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Lupine Rebecca Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon. Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

Chris Schultz Post No. 71 American Legion. Meets at I. O. O. F. hall on 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month.

News Items From Kent And Near Vicinity

Spring work is on in earnest now. Dr. Poley was called to see Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schadowitz Tuesday.

Wm. Mitchell's family have moved onto their ranch in the German neighborhood.

W. A. Young and family have made their annual spring move to the Kibby place.

Arthur Holt received a fine grade heifer from Tillamook on the train the first of the week.

The pie social held at the school house was quite a success. Some "small" boys stole some of the prize pies afterwards.

The proceeds from the pie social is to go towards getting sweaters and equipment for the girls base ball team, of which Kent has a husky.

Erret Wilson, who was kicked in the face by a mule last week is home and rustling around much as usual.

Ben Allen was kicked in the side by a young horse while working for Barnett and Mitchell at their ranch camp near Wasco.

Pleasing Entertainment

Moro Orchestra Presents Varied Program to Local Public. The entertainment presented at Legion hall last Saturday evening by Moro Community Orchestra resulted in a large amount of pleasing comments to the members of the organization and Mrs. G. C. Akers, its director and leader.

The orchestra was organized about six months ago and by hard work has grown into an efficient musical unit that even larger communities than Moro could well be proud to claim as its own.

A special stunt on the program was the presentation in burlesque of the five poets who have been contributing special features to the public lately through the columns of the Sherman County Observer.

The road oiling crew have completed the work of oiling the Sherman highway both ways from Moro to Wasco and Grass Valley but the work here has been delayed by arrival of cars of oil that are reported to be on the track at Biggs waiting for the train crew to bring them to Moro.

Parts Depot Opened

Caterpillar Tractor and "Holt" Harvester Owners to be Supplied from Moro

The half of the Moro Hardware company implement house next to Hotel Moro has been rented by the A. E. Paige Machinery company of Pendleton as a sales and storage depot for "Holt" and "Best" Harvesters Sherman county.

This company is representative for eastern Oregon for the Caterpillar tractors and intend to carry a complete stock of parts for Sherman county tractor owners at Moro.

In addition to tractor parts the Paige company will, under arrangement with B. A. Amy of The Dalles, dealer in "Holt" harvesters for this district, carry a complete stock of harvester parts for these machines.

Railroad Stops Oil Crew

State highway crews are trying to oil the Sherman highway passing through Moro and also the Main street of the town, but are having trouble keeping supplied with oil.

Sherman County Farm Costs

U. S. Agriculture Department Reports Results of Farm Survey

Wheat farmers in the dry-land wheat area of eastern Oregon invariably find it to their advantage to use large units of either tractor or animal power, thereby permitting a maximum amount of work to be done with a minimum of man labor and more nearly at the proper time, the bureau of agricultural economics of the United States department of agriculture has found in a survey of the use of tractors and horses in that region.

The farms are relatively large. They require the use of large machinery and much power for many operations, and where tractors are used the 40-drawbar-horse-power size of the crawler or track layer type is most in favor.

The average tractor in eastern Oregon accomplishes an amount of work in plowing equivalent to the work of 22 horses for the same period of time; in disking before plowing the equivalent of 33 horses; and in harvesting and threshing with the combine the work of 25 horses.

Commission Backs Down

State Tax Commission Not So Eager For Knowledge

The protested "blue blank," designed for use in assessing property in Oregon, have been abandoned by the state tax commission.

Reputation was not direct but results will be practically to that end. The commission adopted a resolution which places the matter of using the blank up or may not use it, as they see fit.

Two clubs, by which improvement in assessments may be attained, were reserved by the commission. One is a penalty provided in the new assessment law for falsifying information given assessors.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

Paragraphs on County and Community Events

A. L. Gosson was a visitor in Moro on Monday from his farm home near Klondike.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Belah were luncheon guests at Hotel Moro last Sunday noon.

