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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.

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

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116
Moro, Oregon
Meets 2d and 4th Tuesday evenings 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.
Fred Pickett, Commander
R. V. McEwan, Adjutant

Proposed Measure Limits Power of Legislature

Attorney General Van Winkle has prepared a ballot title for an initiative measure being sponsored by the State Federation of Labor, State Grange and Order of Railway Conductors, and it is ready for circulation of petitions for signatures to place the measure on the November ballot. The short title of the proposed measure, as set out by the attorney general, is: "Limiting power of legislature over laws approved by the people."

Its purpose, as interpreted by the attorney general, is "to amend section 1 of article IV of the state constitution so as to forbid the legislature declaring an emergency and thus preventing the reference to the people by referendum petition of any legislative act which amends any law which has been approved by the people; also to forbid the legislature repealing any law which has been approved by the people without referring the repealing act to the people for their approval or rejection."

Where is Lennox? Find him at Moro Theatre February 2nd.

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Wheat Experiment Station Men Meet at Washington

D. E. Stephens, superintendent of Moro Experiment Station, returned home Sunday from a two months visit at Washington, D. C., where he assisted in the preparation of department of agriculture bulletins concerning wheat growing. Experienced department of agriculture workers from the state of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California were also members of the conference board. The main result of the meeting of the cereal growing experts will be the issuance soon of a department of agriculture bulletin entitled "Wheat Growing in the Pacific Coast States."

Arrested On Liquor Charge

Gordon Rose, employed on a farm southwest of Grass Valley, and Joe Polucci, an Italian, were arrested near Grass Valley Tuesday evening by deputy sheriff Tom Garrett and brought to Moro that night to appear before Judge R. J. Ginn upon charges of violation of the liquor laws of the state. The arrest of the two men was mainly brought about by complaint of a party of Kent residents who passed the two and their car on the highway between Grass Valley and Kent, informing the authorities that the car was being driven in such fashion as to be a serious danger to all other cars on the highway. Report says that Rose had sold the car to the Italian and was trying to teach him to drive. Both were in a drunken condition that prevented them from realizing what they were doing and the car was weaving back and forth across the road, causing difficulty in passing them. Rose was fined \$50 and costs, upon a charge of being intoxicated. The Italian was fined \$350 and 90 days in jail, upon a charge of driving an auto while in an intoxicated condition and also a second fine of \$150 and 30 days in jail, on a charge of having intoxicating liquor in his possession.

New State Income Tax Bill

Copies of a new state income tax bill sponsored by the State Federation of Labor, State Grange, Farmers Union and Order of Railway Conductors were filed with Secretary of State Koser January 21st, with a request for a ballot title preliminary to the circulation of petitions for signatures to place on the November ballot. According to Koser, the measure will require 12,228 signatures to "complete the petitions. The measure is said to provide for a graduate income tax ranging from two per cent on the first \$1000 to six per cent on taxable incomes in excess of \$9000. It provides exemptions of \$1500 for single persons and \$3000 for married persons with an additional exemption of \$400 for each dependent. "The expressed purpose of this act," according to the wording of the act itself, "is to provide revenue to meet the expenses of the state government by the taxing of incomes and by so providing such revenue to discontinue the levying of direct taxes on property for state purposes." State officials estimate that the tax if put into force would yield revenue in excess of \$3,000,000 annually.

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Trade Commission Reports

The Federal Trade Commission has made public its investigation of "Prices, Profits and Competition in the Petroleum Industry." The investigation was commenced in 1926 in response to a Senate resolution which directed the commission to make an inquiry into the causes of the current advance in petroleum prices. The investigation shows that the law of supply and demand regulates the price of gasoline the same as it regulates the price of potatoes or wheat. It also shows that there is a growing intensity of competition in the oil business. Competitive conditions have materially changed since the dissolution of the Standard Oil Company in 1911. The separate companies resulting from the dissolution now have about 25 per cent of crude production and about 45 per cent of the output of refined products. This is in contrast to the situation 20 years ago when the parent concern produced about 80 per cent of the refined products. There is, moreover, mounting evidence, the commission finds, that the former close relationship among the Standard companies is steadily being dissolved. Not only is the ownership of these companies now widely dispersed, but their rivalry in certain market areas is open and vigorous.

The commission points out a trend toward moderation of competitive rivalry indicated by several recent mergers and by a growing sentiment for the regulation of production of petroleum in order to conserve the supply and protect the financial interests of land owners and operating companies. It is gratifying to this nation to know that this great basic industry is being operated along such constructive lines, and that it is deserving of public cooperation in working out sane and reasonable policies for conservation and future operation.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS Paragraphs on County and Community Events

Meet Uncle John February 2nd, at Moro Theatre.

L. L. Peets made a business trip to Portland the first of the week.

Advice to the lovers. Get Hoot Gibson's formula on how to win 'em. Tuesday.

