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## SCHOOLS GO IN FOR SPRING GARDENING

BOARD DECIDES TO CANCEL INSURANCE POLICIES HELD BY GERMAN COMPANIES

The Oregon City Public Schools Industrial association has been organized among the pupils of the two grade schools and the high school and its existence was officially recognized at a meeting of the board of directors last night. The purpose of the association, as outlined to the board by City Superintendent F. J. Tooze, is to encourage thrift among the pupils and to interest them in gardening work.

Each member of the association will plant a home garden and in addition a number of lots about the city have been secured for the work. It is not to interfere in any way with the activities of the Girls' Honor Guard, Mr. Tooze says. The association will be supervised by the principals of the three schools and the city superintendent. Especial attention will be paid to the growing of potatoes, corn, onions and beans. Plans to prevent the failure of any plot cultivated have been made. If a pupil shows a lack of interest his work will immediately be assigned to another pupil.

At its meeting last night the school board took what it called a patriotic and economic step when it ordered all insurance policies on schools held by German companies cancelled at once. All German policies will be turned over to American companies and as other foreign companies' policies mature they will be taken out in home companies.

### PUPILS WRITE ESSAYS

Road Bond Workers Offer Prizes to County School Children

Clackamas county school children are asked to participate in an essay contest in connection with the campaign for the \$6,000,000 road bond issue in this county and B. T. McBain, one of the 12 disciples of road efficiency of the Commercial club, has outlined the following as rules of the contest:

Three prizes will be given for the best three essays in favor of the \$6,000,000 road bond issue. First prize, \$7.50, best essay; second prize, \$5.00; next best essay; third prize, \$2.50, third best essay.

The three prize essays will be published and the printed papers mailed to the winners with checks for amounts won.

Copies of the bond bill can be secured by writing to the secretary of state at Salem and asking for copies of house bill 500 as it will be voted upon.

The committee to judge and award the prizes will be selected by the president of the Commercial club of Clackamas county, O. D. Eby.

All essays must be mailed to B. T. McBain, publicity agent, 12 disciples of road efficiency, West Linn, Oregon, and must be mailed not later than May 5.

Parents, of course, may help their children with the subject, but the children should compose and write their own essays.

### ROMANCE SHATTERED

Prospective Bride Hadn't Given Her Consent to Match

The pretty romance of Elsie M. Critser and Earl C. Wink, an Oregon national guardsman stationed at Vancouver, was blighted Wednesday morning when Miss Critser declined to have the ceremony performed and the license was destroyed. The story dates back to childhood days when the young couple were friends, both being raised near New Era. When the troops went to the Mexican border last summer, Wink corresponded with his friend. He came here from Vancouver this week and visited at the Critser home. Although Miss Critser admits her deep regard for her soldier-lover, she says she thought he could not get a marriage license without her signature and she was much surprised when he showed her the document. "Maybe later we will marry," Miss Critser said.

### Grand Jurors Named

One member of the April jury venire was excused from service Monday, John Ficken, of near Estacada, because of deafness. Joe McIntyre, whose residence was given as Oswego, was reported dead. The grand jury selected includes D. H. Purcell, Parkplace; S. B. Seeley, Wilsonville; W. A. Hedges, Canemah; L. B. Yoder, Needy; Jerome Avery, Harmony; Walter Foster, Clackamas, and L. H. Wang, foreman, Canby.

### Kruger Sent to Salem

William Kruger, one of the boys arrested for stealing junk from a city storehouse, was sent to the state training school Monday after the grand jury had ascertained that his was a juvenile case. The boy was once a ward of the state school and was paroled into the keeping of his mother. When he was arrested Saturday he waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the grand jury, which, because of the lad's age, could not deal with the case.

## CITY MIGHT NOT BUY FIRE TRUCK

DEMANDS OF DONATORS AND UNDERWRITERS MAY DEFEAT ELECTION ORDER

## WANT SYSTEMS CONNECTED

Council Confronted With Necessity of Buying Particular Make of Machine or None

The demands of those who have been most anxious for improved fire-fighting facilities in Oregon City are apt to defeat the plans for the improvement as voted by the people at a special election and as outlined by the city council at a series of meetings. This was the feeling of the city council at a special meeting held Friday evening. The board of fire underwriters, which had promised a reduction in insurance rates, has attached strings to any action it may take toward the reduction, and there are strings as well to the offer of donations toward the cost of the proposed new apparatus, that may turn the council from an attitude of cooperation to one of antipathy toward the new fire department, according to statements made Friday.

