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At the head of the grave of the unknown Soldier in Paris there is a blue flame. It is an eternal light. The flame of remembrance. The flame is fed by a reservoir underground. It burns brightly night and day. It was recently lighted by the president of the republic. The pillar who sleeps there, the unknown American soldier in Washington, the unknown British Tommy in Westminster Abbey and the Soldato Ignoto who sleeps under the Altar of the Fatherland in Rome, are silent guardians of that sentiment which swept the world to make the conflict in which they died the last war. Their glory shall never fade.


Word was received in this city the first of the week that Marie Peetz, daughter of B. F. Peetz and wife at Bend, had won the gold medal in the central Oregon dramatic contest held at Bend last Friday. The family formerly lived at and near this city for several years. Marie having attended school at DeMoss, Erskine and Moro. She is now in her second year of high school, her first year was at Moro school. The honor is all the more note worthy when it is known that the high school at Bend has an attendance of 400 pupils.

About seventy members and guests attended the Community Club meeting held at Hotel Moro last Monday evening. A number of interesting talks were made by local people as well as by visitors from outside the county. Among those from outside the county who attended were L. H. Mahon and wife, from Salem. They were returning from a business trip to Bend and had stopped in this city to visit with W. F. Jackson, the two having been both members of the state legislature at the last session.

Messrs. Bullard, Bull, and Meloy and their families motored to the Columbia river district for an outing last Sunday. They had basket dinner at the Fleck orchard camp grounds and later visited the W. L. Wilson place where they viewed 485 sprightly little White Leghorn chicks and incubators that contained about 600 eggs, being hatched, and a large assortment of early garden of lettuce, radishes, etc. soon to be ready for market.

Geo. A. Williams, father of W. H. Williams of this city, has the right idea, as to what constitutes a good citizen. The first check he wrote after arriving in the city was payment on a home he bought. The second check was payment for a year's subscription to the Observer. He said, when subscribing for the Observer, that he wanted it so that he could become familiar with the names of the local people and thereby be helped in making their acquaintance.

**BILL BARBER SAYS**



**HOSPITAL STATISTICS SUGGEST THAT TOO MANY PUT THE QUART BEFORE THE PEARSE.**

**Local Boy Has Wreck on Highway**

Roscoe Moore, returning by motor cycle from Eugene last Friday night, collided head on with a Ford car driven by J. W. Kempt, of Ryder, North Dakota, on the straight road west of the overhead crossing on the Columbia highway at Dillon.

The wheel of the motor cycle hit the Ford between the left front wheel and the radiator. The motor cycle was completely demolished, bits of its wreckage being scattered liberally over the highway. Moore landed on the Ford between the fender and the hood, striking his head on the front body. The car was also badly wrecked, and was forced sideways across the highway, blocking traffic in either direction, and had its radiator, front axle and transmission rendered useless.

Moore was taken to the hospital at The Dalles where he lay unconscious that night. The next day he was unable to explain just how the accident occurred and his memory is yet at fault as to detail.

Kempt claims that his car was on his side of the road, that he saw Moore coming towards him on the wrong side, but that he expected him to get back on the proper side and that if he himself went to the wrong side then it might confuse the motor cycle driver.

We understand that a car of about the value of Kempt's car was given to the North Dakota man in settlement of damages he may have sustained.

**Moro I.O.O.F. Plan Big Celebration**

Moro lodge No. 113, and Lupine Rebekah lodge No. 116 I. O. O. F. of Moro have now completed all arrangements whereby they will entertain all Rebekahs and Odd Fellows as well as all who may desire to take part in the 105th anniversary exercises of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows on Sunday April 27th, 1924, in this city. Dinner will be served at their hall at 12:30, after which the exercises will be held at the opera house. A suitable program has been arranged for the occasion. R. R. Butler, of The Dalles, will deliver the principal address. There will also be instrumental and vocal music, as well as many other numbers. Let every man, woman and child in Sherman county attend this gathering. Bring your basket well filled and let all help to make this the largest gathering of this kind ever held in this county. A reception committee of twelve members will look after you.

By order of the Committee.

