

## 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 in-  
vited to meet with us.  
By order of W. M.  
Robt. Urquhart, Secretary.

**Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O. E. S.**  
Moro, Oregon  
Regular commu-  
nications 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 Rebecca Lodge No. 116**  
Moro, Oregon  
Meets 2d and 4th Tues-  
days of each month.  
Visiting members wel-  
come.  
Lenora Schadewitz, N. G.  
Jessie Henrichs, Secy.

**Chris Schultz Post No. 71**  
American Legion  
Meets at I. O. O. F. hall on  
2nd and 4th Wednesday eve-  
nings of each month.  
F. D. Platt, Commander  
L. W. Rakes, Adjutant

**HARLAND VIEW GRANGE No. 682**  
Meets in their hall in Harmony Dis-  
trict the second and fourth Thursday  
nights of each month. Visiting  
Grangers welcome.  
Wilford Belash, Master.  
C. E. Crites, Secretary.

### NOTICE

American Legion skating at the  
hall every Tuesday night from 8  
to 10 and Sundays from 2:30 to 5 p. m.

### Sale For Fern And Moss

Although not a matter of common  
knowledge, sword ferns, moss, cedar  
boughs, salal and clippings from huck-  
leberry bushes constitute important  
marketable "by-products" of western  
forests, declares George C. Joy, state  
supervisor of forestry. The moss is  
used for packing nursery stock, while  
the ferns and shrubs find ready sale  
with florists in states where they do  
not grow naturally.

One of the larger dealers shipped  
53 carloads of ferns, five cars of com-  
mon moss, four cars of huckleberry  
clippings, three cars of salal cuttings  
and two cars of cedar boughs to east-  
ern markets during the past year.  
He employs a force of from 40 to  
50 men the year through gathering  
the materials, while four motor trucks  
are kept busy hauling the materials  
to rail points.

His output sold for approximately  
\$99,000, which represented the gross  
returns from the enterprise, from  
which operating costs were to be de-  
ducted before profits would be real-  
ized. While complete statistics on the  
trade are not available, Supervisor  
Joy said that there is at least one  
other dealer in the state whose opera-  
tions are as extensive, in addition to  
a considerable number of smaller  
shippers.

**new Words**  
are included in the  
Merriam Webster  
such as aerograph,  
broadtail, credit  
union, Babaim,  
patronage, etc.  
New names and  
places are listed such  
as Cather, Sandburg, Stalin, Latvia, etc.  
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to date.

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### BILL THE BARBER SAYS

THE BOOTLEG-  
GERS WHO SELL  
"HIP LICKER"  
ARE THE ONLY  
ONES ABLE TO  
YELL LUSTILY  
"HIP! HIP!  
HOORAY!" ON  
NEW YEAR'S MOR-

### Auto Goes Over Bank

The new 8-in-line Studebaker se-  
dan, recently purchased by County  
Commissioner L. L. Peetz, was wrecked  
about six o'clock Christmas night  
when ice on the Sherman highway  
paved about two miles north of  
Thornberry was met with on its re-  
turn from The Dalles. The car had  
been driven to The Dalles by Byron  
Peetz and Roscoe Moore to secure the  
company of two young ladies for the  
dance that night at Grass Valley.

Rounding the curve under moder-  
ate speed, the car went into a skid  
when it hit the ice and despite all  
efforts went over the bank, turned  
over once and came to a stop about  
eight feet below the highway. All  
four fenders were crushed, one door  
sagged slightly, the top punctured by  
rocks in several places, and one wheel  
ruined. None of the occupants were  
hurt and these later continued to the  
dance.

A wrecker was called from The  
Dalles and late the next afternoon the  
car was taken there with the aid of a  
dolly under its front wheels.

