

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Will Patton is visiting in Corvallis.

Ross Nelson and Chester Henkle visited in Corvallis Sunday.

Mrs. Robt. Herrert, of Oak Grove, visited with Mrs. C. Skinner last week.

Mrs. T. J. Newbill and two children of Portland, have been visitors at the Paddocks home.

Jason Byers has been making some substantial improvements to his home on 4th and D streets.

F. M. Skinner is spending a few weeks as captain of the Independence, Claud being away on a vacation.

For Sale—Full blood Jersey cow; be fresh last of January. \$65 if taken this month. Phone 771. 15-3.

Maurice Butler returned to Portland the first of the year where he is a student at the North Pacific Dental College.

Mrs. Robt. DeArmond returned last Friday from Portland where she has been under medical treatment for a month.

Meeting in V. O. W. hall Monday night at 8 o'clock P. M. to organize Good Temperance Lodge. Everybody invited.

Peter Cook, the merchant prince of Rickreall, was in Independence Saturday on business and reported conditions fine around his bailiwick.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Clyde Williams had the "Klose Tilloums" at their home on Railroad street Thursday evening. Mrs. Word Butler made the high score.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fletcher were royal entertainers on New Year's eve, to the "Autown" 500 club. The prize winners were Mrs. A. L. Thomas and M. Merwin.

Mrs. Claud Skinner gave a large whisky party on last Tuesday afternoon. Her honor guests were Mrs. Robt. Herren and Miss Laura Miller. Mrs. J. K. Johnson made the prize-winning score.

Mrs. Mary Canfield, of N. Dalota, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Quasdorf, has been very ill but is much improved at present. Her son arrived Sunday to accompany her home when she is able to make the trip.

On the evening of January 8th, 1913, married at groom's home in west Independence. Mr. Livingstone Sumpter, and Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Creson. Dr. Dunsmore of Calvary Presbyterian performed the ceremony in the presence of a few intimate friends of the contracting parties. Their many friends unite in wishing them a long life, with all joy and happiness, and hearty success in all their undertakings.

A joint installation of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs was held in their hall last Tuesday night. The following officers were installed for the Odd Fellows: W. T. Hoffmann, N. G. O. A. Kremer, V. G. Fred Hooper, Secretary; Willard Craven, Treasurer; J. W. Wittse, Warden; Homer Wood, Conductor; S. T. McElmurry, Chaplain; W. H. Walker, I. G.; L. Damon, O. G.; Chas. Hootley, R. S. N. G.; L. S. N. G., Per-

cy Dickenson; R. S. V. G., Dr. Hora; L. S. V. G., W. F. Campbell; R. S. S. R. Hackerman; L. S. S. Mr. Myers.

The Rebekah officers installed were: Mrs. Arthur Moore, N. G. Bessie Craven, V. G.; Hattie Henkle, Secretary; Nettie Bohannon, Treasurer.

The members of General Gibson Post No. 64 and W. R. C. No. 42 met in their hall on January 4th, to install the officers of the Post and Relief Corps for the ensuing year as follows; Commander, T. J. Fryer; S. V. Commander, C. A. Dick; J. V. Commander, John Brown; Chaplain, Rev. L. M. Butler; Officer of the day, C. Bascue; Quarter Master, C. S. Rockwell; Officer of the Guard, J. W. Kelly. The officers for the Corps were; President, Loma M. Ewing; S. V. President, Lavilla Cooper; J. V. President, Amanda Johnson; Secretary, Eliza Ewing; Treasurer, Janie Bascue; Chaplain, Margaret Russell; Patriotic Instructor, Lydia Howard; Press Correspondent, Eliza Ewing; Musician, Pearl Johnson; Assistant Conductor, Lydia Howard; Assistant Guard, V. A. Heath; Color bearer no. 1, Maggie Finch; Color bearer no. 2, Oliva Fluke; Color bearer no. 3, Sarah Jarvis; Color bearer no. 4, Vernellia Cook.

After the installation of the officers. The ladies of the W. R. C. served a lunch which was enjoyed by all present.

The officers of the Knights of Pythias were installed Monday night as follows: C. C. Eley Fluke; V. C., W. S. Kurre; Prelate, Peter Kurre; M. of W., M. Goetz; K. of R. & S., J. W. Richardson; M. of E., W. L. Bice; M. at A., H. E. Heath; I. G., C. D. Calbreath; O. G., C. W. Richardson.

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Garnet McCrow was a Dallas visitor last week.

J. E. Yoakum was a Dallas visitor Thursday and Sunday.

Miss Coffee, who is teaching school at Independence, was a visitor at the home of John Brown and wife, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Groom was the first person to send a package by parcel post from this town, which was a package of prunes.

John Dugnan and Even Jennings made a business trip to Dallas last week.