A. B. Riddel was a business visitor in Moro this week from Sunnyside where he is interested in a confectionery business.

Editor and Mrs. C. L. Ireland were luncheon guests at Hotel Moro last Sunday noon in company with Manager E. E. Larrimore of Hotel Moro.

Because of the road oiling conditions at Moro the Doreas society social for April has been postponed until further notice.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Belah left this week for their summer home at Camp Sherman where they expect to spend the larger part of the spring and summer months.

Mrs. J. N. Fordyce of Portland and Mrs. John T. Johnson of Wasco were visiting in company at Hotel Moro Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. L. Ireland.

Mrs. L. H. Martin, sister of Mrs. W. J. Martin of this city, arrived from Portland last Saturday accompanied by Mrs. Buchanan from Pendleton, sister-in-law of the two first mentioned.

Farrel Barr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Barr, received painful injuries to his right hand Monday last when a horse pulled back on its halter, catching his hand between the halter chain and the manger.

F. H. Coolidge, jeweler from Hood River, will be at Moro Confectionery April 11-12-13, prepared to repair watches, clocks and jewelry.

Wasco Store Burns

McCoy-Atwood Co. Store Building and Contents Destroyed Early Thursday Morning

Word was received in Moro early Thursday morning by train crew that the McCoy-Atwood company store and contents at Wasco had been totally destroyed that morning by fire of unknown origin.

From reports received, it is said that the fire is supposed to have started either in the rear of the store in the storage room or outside the building in the alley.

The blaze was first discovered by the men on duty at the oil warning detour sign at the south edge of Wasco and had gained fierce headway by the time the alarm had awakened the town.

Fire apparatus was summoned from The Dalles, a chemical engine being sent to Wasco to help hold the blaze in check. The two city reservoirs were full and with the city pumps in action it is thought that three filled reservoirs of water were used to hold the blaze to the store building.

The second floor of the store building had been converted into additional rooms for the Sherman hotel, joining the McCoy-Atwood building, and for a time this building was also in danger because of the opening connecting the two buildings.

A 3-inch hose owned by the hotel company held the fire in check but little damage to the hotel property. A similar size hose, owned by the warehouse properties located near the store building burned helped keep the fire within the McCoy-Atwood store building.

The contents of the store were entirely destroyed by the fire and the building stands completely gutted, only the four walls remaining to remind the community of a business that was once the pride of the community. The loss was estimated by R. C. Atwood at \$75,000, with between \$50,000 and \$60,000 insurance.

Moro Club Entertains

Local Woman's Club Votes \$25 to Dornbecker Hospital (By Mrs. A. M. Zevely)

The Moro Woman's Club held their annual visitors afternoon in the club rooms of Hotel Moro on April 1. The regular business of the club was first taken up and it was voted to send twenty-five dollars to the Dornbecker hospital at once.

The members of the club responded to roll call by introducing their individual guests and by telling their most foolish experience. Mrs. Akers was awarded the prize, which consisted of an April fool joke and a very attractive picture by Ebbkie.

Proceeding with the program, Mrs. C. L. Poley of Grass Valley gave two delightful readings, "The Little Black Sheep" followed by a humorous selection filled with clever instructions on managing a husband.

Mrs. Ruby Fortner, the club art director, conducted the regular art study work with a presentation of the life and work of the American artist Homer Dodge Martin.

The meeting was concluded by the serving of dainty refreshments.

GREAT POWER ERA VISIONED

Colossal machines of the super-power turbine class, linked up with miles of cables, pipes, tunnels and steel rails, are to revolutionize the meat packing, steel and other great industries during the next few decades.

By substituting machines of the superpower age for manual operations, a 36 per cent increase in production per man has been accomplished in the last ten years, despite elimination of the 12-hour day.

Ten years ago, prediction was made that the electrical industry in America soon would require \$1,000,000 a day of new capital—and Wall Street was shocked.

