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Meets the 1st and 3rd
Thursday evenings of
each month. Visiting
members cordially in-
vited to meet with us.
By order of W. M.
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visiting brothers are
cordially invited to
meet with us.
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Grass Valley, Oregon

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Reaps Small Profit

It has long been an established
economic principle that every busi-
ness is entitled to a fair profit for the
service or commodity it sells.

The fire insurance industry is one
of the corner stones of the American
social and economic structure. It
provides us with a vital form of pro-
tection, on which credit, trade, home
building development and business
relations of all kinds depend. In the
truest sense of the word, it is a public
service industry.

Yet fire insurance companies have
operated for years without adequate
profit. Many of them have actually
lost money. According to W. E.
Mallalieu, general manager of the
National Board of Fire Underwriters,
between 1925 and 1929, inclusive, the
industry earned an underwriting
profit of only 1.12 per cent. The
National Convention of Insurance
Commissioners has said that the in-
dustry should have a five per cent re-
turn to make certain of that security
that is rightfully demanded from fire
insurance.

The public has had the benefit for
many years of constantly decreasing
insurance rates. The industry's
difficulty lies in the mania of legis-
lators for more regulation, and con-
stantly mounting insurance taxes. It
is said on good authority that no
great industry suffers more from the
ravages of the tax collector. And
suggestions for still more taxes and
still more insurance laws are always
forthcoming.

It is dangerous to tamper with the
fire insurance industry. The Ameri-
can people should demand that it be
allowed a "living wage."

Canadian Communists

The Farmers' Unity League is a
self-styled radical organization formed
last year in the western provinces
of Canada, whose charter demands
guaranteed government income to all
farmers of not less than \$1,000 a
year, to be raised out of profits of
banks, mortgage firms, implement man-
ufacturers, etc. It also urges resis-
tance to tax, sheriff and foreclosure
sales; demands free medical service
for farmers, and state financing of
all educational institutions. Some of
the leaders of the league, whose
names indicate that they are Rus-
sians, were rotten-egged and given
other bad treatment at Willingdon
recently because they refused to join
in singing the national anthem, and
two rallies attempted to be staged
by the radicals were broken up.

Doesn't Function

The Grange Bulletin, in discussing
the bill which has been before the
Oregon legislature for the creation of
a state department of agriculture
quotes with apparent approval and
the intention to apply it locally, the
opinion of a very prominent Califor-
nia farmer as to the department of
agriculture of that state, of which
the following is a part: "Our department
of agriculture has never, during all
the ten years of farm distress, put
forward any plan of relief that could
possibly solve the problem, nor has it
ever suggested any plan by which
any plan of relief can be evolved or
even discussed by the farmers or in
the interest of the farmers. For the
past ten years, our department of
agriculture has functioned in the in-
terest of the people that live off the
farmers, instead of in the interest of
the farmers."

It's a long safety lane that has no
turning.

Probably nothing on earth is less
enduring than an endurance record.

This is the age when the public
rides in automobiles to see a horse
show.

A Budapest parade ended in a fight,
indicating that a pleasant time was
had by all.

Black fingernails may become fash-
ionable, but they may require a lot
of explaining.

Chicago is starting television broad-
casting, so outsiders can see as well
as hear the battle.

Australia has been trying to pay
her bills with money which she bor-
rows from herself.

We expect to make quite a saving in
armament costs by not buying sword-
fish, which is noted at this time at 90
cents a pound in the Boston market.

Successful radio stars are liable to
become a little less entertaining as
their salaries become so large that it
cannot be considered easy to earn
them.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

My life is all experiment.
Come joys or woes or
anything
I simply get outside
myself
And watch myself
developing.



Sherman County Observer and Grass Valley Journal Now One County Paper

The Two Papers Merged Into One
With Future Publication at Moro
As Sherman County Journal

This week will be the last publica-
tion of the Sherman County Obser-
ver as a separate newspaper enter-
prise. The building that has been
the home of the Sherman County Ob-
server in Moro for the past 35 years,
a large part of the printing equip-
ment, the good will and the business
of the paper has been sold to Giles
L. French of Grass Valley who has
been the owner and publisher of the
Grass Valley Journal for the past
year and a half.