H. J. Elliot was a Dallas visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Meeke and son were Dallas visitors Saturday.

Miss Hazel Duignan was in Dallas Friday and Saturday of last week.

Mrs. Charlie Snelling returned home Tuesday morning from Willamina.

Misses Elsie and Wanda Keyt were Dallas visitors Saturday.

Fannie Kayt was a Dallas visitor Tuesday.

Robert Mitchell and wife returned from a visit in Lagrande.

per. All present reported a very pleasant ture.

Lee Conner and wife returned from Le Grande Friday morning.

Mrs. Gordon Watt visited friends in Perrydale last week.

Mrs. John Duignan and daughter Hazel were visiting relatives in Amity Wednesday.

Mrs. Walter Domes of Bethel visited at the home of her parents here Sunday.

The Independence post office reports an increase of 23 per cent in its totals the year just closed, over that of the year before. Not so bad an indication of growth.

Sunny Slope a Good Section

Farmers are planting and raising more fruit. This section has rich and productive soil adapted to all kind of fruit and berries. No extremes of heat or cold affects the fruit of this section. Prunes raising is getting to be the predominate fruit and it is more profitable than other fruits.

During the last year many acres were set in prunes and among those going into this industry more or less we mention A. J. Shipley who has several hundred trees heeled until spring Allen Johnson who is grubbing his place, preparatory to planting 10 acres; Noah Heffley who plans a prune orchard; he also has 3 acres of new peaches.

Strawberries, loganberries and other crops are receiving attention.

Charlie Osborne cleared a part of his farm and will plant it in grain.

The farmers have done considerable building during the year. Mr. Miller erected a new barn and house; Allen Johnson a small house; Lafe Johnson a poultry house, and an addition on his barn; Elmer Allen a smoke-house, George Heck two poultry houses, and Dan Calbreath a poultry house, John Walker a woodshed.

The school house has been remodeled new floor and roof built, and new side walk in front.

R. M. Basley addition, C. Nelson a barn and cannery, he cans his fruit, Dick Ogle an addition to his house, William Riddel cement walk and Fishback Bros several hundred rods of wire fencing all showing a prosperous community.

D. M. Calbreath is our main poultry specialist being a raiser of and fusions H recently added new stock to his blue ribbon winners, getting several chickens from Indiana.

For several weeks negotiations have been carried on between citizens of Independence and O. H. McClellan and associates for the location in Independence of the plant of the western Glass Co., at this place.

A GLASS FACTORY

He stated the company planned being in operation by September and would employ 150 people.

We understand they will secure their sand from the Columbia river territory and have material that grades almost pure for glass purposes. They have manufactured some glass from this sand which proves a fine quality and had samples here.

They are attracted to Independence because of the amount of land available for a factory in a desirable location, and also by reason of both adequate water and rail transportation being accessible, with completing lines assumed.

Hanna Brothers Sell Hardware

Wm. Cackle and Sloper brothers purchased the stock and will take charge the first of February. The plant will be invaded at once. The new purchasers are men of character and standing, old time residents with good business ability and many friends and will build up a good trade. The store is a large one and involves considerable money. Mr. Cackle sold his farm just a short time ago and has been making his home in the city since that time.

Gravel Pit Purchased Here

Herbert Wallace, a cement contractor of Portland purchased five acres of gravel below town from Dave Hedge Thursday. Mr. Wallace says that, owing to the combination and trust methods in Portland it is necessary to get gravel independently, and that he has secured this gravel pit for contract work he expects to do. He will load some on scows and float it down the river, but he expects to use much in this section.

He said "Independence will be a good town with that new mill, a railroad through to the coast, the electrification of lines under way, and the new glass factory here this place will add more than 500 people in a year." He was acquainted with McClellan and stated that he had a fine proposition, worthy of consideration and as valuable asset to any town.

Zed Rosendorf Dead

Zed Rosendorf one of the oldest business men of this city died at Portland Jan. 8, at the age of 64 years. Mr. Rosendorf had been failing for some time and the death was not a surprise. He had many friends here, was an Odd Fellow a long standing. Funeral services will be held in Albany Friday, Jan. 10th, 1913. The local lodge sent a delegation to be present and take charge of the services.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

John Lee, a pioneer of 1847, is dead at his home in Forest Grove. The finest poultry show ever held in Oregon City was opened Saturday at the armory. County Clerk R. D. Allen of Marion county was found dead in the Y. M. C. A. swimming tank at Salem. Francis H. Irwin of Hood River committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. John Francis Smith, one of the earliest and best known pioneers of Aurora, died at Salem, aged 84 years. C. E. Ferro, city marshal of Flor-

ence, is accused of accepting a bribe and is now under \$300 bail to appear in court.