The fire underwriters demand that a physical connection be made between the water systems of Oregon City and West Linn by the installation of a short auxiliary main at the corner of Main and Seventh streets in this city. That such a thing can be done legally, is the opinion returned by City Prosecutor George Story of Oregon City. West Linn has consented to the connection with the proviso that Oregon City agrees to send its proposed fire department to West Linn in answer to any call by any officer of that city, and West Linn is to be relieved of any cost in connection with the water system job or the fire department.

West Linn reserves the right to revoke the contract at any time. The underwriters, after a survey and investigation made by C. F. Wagner, their engineer, also demand that a certain make of motor-driven apparatus be purchased and that it be equipped with a self-starter at an additional cost to the city of \$200. Besides this, the city will be required to pay three firemen to remain on duty at all hours and to supply 8 or 10 volunteer firemen to sleep at the fire station.

It was learned by several of the councilmen Friday night that the donations of W. P. Hawley and A. R. Jacobs are contingent upon the purchase of one certain type and make of fire apparatus, and the council does not receive the proposition kindly, since its committee, headed by Councilman H. M. Templeton, has proved to its own satisfaction that other makes at a less cost will serve Oregon City equally as well as the one demanded. The donations are being held in abeyance until the water system connection is made and until the order is placed for the particular make of machine specified.

With all these demands compiled with, the underwriters agree to reduce the rate on business district fire insurance to the extent of 4 or 5 per cent, with the understanding that the reduction does not apply to dwelling houses and insurable property of a similar class.

In reviewing the history of the movement for a new and modern fire department for the city; Councilman Templeton, the chief speaker at the session Friday night, said that the plan was threatened by the unusual demands of those who have fostered the movement.

"I don't believe it is to the advantage of Oregon City to comply with all these demands when the expense attached to them will be such a burden," Mr. Templeton said. "I advise the council to go slow and think well, lest we find ourselves in a predicament that we cannot get out of."

Mr. Templeton presented a draft of a budget to cover a new fire department for 1918, showing that the approximate cost of upkeep would amount to nearly \$4000. The entire matter was left in the hands of the same councilman committee, and it has orders to report back on any further investigation.

At the same meeting the city council by unanimous vote granted the Girls' Honor Guard the use of any vacant city property the young women care to use in connection with their campaign for agricultural preparedness. The offer is made subject to the sale of the property, but there will be no important sale during the year, the council believes. The girls will plant city lots to potatoes and other crops.

In view of the unsuccessful conduct of the fire alarm system in the city, the council Friday night instructed the fire and water committee to demand that the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company see to it that some one is on hand to give the proper signal at the proper time. On Sunday night a chimney blaze called out the department after a telephone girl had been called from a picture

## WIRES INDORSE PLAN FOR Y. M. C. A. FUND

WILL JOIN RED CROSS. OSWEGO MEETING IS TO BE HELD NEXT TUESDAY

The Live Wires of the Commercial club plan active cooperation with the Y. M. C. A. forces of the state to raise a portion of the fund necessary to carry on the work of the association in the military camps of the nation and upon the battlefields if it comes to that. This action was decided upon at the meeting of the Wires at the Electric hotel on Tuesday. A. C. Howland is chairman of a committee to outline cooperation plans.

The program of the meeting was given over to patriotic subjects and after considerable discussion the Wires voted to join the recently organized Red Cross society as a body, that they might lend all possible assistance to the society in its great work throughout the world.

From an approval of the creation of a cavalry troop in this city, the Wires returned to a discussion of an armory for Oregon City. The patriotic feeling is high here, and there is talk of organizing not only a troop of cavalry, but an infantry company and a modern armory will be among the equipments asked for the troops. The Wires worked for an armory here until the local national guard company was transferred to Portland, following the tour of duty on the Mexican border.

The Live Wire meeting at Oswego will be held next Tuesday, when the members of the organization will be guests of the Oswego-Portland Cement company. The postponement of the trip was necessary because the cement plant was not in operation.

### WILL JOIN RED CROSS

P. E. O. Sisterhood Hears of Mrs. Caulfield's Ocean Voyage

The local chapter of the P. E. O. sisterhood met at the home of Mrs. Theodore Osmund, where Mrs. W. A. Dimick was joint hostess, on Tuesday. Covers were laid for 12 and a delightful luncheon was served in honor of Mrs. C. H. Caulfield, just returned to Oregon City from a Hawaiian voyage.

