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DICKSON LIKELY CHOSE FOR CAPTAIN OF "K"

Second Lieutenant Frank E. Dickson will likely be chosen as captain of Co. K, Oregon National Guard, to succeed Captain C. L. Stidd. Ordinarily, it could be expected that the first lieutenant would be promoted, but Ira D. Mix, present incumbent, declares emphatically that he doesn't wish the place.

Much can be said in Dickson's favor. He is popular with the company, has executive ability, is a young man of splendid character and would be satisfactory to the "higher ups." He has been a member since K was started and has at all times assisted Captain Stidd and Lieutenant Mix in keeping the company up to standard and pounding in "pep" when things were growing stale.

Lieutenant Mix feels that he has not the time to give that is required of the commanding officer. To show their appreciation of his services, the boys will probably elect him anyway and then he can decline if he wishes.

Lieutenant Dickson does not want the place, but probably could be persuaded to take it if elected. The entire community naturally interested in the company's good welfare realizing that it stands or falls according to the efficiency and interest of its officers, is favorable to Dickson's election.

The election may be held on Friday evening, Oct. 8. Request has been made of the Adjutant-General to ballot at that time. If permission is given at least fifty per cent of the members must be present to make the election legal. The captain must not necessarily be a member of the company at the present time and any member is eligible if possessed of the necessary ability and qualifications.

MRS. LENA STEIGER SENTENCED THEN PAROLED BY JUDGE

Salem—Pronounced by Circuit Judge Kelly and District Attorney James G. Heltzel to have been one of the most expensive and difficult criminal cases ever tried in Marion county, Mrs. Lena M. Steiger, 62, was paroled by Judge Kelly after he had imposed a seven year sentence, Tuesday morning.

A jury in department 2, circuit court, for Marion county, convicted Mrs. Steiger of complicity in the attempted murder of her husband, T. W. Steiger. The verdict was returned Sept. 22. Jesse Mullinix, self-confessed accomplice of Mrs. Steiger, is serving out a seven-year sentence for the crime.

"This is the most difficult problem yet placed before me," stated Judge Kelly, prior to granting parole. "In view of Mrs. Steiger's extreme age and in view of the fact that the most sadly wronged party, the husband, has recommended leniency, the request for parole is granted and the prisoner will be required to report to the state parole officer as required by law."

One stipulation exacted of Mrs. Steiger by the district attorney and the court was that she avoid any meeting with her husband and remain away from her former home.

PETER KURRE MUST HURRY TO GET MILL STARTED

Peter Kurre only has ten more days in which to get the mill started, otherwise he will go broke buying hats.

AU REVOIR KING HOP

Once again another hop harvest has been completed and the "fruit" is in the bale. Our thousands of extra people have gone to their homes, and what a difference a few years has made in the way in which they came and went. Used to be that a large number of them arrived ragged and broke, many of them walking in. Now they ride in first class, hundreds having automobiles, well dressed and coin jingling in their pockets. They go away the same way and have more to show for their labor than in the old days.

The Post congratulates the growers upon the results of the 1920 harvest and trusts that nothing will interfere to prevent them from realizing a splendid profit.

ACE EMPLOYEES BANQUET INVITATION OF PROPRIETOR

As a sort of a celebration in honor of Henry Ford, who has so magnanimously reduced the price of all the products of the great company of which he is the head, without depreciation of quality or reduction of wages to his thousands of employees, and further because of the prosperous business the Ace Garage is enjoying with peace and harmony among its employees, each and everyone employed in the last named establishment, including the ladies, were the guests of F. C. McLean, the proprietor, at a banquet spread at the Beaver hotel Tuesday night.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Plant, Mr. and Mrs. Rice Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Kimberling, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Oglesbie, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Guilds, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Flood, C. Cox, F. B. Ventries and Miss Fave Johnson. Dell Grigsby was the lone exception. He was out of town and did not get back in time to participate. After the inner man had been replenished amid much pleasantry, the entire party went to the home of Mr. McLean where several more hours were consumed in playing games, tricks, etc. The whole evening was so delightfully spent that there will always be a longing in the hearts of all for like events in the future.

