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LOCAL BRIEFS

J. B. Cummins, of Barton, was in this city Monday visiting friends.

N. Oatnes, of Canby, was in this city Saturday attending to business.

Mrs. Emma Swanders, of Portland, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. C. Spangle.

A. K. Lowe, of Clackamas, was in this city Monday transacting business.

Harry, Ina and Elsie A. Everahd, of this city Thursday attending to business.

Lorenzo Tenny, of Springfield, was in this city over Sunday visiting friends.

Joe Armstrong has gone to Salem for a few days where he will visit friends.

John Krause, of Aurora, is spending several days in this city visiting friends.

H. Habler, of Logan, was in Oregon City Monday and Tuesday attending to business.

F. C. Fellows, of Molalla, spent Friday and Saturday in this city on a business trip.

Mrs. W. H. Taylor, of Molalla, was in this city Friday shopping and visiting friends.

Mrs. Lena E. Spangle has gone to Eugene to see her mother who is in a critical condition.

J. E. Mitts, of Aurora, was in Oregon City Monday, where he was attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. John Picken, of Villa, were in this city several days ago attending to business.

Miss Edna Dey, of Boring, was in this city Saturday visiting friends and transacting business.

J. M. Nickelson, of Wilhoit, was an Oregon City visitor Monday, while attending to business.

N. N. Strubbar, a prominent farmer of Aurora, was transacting business in this city Wednesday.

H. C. Trullinger, a progressive farmer of Molalla, was in this city Thursday attending to business.

E. J. Wallace, of Molalla, is in this city for several days and is registered at the Electric Hotel.

Charles Dunn, of Molalla, is spending several days in this city where he is attending to business.

A. J. Lewis, of Maple Lane, was a visitor to this city Saturday. He was also attending to business.

L. W. Robbins, of Molalla, has returned to his home in that place after several days spent in this city.

J. A. Roe has been in this city for several days visiting friends. He is a prominent citizen of Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen P. Ballou, of Estacada, were in this city during the past week attending to business.

W. A. Rogers, road supervisor of Union precinct No. 9, was in this city Wednesday attending to business and visiting friends.

George Gregory and daughter, Lena, of Molalla, are in this city attending to business.

Peter J. Hansen, a prominent farmer of Monitor, was in this city Sunday and Monday transacting business.

W. A. Heylman, of Estacada, was a business visitor to this city Wednesday. He was formerly mayor of that thriving town.

Adolph Ashcroft, a prominent farmer and hotel keeper of Marmot, Or., was in this city Wednesday attending to court matters.

L. H. Wang, of Canby, was in Oregon City Thursday attending to business. He is a prominent business man of that place.

J. O. Kruse, of Stafford, was in this city Wednesday attending to business matters. He was formerly a member of the Legislature from this county.

M. J. Lee, of Canby, was an Oregon City visitor Tuesday. He attended the weekly luncheon of the Live Wires.

The Aurora Commercial Club will hold an interesting meeting in the near future at which Judge Dimick will be the principal speaker of the evening.

Mrs. Josie Fields and daughter, Mrs. Clara, are moving to Portland, where they will make their future home. They have bought a place in Laurelhurst.

Jennie Scott, Mary Ellen Grace and Helen Spudak composed a party who walked to New Era Friday, where they will spend the week end with Miss Spudak's mother.

Mrs. Anna Holden has returned from a trip to Mount Vernon, Wash., where she was visiting friends and is now stopping in this city with her daughter, Mrs. F. W. Greenman.

J. M. Taylor, of Portland, was in this city Tuesday attending the meeting of the Grand Army. Mr. Taylor, who is the father of Mrs. George Broughton, was for many years a resident of this city.

William Schatz, of Stafford, has returned to this part of the country after a trip to the East. While he was in Oregon City Wednesday he stated that there is no place like Oregon for him.

