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## EX-SHERIFF PASSES ON

Joseph G. Van Orsdel Found  
Dead Saturday

While burning brush at his prune orchard, a few miles south of Dallas last Saturday afternoon, Joseph G. Van Orsdel, one of the best known citizens of Dallas, dropped dead. His body was found by his two grandsons, who had gone to the ranch with him to spend the day.

Mr. Van Orsdel came to Oregon about 25 years ago, locating on a farm near Independence. In 1898 he was the Democratic-Populist candidate for sheriff of Polk county and was elected by a majority of four votes over his Republican opponent. He served two terms as sheriff. In 1912 he was elected mayor of Dallas and served one term.

He is survived by his wife, four sons and two daughters.

The funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church in Dallas Wednesday afternoon. The local pastor was assisted by Dr. H. C. Dunsmore, who is a close friend of the Van Orsdel family. Dr. O. D. Butler and H. Hirschberg were pall bearers.

Committal was made at the Dallas I. O. O. F. cemetery.

## S. B. Walker Disposes Of Residence Property

S. B. Walker has sold his residence property on Second street to Paul Schwabbaur, the deal being made last Monday. Mr. S. has recently purchased the Palace Pool Hall and will be joined by Mrs. Schwabbaur and their family of eight children about the first of May when they will have possession of their new home. Mr. and Mrs. Walker expect to enjoy the comforts of a new bungalow as soon as one can be constructed according to their plans.

## INTERESTING NEWS FROM HOPVILLE

Mrs. Bell Gaines returned home Sunday from her week's visit in Portland.

The P. T. A. will be held today. Mrs. Rose will give a talk on her recent visit to England.

Miss Grace Powers and her small brother and sister are sick with the measles.

Miss Othal Bevens was an all night visitor at the Barker home Saturday.

Mrs. Will Shafer and daughter, Wilma, were among the Salem shoppers Friday.

We have welcomed two new scholars, Robert and Mack Brown, back to school. They have been attending the Buena Vista school since last fall.

Mrs. Cole and family were in Salem Sunday.

Oscar Moore and family were guests Sunday, at the Young home.

F. W. Wattenbarger and son were in Salem on business on the twelfth.

There is an siege of measles on the Wigrich ranch.

Ralph Porterfield and family were Sunday visitors at the T. L. Hartman home.

The children of our school are patiently waiting for the teachers which are to be built soon.

Mrs. L. A. White is visiting her daughter in eastern Oregon.

Mrs. H. Bode is visiting her mother at Lebanon.

L. A. White and sons were Sunday visitors at Jefferson.

Mrs. Howard Buetner is visiting at the Martin home.

Reed Wattenbarger was called to Salem Sunday evening on important business.

Othal Bevens of the sixth grade and Margaret Hanna of the second grade received the "Hirschberg dollar" for the month of March.

The eighth graders are working all the time, so that they will be ready for the May examinations.

## THE D.O.K.K.S INITIATE TYROS

A Vast of Various Kinds of  
Stunts Were Indulged In

Independence D. O. K. K.s. under the supreme management of A. C. Moore, had the sands heated the correct temperature for the tenderfeet who were to travel the route last Saturday night.

Five caravans and a number of private cars brought over one hundred Dokkes, including the drill team, band and patrol from Portland. Tyros from Albany, Falls City, Dallas and Salem joined the large number of Independence candidates on the trail.

Street stunts and maneuvers of various kinds amused the on-lookers until the dance began at the Armory. Oriental scenery formed a background for the Oriental costumed musicians and dancers made merry until the Tyros were called to the K. P. hall "for further instructions." The menu of the banquet was elaborate and besides other tempting things included "tiger meat."

This is said to be the most "dramatic" event ever staged in the local K. P. hall.

Independence Tyros who traveled the trail of the D. O. K. K. included:

Leland R. Erickson, James C. Collins, Dean Girard, Chester O. Sloper, Orren Seaman, M. C. Williams, C. D. Calbreath, James Jones, B. F. Swope, O. A. Kreamer, A. P. Black, W. E. Craven, G. F. Graves, Merl Nye, Virgil DeCoster, George Stapleton, R. M. Walker, Earl S. Butler, Geo. H. Wood, Gus Miller, Bayard Merrill, William McKinney, E. M. Young, Armine Young, Paul Scott, Verd Schrank, H. S. Rope, R. E. Porterfield, Clifford Wells, Frank Miller, R. J. McKinney, B. A. Lyday, C. W. Irvine, Thos. R. Smith, R. L. Jewell, C. B. Stephens.

## Civic Club Has Interesting Meeting On Wednesday

In the absence of Mrs. O. D. Butler, Mrs. H. B. Fletcher received the members of the Civic Club Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Clyde Ecker presided over a brief business session. Mrs. Fletcher gave enthusiastic reports concerning the committee's investigation for a club house site. A message from Mrs. J. S. Cooper extending her appreciation for the Easter post card shower was received. Mrs. Cooper was the first president of the Club and has always been a most energetic member. The study of Japan was continued by an interesting paper on Ise. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Oliver Smith on Wednesday, April 27. At this time Mrs. D. P. McCartney will present a paper on the temples of Japan.