PRUNE CROP DAMAGED CRACKED BY THE RAIN

J. K. P. Harris, The Post prune editor, declares that the prune crop has been injured fifty percent by the hop pickers' rain and the crop will be that percentage short. This may lead to an advance in price for those who have not contracted. The nature of the injury is that the fruit cracked and will not be available for many commercial purposes. By the way, a member of The Post staff asked Mr. Harris how prunes were picked and he replied solemnly that the picker shook the tree and caught the fruit when it fell.

GOING THRU INDEPENDENCE ON WAY TO STATE FAIR

The most excellent weather of the week has made it possible for the State Fair this year to beat all records for attendance. Because of a bad stretch of road on the East side a large portion of south state traffic has been coming thru Independence. There has been one car after another all the week.

Of course, everybody in Polk county was in attendance.

SUNDAY, OCT. 3—(Evening Only.)

NAZIMOVA, THE GREAT,

in "THE HEART OF A CHILD."

The life romance of a cockney girl from the tenements of Limehouse; of the London theatre; and of British aristocracy. It is a big and beautiful experience. It is an experience that thrills and tugs at the heart; one that evokes many a chuckle; many a smile; and the smiles are often half-wistful. The other woman—with merciless adroitness of her society training—had trapped Sally; had tricked her into a compromising situation with the man they both loved. Was Sally's dream to be shattered on the very threshold of happiness? Admission 20-35c.

Monkey Comedy and Outing Chester

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, OCT. 4-5.

DOROTHY DALTON

in "THE FLAME OF THE YUKON."

Can a woman reform? What part does man's love play in helping her win back to the straight and narrow path? She was queen of the dance halls—he a penniless seeker of gold. "Black Jack" wanted to keep her because she was the "Flame" that singed many moths for him. See this wonderful struggle for a woman's soul.

Pathe Review and Lloyd Comedy

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, OCT. 6-7.

DORIS KENYON

in "TWILIGHT."

A sympathetic drama of extraordinary power. The adventures of a beautiful founding girl, discovered when an infant, in a partner strapped to a lost burro in the heart of the North Carolina hills.

Rolin Comedy and Pathe News

FRIDAY, OCT. 8.

NORMA TALMADGE

in "THE WAY OF A WOMAN."

A tale of a Southern girl, of aristocratic family, who marries a dissolute New Yorker for his money. When she comes to New York, she is emmeshed in a series of trials and tribulations out of which she finally emerges to her well-earned happiness. It is Norma Talmadge at her best in a story that grips the beholder every minute.

Comedy and International News

SATURDAY, OCT. 9.

CARMEL MYERS

in "FOLLY'S TRAIL."

The story of gay butterfly in New York's Bohemia who learns she has a heart when she meets the right man; of a love that is stronger than reason and of the mental upheaval which follows the clash of opposite temperaments.

Ford Weekly and 2-reel Christy comedy.

ISIS THEATRE INDEPENDENCE

Tillamook's Versatility

(By Fred Lockley.)

A glance at the Tillamook county exhibit will prove that the county is one of varied resources. Here are some of the products I saw in the exhibit: Cheese, timber, salmon, trout, clams, butter, corn, wheat, oats, clover, alfalfa, barley, cow peas, mint, kale, beets, turnips, sunflowers, rhubarb, sugar beets, horseradish, ground cherries, onions, potatoes and all the regular garden vegetables and fruits, cascara bark, mushrooms, cranberries, huckle-

berries, venison, flour, honey, wool, beeswax, coal, cedar shakes, Indian baskets, dried and canned fruits, eggs and poultry, deer heads, cougar and bobcat hides, wild ducks and geese and manufactured goods show that Tillamook county is self-contained and self-sustaining.

Got Their Names in a City Paper

(Salem Journal.)

Willard Craven and Clyde Williams, Independence merchants, are here this week with their families enjoying the fair.

THE PILL BOX

THIS WOMAN WILL DO BETTER NEXT TIME

Letter received by an insurance company: "Sorry to have been late with remittance but have had sickness in family also 10 lb. daughter but will do better next time."

CONCERNING THE LAYING FUNCTIONS OF A HEN

"B. T. Merrill is having much success with poultry on his ranch south of Independence. He has the knack and knowledge of knowing how to keep the hens laying eggs," says The Post. Beg your pardon but The Pill Box would like to ask the Hoop Post what a hen (thorobred or garden scratcher) would be laying if she wasn't laying eggs?"

