

**SHERMAN COUNTY OBSERVER**

Moro, Oregon

C. L. IRELAND  
Editor and Publisher

Entered as second class matter at the post office at Moro, Oregon, July 25, 1891

Official Newspaper for Sherman County

FRIDAY.....February 13, 1925

**Unknown Murdered Boy Thought  
May Have Once Lived Near Moro**

A young man, probably about 20 years old, was found Monday in a box car at Montesano, Washington, near Grays Harbor, brutally beaten to death. There was nothing on him in the way of identification, but near the car was found a hat purchased from J. C. Freeman & Co., of this city.

The boy was rather heavily dressed, among his clothes being a fancy vest with a plaid lining. He wore a barberman's high topped shoes, but in the heels was cork so as to raise the heel into a position similar to that of a foot in a high heeled riding boot.

Before his death, the boy had been seen around Montesano the previous Friday and Saturday with two men about 45 years old, one of whom wore a black mustache. These men have disappeared, as has a pack the boy had been carrying.

The dead boy is about 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs about 140 pounds, has dark hair evidently trained to grow back and a straight fine looking nose.


The above information has been forwarded to J. C. Freeman at Moro, who remembers the hat spoken of and who also thinks he sold the young man a pair of boots such as he wore, because when sold they were large for the purchaser, who said he wanted to wear heavy socks with them.

B. W. Talcott, newspaper reporter, living at 308 1/2 South I street, Aberdeen, Washington, wrote the letter in hopes that it may reach some relative or friend who would be able to identify the dead boy. The sheriff also wrote a second letter with a more complete description of the murder and boy. Further information will be gladly furnished by either party.

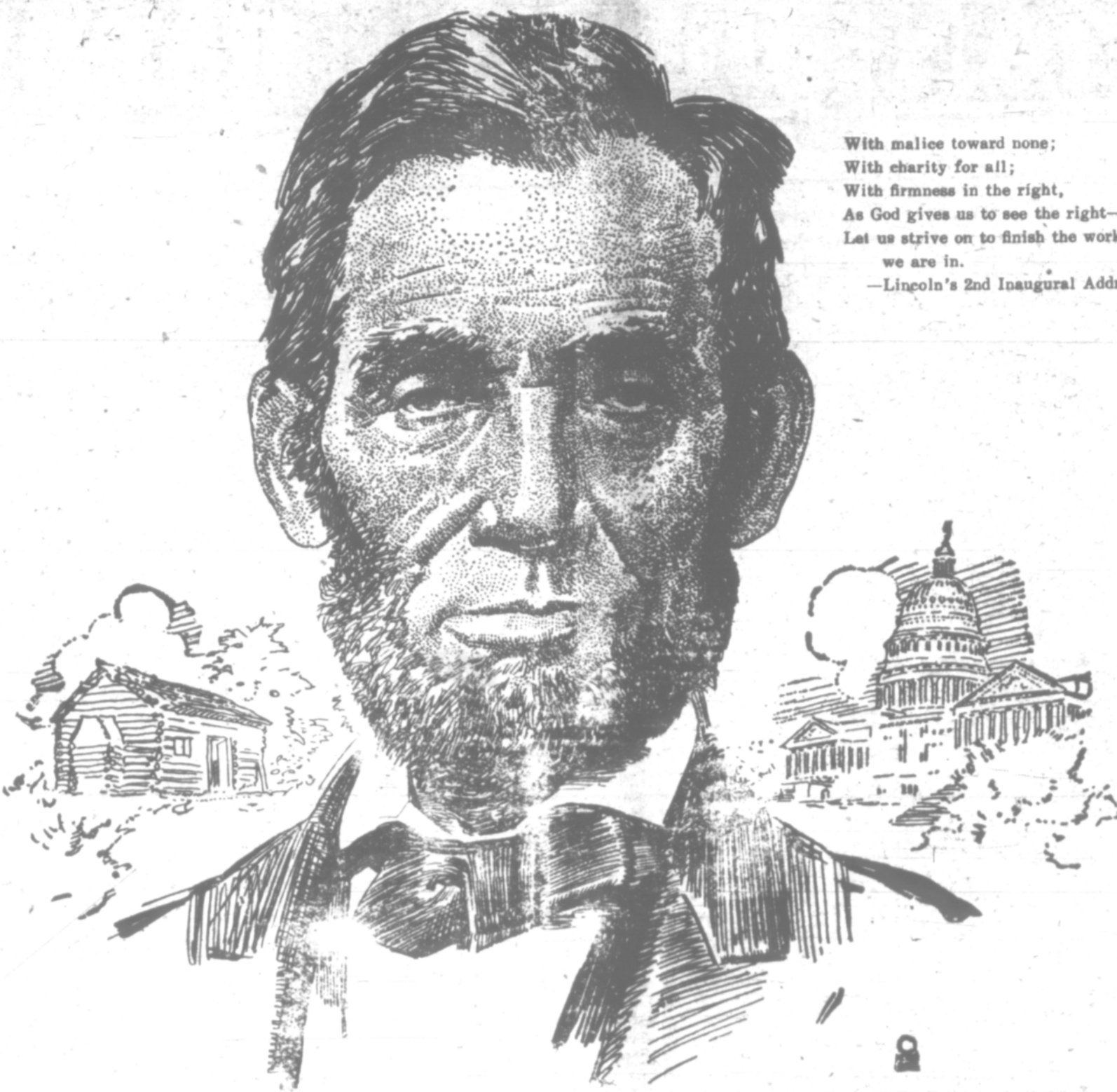
The number of Pacific coast fir mills that have gone onto the 5-day week is now more than 100 and approximately 23,000 employees are affected by the shortened schedule. Stock demand and accumulation of stocks at mills were the reasons assigned for reducing output until weather in the east permits full employment of building labor.

