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Since smoking has become so common and is even classed as vulgar, why wouldn't it be a good idea to resurrect the old snuff box and make the heirloom useful as well as ornamental? All this talk about General Washington's taking a pinch of snuff from such and such a box would then be greatly enhanced, says the Louisville Courier-Journal. Other stories could be invented as the snuffers would pinch—or the pinchers would snuff—and there is no telling what fantastic fiction could be added to the family tradition. New myths would curdle around the antique receptacle like an aureole. There is no necessity for lace cuffs. Any old shirt that has gone to the laundry a sufficient number of times has a fuzz that would make valenciennes look like home spun. And the sensation! The grand old snuff! It would be worth the price of admission to get in on a snuff tea. The idea is offered gratis.

One thing is certain that Uncle Sam had taken that mandate over Armenia and landed a few companies of marines there would be no war there now.

That sign "Drive slow, school," always makes us think that the fellow who wrote it should have turned in at the first-grade entrance.

LATEST FORD CAR IS PLACED ON DISPLAY IN MORO GARAGE

Many Improvements Featured in the 1923 "Universal Car"

One of the latest model Ford cars is now on exhibition in the main show room of Williams-Dagget Motor Co., Lincoln and Ford sales and service agency, in this city.

Mr. Williams made a special trip to Portland to get the car and drove it up the highway December 8d. Williams stated that a half hour before he drove the car away from the Ford plant in Portland that it was a freight car and in that short time had to be completely assembled.

The new Ford is quite different from all cars put out previously by the Ford company. It has a one man top, sloping windshield, better shaped fan, improved fan pulleys, an improved circuit breaker, and the new Ford carburetor. All wiring is made in heavier loom. Where wiring passes thru metal, it is protected with fiber bushings. The timer wires are also protected with fiber bushings. Contributing to an all around better Ford-car are the lighter connecting rods, pistons, and better grade rings. The last feature eliminates oil pumping on Ford cars and trucks.

The roadster model has a new improved turtle-back, constructed of heavier metal and fitted with an automatic lock, that permits a load of heavy baggage on the back. Both roadster and touring models have a more substantial tire carrier at the rear of the car.

How About Mendacity? Cynics remark that all a man needs to win a woman are audacity and pertinacity.—Boston Transcript.

To Remove Insect From Ear, Tobacco smoke blown into the ear will dislodge a bug.—Medical Summary.

Millions are Homeless in Near East

Charles V. Vickrey, of New York City, executive secretary of the Near East relief, informs J. J. Handsaker, Oregon state director, under date of December 2nd, that there are one million homeless, helpless refugees of ancient Christian races on the islands and shores of the Aegean sea, almost exclusively women and children. There are approximately another million reported to be fleeing through storms over snow covered mountains, seeking safety through embarkation to unknown destinations. Secretary Vickrey states that "many thousand helpless women and children await answer that Oregon will give at this Christmas season."

Mary Wood Henkle

Mary Wood Henkle, wife of the late Andrew Jackson Henkle, passed away Wednesday morning, December 20th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. C. Thompson, in Moro, reaching the ripe old age of 87 years, 10 months and 4 days. Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock Friday morning, at the Moro Methodist church, Rev. U. C. Smothers of the Methodist church conducting the service, assisted by Rev. H. G. Hanson of the Presbyterian church. Interment was made in the Wasco cemetery, beside her husband, who passed away February 25, 1922, at the age of 94 years.

Mrs. Henkle, with her husband, was one of the early Oregon pioneers, crossing the plains by ox team in 1853. Shortly after they started across the plains, Mr. Henkle was elected captain of the train of forty wagons, twelve families and eighty people.

Mr. and Mrs. Henkle first settled near Corvallis, where they took a land claim. In the spring of 1884 they moved to Sherman county, locating in the Wolffoot district within three miles of the John Day river. Later they moved to eastern Washington and Idaho. They moved to Moro in 1916, where they have since resided. On January 1, 1922, the elderly couple had the pleasure of celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary. Mr. Henkle's death followed shortly, and Mrs. Henkle's death has come before the recurrence of the anniversary date.

