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LOCAL BRIEFS

Fred Schaffer, of Molalla, is spending a few days in town. Loris Cruise, a farmer of Stafford, was in town Wednesday. F. R. Coleman, of Molalla, was in the county seat Tuesday and Wednesday. Art Mattoon, of the Redland country, was in town the fore part of the week. Frank Ewing, of the eastern part of the county, was in town Sunday and Monday. George H. Gregory, of Molalla, came to town Sunday for a stay of a couple of days. Mrs. Claus Peters has returned to her home at Stafford after a week in the local hospital. J. Tonz, of Clackamas, underwent a slight operation at a local hospital Monday morning. Otto Lockey, of Molalla, came into town Tuesday afternoon for a stay of a couple of days.

All Clackamas Spelling Team Is New Scheme

To secure a team of 18 students to challenge any county in Oregon in spelling is the motive of a system of proposed spelling bees being worked out by County Superintendent J. E. Calavan. The county is divided into three supervisor's districts. By a systematic and thorough schedule of spelling bees the six best spellers will be picked from each of these three districts, making 18 in all. This number may be reduced by a system of try-outs to 10 to 12 or even less. The first challenge will probably be directed at Marion county, if the plans of Mr. Calavan are carried out. From this county, the team would next tackle Polk county, which is considered the best in the state. The formal challenge would state that the team from Clackamas would spell against any 15 pupils from the Polk county schools. Mr. Calavan has discussed the plan with a number of teachers and principals and every one is enthusiastic.

REPORT MURDER OF AMERICAN

MEXICAN LEADERS DODGE KILLING OF BAUCH, CITIZEN OF UNITED STATES. VILLA DELAYS BENTON INVESTIGATORS. Rebel Would Blame Death on Bauch's Personal Enemies and Says American had Many of Them.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Fresh reports indicating that Gustav Bauch, an American citizen, was killed at Juarez, coming close on the complications of the Benton case, surrounded the Mexican situation today with further complexities.

Carranza, as head of the constitutionalists, has been called on for a satisfactory explanation of Bauch's disappearance and it will be pointed out to the rebel chieftain that failure to protect all foreigners will be likely to lead to grave complications.

Further representations for a speedy clearing up of the Benton killing have gone forward. Although deferring to Carranza's wish to be consulted directly in diplomatic affairs, it is being impressed on the rebel chief that formalities must be permitted to stand in the way of complete protection of foreigners.

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, March 2.—General Villa indicated today his belief that Gustav Bauch was dead, when he said that Bauch, an American, was liberated at Juarez and "doubtless was assassinated by some of his enemies," and added: "Of course I can't be held to blame for that."

FUNERAL OF VETERAN HELD AT REDLAND

The funeral of D. C. Fouts, Civil War veteran and resident of Redland, who died early Saturday morning, was held Monday afternoon at the Logan Baptist church, Rev. Smith, of Oregon City, officiating. Interment was in Pleasant View cemetery.

CHAMBERLAIN OUT FOR RE-ELECTION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Senator Chamberlain today made public the platform on which he will run for re-nomination to the senate. He sent out today petitions to friends in various parts of the state which will be circulated in conformity with the procedure laid down in the statute governing primary nominations.

HE WOULD GO OUT, SHE WANTS DIVORCE

Charging that he would not stay home nights, that he would mistreat and scold her, Mrs. Nellie C. Haynes has petitioned the circuit judge for a decree of divorce which will case aside the marriage contract now existing between her and Arthur P. Haynes.

SUES FOR NOTES

Mathilda Gaarde has brought suit against N. R. Henderson for \$1,251 on two notes which the defendant had issued, one to the plaintiff for \$1000 and the other to Henry Harkson for \$251. The balance of the amount considered attorneys' fees. Mathilda Gaarde states that the defendant has 80 acres of farm land in Clackamas county.

WEST LINN WOULD USE PURE WATER

CITY COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORING CITY PASSES RESOLUTIONS TO THAT EFFECT

WILLING TO SHARE COST OF LINE

Matter Will Probably be Discussed at Regular Meeting of Oregon City Council Which is Wednesday Evening. The entire water program, as mapped out by the city council of Oregon City, may be changed if the resolution passed by the West Linn council at a meeting Tuesday night, is carried out. The resolution provides that the council of the city across the river shall appoint a committee to confer with a corresponding committee from Oregon City to arrange for a joint water system. It was noted in the meeting that it is believed that the city of West Linn would probably be willing to stand a share of the construction of the system and would expect to have an active hand in the management of the line.

