STAYTON, MARION COUNTY, OREGON, THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 1919

THE STAYTON MAIL

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H. C. DOWNING **GETS LETTER** FROM SPAIN

* H. C. Downing received the following letter this week from Madrid, Spain. The letter was held up by the post office authorities with the instructions to Hostmaster Alexander to jet Mr. Downing open the letter in the office -read it but not to take it away from the post office.

On the envelope was stamped-Supposed to contain matter prohibited importation, Sec. 656, P. L. & R. New York, N. Y. 1 D.

Mr. Downing is at a loss as to who the party is that wrote it and where they got his name from. Mr. Downing spent 16 years in Central America some time ago but does not know any one over there who had that much money at one time. Just what the letter means is baffling both Mr. Downing and the postmaster. The letter follows: Madrid 24th, 1919

Dear Sir:

Being imprisoned here by bankruptcy, I beseach you to help me to obtain a sum of \$360,000 I have in America being necessary to come here to raise the seizure of my baggage, paying the register of the court the expenses of my trial and recover my portmanteau containing a secret pocket where al have hidden two checks payable to bearer for that sum.

As a reward I will give to you the third part, viz:

\$120,000. I cannot receive your ans wer in the prison, but you can send a cablegram to a person of my confidence who will deliver it to me. Address as follows:

Calvert Montera 18 segunds Madrid, Accepted Downing. Awaiting your answer to intrust you

all my secret now, I sign only R. de S. First of all answer by cable, not by letter.

BACK FROM



LINN ALSO IN LINE.

Oregan Historical Roelety

Albany, Ore., June 4.-The proposal submitted to the voters of Linn county in Tuesday's special election to bond the county for the construction of market roads has apparently carried two to one

MARRIED

On May 24, 1919, Roy Clayton Ferguson and Cora Geal Gilbert were married at 12 o'clock at their own home in Salem, Rev. D. C. Beven officiating, using the ring ceremony. There were forty guests present, mostly relatives. Following the ceremony they were all taken byauto to the home of the groom's parents, where the wedding dinner was served.

Miss Gilbert is one of Marion countie's successful teachers. Mr. Ferguson who was raised in Stayton, is a bookkeeper in the State house. He is a nephew of Mrs. Joe. Hamman of Stayton. The couple received many valuable presents.

Return of the Ox. The ox as a beast of burden is con

ing into its own again in the farming communities of Maine and the oxsling and apparatus used by blacksmiths in shoeing the animals, long ago thrown into the discard, is in use again. The sling consists of a rude frame of timber into which the animal is fastened ; by a pillory. Straps are then drawn under the body, the ends being made

the rising value of feed is having

DOWNING DAY

Ed Downing, born and raised north of

Sublimity, had a birthday Sunday. He

was Si-x-t-y-f-o-u-r L-o-n-g years old

that morning-and he knew it, but did

not dream that anyone else in the world

realized the event-like he did himself.

He was at home and after doing the

morning chores he sat himself down and

began to look back-back to when he

became of age. In telling this story to

STAYTON VOTES HELP GOOD ROADS MEASURE

It went just as we expected- means volumns to Stayton and way over the top and now we immediate vicinity.

are in a fair way to have smooth Following is the vote cast in roads for our tin lizzie to roll on the two precincts in Stayton: in the near future.

The voth received in favor of Measure No. 300- 85 bonds here in Stavton and vacinity means that the people are tired of poor roads and are getting wised up to the fact that they should get out of the old rut and onto good roads.

Stayton and vicinity is known as a part of the bread basket of of the world. The farming conditions and water power together with the rich soil has long been looked on as the future money-

making section of the state. Our only drawback was poor roads.

The Mail in particular, wishes to thank the wide awake citizens who had the project in charge in this section, for their untireing efforts put forth before election. The satisfying results



There will be a meeting of the wool There will be a meeting of the growers at Shaw Friday evening, July citizens of Stayton in the City Introduction.......Carl Ruble, Class Pres. gun at the rock on which he was stand-fast to upper timbers of the traine. In blacksmith shops 20 years ago the how many fleeces can be depended on- for the purpose of re-organizing Quartet slings were common. Oxen are less A meeting was held Monday evening the Commercial Club. Stayton Gladys Hamman, Maryan Alexander, flesh of his foot. He was taken to Mill and there was a large attendance. John equally as useful on small farms and Smith presided and C. J. Hunt acted as used to have a commercial club Roy Follis, Edward Warren.