Last year it absorbed \$2,000,000 daily—and no one was shocked. From the viewpoint of an electric power producer, W. W. Freeman, president of the Union Gas and Electric company, Cincinnati, humanity is just peeping over the mountain tops, catching the first glimpse of dawn in a new age of which the great central power plants are the heart.

MORO CHURCH NEWS

Notes of Interest to All Denominations

Moro Methodist Church

Mrs. R. A. Feenstra will preach at the usual morning hour next Sunday. Sunday school meets at 10 a. m.

This is Palm Sunday and the thought of the morning message will center on the closing events which took place in the life of the World's Redeemer.

The Sunday school is planning an Easter program to be given the evening of Easter Sunday.

The union service Sunday evening will be held at the Methodist church, Rev. Feenstra preaching the sermon. There will be lots of singing and you will find the service most inspirational.

We most cordially invite your presence.

R. A. Feenstra, pastor.

Presbyterian Church Notices.

A congregational meeting will be held next Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church immediately following Sunday school. All members and friends of the church are urged to attend.

Rev. D. A. Thompson, D. D., syndical executive of the Presbyterian church for Oregon, will occupy the pulpit at the Moro Presbyterian church Easter Sunday morning and evening.

The union evening service next Sunday will be held at the Methodist church.

R. C. Byers, chairman pulpit com.

Grass Valley Methodist Church

Sunday school regularly at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Epworth League at 7 p. m. You are welcome.

R. A. Feenstra, pastor.

Christian Science Announcements

Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, and on Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The Wednesday evening services include testimonials of healing.

This society maintains, at the rear entrance to the church building, a free Christian Science reading room, which is open daily, where the Bible and the Christian Science text book Science and Health, with key to the scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy, together with all other authorized Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed, or purchased.

LEADER IN COMMUNICATION

The annual report of the American Telephone and Telegraph company shows that it is owned by 399,121 stockholders, and that no stockholder owns as much as one per cent of the total stock outstanding.

President Gifford defines the ideal and aim of the company, as a telephone service for the nation free from imperfections, errors or delays, and enabling at all times, anyone anywhere to pick up a telephone and talk to anyone anywhere else, clearly, quickly and at a reasonable cost.

The United States now enjoys the use of 17,574,000 telephones. It has led the way in long distance voice transmission over land and sea, and established a commercial service for the transmission of pictures by wire. In no branch of industry does the United States stand out more strikingly as a leader, in contrast with the rest of the world, than it does in telephone achievements.

IN MEMORIUM

L. EARL SHIPLEY

Funeral services for L. Earl Shipley, who died at his farm home near Grass Valley Tuesday, April 5, were held at Moro Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon under direction of Zell funeral home, Rev. R. A. Feenstra of this city preaching the funeral sermon, followed by interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Moro.

Mr. Shipley had been ill for more than two years, following an injury to his knee from the kick of a horse. He was born at Oswego, Oregon, November 5, 1885, and died at his home near Grass Valley April 5, 1927, at the age of 41 years and 5 months.

Surviving Mr. Shipley are his widow; three children; his mother, Mrs. Fannie L. Shipley of Portland; and two brothers, Vernon living near Grass Valley and Carrol residing at Bend.

Just Look Back Five Years YESTERDAY—TODAY TOMORROW Suppose you had saved one-quarter of what you made, what a nice sum you would have. If you will but make up your mind to live on three-quarters of your earnings and put the other fourth in the bank the dollars will pile up surprisingly. THINK IT OVER Bank of Moro

DR. B. H. FRANKLIN Chiropractic Physician Will Be at Hotel Moro Thursday, Friday, Saturday of each week. Office Hours 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. Other Hours by Appointment. WARTS, MOLES OR BIRTHMARKS removed without pain or scar. Used successfully for 20 years. May I suggest an appointment? Electro Therapy. Massage. Why Continue to Suffer?

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