Saturday of last week Mr. French
moved part of the equipment of the
Grass Valley Journal to Moro and
combined the two establishments into
one business enterprise and will pub-
lish the two papers under a merger
of the two properties as the Sherman
County Journal.

We speak a good word for Mr.
French in this community. We are
sure he will do his utmost to publish
each week a newspaper that will be a
credit to all Sherman county and the
immediate family of friends of each
of the two newspapers that are being
consolidated into one business.

C. L. Ireland, editor of the Sher-
man County Observer since the death
of his father in January, 1913, and
manager of the newspaper since hav-
ing bought the Observer property in
Moro, 1894, in partnership with his
father, D. C. Ireland, and brother,
F. C. Ireland now living in Portland,
is retiring from active newspaper
work in Sherman county. Just where
we will locate in the future is not
certain at this time, although we have
under consideration some very good
business opportunities.

It is 37 years this since C. L.
Ireland first became identified with
Sherman county through purchase
with his father of the Observer then
published at Moro. At that time his
father was confidential field man for
Paul Mohr, a millionaire mining cap-
italist of Spokane who was interest-
ed in opening the Columbia river to
barge and steamer service with por-
tage for freight over short railroad
lines at Celilo Falls and the Cascades
of the Columbia river. It was Mohr's
idea to build short lines of railroads
into the interior from the Columbia
river to provide freight for the boat
line and a paper was needed for this
purpose.

Gus Mohr, brother of Paul Mohr
and county surveyor for Wasco county
for a number of years after 1894,
began the survey for a railroad from
Biggs south to as far as Wasco for
his brother. This later was built by
E. E. Lytle and associates, using the
field notes made by Gus Mohr after
the panic of 1894 had taken a heavy
toll from the Paul Mohr fortunes.

During our residence in Sherman
county we have seen the county grow
from its pioneer era into the present
condition of modern highways, its
market roads system, and the railroad
that serves all its communities from
north to south.

We have chronicled the family hap-
penings to some extent of nearly
every family in Sherman county;
weddings, births, and death that comes
to all, until now there are very few
names of people in this county that
are not familiar to the publisher of
the Sherman County Observer. To
these we must now say goodbye, at
least in a newspaper sense. We wish
to thank every one who has helped
in the past to make the Sherman
County Observer a real county fam-
ily newspaper and would appreciate it
if this same helpfulness be given to
the two newspaper properties to be
known in the future as the Sherman
County Journal.

We close by stating that all bills
and accounts due the Sherman Coun-
ty Observer up to March 1st, 1931,
is to be paid to C. L. Ireland who will
also, pay all accounts owing by the
Sherman County Observer. Paid in
advance subscriptions will be contin-
ued to their expiration date with the
Sherman County Journal.

—C. L. Ireland.

Travel, however, seldom broadens
one to the point of being willing to
forego the pleasure of talking about
it afterward.

The only way to make it rain is for
a writer to get up something funny,
for publication a week later, about
how dry it is.

House For Sale

Modern equipped house in
Moro with 75-foot grounds,
close in, within one block of
Moro Hotel for sale on rea-
sonable terms and at right
price. Has large front porch,
five rooms and bath, two bed
rooms each with large closets,
closet off bath room, glassed-
in back porch. Rooms and
bath in attachments. Property
also includes anti-freeze
cellar, wood shed and large
garage, chicken house with
wet weather scratching pen
and yard. Garden plot, lawn,
bordered with roses and
hedge. Cement walk and wall
in front and walk around
house. Numerous large shade
trees protect the house in
warm weather, making pleas-
ant sleeping at night. If in-
terested write or call the owner.
C. L. Ireland, Moro Oregon.

Founders of Civilization

Daniel Webster once remarked
that the farmers are the founders of
civilization. He pointed out how in
primitive history, there always came
a time when the tribes of natives
ceased to depend on hunting and fish-
ing for their living, and they began
to establish themselves in some one
place and till the soil. At that time,
civilization began, and all the other
arts of modern life follow.

