

BEST GROCERIES	FINE DRY GOODS
Ring Out the Old A Happy Prosperous New Year to all Is the wish of MORO TRADING COMPANY Ring In the New	
SHOES for EVERYBODY	GENTS' FURNISHINGS

WILLAMETTE VALLEY PEOPLE SPEND HOLIDAYS AT REESE'S

Perilous Auto Trip is Made from Salem to Moro in Nineteen Hours

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Reese had as house guests at their farm home in the upper Hay Canyon district over Christmas week end, their daughter Roberta, who is attending Willamette University; Mrs. Reese's sister, Mrs. Elmo S. White, and family, from Salem; and C. H. Elroy, who also resides at Salem. Mr. White is an attorney and Mr. Elroy is a law student in Mr. White's office.

The party left Salem at five o'clock Saturday morning and arrived at the Reese farm home a short while after midnight, driving a Jewett sedan owned by Mr. White. They found the Columbia highway a dangerous road at this season, particularly where it is open only to one-way traffic.

When rounding a curve in the one-way section Mr. White had the left rear fender of his car torn off and the door dented by a car that suddenly appeared from the opposite end of the curve. A third car, following close behind Mr. White, shot off the highway to avoid bumping the sedan from the rear.

Mr. White thought his troubles were at an end when he reached Sherman county, but had to be dug out of the mud several times, and once had Dan McLachlan take his team and pull the car thru a soft piece of road, after leaving Moro and before he arrived at the Reese home.

PERSONALS

Live Lines About People Who Have Come and Gone

J. F. Foss is rebuilding his barn, partly burned last summer.

John Seavey has accepted a position with the Farmers State Bank.

C. J. Livingston was a visitor in Moro this week from Portland.

The Dorcas study club will meet Tuesday afternoon, January 2nd, at the home of Mrs. J. E. Coleman.

I. N. Huls and wife, of Portland, were in Moro during Christmas week as guests of Mrs. Huls parents, Wm. Morrison and wife.

John A. Hardin and wife came up from The Dalles for an over-Christmas visit at the farm home of Roy Powell and family.

Mrs. George Hansen spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hockman. The Hansen family are now living at Vancouver, Washington.

Lee Stewart has been in charge of the Moro Pharmacy during Christmas week, while Proprietor Schade and wife have been visiting with friends in the country.

I. E. Fields and wife, of The Dalles, spent the Christmas holiday season at the home of Elwood Ginn and family. Mr. Fields drove up from The Dalles, later going on to Grass Valley.

Orange Chamberlain of Coalinga, California, cousin of Mrs. Hazel Woods and nephew of Mrs. Glass of this city, who is attending his second year at O. A. C., is spending his Christmas vacation with his cousin and aunt in Moro.

Peetz brothers, Forrest and Byron, sons of L. L. Peetz, hit the DeMoss concrete bridge with their Dodge touring car Monday night when returning from Wasco. Clamps holding the tie-rod became loose and put the steering gear out of commission.

The purse advertised last week as found by Mrs. Roy F. Dean was one lost in front of the Bank of Moro during the snow by Miss Bessie Andersen. The purse, containing about six dollars, was returned to Miss Andersen, and helped materially in adding to her Christmas.

E. E. Martin spent Christmas week end in Moro, coming up from The Dalles on Saturday's train. At the holiday time, in earlier days, E. E. was the most sought for man in this section because of his proven ability to "call" the old-time square dance then so much in vogue.

New Year's Greeting:

May greater and more enduring prosperity come to all on this New Year Day

Bank of Moro

SHERMAN COUNTY OBSERVER

Moro, Oregon
FRIDAY, December 29, 1922

Eureka Lodge No. 121.
A. F. & A. M. Moro, Or.
Meets the first and third Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. By order of W. M., W. F. HULBERT, Secretary.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O. O. F.
Regular communication each 2d and 4th Thursday evenings monthly.
NELLIE MUIR, Worthy Matron
NANA BARBER, Secretary.

Moro Lodge No. 113 I. O. O. F.
Meets every Monday evening in their hall. Transient and Visiting Brothers cordially invited to meet with us.
W. H. WILLIAMS, N. G.
A. M. Young, Secretary.

CHRIS SCHULTZ POST NO. 71 AMERICAN LEGION
Meets at Odd Fellows Hall on second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
Roy F. Dean, Commander
J. C. Harper, Adjutant and Finance Officer.

