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VILLAGE SMITHY CLIMBS STAFF SAVES FLAG

Just as Henry W. Longfellow's "Village Blacksmith" stood under the spreading chestnut tree" of long ago, so stood W. A. Cladek, Stayton Village Blacksmith, under the town flag-pole Sunday night. The purpose of Longfellow's Village Blacksmith in standing under the chestnut tree was simply to furnish a setting for the beloved bard of our youth to paint a poetic picture, but not so with Bill Cladek.

Bill leaned against that stately fir—one hundred and fifty feet high—and looked at the slender top. It seemed to reach into the very Heavens like the finger of Omnipotence parting the clouds. At the very top of that giant of the forest floated the Stars and Stripes. And just below the national emblem the Victory Loan banner won by Stayton in the recent drive flapped in the breeze.

Bill scratched his head with the same deliberateness that the Longfellow blacksmith pumped his bellows. It seems that in attempting to lower the flag and lean banner during Sunday's gale, the rope snapped and Old Glory and the Victory Loan Emblem were at the mercy of the elements. Worse yet, it looked as though the old flag would be whipped to shreds before arrangements could be made to have the pole taken down.

Bill went home and thought it over. With the same spirit of determination that fired the blood of Columbia's imperial sons in their charges "over the top," Bill decided—well, not exactly to go over, but to go to the top and rescue Old Glory or die in the attempt. The flag-pole is but seven inches at the base and tapers gracefully to less than two inches at the top. No one would dream that it would carry a man's weight above the centre, but Bill was fired with patriotism and was willing to take the chance. And with the modesty that has characterized American heroism from the time when Washington's barefooted ragamuffins wrote the charter of our liberties with the bayonet on the backs of King George's buccaners down to Roosevelt's climb up San Juan Hill, Bill slipped from his bed in the wee hours of Monday morning, before the village folk were up and around, and when the cock crowed and the milkmaid swung up the lane with her three-legged stool in search of the brindle cow with the crinkled horn, there stood the village flag-pole pointing straight at the heavens—but Old Glory and the Victory Loan Banner were not there. Unseen and unsung, the village blacksmith had rescued the flags.

All honor to Bill Cladek. No need to take down the village flag-pole so proudly erected by patriotic Staytonites. On Memorial Day, on July Fourth, on all Natal holidays in fact, Bill Cladek will go to the top with Old Glory, and Stayton's Village Blacksmith will go down in history just as Longfellow's Village Blacksmith has lived in the old third reader throughout the years.

M. M. Fink, of Jordan, was in Stayton on Tuesday. Mr. Fink was with the 77th New York Division over seas. In the battle of the Argonne Forrest he was twice wounded. Mr. Fink was but recently discharged from the service.

JAPANESE OPERETTA A GRAND SUCCESS

Quite different from anything ever presented here was the Operetta, O Hara San, given by the members of the Stayton High School Chorus, last Friday evening. This proved a decided success in every sense of the word.

The Japanese idea was well carried out in the gay costuming, as well as the stage setting, the scene being in a Japanese garden. The noted cherry blossoms were abundant as well as the wistaria hung lattice work, all of which seemed to harmonize so exquisitely with the music.

Those taking part in the operetta had been well instructed under the able direction of Mrs. J. F. Lau, as was seen by the manner in which they carried their parts, and great praise is due all of them.

The total receipts for the evening was over fifty dollars, and after a few expenses was paid the proceeds will be used partly for an outing trip to Silver Creek Falls for those in the cast, and the remainder will be given to the Gym fund.

FORD ACCIDENT

While driving a Ford car near Kingston Tuesday evening, Miss Anna Roidt had the misfortune to have the car turn over with her.

The car sustained slight damages in the form of a broken windshield, bent top and radiator but not badly broken, and fortunately no one was injured. O. M. Baker of Kingston, was in the car at the time of the accident.

Popular Artcraft Star Has Charming Role in New Artcraft Photoplay Based on Bret Harte's Famous Story.

