

The Observer.

MORO, OREGON.

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Teachers of Moro schools with one exception enjoyed the holiday vacation with the folks at home. Miss DeArmond's parents now live in Canada, she accepted Miss Key's invitation to visit at her home in Pendleton. Miss Stearns spent the holidays at her home in Vancouver, Wash. Mr. Boyric was at home in Portland. Mrs. Muir was thoroughly at home in Moro. Prof. Dunton left his happy home and the kiddies to attend the State Teachers Assn. meeting at Portland, Mrs. Dunton visiting, in the meantime, with her parents in the valley.

The local Red Cross has made its 4th shipment of supplies to the headquarters at The Dalles. The shipment leaving Thursday, while not as large as some of the others, included 6 knitted sweaters, 8 knit scarfs, 16 bandage slings, 10 chin bandages, 15 "many tail" bandages, 15 abdominal bandages, 15 four tail bandages, 38 hand towels, 10 dish towels, 75 pillow slips, 14 sheets. Most of these are intended for surgical use in hospitals.

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Local Churches Observe Christmas

Because of but one day intervening between Christmas day and the preceding Sunday, the special exercises and programs arranged in honor of the occasion were incorporated into and made a part of the usual services at the different churches for last Sunday.

At the usual time for morning service at the M.E. church, a program of more than an hour, consisting of recitations, chorus songs, solos, and instrumental music, preceded the presenting of the gifts. Besides the large number of parcels containing food and clothing, an offering of \$12.59 was received for the starving children and mothers of the war stricken countries. At the service in the evening a Christmas sermon by the pastor was the feature of the hour.

At the Monkland Presbyterian church the special Christmas exercises were held on Sunday afternoon. The auditorium was artistically decorated for the occasion with Oregon grape, fir boughs, ferns, and house plants. The special program of Christmas music, exercises and readings was listened to by an audience that taxed the capacity of the building. It was truly a "white" Christmas there were many contributions of canned fruits and vegetables, literature, clothing, etc. The cash offering totaled \$10.52. All the contributions will go to the charitable institutions of the state.

The special exercises and program commemorative of Christmas at Moro Presbyterian church was given Sunday evening. The church being prettily decorated in red and green, Oregon grape sent from Rowena by F. H. Pownder being used at numerous places. At one side of the rostrum was a replica of the manager and directly over one end was the star that had guided the three wise men. The exercises depicted the shepherds being awakened and leaving their flocks to find the Savior, the angels proclaiming the joyous tidings, and the journey of the wise men. A cash contribution of \$21.57 and many presents of home canned fruits and vegetables, as well as potatoes, clothing, toys, etc. was received. All contributions will go to charitable institutions.

Girl wanted for house work. Apply to Mrs. G.B. Bourhill.

Open Letter From a Moro Citizen

The following letter was received this week from Rev. A. J. Adams, pastor of Moro Presbyterian church for 12 years, now a resident of Bickleton, Wash., where he is pastor of the Presbyterian church. His reference in the letter to the vacation of the Auditorium has reference to a recent meeting in Portland when the Auditorium Building was vacated quickly before the close of the evening on the insistence of Mayor Baker who had been informed that a plot to blow up the building and the crowd had been discovered only at that moment.

Dear Observer: Your weekly visits are appreciated. Scanning your local page brings us into personal touch with our Sherman county friends and we can easily imagine ourselves back in our old social environment; albeit, a feeling of sadness is awakened by the loss of the virile manhood that has so nobly responded to the call of patriotism. There is the consolation that "to live in hearts we leave behind is not to die" and to us is the compensating feature that our country is safe from the blight of autocracy and militarism so long as the sword is entrusted to such hands.

Although you may have surpassed us in the matter of numbers, yet in point of patriotism we are no mean second. We cite this instance in proof of the above statement and refer to this only because of a failure of the Portland papers to report it. A Mr. Glass, whom I have known from boyhood, left Bickleton two weeks ago to enlist. He was sitting in a barber shop in Portland discussing with others the forced vacation of the public Auditorium building at the time it was rumored that it was likely to become a target for bombs. A German who was present remarked "It ought to be blown to Hell!" My friend Glass so far forgot the old adage "Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones," that he pommelled him soundly. Sequel: he was hailed before the police judge, plead guilty to the assault, and when asked by the judge "Would you repeat the assault under like provocation?" answered quickly "I would." The judge said "You are discharged. You are the kind of men we want." Just such men as Mr. Glass, and there are millions of them, make it impossible for tyranny to find in all our land a spot on which to erect a throne. Yours for "victory through defeat." A. J. Adams.

The comedy playlet entitled "The Elopement of Ellen" put on at the high school auditorium last Friday evening was a decided histrionic success. All the pupils in the cast did equally well, so well that special praise probably would be invidious.

John B. Thompson, candidate for the nomination for sheriff, was visiting in Moro Christmas. John drove down from Grass Valley to attend the photo play "The Man Without a Country" at the Moro Theatre and found the roads iced up a little too much for a round trip that evening.

From the last week in November up to the afternoon of December 26th there has been a total rainfall of 5.73 inches. Wednesday the rain froze as it hit the ground, but a Chinook brought a thaw that night and Thursday was as balmy as a spring day, with plenty of rain in the afternoon.

F. E. Fortner, cashier of the Bank of Moro, spent Christmas at Portland where Mrs. Fortner is visiting with her parents. The return trip was made via auto from The Dalles, leaving that city at 11 p.m. and arriving at Moro five hours later at 4 a.m., the mud was froze solid but the icy sleet held the car to slow speed. Close to Moro an abandoned car with a wheel broken off, held him nearly an hour until he could work his car past.

A happy family in Moro during holiday week was the one presided over by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Coleman. They had three of their four children with them during the week: Miss Margaret from Corvallis, where she is attending the O. A. C., Miss Eunice from The Dalles, where she is teaching school, and William from North Yakima, where he is engaged in business. A married daughter, living at Seattle, could not be with the party at Moro.

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