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NEWSPAPER LECTURE WELL ATTENDED

"The Newspaper in Your Town" was the subject of an address at the Star Theatre Friday evening by Eric W. Allen, professor of Journalism in the University of Oregon at Eugene.

Mr. Allen maintained that it was almost impossible for a town to make itself successful as a business and home community of the best type unless the people could get together and support the local paper by giving it their advertising and their interest, telling the editor the little things that happen and helping instead of freely criticizing. He said that a well supported paper meant as much to any town as well supported churches or schools, and could do as much for the people.

"The country editor usually hasn't much to say for himself," he added, "and makes one think he cares only for what he can make. But as a matter of fact there is not a man anywhere who does as much public service for the town week after week and who asks so little in return."

About seventy persons were present at the meeting which was arranged by Professor Gauntt for the Stayton Development League.

SURPRISE PARTY

A very pleasant birthday surprise party was held at the J. H. Anderson home in this city on Monday evening of this week. The occasion was Mrs. Anderson's 62nd birthday, and after an evening of jollity seasoned with refreshments brought by the guests, they all wished Mrs. Anderson many returns of the day.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Schaefer and son Cecil, Mr. and Mrs. A. Caspell and daughter Lucile, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Shook and baby Lorna, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Blakely, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Huntley, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Anderson, Mrs. Henline and Mrs. Carrie Beauchamp.

Geo. Bell and wife were down from Sublimity Tuesday.

MISS THERESA FEHLEN WINS 1ST: MISS JUNE KEARNS WINS 2ND.



Miss Theresa Fehlen

Miss Theresa Fehlen, winner of the Stayton Mail \$300.00 Stafford piano is a second year high school student, and will give the instrument, won by the help of her fellow students, to the Stayton High School. She is a young lady of personal charm and popularity and is to be congratulated upon the honor conferred upon her by her friends and the school.



Miss June Kearns

Miss June Kearns wins the forty-five piece silver set, second prize, given by the Thomas-Mayo Co.

Miss Kearns enjoys the distinction of being the first graduate of the Stayton High School. The picture above was taken at graduating time last year.

Miss Julia Rohwein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rohwein of Jordan, Linn County, wins the fourth prize, a fine New Royal sewing-machine, given by Korinek & Mielke, hardware and implement dealers of Stayton.

Miss Rohwein no doubt will take great pleasure in her prize that was won by herself and the efforts of her friends.

Mrs. F. I. Jones wins fifth prize, a fine phonograph given by Beauchamp's Drug Store.

Mrs. Iona Blakely wins sixth prize, a gold wrist watch, given by C. A. Luthy, Jeweler.

Mrs. Frank Hamman wins seventh prize, a phonograph, given by Lancefield's Shoe Store.

Complete count on last page.

REBEKAH LODGE HAS BIG MEETING

About forty members of the Rebekah lodge gathered at the I.O.O.F. hall last night, and after a short business session the meeting was turned into a social gathering.

A short program consisting of games, and music by the Stayton orchestra filled in the gap until supper time, which was served "a la beche" by the male members of the committee, and consisted of three courses: ice-cream and cake; cake and coffee; and sandwiches and coffee. Lots of fun and jollity marked the serving of each course, which, by special arrangement gave different partners during the entire luncheon.

The crowd left for home about midnight voting the entertainment a success in every particular.

GOPHER AND MOLE BILL BECOMES LAW

It is with great pleasure that we print this week the full text of a bill that originated in and was pushed to the passage by the Sublimity Commercial Club. The bill was introduced into the legislature by assemblyman, Thos. Brown of Salem.

Perhaps there is no single thing that affects the farmers of Marion County more than the ravages of the gophers and moles, which destroy thousands upon thousands of dollars worth of crops annually in this county alone. The Commercial Club of our neighboring town is to be congratulated upon this success. The full text of the bill follows:

"A Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of bounties upon gophers and moles in Marion County, Oregon, and for the levying of a tax creating a special fund for the payment of same.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

Section 1. The County Court of Marion County, Oregon, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to levy a tax not to exceed one-tenth of one mill on a dollar of the assessed valuation of the taxable and assessable property in said county each year, for the payment of bounties upon gophers and moles taken and killed in said county.

