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Arthur Nichols was arrested last Friday in Moro by state traffic officer Jay Saltzman for three infractions of the state traffic law. The first was driving a car not licensed, second for not having a drivers license, and third for operating a car without an engine number stamped on the bloc. Upon appearing before Justice A. M. Young, he was fined \$15, about what a license would have cost. The second count was not pressed and the third count was dismissed when it was shown that the old engine bloc had been removed from the car and that the engine number had not been stamped on the new engine bloc when installed in the garage doing the repair work.

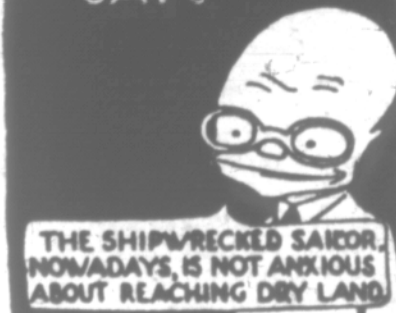
Sixty five women of Moro and vicinity pledged themselves to the service of their country on the first National Defense Day, September 12th, of this year. Defense day has been declared by the government as an experiment in national preparedness. Its purpose is to assure the government of the United States that its citizens pledge themselves in mass on one day each year to the service of their country. The enrollment sheets for women were handled by The Dalles Red Cross chapter in the Red Cross room for women at the county fair grounds.

Word was received by members of the Peetz family Tuesday evening that the surgeons and doctors in Portland, who have been attending Otto Peetz, have stated that in their professional opinion very little hope can be entered for his recovery. It was said that Mr. Peetz illness was caused by a blood clot on the brain which has produced a semiparalytic condition, causing him to gradually lose strength until at this time he is too weak to recover from the operation necessary to restore him to normal health.

When Miss Olga Samuelson returned to this city last week to assume her position as teacher in the local high school, she was accompanied by her father, F. A. Samuelson, and her brother, John Samuelson. It was the first time that the elder Samuelson had been further up the Columbia highway than Bonneville and the totally different aspect of country took his memory back to the large open plains of early pioneer farming in Nebraska, where he had lived before coming to Oregon.

Mrs. George M. Bolton, from The Dalles, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Lulu Landstrom, and her husband, E. I. Landstrom, from Lebanon, were visiting in our city on Thursday. It has been so many years since they were here that they had a hard time locating the places where buildings with which they had been so familiar had once stood. The city of Moro has practically been entirely rebuilt since they were last here.

BILL BARBER SAYS



THE SHIPWRECKED SAILOR NOWADAYS IS NOT ANXIOUS ABOUT REACHING DRY LAND

County Fair This Year Breaks All Previous Records For Attendance

Number of Exhibits Double Those of Last Year Race Program Proven Popular Feature

The annual Sherman county fair was a success last week from every angle of view. The number of exhibits in all departments were double that of the previous year and of much higher quality. The total paid admissions was \$250 more this year than last year and was also more than double that of three years ago. The racing features went with a swing and pep that caused favorable comment from all who attended, there being no tiresome waiting between racing events. The weather was ideal, specially made to order for the county fair said Secretary C. C. Richmond, there being no winds but warm sunshiny balmy afternoons. Last, but far from least, was the good order maintained in the crowded streets and on the fair grounds by Sheriff Hugh Chrisman and his corps of special deputies.

We would like to comment extensively upon the high quality of the many exhibits, but space will not permit. Those who attended were well repaid the charge for admission by the educational value of the school children's exhibits, and the agricultural and horticultural displays, while the exhibits of horses, swine, sheep, goats, and chickens were, if possible, better than usual. In fact the exhibits of horses overflowed into the cattle barns.

In honor of the visitors to our town during the annual county fair, the citizens and business men had the streets decorated with flags and bunting and the trees, electric light and phone poles painted shoulder high with white. The judges of exhibits at the fair were C. W. Daight, county agent of Wasco county, judge of livestock; B. B. Bayles, assistant at the Experiment Station, judge of farm products; J. O. Thompson, of Tygh, judge of poultry; Mrs. Mary McComb, of O. A. C., Corvallis, judge of the textile department.

The second day of the fair the afternoon opened with parade of the livestock exhibit, except cattle, led by Arnold Landry, son of J. N. Landry, driving his little white pony and cart. The parade was in keeping with other features of the fair, being the longest parade ever seen at the county fair grounds. Aside from the animals in the parade, the feature that caught the eyes of all observers was the hand made natural leather harness on the Roy Powell team. This harness was made by Fred Downing and was pronounced a painstaking work of art by those who examined the workmanship.

