

SHERMAN COUNTY OBSERVER

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Eureka Lodge No. 121 A. F. & A. M. Moro, Oregon Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us By order of W. M. Robt. Urquhart, Secretary.

Bathlam Chapter No. 78 O. E. S. Moro, Oregon Regular communications each 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of each month. Ella Thompson Worthy Matron Nana Barzee, Secretary.

Moro Lodge No. 113 I. O. O. F. Moro, Oregon Meets every Monday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us. Geo. McDonald, N. G. A. M. Young, Secretary

Lapine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Belle Conlee, N. G. Jessie Henrichs, Sec.

Chris Schultz Post No. 71 American Legion Meets at I. O. O. F. hall on 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month. W. H. Williams, Commander A. M. Zevely, Adjutant

Home Pointers

School of Home Economics—O.A.C.

Teapots that are made of metal, if unused for a time, will often give a musty flavor to the tea when next used. This may be prevented by placing a lump of sugar in the teapot before putting it away.

To mend a crack on the inside of a range, use a filling made of equal parts of wood ashes and common salt moistened with water. This will prove hard and lasting.

To remove odors from the refrigerator or cupboard, fill a dish with boiling water and drop in a piece of charcoal. A piece of carcoal left in a closed bottle or jar will keep it from becoming musty.

A dish of water placed in the oven while baking a cake will prevent the latter from scorching.

If food is scorched slightly, the taste can be removed by placing the vessel and its contents in a pan of cold water for a few minutes. This also loosens the food from the bottom of the pan.

To have custard of an even, attractive brown when baked, sprinkle a little sugar over the top just before putting it into the oven.

Crumbly and tender pastry is made from materials at ordinary temperature, the shortening well worked into the flour until it has the consistency of corn meal.

Flaky pastry is made from materials well chilled with the shortening thoroughly cut in with knives or a pastry mixer. For a more flaky pastry, reserve half of the shortening and spread it on the rolled crust, folding it all four ways and then rolling out.

Cattle and Hog Supply

Noting the high level of beef prices the past several months, caused by a reduction in the market supply of fat stock, a marketing authority thus foreshadows the immediate future: "Cattle supplies during the next six months and probably the next year, are expected to continue below last year, as the movement of stocker and feeder cattle from markets into feed lots the past five months shows a decrease of 16 per cent compared with a year ago and 28 per cent compared with the five year average for those months. Cattlemen apparently are holding back breeding stock with a view to increasing herds but it will be some time before their efforts are reflected in increased market supplies."

The situation in the pork market is almost the reverse of that of beef. Pork supplies for domestic use in the last three months have averaged about 13 per cent larger than in the corresponding period last year, the increased supplies being due in part to a slightly larger production and to a larger extent to a decrease in exports. Hog prices are now about 28 per cent less than a year ago. Fresh pork at wholesale is down from 20 to 28 per cent, cured ham 23 per cent and bacon 6 per cent.

What Electricity Costs

Twenty eight dollars and thirty cents a year is the amount spent by the average American family for enough electricity to comfortably light its home, and operate several labor saving electrical devices such as the iron, vacuum cleaner, toaster and fan.

Community Club Meets

At a meeting of the Moro Community Club, held at Hotel Moro Wednesday evening, A. H. Barnum was elected president; J. B. Adams, vice president, and J. L. Searcy, secretary-treasurer. Following the election of officers, Mr. Barnum appointed D. E. Stephens, H. B. Pinkerton, W. H. Ragsdale, A. Rose, and W. S. Powell members of the executive committee for the year.

It was voted to place the membership fee at \$2.50 per year. A. Rose, W. C. Bryant and W. A. May were appointed a committee to solicit the members for \$40, the amount of the pledge of the club for county religious work in the public schools. Fred Pickett, F. E. Fortner and S. S. Searcy were appointed a committee to sponsor a movement for additional members.

L. W. Rakes, county school superintendent, headed a discussion pertaining to the objections raised by the railroad to the school budgets of districts where railroad property is concerned.

A. H. Barnum brought the need of some form of advertising the community to the attention of the members. Upon motion the president appointed J. B. Adams, W. C. Bryant and W. H. Ragsdale a committee to confer with an out-of-town printer, present by special request, to work out some material for a pamphlet to be printed and circulated for advertising purposes.