Fred Heft, of Beaver Creek, announces that his paper, "Hilly Sunday"

SHERIFF'S SON THREATENS GIRL

HOWARD MASS, EIGHT YEARS OF AGE, WRITES "BLACKHAND" NOTE

PARENTS MAKE AN INVESTIGATION

Little Velma Allen Told She Will be Visited by Robbers and Captured at Midnight

Howard Mass, the eight-year-old son of Sheriff Mass, is a precocious lad. The boy, being in love with Velma Allen, a girl about his own age, and his love being unrequited, wrote her a "blackhand" letter February 7. The letter was placed in the hands of the police soon after its receipt, the girl's parents being greatly alarmed by it. It was traced to young Mass by his teacher in the Barclay school. The letter follows:

"Oregon City, Or., Feb. 7.—Velma Allen—There is going to be a bunch of robbers, and they are going to capture you at midnight February 25, 1913, and they have snakes with them.

"Yours truly,
"The Man With the Crooked Thumb."
Below the signature is a skull and crossbones cleverly drawn.

The letter was sealed with a Red Cross Stamp, young Mass explaining that the stamp was used because he wanted to impress upon the girl unambiguously that he was serious.

Sheriff Mass exhibited the letter Thursday night which his son had written to the girl. The Sheriff said that the boy had been punished and he was certain he would not commit another offense of the same character.

"I think older boys put Howard up to it," said the Sheriff. "However, he will be watched and there is no chance of his writing any more letters of such a nature."

The parents of the girl at 5-rt regarded the letter as a joke, but the fact that they were unable to locate the name of the writer of it, led them to ask the assistance of the authorities, and the girl who delivers milk at several downtown homes in the evenings was taken from her route while the investigation proceeded.

MISS HILDA TOOZE TO BECOME BRIDE

The engagement of Miss Hilda Tooze, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tooze, has been announced to John Forteous Cooper, of Parkdale, Hood River Valley, and the marriage will take place at the Tooze home in this city Tuesday, March 18, at noon.

MISS HELEN SMITH ALMOST ELECTROCUTED

It was only by lucky chance that Miss Helen Smith, of Canemah escaped death Thursday evening while she was on her way home from Oregon City. It has been the custom of Miss Smith to turn on the electric light on the Canemah walk near the Southern Pacific tracks every evening Thursday afternoon as she was walking with her mother, Mrs. Peter Smith, and Mrs. Charles Spencer about 5:30 o'clock she reached up to turn on the light, but did not notice that the rubber job from the switch was broken and instead she took hold of the metal switch. She was instantly thrown to the ground, senseless. As she lay upon the ground, to all appearances dead, her companions worked valiantly to revive her. Mrs. Clark Ganong rushed to the aid of Miss Smith, and after twenty minutes of hard work, the unfortunate girl was restored to consciousness and removed to her home.

ALMA M'DOWELL BRIDE OF EDGAR ROTH

Alma McDowell and Edgar Roth, both of South Oregon City, were married Thursday afternoon by the Rev. J. R. Landsborough, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. The ceremony was performed at the home of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. McDowell. All the relatives and many friends of the bride and bridegroom were present. The ceremony was performed under an arch made of English ivy and calla lilies. Mr. and Mrs. Roth are both well known in South Oregon City and Mount Pleasant and their friends wish them great happiness. They have rented a home on Seventh Street in this city.

MAN SUES WOMAN FOR MALIGNING HIM

Lucius E. Seeley makes unusual charges in a suit for \$6,000 damages for defamation of character, filed Thursday against Mary Harmsa. The plaintiff, through Attorney H. Howell & Stone, avers that the defendant, in the presence of divers persons February 21, 1912, said to him, "I will put your brains out right here; you referring to the plaintiff herein) have been a convict and you ought to be in the penitentiary." The plaintiff denies that the accusations are true and avers that they have greatly injured his reputation. Seeley lives near Malloy on the farm of J. B. Seeley.

SHAW TRAPS MEN THOUGHT FORGERS

C. F. Whitman, a hardware merchant of Woodburn, Friday identified W. M. Allen, of Molalla, and C. G. Kerr, as men who had passed fraudulent checks on him. He said that he had been victimized by the men last Saturday. Mr. Whitman also announced that one of the men had passed a check for \$25 on W. H. Broyles, a butcher of Woodburn. Chief of Police Shaw who arrested the men is convinced that they have been offering worthless checks in various cities in Oregon. He has learned that checks were cashed by them not only in Woodburn, but in Mount Angel. But for the activity of Shaw it is believed that the men would now be in another city trying to get money for worthless paper. Mr. Whitman said Friday that he would prosecute them to the limit.