In the two days racing program, J. C. McKean's horse May Lovelace got first place both days in the trot or pace event with Art Barzee's Beaut second on both days. In the pace, Art Barzee's horse Hal C. got first place both days, the second day the rubber tire on the silky came off, but Art caught it with his right hand and finished the race driving with his left hand. The Shetland pony race was one of the best features on the racing card; Keith Fields won first place on Friday and Clarence Rash first on Saturday. The quarter mile and half mile saddle horse races were fast races and, with the pony races, were handled by the riders in true professional style. The relay races, chariot races and bucking contests were the exciting features on each day's program. The first day's relay race was won by the E. M. Alley string, ridden by Ben Hockman and on the second day was won by the L. R. Walsh string from Wasco, ridden by Buck Everett. The chariot race on Friday went to Walsh of Wasco for first place with Newton of

Moro 2d and Barnet of Kent 3d; on Saturday Wasco again took first place with Kent in 2d place and Newton 3d. The finish of this race on Saturday was spectacular and brought the crowd up on their toes with uncertainty; the distance between the leaders was less than ten feet and only eighteen inches between the victors for 2d and 3d place. In the first day's bucking contest, Dutch Happold of Wasco was thrown from off his horse, but was back the second day for the finals and got 2d place. First place in the finals went to Julian Gwynne of Klondike and third to Pard Mallin of Grass Valley.

One of the prizes in the bucking contest was a pair of leather chaps donated to the winner by T. W. Alley. The relay races, chariot races and bucking contests were put on under the supervision of Carl Everett of Wasco, assisted by George Wilkerson of Ruma. To these goes much credit for the snap and vim with which they were conducted and their successful conclusion.

County fair week closed with a smoker in the local opera house, attended by probably the largest crowd ever packed inside the building. The first was a 4-round bout between Harry McDonald and Morris Searcy. These two boys put up a mighty good exhibition, it was fast and furious and showed stamina on the part of each. The decision went to McDonald on points. The second event was a go between Davis and May, both local young men residing east of Moro. Davis took a count of five in the first round, but came back strong in the 2d and succeeding rounds. The referee's decision was a draw, and the enthusiastic crowd howled its approval.

The 3d event on the smoker card was a go between Mike Ribby of Kent and Weeks of Toppensish. The two mixed in royal style until in an unguarded moment Ribby allowed Weeks to land a blow to the pit of his stomach that felled him for the count of ten. Following this came a go between Art Bibby of Kent and Bulger from Yakima. This was a fast exhibition. Art flooring Bulger in the 3d round, but notwithstanding having only one eye Bulger stayed in the ring the total scheduled number of rounds. The decision going to Bibby.

The last event on the smoker card was a 10-round go scheduled between Wise of Toppensish and Tracy of Portland. While the bout lasted, it was one of the best exhibitions of ring work ever seen in this city. Tracy put Wise down for a count of nine in the 2d round and for a final count of ten in the first few seconds of the 4th round. It was said to be the first time that Wise ever took the count. Each of the three rounds fought were fast and furious, the two men constantly feeling out an opening where he could win a decision. Each round started with Wise trying for Tracy's jaw. The first round he landed with a little more steam the bout would have been over with a different story. The 4th round Tracy beat Wise to the same thing and the story was told when the referee counted ten.

The smoker was put on for the Sherman county fair association under the supervision of A. B. Riddell. Jack Wagner, manager of the Liberty club of Portland, refereed the first events and Andy Potts, manager of a club at Yakima, refereed the last.

Some persons laugh at refinement; but look what polish will do to a pair of shoes.

ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL

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HIS BROTHER'S KEEPER

IT IS characteristic of the race to shift responsibility. Adam blamed our first moral disaster upon Eve; Cain lost his temper when the Lord asked him about Abel, and rather petulantly asked: "Am I my brother's keeper?" Richard knew that young Murphy, who was lodging at his house, was supposed to be in college and that he was getting money from home regularly to pay his college bills, though he had never registered and was sleeping through the days and wasting his nights in foolish and sometimes even in vicious dissipation. He knew, too, that the money from home meant a real sacrifice to hard-working parents.

"Why did you not tell me," I asked him, when by chance I stumbled onto the facts, "and give me a chance to get Murphy to class?"

"It wasn't any of my affairs," he said quite carelessly. "He was paying his rent regularly. I wasn't responsible for him. Why should I worry?" Why, indeed?

Carter, living across the hall from Wilbur in the same building, was in the same deep pretty fast. Not infrequently he came in late at night under the influence of liquor, and he was wasting his money pretty regularly in poker and crap games.