Oregon City this year is facing the heaviest tax levy in the history of the municipality.

At a meeting of the Corvallis Elks' lodge it was voted unanimously to erect a \$40,000 temple.

The Fairview school near Nott, 25 miles west of Eugene, has been closed on account of diphtheria.

The total tax levy in Eugene next year will be \$5.1 mills, unless a reduction in the county levy is made.

Fifty-nine of the 128 school districts in Linn county voted special taxes this year, including the three union high schools.

Official totals reported indicate that the endowment fund for Willamette university has been oversubscribed by approximately \$3000.

The Ashland city council has passed a graduated license fee ordinance for the selling and distributing of milk and cream in Ashland.

O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, has returned to Salem after a month spent at Los Angeles and other California cities in hope of benefiting his health.

Hay prices are soaring in Umatilla county and livestock men will be forced to resort to other feeds in a short time, if the winter weather continues.

The Irrigon Commercial club has telegraphed Senator McNary again protesting any change from the original program on the Wallula-Umatilla cut-off.

Deschutes county's levy for the coming year fixed by the county court to include the county's share of the state tax is \$229,329.60, meaning a millage of .261.

A report submitted at a meeting of the general relief committee at Astoria showed that to date the sum of \$31,756.50 had been received in cash for the relief fund.

A new sterilization bill to replace the law which was declared unconstitutional by the circuit court at Salem a few months ago has been prepared and will be introduced in the legislature at its next session.

The rains of the past few days in the coast section have caused the Sluslaw, Umpqua and other streams to rise rapidly and millions of feet of saw logs have been floated to the mills, according to lumbermen from those sections.

A rate of 17-1/2 cents a hundred pounds on cement shipped from Wehake, eastern Oregon, to Portland, over the lines of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company was granted by the Oregon public service commission. As a result of obtaining this freight rate a cement plant will be erected at Wehake costing approximately \$1,000,000.

Oregon News in Brief

Berry growers from all sections of the Willamette valley held a conference at Salem to discuss ways and means by which the industry may be placed on a permanent and profitable basis. A permanent organization was perfected.

In case a bill which is now being prepared for submission to the legislature at its next session becomes a law, practically all of the janitor services in state buildings will be performed by convict labor without cost to the taxpayers.

A grand total of 53,613 acres was irrigated this year in state watermaster district No. 5, comprised of Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties, which is an increased acreage over all previous years, according to the statement of Aubrey E. Perry, watermaster.

Request that the coast and geodetic survey correct its maps of Yaquina bay showing the harbor entrance to have a depth of 10 or 12 feet was made by Representative McArthur, who called attention to the fact that the latest official surveys give a depth of 17 feet.

Abolishment of the offices of state highway engineer, now held by Herbert Nunn, and of assistant highway engineer, now filled by Roy Klein, will follow the selection of a paid state highway commission, according to announcement made by legislators at Salem.

A rehearing will be held in Washington, D. C., on January 3 on the protest of Pendleton against the proposed Wallula cut-off which was imposed in the Oregon state highway commission construction programme at the request of the federal bureau of good roads.

The world war veterans' state aid commission, according to a report prepared, has paid a total of 2457 loans to ex-service men. Of this number 805 loans were made on farm property and 1653 on city property. The grand total of loans approved and paid by the commission is \$6,186,100.

Bids are being received by the department of the interior for approximately \$4,000 acres of valuable timberlands on the Warm Springs Indian reservation. The timber, which is in a favorable location in central Oregon, consists of 482,000,000 feet of yellow and sugar pine, 44,000,000 feet of Douglas fir and other varieties.

The hearing of the application of the Oregon public service commission asking that the Central Pacific and other railroads operating in this state be ordered to extend their trackage for the benefit of eastern and central Oregon, has been continued indefinitely, according to information received from members of the interstate commerce commission.

Under a new marriage law proposed by Dr. Owens Adair, the passage of which will be asked at the next session of the Oregon legislature, both the man and the woman must undergo physical and mental examinations before the county clerk will be authorized to grant the necessary license. Exemption is made in the bill of women 45 years of older.

Present indications are that the Umpqua valley brocoli crop will ripen fully a month early and harvesting may start the last part of January or early in February if the warm weather continues. So far the Umpqua valley has not been touched by the cold spell which has been sweeping the rest of the state, and the unusually warm weather for this season has caused the brocoli to mature rapidly.

