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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet of Liberty."

Official Paper for Sherman County.

Remember Mullikin, the harness man, is now at Wasco. Call and see him.

Times change. The government mule that was once supposed to be a symbol of unadulterated gall is now functioning better as a symbol of modesty, so bold and nifty have folks become.

It is about time for the elegant phraseology of diplomacy to be abandoned in communicating with Holland and the main idea conveyed in plain English.

Little do the innocent green apples of the orchard realize that each day is bringing them nearer to a life of crime in the form of hard cider.

As we understand it, our soldier boys like the French all right, but objected to sleeping with goats and greyhounds during the sea season.

There are some people who would eat mule meat if they thought it could impart the suggestion of a kick.

If a woman is naturally feeble she doesn't mind walking in the new tight skirts.

## Lumber Famine Impending

The seriousness of the lumber situation is beginning to attract the attention it deserves. The chief of the United States forestry service announced the other day that original supplies of pine in the South would be exhausted in ten years at the normal rate of consumption, and that 5,000 mills would be out of existence within five years. The depletion of America's timber resources, he declared, is becoming a world-wide menace. Commenting on these warnings, the Houston Post thinks that "what the country needs is a strong movement to induce the planting of trees, similar to the movements that have resulted in such increased production of food for war purposes." There are evidences, the Post says, that such movement is taking shape in several states, and it adds that the lumbermen will be contributing to the future welfare of their own business and performing a public duty by promoting this movement to the best of their ability. There is considerable force in this suggestion and it is worth considering carefully.

## Courtesy a Business Asset

If you are in a store selling goods, try to please every customer who comes along. Do it for your own sake if not for the customer's. Being kind, courteous, upright makes one better in character and demeanor than if he were irritable, suspicious and stubborn. The only happiness lies in the finer traits of one's nature. We all most hate to say there is business in it, too. One likes to patronize another who has some soul in his life. If we were the head of a big store we would see that the clerks were pleasant and polite or they would go, says Ohio State Journal. Insisting upon this requirement would be a favor to the employee. And the head of the house should set the example. He should be as courteous and pleasant as he expects his clerks to be. He should not go about with a grouchy face, looking as if he thought his employees were poor white trash, doing the worst they could. A great store is an educational establishment, teaching all concerned, employees, customer and proprietor, that the surest way to be noble is in doing noble things.

A new batch of letters of Robert Louis Stevenson, hitherto not published, have lately appeared in England. For some reason they have been withheld until now. And so they are gathered together the very last of all the words that R. L. S. wrote, as crumbs are gathered from the table after a feast. It seems that the hunger of the world for everything Stevenson can never be satisfied. And it is astonishing how much he wrote, poor Robert Louis, propped up in bed most of the time. God be with him on the starry trails.

Don't buy coal now. It's too cheap. Besides it is too hot. Next winter when the cold weather comes and there is a fuel shortage and a car shortage, you can become hysterical and offer fabulous prices for something not to be had. Don't miss an opportunity to play the fool. Let your coal wait until you can't get it and you are freezing, says Houston Post. Be a mutt.

The fact that a single steamer has just brought a seven-million-dollar cargo of wool and hides from South America doesn't necessarily mean that it is such a big ship but that these commodities now bring an enormous price.

Parisian restaurateurs have been obliged to take their tables off the sidewalks, a move, no doubt, toward the roof garden expedient adopted in America as a means of bringing the food and the prices into closer proximity as regards altitude.

There is supposed to be a scarcity of fides and leather in America. And yet, with the lifting of the trade ban, we read our exporters are ready to ship large supplies to Germany. Shall we shoe Germany first, or America?

The cost of living, the criminal abuse of trust by wholesaler and retailer, will cause the people to ignore party lines and to rally about any sensible and sincere effort to make America safe for the hungry.

Another objection we have to accepting these aviation invitations is that whenever we finally start in that direction we don't want a return ticket.

Columbus took 70 days to cross the ocean. The airships are doing it in almost as many hours. The world is being knit closer every day in this triumph over space and time.

Since the announcement of a dirigible line to Europe that will carry freight, also, one senses a stimulated interest in the progress of overhead navigation.

The department of agriculture announces that buttermilk is the finest drink in the world. Queer that literature isn't full of poetry about it.

It is getting so nowadays that a girl can hardly blush at all until she has patronized the drug store.

However, flying upside down in a fog will hardly appeal to the average transatlantic passenger.

## Moro School Report to December 1st

Ronald Payne and Lanora Ramsey reporters.

The school is now acting under a new schedule, whereby the recess periods are eliminated and dismissal is at 3:40.

Definite dates that Moro has for Basket Ball are as follows: December 13th, Wasco, game played at Moro; December 19th, Fossil, game played at Moro.