The Silver Problem

The silver miners have had a hard row to hoe. When prices for the metal were skyrocketing during the war, they sold their metal to the government at a fixed price under the Pittman Act. Since the war the price has gone down.

The arts and industries are consuming more and more silver, but silver is essentially a money metal. Economists and financiers of international reputation have expressed a conviction that the economic burden upon gold was becoming unbearable, and that some time in the not too distant future an international conference would give this matter serious consideration; and that it is entirely probable that silver may be called upon to play an honorable part in the financial systems of civilization. In the meantime, silver is a by-product of the copper, lead and zinc mines as well as being a special branch of mining in itself.

The public is interested in any program which will be beneficial to silver, for it is an essential part of the western mining industry on which manufacturing in all parts of the nation depends.

Enlarge Official Functions

The public mind works in a queer fashion. If a hundred dollar Ford smashes another hundred dollar Ford, the occupants of the cars may claim personal and property damages running into thousands of dollars. To assure the payment of damages our lawmakers have been inclined to listen to paternalistic pleas for the establishment of compulsory automobile liability insurance. Further, they have considered the extension of the doctrine to include state owned insurance departments.

Massachusetts adopted compulsory automobile liability insurance, and the insurance commissioner of that state says that the state is ready to set up its own insurance system if private insurance companies cannot do business under the new law.

Commenting on the adopting of compulsory automobile insurance in Massachusetts, the Insurance Field points out that that state has repeatedly refused to enact into law that persons responsible for fires on their own premises or those of another, shall be taxed to meet the costs to cities or towns of their fire departments in extinguishing these fires, and perhaps extend this personal liability to include that for damage done.

Why is the injury done by a negligent automobile driver any greater to personal property than injury done by a negligent person with a fire? No compulsory insurance was tacked on to the fire law asked, as was done with the automobile law. Paternalistic schemes like compulsory insurance are forced down the people's throats by persons seeking to enlarge the functions of government.

Sometimes a fool, rushing in where angels fear to tread, finds something that makes angels regret their timidity and lack of initiative.



Wasco Saturday January 14th Grass Valley Sunday January 15th

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

Paragraphs on County and Community Events

H. C. Thompson was taken to a hospital at The Dalles on Monday, where he was operated upon for appendicitis.

Two horse buyers have been working in the Moro district this week, buying two carloads for sale to small truck farmers around Portland.

George Tomlin walked to Wasco over the frozen roads Monday leading horses that had been bought at Moro by a horse buyer. He could have gone horseback, but preferred the exercise.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank will be held on Thursday afternoon of this week. The records indicate the close of a very successful business year.

Wm. Frail, manager of the A. E. Page Machinery Co. at Moro, has rented the O. L. Belshe residence property. A truck load of furniture from Pendleton was delivered there this week for Mr. Frail.

At the regular meeting of the city council, held Tuesday evening, J. L. Searcy was reelected city recorder; G. A. Williams reelected city marshal, and Henry Ruggles appointed city engineer and city park custodian.

The Farmers State Bank of Moro has been refurbished this week with an interior coat of grey tinted calomine and the wood work varnished a glossy new shine. Later the exterior of the building will also be painted.

C. L. Montgomery has sold his good will and dry business to Chas. Cunningham, retaining all the equipment. After this deal was completed, Montgomery sold his team of horses to a buyer who shipped them to the Portland market.

When in town last Saturday Hans Thompson reported road conditions as "pretty soft" in his district. The day previous he had used a block and tackle to pull George Rebmans' automobile to solid ground on the road south of the Fairview schoolhouse.

Friends of Mrs. Arthur Smith will be pleased to know that she is rapidly recovering, at a private home in The Dalles, from the severe scalding she received December 29th. She was using a hot water bottle in bed, fell asleep and was severely burned before she knew her danger.

At the meeting of the defeated sparrow hunters last Monday it was decided to give a free movie show, a dance, and a sandwich supper at midnight at the opera house in Moro on Friday, January 20th. The public generally has been invited to come and have a good time with the defeated hunters as hosts.

The office of the Sherman County Observer is in receipt of a communication from Kent announcing a Five Hundred Party at that place for Saturday evening, January 14th. The party who sent the notice forgot to sign his name. This oversight places no responsibility upon anyone, if the notice should happen to be not true.