**Electric Power Cheapest to Farmers**

If the farmers who are within reach of electric transmission systems can generally arrange to use electric power for farm operations where it is possible to use it there is a good chance for the electrification of such farms at cost for service which will be within the power of such farmers to pay. This is the conclusion of Dr. E. G. Neff of the University of Wisconsin who is chairman of a joint committee on the relation of electricity to agriculture.

"One mile of city distribution lines ordinarily serves from thirty to one hundred customers," said Dr. Neff. "But one mile of distribution line in farming districts usually serves only three customers. It can be readily seen, therefore, that a power company can serve city customers more cheaply than rural customers.

"But if farmers can use electricity for every possible farming purpose it seems likely that rural rates can be made so cheap that no farmer can afford to be without electric service, and every farmer can afford to have it. It is to prove or disprove this fact that the present investigation is being made."

A prime factor in the upbuilding of a community is the community newspaper.

**McNary-Haugen Bill Now Being Considered by National Congress**

The McNary-Haugen and the Norris-Sinclair bills, designed for the relief of agricultural districts, were reported favorably by the Senate agriculture committee April 12th. Several minor amendments were attached to the McNary-Haugen bill, but the Norris-Sinclair measure was reported without change.

Action on the McNary-Haugen bill is expected to be taken by the House before its consideration in the Senate on account of its tariff provisions, which are required to originate in the House. The House agriculture committee is now holding executive sessions, inspecting the bill section by section. At the present rate of progress, it should finish and report in another week. The principal matters undecided are the tariff provisions and issue of script.

There is still no evidence of friendliness on the part of the administration. Guarded expressions that come from the White House are construed as symptoms of opposition, the President not having brought himself to the point of saying the bill won't do, but indicating to callers that he remains unconvinced that such legislation is sound.

In referring to the help that President Coolidge may later give towards enacting the McNary-Haugen measure into law, it is interesting to say that at a recent luncheon given by the President at the White House Representative N. J. Sinnott occupied the place of honor, being seated on the right hand of the President and that they had long conversations that undoubtedly concerned the proposed measure for relief of the farmers. In this connection we print a letter received by Dr. J. R. Morgan of this city from Representative Sinnott:

Washington, D. C. March 28, 1924.  
J. R. Morgan; D. M. D.,  
Moro, Oregon.

My dear Dr Morgan:  
I have yours of the 21st inst. with reference to the McNary-Haugen bill. Yes, there is a good deal of opposition to the bill from the Democratic side of the House, particularly on account of the tariff provision. However, some Democrats are actively supporting the bill and I am hopeful by the time it is considered on the floor we may be able to make a number of conversions on the Democratic side. I realize the truth of what you say regarding the political effect of the defeat of the bill, and have urged that upon both the President and the members of the Steering Committee of the House of which committee I am a member.

Last Friday the Steering Committee had dinner at the White House with the President. We discussed the bill at length. I took steps the next day to bring about a conference between President Coolidge and Mr. Brand the author of the bill, and I am hopeful that Mr. Brand may be able to get the President to come out for the bill.

We are not supposed to quote what the President may say in these conferences, but I can say that I found him very sympathetic and I am hopeful we may be able to enlist his active support for the bill.

I note what you have to say regarding the criticism that the bill will cause over production. The answer to this criticism is that over production will automatically lessen the value of the script issued under the bill.

I am glad to have your letter and your very illuminating discussion of the situation, and believe I can make good use of your letter among the party leaders when the bill is brought up for discussion in the House.

With kindest regards, I remain,  
Sincerely yours,  
N. J. Sinnott.

A subsequent letter was received from Mr. Sinnott by R. J. Ginn of this city, referring in part to the same subject, under date April 10th, from which we quote:

"Last week and this week about

ten of us held two meetings in my office for the purpose of apportioning the membership of the House among us to canvass for the McNary-Haugen bill. We are seeing every member of the House and are trying to enlist his support for the bill. We are making good progress against a lot of opposition and I am hopeful that by the time the bill is considered in the House that we will have a majority of the membership enlisted in favor of the bill. There are many things in connection with my work for the bill, particularly my talk with the President, that I cannot write to you for the reason that we are not supposed to quote what is said at such times."