Don't forget the Lyceum Course dates: December 8th, December 30th, January, February, March, and April; tickets: Adults, \$2; children, \$1; reserved seats, 25 cents for the season.

Tuesday, December 2d, the girls of the domestic class prepared and served a luncheon to the boys of the manual training class. The luncheon was given by the girls to show their appreciation for their new bread boards made by the boys.

A short Thanksgiving program was given in the school auditorium Wednesday evening, November 26th. Most of the program was furnished by the grade pupils and consisted of songs, recitations and a play by pupils of Miss Lloyd's room. The High School girls also gave a short play entitled "Thanksgiving in 1696." A large crowd was present to enjoy the program.

A very good program was given by the pupils of the Monkland school, Tuesday evening, November 25th, under the direction of their teacher, George H. Hansen. The following students and teachers were present from the Moro schools: Gwendolyn Reese, May Lusk, Evelyn Ragadale, Bessie and Frances Andersen, Pauline Corwin, Miss Howard, Miss Lloyd, Miss Rice, Miss Albee, Chester Andersen, Forrest Peetz, Joe Provost, Clarence Bourhill, Mark Henkle, and Mr. Hill.

'Twas the Monday morning after Thanksgiving vacation and along the cold slippery streets groups of drowsy students might be seen wending their weary way schoolward. In the air everywhere was the thought—"Oh! why did school have to start, I wish it were time for Christmas vacation!" But—Ah! this drowsy lack of interest was soon to receive its death blow, upon entering the old study room the students were greeted by a dazzling light surpassed only by the light of the great sun himself.

At first it had a blinding effect, but soon succeeded in waking up every person in school. They looked again and again, was it real? did she mean it? Yes, undoubtedly, for there it was, on her hand, in plain sight, defiantly sparkling out its announcement to the world while she, the respected and beloved instructor of English blushing confessed that it belonged there. Exclamations of "Oh! Boy!" "Har! Har!" "It's a beauty!" filled the air. Congratulations are in order and we all hope they'll "live happily ever after." Every Dodge has his day!

## Chinese Business Methods

No country in the world has such a defective system of communication as that of China, says Hein Shen Pao (Chinese). Commercial and press telegrams which are of great importance are delayed every day while the so-called first-class telegrams, which are really of no importance at all, take the lines to their utmost capacity. Volumes of them are dispatched every day on every line. Cargoes are piled sky high at many railway stations waiting for transportation. Cars are said to be unavailable; yet high officials ride back and forth comfortably in special cars without paying a cent. Hundreds of cars are available for transporting military supplies from place to place. Very heavy losses have the merchants suffered from these two causes alone.

Admiral Von Tirpitz says the German republic must be a failure. Any attempt at free government will be a failure as long as the authors of frightfulness are permitted to have a say in it. The German problem now is to get real patriots to take care of the country and the government will take care of itself.

By order of the South African Cape Provincial council, elephants in the Addo bush are to be exterminated as a nuisance. They will not work, neither shall they eat. But elephants are intelligent, and an amalgamated association with trumpeting walking delegates might make the politicians hide themselves.

If the ex-kaiser's heart bled at the sad necessity of cutting throats in Belgium, how that sympathetic organ must palpitate at the prospect of his own fate as outlined in the plans of the allies for consigning him not to a short throat-cutting, but to a living death on some remote island.

The big dirigible seems to have made the air voyage fitted up with many, if not all, the comforts of home. The airships of the future will probably have their promenades and dancing decks with band concerts every evening, and perhaps miniature theaters to while away the hours in the air.

Fifty years ago a smart girl dressed in a gingham frock and helped mother with the housework at every stage of the game. Nowadays, a smart girl is one who dresses in diaphanous and high heels, never works a lick, and lives a life about as valuable as that of a seven-year locust.

## Local Church Announcements

Presbyterian Church Announcements

Monkland Church: Sunday School at 1:30 p. m. Preaching service at 2:30 p. m.

Moro Church: Sunday School, 10 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Preaching, 7:30 p. m. Choir practice, Monday, 7:30 p. m. Bible study, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. at the Methodist church

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Elmer E. McVicker, Pastor.

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

When the big airship air lines become established, doubtless parachutes will be provided for all passengers for local, nonstop stations, so that they can jump overboard whenever they get in sight of their own chimney tops.

Zurich and some other cantons of the Swiss republic now prohibit motoring on Sunday. Broader ideas must prevail if the League of Nations is to have its seat at Geneva. International statesmen must have their recreations seven days a week.

This is the season when those who are fond of water sports should be extra careful. Water is a treacherous element, and the number of annual summer drownings could be greatly reduced by the exercise of a little thought and prudence.

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