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## RECALL ELECTION TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 16

The petition with the legal number of names thereon having been filed and Judge A. B. Robinson not having resigned within five days thereafter, County Clerk Moore has called the recall election for February 16.

Non-interested observers of conditions in Polk county and those who have investigated the "dissatisfaction" with Judge Robinson over road work, cannot believe that the recallers will be able to muster a majority at the special election and the many friends of the judge over the county are of the same opinion. But they do not propose to remain inactive. An aggressive campaign will be waged for the judge with the expectation of vindicating him by a tremendous majority.

### The Civic Club

Last Wednesday afternoon the O. A. Kreamer home formed an oriental setting for the continued study of Japan in which the Civic club is keenly interested. Japan is noted for its flora and the interior of the home with its beautiful house plants, clusters of pussy willow, etc., made a scene worthy of an artist's brush.

After a brief business session during which Mrs. J. S. Robbie was elected treasurer to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mrs. G. W. Conkey, the meeting was given over to the program committee. Roll call was responded to with quotations gleaned from an excellent paper given by Mrs. H. B. Fletcher the previous meeting. Mrs. Clyde Ecker presented an illustrated paper on "Japanese Art." Thru the kindness of Miss Cornelia Marvin, Mrs. Ecker displayed color prints of Hiroshige and Hokusai which were from Miss Marvin's private collection secured while in the orient last summer. The ladies found much pleasure in discriminating the prints of the master artists. Pieces of choice pottery were also shown.

Miss Madeleine Kreamer delighted the interested gathering with a paper on "Japanese Music." Miss Kreamer has been a student at the O. A. C. school of music and delivered her paper in a most comprehensive style. Those to whom Japanese music had been but a name considered the rendering of the compositions a revelation. An interesting feature was the contrasting of the Japanese and American style of music. Especially was this true of the national anthems. Miss Kreamer was assisted in rendering the several selections by Mrs. E. Davis on the violin. She closed her paper with the beautiful story of "Madam Butterfly."

Following the program Mrs. Kreamer told a clever story about the Japanese "tea ceremonial" and while incense burned from a Buddha holder, oriental maids served a cup of cha to the fifty guests. The afternoon was especially profitable and pleasant. The study of Japan will be continued by a paper on the "Japanese in America" by Mrs. Braden and the "Boys of Japan" by Mrs. Eldridge which will be given the second meeting in February.

New members received were Mrs. A. B. Robinson, Mrs. T. A. Furgeson, Mrs. Rose Neal, Mrs. Hugh Hanna, Mrs. Hattie Wood and Mrs. S. C. Halladay.

### Mr. Morrow Discusses Labor Problem

W. O. Morrow has written the following letter to the Portland Telegram:

This is a partial answer to G. A. S. in the issue of January 8. A large number of men with families would better their conditions if they were more willing to help themselves by helping those who need their service.

The cities are overrun with people who have no means of support, other than working for others, and as G. A. S. says, there are 100 men for every job, especially in times like the present. Jobs must be limited, as employers cannot employ help at a loss. When work was plentiful and wages good, the employe should have made it a rule to save some of his money to tide him through just such conditions as now exist. Too many men and women seemed to think that lots of work and high pay would always exist. In a sense they have looked to the labor unions and a seven or eight-hour work day too strongly and not enough to their own welfare and self defense. Many families could, if they were willing to live as country people have to, till they get enough of this world's savings to start them in business of their own, secure positions on farms. Right here is where the shoe pinches. Too many city families haven't the ambition to make a start and let the farmers know they want a position and will stick and make good. The farmer has been bit so hard with city help he does not look with the best of favor upon it. He can advertise for help and receive from five to fifty applications in times like now, all stating their experience as farmers, ranging all the way from hoeing a back-yard garden on a city lot to foreman on some gentleman's estate. How is a farmer to make a selection from such a lot?

It is true we farmers haven't the many shows to go to several times a week and the excitement of the city life, but it is the love for a home one should strive for first. It is not all sunshine with the farmer. The past year has been a losing one, and no relief in sight yet. I have a position for a man of good habits, and many others would employ if they could get good help.

### Fitzgerald-Hanna

Announcement of the wedding of Miss Leona Hanna and Mr. Larry Fitzgerald has been received by Independence friends. The happy event was celebrated in Portland at the home of the bride at high noon, Saturday, Jan. 15, in the presence of only a few relatives and close friends. Rev. Sandifur read the service amid a setting of dainty spring blossoms and delicate greenery.

