

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.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O. E. S. Moro, Oregon Regular communications each 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of each month.

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.

Lupine Rebecca Lodge No. 118 Moro, Oregon Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.

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

A Family Necessity

The early oil operators, like the early miners in the west, had tremendous difficulties to overcome. It required courage and perseverance to take treasure from the earth.

Business had not in those days reached the high standard of ethics which it has adopted in many lines today. It was a case of the survival of the fittest.

It is a long jump from the early days of oil production to today, when excessive competition has brought an overproduction of oil never dreamed possible.

While the American people profit temporarily by low oil prices compared with other commodity prices, they are as vitally interested in seeing the oil industry able to balance its supply with demand, as they are in seeing the farmer accomplish similar results in the interest of agricultural stability.

Oil is probably a greater necessity to the average American family than any commodity except food, clothing and fuel; that is, the average family would give up most anything else before its automobile.

There are just as big men in the industry as there ever were, and they will carry it through critical periods successfully, but to accomplish this they depend now, more than ever before, on a sound public understanding of the basic problems which affect oil.

Recognizing this fact they are today laying their cards face up for public consideration.

Don't kid about safety—you may be the goat.

Jail Breaker Returns

C. S. Smith of Portland and Cal Ford more recently of Portland also, were arrested at Grass Valley last Thursday night by deputy sheriff Tom Garrett of that place and brought to Moro on a charge of having intoxicating liquor in their possession.

The Ford car, used by the two men, contained seventeen gallon jugs and six pint bottles of prune whiskey. The car is now in storage under confiscation by county officers.

The two men appeared for trial before Justice R. J. Ginn on Monday morning. Ford was given a fine of \$500 and a sentence of six months in jail. Smith was sentenced to pay a fine of \$250.

Ford is a former resident of this county and was in jail under a sentence for a similar offense when Lawrence Jones of Wasco, also a convicted liquor dealer, broke jail one Sunday morning. They both disappeared at the same time.

Farmers State Bank Stockholders Meet

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank of Moro was held last Friday afternoon in the offices of the bank.

The board of directors, as now constituted are: W. H. Ragsdale, P. C. Axtell, W. F. Jackson, O. G. Sayrs, and J. E. Foss.

Officers of the bank, elected by the board of directors, are: W. H. Ragsdale, president; W. F. Jackson, vice president; J. C. McKean, vice president and manager; S. S. Searcy, cashier; Lloyd Hennagin, assistant cashier.

The examining board committee are: E. H. Moore, D. E. Stephens and Walter A. May.

Three Attend Presbytery

The Presbytery of Pendleton met in Redmond on Tuesday afternoon and evening. Ministers and elders were in attendance from all the near by Presbyterian churches.

Elder Coleman of the Moro church and Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Hicks were in attendance. Plans were made looking toward the formal installation of Mr. Hicks as pastor of the Moro church.

Definite announcements will be made later.

Club Members Make Profit

Summing up the work done by the boys and girls of Sherman county who did club work last year I find that they did work which was valued at \$2148.02 with a profit of \$1045.43 in addition to the experience of managing a business for themselves and the many other things to be learned in club work.

Nearly as many members have enrolled this year as were listed last year for the entire year.

Lawrence W. Rakes, County Superintendent.

Reading of advertising is worth while.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

Paragraphs on County and Community Events

John P. Strahl was a visitor in Moro the past week from Hood River.

J. H. McCune is in charge of the E. R. Barzed farm while the family are visiting at Portland.

The Junior group of Moro Campfire girls were entertained by a supper and social at the Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening.

Wm. Morrison is nursing a burn on the back of his left hand, caused by the steam from the teakettle when opening a teapot close by.

E. E. Barzed and family, accompanied by Mrs. J. J. Schaffer, left here Wednesday for a two weeks visit at Portland and near places.

The officers of the Women of Woodcraft were installed at a meeting held Tuesday night, followed by a social open to relatives and friends.

Dr. Thomas Fisher has moved his office temporarily to room 22 Sherman hotel at Wasco, because of a larger number of patients in and near Wasco, than he now has at Moro.

On Saturday January 28th, the Woman's Missionary Society, of the Methodist church, will give a "Heritage" banquet to the Standard Bearers Society, to be served at the parsonage.

A horse buyer in Moro, the first of the week was after a better grade of stock than the average buyer who has visited here. We understand that he was able to ship out a car Thursday morning.

Martin Melzer and brother Carl Melzer were called to Sherwood last Saturday by the news of the death of their sister. They drove to Portland by way of the North Bank highway and returned Wednesday over the Columbia highway.