Charles Mecklinburg, an insane plasterer, who kept officers at bay for two days, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head at his home in Eugene.

Thomas Harding, a prominent writer of the middle west for half a century, and author of the poem, "Remember the Maine," is dead at Oregon City, aged 89 years.

More than 50,000 prune trees, representing an approximate expenditure of \$7500 by the people of Dallas and vicinity, have been received at Dallas within the past three weeks.

Burglars entered two hardware stores and a newspaper office in Springfield, securing loot amounting to about \$300 from the stores, but taking nothing from the newspaper office.

School children of Oregon will join in signing petitions to President Wilson asking that the battleship Oregon be designated to lead the first fleet that officially goes through the Panama Canal.

Judge Galloway in circuit court at Salem granted a writ of mandamus ordering State Insurance Commissioner Ferguson to grant a license to transact business to the Union Life Insurance company, of Portland.

Rev. W. F. Reagor, of Portland, is the first president of the parliament of Christian churches for the northwest, having been elected the official head of the new organization at the business session held in Spokane.

C. F. Rowell, of Dallas, was fatally injured when an engine on the logging road of the Portland Lumber company overturned and pinned him beneath where he was literally cooked by steam following an explosion of the boiler.

Frank S. Fields, clerk of Multnomah county, was honorably acquitted of the charges preferred against him by William L. Finley, state game warden, of failing to turn over to the state treasurer certain game and fish license funds.

The permanent endowment fund of \$250,000 for Albany college was completed on New Year's day. Of the total sum, \$120,000, including James J. Hill's donation of \$50,000, came from the east. The remaining \$130,000 was raised in Oregon.

In the year just closed the Sinslaw Creamery company at Florence, a cooperative concern with 82 patrons, handled 97,718 pounds of butter fat, which brought something like \$34,000, a sum, if equally divided, of \$414 apiece for the patrons.

W. R. Mead and Ed. Hermen have been arrested at Baker on the charge of arson. Mead has confessed to setting fire to the White studio. His supposed purpose was to destroy competition, as he was the owner of the Elito studio, of that city.

Coyote hides to the number of 2725, wildcat pelts 268, with 187 bobcats and 7 lynx, comprise the kill of predatory animals in Multnomah county in 1912. Bounty warrants totaling \$6069 have been issued to hunters and trappers in the 12 months.

Private, but authentic, advice from Salt Lake City indicate the transfer, Jan. 1, of all property and construction work vested in the Oregon Eastern railroad company from the ownership of the Oregon Short Line to that of the O. W. R. & N. company.

The supreme court has affirmed the decision of the circuit court of Benton county in the case of George and Charles Humphrey, convicted of murder in the first degree for killing Mrs. Elizabeth Griffith. The men will pay the death penalty for their crimes.

Herman Poch, rancher and hide dealer, was slain at his ranch near Prineville by his 23 year old step son, Gaylord McDaniel. Poch had accused McDaniel of improper relations with his mother, Poch's wife, which so enraged the boy that he rushed into the house, secured a shotgun and fired a charge through Poch's right breast.

An event unique in Oregon annals and the most noteworthy in the history of the state was the tribute paid to ex-governors, their wives and widows, by Governor West at the state house New Year's night. The barrier corridors were transformed into places of light and beauty and the rooms were crowded with men and women whose lives have been intertwined with the history of Oregon for over half a century. In the receiving line were the wives and widows of those who have occupied the executive chair from 1866 to the present time. Thousands attended the reception.

Taft Presides at Political "Wake."

New York.—President Taft presided here Saturday night at what he styled his own political "wake." He made the funeral oration over his political corpse; asked modest praise for the deeds that he did while he lived in the White House, recited at length the causes that led to his "demise," and attacked the enemies he held responsible for his taking off.

APPOINTMENTS TO CABINET UNDECIDED

Princeton, N. J.—President-elect Wilson has made clear that nobody in the United States knew as yet who was going to be in his cabinet, or what could be the program he would suggest for the next congress. He declared he had not offered a single cabinet portfolio to anyone thus far, and had reached no conclusions as to plans for the extra session. Mr. Wilson said that, while he had canvassed a variety of subjects and

had talked over many names with democratic leaders, he had not given an intimation either as to his selections or his course with respect to legislation. He indicated, however, that he expected the extra session would not be devoted exclusively to tariff making, and said he would specify in a special message some of the subjects upon which he would like legislation.

The President-elect admitted he was finding the task of cabinet making difficult. He said he would delay announcements until he could name his entire cabinet.

British Consul Dead

Portland.—James Laidlaw, British Consul at Portland for the district embracing Oregon, Washington, Idaho Montana and Alaska, and for 42 years a resident of this city, died of peritonitis at St. Vincent's hospital Sunday night, following an illness of ten days.

