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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. 112 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 Rebecca Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon Meets 2d and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month. Visiting members welcome. Essie McKean, N. G. Jessie Henrichs, Sec.

Chris Schultz Post No. 71 Americana Legion Meets at I. O. O. F. hall on 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month. Fred Pickett, Commander R. V. McEwan, Adjutant

Committee Reports Success

The 4th of July grange committee in charge of the celebration at Grass Valley reports to the public of Sherman county through the columns of the Sherman County Observer that the celebration was a huge success in every way. Entire receipts for the two days was \$1332.75; bills paid total \$852.78, with a few not yet sent in for payment.

J. J. Wiley, chairman of the committee, desires to add that on behalf of the membership of the four granges "I want to thank the business men of Sherman county for the help they have shown the grange organizations; the Sherman county public for their magnificent attendance; the Sherman county band for their liberal and good music; the Artisan Entertainers for their entertainment and excellent dance music that made possible the biggest dance that ever has been given in the county; every person who was on the patriotic program; especially our good county school superintendent for his assistance and his five boy scouts—Belshé, Fraser, Thogerson, Davis, Belshé—who were on the job all the time; our good officers for maintaining good order; and the committee membership for their excellent help."

Mr. Wiley also wanted to extend an invitation to all farmers of Sherman county to join one of the four granges; they are a live wire bunch of jolly neighbors; they have put on two big 4th of July celebrations; they are always at the front when things are being done for the best of the county; and they will continue along these lines. They would like to have every one who is eligible to membership, join the grange and help in the advancement of all the best interests of Sherman county.

Unknown Cattle Disease

Farmers in South Sherman County Face Big Loss of Livestock

The disease that so far has foiled all efforts of veterinary surgeons to diagnose properly and that is rapidly taking death toll from practically entire herds in the southern part of Sherman county and which seems to be spreading to other parts of the county is yet undetermined as to origin of the disease or any method of treatment.

So that the disease may be readily recognized by owners of cattle or horses which may be afflicted, we publish extracts from an article in the Maupin Times printed last week.

Dr. L. S. Stovall, veterinary surgeon, writes as follows: For the benefit of stockmen and others interested in the disease prevalent among the herds of cattle ranging in territory tributary to Buckhollow, in Wasco and Sherman counties, I will try to give, as near as possible, observations I have made concerning the malady:

Inasmuch as the ailment is something new for this country and, in fact, different from anything ever experienced by veterinarians treating the disease, no positive diagnosis has been made so far. The state veterinarian and his deputies have been on the ground and have made observations, treated sick animals and made post mortem examinations of dead ones, but no definite conclusion has been made. Opinions ranging from forage or plant poisoning to black leg, have been advanced. The disease has been found to be a bad one, and contagious, and when once started will practically eradicate a whole herd.

From personal observation I believe that the disease is an acute form of hemorrhagic septicemia. Animals treated for this disease have responded favorably. This is a disease caused by a minute organism bacteria, that belongs to the same group as that causing swine plague and cholera in chickens. The disease may be either acute or chronic, and animals may be dead before symptoms are shown. Symptoms will vary according to parts affected and violence of the attack. There are several forms, according to the parts affected: meningeal, affecting brain and nerves, causing severe convulsions; cutaneous, causing swelling of the tongue, throat, dewlap and sometimes lower part of legs; intestinal, affecting the alimentary tract. Temperature will range from 102 to 106 degrees.

Cattle affected have shown symptoms principally of the meningeal type; some have had symptoms of the intestinal and cutaneous. Every animal has had periodic spells or convulsions, strong symptoms of meningitis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. May drove to Hood River last Sunday where they visited the mountain climbers Americana Legion camp on the slopes of Mt. Hood.

A little early harvesting in the vicinity of Moro was started last week in the Gorman district. This week it is expected that all the outfits owned in this district will be in operation by the middle of next week.

Sparks from a fire in the kitchen range set a grass fire in front of the J. W. Cochran home Tuesday that for a short time threatened to destroy the Cochran home and also the Niah property more than a block distant. Location of the fire was probably the highest residence point in town, which with lack of force in the fire hose, made the fire hard to fight.