At the present time the Oregon City authorities plan to bond this city for \$325,000 with which to construct a pipe line from the south fork of the Clackamas river to Oregon City. The council has the routine work of establishing a water committee, to redraft the amendment to the Oregon City charter, to draw up corresponding measures for West Linn, and to provide for an election for that city as well.

The Oregon City council will meet Wednesday evening for its regular monthly meeting and it is probable that at that time the matter will be brought before that body.

MANY BEG RELIEF FROM WEDDING VOWS

Six divorces passed through the county clerk's office Monday, either in decree, refusal, or complaints. Charging that her husband had an overbearing disposition, that he often became angry, and that he was lazy and shiftless, Mrs. Fannie Stein has brought suit against Abe Stein for a divorce. They were married March 26, 1909, at Duluth, Minn., and have one daughter, Ruth Stein, age four years. The wife asks for the child.

The other divorce was filed by Roy A. McInnis against Ida Jane McInnis. The divorce was granted Monday by the circuit judge and they are as follows: Carrie Haskett from Orman Haskett, Daisy Messaur from Francis James O. Hefflin. The divorce asked for by Robert J. Nelson from Florence L. Nelson was dismissed.

FIREMEN ELECT BY UNUSUALLY LIGHT VOTE

William Priebe is the new chief of Oregon City, L. Noble, assistant fire chief, and Deane Baster, Charles Croner, and C. Osborn, commissioners. This was the result of the election by the firemen Monday. But one set of officers was presented for each office except for assistant fire chief. For this position, L. Noble was opposed by Wiesmandle.

FIREMEN ELECT BY UNUSUALLY LIGHT VOTE

The voting was unusually light. Although there are about 200 members of the local department, but 37 votes were cast.

SAFETY IS KEYNOTE IN NEWEST LINER

BELFAST, Ireland, Feb. 26.—The launching today of Britannic, the 50,000-ton White Star liner, marked an important development in construction so far as engineering ingenuity can insure it. The Britannic, intended for the trans-Atlantic service, had only been laid down when the Titanic disaster occurred, and the plans of the new liner were almost completely remodelled.

A complete inner skin extends to a considerable height above the load line, the most vulnerable portion of the vessel, and the height and number of the bulkheads has been increased. It is believed for the Britannic that she would be able to float with six compartments flooded.

JUSTICE STEVENS FILES FOR RE-ELECTION

John Stevens filed his petition with the county clerk for re-election to justice of the peace Thursday afternoon. He has held the position for about a year, having been appointed by the county court upon the death of W. W. H. Sampson. He is running on the Republican ticket and so far is the only one to announce himself for the position.

HEDGES INSISTS WATER IS PURE

SECRETARY OF COMMISSION IS WARM IN DEFENSE OF PRESENT SUPPLY

QUOTES AUTHORITIES ON BACTERIA

Dr. L. A. Morris and L. Stipp Bay Danger Lies in Contamination of Source by Presence of Human Sewage. Declaring that the filtered water used in Oregon City is absolutely pure, J. E. Hedges, secretary of the board of water commissioners, crossed swords Tuesday in a verbal tilt with Dr. L. A. Morris, chairman of the Pure Water league, who is promoting a campaign for a bond issue of \$325,000 to bring a new supply of water from the south fork of the Clackamas river.

Mr. Hedges read at length from bacteriological authorities. He said that not many people know what bacteria and colon bacilli really are, and he insisted that many false and slanderous statements had been made against the water supply of Oregon City, due partially to prejudice. He asserted that Oregon City has the purest water at the faucet in the entire state.

Refutes Statement. Mr. Morris and L. Stipp controverted the statements of Mr. Hedges. He said the danger in the present supply of water was in the fact that the source was contaminated by human sewage. He admitted that the presence of some bacteria in water did not conclusively prove its impurity, but declared that water in serious danger from pollution when the source was considered.

According to Mr. Stipp, the one man who is responsible for the discovery of the south fork of the Clackamas as a source of supply is Ernest P. Rands, who took the matter up with Dr. Morris and himself, and at a conference attended by Dr. H. S. Mount and B. T. McLean, it was determined to get the matter before the people.

