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TOLD IN SIDEHEADS.

THAT CLACKAMAS FIRE.—About March 1 a residence between Oregon City and Parkplace was burned to the ground together with its contents. The dwelling belonged to George Kreitzer and was occupied by Harry H. French, of this city, who suffered the loss of his household goods, the family being away from the dwelling at the time. French claims that in addition to his own furniture, which he valued at \$1050, Kreitzer had probably \$2000 worth of furniture stored in the house at the time of the fire. French says the house was jointly owned by Kreitzer and another fellow, whom he did not know although he frequently paid the rental of the house to the partner of Kreitzer's. He says that the house was insured in two companies through agencies located in Portland. Shortly after the fire, Kreitzer and his partner, so French alleges, disappeared and he has seen nothing of them since. French says the ownership of the property changed hands while he was the tenant. Thomas Mann, who now resides in Portland, formerly owned the property which he sold not long before the fire, to Kreitzer. The Oregonian Wednesday contained a sensational story in connection with the fire. In the report it is claimed that Kreitzer is a mythical person and that the name was employed by three clever young men in Portland in an effort to collect about \$2750 insurance for the burning of the building. George Streeter, an insurance agent in Portland and Thomas McDevitt, a young lawyer, of the same city, are two of the persons who were implicated in the attempted swindle of the insurance companies which was only detected by the discovery on the part of insurance adjusters that the holders of the policy were seeking to collect insurance for a burned house a mile distant from the residence on which the insurance was carried. The insurance companies who were interested in the case state that the young men will not be prosecuted.

DID NOT NEED MISSIONARY.—County Treasurer Cahill was seated at the dinner table the other day when a stranger at the same table remarked, by way of introduction, that he had been stationed at one of the rural districts of the county for missionary work. "What church do you attend?" inquired the evangelist. Now this was a stunner for the county treasurer, for he is not partial in his church going, but attends all denominations. In responding to the query, he gave the following evasive answer: "Central Point is the nearest place to attend." Now Central Point is one of the most distant points in the county, from the missionary's field of labor. The missionary did not further question the county official, for the interview was terminated with the serving of dessert. On the strength of his own admission, the people of Central Point will expect to see Treasurer Cahill occupying one of the pews at that house of worship next Sunday.

LOCATED AT JACKSONVILLE.—Charles Meserve, formerly publisher of the Enterprise, but more recently editor and proprietor of the Medford Success, suspended, has located at Jacksonville and begun the publishing of a weekly paper known as the Sentinel. In his salutatory Mr. Meserve has the following: "With the new life and aspiration that has come to Jacksonville comes the laudable ambition to have a newspaper, and it is in response to the hearty encouragement of the citizens of this town that the Sentinel is launched as one of the business ventures of the county-seat of Jackson county. So liberal and so substantial has been the support pledged to the Sentinel that there is every certainty that this paper will become a permanent enterprise in Jacksonville, and a factor of much power in the work of bringing to the attention of homeseekers and investors the various and splendid advantages that this town and county have to offer."

WERE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED.—Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Story were the recipients of a very pleasant surprise party on Wednesday last week, when about twenty-five of their friends, armed with croquet boards, a freezer of cream and baskets of cake, suddenly walked in and took possession of their home for the evening, thus celebrating the seventh anniversary of their wedding, which occurred on Sunday previous. When they realized the situation all were made welcome and an enjoyable time spent. The prize winners were Mrs. Godfrey and Mr. McGeehan. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. McGeehan, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. C. Schuebel, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. F. Sleight, Mr. and Mrs. C. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. F. Welsh, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Story, C. Miller, Mrs. Taylor, Allie Grout, Mrs. Grout, Dan Cook, Miss Tate, Miss Taylor, Gaylord Godfrey.

HAD THE DIPHTHERIA.—A diphtheria patient caused some excitement in this city last Monday morning. A young man, formerly of this city, but now of The Dalles, reached Oregon City Thursday night and remained over night at a hotel. The following morning he complained of throat trouble and summoned a physician who upon examination discovered a well developed case of diphtheria. While the physician was preparing to give a treatment of anti-toxin, the young man skipped out and has not been located. It is presumed he boarded the street car for Portland in an attempt to reach his relatives at The Dalles. Portland authorities were notified to be on the lookout for the lad whose condition was that serious he will spread the contagion seriously if he is not intercepted and properly treated.