The California Oregon Power company has applied to the federal power commission for a preliminary permit for an installation on Clearwater river, a tributary of the North Umpqua river, and Nowich creek, a tributary of Clearwater river, 51 miles northeast of Roseburg, Douglas county. It is proposed to construct a dam about three miles above the mouth of the Clearwater, creating a storage reservoir extending about six miles upstream, to furnish storage and power in connection with the company's other developments on the North Umpqua.

**BILL the BARBER SAYS**



**EVEN IN MATTERS OF LOVE FEW WOMEN CAN RESIST THE BARGAIN COUNTER.**



With malice toward none;  
With charity for all;  
With firmness in the right,  
As God gives us to see the right—  
Let us strive on to finish the work  
we are in.  
—Lincoln's 2nd Inaugural Address.

**Abraham Lincoln, the Great Emancipator**

Lives loyally in the hearts of the American people every day of the year. He, more than any other patriot, typifies the ideal American—humble in his personality, dignified in his adherence to justice, right and American ideals—an American for all Americans—a brother to all mankind.

**Moro High School Invited to Participate in Conference at O.A.C.**

Moro high school has been invited to send delegates to the second annual educational exposition to be held this year at O. A. C. during the Washington's birthday holidays, February 21 to 23. More than 600 high school student delegates and faculty members attended the exposition last year and indications are that more will attend this year.

Educational and vocational guidance is one of the chief aims of the annual exposition. Not only will every school and department of the college prepare an elaborate display of the work carried on by it, but national personages in the educational world will be there for the period to confer with the students regarding their choice of a career and whether the students' bent in life can be developed at O. A. C. or not. Dr. Stanley Coulter, dean of men at Purdue university, will counsel with the men, and an equally prominent woman will meet the girls.

While the exposition is primarily educational, recreation for the visitors will not be neglected. Friday evening a night horse show is scheduled while Saturday evening an all-school stunt show will be staged. One or more basketball games have been tentatively arranged, and Sunday afternoon concerts by campus musical organizations will be featured.