### Advertising Oregon

The present Christmas season  
brought a movement more extensive  
than at any previous time which will  
result in making Oregon products  
better known and more popular in  
the eastern states than ever before,  
and that will center favorable com-  
ment on this state. Reference is had  
to the thousands of packages of wal-  
nuts, filberts, prunes, cheese, etc., that  
have been mailed the past several  
weeks to friends and relatives "back  
home" by residents all up and down  
western Oregon. In this laudable com-  
bination of advertising and friendly  
remembrance, the dwellers in the  
cities have done much to encourage  
the special industries in which their  
agricultural neighbors are engaged.  
Another thing that ought to be done  
is to see that the word "Oregon" is  
printed prominently upon every box  
and package of local product that is  
shipped out of this state. That is one  
of the ways necessary to secure prop-  
er notice and credit.

### Lettuce A National Food

Riding on a wave of evolution in  
the eating habits of the nation, the  
production of Pacific coast iceberg  
lettuce is increasing at an amazing  
rate. Ten years ago lettuce largely  
was used as a garnish, or a not-in-  
tended-to-be-eaten ornament in the  
serving of fish, broiled meats and  
salads. Now it is a major and almost  
daily item in the menu of nearly every  
American family.

This tremendous growth in popu-  
larity principally is due to better  
quality and flavor of iceberg lettuce  
developed by the growers of the Pa-  
cific coast and the insistence of med-  
ical authorities that lettuce is one  
of the most healthful, palatable and  
necessary foods available.

From 9,740 carloads in 1922, ship-  
ments of Pacific coast lettuce to east-  
ern markets last year reached the  
amazing total of 27,493 cars. Ariz-  
ona's 1925 shipment of 3,519 cars  
soared to 9,131 cars in 1927, an al-  
most threefold gain in two years.

Owing to the soil and climate ad-  
vantages of the Pacific coast there is  
not a single day in the year in which  
lettuce is not being harvested and  
shipped under refrigeration to eastern  
markets. Production in the Imperial  
valley continues from January to  
March, when the Arizona spring crop  
comes in, continuing into April. From  
May until November the market is  
supplied principally from the spring  
and fall crops of the Watsonville-  
Salinas, California, district, the let-  
tuce year being completed by the  
Arizona fall crops, which continue  
until the Imperial valley lettuce fields  
again come into production.

Rust is costing American farmers  
\$150,000,000 annually, which would  
make a nice little pot of relief. Oh,  
where is your idle machinery tonight?

C. C. Gillmor did not have such a  
poor Christmas after all, although  
the day before when snow first hit  
the county and all farmers were ex-  
ceedingly glad, Mr. Gillmor thought  
he would have to spend the day keep-  
ing the highways open for auto travel.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Rakes left last  
Thursday for Portland where they  
attended the Oregon state teachers'  
association meeting during the Christ-  
mas holiday week ending this Satur-  
day. Monday they will go to Salem to  
attend a conference of county school  
superintendents and assist in the  
marking of examination papers, which  
will occur in the office of the state  
superintendent. The conference is  
expected to hold for three days.

Harold Ginn and Tom Douma drove  
into Moro last Friday afternoon, com-  
pleting a six thousand mile trip from  
the Studebaker factory at South  
Bend, Indiana, to New York, Detroit,  
Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., Fort  
Worth, Texas, Los Angeles, and points  
north through California and Oregon  
home. Tom Douma said that the only  
time he became dizzy on the trip was  
watching the men at work in the Ford  
auto factory at Detroit and that the  
least care-free part of the trip was  
negotiating the bad roads of Arkan-  
sas. "They made the trip north from  
Oakland, Calif., by the coast route  
to Crescent, swinging onto the Pacific  
highway at Drain, Oregon.

## Town Talk

Miss Frances Ross is home for the  
holidays.

Wm. Morrison spent the Christmas  
holidays with his daughter, Mrs. L. N.  
Huls, in Portland.

J. H. Young, insurance man of  
Hood River, was a business visitor in  
Moro last weekend.

Mrs. A. J. Murray and daughter  
Ada Virginia, are spending a few  
weeks in Hood River.

Jas. Woods and wife entertained  
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Pinkerton at  
dinner on Christmas day.