POLK VOTES BONDS.

Dallas, Ore., June 4 .- Polk has lined up with the good roads movement that is sweeping the state and incomplete returns from the various precincts in the county indicate that the voters in the county went as strong as 10 to 1 in favor of the county road bonds in yesterday's special election.

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For Against Prepare to Meet Thy God 223

365 154 150 the revival meetings in the M. and plenty of cats. Arriving about 6:30 122 E. Church next week. Hours of or 7:00 they found old houses, which on 129 services -Sunday 11 a. m. and account of wet weather they soon oc-155 8 p. m. Week days 8 p. m. eupied.

126 There will be no services on Sat-68 urday. Can you afford to miss 79 these services, seeing souls being to find the wather fine, only quite cold. 147 saved? You want to hear Broth- About 7:00 everyone started on a hike

A large crowd attended the first sen-

the state resulted as follows: don't. you?

Measures passed: Six percent road amendment; Roosevelt high-**1919 SENIOR CLASS** way bill; soldiers' educational

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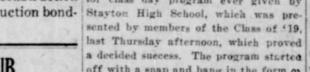
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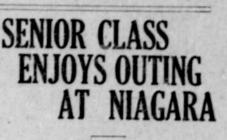
bill; market road tax bill; irrigation interest guarantee measure. Defeated: Lieutenant governor amendment; reconstruction ior class day program ever given by ing back to camp. Everyone was back bonding bill; reconstruction bond- Stayton High School, which was pre-



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a burlesque Senior Jazz Orchestra, a de- had little success. TO BE ORGANIZED musical.

Orchestra



Serial No. 1156

One of the most enjoyable week-ends ever was spent by the Senior Claes and their guests at Niagara last week.

After being disappointed one week un account of rain, they decided to go if the rain was coming down in torrents. On Friday, May 30, amid showers a plenty, they got ready to leave and about 4 o'clock, in the afternoon the Rev. R. Brymer will continue cars left Stayton, loaded with pienickers

In the wee small hours everyone finally closed eyes in deep slumber, and at Final result of the election over er Bryne preach and sing solos, up the river a few miles, to what is known as The Narrows, which is where the Santiam river flows through a place only a few feet wide. After elimbing giant rocks high above the water, they ascended to the railroad track high DAY PROGRAM above them. Part of the party went on up the steep side of a hill, several hundred feet, striking a fire trail, and com-

by noon, and after dinner enjoyed a sented by members of the Class of '19, marshmallow toast. Fishing and hunting were both tried. a decided success. The program started but despite the fact the river was full off with a snap and bang in the form on of fish and some deer were seen. they

cidedly amusing feature, but not so The worst accident on the trip occurred Saturday evening, when part Following is the program as given: of the party were on the river. Eugene ... Senior Jazz .. Ware, starting to fall, discharged his

flew up, burying themselves in the

City hospital where they were remov-

ing amendment.

Roy Kelly, who went with Uncle Sam's boys about eighteen months ago, is back home again and has been receiving the glad hand from his many friends-not because he won the war, but because his friends were glad to see him. 41.

Roy was in training only a short time-when the head boss of the 'pick out the good men" division found that Roy was the right man in the right place, and Roy was shipped across. The verbal picture that Roy paints

would "set your blood a boil'in," but as Roy puts it. We're all back home again.'

Roy will work with his father in the saw mill this summer.



Ted Taylor has sold his interest in the Stayton Electric Light Company. H. J. Rowe, who has lately acquired stock in the company has purchased Mr. Taylor's interest, and is the present superintendent of the plant.

As the writer passed through Stayton the first of the week on his regular trips in search of advertisements (which he don't get) he could hear on all sides: "Ted Taylor has sold out!" four.' and that his familiar "swag" will not be seen on the streets of Stayton as often as of old.

Ted furnished light for "US" when was a crime for him to do so, but "WE HAD THE LIGHT '-- it kept a bachelor and our town was small and he was so fat and chunky-And Nobody Loves a Fat Man"-that he just whittled away and let the chips fall where they will. The result was established in Stavton.