The next addition to the list of notable characterizations of Mary Pickford which in recent months have made more secure than ever her fame as the greatest of all screen stars, will be Bret Harte's western masterpiece, "M'liss" which was adapted by Frances Marion and produced under the direction Marshall Neilan.

In the title part, "America's Sweetheart," is the untutored, unkempt child of the hills, caring for her dissipated father, and gradually succumbing to the refining influence of the new school teacher, but the trend of the story is far from being passive. "Banister" Smith is heir to a large estate for the possession of which Jim Peterson is conspiring. He has Smith murdered by a Mexican bad man, and Charles Gray, the school teacher, is arrested as the assassin. M'liss assists in Gray's escape, the subsequent establishment of his innocence, and the love existing between them is thereby cemented.

The play is filled with strong dramatic action and the heart appeal is irresistible. Supported by an excellent cast of players, Miss Pickford's characterization in "M'liss" will doubtless rank as one of the best she has essayed since "Tess of the Storm Country." "M'liss" will be seen at the Star Theatre next Wednesday and an exceptionally fine production is assured.

O. M. Baker, of Kingston, reports the sale of a Cheverlot 1-ton truck to Herman Foltz, and a Cheverlot touring car to James Smith. Mr. Baker started to Portland this morning to drive the truck here for delivery. He was accompanied by T. O. Archer.

J. W. MAYO ATTENDS BANKERS MEETING

Mr. J. W. Mayo, of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Stayton, made a trip to Albany Tuesday, where he attended the meeting of the State Bankers Convention, Group 2. There was a large representation from the various counties, and Mr. Mayo was elected Secretary of the Convention. He reports the roads in bad condition. He was accompanied to Albany by his family.

GOOD ROADS BOOSTERS HELD BIG MEETING IN STAYTON

Proposed Bond Issue Was Ably Discussed by Hon. J. S. Stewart—Meeting Unanimously In Favor Of Bonding County

If the enthusiasm and earnestness evidenced at the Stayton Good Roads meeting, held at the Star theatre last night, is a fair index to the general sentiment of the people of Marion County on the bonding issue, Wednesday's special election will roll up a wide majority for the Good Roads proposition.

The meeting was presided over by George Keech. Henry Downing, of Sublimity, was first introduced and he outlined briefly the proposed bond issue. Hon. J. S. Stewart, State Representative from Wheeler County, was the principal speaker. Mr. Stewart is one of Oregon's most progressive citizens, and through his direct connection with state affairs he has been in close touch with the Good Roads movement throughout the nation, and with all matters of public moment.

In presenting the bonding proposition that is to come before the people of Marion County next Wednesday, he went into every possible phase of the question; his fair and open presentation of the matter and his minute discussion of every detail left no room for doubt as to just what the bond issue means, just what the distribution of benefits will be and the absolute fairness and equity of the bond issue.

At the conclusion of Representative Stewart's address, opportunity was given any person in the audience to question the speaker or to invoke further discussion of any point he had failed to make clear, but no one took advantage of the opportunity. It was apparent that the speaker had covered his subject so thoroughly that there was no room for doubt as to just what the

bond issue is and if anyone in the entire audience was opposed to the proposition there was no evidence of the fact.

At the close of the meeting a "rising vote" was taken to determine the sentiment of those present. Practically everyone in the audience arose to their feet when asked to signify whether or not they approved of the bond issue, and while a few did not vote either way, no one stood when asked to indicate disapproval of the measure.

As election day approaches, interest in the proposition of bonding the county for better roads is becoming general. The progressive citizens of Marion County are aware that some showing must be made by the home people before we can expect any state or federal aid in the Good Roads work, and there is little doubt in the minds of those who have canvassed the situation that the election on Wednesday will show a handsome majority for the bond issue.

Throughout the entire nation "Good Roads" is the slogan. It is the war cry of prosperity. The development of a community depends largely on its road facilities and this fact has been so thoroughly demonstrated that there is no argument against the proposition. There is no richer section of the state than that comprising Marion County and with bettered roads for the marketing of produce and the carrying on of our various industries, the money expended in bettering road conditions will come back a hundred fold. The community with good roads is always prosperous.