Mrs. A. H. Bush of Portland, daugh-  
ter of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Thompson,  
spent the holidays in Moro.

The Ladies Aid Social will be held  
at the home of Mrs. F. L. Burnet  
Thursday afternoon, January 3.

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

Walter Williams and family drove  
up from Eugene last Sunday to spend  
Christmas week with his father and  
family at Moro.

Mrs. Fleck spent last Saturday in  
The Dalles where late the same day  
she met her son coming by train from  
Portland.

Lost—Plain round black leather  
hat box somewhere between Biggs  
and Bend. Finder leave at Observer  
office for reward.

Lost—An all white fuzzy puppy  
dog with black and brown spots on its  
head. Reward for return to Mrs. Roy  
Thompson, Moro postoffice.

Mrs. W. E. Hart of Hood River has  
been spending the past two weeks  
with her daughters, Mrs. A. J. Murray  
and Mrs. Percy Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Thompson  
spent the Christmas holidays with  
Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. W. E. Hart, at Hood River.

Dr. W. N. Morse and wife drove up  
from The Dalles Tuesday to partake  
of Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs.  
L. V. Moore, parents of Mrs. Morse.

Leo Morse, attending the Univer-  
sity of Oregon medical school at Port-  
land, spent the holidays at home with  
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Moore.

Lost—Small package, by mistake  
put in a Buick car in front of Moro  
Confectionery on Saturday, Decem-  
ber 22. Please return to Truitt's Bar-  
ber Shop, Moro.

Auto stages were late coming into  
Moro from the north on Thursday.  
They reported the Columbia river  
highway covered with ice and all  
stages an average of three hours late.

S. W. Searcy and Mrs. Ethel Fenton  
were married at Goldendale Saturday,  
December 22, following the ceremony  
they left on a brief auto trip arriving  
home at Moro Wednesday afternoon.

A family party comprising A. M.  
Wright and wife, H. B. Belshie and  
wife and C. R. Belshie and family  
had an enjoyable Christmas dinner at  
the C. R. Belshie home the afternoon  
of the 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Dean were  
social visitors in Moro on Monday  
from Dayton, Wash. The Dean's were  
house guests during Christmas week  
at the home of Mrs. Fowler, mother  
of Mrs. Dean, at Rufus.

C. H. Larson and Joe Peters made  
a round trip to Portland last Thurs-  
day, bringing back with them on the  
Peters auto truck an Advance-Rumely  
tractor to be used in grinding feed at  
the Kenneth Springs Fox Farm.

Chris. Schultz post American Leg-  
ion has installed F. D. Platt as com-  
mander, Tom Douma as vice-com-  
mander, and L. W. Rakes as adjutant,  
to have charge of the local Legion  
post affairs during the coming year.

B. A. Amy, former representative  
of the Holt harvester interests for  
Sherman county before the recent  
change was made by the parent tractor  
and harvester company, was a  
business visitor in Moro last weekend.

### Family Holds Reunion

A family reunion that gathered  
members from all the cardinal points  
of the compass, reaching as far east  
as the Mississippi river, was held at  
the home of Mrs. Celese Fowler at  
Rufus on Christmas day. Seated at  
the festive feast were four daughters  
and one son and their immediate  
families.

Numbered among those present  
were Mrs. Chas. Lamm and daughter  
Jean from Sadalia, Mo., Roy F. Dean  
and wife from Dayton Wash., C. C.  
Curran and wife from Portland, Mr.  
and Mrs. A. K. Stranahan and daugh-  
ter Celese from Hood River, and J. S.  
Fowler and family of Rufus.

### Christmas School Program

A Christmas program presented by  
the pupils of Rutledge school last  
Thursday was attended by a large  
number of enthusiastic parents,  
friends and visitors from Grass Valley  
and Kent. In all, twenty-six pupils  
had a part in the program of Christ-  
mas selections, songs and poetry. A  
Christmas tree, well laden with candy  
and presents, was enjoyed by the  
pupils and those attending. Santa  
made his appearance as expected and  
then the children enjoyed the real  
treat of the evening.