Section 2. The funds derived from said tax shall be placed in a special fund known as the Gopher and Mole Bounty fund, and the County Clerk of said Marion County shall pay as a bounty for every scalp for every mole or gopher produced and examined at his office, by drawing a warrant against the special fund created by this Act, at the rate of 10 cents for each and every scalp. Thereafter said scalp shall be destroyed by said clerk.

Section 3. During the year 1915 said warrants may be paid out of the general fund of said county, and during the year 1916 said general fund shall be reimbursed out of said special fund in this Act provided for, and thereafter out of said special fund exclusively.

Section 4. At any time there is a surplus at the end of any year, of the funds in said special fund the County Court may transfer any part of said surplus to the general fund of said county.

BIG LOAD OF BUGGIES

Willis Hamilton pulled in with his truck last Saturday with probably the biggest load of buggies ever brought to Stayton. The load was consigned to Korinek & Mielke of this city, and consisted of the World Famous Banner Buggies of St. Louis. The above firm has them on display at their store on Third Street, Stayton.

W. J. Hewitt is on the sick list.

LOCAL MAN GETS LETTER DIRECT FROM EUROPEAN WAR ZONE

Mr. John Thoma of this city is in receipt of a letter from an old schoolmate of his, John G. Meyer, who is an agent for the International Harvester Co. at Breslau, Germany.

Mr. Meyer and Mr. Thoma went to school together in Genesee, Idaho. Below are a few extracts from the letter that may prove of interest to the readers of the Mail:

"Breslau, January 20th, 1915.

"Dear friend John:

"Your letter of November 22nd, 1914 was just received and I was indeed very pleased to hear from you, since so long a silence. I thought you had forgotten your old school chum in this space of time and being so far away from the U.S.A.

"John! Letters are few and far between now since war broke out, I receive but little mail, as a good portion is sent back to America, and so you can feel sure your letter was appreciated very much, and should be glad to hear from you again.

"I could have guessed your question and was right regarding the War question. Indeed John it's no easy matter to write or try to give you information of any kind by letter, because all letters go thro' the Censor's hands, and this may cause letters not reaching you when containing any War news, so I would rather not say anything regarding it. You no doubt have looked at the map and can easily find Breslau, Posen, Thorn, and Bromberg, along the Russian boundary; well I have traveled this part the whole length of time since War was declared and I can say, I have realized but little that the war was on, only a little inconvenience in train connection etc. otherwise everything is going and taking its usual route. Although the Russians have advanced to the German border, several times and also in East Prussia crossed the border, they have been forced to retreat and with awful loss in captured, wounded and dead. The first advance and real battle in German territory was one of the greatest victories Germany has had; they captured alone 90,000 Russians, enormous amounts of cannons and war material besides the enormous loss of men. Up to date there will be about 350,000 Russians as prisoners of war, not including the tremendous loss of dead and wounded. Also the Austrians and Hungarians are brave soldiers, and have saved Germany in many respects. The soldiers have the greatest ambition and courage, and go into a battle with death or victory, and until now and as far as I am able to judge victory is theirs; from all sides the Russians have been forced back to Warsaw and the people have all come to the conclusion that Russia

will never be able to advance and cross the German border. The French and English have also had awful losses especially Belgium and all Belgium, except a small portion is in the hands of the Germans. There has been only a small portion of Elzas, which has been crossed by French troops, but this does not seem of any importance.

"How things will advance further I can't tell, I know little or nothing, we can only follow the German official reports. It often gives me a pleasure to watch the French and German reports. They contradict each other, but the German proves to be right in most instances, and the German official reports are and have been proven true. It's too bad that America does not get all the German official reports.

