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Ice and Fog Cause Big Expense to Power Co.

The fogs and ice condition of the past three weeks has been an expensive proceeding for the Pacific Power & Light company in its efforts to supply light and power to its patrons of Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Wasco counties.

Each time the power goes off, if even for a moment, means that a fuse has been blown out when the wires came into contact with each other. Each fuse costs the company \$5.84. Friday morning this happened more than a dozen times and each time there was a bill run up of \$5.84 or more. Whenever the electric light fails it means that one of the three wires has released its heavy load of ice. Then the rebound carries it high over the other two wires and on the down sweep, if it touches either of the other two wires, another fuse is blown out at the power station. Sometimes two or more fuses are blown in succession before the wires go into normal position.

A group of engineers are stationed in the counties affected and are studying conditions to avoid this expense and furnish more reliable service. The company also has a crew of more than forty men patrolling the power lines and knocking ice from off the wires. Ice six inches thick and weighing sixty pounds to the foot has been knocked off by this crew and within less than two hours after the lines were cleaned ice as thick as that knocked off has again formed on the wires.

Engineers of the company estimate that ice such as above mentioned will weigh close to nine tons on one single wire between poles and this means that the three wires carry sometimes as much as 27 tons on the three wires and two poles that make up a span.

Last summer between Moro and Dufur and at other points where ice had been severe the winter before, more poles have been put in the lines and this construction was thought to be a help in clearing up the winter conditions, but it has been found that the short spans cause the most trouble.

This winter fog and ice conditions have been the most severe for the company lines since its entry into the power supply business in eastern Oregon. The same conditions has also affected the telephone company wires only to a larger extent because of lighter wires used by the phone company. In many places the phone poles and wires have felt into a winding mess that has needed a large expert crew to clear the trouble.

Christian Science Society to Dedicate Church Home

At the morning service, Sunday, January 4, the church home of the Christian Science Society of Moro will be dedicated. The growth of the church is noted in the following brief history of this organization since its inception in Moro.

"On Sunday September 13, 1914, a few persons interested in Christian Science met in a private home and read the lesson sermon from the Christian Science quarterly. This was the beginning of Christian Science services in Moro. These services were held on Sundays in a private home and later in the Baptist church until 1918 when the present church home was rented.

"In 1918 a Christian Science Society was legally organized and accepted as a branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston. This building was purchased in 1920 by the society and in 1925 remodeled and improved as it now stands.

"Conforming to church law, Christian Scientists do not dedicate their Church homes until they are entirely free from debt and it is with thoughts filled with gratitude that we take this step in our progress as an organization."

Declare Non-skid Rock Surface Very Dangerous

With the first touch of winter, reports from the motorists using the Columbia river highway west of this city are very definite about one detail, and that is that, with frost on it, the new non-skid blacktop is even more dangerous than the old blacktop, which annually took a heavy toll in life and serious injury.

On Tuesday of this week, many accidents were reported between Hood River and Portland, and while none of them were attended with loss of life, traffic was badly handicapped.

Alva Day, who spends much of his time traveling over the highway, says that the new non-skid, under frost, is not only highly dangerous, and in his opinion worse than the old blacktop, but because it has been advertised as non-skid it has built up confidence which leads to disaster to the unwary motorist.

But everybody concedes that, when rain only has to be contended with, it is almost impossible to skid a car on the new surface.—Hood River News.

While working with the extra crew on the Sherman highway in Biggs canyon on Tuesday of this week, Forrest Peetz was hit on the back of the left hand by a falling rock, resulting in the fracture of two bones in the hand. He is now carrying the hand in a big sling and is facing an enforced layoff from work for several weeks.

Town Talk

C. V. Belknap spent the Christmas holiday in Portland, making the trip both ways by train.

W. J. Cody left by train December 24 to spend the Christmas season with relatives in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Burnett entertained on New Years eve with a 500 neighborhood party.

D. E. Stephens returned Monday from a business trip to the Oregon State College at Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jackson are planning to leave soon for southern California to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Nahouse were dinner guests on New Years Day at the Dell Olds family home in Grass Valley.

Mrs. D. E. Stephens, who recently was called to her former home at Logan, Utah, by news of her mother's illness returned to Moro on Monday.

Mrs. E. A. Medler of Wasco made the trip to Portland by train on December 24 to spend the Christmas season with their daughter in Portland.

Wendell McLachlan and George Grosmiller drove up from The Dalles on Wednesday to spend New Years day with friends and relatives in and near Moro.

