of this county had been adhered to then Sherman county might have had to divide the honors, but in place of doing as they first boasted it was hard work for Wasco county to keep in the lead, and now they are only separated by a margin of about \$4000. The final count shows Wasco county leading by \$4705, but subscriptions that were made in Sherman county after these figures were totaled will cut that down.

With the valuable help of Assessor Otto Peetz, who checked the assessment roll against the registration roll, it was found that there are 638 families in Sherman county who subscribed the following to the work of the Red Cross:

Moro	\$ 8,616.40
Wasco	11,325.30
Grass Valley	8,000.00
Kent	4,200.00

Total \$32,141.70

Subscriptions in The Dalles were \$12,399; outside of The Dalles, \$24,465.70, and there are six towns in Wasco county, outside The Dalles, as large or larger than any in Sherman county. The total for the two counties was \$69,006.40. Since then there has been \$200 more received at Moro and some at other places that have not reported.

Of the amount subscribed in Sherman county only \$1300 has been paid in cash; as it must be paid to the National Red Cross in installments, and there is not cash enough to meet the first payment it is requested that all who can pay their subscriptions at this time, without borrowing the money, do so and thus help those who can pay later to better advantage. Payments can be made either to the Bank of Moro or G. B. Bourhill.

**Spy, Traitor or Patriot.**

A Senate committee is now endeavoring to find out who wrote to Senator Frelinghuysen telling about the defective ammunition which was furnished to the steamship Mongolia and which caused the death of two Red Cross nurses. Josephus Daniels says the writer is either a spy or a traitor. That he had access to information which was lodged in the confidential files of the Navy Department is clear—this might make him a spy. That he communicated this information to an anonymous letter-writer in Detroit is a fair deduction—this might make him a traitor. That the information came into the hands of a Senator who took immediate steps to find out the truth is certain—this may make the writer a patriot. For it is sure that the one thing most to be desired in this war, in all of its phases is that the navy—and the army as well—shall be efficiently officered, adequately supplied and protected against the handicap of inferior fighting weapons.

In the first Balkan war the Turkish army found, on going into action against the Bulgars, that German contractors had foisted cartridges with wooden bullets upon the Young Turks; and the consequent disaster was irreparable. No such coarse work will attend even the most greedy of American contractors, we feel sure; yet the inferior shells which exploded with fatal results on the Mongolia may be found elsewhere in our arsenals.

It will do no harm to know who made those shells, when they were made and wherein they were defective. This knowledge may save many lives in the future—and the man who has caused this knowledge to be brought out may prove to be a patriot of a very practical order.

The letters told causes for the accident on the Mongolia which killed the Red Cross nurses and disclosed that 25 per cent. of the ammunition on the St. Louis and 60 per cent of that on the Philadelphia was defective. Senator Frelinghuysen said it looked to him as if the "spy or traitor" was doing the best he could to serve America's interests.

Judge W. L. Bradshaw of Wasco county and The Dalles died suddenly in Portland Wednesday, June 20, from angina pectoria while substituting for a Multnomah judge in a trial in that county. Judge Bradshaw was formerly circuit judge of this county before the present judicial district was set off from his district, serving the state in his judicial capacity for 26 years. Governor Withycombe has appointed Fred W. Wilson, of The Dalles, as successor to the office.

The Steel Corporation, soulless being that it is, has declared an extra dividend of one per cent upon its common stock and has asked its stockholders to contribute the entire sum to the Red Cross. If they accede to the suggestion, the Red Cross will get five and a half millions toward the hundred millions it is trying to raise.

Always read the Observer.

**New Municipal Corporation.**

Several meetings have been held at Rufus and Wasco to organize a new municipal corporation in Sherman county to be known as the Port of Rufus for the purpose of facilitating shipments by water and more use of the Columbia river. At a basket dinner picnic at Murray Springs last Saturday it was decided to circulate petitions for a Port of Rufus with the southern boundary line beginning at McDonald ferry and running west to the city limits of Wasco, thence northwest down Spanish hollow to the Columbia river; the Columbia and John Day rivers forming the balance of the boundary lines of the new corporation. One eighth of the resident voters within the proposed district—can petition the county court for a special election; then a majority of all voting will decide the question of having a port. W. A. Tate has been elected chairman of the committee working for the new project and is receiving substantial aid from J. A. Smith and J. W. Mariner, both enthusiastic boosters for more use of the Columbia river waterway. A law voted on at the last special election provides a way of organizing and maintaining corporations of this character.