F. J. SHEPARD



Finley J. Shepard, the St. Louis railroad man engaged to marry Miss Helen Gould.

Brief News of the week

Chicago will spend \$65,000,000 in 1913.

Bradstreet's report 253 business failures the past week, as compared with 322 in the previous week.

During the week legislatures will convene in numerous states and many new governors and other officials will be sworn into office.

The first annual convention of the Women's National democratic league assembled Tuesday in Washington for a three days' session.

Italy has followed the lead of Egyptian railways, and has placed an order for 200,000 tons of coal in America, while she has also invited tenders for a large quantity from the Yorkshire mines.

News comes from San Francisco that the California-Atlantic Steamship company has failed, with liabilities of \$300,000. A merciless rate war, when freight rates were cut to \$3 a ton, is given as the cause of the failure.

Postmasters in the second, third and fourth-class offices throughout the country are hailing the newly established parcel post service with expressions of delight, for it is sure to increase their annual receipts and consequently their salaries.

The United States steel corporation is to extend the sphere of its manufacturing operations into Canada. Judge Gary has just announced that construction will soon begin on a plant at Sandwich, just opposite Detroit, to cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000.

A call has been issued for a progressive conference of representatives of Michigan, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota at St. Paul January 24. The call was signed by the state chairman and national committeeman from each state named. The object is to decide on desired state and national legislation.

People in the News

United States Senator Jeff Davis died at his home in Little Rock, Ark. James R. Keen, the noted financier and horseman, died in New York. He was 78 years old.

Luther McCarty, of Springfield, Mo.

shattered the heavyweight championship ambitions of Al Paizer, the Iowa giant, at the Vernon arena in California.

Louis R. Glavis has resigned from the secretaryship of the California state conservation commission, following charges brought against him by Surveyor-General Kingsbury.

The Russian imperial crown prince, stabbed a few weeks ago by a nihilist, and who it was thought was doomed for life, has completely recovered his health and returned to his studies.

General Edward Morwin Lee, once acting governor of Wyoming, and a relative of Robert E. Lee, died at his home in New York. In Wyoming he signed the first bill giving women the right to vote.

Following funeral services in New York, the body of Whitehall Reid, late ambassador to Great Britain, was laid at rest in the vault of Ogden Mills in Sleepy Hollow cemetery at Tarrytown, less than 100 feet from that of Washington Irving.

Captain Amundsen, discoverer of the south pole, is to be the guest of honor at the annual banquet of the National Geographic society, which is to be held in Washington Saturday night. Rear Admiral Peary of North Pole fame will act as toastmaster.

George Harwood, a laborer, unearthed \$37,000 in gold while digging a trench near the village of Olesby, Okla. Harwood's possession of the wealth, however, probably will be of short duration, a state law requiring that such funds be surrendered to the owner of the land.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Railroad Laborers Quit Work Marshfield.—Excessive charge for inferior fare and accommodations, charge for hospital fees, inflated prices for goods sold by the contractors, bad working conditions and employment under misrepresentation are reasons alleged for the strike of a number of laborers employed on the construction work of the Willamette-Pacific by Copenhagen Bros., contractors, at the Gardiner end of the line. The men quit work this week.

Blehi Found Guilty of Fraud Portland.—After brief deliberation, a jury in the United States court found A. Blehi guilty on three of four counts of an indictment charging him with fraudulent use of the mails in exploiting the Columbia River Orchards company. Blehi is liable to a sentence of five years in the federal penitentiary on each of the three counts.

STATE DEBT IS SMALL

Cost of Running Oregon 2 Years was \$5,240,704.

Salem.—During the biennial period from October 1, 1910, to September 30, 1912, the office of secretary of state issued warrants aggregating \$2,240,764.84, according to the biennial report of Secretary of State Clark. Outstanding warrants on October 1, 1910, amounted to \$3,371,359.98, 1912 outstanding warrants at the close of this biennial period amounted to \$307,198.90.

The only outstanding indebtedness is a small amount of "Certificates of evidence of allowance of claims," and "Certificates of indebtedness," issued according to law and for which appropriations will have to be made by the legislature.

The total amount of revenue required for state purposes for 1913 was estimated at \$2,982,900.00, which included \$33,795.00 for the normal school at Monmouth. Of this amount \$497,293 were receipts from indirect sources, such as fees, licenses, etc., and \$1,385,615.84 was raised by direct taxation.

For 1912 it was estimated that \$3,656,633.66 would be needed, of which \$592,817.91 came from indirect sources and \$3,063,815.75 came from direct taxation.

Gun Clubs Organize State League Eugene.—Represented either in person, or by proxy, delegates from the gun clubs of Eugene, Portland, Salem, Albany, Ontario, Joseph and Coquille City met in the rooms of the Eugene commercial club and organized a state league for the promotion of sport.

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