The quarters formerly used by the Eastern Oregon Land company in the Hotel Moro building has been rented by the A. E. Page Machinery Co. who are now fixing up the room preliminary to moving. The new location will give the Page company more room for their tractor and harvester parts business than they had in the building next door to the Hotel Moro.

J. C. McKean spent a large part of last Sunday examining the frost conditions of the wheat fields of Sherman county. His conclusions were that about two inches was the extreme depth of frost in the fields at that time. Since then weather conditions have modified to such an extent that it is unlikely any frost now in the fields will prevent absorbing all the snow as it melts.

John Pinkerton, of Moro, has been selected by Coach Amory Gill as a member of the O. A. C. freshmen basketball squad, after repeated cuts from the original turnout of 106 aspirants. Scheduled contests for the freshmen this year include titles with the University of Oregon frosh, University of Washington frosh and many of the stronger high school quintets in the state.

The other fellow always has the right of way—never mind what the law says.

Pleasant memories are never carried home in a wrecked automobile.

Mrs. L. J. Cope, sister of Mrs. A. M. Wright, who has been visiting in Moro the past four months from her home in Mansfield, Illinois, left for her home in the east last Monday. Since her visit here she has taken auto trips with the Wright family that has included tours of the John Day highway, the Sherman highway, the Old Oregon Trail highway, the Columbia highway, the Mt. Hood loop and the McKenzie highway; visiting Pendleton, Heppner, Portland, Newport, the big government irrigation project at McKay dam, and the ocean beaches at Tillamook and Newport.

Two Day Rally

A two day rally will be held January 19th and 20th in Sherman county by the Sherman County Council of Religious Education. The first day, Thursday, January 19th, will be held at Wasco. The second day, Friday, January 20th, will be held at Grass Valley.

The meeting at Wasco will be held in the Methodist church, beginning with a potluck supper at 7:30. The program will follow the supper, banquet style. The place of meeting at Grass Valley has not been decided, otherwise the same procedure as at Wasco will be followed.

Rev. Walter VanNuis, of Hood River, field representative for Religious Education for the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A., will be the principal speaker both evenings.

Sherman county is divided into districts; Kent, Grass Valley, Moro and Wasco. The meetings are divided so that each district can attend with the least road travel.

R. C. Byers, president of the county council, is in charge of the meetings.

Veterans File Too Late

In the deluge of last minute applications from the world war veterans for adjusted compensation, the dead line for which was reached at midnight January 1, approximately 25,000 applications came too late and cannot be considered.

The figures show that approximately 400,000 veterans entitled to adjusted compensation have never been heard from.

The total number of applications received amount to 3,247,468. Or January 1, the last day, 23,283 were received.

The last moment rush imposed a task that will take three months to clear up. Department officials pointed out there would be considerable delay in answering applicants.

Railroad Again Blocked

The night train due in Moro from Grass Valley Wednesday night was cancelled by the railroad company because of trouble on the branch line north of Wasco. No trains were run on the Shaniko branch Thursday of this week. Main line trains going into Portland from The Dalles and eastern points were said to be sent over the North Bank railroad by means of the detour at Celilo and the Oregon Trunk railroad bridge crossing the Columbia river at that place, but this was later reported a wrong report.

Vernon Flatt, made a special trip Thursday by auto to Biggs, bringing back mail for Wasco, Moro and Grass Valley. A purse was made up by local business men to pay Flatt for his trip.

Melting snow and ice, caused by a chinook wind Wednesday night, caused the flat ground between Main street and the hillside opposite the depot to disappear under three feet and more of rushing muddy water. In front of the lumber yard First street was covered by water to a depth of about three feet, the water rising 12 inches an hour at noon. The railroad trestle at Hockman's was reported 12 inches under water, DeMoss Park to be flooded, and the Sherman highway at that place under two feet of water.

Roads—both gravel and dirt—are reported washed out in many parts of the county.

Late Thursday afternoon it was reported by the highway crew that the surface of the highway at DeMoss had been "peeled" off in chunks by the flood.