The state tax levy for the year 1923, which aggregates \$8,835,296.39, shows a decrease of \$540,993.72 when compared with the state tax levy for the year 1922, according to announcement made by members of the state tax commission. In 1922 the state tax levy was \$9,376,290.11. The reduction in the levy was attributed by Frank K. Lovell, state tax commissioner, to increased receipts, and the fact that only items authorized by law were taken into consideration. The rate for 1923 is \$4.4 mills.

BRIEF NEWS

Paragraphs on State, County and Community's Events

Raymond Henrichs and Paul Miller sailed on the "Rose City" from Portland last Friday for San Francisco, expecting to spend the winter months in Frisco and at Bakersfield, California, where Paul has relatives.

According to the bills advertising a masquerade dance at Grass Valley, no one will be allowed to dance on the floor until after the grand march. Nothing is said about dancing in the air.

Roy L. Kunsman and family spent Christmas in The Dalles as house guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Barnum. Numbered among those in the party were Newton Crossfield and wife, from Wasco, who accompanied Mr. Kunsman and family on their drive to The Dalles and return.

Carroll Sayers and family, Omer C. Sayers and family and Otto Peetz and family celebrated Christmas by dining at the Carroll Sayers farm west of Moro. Caused by the deep snow drifts in the roads, transportation for the occasion reverted to the old pioneer style of a four horse team and wagon.

Christmas vacation for Moro schools began this year the evening of December 22nd and will terminate the morning of January 3d. With the exception of Mr. Zevely and Miss Anderson, who have homes in Moro, all the teachers left town during the vacation period. Miss Cox visited with her parents at Arlington; Miss Fitz with friends at Corvallis; Mr. and Mrs. Ridgway, Miss McClain and Miss McCarthy visited with relatives and friends in Portland.

Plans have been begun at the suggestion of the war department and legislation initiated which are expected to result in laying a solid earth foundation for that part of the burned city of Astoria which formerly stood on timber piling. A bill was introduced in the senate by Senator McNary making available from an unexpended balance in the rivers and harbors fund \$500,000 for dredging the channel in front of the burned city and providing that the earth removed from the channel be used in filling in ground.

Two suits seeking damages aggregating more than \$307,000 from the United States shipping board emergency fleet corporation were filed in circuit court at Portland by the Astoria Marine Iron Works. The suits grew out of cancellation of war contracts for the fitting out of 27 hulls of government vessels.

That only about 40 per cent of the fire loss in Astoria in the recent conflagration was covered by insurance was the belief expressed by James N. McCune of the Oregon Insurance Rating bureau. Mr. McCune said it would be impossible to give definite figures until a complete adjustment of losses had been made.

A winged sea serpent, 40 feet long, with flippers big enough to smash a ferry boat, has turned up in the Aegean sea. No wonder they're fighting over there, after drinking that kind of stuff.

Aristide Briand, premier of France seven times, went on a fishing trip a few miles from his country home and was arrested as a chicken thief. Aristide should get more chummy with his neighbors.

Philip Brooks likes to have his job as well as any man. One day Mrs. Baldwin of the Christian union was writing to him and slipped into a letter a newspaper clipping of a talk he had given on profanity. Promptly he came the answer from the good bishop: "I have just finished reading your remarks on profanity. You will be glad to know that I agree with them and have entirely abandoned the habit."—Boston Transcript.

CHURCH PANTOMIME BIG SUCCESS

Total of \$44.60 Taken in Collection for Aiding Near East

The celebration of Christmas Day in Moro this year was different from former occasions in that no community tree exercises were held by the churches or schools. In place of the usual program of songs, recitations and gifts from a tree prettily decorated with tinsel and electric lights, a pantomime depicting the Biblical story of the birth of Christ was presented at Moro opera house.

The story as presented in pantomime began with the appearance of the angel to Zacharias in the temple and the prophecy of the birth of John the Baptist. Following in succession were the appearance of the angel to Mary and the promise of fulfillment of the prophecy of the birth of Jesus, the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, the worship of the Christ-child by the shepherds as He lay in the manger, the Wise Men in their journey in quest of Him who had caused the stars to appear and their appearance in Jerusalem, their worship of the Christ-child when He was discovered by them in Bethlehem.

