

# The Observer

MORO, SHERMAN CO., OREGON:

Official Paper for Sherman County.

FRIDAY.....Aug. 31, 1917

**Esperanza Lodge No. 121.**  
A. F. & A. M. MORO, OR.  
Meets the first and third Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. By order of W. M. J. M. PARRY, Secretary.

**Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O. E. S.**  
Regular communication each 2d and 4th Thursday evenings monthly. Mrs. NELLIE CUSHMAN, Worthy Matron. Mrs. MAY BARNUM, Secretary.

**Farmers Educational and Co-Operative Union of America**  
MORO LOCAL NO. 41

Meets in I. O. O. F. hall each 2nd and 4th Saturday afternoon. Visiting members welcome. W. S. POWELL, President. C. G. SILVER, Secretary.

## Local Church Announcements

**Methodist church:**  
Sunday school at 10 a. m. A. M. Wright, superintendent. Classes for all ages and graded lessons.  
Preaching service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. This is the last Sunday of this conference year. The pastor expects (D. V.) to attend Conference at North Yakima next week, and there will be no preaching service Sunday, Sept. 9. Please make a special effort to be present at both services Sunday.  
John Robertson, Pastor.

**Presbyterian Church:**  
Sabbath school at 10 a. m., F. E. Fagan, superintendent.  
11 a. m., regular services.  
Services at Monkland: Bible school at 2 p. m., preaching at 3 p. m.  
You are cordially invited to all of these services.  
B. Trueblood Smith, pastor.

Luke Johnston left Tuesday for a visit at Portland.

P. H. Zobel has bought the Al. Kirtley Oakland auto.

See Mullikin "the harness maker" at Wasco, Oregon.

Come and see the Fireless Cookers at Ginn, Coleman & Co.

Ev. Sink is a business visitor in Moro this week from Portland.

Royal Bakery Bread fresh daily at the Moro Trading Co.'s store.

Crosfield, at Wasco, is and has been selling fruit and berry Sugar at \$8.60.

Abstracts promptly made by the Sherman County Abstract Co., Moro, Oregon.

G. W. Hansell and family will move to Lewiston, Idaho, shortly after September 1st.

Roy Myers and wife, of De Moss, left Wednesday for a ten day visit at Oro Fino, Idaho, with Mr. Myers' two brothers, who have enlisted in the army.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Peetz, Wednesday afternoon, August 29, a son.

Ask for Preferred Stock groceries for sale by Moro Trading Co. Easily the best.

Attorney and Mrs. J. B. Hofferford returned Monday from a short visit at Portland.

Leland Wallan left Tuesday for a visit with his grandparents at Adams, Umatilla county.

Crosfield has one 5 1/2-foot new Mower, also one 10-foot Self-Dump Rake for less than cost.

Angus Kuks is again visiting friends in the county from his Milwaukee home near Portland.

A concrete walk is being built in front of the Moro market and the Garlick building on First street.

Miss Frances Rutledge is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rutledge, at Hotel Moro.

Come in and look at our Men's Ready-to-Wear Clothes. Moro Trading Co. Summer weights now in.

C. G. Silver, Al. Kirtley and T. E. Hulery are visitors at Portland this week, leaving Thursday morning.

Anyone who has lost a sum of money may possibly find it by communicating with post office box 40, Moro, Ore.

J. M. Parry and wife returned Wednesday from an outing at Newport, spending several days at Portland on their return.

Al. Kirtley has bought a late model Chalmers from Hulery Bros., agents in Sherman county for this popular automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Anderson are listening to what the sad sea waves are whispering to them at Gearhart these warm days.

If you have a news item, tell it to the Observer. Don't imagine we know it and then wonder why it is not in the paper phone it in.

Louis J. Gates was a business visitor in the county this week from The Dalles, looking after wheat buying agencies and starting the agents to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Spoon were visitors last Saturday and Sunday at the H. W. Strong farm, returning Monday to their home at Waterloo in the Willamette valley.

Jas. Stewart, editor of the Fossil Journal, was a business visitor at Moro Tuesday afternoon, leaving the same evening by auto for Rufus, where he took the late train for Arlington.

