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One method of handling the younger generation is to turn it into boy and girl scouts. The boy scouts' national council has been celebrating an anniversary week by making an effort to add 100,000 boys to the 400,000 already enrolled, says the New York Evening Post. It would be easy enough to obtain this increase if the organization were thinking merely of numbers, but it would not be the force it is if it were not more deeply concerned with what it was doing to do with the boys when it got them than with getting them. Its central problem is the problem of leadership. Leaders are needed in a far greater degree than boys. If the council could get leaders enough, there would be no difficulty in getting the boys. In calling for 100,000 more boys, therefore, the council is really calling for a considerable number of adults who have the ability to lead boys and the interest to do so. The call is a test of our public spirit.

The views of our guest-conductor, Georges Enesco, as to the difference between music and mere noise commend themselves to those who want progress in music as in other arts, and yet do not believe that the torch of a safe, wise and inspiring guidance is borne in the hands of the anarchists. Enesco finds a number of post-war composers attempting to stun and confound the ear with brawling dissonance, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger. The "noisy" music he compares with the surf that beats on the rocks and sends up spray. "It is in the wind one moment, the next it is gone." Music to have an enduring appeal must have the beauty of form that makes pictorial art, or architecture, or literature immortal. Mankind will not contentedly abide, age after age, with that which speaks for a warped, perverse imagination.

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**Recollections of Old-Time Moro Days**

W. H. Carlisle, proprietor of the store and oil station at Sherman, when in Moro last Monday was in reminiscent mood. He recalled some of the early day wild west happenings in Moro of twenty and more years ago.

Particularly the treatment meted out to a band of thieving gypsies camped near Moro for just one night. This particular band had an earned reputation for vicious practices before they left Mexico and word of them was relayed in advance of their appearance to all towns along their line of march into British Columbia. The gypsies had tables turned at Moro, fear of man was first in their hearts when they left Sherman county.

The same day that brought the gypsies to Moro also brought a band of horse men who were completing an old style round-up of wild range horses. These men decided that the gypsies were not needed in Sherman county and tying their long "lass" ropes to their saddle horns, two horses and men to one rope. They circled the gypsy camp, overturning wagons, stampeding horses and raising the devil generally. Word of the occurrence traveled far among the gypsy bands and it was a long series of years before another gypsy band invaded Sherman county.

This country has given the Egyptian 40 years of the only decent government he has ever known. The poor man has been protected from spoliation and oppression, the business classes have prospered immensely under the strong shield of Great Britain and by the stimulus to industry and investment which British security has given, says the London Express. But for the British garrison the Mahdi would have been looting and massacring in Calro by 1885, and the Germans and the Turks spoiling the valley of the Nile by a military autocracy in 1917. All these benefits and all the vested European interests created by 40 years of good government and by the best brains in England are to be treated as if they had gone by like an old song. The British public will not agree. Egypt is incapable of protecting itself against the first ambitious invader without the security of a British guarantee for her protection.

**Six Hundred Acres Wheat Burned West of Wasco**

A grass fire, originating late Monday afternoon, along the right-of-way of the DesChutes branch of the O.W. R. & N. Co., near the mouth of the DesChutes river, swept thru parts of three sections of wheat land farmed by Howard Spencer, E. T. Olsen and Emil Andersen and destroyed approximately six hundred acres of standing grain that had been estimated to thresh forty bushels to the acre.

The fire traveled with immense rapidity in the high standing grain, eating along the ground until the heads would bend over the creeping flames, then to be picked up by the strong wind and carried to distant fields. Burning brands are reported to have been carried nine miles to Wasco town. Several farmers between that place and the fire called for help to fight the burning brands falling in their fields.

It was at one time reported that the farm residences owned by the three men had been destroyed, but this was later corrected. Howard Spencer, dismayed by the extent of the fire, moved a large part of his personal property from his house when he expected to see it destroyed.

The fire burned over a strip about three miles long, east and west, between the DesChutes river and the macadam surfaced market road in Fulton canyon. At the east end of the burned area, it was stopped by summer fallow on the north and south and the wide macadamized road on the east.

