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FRIDAY..... March 2, 1923

Reading in the obituaries of a single day of the death of two famous and strenuous disciples of outdoor living and sportsmanship, one of whom was born in 1870, the other in 1872, you cannot but question, as often, the effect on the heart and other organs of mountain climbing, hunting trips and other similar forms of hard exercise. Probably if the appropriate actuarial statistics could be gathered it would appear that enjoyment of such diversions should be attended with knowledge that instead of lengthening life, as popularly supposed, it often leads to a premature end, says the Lowell Courier-Citizen. If, of course, a man prefers to take that chance rather than lose the fun of running up Pike's Peak or rafting down the Nelson river, that is his right as a rational human being. He should at least be aware that persisting in his course in middle age he is more likely to commit suicide than to stick around until he is one hundred, bragging to the young folks about what a life-long habit of roughing it has done for him.

While the great war cost more than 10,000,000 lives, all armies dealt more successfully than ever before with the problem of protecting themselves from contagious disease. The degree of success varied widely in different countries, and full details on some points are yet to be compiled; but enough is known to warrant that general statement. In our own Spanish war, for example, at least twelve men were killed by disease to every one claimed by hostile bullets and shells. Even the Russian and Serbian forces in the great struggle made a better record than that.

Chicago doctor claims that when people live together for years they begin to look alike. You've heard that before, but have you yet seen an aged couple that you couldn't tell apart?

Besides being astounded at a speed of 248 miles an hour made by an airplane, we can also be thankful that no machine has yet been made that can attain such a speed on the ground where people have to walk.

This year's fish stories are, doubtless owing to the prolonged period of sunshine, somewhat larger and more luxuriant than usual.

### "The Cup of Life" to Show

"The Cup of Life," Thomas H. Ince's latest special production, is announced as the attraction at the Moro theatre for Saturday night, March 3d. A melodrama of the Orient and the Occident with Singapore the locale, the forthcoming feature presents an all-star cast including Hobart Bosworth, Madge Bellamy, Tully Marshall and Niles Welch. The plot and action of the story call for many spectacular scenes including a desperate battle between Bosworth and a "killer" shark, taking place beneath the ocean's surface. The architectural beauty of the Orient has been exploited to a heretofore unattainable extent.

C. L. Montgomery broke the king bolt of his wagon Friday when hauling a load of hay. He had a second wagon in reserve at the lumber yard, so why worry? His worry began when he started to hitch to the second wagon. Some three little tics had rolled it backward into the ditch, causing Charyl an extra amount of trouble before it was ready to take the place of wagon number one.

Frank Forbes drove up Saturday from Mosier for a week-end visit with friends in Moro.

An investigation to determine why the state bonus commission has refused to grant loans up to 75 per cent of the value of the property offered for security will be made by Umpqua post of the American Legion. It has been reported that several ex-service men in Douglas county have endeavored to get loans and have offered property of considerable value as security, the security in every case being sufficient to gain a much larger loan than was allowed by the bonus commission.

Central Oregon sheepmen are optimistic, for unless unusual conditions should develop the winter season will have been almost ideal. This winter feed has been plentiful. In fact, many ranchers will carry over large quantities of hay for use next season. Winter range has been available part of the time and with plentiful supplies of hay in reserve stock is coming through the winter in excellent shape. This in turn should mean more and a better grade of wool, which may be expected to have its effect on the prices of the 1923 clip.

As a direct result of its recent victory in the extra income tax controversy the Union Fishermen's Co-operative Packing company of Astoria will distribute approximately \$75,000 among its 300 stockholders. Some years ago the company created what was known as the shareholders' redeeming fund and it amounts to about \$300,000. For the years 1917 and 1918 the department demanded an extra income tax on this fund on the ground that the money was "borrowed capital," belonging to the stockholders and not to the company. The packing company contested this and won.

## Program Annual District Meeting Eastern District Oregon Conference M. E. Church

Moro, Oregon March 6-7-8, 1923

### TUESDAY

7:30 p. m. Song Service, led by James Kaye  
8:00 p. m. Address of Welcome  
For the Methodist Church, A. M. Wright  
For the Presbyterian Church, H. G. Hanson  
For the City, Mayor N. W. Thompson  
Response..... D. H. Leech  
8:45 p. m. Sermon..... M. L. Sanders

### WEDNESDAY

9:00 a. m. Devotional Service..... R. T. Holland  
9:30 a. m. Organization and Report of Pastors  
10:00 a. m. "The Place of Evangelism in Present Day Reconstruction" Gabriel Sykes  
10:20 a. m. Discussion  
10:40 a. m. "Evangelism for Children and Youth"..... E. B. Lockhart  
11:00 a. m. The "I Will Maintain"  
..... A. L. Howarth  
1:00 p. m. Mass Meeting at School Auditorium  
Address..... J. H. Secor  
2:15 p. m. Praise Service..... A. J. Neufeld  
3:00 p. m. Sermon..... Frank R. Spalding  
7:30 p. m. Song Service..... R. C. Young  
8:00 p. m. Sermon..... H. C. Kohr

### THURSDAY

9:30 a. m. Devotional Services..... F. R. Sibley  
10:00 a. m. "The Care and Nurture of Children and Youth as Members of the Church"..... A. S. Hisey  
10:30 a. m. Discussion  
11:00 a. m. Sunday School Address  
..... J. M. Jasper  
12:30 noon Dinner in the church  
2:15 p. m. W. F. M. S.  
Mrs. O. A. Ramsey, presiding  
"What Our Society is Doing".....  
..... Mrs. W. C. Bryant  
Address..... E. C. Hickman  
3:30 p. m. Sermon..... J. M. Walters  
7:30 p. m. Song Service..... H. A. Wann  
8:00 p. m. Sermon..... J. M. Walters

### Mrs. E. M. West

Word was received in Moro Wednesday that Mrs. E. M. West had passed away the day before at Battleboro, Virginia, after a short illness following an attack of flu contracted while nursing a private patient who was suffering from that disease. It is expected that funeral services will be held in The Dalles on Sunday, March 11th.

