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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.

Kate Stephens 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. A. Williams, N. G. A. M. Young, Secretary.

Lupine Rebecca Lodge No. 116

Moro, Oregon Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.

Jessie Henrichs, Sec. Metta Axtell, N. G.

Chris Schultz Post No. 71

American Legion Meets at I. O. O. F. hall on 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month.

Harvey Thompson, Commander Theodore Johnston, Adjutant

HARLAND VIEW GRANGE No. 682

Meets in their hall in Harmony District the second and fourth Thursday nights of each month. Visiting Grangers welcome.

C. P. Adams, Master. Mrs. B. E. Davis, Secretary.

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Oregon State News

The Sumpter Valley railroad, operating a narrow-gauge between Baker and Prarie City, mailed application to the Interstate commerce commission asking authority to abandon 20 miles of track between Bates and Prarie City in Grant county, operating only between Baker and Bates.

Deschutes county dairy cattle are more free from bovine tuberculosis than herds in any section of the north-west, information received by W. T. McDonald, county agriculturist, from Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, indicated. Only one reactor in a total of 3763 cows tested was reported.

The 1930 motor vehicle license plates will have a black background and orange numerals, according to announcement made by the secretary of state. The date of expiration of the license will also appear on the plate. Approximately 275,000 of these plates will be required to supply the demand.

The Corvallis chamber of commerce has extended an invitation to the Portland Gas & Coke company to extend its lines from Salem to Corvallis, Albany, Monmouth and Independence, as well as rural districts within range of the extended lines, would be included in the service offered by the gas company.

All physical inspection records of the Crawford public schools have been destroyed by mice, according to a letter received at the offices of Mrs. Mary Fulkerson, county school superintendent at Salem. "It's a tough winter on mice, but a tougher winter on school records," wrote Mrs. Fulkerson's informant.

The business of gathering and selling stray horses is a good one to keep out of, declared Sheriff McCauley of Deschutes county at Bend recently. Sale of nine stray horses resulted in a net loss of \$46 to the county. Thirty horses were rounded up at a cost of \$2 a head. All but nine were claimed, and these were sold for a total of \$14.

The lowly and timid rabbit mother will defend her young. This was proved at Rev. J. E. Snyder's ranch on Coos river recently when Rev. Mr. Snyder found his Chinchilla mother rabbit excited in the morning when he went to feed her. A prairie owl which had sought to carry away some of the little rabbits lay dead in the pen.

Bids have been advertised for the construction of two diversion tunnels on the Owyhee irrigation project. Bids will be opened at the Owyhee irrigation district office in Nyssa March 11. The tunnels, one 6 1/2 miles long, the other 3 1/2 miles in length, with several miles of canal, will cost approximately \$4,000,000, almost as much as the Owyhee dam, it is estimated.

The story of how a mare battled a cougar recently in the Fort Rock country while protecting her colt was related recently by Lee Wright of Eugene, veteran woods worker. The mare fought the big cat by rearing on her hind feet and striking out with her forelegs. While its mother fought the cat the colt raced to the shelter of tents where forest service employes were sleeping.

Men's District Council to Meet Friday, March 7th

Arrangements are being made at Arlington for the holding of a district Men's Brotherhood Council of the Methodist church on Friday, March 7. The district is composed of 10 churches at The Dalles, Pendleton, Fossil, Heppner, Wasco, Moro, Dufur, Cascade Locks, Hood River and Arlington.

The meeting will be in charge of Dr. Bert Smith of Chicago. Other men of prominence on the program are Dr. Fairbanks of the board of education of the Methodist church; Dr. Dorr F. Diendorfer of the board of foreign missions; Dr. Fuller, pastor of the Lakeside Methodist church at Cleveland, Ohio, which has the largest membership of any Methodist church; and Signor Mario Cappelli, tenor, protegee and student of Caruso, and acclaimed by his master as possibly his greatest successor.

Three months of every year Signor Cappelli has agreed to donate to the interest of the brotherhood. In order that the church at large may benefit as largely as possible, Dr. Bert E. Smith, executive secretary of the brotherhood, plans to use Cappelli in his district mens' council programs. Already these have been held in Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan and Indiana. It is planned to include the entire Pacific coast areas in a series early in 1930, in which Cappelli has agreed to sing. Arlington is possibly the smallest town to be visited by this delegation as they usually have audiences of from 1500 to 3000 persons. Other Oregon cities to be visited are Roseburg, Salem and Portland.