**Sherman County School News**

The district debate of the state debating association between The Dalles affirmative team and the Hood River negative team was held at The Dalles high school during the afternoon of February 11th. The decision of the judges, Judge E. D. McKee, Supt. A. M. Zevly, of Sherman county and Rev. Young of White Salmon, was two to one in favor of the affirmative team.

During this week J. E. Calavan industrial field worker from the office of the state superintendent, has been in the county working with the county school superintendent in organizing industrial clubs in the schools. Among the schools where clubs were organized were DeMoss, Locust Grove, Erskine, Kent, Rufus and Brock. The principal part of the club organization was completed last fall but the work given attention now is that of the out door projects such as garden, poultry, and stock work.

Rufus and the surrounding districts have for some time been considering the advisability of consolidation. To get more definite ideas of the changes necessary a meeting was held at Rufus the evening of February 7th. Prof. J. F. Burch of Corvallis, a man who has had wide experience in consolidated schools, talked on the evenings entertainment, Rufus school provided an entertainment and the community women spread the table for a social feed.

The second local teacher's institute of the school year was held in Wasco on February 7th. Prof. J. F. Burch from the Oregon Agricultural college was the principal speaker of the day. He placed the greatest emphasis on the teacher's responsibility in preparing the child for a useful life. In the departments Miss Lucile Baker of Moro gave an interesting demonstration on the teaching of geography. Miss Lora Howard and Miss Wreatha MacDonald also discussed this subject. Among other subjects discussed, were the teaching of grammar, the importance of home economics and school discipline. Wasco school and community provided both the music and the luncheon. The attendance was most excellent for the early spring institute since forty six of the teachers were present.

Damage to winter wheat in eastern Oregon last month was considerably greater than at first estimated, reports indicate. Between 90 and 95 per cent of the wheat crop in Morrow county will have to be reseeded, according to advices from R. W. Morse Morrow county agent. New observations in Sherman, Gilliam and Wasco counties show early estimates far below actual figures. In Sherman county, 80 per cent of the grain is dead according to D. E. Stephens, superintendent of the Moro experiment station. Between 20,000 and 24,000 acres will have to be reseeded in Wasco county, County Agent Daigh estimates.

**Railroad Company Give Farmers Seed Wheat Half Freight Rates**

Railroad officials have announced reduced intrastate seed wheat rates effective February 9th on all points of the O. W. R. & N. company east of Mosier in Oregon. The rates are half of the usual charges. The intrastate rates in Washington is also effective the same day. Interstate rates will become effective next Monday, February 16. Shipments of seed wheat between Washington, Idaho and Oregon, it was explained, will benefit by the reduction next week. The rates are temporary and are made as an emergency measure. To secure the reduced rates, wheat must be consigned to a farmer, farmers' association, or state or county officer. Shipments between dealers are not entitled to rate reduction.

**Movie News of the Current Week**

The interesting role of Geeko, in Richard Walton Tully's all-star production of "Tribly," the First National attraction coming to Moro theatre Saturday February 21st, offers Francis McDonald new opportunities, inasmuch as all of his former interpretations have been those of villain roles, whereas in "Tribly" Geeko is a down-trodden, cringing, abused little musician, who is inspired to a doglike devotion to his master, the sinister Svengali. Among others in the brilliant cast are Andree LaFayette, Arthur Edmund Carewe, Crighton Hale, Philo McCulloch and Wilfred Lucas. James Young directed the production.

One of the most marvelous as well as most beautiful photoplays of all time is coming to Moro theatre Sunday, February 22nd. It is Metro's production of "The Uninvited Guest." Every kind of photography known in the making of motion pictures has been used in this photoplay. There is the ordinary black and white photography that is used for almost all pictures. There is the colored photography, made possible by the Technicolor Motion Picture Corporation, which shows all the beauty of the tropical waters and luxuriant growth of the South Seas. And there is the under seas photography, rarely used in motion pictures, and showing with realistic vividness scenes under water.

Ralph Ince directed the J. E. Williamson presentation which is based on Curtis Benton's story, "The Uninvited Guest."

