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Hunters in Douglas county may be drafted into service to fight forest fires in the vicinity in which they are camped, according to District Fire Warden Brown.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company has announced that it will spend approximately \$50,000 in plant improvements at Salem during the next few months.

The annual convention of the Muscovites, the fun-making branch of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, was held at Astoria and Seaside on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

The Oregon state industrial accident commission has opened branch offices at Klamath Falls and at Baker. The Klamath office will be in charge of W. C. Lucas, while L. A. McCoskie has been assigned to the Baker office.

S. S. Duncan, superintendent of the schools for Yamhill county, traveled a total of 11,500 miles in his official capacity during the past year, according to his annual report filed with the state superintendent of public instruction.

Grading between Kirk and Crescent on the new Eugene-Klamath Falls line of the Southern Pacific railroad will be completed during the winter, according to John Hampshire, who has received the contract for the 31 miles.

The Tillamook County Creamery association has filed with the Oregon public service commission a petition asking that the new freight tariff on hay, grain and other farm products be suspended until the petitioners are given a hearing.

George Parker, slayer of Sheriff Dunlap of Linn county, was saved temporarily from the gallows when the executive department at Salem issued a reprieve covering a period of 90 days, following appeal of his case to the supreme court.

Immediately at the close of the state fair the Oregon headquarters of the Modern Woodmen of America will be moved to Salem and installed in the Woodmen building now being erected on the state fair grounds. The offices are now located in Portland.

A shipment of 20,000 rainbow trout fry from the Union Fish hatchery was planted in Olive lake, the water storage project of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company, which furnishes the power for the Fremont plant, 35 miles west of Baker.

Constitution Week Will Be Observed by Moro Public

The American Bar Association has designated the week of September 17th to 22nd as "Constitution Week" during which time it is urged that the American people study the constitution of the United States and install renewed respect for this great document on which our government is founded. The various state bar associations are promoting this movement and in turn the county bar associations have been asked to bring the matter directly to the notice of the people.

The committee representing Sherman county in the movement are W. C. Bryant, chairman, I. M. Peterson, secretary, and W. H. Ragdale of Moro, Francis T. Wade of Wasco, Roy J. Baker of Grass Valley and J. M. Wilson of Kent.

The week will be observed by the different schools of the county and local ministers will be asked to preach sermons on the subject of the constitution. Rev. Henry G. Hanson will preach on this subject at the Presbyterian church in Moro on Sunday evening, September 16th, and the committee urge and invite as many as can to attend this service.

Columbia Highway to Have New Rock Surface From Dalles East

Work on the Seufert-Deschutes section of the Columbia River highway is scheduled to begin on or before October 15th.

Contract was awarded to Root & Joslin, the lowest bidder at the recent meeting of the state highway commission at Portland. By this contract Root & Joslin will supply crushed rock and gravel in the bunks and the state will do the hauling and resurfacing of the highway. The rock crushing plant will be stationed near Seufert's cannery, where the state was given approximately 10,000 yards of rock by the cannery owner. The contractors later will move the plant to the Deschutes where there is a deposit of cement-gravel, but this may not be until early next spring. No attempt will be made to prepare the highway before the Pendleton Round Up. Traffic will be at its highest peak for the season during that time. An intimation, however, that the work would start at an early date after that, was made last week at the office of the division highway engineer, C. W. Wanzler.

Petitions are in circulation at Roseburg asking for a special election to be held at the same time as the state election in November for the purpose of voting on a proposed \$15,000 bond issue to buy a triple combination fire engine and other apparatus for the city fire department.

CHURCH NEWS

Notes of Interest to All Local Denominations

Rev. Henry G. Hanson will make his usual visit to the Gorman school house next Sunday afternoon, where preaching will be held at 3:30.

All young people who are leaving soon for school are cordially invited to the Methodist parsonage next Sunday evening from seven to eight o'clock for a social hour together.

Rev. W. L. Dillinger and family will leave for Portland Thursday to attend the Methodist conference laymen's meeting Friday. Mr. Dillinger is a delegate to the conference from Moro.

Rev. and Mrs. U. C. Smothers and son Arthur will leave Moro next Tuesday for Portland where they will attend the Methodist conference which will continue until the following Monday.

Rev. U. C. Smothers will preach at Spaulding chapel next Sunday at eleven o'clock. He will preach a special sermon the evening of the same day at Moro, for the young people who are going away to school.

Next Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church the pastor will speak on the theme, "The Anchor of the Soul." It is expected that a part of the hour of worship will be used as a brief memorial for Rev. James Morrison, first pastor of this church, who died in Portland, on August 29.

On Sunday evening, September 16, the opening day of "Constitution Week" Rev. Henry G. Hanson will call attention to some of the fundamentals of our American government. This Sunday is being observed all over the country, part of a national movement sponsored by the Bar Association.

The attendance at the Methodist Sunday school was much better last Sunday than preceding Sundays. The missionary drama put forth by Mrs. Smothers assisted by fifteen other women and girls, in costume, was highly appreciated by all. It will be repeated later as part of rally day program.

Rev. D. H. Leech was in Moro Wednesday evening of last week on his last official visit for this Methodist church year. The business session was held in the dining room of Hotel Moro, following a seven o'clock dinner, where twenty-five of the members and friends of the church had gathered.