Frost conditions at Tygh Valley caused a "off again; on again; gone again" condition on the local wires of the power company Thursday morning until the Pacific Power and Light Company cut the service lines into the Hood River circuit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wiley left Moro on Wednesday for Portland, where they will spend the balance of the winter. They drove to The Dalles where they spent the night, continuing down the Columbia highway into Portland on Thursday.

C. E. Boardman, Fred Peetz and son Chester, drove to Goldendale Wednesday, where Chester will be employed in the Forrest Peetz confectionery store. Fred Peetz returned the same day while Mr. Boardman delayed at the Columbia river ferry crossing to visit with J. M. Johnson and family.

The Barrier of ice and snow which had closed the Columbia highway since January 1st, was broken on the 17th and the highway reopened that day to daylight travel between the hours of 8:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. between the Hood River county line and Bonneville only. The night closing was to permit crews to widen the cuts through the deep banks of snow, all other parts of the highway are open to travel at all hours.

Ernest Thomsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jurgen Thomsen of The Dalles, last week suffered the loss of an eye in a coasting accident. The youth was sliding down a slight incline when his sled collided with that of some other youngster. It was believed that the steel runner of one of the sleds entered the boy's eye in the collision. Young Thomsen was taken to The Dalles hospital where it was found necessary to remove the eyeball.

Fair Treatment Essential

That street railways are still an integral part of American life is proven by the fact that last year they carried sixteen billion passengers, a new record, showing that they are depended on for rapid transportation.

There can be no expansion in great cities without adequate mass transportation facilities. Only street car lines have so far been able to furnish this service. Whether it be New York or San Francisco it is the street cars that are largely responsible for the development of outlying sections.

"Night Bride" Coming

We've had the "June Bride," "The War Bride," "The Blushing Bride," and now comes "The Night Bride." Marie Prevost is starred in "The Night Bride," a Metropolitan comedy which comes to the Moro theatre on Saturday next. Her leading man is Harrison Ford, who remains adamant to her wiles until the last flickering reel.

Ford's secretary-valet is played by Franklin Pangborn, who scored a success in "Getting Gertie's Garter." Robert Edson and Constance Howard have important parts. E. Mason Hopper directed from an adaptation by Zelda Sears and Fred Stanly.

Special Sale

Everything in my shop on sale during the month of January. Mrs. Urquhart, Moro.

Snow Waters Cause Flood

The ice and snow that had covered the wheat fields of Sherman county since the holiday week school vacation was broken last Thursday by a Chinook wind that caused a high flood condition to exist in all parts of Sherman county as well as in all districts of eastern Oregon.

At Moro the flood waters covered the entire flat between Main street and the hillside opposite the depot, covering this section of the town with a varying depth of water that averaged about three feet.

A bulkhead of heavy bridge timbers was built in a "V" shape in front of the Farmers Elevator & Supply Company lumber yard that was quite successful in saving their more valuable stock of finish lumber from being ruined by the muddy water. The lumber yard loss, aside from the yard being slightly washed, was about half a cord of wood.

The railroad had about 800 feet of track washed out at a point just below DeMoss and at other points the track in Hay Canyon was undermined about half its width.

Mail for three days was brought in to Moro by Floyd Platt running an express and mail service between here and Biggs, carrying mail for Wasco, Moro and Grass Valley.

Train service was again resumed last Saturday night on regular schedule, after a work train had gotten in to Moro from Biggs, making the two hour trip in two days and repairing temporarily the track as the train came south.

A number of county roads were badly washed. Culverts and fills in some places have been washed out to a depth of eight or more feet.

Calling the Kettle Black

(The Dalles Chronicle)

Four Los Angeles officers, without the knowledge of Chief of Detectives Herman Cline, started north in a highpowered motor car to capture William Hickman, accused Los Angeles slayer, at the same time withholding valuable information from northwest officers, in order to be "in on the reward," according to charges being made by Portland Chief of Police Jenkins, who seeks to open an investigation.

According to Jenkins, the men were in Salem the night after Hickman was captured at Echo, and had received orders to return home immediately. No mention of the trip was ever made, either to newspapers or to northwest police, Jenkins charges, and the Portland chief believes the men were acting without authority.

Jenkins further charges that California officials were lax in sending out information regarding the car in which Hickman made his escape. Portland police filed a message seeking information regarding the car the night Hickman was in Seattle. The message was not answered until the next morning, and then incorrectly, the Portland officer declares.

The tone of Jenkins' charges indicates that the Portland policeman feels that the Los Angeles officials did not "shoot square" with northwest officers. He believes that the men were actuated by the enormous reward, and feels that they tried to "slip one over" on their brother officers.

Dalles officers are wondering if the Portland police car which came roaring up the Columbia river highway after Mr. Hickman the morning that much-sought-after man purchased some gasoline in Portland, was being driven without the authority of Chief Jenkins. They have been wondering for some time why information regarding Hickman's inquiry in Portland and as to the road to Pendleton, was delayed from 6:30 until 9:30, in the morning before being relayed to The Dalles.