Vocal solos, orchestra numbers, and songs by pupils of the Presbyterian and Methodist Sunday Schools were given during intermissions between the pantomime scenes, as the stage settings were being arranged.

At the conclusion of the program sacks of mixed candy and nuts were given to each child under the age of thirteen. The collection for the evening, amounting to \$44.60, was an offering of Moro community to the Near East relief fund, forwarded the following Tuesday by Geo. B. Bourhill to the treasurer of the fund.

Paragraphs of State News

O. A. Kratz, city manager of La Grande, has tendered his resignation to the city commission. The commission accepted his resignation, which will take effect on December 28.

The four Astoria banks have resumed business for the first time since the fire. They will begin cashing checks on old deposits as soon as they are able to open their vaults.

The Tillamook county superintendent has compiled the census reports of the various school districts for 1922, showing the total number of children of school age in the county to be 3024.

A total of \$224,204.52 of improvement bonds of the city of Portland, numbered from 30443 to 30675 will be redeemed by City Treasurer Adams February 1, according to announcement.

School bonds in the amount of \$3,000,000 authorized by the voters of the Portland district at a special election June 17, 1922, were held valid in an opinion handed down by the state supreme court.

District sealers of weights and measures from all sections of Oregon held their annual conference in the offices of W. A. Daisiel, deputy state sealer of weights and measure, at Salem last week.

New refrigerators to the number of 1030, ordered by the Pacific Fruit Express company, will be built by the Pacific Car & Foundry company of Portland. The cost of the cars will be around \$3,000,000.

The Columbia River highway is cleared of snow and ice from the Port-cleared of snow and ice from the Port-land city limits to the Multnomah county line, three-quarters of a mile east of Eagle creek, according to County Roadmaster Estabell.

LLOYD'S LATEST HERE MONDAY

"A Sailor-Made Man" Features Famed Comedian in Role of "Gob"

With the intense interest of dis- armament spreading thruout all the country, Harold Lloyd is wondering how President Harding will feel over "scrapping" our battleships after he views the latest feature comedy, "A Sailor-Made Man." Most of the scenes were taken aboard the U. S. S. Frederick, with the spectacular comedian in the role of a "gob."

Harold Lloyd has never met the President, but the latter has met the comedian frequently on the screen. Recently the acquaintance was renewed during a trip to New York when the exhibitors presented the chief of the White House with the Lloyd films, "Now or Never," and "I Do," which were shown on the presidential yacht, "Mayflower."

Harold Lloyd in "A Sailor-Made Man" will be shown Monday afternoon, January 1st, at Moro theatre.

OBSERVER WANT ADS

Rates: 15 words and under, 35c; 30 words and under, 50c. All over 30 words, 1 1/2c per word.

For Sale—
Two houses and four lots; first place above harness shop. Mrs. Mary A. Leslie, Moro.

Separator Wanted—
Have you one to sell? State size, make, condition and price. Write or phone the Observer, Moro.

Maternity Nursing—
Will care for maternity cases. Grace Bourhill, phone 498, Moro.

Abstracts—
Abstracts promptly made by the Sherman County Abstract Co., Moro, Oregon.

Service—
Holstein bull for service at the W. H. Hill dairy.

Shoe Repairing—
We pay parcel post one way on all shoe repairing. Good quality leather and work. Joe Amore, The Dalles, Oregon.

Mule Lost—
8-year-old; sweetened in right shoulder; mouse or blue color, black stripes down back; last seen in Fulton canyon during July; \$20 reward for information or return. H. B. Belache, Moro, Oregon.

MORO PHARMACY

Phone MORO, ORE.

MORO HOTEL BARBER SHOP

C. V. BELKNAP, PROP.
HOT AND COLD BATHS

Moro Oregon

GREETINGS:

I extend to all my patrons a wish for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Your patronage in the past has been greatly appreciated and I hope pleasant relations will continue during the new year.

I will operate my dray business in Moro, after January 1st, the same as in the past. All business entrusted to me will receive prompt and careful attention.

C. L. Montgomery

MORO THEATRE

House of Good Pictures

A William de Mille Production

"Miss Lulu Bett"

by Zona Gale

WITH

Lois Wilson Theodore Roberts
Elsie Ferguson Milton Sills

Saturday, December 30