Ted Taylor has accomplished some thing that has not been done in Staybroader ideas than Ye Editor, who worked on the defeated railroad project-Ted knows it but he is just the kind of a "Guy" that knows when the rope is tight-and he said the first of the week-'fl'll leave it to you, ily and his remarks seemed to help the The Senior Cass is the largest ever

dear friend?" Say, Ted, we don't wish you asy bad luck, but we'd like to see you stay in town.

much to do with the comeback of the ox as a work animal. OVER SEAS SUNDAY WAS wool to sell will come prepared to tell

have this fall.

Found an Executive. The boys in a small Indiana high

school desired a football team, but got no encouragement from their principal, who is a young woman. Finally they asked her if they could hold a meeting to organize a team. She gave her consent, but offered no comment other than, "I'm afraid you boys aren't good enough executives to manage such an

affair." The next morning they told her the result of their meeting. "We organized our team," they said, "and, remembering what you told us about needing good executives, we elected you captain."

The Mail reporter, Ed. said: 'I didn't come here and I min't goin' away-I'm DEAN STRAUB, U. OF O. just as young as I used to be and I ain't IS MAIN SPEAKER right smart but I ought ter be. I've seen young folks come and young folks

go, but I can beat 'em all yet, when it comes to the hoe." Right here he stop-The Commencement exercises of Stayped and looking around he found that ton High was held last Thursday eventhere were a number of his friends that ing. The auditorium was packed by new he was a year older than he used friends of the graduates, who came to to be. His home was soon filled with witness the step that brought their high important fact that the Ford Moelatives and friends who came to pay school days to a close, and to congratutheir respects to him. The number was late them upon their achievement. thirty and the day was pleasantly spent Dean Straub, of the University of

world.

Ed received some very pretty pres- Commencement address, which was folent and feels very grateful to the don- lowed, by a talk by Prof. C. F. Grover, ors fer their thoughtfulness -and as we after which Mrs. J. M. Ringe sang a passed him he said: "Gee whiz-I hope beautiful vocal solo. Mr. A. D. Gardner, chairman of the

they repeat this when I'm twice "sixtyschool board, presented scholarships to Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. the following:

T. B. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Down- Willamette University-Beryl Meing, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Downing, Mr. Laughlin; alternate, Roy Follis. and Mrs. Elmer Downing, Mr. and Mrs. Conference college scholarships with A. J. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hunt, the privilege of attending Albany, him up late at night-but then he was Mr. and Mrs. Albaugh, Mrs. Mary Huat, Philomath, McMiunville, Newberg, or Mrs. Matilda Lillilund, Alice Thompson, the Pacific Colleges-Leona Sandner Mrs. Bertha Eliasson, Mrs. Genevieve alternate, Ruth Roy.

Patton, Mrs. Alice Downing, Mrs. Clar- Diplomas were given to: Ruth Roy, ence Downing, MrA. Lucile Downing, Leona Sandner, Josephine Lambrecht, that there was an electric light plant Mrs. Carrie Downing, Mrs. Rachel Hunt, Caeilia Mielke, Margaret Schaefer, Messrs. A. L. Downing, Walter Down- Lynn Neil, Carl Ruble, Edwin Keech, ing, Earl Downing, E. B. Patton, Gar- Gladys Hamman, Nona Fulton, Lewis ton for a long time. In fact he has land Cox, Joe Burton, Marion Downing, Kearns, Meral Mulkey, Leo Weir, Ed-

Jr., r d H. C. Downing. During the meeting in the afternoon McClelan, Roy Follis, Lawrence Mulkey, W. H. Downing spoke-recalling stunts Rose Hottinger, Beryl McLaughlin and done by different ones of the near fam- Carvi Ruble,

older ones get back to the young days. graduating from Stavton High, and it It was a meeting that will not soon has been a class that has done much For e forgotte - by those present. Ithe Stavton High School.

a large number at the meeting Friday conflict with Germany. It is the night. It is requested that all who have intention of the citizens to get After the program Dean Straub of back in line again and show the the University of Oregon, made a very just how many fleeces that they will

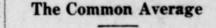
H. Thoma is Secretary. It is hoped there will be a large at- RATTLE SNAKE? SURE tendance.

Mosquito Fleet.