The Portland police car was seen by a number of tourists on the road that day. It went through Hood River with Wren wide open. Dalles people noted the car, with its red and green headlights. The car burned out a bearing within eight miles of the spot where Hickman was captured. It was towed back to Portland; its operators evidently not caring to reveal the details of the trip to any eastern Oregon garageman. No mention of this car was ever made, either to other officers in the northwest, or to newspapers.

Now, Dalles officers argue if Chief Jenkins feels that it was wrong for a Los Angeles car to come northward, unknown to northwest police, it was certainly as wrong for Chief Jenkins' car to dash east, unknown to officers at Hood River, The Dalles, Arlington and other towns on the eastbound highway. Perhaps Mr. Jenkins might open an investigation in his own department.

The whole chase and capture, outside of the commendable work of the Pendleton officials, seems to have been a case of dog-eat-dog, and might be used as an argument against the posting of such enormous rewards.

Instead of resulting in wide-spread information as to Hickman's probable whereabouts, this fabulous reward seems to have resulted in a policy of tight-lipped secrecy, and desperate efforts by the various police officers to "get in on the kill" themselves.

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

MORO CHURCH NEWS

Notes of Interest to All Denominations

Moro Methodist Church Sunday School at 10 a. m. Mrs. R. A. Feenstra will preach at 11 a. m. Sermon topic "The Church."

Evening service at 7:30 p. m. Message by the pastor.

Christian Endeavor will meet at our church this Sunday at 6:45 p. m. Midweek prayer meeting Wednesday at 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 "Truth."

Presbyterian Church

The Sunday School will meet at 10 a. m. with classes for all ages. The Endeavor Society will meet at 6:45 p. m. in the Methodist church. Young people are cordially invited to attend.

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

The choir will have good music as usual.

Concentrate on Criminals

Do constitutional right mean anything to our people?

The way proposals are made to do away with these rights, one would be inclined to say, no. But the way the average citizen out over the country quietly sets his foot down on measures which would destroy the treasured rights and privileges given him in state and federal constitutions, shows that he does appreciate such protection.

Constitution tinkers and would-be saviors of the people always like to belittle the old-fashioned American citizen. They would make him appear ridiculous and out of step with the times. We see this on every hand. But always in "saving the people," agitators would destroy individual rights and liberties of the people.

Nowhere is this being witnessed more clearly than in attempts to pass anti-pistol legislation. The criminal is protected, and the law-abiding citizen who would like to own a gun is painted as disreputable.

Figures have recently been quoted to show that 1882 persons were killed in New York City from 1918 to 1926 inclusive, and that only eight were shot by persons defending their own lives. This is used as an argument to show that private citizens do not need guns and should be prohibited from having them. Would this reduce crime?

If a few more New Yorkers carried a good old-fashioned six-shooter in an open holster, it might do more to prevent murder in cities like New York, than laws which pamper the criminal and which are contrary to the United States Constitution.

Why so much time is wasted in sympathy for the criminal and so little time spent upholding the rights of the law-abiding citizen, is hard to understand. Concentrate on the criminals instead of on 115,000,000 peaceful citizens.

Time to Throw Eggs

The Georgia Manufacturers' Association calls attention to the continual farce that is being played in Washington with Muscle Shoals as a stage setting, the politicians as the actors to secure public attention, and the farmers as the audience supposed to express approval of political measures proposed "for their benefit."

The December issue "Farm and Fireside," a national farm paper of 1,155,000 circulation, hits this horse-play a crack in an article entitled, "The Muscle Shoals Humbug." It says:

"Nitrates for fertilizer cannot be made profitably at Muscle Shoals. This fact has long been known to the nitrate experts of the country whose findings have been freely published. It backs its statements with facts.

It is about time for the farmers watching this national farce, to begin throwing rotten cabbages and prehistoric eggs at the actors in this comedy which the taxpayers are financing. The South needs the benefit of both cheap fertilizer and wide distribution of power, alike for industrial and the growing agricultural uses. This can be secured, in line with the President's message, through development of modern methods for fertilizer manufacture with the rents obtained from power widely distributed for industrial and agricultural uses. Both of these benefits are being lost through the present method of dealing with Muscle Shoals.

Sympathy is like blond hair; a lot of it isn't the real thing.

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"To give is to get" is the gospel of this new era, and in the promulgation of this doctrine the privately owned electric light and power companies have been among the first to take the lead.

Inspired by a sense of the public's reliance upon their service, they have put the interests of the consumer first. As electrical service has expanded, the cost to the consumer has been reduced. Notwithstanding the increased cost of

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