So agriculture is the basis for all
arts. The mechanical industries can
not prosper unless the farm business
is doing well. It is to the farms that
the country looks for young people
having ingenuity and mechanical
skill. They are a constant reserve
from which the country's industrial
and business ability is drawn.

Health Fad Skeptics

The subject of how to live long
is always of interest, which perhaps
accounts for the eagerness of the
average mortal to seize upon various
methods which are recommended for
promoting health and longevity, such
as doing daily exercise to radio mu-
sic and the like.

In spite of all the propaganda on
the subject, however, there are many
who are skeptical regarding the real
benefits of strenuous physical activity.
One of these wrote a letter to the
Cleveland Press, pointing out
that Walter Camp, famed athlete
and originator of the "daily dozen,"
died at 65, while he, the writer, had
never taken any kind of exercise to
speak of and was still in excellent
health, although a great-grandfather.
He added that "the longest-lived peo-
ple are the physically lazy but mental-
ly alert."

Commenting on the letter, William
Feather, a well-known editor, de-
clares that several years ago he
adopted a vigorous health program,
including vegetarianism, cold baths
and the daily dozen, with this result:

"Acute indigestion led to the
abandonment of vegetarianism on
doctor's orders. Another doctor rec-
ommended discontinuance of cold
baths. The daily dozen are still pur-
sued, but faith in them has been
shaken by the untimely death of their
inventor."

Still, we may find many who
swear by the health fads and feel
that their lives have been saved
thereby. As the proverb has it,
"What is food for some is black
poison to others."

This country has had nothing finer
offered it during recent years than the
plan of the American Tree association
in Washington to have 10,000,000 trees
planted in honor of George Washing-
ton, the trees, no matter where they
are planted, to be the living memorial
to Washington on his birth on February
22, 1832. Here would be a memorial
of living green, distributed over the
nation, the offering of the people in
48 states, indicative of the everlasting
love they bear the man whose courage
and genius helped found securely the
nation.

Comments by many persons of in-
telligence on the Edison questionnaire
are often far from favorable, says the
Philadelphia Inquirer. The desert prob-
lem has been singled out for special
attack. Here several critics have
missed the point by supposing that it
has only one correct answer, when as
a matter of fact it offers several pos-
sibilities to challenge the reasoning
power of the individual and to test
his ethical views. Only slowly are we
awakening to the fact that knowledge
today means more than a feat of mem-
ory in storing facts one might find in
any reference book.

Again a rural medical survey, this
time in northeastern New York, re-
ports a serious shortage of country
doctors. In 18 counties members of
the staff of the Albany Medical college
have found that more than one-third
of the practicing physicians are sixty
years old or older. Young men are
not taking the places of the veterans
as they drop out. It is practically a
disappearance of the country general
practitioner that is threatened if no
way can be found to attract young
medical graduates to the rural field.

The mechanization of war has taken
another alarming step with the pro-
posal to substitute a musical truck for
the military band. The assistant sec-
retary of war has ordered a tryout, says
World's Work. The apparatus consists
of amplifiers hitched to a phonograph
affair, the whole mounted on a truck
and capable of making as much noise
as two large bands. But there would
be no gold braid, no plumes, no mag-
nificent drum major and probably no
fun.

The United States is beginning to
get back at Europe for the hordes of
immigrants she has sent here and
which she would like to continue.
Three Americans have recently settled
and become naturalized in Liechten-
stein, the independent principality
which looks like a dot on the map and
which is smaller than any one of the
22 states composing Switzerland.

The bride of today ought to be a 50
per cent better cook than her mother
or mother-in-law, for she has better
utensils and better materials, and more
cooking knowledge is available, de-
clares an economics expert. Yes, but
mother or mother-in-law was not out
all day cooking herself on some bench.

Costs Money to Keep up Distributing Systems

Illustrative of the huge mainte-
nance cost at times necessitated, the
severe windstorm that hit Portland
on the morning of January 5, tore
down pole lines for electric distribu-
tion in various parts of the city.
There was interruption of service,
lighting, power, heating. The tele-
phone system suffered as well. Se-
vere snowstorms cause great expen-
ditures for repairing damages. Ardent
supporters of public ownership sel-
dom, or never, refer to these unfore-
seen emergencies.