**A Little Bit From Each.**

A plan to abandon the tax on electric lights and gas and take the proposal to tax tea, coffee and cocoa has much merit. The amount of money to be realized is doubtless as large if not larger; and it will be paid by a far greater number of people more widely distributed over the country. The households which use gas and electricity for domestic purposes are, for the most part, to be found in the more populous communities of the North, where industry and enterprise have developed large establishments employing many hands and where good wages have made the creature comforts and the modern conveniences of life in constant demand. On the other hand, all households use the table beverages which the Senate proposes to levy upon. North and South there are to be found tea drinkers and coffee drinkers. The theory of the Southern democrats has always been to seek out the streams of revenue at the North and to tap them, so that the South might go free of burden in supporting the government, but the tax on tea, coffee and cocoa distributes the burden more equitably. No one will pay much, but each will pay something.

**"The Birth of a Nation" at The Dalles July 1, 2 and 3.**

In these trying times of National stress, no attraction of the theatre can so satisfy and hearten as that of D. W. Griffith's "The Birth of a Nation," that mighty drama of American struggle, of American dis-union—then of American re-union and final re-birth.

Mr. Griffith's eternal production was a revelation when it first burst forth upon exacting New York and the other great centers of the country; later it was the attraction par excellence of the theatrical world—now it is universally proclaimed the drama of the Union—the spirit of these as well as of the trying times gone by.

Lincoln's words and Lincoln's influence live today, as, perhaps, never have they lived before—and Lincoln's is the guiding hand—the all-prevailing spirit—"The Birth of a Nation," the Nation's play.

This wonderful production appears at the Empress Theatre, The Dalles, July 1, 2, and 3 at 2 and 8 p. m. daily, and to say that it will not be greeted by overflowing audiences in The Dalles is to say that Americans have forgotten their nationality.

The spectacle is accompanied by the organization's own musical director with a splendid three hour specially adapted score. The matinee prices are 25 and 50 cents; evenings 25, 50, 75, \$1. Seats may be reserved by either telephone or mail.

Dr. Carrie Norvall, well-known Chiropractor and Drugless Physician, has established a branch office at Moro. Hours from 3 p. m. to 8:40 a. m. Office in the Parry building. Examination free.

**ADDITIONAL LOCALS.**

Moro will not receive full credit for the entire amount subscribed at the Bank of Moro toward the Liberty Loan bond issue by \$4850. The Bank of Moro, not having money on deposit in San Francisco, bought credit from the First National Bank of The Dalles, who had. But The Dalles bank, in place of selling the cash credit proceeded to "swipe" all this business to swell the apparent subscriptions of Wasco county. That will explain why some subscribers to the Liberty Loan bonds will receive their bonds from a bank in The Dalles.

Prof. W. E. Lawrence, assistant botanist at the Oregon Experiment Station in charge of poison-plant investigations, will be in Sherman county June 29 to July 3 for the purpose of collecting plants likely to cause stock poisoning. All farmers and stockmen who may have knowledge of any such plants or who may have lost stock from such suspected causes are requested to notify Prof. Lawrence at Moro at once by letter, or call the Moro Experiment Farm by phone.

Mrs. Maud McConahay and son Cecil, accompanied by her niece, Grace Brown, left Monday by train for Hillsboro, intending to return with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Axtell in their auto when they return from their visit they expect to take next week. Mrs. McConahay is a daughter of Mrs. Axtell and Miss Brown is a granddaughter; the former has been visiting in Moro the last few weeks from South Dakota, while the latter has been attending the Moro schools.

L. H. Martin and wife, Myles E. Martin and wife, Irving Kunsman and wife, accompanied by Mrs. Avery Harrison, a niece of Mrs. L. H. Martin visiting from La Grande, made an auto fishing party that left Moro Saturday for Shearer and Buck Hollow. They report a fine trip and the snaring of 60 fine trout in Buck Hollow. They returned Sunday evening.

The Bank of Moro has been notified by the treasury department, through the Federal Reserve Bank at San Francisco, that all subscriptions for Liberty Loan bonds up to and including \$10,000 will be issued in full to subscribers. Subscriptions over that amount will be cut from 40 per cent upward, according to amount subscribed.

D. H. Wright was in town Monday buying supplies for the bridge crew at work replacing the John Day river bridge at the mouth of Cottonwood canyon. Mr. Wright, who is doing the blacksmith work for the contractor, says that they are saving all the old bridge possible and that it will be some time in August before the job is completed.

The Farmers' State Bank, as the new bank of Moro will be known, has received its charter and will open for business next week in the Webb building. The board of directors are W. S. Powell, W. B. Johnson, O. G. Sayrs, W. H. Ragsdale, president; W. F. Jackson, vice-president; G. B. Bourhill, cashier.

