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**Federal Bureau Now Operates
Free Seed Test Station at O.A.C.**

Opportunities for free seed tests at O. A. C. are being taken advantage of by progressive and successful farmers, gardeners, and wholesale seed companies of the northwest. This is the only federal station in this territory. It is operated on a cooperative basis with the state of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural college. It covers the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana. Since it is a branch of the federal experiment station in Washington, D. C., there are no fees connected with the work.

The purpose of the station is to determine the quality of seed sold in the northwest, and by showing the deficiencies in the samples submitted for inspection to better the seed sold to the farmer.

The four phases of the work are the examination and identification of seeds, the test for purity and the germination tests.

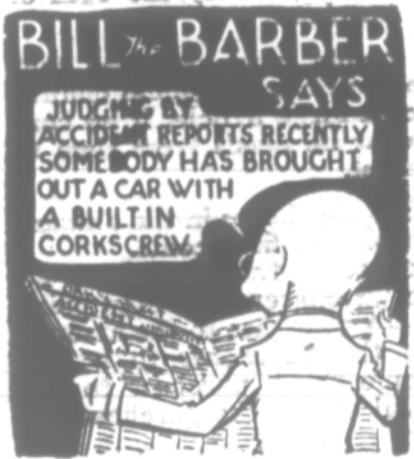
Seed mixtures are usually examined and identified and given no further tests, for such mixtures are often composed of old or cheap grade stock, put together for pasture or lawn sowing, and are not worth the time it would take to test them. Since the state seed law requires labels on all seed sold, the reports of the findings are sent to the wholesaler for his labeling.

To make the purity tests, the seeds are mixed and weighed into lots varying from 1 to 30 grams, according to the size of the seed. The total weight is then taken and the sample is examined for inert and foreign matter. Inert matter is chaff, sticks, dirt, or sand—anything that will not grow, while the foreign matter may be seeds of other crops or weed seed.

This examination is all done by hand with the aid of magnifying glasses and a clear but not a glaring light.

Thirty miles of The Dalles-California highway in Wasco county were ordered surfaced by the state highway commission at a meeting in Portland. When surfaced this will complete the highway in that county. The section is from White River to Cow canyon. The work was awarded to Joslin & McAllister of Spokane for \$128,400. Twenty bidders competed for the award.

In an effort to secure commodity rates for binder twine from Portland into the distributive territory of the Portland Cordage company, complaint has been filed with the interstate commerce commission by the Portland Traffic & Transportation association. It is maintained that the lack of such rates places Portland at a disadvantage as compared with eastern competitors in eastern Oregon, Idaho and Montana.



**Republican Landslide Reflects
Coolidge United States President**

Far-reaching political and economic consequences, profoundly affecting the immediate future of the American people, will result from the republican landslide in the national election Tuesday. President Coolidge was returned to office by the largest popular vote any candidate for president has ever received, not excepting the vote given to Harding when the Wilson policies were repudiated by the people at the national election held in 1920.

At this writing incomplete returns indicate that the republicans will have a majority in the national house and senate, but whether it is a majority that can hold together on all important test votes is yet a debatable question. National leaders of all parties are quoted as having said that no one in the national houses of legislation will take an active stand against Coolidge on questions of national importance. Basing their contention upon the far reaching effect of the two last elections and the extraordinary vote given to the head of the republican tickets.

This is based upon the vote for Brookhart, republican senator from Iowa, where a comparative unknown democratic candidate opposing Brookhart was given very nearly the same vote as Coolidge. The defeat of Brookhart will be the first of any republican for national office in Iowa for 65 years. The vote was made decisively and intelligently. Brookhart's defeat was brought about by his assumption that the people would endorse LaFollette and his many sided radical program of government ownership of utilities, higher wages for labor union men and lower priced products for the farmer. One of the outstanding features of the campaign was the assumption of the LaFollette leaders that the clear thinking people of the great agricultural states would endorse such a program.

One great result of the national election is the clearing away of the pettifogging obstructions that has been so much in evidence the last eight years. Notwithstanding that every measure endorsed or urged by Coolidge in the national houses of legislation has been practically defeated or entirely changed by self elected national leaders, Coolidge has been returned to office. Congress will no longer dare to pass bills up to President Coolidge that are radically inefficient and neither will they pass measures over his veto as has been done in past months. The people have demanded that congressional leaders take their work seriously and discontinue their obstructive tactics or else many more men like Brookhart will be told in a decisive manner to stay home when next the people have a chance to express their views.