Following congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald left for a brief wedding trip to Seaside. Mrs. Fitzgerald's going away suit was a chic tulle of blue tulle with becoming accessories.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald are former Independence people. Mrs. F. is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hanna and is a graduate of Independence High. Mr. F. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Fitzgerald and has been connected with both the Independence National and Farmers State Bank of this place. Both are popular among the younger set and have the best wishes of a host of friends.

They will be at home in Portland where Mr. Fitzgerald is connected with the U. S. Bank.

The country is returning to normalcy and all signs indicate that the year 1921 will be fruitful for all of us.

Appreciating your past favors we will retail merchandise at as low a price as can consistently be done.

It is our purpose to compete with similar stores in other towns and should our patrons find any discrepancies in prices let us know.

**WILLARD E. CRAVEN HDW.**

## FARMERS CASH STORE

C. Burton Durdall

## Independence, Oregon

Stanley McDonald, Manager.

No need to shop out of town. Compare our prices. Special prices on Flour and Sugar. We are now able to reduce the price on our Silver King Coffee and still give you the same value in this coffee. Our price now being 29c. per pound or four pounds \$1.00

5 pounds Peanut Butter	48c	40c. Special Blend Coffee in bulk	22c	8 cans Sugar Corn	\$1.00
9 cans Tomatoes	\$1.00	23 brs good White Laundry Soap	\$1.00	5 lb. can Red Label Karo	48c
9 cans Caroline Milk	\$1.00	45c Albers Rolled Oats with premium	38c	9 cans Salmon	\$1.00
60c. fancy Java Coffee 42c. 3 lbs	\$1.00	9 cans Sugar Peas	\$1.00	10 lbs Fancy Jap Rice	79c

We deliver now. We save you money.

## FARMERS CASH STORE

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SALEM, SILVERTON, INDEPENDENCE

## FOR PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS

Wonderful Progress Made by the National Committee in That Direction.

### WORK IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Conservation of Vision Classes Growing in Number as Educators Discover It is Practicable to Open Classes in Small Cities.

New York.—More than 4,000 supporters of the work of the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness were reported at the sixth annual meeting in this city. This report shows a remarkable increase from the 65 charter members in 1915. The work for the last year showed much progress for the conservation of vision in the public schools and colleges.

The report continues: "Conservation of vision classes in the public schools are growing in number as educators have discovered, through the efforts of our committee, that it is practicable to open such classes even in cities smaller than the largest. The present census of such classes is 82, of which 12 have been established within the last year. So far as known, the classes which now support such classes include Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Washington. There is no more hopeful part of our work than this, and we are proud to have contributed a considerable part to the establishment of these classes.

### Blindness in Children.

"The chief cause of blindness among children is due to ophthalmia neonatorum. The percentage this year is 22.5 per cent as compared with 15.7 per cent for last year of those who have newly entered the residential schools. This disease is an inflammation of the eye usually contracted by newly born children. The percentage is even higher in the public classes. We have reason to regret this unfortunate relapse. This is the first year but one that has not shown a considerable decrease, but we are quite sure that our figures are more accurate than in the years gone by, and possibly some of this increase is due to the greater accuracy of our reports. We must faithfully and persistently pursue our fight against babies' sore eyes and continue to reduce the number of children who need

not have been blind.

"Trachoma's victims (one of the most dreaded of contagious eye diseases) have been discovered in several states where it was not suspected. This scourge could be prevalent. Not less than nine states have during this year initiated or renewed their fight against the spread of trachoma. In Illinois, particularly, there has been a marshaling of the forces for systematic operation in the stamping out of this disease. In all cases it has been the function of this committee to serve as a helpful agency in this work.

### Caused by Wood Alcohol.

"Wood alcohol poisoning still causes much blindness through drinking this substance masquerading as a familiar stimulant. This condition was not a surprise to us, and we had issued a warning which was used throughout the United States. Much activity resulted because of the newspaper accounts of the dreadful situation, and considerable work has been done by them toward eliminating this cause of needless blindness.

H. F. J. Porter of the Society for Electrical Development delivered the annual address. The subject of Mr. Porter's address was "Through Life's Windows." He showed the great dependence of man on healthy and well-cared for eyes, which he compared to a pair of motion picture cameras. "Indeed, the motion picture camera is made in imitation of the eye," he continued. "The better the condition of

the lens and the better the illumination of the object the better the result of the photographer's effort. Just so with the more perfect instrument, the eye, and it behooves every one to see that his eyes are kept in good condition and free from eyestrain due to improper lighting. As it takes a longer time to take a good picture in poor light than in good light, so it takes longer to obtain a good conception of what is before us with poor eyesight and in poor light. Employers are wise who provide against accidents from poor lighting."

