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Official Paper for Sherman County.



President W. J. Kerr and members of the Board of Regents of the Oregon Agricultural College made an official visit to the Federal and State Experiment Farm at Moro on Thursday. The visit was followed in the evening by a reception and banquet at Hotel Sherman in Wasco to the official party, the members of the Sherman county court, the publishers of the three papers printed in this county and the executive board of the county farm bureau.

In the expectation that the trip will benefit George M. Miller's health, he and his family are visiting in Minneapolis, Minn. Upon their return they will visit at New Meadows, Idaho, for a short time.

## Hotel Moro Lost by Fire.

On the afternoon of Friday, July 4th, the Hotel Moro was completely destroyed by fire that started in the ceiling of the kitchen over the range shortly after 2 o'clock, while the Chinese cook was away visiting a countryman in a building close by.

The fire had gained considerable headway before its discovery, but if water could have been had when the first fire-fighters arrived the building most likely could have been saved along with its contents. As it was very little of the furnishings on the upper floor were saved because of the fire burning through the stairway partition wall. Nearly all the furnishings of the lower floor, except in the kitchen, were saved by efforts of men and women who quickly fell in line to move everything possible from the building.

This fire was one of the most fortunate affairs of the kind that ever visited Moro. At the beginning the wind was only a gentle persistent breeze from the west and the blaze was forced to work against it. Later when the Maxwell building was burning on the side nearest the hotel and had its roof ablaze in many places the breeze stiffened to a strong wind and held the heat away until the fire fighters secured and held the upper hand.

Numerous cinders fell in the Belshee barn corral and probably

a dozen small fires were burning there at one time, but volunteers kept them from spreading or doing any damage. Cinders also set fire to the dry grass surrounding the Experiment Station and the barn yard, but these were kept under control by Superintendent Stephens.

Loss was confined to the Hotel Moro valued at \$7500, with insurance of \$3500; the Maxwell building, part of one side and roof burned, insurance \$1000; the Webb brick, the upstairs used as an annex to the hotel and the ground floor containing the Farmers' State Bank and the private office of W. H. Ragsdale. The brick was entirely destroyed, but the bank was able to save all its papers and furniture, as well as the furniture in Ragsdale's office. The contents of the upper story was a total loss, with one or two exceptions.

Volunteer firemen found the usual conditions when they attempted to fight the fire. Both fire hydrants on the hotel street intersection were buried by a street fill made several years ago. It was all of 30 minutes before any water could be had from any hydrant and one hydrant valve, buried four feet deep, was not opened until three days after the fire.

## Chautauqua Huge Success

The past week has been one of pleasure in Sherman county because of the Chautauqua season extending through the week from Monday morning until Saturday evening at DeMoss Park. In this section whenever business interfered with pleasure the merchants shut their doors and went to Chautauqua, and it was worth while. Any community is fortunate to have the class of entertainment that was presented last week at DeMoss Park. Each day's program was a success, there were no poor numbers, and it is easy to pick any one of a half dozen that was worth the price of a season ticket. All will be pleased to know that a contract has been signed for the Ellison-White Chautauqua for a return engagement next year.

LOST—White Indian arrow on Tie Pin; lost July 4th at the Moro fire. Reward if returned to Observer office. jy11

## DePalma's Packard Equipped With "Exide."

The international auto races held at Sheepshead Bay June 14, has caused much comment in the automobile world. The marvelous feat performed by Ralph DePalma has naturally called for criticism of machines.

DePalma won the 50 mile race in a Packard racing car, breaking the world's record. He averaged 113 miles an hour during the greater part of the race.

To the spectators the excitement was intense, the first 25 miles of the race were remarkable. Twelve times around the two mile track four high powered racing cars swept along at break-neck speed, almost wheel to wheel. Sixty thousand persons were held breathless, for it looked as though any moment the cars would crash together.

In the thirteenth lap DePalma shot ahead of his competitors and gradually increased his lead. His car at one time reached a speed of 140 miles per hour.

Think of the enormous strain on man and car to accomplish this wonderful feat. Every detail of the car must be as strong as every nerve in the man! After all the successful tests that the "Exide" Battery has gone through it gives me great pleasure to know that DePalma's car was equipped with an "Exide" Battery, said R. A. Twiss, distributor in this territory. It goes to further prove the endurance of "Exide" Batteries.

## Is Your Dog Tagged?

It appears to be unknown to many, but under the law as enacted by the last legislature, every dog over the age of eight months must be licensed and wear a tag before it will be allowed to run at large anywhere in the state.

The law went into effect the first of this month. Application must be made to the county clerk and a fee of \$1 for male dogs and \$2 for female dogs will be collected. The clerk will issue a collar for the dog, a tag being on the collar. The owner of any dog found running at large without being properly tagged is subject to a fine of \$10 for each offense.

## Cresfield to Help All Holt Owners

The Holt Manufacturing Co. have placed Mr. Roy Godfrey in this territory to look after all the Holt Harvester and Caterpillar owners and give them the best possible service to be had. Mr. Godfrey will call upon all Holt owners whether they are late purchasers or old and will help them any way that is necessary to see that they have a successful run during harvest.

## Notice

From July 1 until September 25 I will be in Sherman county. All those wishing to take violin lessons will phone in or see me at Chautauqua. A summer course of ten weeks will be provided. Lizzie DeMoss Davis.

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## Church Announcements

Presbyterian—Moro. Sunday school, 10.30 a.m. Preaching 11.30 a.m. Sermon on Sabbath observance according to the New Testament will be delivered. Union services at Methodist church at 8 p. m. Choir practice Monday, 8 p. m. Christian Endeavor 7.15 p. m. Bible study and devotional service Wednesday, 8 p. m. at Methodist church. Dorcas society Wednesday afternoon.

At Monkland Sunday school, 2 p. m. Preaching at 3 p. m. The same sermon will be delivered as in the morning. All are invited to attend these services who do not attend elsewhere. Elmer E. McVicker, Pastor.

Christian Science Society Services will be held in the church building on Main street at 11 o'clock. Subject—"Sacrament." Testimonial services are held Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock. Sunday school in room at rear entrance of church at 11 a.m. Pupils up to the age 20 are welcome to these classes. The reading room at the rear entrance to the church building is open every Friday from 2 until 4 p.m., where the Bible and all authorized Christian Science literature may be read, bought or borrowed.

The public is cordially invited to attend the church services and visit the reading room.

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