Dangerous Road Conditions

Rev. Chas. D. Parrott, on a trip to Portland and return this week, had unusual experiences when traveling in both directions by stage.

On his trip down Tuesday, he first seated himself on the right hand side in the center of the stage. At Wasco the person occupying the opposite and larger seat left the stage and Mr. Parrott moved over to the opposite side of the coach. Less than four minutes after he did so, the stage hit a state highway maintenance truck near Thornberry. In the resulting collision, the rear of the highway truck broke through the side of the stage, broke off the seat where Mr. Parrott had been riding and pushed it into the aisle. If Mr. Parrott had remained in the seat, he would have been seriously injured.

On his return journey home, a large rock was seen to roll down the side of the mountain onto the highway directly in the path of the stage. To avoid the rock the driver swerved the stage and hit the mountain's inside bank. All the passengers, ladies and men and baggage piled overhead, came tumbling over to the side where Mr. Parrott was seated. To make the trip brighter, no one was hurt in either accident. The driver of the stage in the first accident was arrested and his trial held in Wasco Thursday, at which time he was fined \$25 and \$2.50 costs for not driving with his vehicle under control when passing caution signs put out by highway work crews.

China Awheel Now

The statement by Donald Skinner, advertising manager of the General Motors Corporation of Japan, that twice as many automobiles were sold in China during the first six months of 1929 as were ever sold in any entire year previously, may come as a surprise to many Americans in view of the revolution-torn and economically unhappy condition of that country. But, politics or no politics, the East has no more been able to resist the lure of the automobile than the West has, and China's economic development has been progressing despite all her ways, says the Detroit Free Press. The growth of the automobile trade has inevitably brought an improvement in the road system, and while the Chinese roads, judged by American standards, are still poor, they have been adequate enough to open large sections of the country. Of course, every new road means an extension of the productive activity of the land.

To call a man a "mutton-head" is not to be guilty of disorderly conduct—such is the solemn decision of a New Jersey court. The man may be even an official, a police official at that, and still an irascible citizen may take this verbal pot shot at him without danger of fine or imprisonment, says the Boston Transcript. In this case, the plaintiff was a clerk of the police department of Bergenfield, N. J., and it took the Supreme court of the state to establish the precedent that even one of his imperial associates might be regarded as a "mutton-head," from the civilian point of view, and still be unable to prove that he had been damaged. "Mutton-head," as defined by the dictionary, is the court held, "is a dull, heavy, uninteresting person, and the dignity of the clerk may have been ruffled by the language addressed to him, but that it was indecent or disorderly is not established."

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Town Talk

Mr. and Mrs. A. Rose returned on Monday from a trip to the south middle west states.

Mrs. Elton Wasson was expecting to entertain her mother this week, visiting here from Portland.

Mrs. Katie McDougal, cook at the Hotel Moro, left Sunday for a vacation to be spent at Portland.

Lester Binder and wife left this week for the Mt. Vernon district, where he has a farm under lease.

Hear Rev. A. V. Lucero of San Francisco, Calif., at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Jim Tomlin returned last Saturday to Moro after a visit of three months with his sons in and near Klamath Falls.

Hal Morrow was in town Monday from Kent in company with Harold and Harry Howell, also of Kent section.

W. S. Powell returned last Saturday from Portland, where he has been under medical treatment during the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Thompson returned on Monday from a visit of several weeks spent with Mrs. Thompson's parents at Beaverton.

Paul May returned from The Dalles on Tuesday, driving a new Harley-Davidson motorcycle with which to skim over the highway this summer.

J. C. McKean, wife and baby left for The Dalles on Sunday, where they remained until after the closing of the Caterpillar tractor school on Wednesday.

In the course of a long experience we have run into no wife unwilling to admit that she made her husband as best she could with what she had to work on.

S. B. Tatom, district sales manager for the Allis-Chalmers Monarch tractor, was in Moro on Thursday, after making a delivery of a "50" tractor to Truman Cross at Wasco.

A. J. Bucholtz has decided to make a side line of raising chickens by means of a heated brooder house he has built on the vacant part of the lot back of his confectionery store.

The usual Dorcas Society social for February will be held at the Presbyterian church next Wednesday afternoon, February 12. Mrs. Foss and Mrs. Willan will act as hostesses.

Rev. Chas. D. Parrott left for Portland on Tuesday to attend a meeting of the chairmen of the foreign missionary committees for each Presbytery of the Presbyterian Synod of Oregon.