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

W. S. Powell left Moro early Thursday morning on a business trip to Portland, with the possible intention of continuing to Eugene or an early return to Moro.

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.

A delegation of twenty members of Cherry Park grange of The Dalles will be present at the regular meeting of Harland View grange and assist with the installation of officers for the new year.

The first degree of the I. O. O. F. lodge was conferred upon two candidates, residents of Wasco, who attended the regular meeting of Moro lodge Monday evening in company with a delegation from Wasco lodge.

E. J. Asher and family moved last week from Moro to Mossy Rock, Wash., located on the Pacific coast near Aberdeen, where they have purchased a dairy farm. Mrs. Asher is a sister of L. W. Rakes, county school superintendent.

Saturday of this week the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will banquet with their young people at the parsonage. The guests will dress in ancient costume and the menu will consist of international dishes.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will present an entertaining and instructive pageant at the church Sunday in place of the usual evening service, entitled "A Missionary Clinic." The public is cordially invited to attend.

A crew of men are at work building a rock crusher at the old location north of Kent where rock was crushed when the Sherman highway was first built. The rock will be used to surface the highway between Kent and Grass Valley when oiled this year.

Editor C. L. Ireland received word Thursday morning of the very serious illness of his sister, Mrs. Grant L. Rohr, at her home in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Rohr at one time lived in Sherman county and operated the old Harris fruit orchards on the Deschutes river west of Moro.

The first real genuine snowstorm of the winter visited Moro just before noon Wednesday, January 25, when 3 inches of snow fell in 30 minutes. Visitors in Moro that night reported less depth at Grass Valley and Kent. A total of about 4 1/2 inches fell Wednesday at Moro.

A second dance orchestra contest will be staged this Friday evening at the civic auditorium at The Dalles between popular dance music orchestras of this section. A number of local young people have signified their intention of attending, enjoying the music of the contestants and participating in the vote to decide the contest.

Grass Valley was represented at the Commercial Club meeting at Hotel Moro on Wednesday evening by R. J. Baker, Herman Zigler, Gus Engstrom, Dell Olds and Herman Schilling. The meeting lasted until close to 12 o'clock midnight, but did not seem to tire the visitors. The topic of the evening was taxes—state, city, county, school, roads, income, nothing was missed except the money gathered to pay the assessment.

Miss Helen Searcy entertained a group of young people at her home last Sunday January 22nd. Decorations were green and white crepe paper. Everyone had a very enjoyable time and all the good things they could eat. The guests were Miss Anderson, teacher; Merle, Blaine and Eva Miller; Rolla, Harold and Melba Thogerson; Lloyd, Alma and Lavonne Fuller; Tommy, Paul, Gordon and Dorothy Fraser, and Glen and Lois Kenny.

"Proxies"

Home Talent Play By Cherry Park Grange at Moro February 2

"Proxies" is a very clever three act mystery comedy. It is full of thrills and keeps the audience in continuous wonder to the end.

This play was written by Test Dalton, who has written some of the best plays for the stage. It has been played in many large cities and has made a big hit with the public.

"Proxies" will be presented at Moro Theatre, Thursday February 2nd. Curtain at eight o'clock.

Rebekah District Convention Meets at Moro

Delegates from five of the six Rebekah lodges in district No. 21, comprising Sherman and south Wasco counties, convened in the lodge room of Lupine lodge of Moro on Tuesday in annual convention.

The convention was attended by Eta Y. Sanderson, of Freewater, president of the State Rebekah Assembly, and more than 100 members of the order as delegates from the lodges of the district. Officers of the convention were: Essie McKean, chairman, Lupine lodge Moro; Marion Medler, vice chairman, Marion lodge Wasco; Jessie Henrichs, secretary, Lupine lodge Moro.

Dinner was served to the delegates at the Presbyterian church by the ladies of the Dorcas Society at 6 p. m. followed by an evening session that was attended by an equal number as had been present at the afternoon session.

Moro Woman's Club

On Friday, January 20th, the Moro Woman's Club met at the I. O. O. F. hall, with Mrs. O. A. Ramsey and Mrs. W. C. Bryant acting as hostesses. There were thirty four members present and two visitors.

The business session was short, with the president, Mrs. H. S. Conlee taking charge. Club was opened by the reading in union of Collect, a creed of all earnest club women.

The club voted to sponsor the sale of candy at the entertainment soon to be given by the Moro Orchestra. The women will furnish the candy and the camp-fire girls will assist in selling it.

The artist studied was Gainsborough, an English artist. Mrs. C. H. Larson gave a good sketch of his life, with Mrs. Reese showing several of his pictures. Mrs. Alley gave a splendid outline of the life of Constable, another English artist.

The theme of the meeting was "The Home Beautiful," specializing art in the home. Mrs. Hopper gave a fine talk on bathing, showing several pieces of the work and explaining the process. Mrs. Collis Moore gave an equally fine talk about Jesse work, showing some of the finished products and giving a practical demonstration before the club by making a frame for a picture.