MRS. HARRIETT PAYNE DIES IN OAK GROVE

Mrs. Harriett Payne died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Armstrong, at Oak Grove early Sunday. She was 82 years old and had been a resident of Oregon for the last 12 years. She was a native of New York. Besides her daughter, a grandchild, Guy De Golla, and a grandnephew, Hester Armstrong, survive her.

SEVEN DECREES GRANTED ONE DAY

Divorce decrees were granted Tuesday in the following cases by Circuit Judge Campbell: Helen A. Tickles against Horace Harlem Tickles, plaintiff awarded custody of child; Maud Keith against Albert Keith, plaintiff awarded custody of child; Robert Greer against Sarah Greer; Willem Agnes Knox against Herbert H. Knox, plaintiff awarded \$25 a month alimony and her maiden name, Willem Agnes Booth, restored; Vera Arletta Perry against George Herbert Perry, plaintiff awarded custody of child; Thomas H. Mann against Mable G. Mann and C. G. Morey against Nellie M. Morey.

MR. AND MRS. BICKLE HAVE FAREWELL PARTY

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Warnock of Mount Pleasant, a farewell party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George Bickle, who are leaving the county was held Friday. The evening was enjoyably spent singing songs and playing games. Musical selections were rendered with great success by Miss Leona Kellogg, Miss Hester Dannanman and Miss Lucille Kellogg. Delicious refreshments were served and the party broke up with wishes for future success and happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Bickle. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bickle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Rippele, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Partow, Mr. and Mrs. Edward McLean, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. McLean, Mrs. A. E. King, Misses Hester Dannanman, Lucille Kellogg, Leona Kellogg, Isabel Partow, Messrs. David Thomas, James Dannanman, William Partow, Arthur King and Ralph W. Niles.

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Boys are Let Go.

James McLarty, 14 years of age, and James McLarty, 15 years of age, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing chickens in the juvenile court Thursday, and Judge Healy suspended sentence. He told the boys that they must go to school and if they were ever brought before him again he would give them jail sentences.

CATHOLICS HONOR AGED CLERGYMAN

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF REV. FATHER ER BECK OBSERVED AT BABY HOME

SERMON PREACHED BY HILLEBRAND

Priests From All Parts of State Pay Homage to Venerable Chaplain —Purse is Given to Him

The golden jubilee of Rev. Father F. S. Beck, Chaplain of St. Agnes' Baby Home at Parkdale, was observed at the home Thursday afternoon. Rev. Father A. Hillebrand, pastor of St. John's Church, of Oregon City, in the absence of Archbishop A. Christie, who is ill, was in charge of the services. More than 40 priests were present. Rev. Father Hillebrand preached the jubilee sermon and sang high mass. Father Beck has been chaplain of the home for nine years, and through his endeavors it has become known as one of the finest charitable institutions in the state. He is 74 years of age, but is enjoying the best of health. The aged priest was presented a purse by the other clergymen present, and he made a feeling address of thanks.

MISS CONYERS DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Miss Nora Conyers died in Portland Tuesday after an illness of several months tuberculosis. Miss Conyers who was a sister of Mrs. E. E. Smith and Mrs. C. B. Smith, both of Kansas City, Mo., was for many years a resident of this city, where she lived with her sisters, Charles Meserve, formerly editor and publisher of the Enterprise, was a brother-in-law. Miss Conyers' father, W. H. Conyers, formerly an attorney of Clatskanie, Or., died in that place January 8.

WHITE SLAVE FOE COMES HERE TO WORK

J. Ronald Stillwell, of Bandon, Or., a brother of E. L. Stillwell, of 615 Duane Street, this city, has arrived in Portland and will conduct a campaign against white slavers. Mr. Stillwell's idea is different from the ideas of most reformers, for he believes that white slavery can be stopped by an educational campaign among the fathers and mothers of country girls who would stop this awful traffic. His plan is to circulate a great amount of literature to all country families and to have educational moving pictures exhibited along this same line. He also proposes to have a look-out committee in all country districts which will look into the character of all strange and suspicious characters. They will be given in one of the talks in this city some time soon. Mr. Stillwell will give a number of speeches.