The Osmund home was tastefully decorated in yellow and white with daffodils to lend the spring tone to the rooms. The place cards bore hand painted daffodils. Mrs. Caulfield told in a very pleasant manner of the trip she has just completed. The chapter voted to join the recently organized Red Cross branch as a body.

Those present at the meeting Tuesday were Mrs. C. H. Caulfield, Mrs. T. A. Burke, Mrs. C. Schuebel, Mrs. J. R. Bowland, Mrs. J. F. Clark, Mrs. Raymond Caulfield, Mrs. E. W. Scott, Mrs. Thompson Muldrum, Mrs. F. J. Tooze, Miss Florence Grace, Mrs. Osmund and Mrs. Dimick.

### Mrs. Ellwood Sues

Jessie L. Ellwood, who was married to William H. Ellwood at Vancouver, Wash., on March 13, 1914, Saturday applied for divorce from him. Mrs. Ellwood charges her husband with cruelty and says that he accused her of infidelity repeatedly and upon one occasion drew a gun on her in menacing manner. She left her husband on May 9, 1915.

### Willamette School Drills

Regular drill periods in which most of the boys of the Willamette school will participate were started there Monday morning under the direction of Perry Barnes, drill master. Drill periods will be held three times a week, and those past the school age who care to benefit by the training are asked to join with the children in their work.

### Five Licenses Issued

Marriage licenses were issued here Saturday to Josie Dwyer and Burnie Loney, of Barton; Katherine Myrtle Lefler and Herman Carl Stuve, of Aurora, route 2; Frieda M. Brugger and Warde A. Graham, 201 Thirteenth street, Portland; Gertrude Bell Fleming and William Samuel Jacobs, Gladstone, and Ethelind Risley and Robert Bradshaw, of The Dalles.

### Petition in Probate

A petition for letters of administration in the estate of Maiko Rimkus was filed in the county court here Monday by E. W. Bartlett of Estacada. Rimkus left no known relatives except K. Sarvickas, according to the petition, and left 20 acres of land, valued at \$900, and upon which there is a mortgage for nearly half its value.

### Names Administrator

County Judge H. S. Anderson Friday appointed C. C. Boerner as administrator of the estate of his late father, Henry W. Boerner. There are four heirs to share in personal property valued at \$1000.

show and had sounded the wrong call, taking the firemen to another part of town.

A sum of \$200 was appropriated Friday night for the building of a sewer to connect blocks 82 and 73, for which the property owners had already been assessed.

## LOYALTY LEAGUE READY FOR WORK

H. L. KELLY ELECTED PRESIDENT AT ORGANIZATION MEETING. PLANS MADE

## WOULD INCREASE ARMY PAY

Cooperative Work is Undertaken. Branch League at Gladstone is Voted in

With a large number of patriotic citizens present at the Elks' club last Thursday night, the Loyalty league was organized as a successor to the Preparedness league. The new name was incorporated in the constitution and adopted by the meeting. The Girls' Honor guard and the Woman's Relief corps had many members cut in addition to a group of G. A. R. members. Of the 150 persons at the meeting, 50 signed the constitution and paid the nominal dues.

The Loyalty league's progress will be directed by H. L. Kelly, president, and the following officers, elected Thursday to serve for the year; Mrs. J. R. Hickman, vice-president; E. C. Brownlee, secretary; Dr. A. L. Beatie, treasurer; Mrs. J. R. Hickman, Mrs. James H. Cary, Miss Cis Pratt, Dr. Clyde Mount, William Hammond, O. D. Eby and James H. Cary, members of the executive committee. It is the purpose of the league to co-operate in any patriotic work undertaken in Clackamas county and to initiate such movements as appear to be for the welfare of the nation and Clackamas County's quota of soldiers. Along this line the plan of fostering the individual interests of Clackamas county boys at the front was an important step taken Thursday night. Each soldier will have a big brother or a big sister in the Loyalty league to look directly after his interests. A committee to organize such work consists of W. F. Tipton, Miss Edith Dawson and Miss Rose Price.

The league will aid the Girls' Honor guard in its proposed agricultural activities, and a committee including Dr. George Hoey, Henry Strebig and O. D. Eby was appointed for that purpose. A committee to assist in the organization of a Red Cross society here is O. W. Eastham, Miss Marian Lewthwaite and A. M. Sinott. The membership campaign will be in the hands of a committee including W. B. Howell, E. L. Johnson, Miss Merle Keck, Orena May and H. O. Paddock. The secretary was instructed to ask the federal government for plans in which the league could assist for the welfare of the nation in its crisis.

