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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.



Under the lead taken by the local banks the quota of Liberty Bonds assigned each community in the county proportionate with its property valuation, will all be subscribed by Saturday night, the last day the bonds will be offered. The quota assigned Moro was \$45,000 and on Monday the mark was reached and passed with a total subscription of \$48,600 by the two banks in our city. Moro was one of the first ten Oregon cities and the first in eastern Oregon to subscribe its quota and, prouder record yet, it was the first city in Oregon to pay in full and at once for all bonds subscribed.

Seeding in the dust is now active around Moro. Farmers are of the opinion that it is becoming too late in the season to wait and seed after the rain. Weather conditions seem to indicate a dry fall. The last heavy rain in this section was in May.

Army Training Camp in Oregon

A move is under way to induce the war department, in case any new army cantonments are to be established in the northwest, to select the Hermiston site which is in the west end of Umatilla and the east end of Morrow counties.

There are 30,000 acres of land practically all within the west extension of the Umatilla irrigation project and now owned by the federal government. What ever private land may be needed can be easily secured on terms favorable to the government.

Those who have closely investigated this subject are enthused with the conviction that the site has all qualifications needed; the land is level and unused; transportation facilities are ideal; there is an abundance of water and, above all, climatic conditions are such that troops stationed there may be given outdoor training throughout the entire year.

The selection of the Hermiston site is urged by officials of the federal reclamation service, who are familiar with it, and endorsed by army officers sent to inspect it. Therefore, why should the government spend money to buy land when the title to an ideal cantonment for army training purposes is now theirs at Hermiston?

Many people do not stop to consider that one business in particular, that of banking, because of the war, will not and can not be conducted "as usual," but, on the contrary, it will be quite unusual. The demands of war and the consequent curtailing of funds for private business; transferring of local monies and credits in the loans made to the government in purchase of bonds; create a larger expense in transacting business and the problem of providing for local financial needs. It is to the credit of the banking fraternity that they did not falter in the task set them by the government; that they did their "bit," a great, big, bit, to make it an assured fact that the aims and purposes of our government in becoming an active participant in the stupendous world war now raging in every part of the known world will fructify in the years to come when peace on earth and good will to all shall again prevail.

Owen Thompson has a large collection of curios, gathered as he traveled across the continent as a moving picture reporter of unusual happenings for the screen. He left at the Observer office this week a number of pieces of fantastic and peculiar shaped wood, chief among the collection being samples of rattan and wild grape from Georgia and Florida and the giant cactus from Arizona. Mr. Thompson has an Indian bow and stone pointed arrows that undoubtedly has seen service against the white man. It was bought from an old Crow Indian who claimed to be more than 100 years old and to have been a scout under General Custer.

Three cent letter postage will go into effect Nov. 2d. All first class mail matter will be one cent an ounce or fraction in addition to the present rate. Written post cards will need two cents instead of a cent as now. Printed cards will keep to the old rate of one cent. Letters for distribution in the city where mailed, not having carrier service, will take the old rate. Mail with insufficient stamps will be held for postage.

The owner of a bunch of nine horses; a grey, a black, a colt, and others bay; should pay the owners of property the damage they did to lawns and walks Wednesday night. It is a most cheerful sensation to lie in bed and hear a bunch of horses ker-plop ker-plop on the side walk the best part of the night and to wake in the morning to find the lawn ruined by the heavy hoofs.

Portland papers report that C. M. Biggs, a former Moro resident, quarreled with the owner of the farm he had leased, about pasture rights, the dispute terminating suddenly last Sunday when Biggs peppered his landlord with buckshot.

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Presbyterian Held Liberty Bond Rally

The service Sunday evening at the Presbyterian church was very successfully conducted by the young people in charge. The interest of the older people was apparent before the service as the edifice and its annex was taxed to find seats for all.

The service was in charge of Grace Muir, Adeline Hockman read the scripture lesson; Wayne Hull, of Wasco, gave a short summary of the work of the Christian Endeavor in Sherman county; an orchestra of five violins, flute, cornet, slide trombone, and organ assisted the young lady members of the choir.

The address of the evening was by J. B. Hosford who explained the Liberty Bonds and the need of having every man and woman take an active personal interest in having the second issue of Liberty Bond as successfully backed up by the people as was the first.

Mr. Hosford alluded to the non-taxable features of the bonds, up to \$5000, and their value for buying merchandise and paying debts exactly the same as if they were gold coin.

Liberty Bonds are gold coin with this added difference: The Bonds bear interest, gold coins do not; the interest is paid when due by any bank or post office. Some who have money to loan seem to consider the interest paid on the Liberty Bonds as not enough for the use of their money by the government, but taxes and income assessment will cut any higher interest probably to a lower level. At all events the war taxes to be levied before this war is ended will make the owner of Liberty Bonds consider his investment as very wise and thoughtful.

The postal department has formulated rules for dispatching of Christmas mail to American enlisted men serving in the army and navy in Europe. All mail intended for Christmas delivery must be posted before Nov. 15th; each package must bear conspicuously the words "Christmas Mail" and the complete address of the person for whom it is intended with the address of the sender; every package must be so marked and wrapped as to admit of easy inspection by the postmaster; no parcel will be dispatched to Europe which has not the postmaster's certificate that it contains no prohibited articles.

Coming to Moro Theater this Saturday is "The Saintly Sinner" another Bluebird photoplay. The excellent reputation this series of picture dramas has established will be cleverly maintained in this attraction. "The Saintly Sinner" will be a play out of the ordinary based upon uncommon theories and worked out with well sustained interest to the very end. Ruth Stonehouse will be the heroine of the story with Jack Mulhall appearing as the leading man.

E. E. Barzee believes in the efficiency of a small ad placed in the Observer. He had too many cows and was not afraid to have it known at a cost of 35 cents. The result was three men wanting to buy and a fourth man in the notion. The cow was sold Monday to Harvey Thompson, the first man to answer the ad.

Sheriff McKean issues official notice that, pursuant to law, all taxes not paid on or before November 4th will fall delinquent and an additional 5 per cent penalty must be collected together with an interest charge of 1 per cent for each month delinquent.

The S.P.Ry. Bulletin says that the only thing overlooked in the transportation section of the war tax bill was the Stop, Look and Listen signs at the crossings; but then, maybe, the men who framed the measure drove autos.

The census of Wasco county, recently completed by the food conservation committee, discloses the fact that there are 2965 "kitchens" or homes in the county 1300 of the number being in The Dalles.

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