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Octogenarian Passes Away

Dies on the Sixtieth Anniversary of Her Wedding.

Last Monday afternoon Mrs. Julia A. Parker passed away at her home at Gladstone at the age of 79 years, 5 months and 14 days. The direct cause of her death was a stroke of paralysis, which together with other ailments incident of old age resulted in her death. A remarkable coincidence of her death was the fact that she died on her wedding anniversary, having been married to Asa Parker just 80 years before to almost an hour.

Three children and her husband are left to mourn her departure. They are A. F. Parker of this city, Rev. Gilman Parker of Alameda, Cal., and Mrs. Julia Fisher of Demorest, Georgia. None were present but the first named when she died.

Mrs. Parker came to Oregon with her husband some 12 years ago and has been a resident of the Willamette valley ever since. She was a good woman, a devoted mother, and for thirty-five years had been a consistent member of the Baptist church. The funeral services were held at the residence at Gladstone Tuesday afternoon by Rev. J. H. Beaven, of the Baptist church, and the interment took place in the Mountain View Cemetery immediately after.

A petition is being circulated and numerously signed, asking the city council to provide a board sidewalk across the canyon from the head of Seventh street to the cemetery. The proposed walk will shorten the distance to the cemetery for foot travelers quite a bit and should be built.

Ladies cordially invited to attend the millinery display at Red Front Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26. The prettiest goods. Eastern prices only.

ALL HANDS AROUND

The Firemen's Banquet Well Attended and Greatly Enjoyed.

On Wednesday evening at Willamette Hall the firemen and ex-firemen of Oregon City gathered and had a right royal good time. The occasion was the celebration of the Cataract Hose Company, in the election of one of their members, Hon. Howard Brownell, as chief of the fire department of Oregon City for the next year. A good time was enjoyed and good fellowship prevailed.

Dr. W. E. Carl was selected as toast master and presided in his usual fascinating manner. The Maccabee Quartette sang in their best voice and manner, and possibly they never appeared to better advantage. In fact it is hard to beat the Maccabees at any stage of the game. They are two-minute horses and can go a full mile. Speeches were made by Mayor Grant B. Dinick, Fire Chief Howard M. Brownell and others.

The refreshments consisted of sandwiches and other things too numerous to mention.

Mr. R. W. Kelsey, the well known local option speaker, accompanied by W. Eugene Knox, the inimitable impersonator, supported in song by others, will hold a meeting in the M. E. church on Saturday evening, March 26. The object of the meeting will be to stir up sentiment in favor of the proposed local option law.

In our millinery display the prices please and the beautiful Easter hats more than please. First class millinery and dressmaking in charge of Mrs. M. A. Thomas. E. C. Hamilton, Red Front.

See the Courier's special campaign offer in another column. The Courier two months for 15 cents or seven months for 60 cents. Don't fail to take advantage of the offer.

A Lenten Feast

May be had from the Dainty Viands We have to offer. Smoked Salmon, Bloaters, Finnau Haddies, French Sardines. Salmon Steak, Kippered Herring, Fresh Eggs, Hot House Lettuce, Pie Plant and other things delicious and tempting. Headquarters for the finest brands of Canned Goods and the Highest Grades of Teas and Coffees.

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Punctuation Means Much

Semicolon in Place of Comma Might Have Cost State \$800,000.

Salem, Or., March 19.—"The following property, if owned by a householder and in actual use, or kept for use, by and for his or her family: household goods, furniture and utensils; two cows ten sheep, five swine, and the tools, implements, apparatus, team, vehicle, harness or library necessary to enable any person to carry on his trade, occupation or profession by which such person earns his or her living to the amount of three hundred (\$300) dollars, the articles to be selected by such householder; provided, however, that when the assessed valuation of the personal property above enumerated shall amount to less than three hundred (\$300) dollars, then only such amount as the total of such property herein enumerated shall be exempt from taxation."

The above paragraph is section 8, or the last paragraph of House bill No. 23, as enacted by the special session of the Legislature, held in December of the year 1903, and more familiarly known as "the Shelley tax exemption act." Whether it was his intention or not, it is thought that Mr. Shelley, a member of the House of the Legislature from Lane County, when he introduced this bill before the Legislature, intended that the householder should be exempt from taxation to the extent of \$300 only, whether it was household goods or other personal property, but, by a simple manipulation of punctuation points, all household goods, whether they be valued at \$300 or \$3000, are exempt from taxation under the act as it now stands and \$300 worth of other personal property besides.

This act, not becoming of effect until March 23, and all property being subject to assessment on March 1, does not affect the assessment for the year 1904, and the exemption law not being in force it will make a difference of about \$800,000 in revenue to the credit of the state; but if this act is allowed to stand as it now reads it will operate as a loss to the state to the extent of more than double that amount in the total revenue from taxation for the year 1905.