"What have you done with Carter?" I asked Wilbur, when the conditions in the place came to my attention.

"I haven't done anything," was his reply. "It's not my funeral, so long as he doesn't bother me."

"Don't you feel any responsibility," I asked, "for the character of the house, and for the effect which Carter's escapades are having on his work?"

"Why should I?" he inquired rather surprised at my question. "I think I'm doing pretty well if I look after myself. I don't want to get him into trouble."

I sometimes wonder if young people ever stop to think what free education involves and why the state is educating them—why it spends every year millions of dollars in the support of education. The real reason is not that we may be trained as individuals to look after ourselves only, and to follow our selfish purposes without regard to the welfare of our neighbors or of the community in which we live.

We are all in a very large sense our brother's keeper. It requires courage to take responsibility for good order and moral conduct, and few of us have courage.

A Ford coupe, reported to be owned and driven by Miss Isabelle Duncan, teacher of the school at Michigan, went off the Sherman highway near the McDermid farm Friday morning and rolled over four times before coming to a stop. The machine was taken into Wasco following the accident, which was said to have practically demolished the machine. The driver was reported as being only slightly injured.

We received a letter this week from Rev. John Robertson of Spokane. Rev. Robertson was formerly pastor of the Methodist church of this city and is now entering upon his fourth year as pastor of Liberty Park Methodist church at Spokane. He stated in his letter that he and Mrs. Robertson had been absent all summer on a tour of western continental Europe which included a visit to Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland.

Owen Elliott and Miss Roberts Reese were married last Saturday evening at the Methodist parsonage in Wasco by Rev. Young of that city. The groom is a son of J. O. Elliott and the bride the daughter of T. S. Reese. They will live in the farm home to be vacated soon by J. H. Elliott when he and Mrs. Elliott move to this city next week. Owen will assist his father in working the Elliott farm east of this city.

Emory Hughes was in town on Wednesday stocking up his homebased culinary department with things to eat from the Moro Trading company. He has a 640 acre grazing land homebased in the Finnegans district, south west of Grass Valley. Hughes returned this week from Klamath Falls where he has been working in a saw mill. He says that the Tule lake lands, recently drained by the government, is producing sixty bushels of wheat and better to the acre. The lands are in the Indian reservation and are either worked by Indians or under lease from them.

A public reception was held at the school auditorium on Tuesday evening for the purpose of welcoming the corp of local teachers employed by Moro district for the new term. A varied instrumental and vocal program held their auditors attention the first part of the evening, followed by games designed to permit the teachers to become acquainted with the parents of the pupils. The teachers attending were W. C. Buell, principal; Helen Idleman, Ann McPherson and Olga Samuelson, high school teachers; Beatrice Lockwood, teacher 7th-8th grades; Lucile Baker, teacher 5th-6th grades; Dorothy Perkins, teacher 3rd-4th grades; Mrs. Belle Roberts, teacher 1st-2nd grades.

Age of Swedish Riksdag. With the exception of the British parliament the Swedish riksdag is the oldest of existing legislative bodies.

Condon Merchant Praises Sherman County's Versatile Products

One of the out-of-town visitors to our annual county fair last week was A. B. Robertson of Condon. Mr. Robertson, who is one of the directors of the Gilliam county fair, was much interested in the splendid display put on by Sherman county. He stated that, considering the exceptionally dry year, that the collection of fruit and vegetables was remarkable. One feature that appealed to him particularly was the various exhibits of grapes from the north end of the county which would almost make one think he was attending a fair in California. The livestock exhibit, he said, was very good, more especially in horses, and the class of heavy draft horses shown are good enough for any fair or any livestock show and, he continued, it is to be hoped that they will be shown either at the international or the state fair, so that people on the outside can realize just what Sherman county is doing along that line.

Mr. Robertson is in the grain and wool business at Condon and reports crops light in that section, altho the farmers are already looking ahead to next year, and expect that crops and conditions will be better than. Incidentally he is a candidate for state senator, and was shaking hands with friends old and new while here.

Dr. Clarke, Eye Specialist, Coming

Dr. Clarke of the Clarke Stram Optical Co. 1124 Sixth Street, Portland, will be in Moro all day and evening of Monday September 22 at Hotel Moro for the purpose of testing the eyes and making all adjustments. At this time Dr. Clarke would like to have all of the patients that he has fitted to glasses call on him at Hotel Moro so that he may see how the glasses are and make any adjustments that are needed.

Real Courage

True bravery is shown by performing without witnesses what one might be capable of doing before all the world.—La Rochefoucauld.



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