West Linn Wants Water. H. L. Moody, of the Moody Investment Co., who is marketing property in West Linn, said his community is anxious to secure pure water and would like to get it from Oregon City. He confirmed a statement of Mr. Hedges that he had applied to the board of water commissioners for permission to use a part of the present supply that came from the filters, but permission was refused on the ground of scarcity of water. Mr. Moody declared the public at large is afraid of Oregon City water and argued that the development of the country adjacent demands a supply of absolute and unquestioned purity.

"You cannot weigh the cost of human life against contaminated water," concluded Mr. Moody. George Randall, defended the present supply and insisted that the filtered water is pure.

Scarcity of Houses Mentioned. The lack of accommodations for families in Oregon City was again the subject for discussion. John Loder said there is not a vacant house in Oregon City and George Randall, who said he rented six or seven houses, declared he did not receive more than 5 per cent net of his investment. H. L. Moody offered a good site in West Linn for a Y. M. C. A. or Y. W. C. A.

The cluster light question was again discussed and George Randall was added to the committee. F. A. Olmsted, who presided, asked the members of the Live Wires to give him memoranda of the most important subject, in their judgment, to be taken up by the organization. The following menu was served:

- Bull Run Cold Roast Pork Apple Sauce Mashed Potatoes Brown Gravy Hot Biscuits Egg Salad Sago Pudding Whipped Cream Coffee

LIVE WIRE TOPICS AT M. E. CHURCH

Dr. T. B. Ford has made an important change in the programme of his Sunday evening services, and hereafter will give a prelude to the regular discourse on "live wire questions," of local interest.

Last Sunday evening he gave a prelude on "The Need and Benefits of a Night School for Oregon City." He congratulated the women of the city upon their foresight, and philanthropic philosophy in leading in this movement, and declared that such a school would be worth thousands of dollars to the city in increasing the producing capacity of many who have not a good knowledge of the common English branches; in the bettering of the physical, social and moral conditions of those who were deprived of educational advantages in their earlier life; in better homes and a better citizenship. He said we owe this to our foreign speaking peoples, and those who were denied, or neglected opportunities in the days of their youth, and struggle today under consequent limitations. A strong plea was made for the support of this new movement.

Next Sunday evening the subject of Dr. Ford's prelude will be, "Responsibilities of the Citizen in the Present Political Crisis."

Dr. Ford says, "He does not say all he thinks, but he thinks all he says."

MARYSVILLE, Cal., Feb. 26.—Manservant Volverson of the Sacramento team is the first Coast league manager to have a full squad enrolled. DeForest of Redding, Cal., looks like Kenworthy's successor at second base.

ADMIRAL ANSWERS DEWEY'S CHARGES

SITUATION BLAMED TO HEAVY BURDEN RESTING ON AMERICAN

BRITISH GOSSIP PARTLY THE CAUSE

Berlin, Feb. 28.—In a statement of 11,000 words, Admiral von Diederichs replied today to Admiral Dewey's version of the international incidents in Manila Bay in 1898. He says Admiral Dewey threatened the German with war if they did not cease interfering with blockade regulations.

Admiral Dewey is declared to have been laboring under great tension. British interest is accused of fanning the flame. Admiral Diederichs concludes with the startling statement: "It was even related that Admiral Dewey had already worked out a plan for the destruction of the German ships."

The German admiral says that when Flag Lieutenant von Hintze visited Admiral Dewey, this happened: "Admiral Dewey gradually talked himself into a passion. He said, 'Why I shall stop every vessel, whatever may be her colors. And if she does not stop, I shall fire at her. And that means war, do you know, sir?'"

Admiral von Diederichs makes the comment that Admiral Dewey must have known a declaration of war did not depend on either admiral. He attributes Admiral Dewey's conduct to nervousness arising from the weight of responsibility resting on him as commander of the blockading fleet, and from the rumors reaching him in regard to the falsity of the German.

PARALYSIS IS FATAL TO WEST LINN MAN

Fred R. Smith, whose death occurred in Portland at 1 o'clock Sunday morning in the Good Samaritan hospital, was a well-known farmer of West Linn. He lived on the Shelly place and was highly esteemed by his friends and neighbors. On Friday he started to Portland with William Armstrong, who worked on his ranch, and when near Portland, Armstrong, who was driving, was alarmed to see Mr. Smith fall into a heap in his seat in the wagon. Assistance was promptly secured and an examination developed that Mr. Smith was a sufferer from a stroke of paralysis. He was taken to the hospital and died Sunday.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, and his mother, who lives in Portland at the Hotel Mallory with her daughter, Miss Laura Smith, and her son, Russell Smith. Other sisters are Mrs. C. Zan, Mrs. Eugene White and Mrs. Fred Page, of Portland; Mrs. R. S. Schofield, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. N. E. Aves, of New York. The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock Tuesday at the residence of Dr. James C. Zan, of Portland. Dr. Luther R. Dyott, of the First Congregational church of Portland, will officiate and the interment will be in Riverview cemetery.