Town Talk

Mrs. C. H. Belshé, mother of Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale, is visiting in Moro. W. F. Jackson and C. V. Belknap were business visitors in The Dalles on July 6th.

Mrs. Anna Ellsworth has rented her hotel business to Mrs. Hugg coming here from Hood River. Mrs. Wilma Poole is a visitor here from Spokane, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Pinkerton.

R. T. Morgan and wife are visiting in Moro from Hillabore and may remain in Sherman county until after harvest.

W. C. Bryant left Moro Thursday of this week for Salem, to attend a meeting of the state board of normal school regents.

Chris Andersen and daughters Bessie and Frances drove up from Portland last Friday for a brief visit with friends at Moro.

See Dr. Clarke, Eye Sight Specialist, about your eyes. In Moro Wednesday, July 18th, at Hotel Moro. Examination Free.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers Elevator & Supply Co. was held in Moro the afternoon of July 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Searcy and son Jack returned Sunday from a motor trip to Newport and other points of interest on the west coast.

Z. J. Carney, former resident of The Dalles, is partly helping and partly visiting W. C. Ross this week in the operation of Ross' Confectionery.

The Moro Pharmacy business was sold the evening of July 5th by Karl Schade to Marion McKee, son of County Judge E. D. McKee of Wasco. L. D. Wilson, druggist at Woodburn, Oregon, was a business visitor in Sherman county this week. Mr. Wilson is a son of W. L. Wilson of Rufus.

H. B. Belshé has lost a number of horses within the past ten days from what is thought to be the same disease that is prevalent in the south part of the county.

Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Morse, in company with Chauncey Butler, drove to Moro Tuesday evening from The Dalles to visit a short time with L. V. Moore and wife, parents of Mrs. Morse.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Boardman and sons Dave and Charles returned to Moro last week from a motor trip to southern Oregon and the ocean beaches in the south-western part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Landry spent the 4th at Prineville, where they visited with Mrs. Landry's brother, E. S. Ruggles, and attended the old-time Indian conference and celebration on Hehoco creek.

Miss Helen North, niece of Mrs. F. E. Fortner, spent last weekend in Moro on her return to Portland from a motor trip to Klamath Falls. Miss North is private secretary to Sheriff Huriburt of Multnomah county.

W. F. Jackson and wife in company with C. V. Belknap and wife spent the 4th in Hood River county. They visited the old Jackson home on the Mt. Hood loop highway and traveled towards Portland as far as White River bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Strong, who left Eugene June 11th by auto for Pierce City, Mo., Mrs. Strong's old home, report driving through a severe electrical storm when crossing South Dakota. They spent two weeks in Yellowstone park on the trip east.

Earl Olds of Grass Valley received the prize last Sunday for deepest diver while swimming in Buck Hollow south of Grass Valley. The prize was a 6-inch deep cut on the top of his head, received when he struck a rock bedded in the bottom of the creek.

A fire creeping through the grass in a draw at the Amick farm east of Kent Tuesday noon burned over 80 acres of standing grain before it was put under control. It is thought to have started from an old fire of some days ago when weeds were burned. Insurance covered the loss.

Mrs. R. A. Feenstra has left for Los Angeles to attend the World Sunday School Convention which will convene there July 11-18. Mrs. Feenstra goes as the delegate of the Moro Methodist Sunday School. Rev. Feenstra took her by car to Portland where she joined the Pacific Coast delegation.

The venerable Mrs. Eleanor Martin, mother of Walter S. Martin and grandmother of Charles O. Martin, president and assistant secretary respectively of Eastern Oregon Land Company, passed away at her home in San Francisco on last Friday night. Mrs. Martin was nearing her 102nd birthday at the time of her death. She had resided in San Francisco since 1887, where she was for many years a social leader and in which city she had a large part in social uplift, church and school affairs and the general business interests.

Rev. Arthur Hicks, pastor of Moro Presbyterian church, suffered a partial attack of blindness last Sunday morning during the Sunday School period preceding the church service. He rested at home the balance of the day and was taken to The Dalles for treatment the next day. Tuesday he was taken to the veterans hospital at Portland, from whence comes a report that he is suffering from a blood clot on the brain.