This condition is brought about through the simple process of punctuation, and the whole effect of this section of the act, had it been the intention of the author to make each and every taxpayer exempt from taxation to the amount of \$300 in personal property, is changed by the simple insertion of a semicolon after the clause "household goods, furniture and utensils," instead of a comma, as it no doubt was intended to be.

An examination of the original bill, as introduced in the House by Mr. Shelley, reveals the fact that the mistake, if so it was, was contained therein, and it cannot, therefore, be charged up to the committee on enrolled bills nor against the printer. This bill, drawn up as hurriedly as it was passed by the Legislature, has been the source of no end of trouble and worry to Mr. Shelley, for, it will be remembered, he was in such a hurry to have this bill prepared, having lost the first bill which he had taken so much trouble and pains to prepare, and passed by the special session in order that the taxpayer could get the benefit of it this year, he forgot to attach an emergency clause of the whole bill.

It is probably fortunate that he did forget to put in the emergency clause, for, had the act gone into effect in time for this year's assessment, the state would have been the loser thereby, in the amount of revenue accruing from taxation. As it now stands, the Legislative Assembly will convene in January of 1905, in plenty of time for the punctuation to be rectified, simply by inserting a comma after the word "utensils" where now exists a semicolon.

Lumber Mills Shut Down.

Seattle, March 22.—With lumber selling \$5 per thousand lower than it was a year ago, 157 of the mills in the Northwestern States have shut down to await the decision of the transcontinental railroads on the petition for a 40-cent rate into Missouri River territory. Other mills running are staking up their lumber to await a market demand.

Milmen claim that present market conditions will not justify their operating plants permanently. They are confident that the transcontinental lines will grant the rate asked for, and many of those who claim to be operating at a loss are piling up their lumber in the hope of obtaining a new market.

Snap—Seedless raisins 7½ cents. Oranges and lemons 1c, bluestone 6½c, bulk oil \$1 for 5 gallons. E. C. Hamilton, Red Front.

Chrown From Electric Car

Albert Knapp, Prominent Citizen and City Councilman Sustains Serious Injuries.

Albert Knapp, a prominent saloon keeper of this city, and a town councilman, was seriously injured last Thursday evening in Portland by either falling or being thrown from a car.

Mr. Knapp was on his way home and was nearing the bridge across the Willamette. A discussion is said to have arisen between him and a conductor when the latter seized him by the collar and threw him off while the car was in motion. Mr. Knapp sustained a fracture and he was taken to a hospital. He will be detained there several weeks before he is well.

He says the conductor was entirely in fault and he proposes to bring suit against the Oregon Water Power for damages just as soon as he gets well enough.

Y. P. S. C. E. Social This Evening.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Presbyterian church will give an entertainment and social this evening at Shively's Opera House. The following programs has been arranged:

Selection.....Cook's Orchestra.
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Reading.....Prof. W. Gilbert Beattie.
Solo.....Miss Grace Marshall.
Dialogue, without words.....
.....Miss A. Horn, Mr. Geo. Calif.
Reading in pantomime....."He Tailor-made Gown."
.....Mrs. A. Matheson, Mrs. E. L. Scott.

Solo.....Miss Maysie Foster.
Reading.....Mrs. E. L. Scott.
Selection.....Cook's Orchestra.
Reading.....Mrs. Morton Doty.
Violin Solo.....Mr. George Anderson.
Pantomime....."The Cannibal and the Skeleton."

From a Socialist's Viewpoint.

Are the union printers justified in the strike in the Courier office? If we have been rightly informed we think the union's action was premature.

A person told me that one of the employees said to him that the Courier was a losing game and that there would be a strike shortly if the union employees knew that the manager was running the paper at a loss. We think it a very grave injustice to the paper, and to the union as well. Can it be possible that union men would do such an unjust act? We are informed that the Corporation's Auxiliary Company has spies in the unions, who are the loudest-mouthed union men and are continually stirring up strife. Better examine, boys, and ascertain if there is one in your ranks. What will the result be if the public finds that the Courier is being exploited by the union? It will not only cause a growing sentiment against the printers' union, but all unions. The union man must understand that business under this system is run for a profit, and if your demands are in excess of the profit the business will necessarily have to be suspended, and you can go tramping for another job, or else the business man will have to look out for graft to succeed. Oh, my brother, will you never learn that this road of competition is unfit for human progress, that fully 90 per cent fall into the seething abyss and become wage slaves or tramps?

Let me make an illustration. I am a farmer on a small scale. Now, I can't raise wheat at less than 50 cents per bushel labor cost, allowing myself \$1 per day for labor and board myself. Suppose the laboring man would demand \$1.50 per day and board. We are told that wheat can be raised by big machinery for four cents per bushel allowing labor \$1.50 per day. What would the result be to the small farmer? Go out of business, of course. This rule will apply to all other small business. Then when all small business is supplanted by large concerns, then we will have the trust in its full glory. When this is accomplished do you want to be a party to it? What good will your union do you? Perhaps you will think I am unjust to the union. Why don't I try my ballot? Say you shall have the full product of your toil. Do you vote that way? Stop striking at your neighbor and strike at the ballot box. Vote for Socialism. Yours truly, W. W. MYERS.