At the meeting of the Loyalty league at the Commercial club on Wednesday evening the secretary was instructed to send resolutions to the Oregon delegation in congress and to Governor Withycombe, calling upon them to make all possible effort to have the wages of the enlisted men in the military service of the nation increased. Double pay will be asked in all branches of the service.

The league took in the Gladstone branch league as a body and in all material matters the two communities will work as a unit. It may be that later on other communities will organize branches under the constitution of the local parent league. Gladstone's league will retain separate identity and officers for local affairs.

A bugle corps and flag guard is to be organized here under the direction of a committee of which Fred Miller is chairman. The flag guard and bugle corps will be the representative of the Loyalty league in all public affairs. The next league meeting is to be held at the Commercial club on next Wednesday evening.

### LEWIS JONES WINS

Lewis Jones, of Estacada, high school, carried away first honors in the high school oratorical contest at the local school on Saturday evening. The contest was held under the auspices of the County School League, and was directed by Brenton Vedder, school supervisor. The other winner in the same contest was Robert Barrett, Oregon City, second.

### Two Youths Arrested

After being implicated in thefts by another boy, Lloyd Baxter and Charles Kruger were arrested Saturday and confessed to breaking into city storehouses and other places to steal junk. The two boys were apprehended by Constable D. E. Frost and were arrested by Mr. Frost and Lee French. Before Justice of the Peace John N. Sievers the lads waived preliminary examination and were held to the grand jury.

### Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses were issued here Monday to Winifred Mae Harvey and Roy Beatty, of Aurora, and to C. Mildred McLain and David L. McKillop, of near Osegon City.

## COUNCIL DELAYS IN PURCHASE OF TRUCK

PROMISE TO SALESMEN KEEPS COUNCIL FROM BEING BOUND BY DEMANDS

Because the city council had promised fire apparatus salesmen not to take action toward the purchase of any one truck without notifying the salesmen of all companies, the ordering of a motor driven fire apparatus was again postponed last evening. The council committee which has been investigating several phases of the matter of reorganizing the fire department, reported last night favoring the purchase of the particular truck to which the donors to the fund adhere and upon which the underwriters base their insurance reduction.

When the body was about to pass a motion instructing the recorder to return all checks but that sent in by the fortunate concern the machinery stopped working. That would be buying the truck and the council had promised not to buy in the absence of salesmen. Councilman Cox came to the rescue with an amendment to the motion and it was voted to accept the report and discharge the committee with the understanding that the council does not agree to purchase any one truck.

At the meeting last evening the council appropriated \$250 to pay for a street sweeper recently purchased and granted the Miller-Parker Co. permission to lay a sewer at Ninth and Main streets. The Western Union Telegraph Co. was given permission to cut trees that are too close to its wires between Third and Eleventh streets along the Southern Pacific tracks. The work will be done under the supervision of the city engineer.

### FAILURES ARE LESS

Dun's Review Asserts Liabilities in Oregon Notably Smaller

With business continuing remarkably active and profitable, the country's commercial mortality remains relatively moderate, insolvencies during the first quarter of 1917, exclusive of banks and other fiduciary suspensions, numbering 3,937 and supplying liabilities of \$52,307,099. This is the best numerical exhibit for the period since 1910, when there were 3,525 failures, and the sum of money involved is smaller than in all years back to 1909, which disclosed an indebtedness for the first three months of about \$44,500,000. The present figures contrast with 5,387 defaults for \$61,492,746 last year; 7,216 for \$105,703,335 in the opening quarter of 1915—the maximum point on record—and 4,826 reverses in 1914 for \$83,221,826.

Whereas there was a 16 per cent decrease in number of failures in the Pacific section, the indebtedness was somewhat larger, 443 defaults for \$6,669,273 comparing with 528 in 1916 for \$5,977,653. Fewer reverses occurred in each of the three states, and the decrease in California being 61; in Washington 20, and in Oregon 4, while the liabilities were notably smaller in Oregon and also moderately less in California. In Washington, on the other hand, the amount increased sharply, owing to a single insolvency of exceptional magnitude. This occurred in the class embracing agents, brokers, etc., which was the only one showing expansion in comparison with 1916. Numerically, there was improvement in manufacturing, trading and other commercial lines.