### Return Hero Medal.

Connellsville, Pa.—While a negro woman held up Mrs. Annabelle Gemas along the West Penn street car line, near the Gemas home, two negroes searched her, took her pocketbook, containing about \$30, but returning a gold service medal which the woman's husband, the late George Gemas, had been awarded for service in the Spanish-American war. The trio halted Mrs. Gemas with the request, "Please give us your money, lady."

### Something Funny, All Right.

Tiltonville, O.—There was something funny about the chicken dinner served Mayor Charles Beswick. He was guest of honor at a stag party where the chicken was served in liberal portions. On returning home Beswick found that 15 of his choice pullets had disappeared.

C. B. D.?

## Spring Ills are Easily Stopped

A "dose" in time saves nine later on

We keep every known preparation and many not so well known.

**Williams' Drug Co.**

## LOCAL NEWS TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

Dr. and Mrs. O. D. Butler have returned from California.

A daughter was born one day last week to Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Hanson.

A part of Max Goldman's store will be remodeled and occupied by A. L. Kuhlender jeweler.

Mrs. Ida Umbach of Lake View was the guest of Mrs. Gaylord Godfrey while in the city.

Mrs. M. C. Williams and daughter, Miss Theima, have returned from a visit of several days in Portland.

Mrs. McKinney, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Robbie, has returned to her home in Portland.

Mrs. J. S. Cooper was home one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper are spending the winter at the Imperial hotel in Portland.

Clarence Irwin will open a meat market in the Fluke building on G street this week. Mr. Irwin is an old butcher and understands the business.

Mrs. E. E. Jorgenson of Perma, Montana, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Smith. Wednesday Mrs. Smith accompanied her sister to Sherwood where they visited their mother.

Mrs. J. G. McIntosh went to Corvallis last Sunday to visit her cousin, Mrs. Jennie Richards, who is ill of pernicious anaemia. Mrs. Richards is a daughter of Mrs. Susan Jones and formerly lived here.

D. L. Hedges was stricken with a stroke of paralysis Saturday forenoon but at the present time has nearly reached that state of recuperation where he can rejoice with his many friends over his remarkable recovery.

The wind Saturday afternoon did much damage. Poles and wires were blown down, a number of wind mills put out of commission and some windows broken. Three hop houses on the McCarthy ranch were completely demolished.

The City Market will be moved soon and occupy the building two doors south of its present location. The new "home" has been remodeled and will give the City Market all the conveniences that any first class shop has.

Among the road supervisors named by the county court last week were E. M. Mitty, district 5; P. O. Dineen, district 6; M. N. Prather, district 9; F. N. Stamp, district 10; Ben Womer, district 11; J. W. Walker, district 12; Tracy Turner, district 13; C. P. Brooks, district 20.

The next Civic Club meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. O. J. Smith on Wednesday, Feb. 3. The study of Japan will be continued and other interesting features interspersed. On account of the illness of "Daddy" Hedges the pioneer reception to be held on that date has been indefinitely postponed.

W. Huntley has received from his son, Marshall, who is attending the Benson Polytechnic school in Portland, three steel tools made by the young man himself. The work is perfect and shows that Marshall's natural ability when properly equipped is wonderful. It goes without saying that Mr. Huntley has reason to feel proud of his son.

### Two Women Taken Off Train

Sheriff Orr went to Grants Pass last Friday and brought back Mrs. Gladys Lucas and Mrs. Amy Lucas, sisters-in-law, who were taken off a Southern Pacific train by officers there at Orr's request. The women arrived in this country about three months ago from England and Australia, respectively, and went to the home of their father-in-law, J. E. Lucas, near Buena Vista, to await the arrival of their husbands, who were expected to reach San Francisco soon from a trip around the world. Shortly after their arrival here Lucas' home burned and since then the women have been boarding at the home of E. M. Lichty, a neighbor. Thursday they left for San Francisco to meet their husbands, leaving it is alleged by Lichty, an unpaid board bill of more than \$200. Upon trial the two women were acquitted.

### Mrs. Park Entertains

Mrs. W. H. Park was hostess to the W. C. T. U. Tuesday afternoon. The devotional was led by Mrs. Alice Kurve, reading the 13th chapter of First Corinthians, followed by short prayers by different members. After old and new business was disposed of a short time was spent in discussing the cigarette and "booze" problems. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess at the close of the session.

C. B. D.?