DEMOCRATS TO MAP COMING CAMPAIGN

The county central committee will hold a meeting here today to arrange for the coming campaign and to elect officers to succeed Chairman R. E. Beale and Secretary G. F. Johnson. The meeting is called for 10 o'clock and will take place in Willamette hall. The committee will also fill vacancies in its ranks, there being 22 new precincts that have never had committees. It is expected that a special committee will be named to take charge of the biennial banquet, which has always been an interesting feature with the Clackamas county Democrats.

BANK SUES FOR NOTE

The Bank of Oregon City brought suit against G. Gardell and Herman Scherzinger Saturday to collect \$150 which the plaintiffs claims is due on a note since September 24, 1912.

BEAVERS LAND GAMES

ALTHOUGH LAST TO BEGIN, THEY EXCEED OTHER TEAMS. PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26.—Although Portland will be the last team in the Coast League which really gets under way in the training camp, as the players are not supposed to report until the middle of next week, there is no team in the league which will be better provided for in the way of games, unless the White Sox play more with Oakland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Venice.

In addition to the White Sox game at Santa Maria on St. Patrick's day, March 17, and contests with the Santa Maria local team, the four games with the American Colored Giants will be split up in three different cities.

The Colored Giants will be strengthened even more than they were last year, when they won four out of five games from the Beavers.

When they arrive in Santa Maria on the last Saturday the local stay there, which falls on March 21, and a second game will be staged on the Sunday date, March 22.

On Tuesday both teams move and play a game at Watsonville, with a contest at Santa Cruz on Wednesday. Beyond this point McCreddie's plans are a little indefinite, although he is certain to stop at San Jose, which is within a short distance of Santa Cruz.

QUEEN INCUBATORS and BROODERS AT FACTORY PRICES



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Boys Start Wild Tramp Life But Are Sent Home

Their imagination fired by too frequent visits to moving picture shows and wild visions of a tramp life, Clifford Smith, age 12 years, and Elbert Prairie, a few months over 13 years, were taken by the local police early Friday morning while the two boys were on their way through the heavy rain from Portland to Canby. The two were taken to the city jail to wait until Chief Ed Shaw could get in touch with their parents.

According to the story the boys told the parents of Elbert Prairie were visiting in Canby, leaving their son alone in the house. Elbert's chum was Clifford Smith, the son of a Clackamas farmer who is spending the winter in Portland. Thursday morning the two boys started off to school but as soon as they got out of their neighborhood they headed for the Southern Pacific tracks, about a mile from their homes. On their way they picked up their outfits.

All day Thursday they travelled. "We would go on the track until we got tired of walking the ties and then we would hit the road," said one of the boys in describing their adventures. "We walked until we thought that it was almost night and then we hunted for a place to camp. We found an old log cabin and went inside. We ate supper from the stuff we had brought along and then went to bed. After a while we woke up and thought it was morning only the sun had not come up yet and so we got up. We did up our packs and started off down the track. After a while we came to Oregon City and the policemen found us."

Each boy had a small bundle with him. One was nothing but a sack while the other was a pack, although small. The pack contained a blanket, which was wet and soiled. The sack included in its load five cans of milk, some sugar, coffee, and a piece of bacon. The boys had bought a loaf of bread but it did not last them through their first meal.

The boys stoutly maintained that they never read the class of books known as "dime novels" but they were great lovers of moving picture shows. They had planned the trip for a week before they started out, had saved up their money until they had \$1.25 between them, and had schemed out every detail of the journey long before they left their home Thursday morning.

Both boys are pupils in the Creston school. The parents of Clifford Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Smith, live at 4320 East 47th street S. E., and of Elbert Prairie at 4218, 46th avenue S. E., Portland, according to the addresses he gave. Mr. Smith was notified Friday morning and came after the runaway boys about noon.