SURGEON ALLOWED \$200 FOR OPERATION

Dr. George S. Whitehead, of Portland, was Monday awarded a verdict of \$200 against George M. Secret, administrator of the estate of S. L. Secret. The defendant's sister was operated on several years ago by the plaintiff, a fee of \$500 being asked. The administrator alleged that the bill should have been presented to his father before his death. Dr. Whitehead was engaged by Dr. H. S. Mount, the family physician, to perform the operation.

FATHER HILLEBRAND CONDUCTS LOUIS NEMIC FUNERAL

The funeral of Louis Nemic, who died Thursday at the Oregon City Hospital after a six weeks' illness of typhoid fever, was held at St. John's Catholic Church Sunday at 12 o'clock. Rev. Father Hillebrand officiating. The services were attended by a large number of the young man's friends of this city and Stafford, his home. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. T. M. Nemic, two sisters, Elizabeth and Anna, and a brother, Joe. He was eighteen years of age, and lived most of his life in Clackamas County. The interment was in the Catholic Cemetery at Elyville.

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SMALLPOX BROUGHT FROM OTHER TOWNS

Sharing the fate of other Northwestern cities, Oregon City has had four cases of small-pox during the past month. The source of most of the cases have been traced to Portland and other places where the disease is more prevalent. One case was diagnosed two days after the man moved to Oregon City. Two of the other cases are supposed to have developed in other places. Elard Bailey, who was stricken some time ago by the disease, has been removed to the pest house in Portland for treatment.

MAN WHO ELOPES WITH CANBY GIRL IS HELD

Alma Summerfield, 16 years of age, and John Davine, employed as trainman by the Southern Pacific Railroad, were arrested by Chief of Police Shaw on a Northbound passenger train, which arrived in this city at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. The girl lives at Canby and Monday night her sister, Miss Anna Summerfield, who is her guardian, telephoned Chief Shaw that the girl and Davine had eloped. County Judge Beattie Devine in \$2,000 bonds on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, his hearing to be at 10 o'clock next Monday morning. Constable Frost was instructed to take the girl to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. Miss Summerfield said that her sister and Davine left Canby at 8 o'clock Monday night.

COMMERCIAL CLUB BALL TO SET RECORD

Busch's Hall will be the mecca of all lovers of a good live time March 25, when the Commercial Club will hold its annual mask ball. Some of the prominent women of the city have already ordered their Puritan and other costumes and many reservations have been made of Portland costumes for standard outfits, while there are a number of original ideas being designed which will make a big bid for the most original character prize. Requests for invitations should all be in early and remember no one can dance unmasked until after 10 o'clock.

SALEM ALSO WORRIES OVER WATER SYSTEM

Oregon City is not the only city in the Willamette Valley that has trouble with its water supply for, according to the Salem Statesman, the Capital City is now interested in buying the water plant there and furnishing pure water. The water for Salem is pumped out of the Willamette River at Salem and used in almost an unfiltered condition. A private company furnishes all the water. This water is taken from a large tank in the bed of the river which is covered with gravel which acts as a sort of filter. In the past there has been much typhoid in Salem and two years ago it was epidemic. The present plans for improving the city's water supply are that the city buy the system and try to get a supply from Clear Creek.

WIFE, SING, SAYS HUSBAND DRINKS

Declaring that her husband is a habitual drunkard and has mistreated her, Lyda C. Bailey Wednesday filed suit for a divorce from William J. Bailey. They were married in Portland December 29, 1910. The plaintiff says her husband deserted her April 20, 1911. Melvina Matoney sues James Matoney for a divorce. They were married March 1, 1897. She says her husband left her March 1, 1908. She asks the custody of their child. Brownell & Stone represent the plaintiff.