### Car Jumps Track

When a brakeman on a northbound passenger train threw the switch near the depot too suddenly the rear car jumped the track. The train continued to Portland and a crew came out to haul the coach back on the track. The railroad eight-hour law interfered when the crew of another engine was forced to stop work because its day was done. The latter crew and its engine were "deadheaded" in when efforts to get the car on the track were futile. This morning the work was completed and the plowed right-of-way was repaired.

### Dr. Matson Coming

Dr. Ralph C. Matson, a member of the British medical reserve and who has recently returned from the French front, has been called to Oregon City to lecture on next Tuesday evening under the auspices of the local society of Red Cross. The meeting is to be held at Busch's hall and Dr. Matson will illustrate his lecture with lantern slides made from pictures he took on the battlefields. The lecture will be the feature of the regular meeting of the Red Cross society.

### Judgment for Andrews

A default judgment was entered Friday in favor of Frank E. Andrews in his suit against J. E. and Phoebe J. Gage, and Mr. Andrews recovers \$1116.90 with interest at 8 per cent from July 28, 1914. Title to real estate in this county is quieted and Mr. Andrews' mortgage is declared to be a prior lien against property held by the Gages. He also gets \$100 costs.

The Oregon City Courier and the Oregon Daily Journal (except Sunday) for \$4.75.

## U-BOAT ATTACKS U. S. SHIP SMITH

TORPEDO PLAINLY SEEN 30 YARDS FROM BOW. MAY BE STEP IN BIG BLOCKADE

## REPORT IS SUBSTANTIATED

Word Comes That Germany is About to Declare Prohibited Submarine Zone

The first gun in the war threatening the American nation since a state of war was declared was fired by a German submarine at the destroyer Smith about 100 miles south of New York. Regarding the attack of the undersea boat the navy department announced:

"Reported from Fire Island lightship to the naval stations at Boston and New York at 3:30 a. m. on the 17th an enemy submarine was sighted by the United States ship Smith, sunning apparently submerged. Submarine fired a torpedo at the U. S. S. Smith, which missed her bow by 30 yards. The wake of the torpedo was plainly seen crossing the bow. Submarine disappeared."

The presence of enemy submarines in American waters indicates that the threatened German submarine blockade of American Atlantic ports has begun.

First information of the encounter came to the navy department in a roundabout way from the Boston navy yard, which picked up the Smith's report saying she had been fired upon by a German U-boat.

The navy department, after communicating with Fire Island, Boston, New York and some other points on the Atlantic coast, announced that the report of the Smith's encounter had been substantiated by official investigation.

Whether the presence of the German submarine merely foreshadows a sporadic raid such as the U-53 conducted off the New England coast, or whether it is the signal for the beginning of a general submarine blockade of the Atlantic coast is not known.

The attack by the U-boat is Germany's first recognition of the state of war declared by the United States. It was stated in Germany soon after the action of congress that no aggressive steps would be taken against the United States.

Practically no American officials believe this statement, however, and steps to meet aggressive action were taken at once. The probability of submarine attacks on unprotected seaboard cities and towns, raids on shipping within sight of American shores and a submarine blockade of the principal Atlantic ports with the purpose of terrorizing shipping and people were expected.

Last week word came to Washington in a roundabout way that Germany was about to declare a prohibited submarine zone about the harbors at Boston, New York, the Delaware capes, Chesapeake bay, Charleston and Savannah. This would have included all the important ports on the Atlantic seaboard. It was said then that an official warning to neutrals of the prohibited zone would be issued from Berlin.

Some American officials were disinclined to credit the report, but the entente diplomatic corps believed in it and predicted that Germany would soon carry the submarine campaign to this side of the Atlantic, principally for the purpose of scaring neutral shipping away from American harbors and to raid the great squadrons of merchant ships which are moving food and supplies to America's allies on the European battle fronts.

### Pierson Brings Suit

Action was filed in the circuit court here Wednesday morning by C. M. Pierson against the Title & Trust Co. and others, to collect on a promissory note for \$1500 and attorney's fees of \$150. The note is dated at Portland on June 10, 1916, and calls for 8 per cent interest.

### Marriage Licenses

A marriage license was issued here Tuesday by County Clerk Iva Harrington to Anna Gawista and John Mikulia, of 686 Overton street, Portland. Another license was issued Wednesday to Anna L. Hodge and Earl Tiedeman, of Oregon City, route 7.

