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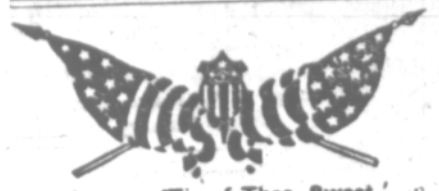
MORO, OREGON.

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C. L. IRELAND, Manager.

Official Paper for Sherman County.



Democrats are taking much to heart the thought that "the woman vote" will elect the next president of the United States. News dispatches from Washington state that President Wilson was cheered immensely by what Mrs. George Bass, chairman of the woman's committee of the national democratic committee told him this week as to the certainty of the women of the country voting "right" at the next presidential election. Evidently all is forgotten about the bonfires and other conflagrations builded by the militant women suffrage pickets around the White House last year, as is also the talk about keeping us out of the war while the national authorities were working overtime to let contracts for war material before being authorized by congress; or even the turning loose with full pay of all the conscientious objectors held in Leavenworth military prison while the sons and brothers of American women were being brutally beaten by army officers in France for infractions of military discipline.

The state board of automobile examiners are holding their first examination of auto mechanics this week at Medford.

Moro's Hotel Problem.

At a meeting of members of Moro Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening a committee of six—J. C. Freeman, W. F. Jackson, Roy Powell, T. C. Lee, A. M. Wright, T. W. Alley,—appointed by R. J. Ginn, president of the chamber, to interview property holders and secure options, if possible, on different locations suitable for a hotel, have a sketch made and take other preliminary steps that they may consider necessary to get the project under way.

W. C. Rutledge was present and stated that at the present time he had no plans as to disposal of the corner where the Hotel Moro formerly was located. He also said that any hotel building that may now be built in Moro should contain not less than 45 rooms; that the old building had contained 25 rooms, five of these having two double beds in each.

A second meeting was held on Wednesday evening at which time the committee reported that a price had been given on four locations for the proposed building; the Ramsey and Foss properties, each 100x100 feet, the Rutledge corner and the property opposite the Rutledge property.

It was decided that the property first talked of be used and that the architect be requested to meet with the members of the Chamber Thursday evening. Tentative plans at the present time are for a three story building facing Main street. The ground floor to contain a storeroom 45x100 feet, an office for the Farmers' State bank, 25x50 feet, and a hotel lobby 30x30 feet. The hotel kitchen and dining room will be back of the lobby and bank office, while the two upper floors will contain 45 rooms to be used by the hotel. The basement, after taking space for store and bank uses, will be used by an ice manufacturing plant a steam laundry and a barber shop.

Examinations for Postmaster of Moro

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at The Dalles, Ore., on September 24, 1919, for the position of postmaster at Moro, Ore. This office has an annual compensation of \$1400.

To be eligible for this examination an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must actually reside within the delivery of the office and have so resided at the time the present vacancy occurred.

Applicants must have reached their 21st but not their 65th birthday on the date of the examination.

Full information concerning the requirements of the examination may be secured from the postmaster at Moro. Applications should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington, D. C., in time to arrange for the examination of the applicant.

Local Wheat Prices Jump

Considerable excitement was occasioned in Moro and Wasco late Saturday afternoon when the holders of a 75,000 bushel wheat pool decided to let go their holdings. Between the efforts of F. E. Fortner, T. C. Lee of Moro and the Farmers' Elevator Company the price for wheat kept in high gear and travel was good until a price of \$2.13 1/4 was reached, when the holders let go. It is said that close to 200,000 bushels of wheat changed hands at Moro and the same amount at Wasco during the time the bidding was being done. The price finally reached \$2.13 1/4 late in the afternoon, but no sales were reported at that figure.

Manager L. W. Ross informs us that he is booking the latest Griffiths movie play entitled "Hearts of Humanity" for Moro Theater sometime the last of August. This play is now running in Portland to capacity houses.

Automobile Travel in Oregon.

It is surprising to anyone who travels the main highways of Oregon this year to meet the large number of cars from points outside the state. Particularly is this noticeable on the Columbia highway bordering the Columbia river, where cars from nearly all the northern states as far east as New York are met with, and the Pacific highway in Western Oregon where the majority of tourist cars are from California.

Today the automobile is being used as never before by vacationists in an endeavor to extract the fullest amount of health and happiness from the vacation period. Requests to automobile clubs and associations for maps and information by tourists have trebled this year. The roads leading to the great national parks and the mountains and the fisherman's paradise are alive with automobiles.

There is no healthier way to spend a vacation than on an automobile tour. The benefit of the open air, the ever-changing scenery and the zest of travel are sure to react favorably on the tourist. The automobile can go any place a train can go and many places where it cannot go. These are some of the reasons why the automobile is so popular with the vacationists.

Damage by Forest Fires

Reports received from Northwestern states by the Western Forestry and Conservation Association show that during July over 1000 fires occurred in Washington, Idaho and Oregon. Some of these in Idaho caused considerable loss of green timber. A force of over 1500 men is now at work to prevent the starting or spreading of fires. Favorable weather conditions the last week of July caused great improvement in the general situation.

Washington had 150 fires during July caused by sparks from engines and from berry pickers. Not over 1,500,000 feet of green timber was killed but loss of logs and camp buildings and equipment will be considerable.

Oregon reports 400 fires, mostly small ones originating from lightning, campers and logging camps. There has been practically no loss of green timber but some damage to logs and logging equipment.

Idaho had 470 fires during July caused by railroads, lightning, campers and loggers. Losses cannot be given at this time as many fires are burning.

Protective agencies throughout the Northwest took advantage of the cool weather the last week in July to put out as many fires as possible in anticipation of unfavorable conditions later on. Smoke has rendered lookouts useless in places and greatly reduced their efficiency throughout. This condition improved somewhat late in July.

The accumulated shortage of rain in many sections together with the large number of fires still smoldering in old burns and slashings make it necessary that unusual precaution must be taken to avoid disastrous August and September fires.

L. W. Baker, for many years manager of the Citizens Commercial Co. at Grass Valley, died in that city Saturday from lockjaw, caused from a splinter that lodged in his finger when unpacking goods for the store. Mr. Baker did not consider it dangerous until taken seriously ill from the effects of the poison shortly after telling a friend that altho it had lusted it was not sore, but that he had a pain in his neck and face. At that time no one thought the two might be from the same cause. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, interment being in Grass Valley cemetery.

Train schedules on the O-W. R. & N. were changed Sunday to the comfort of the traveling public. Connecting train now leaves Portland at 9 a. m., arrives at Biggs at 12:35 p. m.; Shaniko train leaves Biggs at 12:35 p. m., arriving at Wasco 1:20, Moro 2:15 and Grass Valley 2:50 p. m. West bound connecting train at Biggs now leaves at 11:25 a. m. and arrives at Portland 3:30 p. m. The local Pendleton train from Portland no longer makes connection at Biggs with the Shaniko branch. The north bound train leaves Moro at 9:45 a. m.

Huckleberry season will soon be here and a number of Moro people expect to visit the berry fields with the aid of their autos to secure a supply of this celebrated wild fruit for winter use.

Church Announcements

Presbyterian—Moro. Sunday school, 10:30 a. m. Preaching 11:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor 7:15 p. m. Union services 8 p. m. at Methodist church. Bible study Wednesday, 8 p. m. at Methodist church. Choir practice Monday, 8 p. m. Dorcas society Wednesday after noon.

At Monkland Sunday school, 2 p. m. Preaching at 3 p. m. Elmer E. McVicker, Temporary Pastor.

Christian Science Society Services will be held in the church building on Main street at 11 o'clock. Subject—"Spirit."

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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