REAMES WILL MAKE MORE SPEECHES.—The Democratic County Central committee, of Clackamas county, held a meeting in this city Saturday afternoon. There was in attendance a good representation of the members of the committee. It was decided to work to the end that a full vote be polled in each precinct at the coming election and that the minority party have an equitable representation on the election boards. Chairman Beattie announced that Mr. Reames, the Democratic candidate, will visit this county again before the campaign closes and will address the voters at the following points: Canby, Eagle Creek, Molalla and Clackamas. There will also be speaking throughout the county by local speakers, including R. A. Miller, Eugene Hedges, Wm. Galloway, Gilbert Hedges and others.

INVENTION FOR THE FARMER.—William Wright of Wright's Springs, was in the city this week with the model of what he considers a great invention. Mr. Wright has invented a contrivance for extricating from grain fields all dog fennel, weeds and other foreign growths without disturbing the grain. The inventor claims that the machine works on the principle of gravitation, and claims to have successfully demonstrated its practicability. Mr. Wright leaves next week for Washington, D. C., where he hopes to get a patent on his invention. If the device proves the success that Mr. Wright is so sanguine that it will, the inventor has contributed a valuable piece of machinery to the farmer, who has been wrestling with dog fennel and like growths ever since their first appearance.

WRITING ASSESSMENT ROLLS.—County Assessor Nelson received the Clackamas county assessment rolls Saturday from the office of the secretary of state. He began writing the 1903 tax roll Monday. These rolls should have reached the various county clerks on March 1, but the printing of the books was delayed in expectation that the legislature would make changes in the forms of the rolls, which are uniform for all of the counties. It is required by the law that the writing of the rolls by the assessor be completed and delivered to the county clerk by August 1. Assessor Nelson, with the aid of his son as deputy, expects with but little extra expense to the county to finish the writing of the rolls in this county in season to deliver the books to the clerk at the time required.

MORE REPUBLICAN SPEAKING.—Hon. Ringer Hermann returned to this city Saturday from Molalla and Canby where he conducted successful meetings Friday afternoon and evening, respectively. Mr. Hermann is encouraged with the outlook in this county and left Saturday afternoon for Hillsboro and Forest Grove. Congressional Committeeman Ryan announces a meeting at Eagle Creek tomorrow night to be addressed by ex-governor Geer who will also speak at Oswego at a later date. United States Senator Fulton will deliver an address to the voters of this city some time before the campaign closes. A conference among the Republican leaders in this section will be held within a few days to map out a program of speaking to be carried out in this county.

WILL POLL FULL VOTE.—The Socialists of Clackamas county held a mass meeting at the court house in this city Saturday, and arranged for political speaking by their party representatives throughout Clackamas county. Rev. B. F. Wilson will be the principal speaker. He will address the people of this city May 26, and the intervening time until election will be spent at various points, including Sandy, Canby and Highland. Wm. Beard, county chairman of the Socialist party, presided at the meeting, which was attended by about a score of persons. The Socialist party expects to poll its full strength in this county at the coming election. At the last general election, this party cast about 500 votes in this county.

SEWER CONTRACT AWARDED.—At a special meeting of the council Friday night the contract for building the sewer in Sewer District No. 3, was awarded to W. E. Riner, of Portland, for \$15,302.10. The construction of the sewer, which is about 3 1/2 miles in length, will require the excavating of about 10,000 cubic yards of rock and earth. The contract was signed this week and under the terms of the agreement, work must be started by June 1. The other bids were as follows: Lyons & Gadke, Oregon City, \$20,448.55; Jacobson-Bade Company, Portland, \$15,404.45; Smyth & Howard Company, Portland, \$19,004.45; F. S. Baker & Miblstine, Oregon City, \$19,079; Howell & Bitner, Oregon City, \$18,119.27.

COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES.—The regular eighth grade examinations were conducted in Clackamas county this week. A class of about eighty young people took the examination. The result will not be announced until the examining board has completed the grading of the papers. County Superintendent Zinser reports that he has received copies of the revised school laws of the state for distribution among the various districts of the county. Each district is entitled to four copies of the school laws which will be delivered to the clerk upon application to Superintendent Zinser. Supplies are being sent out from the office of county superintendent to the districts of the county for the annual meeting to be held next month.

NEFSEER GOES SOUTH.—Wm. Neferger, of this city, one of the best amateur baseball pitchers on the Coast, has gone to Coquille City having made a season's

engagement with the Myrtle Point nine of that city. Neferger pitched for years on the Oregon City nine and was recognized as a most effective twirler. His place on the local team will be filled by Graham, E. Calif, former pitcher for the local players, who recently signed with the Wasco team of Eastern Oregon, was in the city Tuesday in search of players for the Wasco aggregation to take the places of a number of men who jumped the team. He was not very successful here for none of the members of the home team would leave.