O. A. Ramsey is building caterpillar cabs this week, one each for Eben Kee, Bud Moore, and Arthur Smith. He is fitting the windows with a stop rattle device that will hold the windows in any open position desired.

The local dancing public will be pleased to learn that a dance will be held at the American Legion hall on the night of Friday, February 14th. Hot, snappy music by Buster's orchestra will be ready when you come to the Moro hall.

A local teachers institute for Sherman county will be held at the Moro schoolhouse on February 15. Assembly and glee club singing, high school and grade school sectional meetings, talks on school affairs, will comprise the program beginning at 9:30 a.m. and which will close with a principles meeting at 11:35.

Reports from all sections of the county agree that the flood caused by the snow water run-off was the highest this year than for several past similar occasions, altho of less duration than is usual for the depth of snow on the ground when it started to melt. Water was said to have been over the railroad bridges near Thornberry and also at other canyon bridge sites.

Saturday last when Clarence Sparling visited his garage, he found that his car had mired down to the running boards, caused by water soaking up a fill he had made in his new garage preliminary to making a cement floor in the building. The garage is a 2-car building, his truck on the opposite side was not affected, so that he hitched the truck to the car by a tow rope and soon had both on solid ground.

The lyceum entertainment at the Legion hall Wednesday evening closed the series given this season under sponsorship of the Moro Womens Club. The acting and movements of the Marionette dolls were an entertainment feature well out of the ordinary. We understand that after all bills are met, including the purchase of lamps for the street Christmas tree, the club will have nearly \$115 increase of funds in their treasury.

The snow that had been with us for nearly all the month of January began to melt rapidly Sunday under the influence of a Chinook wind. Water was over the highway in several places in the county, but no serious damage resulted. The water was eight inches deep on the main street in Grass Valley, about four inches at the Chris Anderson place south of Moro, about a foot deep at the Rich-elderer place north of Wasco. One railroad bridge near Nish was partly undermined, causing disruption of the train schedules for a few days.

Many From This Section Attend Tractor School

More people attended the Caterpillar tractor school, conducted for three days this week in The Dalles by the Cascade Tractor & Equipment Co. at their sales room in that city, than had attended a similar school put on just previously by Caterpillar salesmen in Portland.

Months of preparation and planning had preceded this short course in the care and operation and uses of tractors and tractor-operated machines. The school was conducted not to sell but to tell, a service to the owners, operators, and anyone interested in the subject.

Practical, helpful answers were given to particular problems; how to save men, money, minutes; how to do work better, quicker, cheaper; how to get maximum profits from investment in mechanical equipment. Moving pictures, demonstrations and short non-technical lectures helped to make a visit to the school interesting, entertaining and profitable.

Do Not Miss This Meeting

A letter received by Rev. Chas. D. Parrott this week states that Rev. Lucero, who will speak at the Presbyterian church this next Sunday morning, is a most entertaining speaker and that all who will attend will undoubtedly enjoy hearing him. The letter referred to follows.

Wallowa, Ore., Feb. 5, 1930.

Rev. C. D. Parrott, Moro, Ore. Dear Mr. Parrott:—Rev. Lucero has just been here. We were in the dark when he came. All that was given me was his name and that he was from our Spanish department. I find that his coming has not only publicly, so I am writing you that your people will not be in the dark and miss him, as many others have.

Rev. Lucero tells a graphic story of his life. He tells of the conversion of his father to the Protestant faith. He tells almost unbelievable things about what the home missionaries of our church did for him. He gives the details of his struggles; how he was converted and finally won for the ministry, and some of his struggles for an education. You cannot recommend him too highly. I know you will enjoy to inform a few of the brethren so that they will not let their people miss hearing him. The board is sending him as a living example of what the national board is doing for Spanish speaking people. He has some startling facts concerning Catholicism as it is in New Mexico and what it has done in the past. Yours truly, Max G. Cook, Pastor.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

As we have completed the sale of our store to the Moro Furniture & Hardware Co., we wish to thank our many customers that have patronized us in the past and ask them to continue with the new firm. Respectfully, Moro Hardware & Implement Co.

The skilled use of radium is the best reply science has so far made to the most terrible scourge of modern civilization. Yet hundreds of thousands of sufferers from cancer are being robbed of hopes because radium remains the most costly substance in the world. It is morally indefensible that control of the production and price of a thing so vital to mankind should be vested in any private corporation. Here, if ever there was one, is a case for international co-operation through the machinery of the league at Geneva, or some other properly constituted body acting on behalf of all national governments.

