

# PIONEER DIES

## Dr. Salathiel Hamilton Passed Away Last Evening.

### WAS PIONEER PHYSICIAN OF THIS CITY

#### Dr. Hamilton Was a Man Whose Worldly Deeds Will Long Stand as a Monument to His Memory.

Dr. Salathiel Hamilton, aged 88 years, and one of the best known residents in Southern Oregon, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Henry Richardson, at eight o'clock last night after an illness of several years. His death was due to infirmities attendant to old age.

Dr. Hamilton was not only the pioneer physician of Roseburg, but of Douglas county as well. He settled in Roseburg in the year 1855, and for nearly 40 years thereafter was actively engaged in the practice of medicine. A man of more than ordinary professional skill, he met with excellent success and amassed a substantial fortune from his efforts. Prior to his illness, he took an active interest in all affairs, and was prominently identified with the development and progress of both Roseburg and Douglas county, San Francisco being the nearest city in which medicines could be purchased when he first came here, Dr. Hamilton soon afterwards established the first drug store in Douglas county, and this was subsequently merged into the Hamilton Drug Company. Of sturdy Scotch ancestry, Dr. Hamilton was born November 5, 1825, in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Brought up on a farm in Ohio, Salathiel Hamilton attended first the pioneer district school, and afterwards continued his studies at the Zanesville high school. He subsequently taught school in Perry county for three years, and while thus employed turned his attention to the study of medicine. Going to New Castle, Ind., he began reading medicine in 1849 with Dr. Hess, with whom he was associated in practice until 1852. Having previously had a slight touch of the gold fever, and being favorably impressed with Oregon by the accounts and descriptions as given in the Oregon Spectator, published at Oregon City, Dr. Hamilton, accompanied by a party of friends started for the Pacific coast in 1852. Going by boat to St. Joseph, Mo., he left there on May 12, going up to Platte valley, and crossing the plains with an ox team train. Coming through Rogue river pass and by way of Jacksonville, he arrived in Douglas county in November, 1852, and soon afterward took up a donation claim on the South Fork of the Umpqua river, about five miles northwest of Roseburg, where he improved a farm. He continued the practice of his profession, being the first physician to settle in Douglas county, and in the spring of 1855 he located permanently in Roseburg.

During 1855 and 1856 Dr. Hamilton served in the Rogue River Indian wars as surgeon of Captain Balley's company, in the First Oregon regiment. Resuming his professional duties at the close of the conflict, the doctor built up a large and lucrative practice in this vicinity, for nearly four decades being the leading physician, until his retirement from professional duties, in the year 1892. When he came to Oregon he brought a few drugs with him, and when his supply was exhausted he had to send to San Francisco for more, having them sent by way of Gardiner, at the mouth of the Umpqua river to his office. In the year 1857, with characteristic enterprise, he established a drugstore in Roseburg, and as his trade enlarged he gradually increased his stock, and subsequently formed the Hamilton Drug Company, of which he was president for many years.

On March 15, 1856, Dr. Hamilton married in Douglas county, Sarah J. Watson, who was born in Iowa and came across the plains to Oregon in 1853.

Dr. Hamilton was a Presbyterian in religion, and a democrat in politics.

ties. He always assumed an active interest in local and national affairs, and for four terms rendered efficient service as county treasurer. He was a member of the Indian war veterans association, and for many years was identified with the state medical society. In 1870 Dr. Hamilton was president of the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company, which built the wagon road from Roseburg to Coos Bay, a distance of 65 miles. Beginning in 1877 Dr. Hamilton served two terms of 12 years as a regent of the University of Oregon. He also held many other positions of trust during his life time.

Dr. Hamilton is survived by eight children, Dr. Walter S. Hamilton, of Roseburg; J. W. Hamilton, circuit judge and attorney, of Roseburg; Inez, wife of Attorney F. G. Miceill, of Portland; Julia, the wife of W. C. Washburne, of Junction City; Dr. Luther Hamilton, of Portland; Attorney J. F. Hamilton, of Portland; Stella, the wife of Henry Richardson, of Roseburg; and C. L. Hamilton, a local attorney.

The funeral will be held at the First Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock, interment of the body following in the Masonic cemetery. Rev. Paul J. Lux, pastor of the First Presbyterian church will officiate.

Following an active life which began when he was but a young man, Dr. Hamilton failed in health a few years ago and has since been practically an invalid. Although well knowing that the end was fast approaching, he remained cheerful and at no time did he display anxiety relative to his condition. He was of a charitable disposition, and was ever alert to help those who would help themselves. He was much devoted to his family, and was beloved by all. In his death there is removed from the ranks of the Oregon pioneers a man whose deeds will long stand as a monument to his memory.

# BENEFIT GIVEN

## By the Members of the Roseburg High School.

### NO HIGH KICKING-TANGO IS BARRED

#### Recitations and Solos Furnish Chief Entertainment of the Evening—Ruth Eddy Sings a Delightful Solo.

As a benefit for the high school paper the students yesterday gave a vaudeville performance in the main assembly room. Although not containing any high kicking and dancing numbers the program was said by all to be as good as could be seen in any ten cent theatre. Woodson Maddox, the talkologist, was certainly great. His recitation was entitled "The Foreigners Viewing the Liberty Statue", and his impersonations would have made a dog laugh.