Mrs. West had been visiting and traveling in the eastern states for several months. She is one of the very early pioneers of Sherman county, living when a young girl at the overland stage station on what is known as the Love place, south of Victor Anderson.

A husband and seven children survive. A. J. West and their younger daughter Leola reside in Benton county, Oregon; two sons, E. E. and Ladru Barnum, reside in The Dalles; one son A. H. Barnum, and a daughter, Mrs. L. L. Peetz, reside at Moro; two daughters, Mrs. Chas Bartlett and Mrs. Stanley Lake, reside at Herndon, Oregon.

Paris sends out the alarming news that because of the demand for monkey glands we are likely soon to render extinct the race from which, according to Mr. Darwin, we are descended. It sounds like deliberate ancestoricide. At any rate Paris declares that Dr. Serge Veronoff, of that city, who is the busiest of all the gland-grafters, has only nine apes at present and needs more. It is he who predicts that every chimpanzee and other large ape in the jungles of Africa is doomed to extinction in a comparatively short period, unless the craze for prolonging youth should die off first. Dr. Veronoff doesn't believe that it will, but, of course, he is prejudiced. Most people will feel that the apes may yet manage to escape the doom predicted for them.

When you look at some pieces of machinery, their intricacies amaze you—and you wonder how the brain of man ever conceived them. Yet practically all mechanical movements are merely combinations of three basic principles—wheel, wedge and lever. Individually, these are simple. Grouped together, they look complicated. So with all problems. No matter how involved and difficult they seem, a little analysis and common sense will disclose that they are built up out of very simple things, easily adjusted. Get rid of fear and procrastination, and no problem is insurmountably difficult.

Providence, B. I., has begun a systematic war on rats. It is reported. It could be wished that every city and town in the country would engage actively in this war. The rat's menace to health is not the only reason why he should be destroyed. He is a heavy economic liability, for he does millions of dollars worth of damage every year in the United States. He destroys vast quantities of foodstuffs, lesser quantities of other commodities and is responsible for many fires. Rats are vermin, wholly undesirable from every point of view, and they should not be tolerated in a civilized country.

### Flood Water Highest in Years

As a result of the sudden thaw of accumulated ice and snow on the side hills in the vicinity of Moro last Friday and Saturday, Moro experienced the highest flood water known during the past seven years.

The greatest flood arrived suddenly Saturday afternoon when, within a short hour, the city park was flooded and water was flowing approximately three feet deep over the railroad tracks at the foot of First street.

A skiff, built for the use of fishermen on the DesChutes river and stored in the Provost blacksmith shop, was launched by W. F. Hulery. This boat was used as a ferry between the Hulery Bros garage and the depot and also served to give several a pleasure boat ride on the streets of Moro.

Streets and drive-ways have been deeply cut in many places on the flat, out damage can be quickly repaired.

Travel between Moro and Grass Valley, on the new Sherman highway, was stopped both days by the height of the flood passing over the highway at the railroad overhead crossing south of Moro. A party of highway contractors, on their way to inspect the new proposed highway south of Grass Valley, were held at this place for several hours. They had driven into the water, under the trestle, before realizing the depth of the water or the strength of the current.

Arrangements have been completed whereby O. L. Belshe and George E. Meloy will canvass every farmer in Sherman county, beginning about March 15th, in the interests of the Meloy patented rod weeder. This is a local invention that is warranted to kill every weed. The weeding is done by means of a rod attached to special harrow teeth and both weeding and harrowing is done at the same time.

Estell Hartley of Kent was one of eight club members to receive \$75 scholarships to the Oregon agricultural college. The scholarships were given by the Union Pacific railway company. Hartley was a winner in his poultry and calf projects. The selections were made by the county school superintendent, the county agricultural agent and H. G. Seymour, state leader of boys and girls club work, on the basis of 75 per cent club work and 25 per cent on the activities of the person in the community.

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Saturday  
the 3d

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An American woman wrote a check for \$80 in Vienna, and broke the bank where she presented it for payment. It must also have broken her back, if she attempted to carry the swag away herself.

The Turkish crisis is said to have cost Great Britain \$88,000,000. Along with everything else, crises are higher than they used to be, and are seldom worth the price.

We know men are superior to monkeys, but a great many of us imitate monkeys by living without work.

During January Astoria moved up from 43d to 40th place among all the cities of the United States in the amount of postal deposits, the gain being the third largest in the country.

Collection of 1922 taxes in Multnomah county has begun so satisfactorily that a force of 12 night workers has been placed on duty in the tax division of Sheriff Harburt's office.

The third unit of the Shavlin-Hixon company's plant at Bend started cutting March 1. The new unit contains a band saw and gang, the first to be used in pine milling east of the Cascades.

To protect the immense bodies of pine timber in the arid Fox Butte region of the Deschutes national forest, a three-ton fire truck will be placed at the Camin lake ranger station next summer.

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