Roscoe Moore of this city and Miss  
Mae Peterson of The Dalles were  
married at The Dalles on Thursday  
of this week.

The harness and shoe repair shop  
in Moro, formerly owned by Arthur  
Phillips, was opened for business this  
week under the management of John  
H. Will.

The meeting of the missionary so-  
ciety of the Presbyterian church,  
held at the home of Mrs. E. H. Moore  
Wednesday afternoon, was a well at-  
tended affair considering the heavy  
rain and snow storm weather that  
prevailed.

For Sale—Creek ranch of 800  
acres in Morrow county. Creek bot-  
tom under ditch; nearly all place  
fenced sheep-tight; comfortable build-  
ings with running water in house;  
small orchard. Address Box 43, Hepp-  
ner, Oregon.

C. A. Gillmor of Portland, in com-  
pany with his brother-in-law, J. W.  
Spracklen of Shadron, Neb., are vis-  
iting this week at the C. C. Gillmor  
home in this city on their return from  
a holiday visit spent with relatives  
at Prineville.

It has been a continuous series of  
rain and snow storms this week at  
Moro, beginning on Monday after-  
noon. The total moisture precipita-  
tion for the week has been .93 of an  
inch, bringing the total for the month  
of December at the Experiment Sta-  
tion to approximately 1.5 inches.

Miss Cecil Cothran is reported as  
now having fully regained conscious-  
ness and that a limited number of  
visitors are permitted to see her. This  
will be welcome news to a very large  
circle of friends of the family in  
Sherman county as well as their for-  
mer home in the eastern states.

Francis Anderson, employed with  
the Butler Banking corporation at  
Hood River, spent Christmas in Moro  
at the home of his aunt, Mrs. C. L.  
Ireland. He was accompanied by two  
young men friends, Carl Epping and  
George Iiams, also of Hood River.  
They took in the dance at Grass Val-  
ley, former home of Mr. Anderson,  
before their return to the apple city.

C. N. Sargent, manager of the  
White Restaurant at The Dalles, has  
made a noticeable improvement in the  
dining room of the restaurant in that  
he has placed fixed tables with high  
backed bench seats along one side of  
the main room. The management of  
the White Restaurant has a well de-  
served reputation among folks of  
Sherman county for the substantial  
35c and 50c full course dinners served  
every day.



HIS FEET ARE HIS FORTUNE

James Elroy, a performer at the Olympics in London, who was de-  
prived of his arms in a fire while a child, but who has learned to use  
his feet to accomplish everything that one can do with their hands.  
He dresses, shaves and feeds himself and is a rifle shot and good  
cornet player. Before entering the show business he was an engraver.

## CHURCHES

**Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday School at the usual 10  
o'clock hour.

Church services at the Presbyterian  
church next Sunday will be conducted  
by Dr. E. Benson of Portland. A  
New Year's discourse entitled "The  
Inspiration for the New Year." Special  
music will be offered on the  
occasion.

The evening theme will be "A look  
backward, ye shall not pass this way  
any more, and a look forward, ye have  
not passed this way heretofore."

Following the morning service last  
Sunday, an informal congregational  
meeting was held and the Rev. Mr.  
Parrott was elected pastor of the  
church by a unanimous vote of the  
members. Rev. Parrott is pastor of  
the Kennelworth church of Portland  
where he has been pastor for four  
years. A committee immediately  
phoned Rev. Parrott the action of the  
church took in regards to him.

A legally called meeting is an-  
nounced to be held on the first Sunday  
in January to confirm the informal ac-  
tion of the congregation last Sunday.

**Moro Methodist Church**

Sunday:  
Let's make New Year mean more  
than tearing off a calendar leaf; let's  
give Religion a more vital place in  
our lives.  
10:00 a. m. Sunday School.  
11:15 a. m. Morning Worship. Topic:  
"Yesterday and Tomorrow."  
7:30 p. m. Evening Worship. Topic:  
to be announced.