## POLK COUNTY A BEAUTY SPOT

Orchard and Field A Bower  
Of Blossoms

Polk county! Have you seen it in the beautiful garb of spring? Have you motored or walked over it and breathed the fragrance of its blossoms and gathered your bouquet of wild currant blossoms, Oregon grape, trilliums, sarvis berry, dog-wood, etc., that carpet the hills? Have you looked, too, at the once despised weed, the dandelion, whose blossoms lend a spot of color? These blossoms in a seeded state offer diversion for the youngsters in deciding "when they shall go home." In another stage they make a fellow wonder "how he shall get home."

If you haven't motored over the beauty spots, there is no time like the present to make the resolution and take the trip itself. Take along a picnic lunch and you'll find the hills, the trees 'n everything wreathed in smiles of welcome. It's Springtime, the warmth of the air is telling you and the birds are caroling their sweetest melodies inviting you to come again. Right now the hills and valleys are carpeted with Spring's offerings of wild flowers; they are spread in a glorious multi-colored mantle everywhere, and in the fruit growing country. These magic carpets of wild flowers, where nature has been generous with her palette of green, are flanked by acre upon acre of cherry and apple trees in full bloom. And in the background, through the tangle of blossoming trees, Mount Hood rears its awe-inspiring peak, the sentinel of the great Northwest.

A more beautiful picture than prevails in dear old Polk county, especially in the communities adjacent to Independence and Salem, right now can hardly be imagined. And over it all there prevades a fragrance that is intoxicating. And motorists return home singing for the song of Spring is in the air.

## Eastern Star Ritualistic Work Last Tuesday Night

Eastern Star ritualistic work was followed Tuesday night by a very enjoyable program. Dr. H. C. Dunsmore, worthy patron, spoke very interestingly on the "Five Star Points." Mrs. M. J. Butler and Mrs. Pember offered a pleasing vocal number. Miss Heign Cornelius rendered a delightful piano solo.

## Monmouth Basket Social

To create a building fund for their new home, the Monmouth Rebekah lodge and the Odd Fellows of that place gave a box social last Friday night. The lot was purchased some time ago.

## "PLAY BALL" ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The baseball season will be officially opened in Independence Sunday afternoon when a Japanese team will cross bats with the Independence nine. Invitations have been sent to the Mikado, the President, Independence city officials and other distinguished personages to be present. As a preliminary, Sunday morning 555 Independence fans will carry the grandstand from the race track to the baseball grounds where at 12:12 p. m. it will be officially dedicated by Hon. Albert G. Williams who will smash a bottle of moonshine on the flag pole.

## Council Appropriates For Fire Equipment

At a meeting of the city council Wednesday evening an ordinance was passed appropriating \$4000 for fire equipment. A resolution was passed to pave the alley south from B street to the north side of Monmouth street. An ordinance was also passed to vacate a street in north Independence.

## RICHARDSON GETS HONOR

Marvin Richardson Gets Medal  
from French Government

News has just reached here that Marvin J. Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richardson, formerly of this place, has just received a French fourragere together with a citation bearing the signature of "Petain," general-in-chief, for bravery in action two years ago. Richardson is a student at O. A. C. and is a Junior in Industrial Journalism. He served with the 5th regiment of marines during the period in which his organization was twice cited in the French orders of the army. The citation reads in part as follows:

"For engaging in an improvised offensive on the 8th day of July, 1918, in the middle of the night, on a terrain unknown and very difficult, advanced in open order for two days, without being stopped by the hardships and difficulties of replenishing their food and water, with a remarkable order and tenacity, rolled back the enemy for eleven kilometers, capturing 2700 prisoners, twelve cannon and several hundred machine guns."

## Dollar Opportunity

\$1.00 Special  
1 Can Tomatoes  
1 Can Salmon  
1 Bottle Catsup  
1 Can Peaches  
1 Can Deviled Meat

Hard Wheat Flour \$2.70 Sack  
Soft Wheat Flour \$2.40 Sack

J. G. McIntosh Grocery

## As Much Fun as Playing Golf

A large number of the distinguished men of Independence mow their own lawns and enjoy it as much as if they were playing golf.

It is indeed a very pleasant task if you have a good mower and this store makes a specialty of good mowers. We invite you to inspect them.

WILLARD E. CRAVEN HDW.

## Was It Your Boy?

THAT wanted to see those New Suits? Well, they are here, and you can get a nice suit from \$7.50 to \$12.50

Bring him in and let us show you how well they are made for both looks and wear.

YOURS TRULY,  
**O. A. Kreamer**  
INDEPENDENCE, OREGON