ANNIVERSARY MEET OF SALEM ODD FELLOWS--REBECCAS

Stayton was well represented at the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Introduction of Odd Fellows into America, which was held at Salem last week. Cheverlot Lodge No. 1, being the first Lodge organized in Oregon, it was fitting to the lodge that Salem should be the place of holding the grand lodge in 1919.

There was a large delegation of members. They came from every corner of the state and were loud in their praise for the hospitality shown them at Salem.

Stayton Lodge No. 64 and Eva Rebekah Lodge No. 92, were well represented, which speaks well for Odd Fellowship in Stayton and the principles of the order.

The principal representatives of Eva Rebekah Lodge were: Mrs. Horace Lilly and Mrs. W. H. Hobson, and the Representatives of Stayton Lodge No. 64 were: Ben Schaefer and A. Caspel. W. A. Weddle being an officer in the Grand Lodge, was at his post.

The parade was certainly a magnificent affair. Several hundred Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were in line and made a splendid showing of the order of the state.

Those attending from Stayton report one of the most pleasant outings that they have had in many a day.

Where will you spend Eternity? A revival meeting will begin in the M. E. Church, Stayton, on Monday, June 2nd, conducted by Rev. R. Byrner, one of the best Evangelists in the state. On week days the meetings will commence at 8 o'clock p. m. On Sunday's at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. A free seat and a free hymn book for everybody. Special singing and music. A piano will be used.

BAILEY BUYS HAMMAN TRANSFER BUSINESS

Yesterday a deal was consummated whereby Mr. Bailey purchased the transfer business from Joseph Hamman. Mr. Hamman's stage business has grown to such proportions that it will require all of his attention and he decided to dispose of the transfer business. Mr. Bailey will assume control of the business at once. The phone number of the new management is 2251.

Rebeccahs Meet

The Rebecca Lodge had a meeting and initiation services last Tuesday evening at the I. O. O. F. Hall.

The Lodge voted to give all those children who took part in the May festival, "When Polly Was Queen," a picnic in the grove next Saturday afternoon, and they request that all who can be present.

Talented Paramount Actress Seen as Swedish Girl in Wallace Reid's New Play.

Dainty Ann Little, the co-star of Wallace Reid in many Paramount pictures, has a charming role, that of a Swedish girl in a logging camp, in "The Source," Mr. Reid's latest Paramount photoplay, which will be shown at the Star Theatre Saturday.

Miss Little always is an excellent actress and as Svea Nord in this picture, she does some of the best work of her screen career. She meets Van Fyveler Yerd, a drollish through drink, and when he submits to degrading punishment at the hands of a savage boss without offering resistance, she treats him with scorn. She displays the girl's staunch character vividly as she watches the metamorphosis of Yerd from the wreck of a man to a strong, vigorous, whole-souled chap, whose manliness finally wins her love.

Both Mr. Reid and Miss Little are finely supported in this splendid production. The photoplay was directed by George Melford and it promises to be one of the finest of Mr. Reid's repertoire of picture successes.

The Student Body recently met to elect their regular officers for the coming year. Those elected are as follows: President, Wallace Smith; Vice-President, Wava Brokn; Secretary-Treasurer, Dean Watters; Sergeant at Arms, Mildred English; School Reporter, Maysel Montgomery.

Wallace Smith, who received the office of President, only recently returned from Siberia where he has been doing service for Uncle Sam. The day after Wallace's home-coming, he gave a very interesting and much appreciated talk in the assembly concerning his experiences not only while in Siberia, but also during his trip to and from that country. Everyone is indeed glad to see Wallace back again and they are now looking forward to when William Smith, who left at the same time and striking in design, and each claiming who was also in Siberia, will return.

One of the most enjoyable entertainments that it has ever been the pleasure of the class of 1919 to attend, was the reception tendered them by Miss Margaret Miller, last Monday evening at the Henry Smith home.

Every one was requested to wear their old clothes and some of the costumes indeed brought many a laugh from the others.

