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Guy R. Hulse was up from Portland over Sunday, visiting with his brother Roy P., and family. Guy is a Sherman county boy who has made good in business circles of the Pacific northwest; he now holding the position of agency sales manager with the Western Union Life Insurance Co., giving him authority over the company affairs in 14 states with eight more to be added shortly. He is making arrangements to move to Spokane where he will be better able to attend to his large territory.

The fruit crop for 1920, particularly peach, cherry and apple, will be the lightest in many years, is the prediction of horticulturists who have made a careful survey of the damage wrought to orchards by the recent severe weather.

## Boat and Truck Freight Line

Announcement has been made by interested parties of the organization of the Inland Empire Boat & Truck Line for the purpose of establishing a freight service from Portland on both the Willamette and Columbia rivers to be supplemented with a system of truck lines to deliver freight from river steamers to points inland.

Freight trucking depots will be established at Rufus, Columbus, Arlington, Roosevelt, Hood River, and other points, that will guarantee a sure and speedy delivery of freight. The truck line from Rufus will operate as far south as Grass Valley and probably as far as Kent when the business justifies.

Freight charges on the new line will be from 10 to 20 per cent less than now paid to the railroad companies and will also eliminate the local delivery dray charge at each point as freight will be delivered laid down at the warehouse door of the receiver. Return trips of the trucks will be used to take freight to the river landings where at all times it will be protected by the operating company.

It has long been urged that the way to conduct water transportation successfully on the Columbia and Willamette rivers is to supplement the boats with trucks and trailers operating by schedule on the highways that serve as feeders to the rivers.

We feel convinced that it will be successful and that merchants, business men, farmers, and shippers generally both in Portland and interior points will back such an enterprise. The new line is expected to be in operation by March 1st.

Always read the Observer.

## Moro Has New Postmaster

The close of the year 1919 also marked the termination of the active business life of Moro community of J. M. Parry who has served as post master in this city for a period of 19 years and 1 month, a record that is unique in official life in Oregon and one that probably few post masters of other states can equal. Because of the multiplicity of duties that now are demanded from post masters by the government, Mr. Parry tendered his resignation in June, 1919, requesting that he be relieved from his official duties December 1st. This the post office department did not grant and at their request Mr. Parry continued in the office until December 1st, at which time Robt. Urquhart took over the office as acting post master until his commission as post master for Moro can be forwarded from Washington. Preliminary to transfer of the office, an inspector of the department made an official visit in November and gave it a rating of "excellent" the highest one given to any office by the department.

Mr. Parry has consented to compile a history of the Moro post office for publication in a future issue of the Observer, when this is published it will be better realized by the general public why a post master must be exacting in the conduct of his office and will also show the large volume of extra work that has been demanded of post masters in the last few years.

The daily newspapers constantly recount pathetic stories of the loss of money concealed in mattresses and old teapots, under rugs and in divers other places. Remember the latest story of the man who had several thousand dollars hid in a shoe and when wife cleaned house, down near Marshfield it was, she threw shoe and money into the river. Such losses are quite needless in this progressive age. An absolutely safe place for funds is in a checking account in this institution. Every dollar is protected and constantly available. Bank of Moro, Moro, Oregon.

W. H. Burres, one of Sherman county's most prosperous farmers, returned the latter part of last week from Portland where he closed a deal with John Simpson and Oscar Loomis for the Simpson ranch near Locust Grove, a few miles west of Wasco. The home and buildings on the ranch are the most modern to be found in Sherman county, while the land, consisting of approximately 1000 acres, is rated among the best wheat land in the county.

The French nation is making arrangements to finance a high system of storage reservoirs to be built along the sea coast and to be filled at each recurring high tide. The water so impounded to be used through sluice ways to generate electricity. The new system, coupled with their natural water power in running streams, will enable them to dispense with coal at the end of ten years.

"The Other Half" is the apt and appropriate title of King Vidor's latest production coming to Moro Theater on Thursday, January 15th. As in the case of his other remarkable production that appeared at Moro Theater some weeks ago, entitled "The Turn of the Road" Vidor seems to have struck an intensely human note in this picture. "The proper study of mankind is man," says some sage, and the youthful author director has taken it as a maxim. Admission 15c and 35c.

Here is a fine Home Ranch for some one; 490 acre farm, 175 acres wheat land, 80 acres under irrigation; 3d oldest water right on creek; 4 acres in orchard; two good sets of buildings; 4 miles from Dufur. Write W C Hanna, Dufur, Oregon.