Coolidge electors were chosen in 35 states and, probably, one other. Davis electors were chosen in 11 states, all of these are known as the solid south, but not all of the southern states went for Davis. LaFollette has the doubtful honor of only receiving the electoral vote from his own state and even there he lost ground through defeat of his main political lieutenant.

A Word of Appreciation

To the editor: It is my desire through the medium of the Observer to convey to my many loyal supporters all over Sherman county my deepest appreciation of the splendid work done in my behalf, and to say also that I am profoundly grateful for the warm friendship shown me both before and after election. In particular I wish to thank you home people here in Moro where you knew me best and where the other candidate has lived for years, for the majority vote received by me, which I treasure as a high tribute. Rena Norton.

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

**ALONG LIFE'S
TRAIL**

By THOMAS A. CLARK
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FATHER

"LINE upon line, and precept upon precept," the Good Book says, but that was not altogether father's way. He gave very few directions; he laid down very few rules; he was a man of action rather than of words. It was father's example when I was a boy that influenced me, and it is the memory of his life today that makes me want to be what he was.

I have no recollection that he ever once punished me; and though there was never any doubt that he was the head of the household, matters of our conduct he invariably left to mother, but we knew what he wanted and we should never have thought of going contrary to his desires. None of us children ever got especially intimate with father; I think he did not know how to bring about such an intimacy. He was quiet, serious, rather stern in his methods, but always reasonable, always just, always absolutely sincere.

He was rather rigidly religious and he carried out his religious principles daily in our home life so conscientiously that it never occurred to me that any man would be a religious hypocrite.

He was strangely undemonstrative, but during all the years of my childhood I never knew him to say a critical or an unkind word to mother. She was always right; whatever she did in his eyes was perfect. He was loyal to her from the day they met until the day he died.

He was wonderfully kind to all dumb animals and looked out for them as if they had been his children. He never struck a dog, and he never went to bed on a cold winter night without giving a little extra thought to the condition and comfort of the stock on the farm. In early spring and summer he never allowed us to use the horses on Sunday. They had been working all week and they were entitled to a full day's rest, he argued. The old horses who had done us long years of service, he kept in ease and comfort until they died.

Honesty, kindness, unselfishness, respect for work, loyalty to definite religious principles, he taught me not so much by precept as by the daily life he lived. When I was fifteen, he went out into the great unknown quietly, courageously, with absolute faith in the future. He knew in whom he had believed, and he left to each of us something of his faith.

It is a great heritage to have had a good father; it is a great privilege to keep through youth and early manhood this close relationship with father.

**Members of Moro Sewing Club
Receive Achievement Certificates**

A certificate of achievement has been sent the Moro sewing club from the office of the state club leader at Corvallis. This is an award for having completed the required club work 100 per cent, making final report to Oregon Agricultural college, and preparing an exhibit.

Miss Miriam Cox was local club leader. The girls winning this certificate are Josephine Johnson, Laura Ruggles, Dorothy Foss, Lois Bryant, Signa Woods, Emma Jean Stephens, Dorothy Axtell, Leora Badger, Jessie Hulery, and Doris Amidon.

The certificate is signed by the person in charge of boys and girls club work of the United States department of agriculture, the governor of Oregon, the president of Oregon Agricultural college, the state superintendent of public instruction, the director of extension service, state club leader, county superintendent, county club leader, and local club leader.

The reading of advertisements is a habit easily acquired, and is an invaluable aid to the wide-awake purchaser.

**Sherman County Sets Itself New
Record at Election Held Tuesday**

Sherman county at the election last Tuesday gave a decisive majority vote for every republican candidate for state and district office, right straight through the ballot. In sharp contrast to this was the vote on county candidates where the final official canvass divided the four contested offices equally between the republican and democratic candidates. This result was only achieved by trades made by men who in former years have been recognized as the leaders of the republican party in this county and, in the majority of cases, have been signally honored by election to office by the republican party. Their political actions cannot be excused on the doubtful grounds of what others may have done. They are said to have been working in the opposition camp before the acts complained of were performed by those of whom they complain.

In the legislative district, of which Sherman county is a part, Carsner was elected state senator; C. A. Tom of Rufus, and Fitzmaurice of Condon were elected representatives. E. D. McKee, judge; F. T. Wade, district attorney; A. A. Dunlap and L. L. Peetz, county commissioners; Hugh Christman, sheriff; Mary L. Hoskinson, clerk; A. M. Young, treasurer; Margaret Peetz, assessor; A. M. Zevely, school superintendent; Homer S. Wall, surveyor; Dr. C. L. Foley, coroner.