Stella Krohn then rendered an instrumental solo which ably showed her ability as a musician.

Bates and Goodman, the egg specialists were certainly a scream. Their catchy music and funny songs and acting kept the room in an uproar for fully a half hour.

Ruth Eddy sang a vocal solo entitled "Isle d'Amour," followed by an instrumental solo by Waldo Marsters.

Although this was only an experiment the students who stayed for the performance said that it was well worth the admission price of ten cents and are eagerly looking forward for the next number, which will probably be given in two weeks. At that time all those who are interested in the school are invited to attend and help put out the paper.

The Epworth League of the M. E. church, South, held an enjoyable social evening at the parsonage Friday night. Preceding the social program the monthly business meeting was held, and reports indicated progress. Mr. Clarence Rexroad, was elected president, and Miss Iva McLaughlin third vice president to fill out unexpired terms. The league is well officered and is doing good work. The social program consisted of games of various sort till a late hour when light refreshments were served.

# BUSY MEETING

## Held by Local Fire Department Last Evening.

### NEW OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

#### Mayor Rice Thanks Members of Fire Department For Service Given City—Brands Fire Apparatus Inadequate.

Considerable business was transacted at the regular monthly meeting of the Roseburg fire department Friday night, of which nomination of officers for the next year was the most important. The nominations made were: Chief, H. R. Fancher, C. W. Parrott, A. O. Parks; assistant chief, James Fletcher, Jr.; president, M. F. Wright, Ross Goodman; vice-president, Woodley Stephenson; secretary, Glenn H. Taylor; treasurer, Ed Thornton, James Fletcher, Jr. Of these nominees H. R. Fancher and M. F. Wright withdrew, Fancher because he intends to leave Roseburg soon, and Wright for the reason that he intends to retire from the department. It is likely that Parrott will decline for the same reason. The present president, Dr. J. R. Chapman, refused the nomination because he, too, will leave the department. The election of officers will be held on March 6.

Mayor Rice, who was present, was called upon for an address. He said he was very grateful to the firemen, upon behalf of the city, for the excellent service they are giving despite the shameful lack of adequate apparatus. It was his intention, he declared, that the department should have been supplied with some better equipment this year, but as the council saw fit to reduce the tax levy from ten to eight mills it now

will be impossible to do so for another year. At the end of that time, however, he thinks some new apparatus may be secured. Mayor Rice was tendered a vote of thanks by the department for the interest he is displaying in the welfare of the department and for the excellent judgment he displayed in the selection of the board of fire commissioners. H. M. Bullwinkle, chairman of the board of fire commissioners, also was present and made a few remarks.

Mayor Rice stated that a committee of ladies had waited upon him to secure his help in an endeavor to obtain quarters for a public library. He asked them, he said, to appear before the council Monday night. He suggested that a committee be appointed from the fire department to meet with the council at that time to see what arrangements could be made toward securing the firemen's hall for that purpose. On this committee were appointed M. F. Wright, A. O. Parks and James Fletcher, Jr.

Two new members were elected to the department, they being Fred Marshall and Ernest Lawrence. The resignation of William E. Clark was accepted.

Coroner N. T. Jewett this morning received a card from Charles Parrott and wife, who are sojourning in California. Mr. and Mrs. Parrott report unpleasant weather there and they may be expected home at any time.

Tillman Redford made a trip to Roseburg last Saturday to try to convince some of the county officials that at least one of the North Douglas roads were in need of repair, namely, the road to Coos Bay. Mr. Redford's idea was to have one of the county officials go over the road, and even though he made the trip with his eyes blindfolded, by the time he reached his destination he would also have arrived at a conclusion.—Drain Nonpartiel.

# DISCUSS ROADS

## Supervisors Meet Here in Annual Session Today.

### ROAD BUILDING IS CHIEF TOPIC

#### County Judge Rice Talks On Business End of the County—Supervisors Engage in An Informal Discussion.

With more than 50 representatives present, Douglas county today held its first annual convention of road supervisors at the court house in this city. With few exceptions, the supervisors from each of the 63 districts in the county were present to participate in the discussions which centered about road building. The convention was called to order at promptly 10 o'clock, and after calling the roll the day's work began.