GIRL OUTSPELLS ALL AT SANDY BEE

The first of the series of spelling bees, outlined by Supervisor H. N. James, was held at Sandy Friday afternoon and was won by that school. Ruth Revenue won the distinction of outspelling all the pupils.

Each of the schools of the Sandy district, including Kelso, Deep Creek, Sandy Ridge, Bull Run, Dover, Cherryville, Firwood, and Greenwood, was represented by four spellers. The meeting was opened by a programme given by the Sandy school consisting of music and recitations. This was followed by a talk by Superintendent J. E. Calavan, "How to Keep the Girls on the Farm," and by a second talk by Supervisor Brenton Vedder, "The Needs of the Rural School." Supervisor J. N. James presided over the meeting. The next of the series will be held at Clarks next Friday afternoon.

CASE DISMISSED

The case between the Canby Canal company, M. J. Lee and wife, and L. E. Williams and the Molalla Power company, plaintiffs, was dismissed Monday upon the request of the plaintiffs.

CHARGES AGAINST JUSTICE WRIGHT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Sensational charges of professional and private misconduct were filed today against Justice Daniel New Wright of the District of Columbia supreme court by Wade Cooper, a Washington financier. Justice Wright is the man who sentenced Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, labor leaders to prison terms for alleged contempt of court. The case is still pending in the courts.

Couple is Married In Doctor's Office In Record Time

The medical examination of Benjamin F. Townsend, the issuing of the license, and his marriage to Miss May Porter, of Vancouver, Wash., all occurred in a space of about 15 minutes Saturday afternoon. The young man, who makes his home at Salem, was examined by Dr. W. E. Hempstead and after the doctor gave him the certificate, remarked that the two would probably go to some other town than Oregon City to be married. The doctor quickly changed their minds and telephoned to Rev. T. B. Ford, of the Methodist church, to come at once to his office. In the meantime a license was secured from the county clerk and the marriage ceremony was completed.

CONGRESSMEN INSPECT BIG COLORADO MINE

TRINIDAD, Col., Mar. 2.—Before the brief closing session here today, Representatives Byrnes, Sutherland and Evans, of the congressional strike investigation committee, made a personal inspection of the workings of the Deagua mine, the largest producing coal property in Colorado. The three congressmen were accompanied by two interpreters, whose combined powers sufficed to negotiate the 15 or 20 languages spoken by the Delagua miners, and a reporter.

The now peaceful "death special," the machine gun-bearing automobile used by the mine guards at the Ludlow battle, divested of its steel armor and with no machine gun frowning from its tonneau, carried the party through the district where a few months ago its appearance was a signal for alarm and even bloodshed. Cheers greeted the machine as it raced past the Ludlow tent colony and into Hastings Canyon.

FOUR, TIRED OF VOWS, ASK FOR DIVORCE

Four suits for divorce were filed with the county clerk Friday, George Allen Marshall asks for a divorce from his wife, Della J. Marshall, charging that she called him an "old fool" and time after time declared that she didn't want him around. Mrs. Ethel Bryce petitions that the marriage relation existing between her and Charles H. Bryce be annulled because of alleged desertion on the part of her husband. She asks for \$75 a month and the custody of their child, M. D. Ely complains that Euphemie Ely treated him in a cruel and inhuman manner and asks that the marriage relation be broken. The last is Mary C. Fuller against Andrew S. Fuller who charges cruel and inhuman treatment.

CANDIDATE CRAWFORD OPENS CAMPAIGN AT MILWAUKIE

MILWAUKIE, Ore., Mar. 2.—(Special)—Attorney General Crawford has accepted an invitation from the Milwaukie citizens and will open his campaign here on Saturday evening, Mar. 7th.

State Treasurer Thos. B. Kay will accompany Mr. Crawford and some interesting talks on state government will probably be the issue. The meeting will be held at the Milwaukie city hall.

KILLS WIFE AND THEN SHOTS SELF

LA GRANDE, Ore., Feb. 26.—Emanuel Horne, a restaurant keeper, at 11:30 o'clock today, shot and instantly killed his wife with a large revolver and then killed himself. Horne was about 30 years of age and his wife 17. The couple had family trouble for late and last evening the woman left her husband. "This morning, after falling to have him placed under peace bonds, she returned for her personal effects, and was killed while she had on her cloak and hat. She was shot once in the back. Horne then killed himself by one center shot in the forehead. No one witnessed the shooting. The couple came here about two years ago from Oklahoma.

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