Before club adjourned, Miss Ruth Bryant, teacher of the local 3rd and 4th grades, surprised the members by a challenge to a picture contest, said contest to take place between 10 club members and 10 pupils from her room. The challenge was accepted and preparation will be made for the contest, the losing side giving a dinner for the winners.

The next meeting will be an evening affair, featuring the annual "Husbands Night."

—Mrs. H. B. Pinkerton, correspondent

The Silent Partner

All the processes of production and distribution would almost immediately be brought to a halt if it were not for insurance. In defining fire insurance, the average American would say that it provides the owners of property with protection against the hazard of destruction by fire, and assures them indemnification for their fire loss.

Commenting on this general understanding, W. E. Mallalieu, General Manager of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, says this definition falls far short of telling the whole story. He points out that fire insurance is the basic requirement of practically every form of commercial and industrial credit, and says:

"The business of our fire insurance companies no longer consists almost exclusively of the writing of ordinary fire policies on property (plus windstorm or tornado policies). Besides these policies, the companies now write very large amounts of insurance covering contingencies incidental to fire losses (use and occupancy insurance, profits insurance, rent and leasehold insurance, and many other lines); they write an immense volume of insurance protecting goods in process of transportation by land or water; they give protection against losses from floods and earthquakes, from hail and other incidental causes, injurious to crops, from leakage of automatic sprinkler equipment and water pipes, from riot and civil commotion; they insure the owners of motor vehicles against the losses of fire and collision; and they insure the owners of aircraft and of goods transported therein against loss by fire or accident. Through this wide variety of coverages the fire insurance companies are brought into intimate relation with practically every form of economic activity in the country, affording an indispensable support to them all."

If anyone thinks that he is not interested in insurance and its problems, and in the safety of insurance companies, he should just check over his worldly possessions, protection for which is afforded by insurance.

The man who unknowingly destroys a great forest by throwing away a lighted cigarette, is an arsonist as well as he who purposely fires homes and factories.

"No, there's nobody home." All will be at Moro Theatre February 2.

MORO CHURCH NEWS

Notes of Interest to All Denominations

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 "Love."

Presbyterian Church

Our Sunday School meets at 10 a. m. Come and study the Bible with us.

Morning worship is held at 11 o'clock. If you are not worshipping elsewhere join with us.

The Endeavor Society will meet in this church at 6:45 p. m. At 7:30 p. m. the Women's Missionary Society will present an interesting program, the chief feature of which will be a missionary pageant entitled "A Missionary Clinic." Among those on the program will be Dr. Nozitz, who will prescribe for many needy cases.

Arthur Hicks, Minister.

Moro Methodist Church

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching service 11 a. m., special music by the Junior Choir. Message by the pastor. Christian Endeavor will meet at the Presbyterian church at 6:45 p. m. Evening service at 7:30 p. m. A. H. Hisey D. D., our district superintendent, will preach.

R. A. Feenstra, pastor.

Special Sale

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

A TUTOR WHO TOOTS

She: Isn't that fellow next door to you a private tutor?
He: Yes—plays that infernal cornet of his every night in the week.

County Grange Officers

Will Meet This Saturday

Harland View grange will act as hosts Saturday to officers and their families of the four granges in Sherman county at the grange hall in Hay Canyon, beginning at 10 a. m. followed by a potluck dinner at noon and a further discussion of grange business in the afternoon.

It is expected that the meeting will result in a unification of interests affecting the grangers of the county and an outline of the business of the grange for Sherman county will be adopted for the new year.

The Latest Wonder

On a recent day, newspapers printed a statement that at last men have discovered how to see through brick walls. They call it television. It is a secret for which scientists have long sought.

We are assured by the new discovery that by and by radio listeners can see the singer as they hear her song, and as they hear the announcer describe a football game they can see the players in action. In the experiments the moving images of a man and a woman, the movement of their eyes, the smoke from their cigarettes, and their smiles, inside a building miles away, were just as visible as motion pictures on a screen.

"What hath God wrought!" suggests a universe on whose shores humanity has just landed.

—Portland Journal.

Long Distance Reception

Mrs. Ethel McAdoo, a member of The Dalles junior high school faculty, was the recipient of a radio message from her daughter in the Philippine Islands last week. The message was received at The Dalles direct from the Philippine Islands and had been sent out casually by Mrs. McAdoo's daughter, who is teaching in the islands, preparatory to spending a year with her husband in Spain. The latter, who is a professor of languages at the University at Washington, is away on an extended leave of absence to further perfect his language studies in Europe.

Richard Crane, a youthful amateur radio operator of The Dalles, who built himself a radio set and operates under a government license, picked up the message and transmitted it to Mrs. McAdoo, much to the latter's surprise. Crane broadcasts in code, having the low wave-length radio set which permits sending and receiving from great distances. He communicates with amateurs in China, Alaska, England and various parts of America.

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