County Judge Rice, through whose efforts the convention was called and carried to a successful conclusion, delivered the opening address of the occasion. In preliminary, Judge Rice explained the reason why the convention was called and later discussed subjects pertaining to the county government and effecting the road supervisors. Judge Rice said the purpose of the convention was apparently evident to every supervisor in attendance. However he said it might be well to state that the assembly had but one object, that being to arrive at some definite agreement whereby the road building of Douglas county might be carried on with more effectual results than in the past. "We want uniform roads

# UNDER ARREST

## Sheriff Quine Lands Couple Check Forgers.

### PRISONERS TO BE BROUGHT HERE

#### Alleged That They Passed Two Worthless Drafts on the McClallen Hotel—Held At Portland.

Located at Portland through a letter received from their female consort by the management of the Grand hotel, Rollie Edmunds, Fred Dyer and Marion Parsons were arrested by Sheriff Tom Word, of Multnomah county, late yesterday and are being held there pending the arrival of Sheriff George Quine who left for the metropolis on last evening's train. Sheriff Quine expects to return here tomorrow evening with his prisoners. Edmunds and Dyer arrived in Roseburg about two weeks ago, accompanied by a young woman, and engaged quarters at the McClallen hotel. They claimed to be theatrical people and pretended that they had an engagement in this city. After remaining here for a few days Edmunds presented the hotel with a worthless draft in the sum of \$21. Dyer also played the forged draft game to the extent of \$14. The drafts were accepted by the hotel management, and upon being sent away for collection were branded worthless. Immediately after passing the worthless paper, Edmunds, Dyer and their female friend left Roseburg, accompanied by Marion Parsons.

Sheriff Quine was informed of the shady transactions and a day or two ago learned that a letter had been received from the girl by the management of the Grand hotel. In this letter the girl requested that certain laundry left here at the time she left Roseburg be forwarded to a Portland address. Sheriff Quine notified Sheriff Word, of Multnomah county, regarding the letter with the result that the quartette was located and arrested late yesterday.

Parsons, against whom no formal charge has been preferred, will probably be returned here and held as a witness against Edmunds and Dyer.

# Scientific Farming Bats Out a Home Run on Pacific Coast



SOME potatoes! After juggling in our mind such other adjectives as mara, with, huge, colossal, elephantine, enormous, mighty, gigantic and cyclops we decided to select the very last thing in modern comparative grossness and call 'em "some" potatoes. They were grown in a big new state, Washington. They're the newest word in scientific farming, C. V. Geve's name of the youth in the illustration, and he grows the potatoes (which usually speak for themselves without any adjectives) in Douglas county, who he attends high school. He took the new scientific course in farming provided through a new federal law which gives schools \$100 per month for farm directors. If anybody thinks he can grow any larger or better "spuds" than him go to it.

as far as such are possible," said Judge Rice, "and to this end I consider an interchange of ideas a necessity. No matter how efficient you may be in road building—you can learn from others."

As an illustration Judge Rice said he had been practicing law for a great many years, but notwithstanding that he had received many valuable suggestions from lawyers of younger years and experience. "Each of you gentlemen probably have ideas to the best manner in which to build roads in Douglas county, and I ask that you exchange these ideas here today."

Continuing, Judge Rice dealt at some length on the business end of the road building proposition. He said the county had recently inaugurated a requisition system, which if strictly adhered to by the supervisors would result in eliminating considerable expense and increasing the efficiency of the county government. "Through this requisition system we plan to keep in close touch with the expense of building roads, bridges and making repairs," said Judge Rice, "and I only hope that we will have the hearty co-operation of the supervisors. When once in operation the requisition system is simple and provides the county court with means whereby they can determine the exact amount of money that remains in the treasury for road and bridge work. When you desire to purchase supplies simply call up the commissioners or myself by telephone, stating what you desire to purchase. If in reason the requisition will be granted. We keep copies of these requisitions which give us a check on the supervisors and the treasury at all times. In case of emergency, that is if you need material to repair a defective bridge or something of a similar nature and cannot reach the commissioners or judge by telephone you have a right to go ahead and make the repairs, and immediately thereafter make application for a requisition. It is not the purpose of the county court to avoid purchasing necessary materials, but to ascertain what we have purchased. For instance, if each supervisor needed a new shovel the total cost would not be less than \$63. If these shovels were purchased by the court at wholesale prices the cost would be much less. I cannot help but think you gentlemen grasp the logic of my argument."

Following the talk of Mr. Rice a number of the supervisors present expressed themselves regarding actual road construction under requisitions that exist in this county. Some of the supervisors differed as to the kind of roads that should be constructed, but all agreed that uniformity would do much toward remedying the present evil. In fact, the supervisors agreed that it was useless for one district to build good roads, while the adjoining districts were content to live in the past. "Good roads," the supervisors agreed, "were as much of a necessity these days as railroad transportation. To get these roads it was generally argued that a uniform system should be adopted whereby all the supervisors would work in harmony and to one end. Not a supervisor in attendance at today's convention doubted the contention that the good roads movement had become permanent throughout the United States.

During the discussion, several supervisors expressed themselves favorable to first improving a trunk line through the county. When this road was once established they argued the laterals would be assured. In constructing the laterals first, the supervisors argued that the county was putting the cart before the horse.

In brief, today's convention was one of the most valuable of its kind ever held in Southern Oregon and will do much toward inciting an interest in the cause of good roads. The supervisors became acquainted, exchanged ideas and discussed the various phases of the good roads question.

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In addition to passing the drafts referred to in the above article Dyer and Edmunds attempted to sting the Grand hotel for something over \$150. Lou Himes was alert to the game, however, and refused to accept the checks.

The men will probably be held to appear before the grand jury which convenes here next week.