Mrs. Henkle was the mother of eight children, four of whom survive her: F. M. Henkle, Priest River, Idaho; Rosa Henkle Thompson, Moro, Oregon; T. J. Henkle, Moro, Oregon; J. W. Henkle, Clarkston, Washington.

CHURCH NEWS

Notes of Interest to All Local Denominations

At the Presbyterian church a special program will be given in connection with the Sunday School next Sunday morning at ten o'clock. At the morning service Christmas hymns will be sung and a sermon commemorating Christmas will be preached.

The midweek service next Wednesday evening, December 27th, will be conducted by Mr. Claude J. Thompson, on the theme "New Plans for the New Year." The meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church.

Owing to the community Christmas program at the opera house next Sunday evening there will be no evening service, nor young people's meeting, in either of the churches that night.

"Christ Jesus" is the subject of the Christian Science society meeting at the church building at 11 o'clock next Sunday morning.

Long Time Record Made from Shaniko

The crew in charge of location work for the Sherman highway between Grass Valley and Criterion school house have completed the survey. They passed thru Moro last Saturday, enroute to The Dalles. Traveling with a highway truck and light touring car, they were 23 hours going from Shaniko to Kent and an additional 18 hours coming from Kent to Moro. These were the first cars to make the drive since the beginning of the snow storm. One of the men had his feet frozen, making necessary the amputation of several toes at the hospital in The Dalles.

Voices of the Exchange

We are told that there has been a genuine back-to-the-soil movement in Russia this year, as a result of the sending of American corn to that famine-stricken country. If this is true, we may feel that American charity has accomplished a much bigger thing than simply the saving of the lives of some thousands of Russians. We are told by one of the supervisors of American relief in a famine-stricken district that villages where only weeds were flourishing formerly, built by the people returning from the cities, whether they fed in paule when the famine came. They have built themselves crude earth houses, like the sod houses of the American pioneers, just enough to cover themselves while they raced against the short Russian summer to produce a crop from the seed which America provided. The arrival of American corn not only checked the flight of the people into the already overcrowded cities and towns, but started many people back to the country to build themselves homes and farms again. This is just what America hoped to accomplish by the sending of corn to Russia.

I cannot help but feel that it is time for musicians to call a halt upon the present unhealthy and over-rapid advance in harmony and find ways of turning to new and effective use the discoveries already made, writes David Stanley Smith in the Yale Review. Intricacy must be abandoned in favor of clarity and free expression. The composer is being assailed by the temptation to elaborate to an absurd degree—a temptation gripping as in no other art, for no art is capable of such baffling intricacy as music. It is not the public only that is fooled into reverence for the composer when it is invited to look upon the page totally black with notes and is told of the large number of extra and unusual instruments used in the score. The composers themselves are fooled. They believe in the policy of terror. They must be "modern" at all costs. The last two decades record remarkable progress in the use of dissonance. But the progress of musical art has been lopsided. Composers are still unaware of the opening for development offered by melody.

Because it is the commonest of our fruits, the apple has never seemed to come in for all the appreciation it deserves. To be sure, it has always had its boosters, who repeat the apple a day motto, and probably live up to it in a dutiful sort of way. But most people have been just taking the apple as a matter of course, something that we could almost always get when we wanted it, or when there wasn't anything more jaxxy to eat. If we had to hunt for our apples a little more, perhaps we would begin to think more of them as one of the best tasting fruits ever created. We certainly wanted her apple; and, if it was forbidden fruit now, instead of one of the so-good-for-you edibles, we would regard it as the choicest dainty on the menu.

A poison campaign against the jack rabbits of the high desert in Deschutes county will be started within the next few days under the direction of an expert sent out by the United States biological survey in order that the stores of hay saved for winter feeding of cattle may not be devoured by the voracious rodent hordes.

It was reported at Salem that the Eastern & Western Lumber company of Portland has purchased approximately 1,000,000 feet of timber in the Cascade range in Marion and Clackamas counties from the Foster Timber company of Milwaukee, Wis. The tract lies north of the Silver Falls Timber company holdings.