Four of the seven amendments voted upon by the electors of Sherman county received an affirmative vote. These are the literacy amendment, welfare amendment, the soldiers' bonus measure and the oleomargarine measure. The naturopath and the workman's compensation measure received negative majority votes. The voters of Sherman county, along with the farmer votes of Gilliam and Morrow counties, voted to repeal the state income tax law mainly because they had discovered that it was purely a political proposition advocated by the democratic state machine and that it had not and would not result in any reduction of taxes, as had been claimed for it when first proposed.

Movie News of the Current Week

Is there anything new under the sun? Of course there is, if we only recognize it when we see it.

In "The Perfect Flapper," Colleen Moore's new starring vehicle, which comes to Moro theatre Saturday evening, November 8th, film fans will learn of a new way to hold a party. In this dynamic epic of the jazz age, a group of young people decide to hold a party in a mansion while it is being moved from one location to another. The result is a hilarious and exciting event in a rocky, shaky, structure rolling ponderously through the streets of a slumbering city.

"The Perfect Flapper" is another offering by First National, the producer of "Flaming Youth," with the same flashing star. It was also directed by John Francis Dillon and contains a cast of brilliant players including Sydney Chaplin, Phyllis Haver, Frank Mayo, Lydia Knott, Charles Wellisly and many others of equal prominence.

The Paramount picture, which comes to Moro theatre, next Sunday afternoon, November 9th, was directed by Alfred E. Green. While the picture is filled with comedy situations, it has a vein of seriousness which mirrors modern American life. It is one of the first Paramount pictures to be produced under the new policy of fifty-two pictures a year instead of the usual productions of from seventy-five to eighty photoplays.

The story concerns a young civil engineer, Tom Rockwood, the part played by Thomas Meighan, who is too busy with a big industrial project to think of matrimony. The boy's father had left a will stipulating that all his sons and daughters must marry and settle down before they can inherit his fortune of several million dollars. Tom's brother and two sisters find little difficulty in choosing mates, but Tom cannot interest himself in women. As the time limit when all must be married approaches, Tom's family grow frantic in their attempts to induce him to enter matrimony.

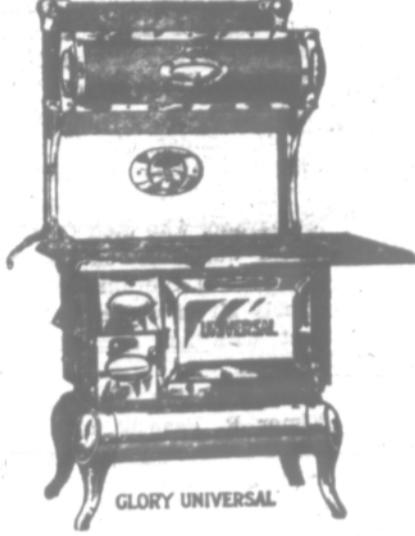
A garden party is staged and Tom is surrounded by women of varied personalities. But he is bored and leaves before the affair is over for his work. Here he meets Louise Halliday (Lila Lee) and falls in love with her. Milo Bleech, executor of the Rockwood estate, will lose this post if all the Rockwoods marry. He therefore tries to make Tom's proposal of marriage to Louise Halliday look like a business deal. Louise and Tom accidentally meet on board a steamer as she is leaving dock and here a reconciliation is effected. A radiogram instructs the Rockwoods on shore to marry and with the wedding at sea of Tom and Louise, the fortune is saved for all of the Rockwoods.

Lloyd Lyons, 30, was killed instantly at Walton, 20 miles west of Eugene on the Coos bay line of the Southern Pacific when a donkey engine in sliding down a mountain passed over him.

John L. Etheridge, former head of Morris Brothers, Incorporated, defunct Portland bond house, was re-indicted in Portland by the federal grand jury on charges of using the mails to defraud.

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Members of the state emergency board held a brief meeting in Salem and approved deficiency appropriations aggregating \$13,876.76. Of this amount \$10,395 was to care for claims resulting from the activities of the state veterinarian and state livestock sanitary board in the campaign against the foot and mouth disease.

The Mountain States Power company, with headquarters in Albany, has filed with the public service commission a tariff providing for a general reduction in rates. The new tariff, if authorized by the public service commission, will affect 11,740 consumers and will reduce the annual revenues of the company approximately \$18,000 annually.

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