JUST WHAT WE WAS GOING TO ASK IF THE NEWS HADN'T BEAT US TO IT

Rookie says there is nothing wrong in women wearing socks so far as he can see. Whattayourneanbythat?—New Brighton News.

GUY A. NEWTON AND

MISS GUSTA SETAK MARRIED

Justice Sibley at Dallas yesterday morning united in marriage Guy A. Newton and Miss Gusta Setak, and friends who accompanied them, let all the world know what had happened by decorating the automobile carrying the bridal party.

Mr. Newton is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Newton and is a fine young man. He served his country during the war after which he has been farming and stock raising.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Setak, living south of Independence, and is an accomplished young lady.

Both have many friends who wish them much joy.

POLK HAS THIRTY JAPS ACCORDING TO INVESTIGATOR

Frank Davey, appointed by Governor Olcott to investigate the Japanese situation in Oregon, has completed the job and filed his report. Concerning Polk county, Mr. Davey says:

"In Polk county some seasons of the year there is a Japanese population of over 200 engaged in the various duties connected with hop growing, but the permanent Jap residents of that county are said to number not more than thirty."

KURTZ PRUNE DRYER GOES UP IN SMOKE; LOSS \$17000

(Monmouth Herald)

A \$17,000 loss ensued when fire destroyed the prune evaporating plant of F. A. Kurtz last Tuesday morning. Fire was discovered at about 7 o'clock in the morning and made headway so fast that nothing could stop it. The dryer which is one of the largest in the country, had been running at full capacity and there were several tons of fresh and dried fruit in the building at the time of the fire and which were lost. About \$5,000 insurance was carried. The Kurtz company, owner of the plant, is associated with others in the ownership and management of the Monmouth orchards south of this city.

SAM McELMURRY ATTENDS 48 STATE FAIRS STRAIGHT

(Salem Journal.)

S. H. McElmurry and wife of Independence are camping at the state fair grounds this week. Mr. McElmurry attended his first fair in Oregon in 1872, and he has not missed a fair week since. Rain or shine he is always on hand.

DALLAS PAPER FAVORS ROAD COMPROMISE

Evidently there is a move on in Dallas to compromise with the State Highway Commission in the Polk county road controversy. Concerning the same, the Observer says:

Of the two cases brought against the state highway commission the people of Polk county have won one and lost one. It would seem that there is but one solution in sight, and that is a compromise. In saying this The Observer believes that it speaks for a great majority of the people affected, and is further of the opinion that Dallas has everything to gain and nothing to lose by a reasonable and just compromise.

The great outstanding reason for this stand is that, no matter what defense has been made or will be made, a great proportion of the remainder of the state is and will remain of the opinion that Dallas and Polk county are obstructionists. It is held by the people south and north of Polk county that there can be no reason for any county taking a stand that will result in a delay in road construction. No amount of propaganda has been able to beat back this belief. The result will be that Dallas and Polk county will soon find themselves playing a hand against the remainder of the state. To truly win under such conditions is almost impossible.

This newspaper believes that the members of the state highway commission have been taught a needed lesson. It has been brought home to the members of that body that they must be fair if they expect to win in the end. They have also been taught that they must be fair to the towns as well as to the counties, and that other people than county judges live in the different counties. Such being the case we believe that the time is opportune for a fair compromise. We believe that if a fair offer is publicly made by Polk county that the highway commission will be forced to accept the terms thereof. A refusal by the commission to accept a fair offer and shut off from this county at this time would, we believe, sweep the commissioners from office. A state administration could not long stand the odium that would attach to such an unreasonable stand.

It is now admitted by many that if Polk county people and members of the commission had had an interview before the case was brought it would not have gotten into the courts. The commissioners claim that they were bluffing when they ordered the suspension of work on the paving from Brunk's corner to Dallas. If that order had not been given Dallas would not have joined in the court cases. If this is all true, and we believe that it will be admitted that such is the case, there was never any real reason for these trials. If there was no reason for the cases having been brought it follows that there is no reason for their continuance. Polk county insists that the commission cannot be relied upon to live up to its agreements. The commission makes the same charge against Polk county. Therefore, the more reason for both parties demonstrating that they are reliable.

ELECTION BETS ARE FEW HOW ABOUT INDEPENDENCE?

Only a few bets have been made on election results. How will Independence go?