Last evening (Thursday, September 6th) at the high school auditorium a farewell reception to all the young people of Moro and vicinity, who will leave for college this fall. The reception was sponsored by the Sunday Schools of two of the churches and the high school alumni. Miss Beattie Andersen, Mesdames H. B. Pinkerton, and J. C. McKean of the Presbyterian church and Mesdames Roy Benson, W. C. Bryant and W. S. Powell representing the Methodist church constituted the committee in charge. These in turn appointed subcommittees who helped work out the details. A takeoff on college life was presented. The people as they gathered were registered in regular college style, and assigned to four classes, Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. After an enthusiastic track meet pulled off between the classes, the seniors were adorned in caps and gowns for graduation exercises. The caps and gowns of variable designs were made out of leading Oregon dailies. At commencement the various attainments of the graduates were announced as diplomas were passed. Before graduation each senior had his fortune told, and so was equipped for the vicissitudes of life, knowing just what was in store for each one. Suitable refreshments ended the program and all went home, feeling amply repaid for having had a brief touch of "College Life." From Moro and vicinity some 20 young people are leaving in the next few weeks to attend various schools and colleges. What is Moro's temporary loss will be their gain.

On the grounds that the taxpayers would unnecessarily be burdened with a \$50,000 highway debt, an application to change the grade crossing of the Southern Pacific tracks at St. Joe, Yamhill county, was tentatively denied at a hearing before the public service commission at Salem.

There were two fatal accidents in the industries of Oregon during the week ended August 30, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were N. P. Whittecotton, carpenter, of Hood River, and James McGee, lineman, of Cottage Grove. A total of 791 accidents were reported during the week.

While surveying in Josephine county recently L. E. Wilkes, surveyor, came across a Douglas fir of immense proportions. Measured at breast height on an upper hillside the tree was 33 feet 8 inches in circumference, or about 12 feet 3 inches in diameter. The tree stands a little more than a half mile due east of the Oregon caves.

In a determined effort to prevent as far as possible traffic accidents between common carrier vehicles operating between the various cities and towns in Oregon, the public service commission has announced that it will soon have all stage schedules so regulated that it will be a serious offense for any private firm or corporation acting as a common carrier to leave destinations simultaneously.

Snipes Famous Farm to be Auctioned Next Saturday

An event of unusual interest to the people of Moro will occur at The Dalles, Saturday, September 15. The famous Snipes Farm, one of the best known farms in this part of the country, will be offered for sale. Jas. Snipes, the owner is retiring from farming business.

The history of this farm dates back to the Oregon Trail. Mr. Snipes has spent his whole life since he was a small boy on this place. The two story brick house facing Chenoweth Road was built by his father in 1863. The present condition of this family home and the rugged construction of the barn and out-buildings testify to the care with which the men of those days erected their buildings.

The Fred B. Grinnell Company, licensed Real Estate Auctioneers of Spokane, are conducting the sale which will start at 1:30 p. m. in the field back of the brick house. If the weather is unfavorable, arrangements have been made to continue the sale in the large barn which is close by.

The farm has been divided into 34 parcels, ranging from 1 to 6 acres in size. No land will be sold until day of sale, but applications will be taken beforehand and on the day of the sale purchasers will draw for places in line and will make their selections in the order that their numbers are drawn out.

Mr. Snipes has included his personal property, including farm machinery, tools, cows, chickens, turkeys, etc., in the sale. These will be auctioned off to the highest bidder immediately after the land sale.

Much interest has been aroused in this sale and no doubt a large number will be on hand to take advantage of the bargains offered.

Early Pioneer Presbyterian Moro Pastor Passes at Portland Home

Rev. James M. Morrison, for a number of years pastor of Presbyterian churches in Sherman county, having been the founder of both the Moro and Monkland churches, died at the family residence, 348 East Sixth Street North, Portland, Oregon, Wednesday. Although 92 years of age he was able to take his usual walks until the last. He passed away with no sickness and apparently no pain while he was having breakfast.

Mr. Morrison was born in Colerain, Pa., July 21, 1832. In 1856 he was graduated from Delaware college and later from Princeton Theological seminary. Over a period of 38 years he served churches in Pennsylvania, Missouri, Iowa and Oregon. His last pastorate was in Moro where for 15 years were added to the natural work of the church the struggles and hardships encountered by pioneers in a new country.

His wife, Nancy Bailey Morrison, died four years ago. In addition to five great-grandchildren and eighteen grandchildren, the following sons and daughters survive: Joseph B., Thomas C., James M., Mrs. Ella Nelson, Mrs. Nannie Thomas, Mrs. Margaret Bates and Mrs. Maude Keenan.

But They'll Not Be Convinced. The look on any married woman's face should convince the girls that the men are not worth the exertion necessary to catch one.—Exchange.

Notice for Publication

U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, August 20, 1923.

Notice is hereby given that Ralph Fouts, of Condon, Oregon, who, on June 21, 1920 made H. E. 021804 and on January 11, 1922, made additional H. E. No. 021805, for E3, SE1/4NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, W1/4W1/4, Sec 29, N1/2NE1/4, Section 32, Township 1 South, Range 19 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. D. Weed, United States Commissioner, at Condon, Oregon, on the 6th day of October, 1923.

Claimant names as witnesses: H. M. Shull, George L. Wing, A. E. York, Edgar Kirk, all of Condon, Oregon.

J. W. Donnelly, Register.



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Work Begun on Bridge Across Columbia River at Hood River

H. L. Grey, one of the engineers promoting the span, announced that construction work on the Hood River-White Salmon Columbia bridge would begin next Wednesday.

The Gilpin Construction company of Astoria will erect the bridge. Piling for the structure is being cut in the Hugum district. A huge pile-driver and a barge are already on the scene. Material for piers and false-work will be delivered at once, it was stated.

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