H. W. Strong and son Truman have finished their harvest work for this season. The farm southwest of Grass Valley made a poor yield, but the farm near Moro averaged very good. One field of little more than 100 acres near Moro turned off 1300 sacks of wheat, which sold at \$2.40 per bushel.

Superintendent F. E. Pagan informs us that the annual Teachers' Institute for Sherman county will be held this year at Grass Valley on October 8, 9 and 10, the first half of county fair week.

W. D. Wallan has sold his Moro residence to Robert Urquhart, who has leased his Erskine farm to Al. Kirtley and will move to town when the Wallan's move to their new location near Lewiston.

When an autoist buys tubes, blow-out patches or boots, they want fresh stock. Foss & Co. have a complete new, fresh line of anything wanted of this kind, and of dependable manufacture also.

R. D. Jackson and family returned Wednesday afternoon via auto and the Columbia highway. Mrs. Jackson had been visiting at the coast and Portland for several weeks, Mr. Jackson going down last week to bring the family home.

Richard Henn was a visitor in the county the past week from Blanchard, Iowa, leaving Tuesday for Seattle and Los Angeles before returning home. Mr. Henn was very much impressed with the possibilities for farming in Sherman county.

Virginia Alice, five months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rich, of Ajax, Gilliam county, passed away on the 26th at the home of Mrs. Rich's sister at De Moss. Funeral services were conducted Monday by Rev. Robertson, from the Christian church at Wasco, interment being at the Wasco cemetery.

R. C. Ornduff has resigned as deputy sheriff and accepted a position as bookkeeper with the Bank of Moro in place of F. E. Fortner who has been promoted to the position of cashier made vacant by the resignation of W. D. Wallan, who is moving to Lewiston, Idaho. The changes will be made shortly after the first of September.

Under the capable direction of Contractors Hedges & Huls the new Moro school building is moving rapidly to completion in time for school. The roof is now on the main building, some of the rooms plastered, and part of a floor laid. The forms for the concrete walls of the auditorium are in place and pouring of concrete for the same will soon begin.

Ned Hickson, from Portland, and M. Fitzmaurice, from Condon, were visitors in Moro Monday returning from a two-weeks' vacation fishing trip on the Des Chutes, from Maupin to the mouth of the river. The gentlemen are brothers-in-law and former residents of Moro. Mr. Hickson is now connected with the insurance business in Portland and Mr. Fitzmaurice is editor of the Condon Times.

J. W. Clark was a visitor in Moro Tuesday on his return to Kent from a barley buying expedition at Wasco, where he purchased several tons for hog feed next winter. John has recently purchased an automobile and this was his first long distance trip away from home. He says he is becoming quite a successful driver, that he missed the chuck holes in the road, drove over the pot holes and kept ahead of the dust all the way down and back.

### Important to Farmers

An opportunity will be given every grain grower to learn something about the new grain standards law on Monday, September 3, when H. A. Martin, grain supervisor for the Federal Bureau of Markets, will talk at Moro at 3:30 p. m. Every wheat grower should know something about this new grain standards law, for when the government sets the prices for wheat they will be based on the different grades described in that law.

Approximately 19,000 more cattle and 29,500 more sheep are being grazed this season on the national forests of Oregon and Washington than in ordinary years, according to District Forester Geo. H. Cecil, Portland, Ore. The extra demand for meat occasioned by war conditions is given as the reason for this increased use of the ranges. The national forests of the country are carrying about 100,000 more cattle and 200,000 more sheep than usual. Ordinarily they furnish pasturage for about 1,800,000 cattle and horses and 7,800,000 head of sheep.

## The Tin Bucket Brigade

When Moro citizens, a few years since, finished drilling the present deep well and installing pumping machinery it was thought that the danger of a recurring water famine was something that would not annoy the city again for a long time.

The last few years Moro has grown rapidly; property has been acquired from non-residents to those who wished to make permanent homes and beautify the place where they lived; lawns were started and trees set out, until the city is just now beginning to fully justify the expectations of those who have their homes amongst us.

The present year has been an exceedingly dry season, with a scarcity of water everywhere until, at Moro, street sprinkling had to be discontinued so that the property owner who had started a lawn and planted a few trees might have the water to keep them alive until the fall rains came.