"The price of living has gone up a little but the advancing prices are fixed by the Government, so it is not so bad, this will no doubt also be the case wherever a person may go. I have sent daily papers to my parents and have received word that they received them.

"John, if I am not mistaken you are married, already for some time, any small ones? I am still a bachelor, but have just about fallen into the "Knot that binds" but have so far escaped. I felt I would like to settle down, but I have not found the proper lady, but before I come to America, I am sure I shall be lucky enough to bring my companion along. There is nothing better than Home Sweet Home! I will make my home, I am sure in America. How does Genesee appear to you now? Have any changes taken place?

"I see John, you have advanced very rapidly and no doubt have a good position, one to be proud of. Has the price of lumber raised any in the last 5 years? Lumber is very high here.

"Weather conditions are about the same here as in Genesee, this year and now we have had a good deal of rain, and the Hoidays indeed were very dreary. You can't imagine John, how good a fine turkey dinner would taste, but here they don't celebrate Thanksgiving, so I have no turkey.

"Say, John if you meet Uncle Sam just tell him to keep his hands away from War, it's a terrible thing, I see awful sights here now. I think they are all praying for peace.

"Must come to a close for this time, and be good and let me hear from you again and if you see acquaintances tell them, Hello."

"I wish you success and happiness.
Your friend,
John Meyer.

Misses Wanda and Wava Brown were week-end visitors with friends in Salem.

CHAS. GEHLEN

General Merchandise

To Our Patrons:-

We desire to announce that beginning March 1st, we shall put our business on a cash basis. This will enable us to operate our business at less expense, and by so doing we shall be able to sell goods at a lower price than under the credit system, and assure those who give us their patronage the lowest possible prices.

We shall handle produce as before. Thanking you for your patronage in the past, and hoping for a continuance of the same, I am

Yours truly,
CHAS. GEHLEN, Stayton, Ore.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR PRICES NEXT WEEK



Home Made Candy

Right Here in Stayton!
Why send away for a product that can and is

CANDY

being made here at home at the Gem Confectionery of the purest and best ingredients on the market. They are only sold with a guaranteed quality.

Tobacco Coupons

Redeemed in your own city at no cost for postage or registration. Bring your coupons to me, I have over \$200.00 worth of premiums on hand now. Magazines and Newspapers.

J. A. HENDERSON, Proprietor,
GEM CONFECTIONERY

LOCAL PEOPLE ATTEND C. E. UNION CONVENTION

The twenty-fourth state convention of the "Oregon Christian Endeavor Union" was held, in the Christian church, in Eugene February 19-21.

Practical conferences, inspirational platform programs, and a deep spirit tone to the whole convention were the leading features of the three day session. The chief speaker being the national worker, Karl Lehman.

The people of Eugene know just how to welcome those within her gates. The Commercial Club provided autos that the delegates might view the city. The freshmen boys took the delegates through the state university, also the Bible school.

Misses Bessie Wade, Wilma Ware and Nora Crabtree represented the local C.E. society, from the Christian church.

MANY CHANGES ARE TO BE MADE BY THE SLOPER DRUG STORE

Many changes are to be made in the reorganization of the Brewer Drug Co. into the Sloper Drug Store by V. Dare Sloper the proprietor of the new concern.

This is one of the oldest drug stores in this section of the country and under the new owner will be put into first class shape in every respect.

Preparatory to this, the building will be moved to the south a few feet and

will front on both streets in the near future.

New goods are arriving daily and the owner Dare Sloper is ready at all times to fill your prescription in a scientific and accurate manner.

The interior of the building will be renovated and together with the stock which will be most complete, will be put into an attractive and salable shape. You are invited to call and see them whether you buy or not.

Royal Worcester Corsets

NONE BETTER

\$1.00 to \$2.00

BON TON CORSETS

\$3.50 to \$10.00

You will find these Corsets of the Latest Style, and best workmanship When in this store ask to see the Latest Models

Suits Made to Measure

We have the Agency of the Royal Tailors And will take pleasure in showing you the Sample Line

Thomas-Mayo Co.