Pantomime, Music, on Xmas Program

The annual community Christmas program will be put on next Sunday evening, December 24th, at 7:30 o'clock, at the opera house. "The Holy Story in Pantomime" will be played by a good sized cast of characters. In addition, vocal and instrumental solos, orchestra and quartet numbers will be rendered. No presents should be taken to the hall. People should come prepared for an offering which will be taken for Near East relief.

SCHOOL DRAMA SCORES BIG HIT

Orval Thompson and Opal Powell are Awarded Letters for Acting

The comedy drama, "When Smith Stepped Out," presented Thursday evening at the local opera house by the Moro High School Student Body was thoroughly enjoyed by those present and words of commendation of each of the young thespians who were in the cast was heard on all sides as the audience dispersed.

At the close of the performance, letters were awarded to Orval Thompson, portraying the character of "Uncle Bill" from Australia, and to Opal Powell as "Miss Winslow," spinster, judged to be the best actor and actress in the production.

The numbers by the high school orchestra, the boys' glee club, and the little girls of Miss McCarthy's room who presented a costume dance by "fairies," were each accorded a hearty applause.

The financial returns of the evening exceeded the expectations of the promoters. Owing to conditions of the roads, very few from out-of-town were able to attend. The receipts from admissions totalled \$85.

Our poets are becoming aware of their continental heritage. Reading them, one begins to feel nature's great scale, her wide spaces, her inexhaustible variety. In those forty-eight big states compacted into a single nation, writes Harriet Monroe in Poetry. A country larger, freer, wilder than the little England whose tongue they speak is asserting its power and scope in the songs they sing. It may be that the hope of American art—its one advantage, at least, over European—lies in that love of the wilderness which we inherit from the pioneers. We are nearer to wild nature than the crowded old-world peoples, and we still throw off more easily the husks of civilization to build a campfire under the stars.

Maybe it will work out this way: The high cost of coal will make people more economical with it; such economy will lessen the demand, and the lessened demand may cause a decline of price. It's a long road to travel, but it may be the only one.

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Ring loud the Bells
Send Christmas Greetings
Both near and far
A Merry Christmas

Sherman Electric Co.

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Moro Oregon

Three High Class Radios Now in Moro

Three of the best radio sets manufactured are owned by local residents. One set is located at the E. L. Barzee farm, three miles from Moro. A second set is owned by Judge Henrich at his residence in Moro. The third set was installed this week by W. S. Powell at his residence in town. The three sets bring in daily concerts from Calgary on the north to Los Angeles on the south, and from as far east as Davenport, Iowa, Kansas City and Chicago.

The state labor department sent a representative to Astoria to investigate the labor situation there. Reports reaching C. H. Gram, labor commissioner, indicated that a large number of men were headed for the lower Columbia river city, while others who were employed there before the fire are leaving for other cities.

To move the entire perishable fruit crop in the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho would require every refrigerator car in the United States for one trip between the place of production and the markets, according to E. H. Corey, a member of the Oregon public service commission, who has been in Washington for several weeks attending the railroad merger hearing before the interstate commerce commission. Mr. Corey said he was told that the recent car shortage was not due to a lack of carriers, but was the result of insufficient motive power.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth Axtell, executrix of the Will of Mary McLachlan, deceased, has filed her final account with the clerk of Sherman County, State of Oregon and the Court has appointed Tuesday, the 26th day of December, 1922, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. as the time for the hearing of the said final account and the settlement thereof. All heirs, creditors or other persons interested in said estate are hereby required to file with the clerk of the court on or before the day appointed for such hearing and final settlement, their objections to said account or any particular item thereof, specifying the particulars of such objections.

Dated this 22nd day of November, 1922.

Elizabeth Axtell, Executrix.

Apples Go to Every Continent
Apples grown in the Pacific northwest have been exported to every continent, including Australia.

Labrador's Name

It is believed that Labrador was named because Portuguese explorers thought the natives would make good laborers or slaves. The Labrador coast was discovered in the Tenth century by Leif, the Norseman, but no explorations were made. It was again discovered in 1497 by John Cabot. Explorations and settlements were made and the peninsula was named.

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MORO, OREGON

Greetings

Geo. N. Crosfield extends
at this Christmas Time his
most sincere Greetings and
Good Wishes to all who are
his friends and customers.

Wasco Oregon