**No. 216. Report of the Condition of The Bank of Moro, at Moro, in the state of Oregon, at the close of business June 20, 1917.**

Resources—	
Loans and discount	\$235,472.51
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	367.20
Bonds and warrants	3,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,740.72
Due from banks (not reserve banks)	21,626.96
Due from approved reserve banks	34,411.51
Checks and other cash items	2,513.67
Cash on hand	12,614.03
Total	\$312,746.60
Liabilities—	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	17,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	718.09
Individual deposits subject to check	257,980.58
Time and Savings deposits	12,957.93
Total	\$312,746.60

State of Oregon County of Sherman ss I, W. D. Wallen, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. W. D. Wallen, cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of June, 1917. John M. Perry, Notary Public. My commission expires Sept. 29, 1920. Correct, attest: L. Barnum, R. C. Atwood, Directors.

**DR. J. N. SHAW VETERINARIAN**  
Interstate Stock Inspector  
Examiner of Stallions for License  
Graduate of Washington State and Oregon Agricultural Colleges.  
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Dr. Morse has just bought his third REO, a roadster. W. A. Medler and Frank Landborn are both driving their third REOS. It stands the test of continued use. Every REO owner is a booster.

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## Geo. N. Crosfield,

WASCO, OREGON

Monday, July 2, Dr. Freeze, the Eye Specialist, will make his regular visit to Moro and may be consulted free at Hotel Moro parlors all day. Bring in your headaches and eye troubles and exchange them for comfort. Over 14 years' experience; 8800 cases treated; results guaranteed. At Grass Valley June 30, Kent July 1, Wasco July 3.

**Header for Sale.**  
Want to sell one of two McCormick 14-foot headers; both in good condition; will give choice of either; also 600-gallon Gilbert-Hunt water tank; one 4-horse header box; one cook house; five or six unloading nets, in fair condition. Inquire at the L. L. Peetz Farm, Moro, Ore. 3422

**For Sale.**  
One Daniel Best Combine 16-foot cut, Sidehill Junior, Has cut less than 1800 acres. For particulars apply to Ernest Willerton, at Johnston & Willerton's, The Dalles. 6\*J15

**Bull for Sale.**  
Fine 2-year-old bull from blue ribbon Jersey cow and registered Holstein bull. Inquire or phone, J. H. Elliott, 2J18-15\* Monkland, Oregon

**For Sale.**  
Two good Jersey milk cows. Also one 16-foot Holt Combine Harvester. Inquire of Homer D. Belshee, Monkland, Ore. J9H

**For Sale.**  
A 24-in. Farquhar 2d-hand Separator, cheap. Moro Hdw. & Imp. Co.

**Undertaking Supplies**  
Caskets and Robes always on hand; special supplies and caskets ordered at any time. Sam Brisbane, Moro, Oregon.

**Livery Automobile Service**  
To or from any point, particularly Sherman county. Experienced driver and car always ready. Phone me at my expense from any place. Reasonable charges with plenty of time given commercial men to "make" towns. GEORGE ELLARD, Grass Valley, Oregon.

**\$20,000 School District 5% Bonds.**  
Notice is hereby given that the District School Board of School District No. 17, in Sherman county, Oregon, will receive sealed bids at the office of the clerk of said school district, in the Moro Bank building, Moro, Oregon, for the purchase of \$20,000 5 per cent school district bonds, up to 7:30 o'clock p. m. on the 10th day of July, 1917. Said bonds are to be dated July 1, 1917, and bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer of Sherman county, Oregon, or at the fiscal agency of the State of Oregon in New York City. Said bonds redeemable at any time after the expiration of five years from date of issue, at the pleasure of said school district, but due and payable absolutely in twenty years from date thereof. After the expiration of said five-year period, payments of \$500 or any multiple thereof, may be made on said bonds on any interest paying date. Certified check for 2 per cent of bid to accompany bid. The School District Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. By order of the Board. F. E. Fortner, School Clerk. June 27, 1917.

### A Straight Tip on the Fuel and Lumber Situation.

We are in the grip of the worst car shortage the world has ever known—and it is getting worse.

Ninety per cent of all fuel shipments will be made during the three summer months.

Next to fuel, shipments of silo and granary material will have precedence over all others—as this tends to increase the country's food supply.

We suggest that you anticipate your wants and order your supplies at once.

We will be pleased to talk these matters over with you in person.

### At the Home of Tum-A-Lumber

The Place for 'Tum-A-Lump

See H. U. Martin About It.

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In times of stress you'll find that your bank account is your friend. You can look the world in the eye. The man with a bank account looks better, feels better, is better than the man without a bank account. We transact all kinds of banking business.

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