Keith Reynolds and family were passengers on the train leaving here December 24, bound, for Chehalis, Wash., where they spent the holidays with relatives.

Robt. Urquhart took advantage of the school holiday period to journey to Ephretha, Wash., to spend the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. Isabelle Hunter and family.

An old-time watch meeting was held at the Methodist church on New Years eve, the evening concluding with a ringing welcome of the church bell as the New Year was ushered in by the calendar.

Miss Rachael Bain, sister of Mrs. C. L. Poley, who has been visiting at the Poley home in Grass Valley, left here on New Years Day for Salem where she is employed in the state insurance commission office.

Geo. B. Bourhill, postmaster at Moro, has had a storm door and vestibule built into the postoffice entrance which makes the interior of the office much warmer these cold east wind blizzard days.

Tuesday afternoon the Womens Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale with twelve members present at roll call. At the close of the meeting lunch was served consisting of fruit salad, hot buns and coffee.

D. E. Stephens, when in Washington D. C. this month, expects to visit with his son Edmund Stephens who is now connected with the federal experiment station in Oklahoma and who will be in the national capital conducting departmental work for his station.

The farm residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pinkerton was brimming with laughter and fun on New Years eve when their daughter, Mary Pinkerton, entertained 20 of her school friends at a watch party. Near the close of the evening home made ice cream, cake and cookies were served.

Word came to friends in Moro on Monday of the death of I. N. Lemon at his home in the Willamette valley. Mr. Lemon had many friends in Sherman county, dating back to the pioneer days when he helped create the present day Oregon inland empire.

D. E. Stephens, superintendent of Moro Experiment Station, will leave Moro on Monday, January 5, for Washington, D. C., where he will collaborate with men from the agricultural experiment stations at Lind, Wash., and Nephi, Utah, in putting into bulletin form records of the work of the three stations for the past year. The bulletins will deal mainly with wheat experiments.

Keystone Class Conduct Service at Moro Church

The Keystone class of the First Presbyterian church of Moro conducted the 11:00 a. m. service last Sunday. In addition to their attendance during the class Sunday school hour, they have been meeting as a study group each Sunday evening at the various homes. This group took as a subject for discussion at these meetings "Trailing the Conquistadores," a book of 1930 edition by Samuel Guy Inman, an instructor of International Relations at Columbia University. An instructive as well as interesting review of this book was the main feature of the service last Sunday.

This was presented in a very capable manner by Dewey Thompson, Theodore Johnston, W. H. Ragsdale, Mrs. Avery Martin, Mrs. Martin Melzer and Harry Pinkerton. This book describes the economic conditions in the West Indies from the time of their discovery by Columbus until the present date. The countries under special study and review were Cuba, Haiti, Dominican Republic and Porto Rico. Other features of the program were a splendid flute solo rendered by Homer DeMoss and singing by the Keystone quartet.

There has been an average attendance of 28 at the study class meetings. It is now planned to take up another book for study and discussion in the near future.

Reappointment of John H. Carlin as a member of the state tax commission was announced this week. The appointment which is made by the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, is for a term of four years effective January 1, 1931.

Fred Haynes drove to Moro from Kent on New Years Day to file complaint and swear out warrants against parties who were suspected of breaking into and robbing his store at Kent about midnight on New Years eve. We understand that some cigarettes and other property were taken from the store.

Ben Payne was a business visitor in Moro on Wednesday afternoon from his farm home in the Rulledge district. When commenting on present day weather conditions he said that the ground on his place was frozen to a depth of eight inches, which also was as deep as the fall moisture had penetrated.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kinsman entertained last Friday evening in honor of Miss LaNelle Mathews of The Dalles who was visiting at the Kinsmans home. Six tables played 500 until a late hour when Alhea Powell and Lyle Woods were awarded high honors. Light refreshments were served near the close of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burkhardt in company with Mrs. Ruth Holloway drove from Levenworth, Wash., last week to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Akers, parents of Mrs. Holloway. The Holloways live in Los Angeles and were recently called to Levenworth by news of the serious illness of Mr. Holloways mother.

C. H. Larson and family left on Friday of this week for Mt. Vernon, Wash., where they will make their future home. Mr. Larson has identified with an implement company in his new home town which, reports say, is the center of a highly diversified agricultural section. The household goods were forwarded the same day by Tom Fraser's auto truck.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Peetz were pleasantly surprised New Years eve when a small company of friends and neighbors visited their home, the occasion being the 29th anniversary of their wedding. The evening passed quickly with all present playing progressive 500. Mr. and Mrs. Peetz starting the play seated as partners at the head table and each married couple being partners. An unusual incident was that at the close of the evening each couple were again at the same table and each were again partners. Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bull were awarded high scores honors. At the midnight hour wafers and coffee were served.