Los Angeles, with its eleven mil-
lion dollar catastrophe at its storage
dam above Saugus could not antici-
pate, at least did not anticipate, the
faults of construction and lack of in-
spection, with prompt remedial ac-
tion that might have prevented the
great loss. It will take years to
balance the accounts and the deficit
due to that loss. But these facts do
not enter into the arguments of the
propagandist, who promise free elec-
tric light and power, without cost to
taxpayers. Los Angeles recently se-
cured reductions in rates made by
private companies that will save three
million dollars each year to consum-
ers. Household electric rates are
down while living costs stay up. The
dangers of state and municipal own-
ership are matters of education that
every taxpayer and voter should be
informed about. Education is the
only method of preventing over eager
politicians from involving property in
boundless indebtedness.

Minding the Public Business

A common retort much heard 25
years ago, among people inclined to
be pert, was "Mind your own busi-
ness." It seemed to be the motto of
those days. It represented the period
when the good citizen was supposed
to stick strictly to his own work, pay
his debts, keep the peace and let other
people alone.

This saucy remark is not so much
heard today. Perhaps it is out of
date. Anyway, it has been discov-
ered that under the old conception
of community life, cities and towns
were not getting things done. There
was little force pushing for progress.

It was seen that if people wanted
their home cities to go ahead, they
must stop minding their own busi-
ness exclusively, and at least give a
little of their time to minding the
public business and looking after
their common interests as citizens.
The remarkable civic progress ac-
complished during the past ten years
shows this new spirit.

Mexicans Living Abroad May Lose Citizenship

Phoenix.—Mexicans living in the
United States, or other countries, for
a period of more than ten years, who
have not received special permission
from the Mexican government to re-
main away that long, will lose their
citizenship, according to a circular is-
sued by the Mexican consulate gen-
eral at El Paso.

Deed Drawn Up 68 Years Ago Is Recorded in N. Y.

Herkimer, N. Y.—A deed drawn up
here 68 years ago was filed only re-
cently. It listed the names of Maurice
E. Viele and wife of Albany and Eliza
H. Davidson and James J. Cook of
Sullivan. It was dated January 25,
1862.

Swiss Plan Air Aid for Lost Alpine Tourists

Berlin.—Airplane rescue work is to
be developed and systematically or-
ganized by the Swiss government for
the prevention of Alpine fatalities.
For this purpose army planes will be
employed at certain important points.
Many lives have been lost because
it has been impossible to locate mis-
sing climbers. Cases have occurred
where persons only slightly injured
by falls into ravines starved to death.

Practice rescue flights carried out
have been very successful. The planes
locate a lost person, drop first aid
equipment and provisions, and sketch
the area and drop the sketch to the
rescue expedition proceeding on foot.

Boys Better Cooks Than Girls, Iowa Expert Says

Des Moines.—Boys are better cooks
than girls and leave their kitchens
much neater, says Miss Greta L.
Wolf of Washington Irving Junior
high school here. She is teaching a
class of 23 boys how to cook this year.
Heretofore the cooking classes have
been exclusively for girls. But this
year school officials were amazed when
23 boys signed registration cards for
cooking. The boys prepare menus two
hours a week and test their creative
skill over the cook stove three hours
a week.

DOC WISE



I'VE OFTEN WONDERED WHAT
THE AUTO DRIVER WHO WAS
KILLED AT THE RAILROAD
CROSSING WOULD HAVE DONE
WITH THE TWO MINUTES HE
WASTED TO SAVE IF HE HAD
SEEN THE ENGINE TO IT.

IT ALL COMES BACK TO YOU

The farmer's income
goes back directly
into the community.

In dollars and cents, the farming
industry is the largest in the na-
tion, exceeding both the steel in-
dustry and the automobile in-
dustry combined. The value of
manufactured products based on
farm products as a raw material
exceeds any one of the great in-
dustries by more than 500 million
dollars.

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