### Miss Risley Married

Miss Ethelind Risley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Risley, was married on Saturday evening to Robert C. Bradshaw, son of Judge Bradshaw, of The Dalles. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents at Risley, near Mjlauckie.

### Eason Brings Suit

R. E. Eason, Sandy druggist, last week brought suit against George Harvison to recover on a promissory note for \$38.55 dated at Boring on April 17, 1916.

## RED CROSS SOCIETY IS ORGANIZED HERE

DR. HUGH MOUNT CHAIRMAN. LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS JOIN AS BODIES

The organization of an auxiliary chapter of the American Red Cross society was perfected at Busch's hall Monday evening before a large meeting and 131 charter members signed the roll. Thirty-three members of the Derthick club, a woman's musical organization, attended in a body and signed the roll.

A campaign will be launched at once to secure 1000 members for the chapter, which will be allied with the Portland organization. Will Lipman, vice-president of the State Red Cross society, spoke, outlining the purposes of the society, and Dr. K. A. J. MacKenzie, state president, also spoke. The Girls' Honor Guard staged the meeting in behalf of the Portland branch of the society and attended the meeting in a body.

Dr. Hugh S. Mount was elected chairman of the chapter, and he will be assisted by the following officers: A. R. Jacobs, T. W. Sullivan and Mrs. Linn E. Jones, vice-presidents; E. G. Caulfield, secretary-treasurer, and A. A. Price, Mrs. George A. Harding and Mrs. Walter A. Dimick, trustees.

The membership fee collected from each one who signs the roll of the society is \$1, and in addition to the \$131 collected from memberships last night a donation of \$50 was credited to A. R. Jacobs, president of the Oregon City Manufacturing company. The Live Wires and the local P. E. O. chapter will join the Red Cross society as bodies.

### ROAD BONDS AND TAXES

Committee Refutes Favorite Argument of Bond Opponents

Opponents of the road bond bill contend that the proposed bond issue will become an added burden to the general taxpayer. As a complete answer and refutation of this argument, the legislative good roads committee has incorporated the following statement as a part of its argument in support of the bond bill which will be published in the official state pamphlet:

"We have ascertained from the records of the office of the secretary of state that the income from the present quarter-mill tax is \$220,000 per annum; that the income from auto licenses, based upon the present number of automobiles at the increased license rate effective August 1, will be not less than \$310,000 per annum, to be used in paying interest and principal of bonds. The above funds will be sufficient not only to pay the interest and the principal of the \$6,000,000 bonds authorized by this act, but will also pay the interest and principal of the \$1,819,280.55 in bonds authorized to meet the government road appropriation. After paying these bonds there will be a surplus of at least \$2,793,402.66. Since 1911 the increase in the number of automobiles in the state of Oregon has been 33 and one-third per cent per year. With the completion of good roads this increase will naturally be larger. However, we have not taken any increase into account but have based our figures on the present number of automobiles."

### Desertion is Charged

J. A. Sargeant of Walla Walla, Wash., was arrested near Mulino Friday by Constable D. E. Frost, on a warrant sent here from the Washington city, charging Sargeant with wife desertion. The man was working in a wood camp when he was located by Mr. Frost and was held in the county jail here for the arrival of officers from Walla Walla.

### Visitors at Mulino School

Among those visiting the Mulino school last week were Mrs. Eliza Daniels and Mrs. Erickson and daughter, Hazel. The teachers became so alarmed, the Courier's informant states in a note, that two private detectives were immediately set on their trail to see what they came for. As yet the detectives have not a clue, the writer says.

### Bartlett Petitions for Letters

E. W. Bartlett of Estacada Tuesday filed a petition for letters of administration in the estate of George B. Thomas, who died in this county on April 4, leaving personal property valued at \$5000. The names of seven heirs are given by the petitioner. These are sons and daughters ranging in age between 63 and 48 years.

### Local Institute Planned

A local teachers' institute will be held in the I. O. O. F. hall at Sandy all day Saturday. Some out-of-town speakers will be present. The county zone test in arithmetic and spelling will be held at the Sandy school Friday, beginning at 9 a. m. Districts 46, 66, 39, 83, 52, 42, 113, 13, 45, 125 and 124 will take part.

### Friday the Thirteenth

Marriage licenses were issued here Friday in County Clerk Harrington's office to Regina A. Huerth and James Woodward, of Parkplace, and Erna Ealsine Lee and Elmo Hiram Dow, of 213 Fourth street, Oregon City.