Among naval men the mosquito fleet is known as "the second line of defense." It is used in protecting the

fortifications and harbors along the rattle snake on Monday-and coast line, and, like the insect from which it is named, annoys the enemy in what's more I saw it with my nificent, and weather was grand Saturevery way, at the same time preventing own eyes. the possibility of a blockade. In the war against Germany the British navy was augmented by several thousands of small and sometimes very speedy Monday afternoon, had to turn Hottinger, Ruth Roy, Meral Mulkey, vessels, and to this mosquito fleet, manned chiefly by naval reserve men and fishermen, the admiralty paid tribute for its patient and laborious own eyes.

work in laying and sweeping up mines, chasing submarines and patrolling the home waters.



No stronger evidence of the tor car has become a veritable

part of the life of the people, this part of the bread basket of the for many years, the Dean of Men, and in the registration records of the ing perfectly, and I didn't want REBEKAH LADIES a very splendid speaker, delivered the various etates which comprise

our country.

up the snake. Henry said, after being closely For instance, in the month of January there were 11,450 cars questioned, that he remembered the time, and the place and of all makes registered in the "there was no girl in the song". State of Montana, of which 5,790

were Ford Cars. This means it was a "SNAKE." one Ford car for every other car, of every make and 130 over. Wilson Not To Leave For This proportion is very evenly maintained in the other forty-seven states. There are more than

6,000,000 motor cars in operation * in the United States, more than * one-half of which are Fords. Truly, Henry Ford has been a

great factor of benefit to humanity as he has brought the most ward Warren, Maryan Alexander, Eva economical solution to the great problems of transporation, and by the fruits of his genius has link- a a + * * * * * * * * *

> ed town and country, community JUST WHAT YOU WANT may be. to, community, and made the offered in this week's want ads at a remembered with ice cream and whole country a common meet- bargain. It's a good idea to look cake. Mrs. J. W. Mayo furnishing place for all the people. -Adv. them over every week.

Stayton High (song) H. S. Students A number of the young people were

HENRY DOWNING SAID SO

seen at Gates Saturday evening. Sunday morning about 10 found sevoutside world that she is awake, interesting talk on the benefits and eral of the campers starting for the

George Keech is presidedt and J. ways and means of a college education. snow line, about eight or nine miles away, up - the mountain. On getting about half way they turned back, and

willingly, Two boys went on, reaching snow, and when they arrived at camp late that night, all they could do was to say "I'm here." The rest of the party got in about 4:30, and having

Henry Downing-stand up and had no dinner were tired and hungry be sworn-??:-Yes sir-I saw a from their mountain elimb.

The scenery around Niagara is magday and Sunday and very reluctantly That's enough. Henry Down- the five carloads of young people left ing, while returning from Salem for Stayton Sunday evening about 9:30. Those enjoying the outing were Rose out of the road for a "RATTLE Margaret Schaefer, Gladys Hamman, SNAKE"-and he saw it with his Eva McClellan, Wilma Ware, Caryl Ruble Cacilia Mielke, Lynn Neal, Carl

The reptile was basking in the Ruble, Lewis Kearns, Edward Warren, sun by the side of the watering Errest Aegerter, Albert Croisant, Lawtrough that is located this side rence Mulkey, Edwin Keech and the of Salem, and when Henry spied chaperons Miss Margaret Miller and "His Highness," he gave him a Proi. C. F. Grover.

wide birth. Henry can see a Everyone came back covered with snake farther than any of "US"- sunl urn, and quite tired, and wishing and especially when he is coming an invitation on the next senior week end. home from Salem-but as he

ENTERTAIN CHILDREN

The party given by the Rebekah lodge on Saturday afternon for the children who took part in the May Festival exercises was an enjoyable affair. On account of the rains it couldn't be held in the grove, so all gathered in the I. O.F. O. Hall at 2 p. m. where they played games until 5:30. Being the birthday of little Elvena Pancoast the ladies on the committee surprised her with a nice cake decorated with eight candles which delighted all present, and the chil-* dren decided that true happiness consists in making others happy. Constance Beauchamp being ill was unable to attend, but was ed the music.

America Before June 13 Washington, June 4 .- (United Press.)-President Wilson has little hope of leaving for home before June 13, according to private information received here today. He plans to visit Brussels before his return. It therefore appears likely that he will not be back in Washington before the end of

said: "My Chevrolet was work-

to say anything to it-I passed

this month at the best.