Three valuable dogs were killed by their owners, near The Dalles, last week. Each was conclusively proven to be suffering from rabies. It would be well for all dog owners to watch their animals carefully as the disease might be carried into this county.

Some good city property here in Moro. Some good buys in Goldendale. Also some in Portland and the Willamette valley. Have some good farms in Sherman county. For sale by Alex Hunter, real estate dealer. Call in and see me in Moro Bank building, up stairs.

We have listed for sale a two year lease on 640 acres of land, together with an outfit and over two hundred acres of summer fallow wheat included. If interested write, phone or call on the Sherman County Abstract Co., Moro, Oregon, immediately.

Bolsheviks are occupying the former quarters of the United States embassy in Petrograd, thus adding a picturesque detail to the geographic complication in which bolshevism peculiarly delights.

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## The Men on Low Salaries

He is being cramped and humiliated on all sides, is conscious that he is becoming quasi-miserable through overattention to pennies—in fact, is himself living a petty and sordid life, and what is much worse, sees those he most cares for, and for whom he is responsible, involved in the same destiny, says The Review. He willingly took on the vow of poverty for himself, perhaps, but not for them. He would go into plumbing if he knew enough. He is in the clutch of an out-and-out exasperating experience, one that is destructive both of his dignity and his self-respect. Whether, under this harrow, he reveals bolshevik tendencies or not, a man in such a mood ought not to be teaching our sons. He is bound to be weary and distraught, if not bitter and cynical. It takes enthusiasm and fervor to fire the heart of youth. There is call for the clear and equable mind, sufficiently at rest as respects its own concerns to be able to spare that force upon which his charges ought to have the right to draw. As things now go, the best men will keep out of teaching, and presently the inferior ones, less robust and resistant of nonsense, may actually fall, as some have already fallen, into the status of suggestible malcontents. The heads of most professors are not yet weak enough for bolshevism; but certain journals that dish up brain-softening compounds, full of insinuation and suggestion, are far too popular among them. To such influences they are becoming ever more "open minded." This is dangerous. If the cure of Russian bolshevism is more food, the prophylaxis of professional bolshevism is more salary.

## Law and Order Sunday

Daniel C. Roper, commissioner of internal revenue of the United States, has just issued an appeal suggesting that Sunday, January 18th, 1920, be observed as "Law and Order Sunday" throughout the country and asking that the day be generally observed. In the course of his appeal he says:

"The American people have declared through due process in favor of national prohibition. The 18th amendment to the constitution of the United States, giving the legal authority for this, becomes effective January 16th, 1920. Congress has seen fit to place in the Bureau of Internal Revenue the important responsibility for the enforcement of prohibition.

"Whether prohibition is a wise national policy is no longer a question for debate or contention among good citizens, it has been incorporated as an integral part of the constitution of our country and all law abiding citizens will demand its observance. Officers of the federal government can have no different standard with regard to the enforcement of prohibition than with respect to the enforcement of any other law.

"It is suggested that Sunday, January 18th, 1920, be set apart and designated as 'Law and Order Sunday' throughout the country. I sincerely trust that this will be generally observed and that clergymen throughout the land will bring to the attention of their congregations the vital importance of law as the corner stone of Americanism."

## How Slang Originates

Not everybody who is dead has kicked the bucket; not everybody who has died by his own hand has kicked the bucket, although in the process some of them have kicked over other things. This is not a revelation of the after life. It is simply an explanation of how it started. The term has come down to us for every method of leaving this world for the next. Rocky Mountain News remarks. The particular means which popularized it, however, was introduced hundreds of years ago by one Bolsober, who, having lost his reason, decided to commit suicide—to hang himself. In looking around for a support over which to throw his rope he found a beam so high over his head that it was necessary to stand on something in order to reach it. The nearest thing happened to be a bucket, which served the purpose very well. After completing the necessary operations, the poor man actually and verily kicked the bucket.

Having a housing shortage of her own London, England, is buying surplus army stores in the form of British army huts, thereby providing temporary homes for hundreds of families. Unless they have rusted away, the United States government also has quantities of these huts lying around in this country, all in corrugated sections, ready for erection, capable of conversion in a day into family habitations.

All political prisoners are freed and a general amnesty proclaimed in Costa Rica, now that Tinoco has gone. If Carranza had followed such a policy in Mexico, the whole country might have been pacified long ago.

Fifteen million pairs of silk stockings were made from wood pulp in this country last year. And nearly all of them were exported, while we had to worry along with the old-fashioned kind produced by worms.

"School teachers," cites a supporter of a union for pedagogues, "are left to paddle their own canoes." And for all the small boy cares, they can devote their whole time in that connection to those selfsame canoes.

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