It is now proposed that the city seriously consider enlarging its water supply, and when doing it see that the supply will be as nearly ample as possible for future needs.

There is talk of drilling another well close to the present drilled well; if this be done and a new vein of water reached, the lifting of the water could be done with one engine and a walking beam connected to both wells, cutting the expense materially.

Others wish to drill a well on the flat, as far from the present supply as possible, with an idea that that would be the best means of securing an additional supply. It is probable that another drilled well on the flat would secure a larger supply of water without affecting the present supply.

Some are suggesting that if a new well be drilled that it be located close to the reservoir, and by so doing secure a new vein with a minimum expense for pumping.

A few are making suggestions of connecting springs, more or less distant from the city, with the Moro water system by means of a pipe line. While these schemes may appear practicable and the supply of spring water ample it should be taken into consideration that the expense for the pipe would drill a number of wells that would furnish a larger volume of water.

The present reservoir system for Moro has been entirely too small for the needs of the town for several years; the present reservoir will not hold enough to supply the city for 24 hours; in seriously considering enlarging the present water supply a larger and better reservoir should be part of the plan. Without a larger storage capacity more water supply would be nullified by not being able to anticipate the need of an emergency and does not provide for absolutely necessary fire protection.

A new reservoir on a higher elevation, with a storage capacity of not less than 150,000 gallons, should be part of any plan for increasing the water supply of Moro. Such a reservoir could be constructed at present prices for about \$3000. A second drilled well of the same approximate depth of the one now owned by the city could be had for about \$1000. Other items of cost, such as pipe, machinery, etc., would be regulated by location and is for those in authority to decide.

Now is the time to discuss these matters and find a remedy for present existing conditions. The city council is the right authority to ascertain ways and means for securing relief from water scarcity. The Observer suggests that the Mayor and council devise a plan of action, including costs and probable location, and then call a public meeting for discussion of this matter.

Friday, Sept. 7th, Dr. Freeze, the Eye Specialist, will make his regular visit to Moro and may be consulted free at Moro Hotel parlors all day. If you are a sufferer from headaches, eyeaches, cross eyes or other eye troubles, consult Dr. Freeze and be assured of careful examination and treatment. Fourteen years scientific research and experience. At Grass Valley Sept. 6, Wasco Sept. 8, Rufus Sept. 9.

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## Serious Auto Accident

The six-cylinder Studebaker car owned by L. L. Peetz was turned over at a sharp turn in the road near the Moro cemetery Monday afternoon when being driven into town by Joe Peters, with Charles Royce as a passenger. The two men were working on the L. L. Peetz combine harvester at the C. G. Silver farm, Royce as separator tender, and in the absence of Mr. Peetz and the need for sudden harvester repairs, the two started to town for the needed extras.

Coming around the sharp curve Peters spied the car owned by W. D. Wallan and driven by his son Leland, who was turning the car back in the direction of Moro. Although Peters was too dazed after the accident to say exactly how the accident occurred, it is thought that he swung too close to the high bank in trying to get room to pass and the car drove up the straight side wall for four feet before turning over twice and landing on its side with top, windshield and right front wheel broken to bits, and the body and frame badly sprung. The engine was not injured and the car was later in the afternoon brought into Moro under its own power.

When the car overturned both men were pinned underneath, but Peters soon worked himself free and lifted the car so that he could free Royce. Both men were taken to the office of Dr. Poley, where it was found that Mr. Peters had a badly skinned face and arm, but no serious injuries; a very fortunate circumstance considering that the steering wheel was smashed to pieces.

The injuries to Mr. Royce were more severe; his collar bone was broken in two places and a piece of bone had been forced out of place and down toward the arm. Some of the bones of his left arm were broken and it was thought an artery of the arm had been ruptured. Later in the afternoon he was taken to the home of his sister, Mrs. F. S. Lamborn, at Wasco, and the next day it was thought best that he be taken to a Portland hospital.

With an increase of equipment of only 3 per cent, the railroads of this country rendered nearly 26 per cent more freight service in June this year than in the same month last year. These figures are contained in a report on freight operations which has just been received by the commission on car service of the Railroad's War Board. They furnish additional proof of the vigorous and successful efforts which the railroads of this country are making to help win the war by producing greater transportation efficiency.

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