**Movie News of the Current Week**

Moro theatre has for the present discontinued its picture show on Tuesday evenings and in place of this has arranged for an entirely new program for each Sunday at 5 p.m. and repeat at 7:30 p.m. The Sunday show will be a different one from that of Saturday evening.

**WILD BILL HICKOK.**

James Farley, who plays in William S. Hart's production, "Wild Bill Hickok," which comes to the Moro theatre Saturday, April 19th, has actually lived many experiences as thrilling as those he portrays on the screen. Farley has lived in some of the wildest sections of the west and at one time was a member of the United States Secret Service, having many adventures. In "Wild Bill Hickok," in which William S. Hart returns to the screen after an absence of nearly two years, Farley appears in a cast of well known players including Ethel Grey Terry, Kathleen O'Connor, Jack Gardner, Carl Gerard and others. The story deals with the early days of the frontier, when "killing" was an art, and it is said to give Mr. Hart one of the most dramatic roles in which he ever has been seen.

**THE CHEAT.**

A picture story with a happy ending for Pola Negri! That is something which the admirers of this celebrated screen star will see in "The Cheat," her latest Paramount picture, produced by George Fitzmaurice, which will be on view at Moro theatre next Sunday, April 20th, with two showings; 6 o'clock and 7:30 p.m.

The story of "The Cheat" deals with a wealthy girl of Latin-American parentage who, to avoid wedding an old man, chosen by her father, elopes with a young American. In Paris she is loved by an art swindler disguised as an East Indian prince who follows her to New York. The girl is disinherited by her father, and unused to poverty, she accepts the supposed Hindu's offer of money with which to gamble. At first she wins, then loses not only her own money but a charity fund entrusted to her. Panic-stricken, she borrows from the "prince" and promises to dine with him alone in return for the loan.

At this juncture her husband wins a small fortune by putting over a lumber deal, and gives her \$25,000. She writes a check for the amount due the Hindu and carries it to his home. But he tells her, he doesn't want the money—he wants her. When she seeks to escape he drags her to a table and brands her as "a cheat." She takes up a revolver and shoots him, then escapes from the house just as her husband steps into the scene.

From this point on, the action is rapid and races swiftly to one of the finest climaxes ever seen on the screen. The ending is happy. The part of the husband is played by Jack Holt, popular Paramount star, while the role of the disguised Hindu prince is in the capable hands of Charles de Roche, the famous French screen star.

**Japanese Not Industrial Leaders**

Many persons have the notion that the Japanese are right on their toes and up-to-date in all things and lead the way in others. That is not so in the field of public utilities. In fact, Japan has been amazingly slow to appreciate the value of gas in the modern arts and industries and is just beginning to wake up to its manifold usefulness.

The latest statistics show that the total capitalization of the entire gas industry in the Nippon empire is only \$3,682,080. This is less than one-sixth of the investment of the Portland Gas and Coke Company, one single company in Oregon whose investment aggregates \$16,000,000.

The Japanese are showing considerable interest in the use of gas heating appliances and in that field the most substantial development has been shown.

The French government announced recently that it would decorate with the order of agricultural merit the heads of families who could prove with documentary evidence that their ancestors had farmed the same land continuously for the last three centuries. So far 750 farmers have established that claim. But the record goes to Camille La Fargues of Conter near Mollieres. This family has lived on the same estate and has worked the same soil since the year 772, the time of Charlemagne. That's a long time. These peasants are the backbone of France. No power can ever conquer them. They love the soil and will defend it with their lives, and they have done it for the past thousand years or so.

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A home wedding occurred in this city at eight o'clock Tuesday morning when Miss Margaret Beard and Robert F. Bond, both of Sunnyside, Washington, were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Riddell, aunt of Mrs. Bond, the ceremony being read by Rev. A. C. Hadley, pastor of the Christian church at Sunnyside, in the presence of ten relatives of the bridal couple, also from Sunnyside. The brother of the groom acted as best man and the sister of the bride acted as bridesmaid. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served by Mrs. Riddell, covers being laid for twelve, after which the young couple left by auto over the Columbia highway for Portland where they will visit before returning to their future home at Sunnyside.

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