Hot Box Starts Fire

Grass Valley Elevator Has Close Call From Total Loss

Fire starting from a hot box on the shaft of the loading machinery at the top of the Grass Valley Elevator Co. building at Grass Valley Tuesday afternoon caused a fire that for a time threatened to bring the building to the ground in a smouldering mass of cinders and twisted iron.

Dave Alexander, working in a field about half mile distant, first discovered the fire and ran to the building to notify Manager J. W. Shepherd who was loading out a car of wheat. Shepherd had noticed what he thought to be an unusual amount of dust from the moving grain, but never once thought of danger from fire until Alexander came busting into the building.

Fire fighters soon arrived from the town as well as a large number from Moro and Kent, bringing fire extinguishers from the last named places and the city chemical engine from Grass Valley.

Workers on the top of the cupola soon had a hole-cut through the roof and the chemical engine quickly got the fire under control, but not before a sheet of fire could be seen at the outside peak of the cupola roof.

Through the columns of the Sherman County Observer the directors of the elevator company wish especially to thank Art Bibby, Dave Alexander, Eben Kee, Edd Southerland, Jack Shelly, Tom Bear, Robert Johnson, Hubert Hutchcroft, Dell Olds, Young Perry, Donald Martin for their hazardous work in saving the property.

The property damage is fully covered by insurance. Carpenters were put to work early the next morning by Manager Shepherd to repair the damage and he stated that everything would be in order by next Monday to begin handling the new crop wheat, which farmers standing in the streets when the fire was under way, thought would never be handled by the company as bulk wheat this year.

At an informal meeting of part of the officers, held after the fire in the company office; Manager Shepherd was authorized to send checks to all those named above to cover the damage to clothing incurred while fighting the fire.

Dr. Clarke, in Moro, Wednesday, July 18th, at Hotel Moro.

Mrs. J. O. Garrett was a visitor in Moro on July 5th from Grass Valley. We can fit all kinds of people. Any size or weight. Crippled or deformed feet. Wernmark's Shoe Store, The Dalles.

W. A. Raymond is building a western 10x20 feet with an estimated capacity of 12,000 gallons for Arthur Smith near Grass Valley.

J. F. Noonan and his painter helper have been busy the past week repainting the larger number of the store fronts of our local business firms.

\$1200 will buy a good "Holt" Junior Gas Harvester, 18 foot cut. Has been shedded. Practically good as new. B. A. Amy, The Dalles, Ore.

Harvesting of 1928 wheat was begun in earnest in Sherman county this week when several large machines began work in the vicinity of Wasco.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bolton of Seattle, parents of Mrs. Fred Pickett, were visiting in Moro on July 4th. They left here Friday on their return home, with Mrs. Pickett as guest.

Dr. Clarke, of the Clarke Optical Co., 360A, Alder St., Portland Ore, Eye Sight Specialist, will be in Moro, all day and evening, Wednesday, July 18th, at the Hotel Moro. See him about your eyes.

A state traffic officer, in Moro last Saturday, caught a local car parked on the main street without a license. Investigation disclosed that the owner of the car had taken off the license to use on his farm truck.

Rev. A. S. Hisey, District Superintendent of the Eastern District of the Methodist Church, will be here this week conducting conference for the local Methodist churches of Grass Valley and Moro at Grass Valley on Friday eve.

Four used combines for sale on easy terms; 14-foot Harris, 18-foot Holt Hawley, 14-foot Holt Hawley, 12-foot Deering; all in good shape. See or phone C. H. Larson, Moro, Oregon, agent for Advance-Rumely combine harvesters.

Paul May, Chas. Ruggles, Chester Searcy and Homer Riddel left Moro late Saturday afternoon for the American Legion mountain climbers camp on Mt. Hood. Ruggles had promised his folks he would not attempt the climb up the mountain, the other three named "went over the top."

A fire started to burn weeds at the J. J. Schaeffer farm Tuesday morning spread into an adjoining wheat field, burning about seven acres of standing grain before fire fighters got the blaze under control. The blaze came up to the farm buildings, but with no resulting damage. Insurance covered the loss.