The first part of the evening was spent in completing what was called a magazine romance. Papers had been prepared for all those present, on which were written a romance with many blank spaces to be filled in with names of magazines.

After this, neat booklets were handed out on the cover of which was written the name of one of the class members. In these booklets the life history of the boy or girl was to be told by pasting pictures and cartoons into the book, cut from various magazines.

Delicious ice cream and wafers were later served, during which time corsage bouquets of white and lavender sweet-peas made up with fern, were presented to the girls, and "button-hole" bouquets of the same flowers to the boys.

During the evening Miss Miller took a flashlight picture of the group. Those present besides the members of the class were: Mrs. J. F. Lau, Mrs. Lloyd Tegart, the Misses Selma Schuff, Wilma Ware, and Verna Shank, the Messrs. North Smith, Wallace Smith, Worth Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and the hostess, Miss Margaret Miller.

Following the custom of previous classes, the Sophomores last Tuesday morning presented a picture to the Saviour to be hung in the Assembly. The picture, one of President Wilson, is indeed a beauty and will have a place of honor on the assembly walls.

TWENTY-ONE STUDENTS ARE GRADUATED

The largest class ever graduated from the Stayton High School received their diplomas at the school auditorium last night. There were twenty-one young people in the class, all of Stayton. The list of graduates is as follows: Caryl Ruble, Leona Sander, Josephine Lambrecht, Cecelia Mielke, Margaret Schaefer, Ruth Roy, Nona Fulton, Meryl Mulkep, Gladys Hamman, Eva McClellan, Beryl McLaughlan, Marion Alexander, Rose Hottinger, Lynn Neal, Carl Ruble, Lawrence Mulkey, Lewis Kearns, Leo Weir, Roy Follis, Edwin Keech and Edward Warren.

Those who received scholarships are as follows:

Williamette University Scholarship awarded to Beryl McLaughlan; Roy Follis, alternate. The Conference College Scholarship, giving the privilege of attending Albany, Philomath, McMinnville or Pacific Colleges, or the Pacific University, awarded to Leona Sandner; Ruth Roy, alternate.

Full particulars regarding the class day program of yesterday afternoon and the commencement exercises last night, will be given next week.

Typewriting certificates were awarded to students of the various classes last Monday. The certificates were given by Typewriter Companies for speed, as follows:

Rose Hottinger, 42 words per minute; Cecelia Mielke, 45; Ella Spaniol, 45; Leo Weir, 43; Mabel Frank, 45; Meryl Mulkey, 43; Albert Lulay, 42.

"JIM JAM JEMS" EDITOR VISITS HERE

Ye editor and family have been enjoying a pleasant visit this week from Sam H. Clark and wife, of Bismarck, North Dakota. Mr. Clark is editor of the world-wide known "Jim Jam Jems," published in the Dakota Capital, and is a brother of ye editor. They arrived Tuesday from Montana where Sam has mining interests.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Services at Stayton. Morning service: Sunday School at 10, followed by preaching and the Lord's Supper at 11. Sermon, "What Will Save the Church of Today from Stagnation?" This is a practical message of applied Christianity. Evening services: Christian Endeavor at 7, followed by preaching at 8. Sermon, "Why Have a Church of Christ (Disciples) in Stayton?" You are invited to all of the services.

Services at Kingston. There will be preaching at 3 o'clock in the afternoon Sunday. Sermon, "The Unconditional Surrender to Christ." Everyone invited. A good old time live gospel service.

ARTHUR A. HARRIMAN, Minister.

ALBANY EDITOR TO TALK GOOD ROADS

There will be a road meeting at Kingston on Saturday evening, May 31st. Editor Jackson, of the Albany Democrat, will be the main speaker. The meeting will be held in the church and will be called to order at 8 o'clock. Mr. Jackson is a good speaker and will comb the road question from top to bottom. You should there when the meeting is called to order.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Beauchamp made a trip to Scio on Tuesday, where Mrs. Beauchamp will visit her mother, Mrs. A. Summer of Melford.