A chance for some of the farmers who are in the hog business to replace former losses with profits is seen by Fred Bennion, Umatilla county agent, following receipt of the government's report of a shortage of hogs amounting to 12,000,000 in January, 1925, as compared with 1924. Low prices for hogs and high price of feeds have caused hog production in Umatilla county to be greatly curtailed during the last two years.

**They Wanted Their Property Back**

A gift is a gift and there's no such thing as an "Indian Giver" in Pottsville, a Pennsylvania judge decreed Saturday. "We want back our jewelry and clothing. The world does not seem to be coming to an end and we've got to go on living," wailed a group of "Doom Followers" to the judge. The group consisted of persons who believed with Robert Reid of Long Island that the world would be consumed Friday. So they gave away their earthly possessions, including all their valuables. Now they want "em back." "Can't do it," said the judge. "A gift's a gift and perfectly legal in Pottsville."

Hay shortage resulted in a comparatively heavy loss of cattle in central Oregon this winter, reports reaching Bend indicate. It was estimated that 18 per cent of the cattle in the vicinity of Sisters had died. Heavy losses were reported from Fort Rock.

The public service commission has authorized short time publication of special intrastate railroad rates on seed wheat for reseeding purposes which has been made necessary as a result of the recent cold weather. The rates apply to those counties east of Hood River and south to Snake river.



Put on the lod smoking jacket, encase your feet in house slippers, seat yourself in the easy arm chair—then settle down for a cheerful session with the Radio. It's great sport.

We have the sets for the best results; also the parts to make them—all priced within reason.

**Thompson or Gilfillan**  
Neutrodyne

**an Atwater-Kent or Kennedy set**

Demonstrations Cheerfully Made

Installed Complete. Prices on application  
Satisfaction Guaranteed

**FOSS & CO., Inc.**  
MORO, OREGON

**You Need Not Be Afraid**

Of your car skidding if you use

**Pennsylvania Vacuum Cup Tires**

We have a complete new stock of Tires and Tubes and prices are right

**Moro Garage, M. R. Schadewitz, Prop.**  
Telephone Main 171 Home phone Main 474



**C. V. Belknap, Proprietor**

**Moro Hotel Barber Shop**  
Moro, Oregon

Ladies and Children's Hair Cutting and Shingle Bobbing

**BATHS**

**THE MORO DAIRY**

G. G. Thorp, proprietor Phone 21F1

**MORO OREGON**

The only dairy herd in the vicinity of Moro that is certified disease-free.

Milk, 12c quart Cream, 35c pint  
Deliveries daily, morning and evening

**MAIN STREET BARBER SHOP**  
MORO, OREGON

Joe Truitt, Proprietor

**SHOWER BATHS**



**READ & GALLOWAY**  
GENERAL MACHINE SHOP

Repairing Trucks, Tractors, Automobiles, Caterpillars, and Combine Motors, Cylinder Grinding, Oxy-acetylene and Electric Welding

**The Dalles, Ore.**  
615 East Second St. Phone Main 4001

The reader of advertisements knows that he has the most reliable guide to markets that exists in the world today.



**get ahead**

By Getting Your Groceries at  
**Moro Trading Co.**

Where you are assured of excellent quality foods at lowest possible prices. Our many customers will testify that our prices mean real savings.

The best that money can buy for the least, is our motto.

We pay market price for farm produce and make very close prices on large grocery orders.

**Moro Trading Co.**

Say It With Flowers  
BUT  
Say It With Ours

**Hartwig's Flower Shop**  
"Merchants of Beauty"  
The Dalles, Oregon

Opposite First National Bank  
Phone 794 Night phone 680W

**Hello Daddy - don't forget my Wrigleys!**



Give the youngsters this wholesome, long-lasting sweet - for pleasure and benefit.

Use it yourself after smoking or when work drags. It's a great little treatener!

**WRIGLEYS**  
JULY FRUIT CHEWING GUM

SEALED TIGHT KEPT RIGHT