**"The Old Homestead" Here the 28th**

The phrase "all star" has been much abused, but the cast of "The Old Homestead" which comes to Moro Theatre Saturday July 21st, may truthfully be said to be of that calibre Theodore Roberts, George Fawcett, T. Roy Barnes, Fritz Ridgeway, Harrison Ford, Kathleen O'Connor, James Mason, Ethel Wales and others make up a list that is hard to surpass.

This Paramount picture is based on Denman Thompson's famous play in which that celebrated actor appeared for thirty-two years, but is far more extensive in character and presents a great drama with plenty of comedy and a smashing climax.

The story is familiar—how the son of Uncle Josh is falsely accused of theft and goes away to meet with stirring adventure and finally to be restored to his home and sweetheart. But there is far more than that to the story. There is adventure, love, human character in abundance, humor that is rich and spontaneous and pathos that is deep and convincing. Tears and laughter abound.

Some efficiency genius has figured out that there would be a great saving of space required by printed matter if silent letters and syllables were eliminated. Printing and paper bills for the country, including newspapers, magazines, books and leaflets, run into huge figures. Why this waste? asks the efficiency man. This is tackling reformed spelling from a new angle, says the Utica Observer-Dispatch. It is making the mechanism for representing sounds meet the same tests as any other mechanical device. Well, then, why not go further and turn scrutiny upon the language itself? Plenty of defects there. One in particular we are bumping up against every day. No personal pronoun in the third person singular that covers both sexes. Rule is to say "he." That's very unsatisfactory, because in plenty of cases either a man or woman might be involved. Someone has proposed, for the possessive, the manufactured word "hiser" for his or her. Sounds funny, doesn't it? You would not want it until others had accepted it. So with other changes. The language, including the spelling, is the possession of all, and making changes means overcoming inertia of a vast multitude.

An experiment was recently tried by the Minneapolis public library. Noting that many of the books had disappeared from the shelves, and desiring to get them back it announced that it would rent all lines on overdue volumes. Further more, it placed about the city receptacles into which the long-lost books might be deposited, thus giving to the borrower the shelter of anonymity in which he might save his conscience. It proved successful, says the Rock Island Argus. Many volumes found their way back, some of them having been missing for as long as ten years. This might well be taken as a valuable precedent. Every patron of a library knows how easy it is to let a book become overdue and knows the sinking feeling which accompanies recognition of the fact. And every librarian knows how difficult it is to wheedle delinquent borrowers into bringing back the book and paying the specified fine. There can be but few public libraries which have not suffered from this trait of humanity, and countless librarians are probably spending anxious moments mulling over the problem. Minneapolis seems to have found the solution.

It is said that Paris is trying to bring the battle back, but before it tackles that job it had better get little things like the reparations question out of the way.

There is always a brighter side. Think how utterly idiotic the rejected scenario must be.

**County Court Pays Accumulated Bills**

Proceedings for July Term At the regular July term of the county court for Sherman county, held July 11th, the following business was transacted:

Warrants were ordered drawn on the general fund to pay the following claims, on account of salaries, office expense, and incidental expense:

- E. D. McKee, salary county judge \$75.00
- L. L. Peetz, county commissioner fees, 2 days court attendance 10.00
- J. M. Wilson, county commissioner fees, 2 days court attendance 15.00
- Hugh Chrisman, sheriff salary 380.00
- E. R. Hickson, deputy sheriff salary 250.00
- G. B. Bourhill, treasurer salary 100.00
- Mary L. Hoskinson, salary, clerk 270.00
- account expense 2.41
- Reena Norton, deputy clerk salary 240.00
- Grace May Zevely, county school superintendent salary 280.00
- Grace M. Zevely, county superintendent traveling expense month May 41.65
- June 41.65
- C. L. Poley county physician 45.00
- Jan Stewart, salary stock inspector 50.00
- Otto Peetz, assessor salary 320.00
- F. D. Antrim, state weights and measures 16.36
- Anna Eddy, court house janitor for May 35.00
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- Sherman Electric Company, light for May and June 4.50
- City of Moro, water for months of May and June 8.00
- Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co acct phone rental and tolls for May 16.94
- June 10.88
- Glass & Prudhomme, printing acct county officers and supplies 247.33
- Underwood Typewriter Co, supplies for clerk 1.00
- Margaret Peetz, assistant assessor's office 37.50
- Kilham Stationery & Printing Co printing acct road master 102.18
- Dr. C. L. Poley, board of health 1.60
- W. F. Tate, 3.50
- B. F. Davis, federal agent 30.00
- Moro Trading Co, supplies acct sheriff 85
- Bushong & Co, printing supplies 18.66
- Robt Urquhart, postage acct for sheriff 72.56
- Ginn, Coleman & Co, supplies for court house 1.25
- Anna M Russell, widow's pension 50.80
- Sherman Electric Co, merchandise sheriff 1.45
- Grass Valley Journal, printing assessor 8.50
- Wasco News Enterprise, printing account county clerk office 2.10
- Farmers Elev & Supply Co, coal court house expense 166.20
- Dr. C. Gertrude French, account Miss Estelle Greenault 10.00
- Foss & Co., expense account assessor car 24.75
- Williams Motor Co, expense acct county assessor car 15.15
- Otto Peetz, expense account assessor car 8.37
- Hugh Chrisman, sheriff expense account board of prisoners 141.10
- Wasco Pharmacy, account small-pox patients 9.15
- R. B. White, for care of W Smith, smallpox patient 48.20
- R. B. White, for care of C Meyer, smallpox patient 90.00
- Floyd Platt, drayage acct coal 9.25

Warrants were ordered drawn to pay the following claims, incurred on account county poor:

- Moro Trading Co, account Orcutt 56.88
- Annie Eddy, milk 8.65
- " " rest 24.00
- L. R. Conlee, " " 28.50
- Ginn, Coleman Co " 7.25
- Floyd D Platt, drayage 1.90
- Douma Bros, meats 36.30
- Sherman Electric Co, lights 2.25
- City of Moro, water service 2.25
- Tumalum Lumber Co, wood 13.15
- Wasco County, acct Todd Dixon Clothes 8.01
- Care and board during June 30.00
- July 30.00

Warrants were ordered drawn to pay the following claims, incurred on account May term circuit court:

- Howard Conlee 5.20
- A. G. Campen 6.00
- P. J. Dillinger 5.00
- L. D. Eaton 7.20
- C. A. Everett 5.40
- A. G. Futter 6.40
- C. F. French 5.00
- C. L. Friedley 6.80
- T. L. Fields 6.00
- B. L. Fleck 6.60
- W. S. Field 6.40
- D. M. Goin 7.00
- Carl Gregg 9.90
- S. B. Holmes 5.00
- R. J. Harbin 8.40
- W. H. Helyer 3.00
- E. A. Hoskinson 8.20
- Dayton Henrichs 4.00
- J. C. Hoekman 3.00
- W. E. Howell 5.00
- Fred Hennagin 4.00
- O. R. Knapp 6.60
- C. M. Kuypers 6.60
- J. C. Matthias 6.50
- H. E. Morrow 8.80
- C. L. Melzer 4.00
- Hugh McIntyre 4.40
- D. J. McLachlan 4.00
- Frank Medler 5.00
- W. A. Medler 5.00
- J. M. Axtell, bailiff 3.50
- Sam Brisbane, bailiff 3.50
- H. A. VanHorne, reporter, circuit court 40.00

Advice to Office-Holders. So live. O public servants, that you never are obliged to announce in a voice choked with emotion that you court the fullest investigation.—Ohio State Journal.

Warrants were ordered drawn from the Sherman highway road bond fund to pay the following claims incurred on account of construction of said highway:

- Bauers & Bauers, account road contract 638, for work done to May 10, 1923 6014.19
- Bauers & Bauers, account road contract 639, for work done to May 10, 1923 4301.03
- Bauers & Bauers, account road contract 638, for work done up to June 10, 1923 5954.88
- Bauers & Bauers, account road contract 639, for work done up to June 10, 1923 3876.17
- Warren Construction Co., account road contract 537, for work done to May 10, 1923 6311.53
- Warren Construction Co., account road contract 537, for work done to June 10, 1923 5613.82
- Crocker Grain Co, Kent, handling charges account Sherman highway material 30.00
- J. C. Wilson, account right of way Sherman highway 60.00



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