UNION PACIFIC PROMOTES THREE



C. J. COLLINS J. P. CUMMINS L. E. OMER

C. J. Collins and L. E. Omer, two men who have worked for the Union Pacific in the Pacific Northwest, and J. P. Cummins, well known in this section for his activities in connection with the inauguration of the Union Pacific's new transcontinental flyer, the Portland Rose, have received important promotions effective January 1.

Collins becomes assistant passenger traffic manager for the Union Pacific System. He was system general passenger agent and had been O.W. RR&N general passenger agent in 1928. Cummins of the passenger traffic manager's office, becomes system general passenger agent. Omer, one time city passenger agent in Portland, is promoted from assistant general passenger agent to become an assistant to the passenger traffic manager. These three men, all boosters for the Pacific Northwest, will have their headquarters in Omaha. Their promotions were announced by W. S. Basinger, passenger traffic manager of the Union Pacific System.

CHURCHES

Methodist Church Notes.

Church School at 10:00 a. m.
The lessons for the next three months are taken from the Gospel of Luke. Luke was a physician and it is pleasing to notice how closely he describes circumstances of our Lord's life.

There will be preaching Sunday morning at 11:00.

The theme for the sermon is "The Glory of God in the Face of Jesus Christ."

The Ladies Aid Society meets every Thursday at 2:00 p. m.

We are glad to see the interest that is manifest in the church school. The classes are certainly doing fine work.

Thursday was New Years Day and we wish all of the people of Moro and vicinity "A Happy New Year." A good question to ask ourselves is: Am I a christian? The Scriptures have the answer. "If a man love me he will keep my word."—John 14:22. "He that loveth God loveth his brother also."—1st John 4:21. The church with a cordial welcome.

F. A. Ginn, pastor.

The Full Gospel Assembly

"He went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God."—Luke 8:1.

He, whose right it is to reign, is the King of this kingdom. Not yet has the kingdom full sway on earth, but subjects for it are being recruited and prepared. Who are they? Those who have been "born again," "translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son."

Usual services on Sunday. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Bible study Thursday night at 7:45 at the home of R. J. Ginn, to which the public are invited.

J. D. and Mrs. Miller, Pastors.

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 "God."

Golden Text: Isaiah 12:2. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid.

Responsive Reading: Psalms 93: 1-5; 99:2, 5-7, 9.

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.

Pot-luck Supper Will Feature Keystone Meet

As previously announced, the Keystone class will hold a "get-together" and pot-luck supper in the Presbyterian church basement, on the evening of Friday January 9th.

A good program has been arranged. This will include an address by Rev. Henry G. Hanson of Independence, Mo. Hanson was formerly the Presbyterian pastor at Moro, and was the organizer and namer of the present Keystone class.

The time for the supper is set at 6:30 o'clock and all persons of Keystone age are invited to attend.

Canada's Longest Phone Call is Made to Australia

Radio telephone service connecting Canada and Australia was inaugurated in November when Wallace R. Campbell, president of the Ford Motor company of Canada, Limited, talked from his desk in the company's plant at East Windsor, Ontario, to Mr. Hubert C. French, manager director of the Ford Motor company of Australia, Pty., Ltd., at his home in Geelong, Australia. The call was solely for business purposes. The conversation was carried a distance of 16,820 miles, or two thirds of the distance around the globe, and was the longest telephone call ever made from Canada.

Everyone has heard of the old Model T Ford running on most anything, including its reputation, but last week it was proven in Moro that an old Ford could also be made to navigate the highways on varnish as a substitute for cylinder oil. The story goes that C. H. Larson has the habit of draining his car every 500 miles and this oil is saved and used by his nephew, Melvin Hanson, in his older car. Last week Melvin put in a gallon of Volspar varnish belonging to C. S. Garret, who uses part of the Larson building as a paint shop, when he wanted to replenish the Ford oil case. The car ran nicely for a short time, even better than usual, then it refused further to roll and spin the motor. Opening the upper pet cock showed plenty in the crank case, but when the motor was taken down and the varnish smell released, Oh! Boy! everyone knew that the car had again proven the various stories were true, at least in part.

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