DIVORCED WIFE WINS LOTS FROM EX-SPOUSE

A jury in Circuit Judge Campbell's Court Wednesday decided that Jessie E. Crim was the owner of lots 24, 25 and 27 in Oregon Homes. The plaintiff sued her former husband, John L. Crimes, for possession of the lots. They were divorced by a decree. The evidence shows that the effect that the plaintiff's money had been used in the purchase of the lots. The plaintiff was awarded \$100 damages.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS

The following is a list of unclaimed letters at the Oregon City postoffice for the week ending February 28:

Woman's list—Fern, Frances; Harmon, Mrs. Edna (2); Maloney, Echo; Newton, Helene; Nelson, Lillie; Rose, Grace; Rice, Mrs. E.

Men's list—Anthony, Louis; Beckler, O. W.; Cortoux, Ouis (2); Davis, W. T.; Dent, R.; Green, Frank; Jensen, Irvin; Johnson, Chas. E.; Karges, C. F.; De Julius, Domenico; Marshall, H. K.; Martin, Frank; Peterson, Atmas; Ross, John W.; Richardson, Dwight; Sherwood, Henry; Taylor, A.; Westberg, John; Wilkin, Joe; Zervas, Geo.

CANEMAH GIVES UP STREET R. R.

PORTLAND COMPANY AGREES TO FURNISH LIGHTS AND MAKE STREETS

TOWN TO GET FARE OF 20 CENTS

Tracks From Southern Pacific Crossing to Southern End of Municipality Will be Removed

At a hearing before the State Railroad Commission Friday afternoon at the court house, the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company reached an agreement with Canemah on the proposition of relinquishing the company's franchise in that town. Many of the citizens of the town strenuously objected to the removal of the company's tracks south of the place where they cross the Southern Pacific tracks, but the company maintained that this portion of the track was not profitable to operate and that the tracks up to the Southern Pacific tracks would serve the people of the town as well and that by not crossing the Southern Pacific tracks much danger would be averted.

HEIRS OF W. O. W. MEMBER FILE SUIT

J. C. Armstrong, father of Rufus Armstrong, who died several days ago of typhoid fever, has filed suit, through Brownell & Stone, against Local Camp No. 148, Willamette Falls, Woodman of the World, for \$500. The plaintiff alleges that Rufus Armstrong sent his application and signed his policy in the local lodge November 22. Immediately after he was stricken with typhoid fever and was unable to sign a receipt for the money he paid his dues. His lawyers, however, allege that the contract was consummated and his heirs are entitled to the \$500.

LOUIS NEMIC IS VICTIM OF TYPHOID

Louis Nemic, the 18-year-old son of Mrs. F. M. Nemic, of Stafford, died of typhoid fever at the Oregon City Hospital Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. He had been ill for six weeks and his death was caused by heart failure. He was born in Butler County, Neb. July 4, 1894, and moved to Oregon City with his mother soon after. He is survived by his mother and father, two sisters, Elizabeth and Anna, and a brother, Joe. The father has not lived with the family for a number of years. The funeral services will be held at St. John's Catholic Church Sunday at 12 o'clock. Father Hillebrand officiating.

HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS SENT HOME FOR PRANK

About 15 High school students were sent home Friday as a result of a too free celebration of "stocking day". For several years the boys of the school have celebrated the day by wearing the "loosest" stockings they roll their trousers up several inches above the tops of their shoes in order to show their hosiery. No attention has been paid by the professors heretofore to the prank of the boys, but Friday about 10 of the boys appeared wearing not only variegated hose, but also overalls, and to cap the climax several of the girls wore long aprons that attracted much attention. Principal Pflingsten decided that the joke had gone too far and sent the offenders home with instructions not to return to school until today. Superintendent of Schools Tooze is thinking seriously of having "stocking day" eliminated.

BODY OF MRS. WISE TO BE BURIED IN PORTLAND

The body of Mrs. Jennie Wise, who died several days ago in Pennsylvania, is being brought West and the interment will be in Portland. Mrs. Wise was formerly a resident of this city where she has many friends.



WE STAND BEHIND OUR REPAIRING of carriages, business and delivery wagons of any kind or style. If you have met with an accident, or there's simply a part broken or missing here or there, or some painting is needed, we undertake to put your vehicle in first-class order without an exorbitant charge.

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