It will be interesting for the patrons of the Moro Public School to learn that Miss Leta Waters, newly elected primary teacher, has been selected as critic in the Summer Normal School at Salem. Miss Waters has been teaching in Salem for several years and is considered one of the outstanding teachers of that city.

CHURCHES

Moro Methodist Church Sunday School at 10 a. m. Public worship at 11 a. m. Evening service at 8 p. m. A hearty welcome to everybody. R. A. Feenstra, pastor.

Christian Science Service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Sunday School at 10 o'clock each Sunday morning, pupils up to the age of 20 years are received into these classes.

The lesson-sermon topic for the service next Sunday morning will be "Life." Reading room open daily where all authorized Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased. The public is cordially invited to attend the church services and visit the reading room.

Full Gospel Assembly The Fulton Evangelistic Party will be with us this weekend preaching Saturday at 8 p. m., Sunday at 10 a. m. and at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Fulton and Miss Smily will play and sing.

There will not be any service Sunday evening. All are welcome.

We Are Restfully Tired

Editor and Mrs. C. L. Ireland returned last Thursday evening from a 7-day auto trip that included a visit to Bend, Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, the wonderful Oregon Caves west of Grants Pass, Eugene and other places in southern Oregon.

The distance traveled totaled 1012 miles. The speed varied according to the road conditions, but very few miles and that mostly when entering the larger towns could be termed bad roads.

The best highway surface in the state for safe driving is that between Bend and Klamath Falls. The next best is that between Moro and Bend. The section filled with the largest number of reverse turns to the mile is that between Medford and Eugene. The most scenic highway is the McKenzie pass road. We were surprised at the easy driving conditions into and out of Crater lake compared with road conditions 14 years ago. There is no comparison and no place where a car cannot travel in high gear. The road into the Oregon Caves is being widened for the last eight miles, but that is also a fast and "safety first" mountain road of easy curves that climbs 2000 feet in the last eight miles.

This is a hasty thumbnail sketch of our trip. The scenic beauties of Oregon seen on the trip, the impressions formed as we drove through the river watered valleys of southern Oregon, will form a basis for an article at some soon future date. Anyone who has driven a car 300 miles in a short driving day will appreciate our saying that we are so rested we are tired.

Cabinet sewing machine and four hole oil stove with oven for sale by K. Schade, phone 382 Moro.

Art Barzee's 4-year old racing mare took sick on the county fair track Sunday morning, when being exercised by Barzee, with what was thought to be the same disease that has caused the death of a large number of cattle and horses in Sherman county during the past few weeks. A trip to Grass Valley was made by Barzee for serum to counteract the disease and since this was given the mare has improved and is now thought to be out of danger.

S. D. Montgomery is a visitor in Moro this week from Portland, with a probable intention to remain until close of harvest. Through Mrs. Montgomery's relatives the family is interested in the distribution of the \$2,000,000,000 Emerick estate of New York which is to be distributed this year among 350 proven heirs. The estate is founded upon a 99 year lease of property given to John Jacob Astor by his partner shortly before Emerick's death in a ship wreck in Hudson's bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Holloway arrived here July 3rd from Leavenworth, Wash., where they had been visiting with Mr. Holloway's parents, for a brief visit at Moro with Mrs. Holloway's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Akers, before leaving by auto for Boston, Mass., where they expect to be located the next two years. Mrs. Holloway will both study and teach music and Mr. Holloway will be music critic on the staff of a Boston paper. They will make the trip east by way of Yellowstone park.

A family party of 22 met at the Hood River auto park on July 4th for a family visit and reunion. Numbered in the party were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. May and son Paul of Moro, accompanied by Miss Harriet Disher who had been visiting here from Portland; E. E. Kaseberg, wife and son Collis of Portland; H. P. Disher and wife, Mrs. L. M. Webber, and Mrs. Ott and daughter, from Portland; Lawrence Kaseberg and wife, F. L. Morrow and wife, Chas. Gollitz and wife, Earl Jones, wife and son Stanley, Jerome Morrow, from Wasco. Mrs. Webber continued her trip to Moro where she is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. May.

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