In spite of the impression of some people to the contrary, sin is by no means a modern institution. Indeed, judging from some of the records of the past, most moderns are still, in the amateur class as transgressors. That statement may be a blow to people who think they are hard boiled, but we are confident it is accurate.

Somebody who couldn't have had much of importance on his mind recently sent out a questionnaire to the Princeton freshmen asking them to designate "the most essential quality in the ideal girl." All except 65 of the 400 youngsters approached were "easy" and tried to reply, says the Detroit Free Press. Naturally their limited experiences with life prevented them from conceiving any real answers. For the essential quality in an ideal girl, as any individual of the male sex views her, is an ability to make that particular male individual fall, and fall hard, and like it, no matter how badly it hurts. Naturally, the average freshman would never suspect anything like that, and least of all, a freshman of the "sophisticated" type.

European countries are now installing door bells which ring only when the caller drops a coin in the slot. What a mean trick to play on the kids on Halloween.—Cleveland Plain Dealer. Over in this country the kids would merely invent some slugs that would do the business. Mexico's penal code exempts from punishment the first offense of stealing food without violence to provide for one's family. Presumably this restores professional amateur standing; but does it mean the first time anybody steals or the first time he is caught?

CHURCHES

Christian Science Service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Sunday School at 10:00 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 "Spirit."

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.

Presbyterian Church

The ancient poet said: "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord."—Psalms 27:14. And the modern poet has added:

If We But Wait I've never known His mercies fail; I've never known the wrong prevail; As day will follow after night, So every wrong will yield to right, If I but wait.

When the shadows longer grow; When midnight hides the way I go; If I but kneel and pray for light, An angel makes the pathway bright, If I but wait.

So God be praised who gives me power To feel His guidance hour by hour; Whose spirit leads me all the way, Through each divinely planned delay If I but wait.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Rev. A. V. Lucero of San Francisco, will bring the message. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. All very cordially invited. Chas. D. Parrott, pastor.

Methodist Church Notes

Church School at 10:00 a.m. Preaching at 11:00 and 7:30. The subject of the Sunday morning sermon is: "What Shall We Do With the Negro?" Subject for the evening service: "The Life and Character of Abraham Lincoln." Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Ladies Aid Thursday at 2:00 p.m. You are cordially invited to all services. The church with a cordial welcome. F. A. Ginn, pastor.

The Full Gospel Assembly

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, incapable of affection, merciless, slanderous, wanting in self control, brutal, despisers of them that are good, treacherous, reckless, puffed up with pride, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof."—2nd Timothy 3:1-5. This was written almost nineteen hundred years ago. How could the Apostle Paul so accurately describe present day conditions? Usual Sunday services. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Preaching at 11:00 a.m. Preaching at 7:30 p.m. Bible Study Thursday at 7:30 p.m. J. D. and Mrs. Miller, pastors.

Linn county has built 38 new bridges, whose total length is 1610 feet, according to the annual report of County Engineer C. H. Leonard. The cost was \$12,314.13. Repairs to 66 old bridges cost \$15,129.74. Twelve new market road bridges, also built during 1929, cost \$16,080.62, and measured 1277 feet in total length. This brought Linn county's total expenditures for bridges in 1929 to \$44,584.22. The tale of a shooting fray in which eight shots were exchanged and ended in the death of Owen Miller, 21, was told to a coroner's jury at Klamath Falls by C. S. Pope, town marshal of Bonanza. According to witnesses, Miller had sworn to kill Pope because the officer arrested him for disturbing the peace. He walked into a restaurant and started firing at Pope. The officer barely was missed by two bullets.

A total of 32,504 Oregon veterans of the World war and the Spanish-American war have availed themselves of the privileges of the state bonus law to date, according to Frank W. Moore, secretary to the Oregon War Veterans' State Aid commission. Of this number 11,636 have taken advantage of the loan provision of the law to borrow sums aggregating \$27,888,825, while 20,868 veterans have claimed their cash bonuses aggregating \$4,623,425. All told, 22,876 veterans have taken the cash bonus, but 2008 of these later changed their minds, refunded the cash payments aggregating \$428,100 and took a bonus loan.

Kenneth Abbot, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Abbot, who lives near Redmond, was brought to Redmond recently with his foot frozen. An infection had started. The mercury was down to 36 below a week ago, when he froze the foot. Scattering reports of early lambing operations are reported from various farms over the Wallowa community. Some of the young lambs arrived as early as two weeks ago and in most cases are said to have withstood an extremely cold winter in good shape.

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