Wednesday:  
7:30 p. m. Prayer service at the  
Parsonage.  
John Seethoff, pastor. Phone 353.

**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  
"Christian Science."

Reading room open daily where all  
authorized Christian Science litera-  
ture may be read, borrowed or pur-  
chased. The public is cordially in-  
vited to attend the church services  
and visit the reading room.

**Full Gospel Assembly**

Bible study Sunday 10:00 a. m.  
Preaching service 11:00 a. m. Eve-  
ning service 7:45. All are welcome.  
J. D. Miller, pastor.

### IN MEMORIAM

Word was received last week by  
Mrs. Celese Fowler and family at  
Rufus of the death in Kansas City of  
Thomas A. Fowler, brother of Mr.  
Fowler, deceased, and uncle of J. S.  
Fowler of Rufus. The Kansas City  
paper, speaking of the death says:  
Thomas A. Fowler, retired Pettis  
county farmer and stockman and  
former circuit clerk of this county, died  
at the age of 94 at the home of his  
nephew, Jay G. Fowler in Kansas  
City. Death was due to pneumonia.

Mr. Fowler was circuit clerk from  
1887 until 1895. He was born in  
Boone county, Mo., near Columbia,  
coming with his parents to Pettis  
county in 1840. The Fowlers settled  
on what is known as the Limestone  
Valley farm, at a time when George-  
town was the county seat and Sedalia,  
prairie.

Mr. Fowler was educated at the old  
Arator school and the University of  
Missouri. He married Miss Alice Bo-  
hannon in 1883, she died 17 years ago.

Mr. Fowler was the last of the  
family of 15 children. One grand-  
child, Ruby Graham, son of Glenn  
Graham and Mr. Fowler's daughter,  
Anna, survives. Dr. J. J. Fowler of  
Sedalia is a nephew. Two other neph-  
ews, Ben and John Fowler, and a  
niece, Miss Rose Fowler, also survive.

### Expression of Gratitude

We wish to express to our many  
friends and neighbors our heartfelt  
appreciation and thanks for the as-  
sistance so liberally subscribed the past  
two weeks. The kind thoughts at-  
tending the gifts will very materially  
help us in bearing the burden caused  
by the accident to our daughters,  
Cecil and Grace.

J. R. Cothran and family.

### Taxes Not Chief Expense

The Oregon Farmer, in discussing  
farm costs, says: "Apparently the  
searchlight might well be turned on  
some cost factor other than taxes,  
possibly some factor more directly  
under the farm operator's control."  
It gives the results of some cost sur-  
veys which have been made and which  
disclose these facts: In a total cost of  
\$4.95 per hen per year, the average  
for 100 commercial poultry farms of  
all sizes, taxes were but four cents,  
or less than one per cent. In a total  
of \$184.30 for producing strawber-  
ries, taxes were but \$2.75, or less  
than two per cent; of \$191.41 per  
acre for producing pears, the taxes  
were \$4.95, or less than three per  
cent, and of \$108.94 for producing  
prunes, taxes were \$3.32, or less than  
four per cent.



When trying to solve the problems of the New Year  
consider the appropriateness of a bank account here  
at the Bank of Moro.

**BANK OF MORO**



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the coming New Year.

We appreciate the business extended in  
the past and will endeavor to merit your  
confidence in the future.

**The Moro Garage**

M. R. Schadewitz, Proprietor



C. V. Belknap, Proprietor  
**Moro Hotel Barber Shop**  
Moro, Oregon

Ladies and Children's Hair  
Cutting and Shingle Bobbing

**BATHS**

**WHEN YOU TRAVEL**

BY AUTO AND VISIT THE DALLES

**STORE YOUR CAR**

In the concrete, fully equipped, roomy garage of  
Walther-Williams Company. Competent workmen  
always ready to help you in any way they can  
at least expense to you. For any service render-  
ed the charge will always be reasonable.

**WALTHER-WILLIAMS GARAGE**

THE DALLES, — — OREGON.