Crop is Competitive

Imperial Valley Staples Will Affect Farm Prices

Statistical information sponsored by the board of supervisors of Imperial county do not bear out the statement that Imperial Valley and the neighboring areas irrigable from Boulder Dam raise only specialty crops like dates, lettuce, celery, etc., and that another million acres in these specialty crops would not affect farmers elsewhere. In 1925 there were 130,196 acres in alfalfa, 45,701 in barley, 34,801 in cotton, 25,300 in milo, 6,492 in grapes, 5,300 in grapefruit, 4,182 in peas, 3,695 in watermelons, 3,400 in tomatoes, and 2,834 in wheat.

All this vast acreage is under cultivation in Imperial county and under irrigation by Colorado river water. It is to be noted that all the large acreages are in competitive staple crops except as to cantaloupes with 26,992 acres, and lettuce with 22,992 acres.

The butter production of Imperial county in 1925 was 7,895,000 pounds; dairy cattle, 45,165 pounds, and turkeys and poultry, 150,000 pounds. These statistics have a direct relation to the claim that more acreage should be put under water by the construction from government funds of Boulder Dam.

A few good misses in the chorus are apt to aid the opera in making a hit.

MORO CHURCH NEWS

Notes of Interest to All Denominations

Moro Methodist Church Sunday School at 10 a. m. Mrs. W. C. Bryant superintendent. Public worship at 11 a. m. Mrs. R. A. Feenstra will preach on "Prayer." Special music by the junior choir. Evening service at 7:30 p. m. Message by the pastor. Midweek prayer service Wednesday 7:30 p. m. 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.

Sunday school is held in the Sunday school room every Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Pupils up to the age of twenty years are received into these classes.

The topic for the lesson-sermon at the morning service next Sunday will be "Life."

Presbyterian Church

Sunday School meets at 10 a. m. with classes for all ages. Come and bring the children with you.

Church services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The Endeavor Society will meet in the Presbyterian church at 6:45 p. m. All young people are cordially invited to attend.

Arthur Hicks, Minister.

IN MEMORIAM

The funeral of Ray Robert, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barnett of Clem, Ore. took place from the Methodist church at Grass Valley Monday afternoon, Mrs. R. A. Feenstra preaching the sermon. Dorothy Foss and Emmajean Stephens sang accompanied by Velma Powell at the piano. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, parents of the baby, are former residents of Sherman county, and have many friends and relatives here who remember them with sympathy at this hour of their trial. Many beautiful floral offerings were expressive of the thoughtfulness of loved ones.

About Holding Companies

Public ownership advocates have tried to shroud the so-called holding company or investment company in a cloak of mystery, and inflame the public against these modern organizations which are the outgrowth of the needs of the people to have a uniform service in city and country and from one state to another throughout the entire nation.

If public ownership had been an established policy in this country, pioneers in power development would not have been able to develop a network of electric lines over a nation of much sparsely settled country. Furthermore, it is entirely probable that unless men with courage, faith and initiative, had developed our present electric systems, much of the country which interconnected lines now serve would be without the advantage of electricity as it is generally enjoyed today.

Only through the medium of the holding company has the electric industry changed from a local to a national institution, serving nearly all of the communities in the country, even the smallest. Without any question, the centralization of control and management of the public utilities has been one of the major factors in the increased industrial productivity of the United States.

Sued by Man Given Lift

Pedestrians who swear at motorists that pass them up on the highway will perhaps understand something of the motorists' psychology when they read this:

Willis Vinson asked F. W. Winn to ride with him in his car. Winn climbed in. A few minutes later there was an accident. Winn went to the hospital. Yesterday Winn filed suit in circuit court in Portland to collect \$15,000 damages and \$143 special damages.

We can fit all kinds of people. Any size or weight. Crippled or deformed feet. Wernmark's Shoe Store, The Dalles.

The Rebekah and I. O. F. lodges of Moro held joint installation ceremonies Monday evening for their recently elected officers.

An itinerant sign writer from Bend, here this week, has painted a large sign for the DeMoss Park 36 inches wide and 16 feet long. The sign as finished is a beautiful piece of work and lasting as well. The work is done on galvanized iron, the lettering is a silver grey on a black background with a wooden border painted a neutral grey. The sign will be placed on two posts, hung to swing slightly in the wind, at the front entrance to the park. Motorists passing on the Sherman highway will easily see the sign, which will say "Sherman County's DeMoss Memorial Park" on both sides.

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