Land Quickly Taken Up.

Nine and a fractional sections in township, 10 south, range 11 west, were thrown open to settlement at the Oregon City Land Office at nine o'clock Tuesday. The track embraced more than 6000 acres, and all the land was filed on with the exception of a quarter section by the 34 applicants who stood in line for an hour before the office was opened.

The land, which is located in the Siletz reservation, was opened to settlement under the provisions of the homestead law, and was taken almost entirely by Salem and Albany people. Two similar tracts in the same section of this land district will be opened to settlement on April 6 and 13, respectively.

Bryan Journeyed to Chicago

Where He Was Closeted With William Randolph Hearst.

Chicago, Ill., March 22.—No incident of this campaign has created more of a stir among the Democrats than the unexpected appearance today of William Jennings Bryan. Whether he came to Chicago for the expressed purpose of meeting William Randolph Hearst could not be learned, but it is known that soon after his arrival at the Sherman House Mr. Bryan joined the candidate for President and they were together a long time.

The news that Bryan and Hearst were having a conference quickly spread to all the Democratic centers and caused speculative comment among the politicians. All sorts of stories were current at the headquarters of the Democratic State Committee and the Chicago Democracy in the Sherman House as to the objects of the conference. It was said that Bryan came here at the request of Mr. Hearst to talk over the situation and also to discuss the question of taking an active part in the general management of Hearst's campaign. Neither of them would divulge the subject of their conversation; nor would they admit that there had been any kind of a conference.

One of the stories afloat was that Mr. Hearst has asked the Nebraska leader to become his mouthpiece at St. Louis, and present his name to the National Convention. Another was that they are trying to form a combination that will enable them to control the nomination as well as the convention.

On learning that Hearst and Bryan were in Chicago, Chairman John P. Hopkins, of the State Committee, came out with a denial of the report, recently exploited, that he was opposed to Mr. Hearst's candidacy, and would do every thing within his power to prevent him getting delegates in Illinois. "I have taken the position," he continued, "that the State Committee has no business to mix in these pre-convention contests. I said so two years ago when the Committee made me its Chairman. I said so six weeks ago at the love feast, and I say so now. I am not opposing any candidate, nor am I going out to make a fight against Mr. Hearst. He can have the delegates if he can get them."

Palm Sunday.

The services at the Congregational church next Sunday will be especially appropriate to Palm Sunday. The pastors theme for the day will relate to thoughts pertaining to the entrance upon Passion Week. Special music is being prepared. In the morning the choir will sing "God's Love Shows." Mr. V. Harris will sing "Palms" at the evening service and the choir will render Danks' "The Green Hills Far Away."

Rude Boreas Breaks Loose

Worst Storm in Years Visits Willamette Valley Resulting in Much Loss.

Last Saturday night was the worst this part of the Willamette Valley has experienced in a good many years. The elements were in commotion. The wind howled and shrieked around the street corners, wrecking awnings, tearing down swinging signs and smashing windows.

The storm began early in the afternoon and continued until late in the evening. Many shade trees on the hill-tops were uprooted, while from all over the country reports indicate that much damage was wrought. Houses were twisted out of shape and in some instances blown down. Fences were wrecked and roadways blocked with fallen timber.

Not since 1880 has there been such another wind storm. No lives were lost but property damage in the county was considerable. One of the principal items of loss will be to the county clearing the roadways of the fallen timber. Ernest Randa, the County Surveyor, drove in from Marquam while the storm was at its heights. He experienced much difficulty in making the trip. The air was full of flying branches of trees while the timber was cracking and bending all about.

At Gladstone a new house in the course of construction was blown down. At Risley's on the Oregon Water Power Railway, a big tree fell across the track, breaking a trolley wire and suspending traffic for several hours.

Portland was directly in the storm center. Fully \$50,000 worth of damage was done in that city. Other towns in the valley suffered as much in proportion to population and size. People who were out on the street at a late hour experienced difficulty in getting to their homes. It was a wild, tempestuous equinoctial storm, such as visits this valley but once in a life time, and while it was considered a terrific storm here, in some of the eastern states it would have been but a gentleephyr.

Lake May and his crew of men who went to Five Islands to plant cottonwood trees last week, returned Wednesday evening, after having about half finished their work. They were forced to suspend operations on account of the extreme wetness of the ground. The trees planted there last year by the paper mill are doing well though under several inches of water.

The revival meetings at the Baptist church continued with undiminished interest. There have been a large number of converts up to date. Evangelist E. W. Neal, who is doing the preaching, is a powerful exponent of the Word, and Pastor Beaven and the church are rejoicing in seeing many turn to the Lord.

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