SOCIALIST SPEAKING.—At a meeting of the Clackamas county Socialists Saturday afternoon arrangements were completed for the thorough canvass of the county by Rev. B. F. Wilson, a prominent Socialist speaker. Wm. Beard presided at the meeting as county chairman. Rev. Wilson will address the voters of this city Tuesday evening, May 26. Other dates have been arranged for Wilson in the county as follows: Damascus, May 27, 1:30 p. m.; Sandy, May 27, 7:30 p. m.; Highland, May 28, 7:30 p. m.; Molalla, May 29, 7:30 p. m.; Newby, May 30, 7:30 p. m.; New Era, May 31, 2 p. m.

CROP CONDITIONS.—The weekly crop report for the Willamette valley, under date of May 19, has the following reference to Clackamas county crop conditions: All grain crops have made satisfactory progress owing to favorable weather; corn planting about completed; fruit also about finished blooming; pastures good; the situation in hop yards is not improved; considerable shortage of vines in many yards which, it is thought, cannot be overcome even with favorable weather conditions.

WILL CAMP AT AMERICAN LAKE.—General Frederick Funston has notified the chamber of commerce of Tacoma that he has selected the site at American lake, near Tacoma, for the encampment of the regulars and the National Guard of Washington, Idaho and Oregon. The chamber of commerce will secure the permission of the owners for the necessary land required for maneuvers. Between 4000 and 5000 men will be in the next encampment, which will be early next fall.

A SINGULAR ACCIDENT.—Marguerite, the 10 year-old daughter of C. E. Johnson, of Gladstone, met with a singular accident Saturday. While climbing up the roof of a building she lost her footing. In falling, the ring on the middle finger of her left hand caught in a nail on the roof with the result that the digit was severed at the middle joint, the ring cutting the finger off as neatly as though the amputation had been performed with a surgeon's knife.

OREGON CITY WEN.—A picked team from the Seventeenth Infantry, of Vancouver, was defeated at baseball at Canemah Park Sunday afternoon by the Oregon City nine by the score of 8 to 3. The features of the game were the pitching of Neferger and the home run by Calif, both of the local team. About 400 people witnessed the game. In the seventh inning the local team found the soldier twirler and placed seven additional runs to its credit.

IN HONOR OF MRS. LAWRENCE.—Last Thursday afternoon Mrs. Charles Miller entertained about thirty ladies at a rug sewing in honor of her sister, Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, who leaves soon for Eastern Oregon to join her husband, who has been appointed United States commissioner, and is located in that section of the state. A very delightful afternoon was passed by the ladies, who regret to have Mrs. Lawrence remove from the city.

OLD FOLKS WILL SING.—An old folks' concert will be given at the Congregational church early in June under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of that church. At this concert the choruses and anthems that were sung fifty and a hundred years ago will be presented by a chorus of from thirty to fifty voices. The date for the entertainment has not been decided upon, but it will be early in the month of June.

REV. WILBUR WILL SPEAK.—Rev. F. S. Wilbur will deliver a free lecture on the economic questions of the day, the cause and cure of the strike problem, at Shively's opera house May 26, at 7:30 p. m. This lecture will be absolutely free and laboring men, union and non-union, should hear Rev. Wilbur on this great question. The ladies are also invited to attend. By order of the committee.

INJURED IN RUNAWAY.—S. F. Scripture, a blacksmith of this city, was thrown from a cart Saturday afternoon and severely bruised. He was driving a spirited animal that took fright at a passing train. Becoming unmanageable, the horse ran away. The spring broke and the driver was thrown to the ground and dragged for a distance of about 60 feet.

LEG BADLY MANGLED.—The 6-year-old son of F. P. Cross, of this city, was quite painfully injured at Canemah Park last Sunday afternoon. He became entangled in the cable that operates the merry-go-round, and the fleshy part of the left leg below the knee was seriously mangled. Dr. Mount was called and treated the injury.

CHANGE IN EDITORS.—The Silvertonian, of Silverton, Marion county, has passed into the hands of a new management. H. E. Hodges, who published the paper during the first year of its existence, has sold the paper to Dr. A. A. Leonard and H. W. Leonard, both of Silverton, who will continue to publish the same.

WANTS TO BE SEPARATED.—Belle Haddock has brought suit for divorce from Rodderick Haddock to whom she was married at Vancouver, Washington, February 15 last. She alleges desertion following failure to support and unkind treatment from the defendant.

SENT TO THE INSANE ASYLUM.—Mrs. Sophronia J. Schriener, aged about 41 years, of Canemah, was committed to the insane asylum Saturday afternoon. She was taken to Salem that night by Sheriff Shaver.

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