

CALVERT THE PICTURE MAN HAS POSSESSION OF COVETED OLD GUN

Harry Calvert, the well known photographer of this city, and who has been an enthusiastic hunter since a lad, even at that time owning an old muzzle loading shot gun, has longed for years to come in possession of the gun he had that time.

This was in the East and in possession of his sister, Mrs. George Jorgers. So on Christmas Day Mr. Calvert was completely surprised when a long mysterious package arrived at the apartments in this city.

Upon investigation the gun that Mr. Calvert had longed for had been sent to him as a Christmas gift from the sister in the East. It didn't take Calvert long to get busy in examining the old gun again, and it has been polished and now is one of the most highly prized firearms in the collection at the gallery.

Since taking up their residence in this city Mr. and Mrs. Calvert have taken many hunting trips, never failing to get some sort of game, and they now have one of the most valuable collection of guns.

Besides receiving the old muzzle loading gun from the East, he was also presented with a fine gun from his wife. This is a high power rifle of the latest design, and his wife fared just as well as she was presented with two by her husband.

One is a 22 special and a 22 pistol, and are to be taken on the next hunting trip in the fall. Mr. Calvert now possesses five guns and his wife six, and they are experts in using all, and are ready to use them on any big game that prowls around their studio at night.

Hawley Case To Go To Trial February 16

By stipulation of the attorneys in the Hawley divorce case Friday, the case will probably go to trial February 16 without further argument or proceeding. It has been stipulated that the amended complaint of Mrs. Hawley shall be considered filed and that the answer and cross complaint of Mr. Hawley to the original complaint shall be considered as a denial of the amended complaint, which will not be filed until later. It is probable that the filing of the amended complaint will be delayed until near the date of the trial.

Higher Taxation

The heavy increase in taxation in Clackamas county, and elsewhere, is due not only to increased cost of materials of all kinds and the advances in salaries, which are certainly no greater than they ought to be, but to the general disposition for progressiveness. We are being tutored to demand better roads, better schools, and general betterment of public affairs, all of which cost money. The care of our poor, widows' pensions and similar items combine to swell the total expenditures. The legislature has been liberal, too, and the state tax for Clackamas county amounts to nearly \$150,000.

While the county court determines the tax rate, that body has very little latitude in its budget of expenditures. There are certain heavy items of expense fixed by law, from which the county court cannot get away. All of the salaries of county officials are fixed by law, as is the amount which the court must levy for schools. The general running expenses of Clackamas county, aside from its roads, schools and state tax, is less than \$100,000 per annum or less than one-sixth of the total amount of taxes. With the prices of everything we eat and wear up in the clouds, it is not reasonable to expect taxes to be as low as in former years. Residents of incorporated towns, such as Oregon City and West Linn, will pay about 5 per cent on the assessed valuation of their property, or \$50 per thousand dollars valuation. This is a stiff tax rate, but the average taxpayer will make a wry face and pass the increase, wherever possible, on to the consumer.

LAUREN KNOPP IS MAKING BRAVE FIGHT AGAINST SERIOUS ODDS

Lauren Knopp, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Knopp, who is at the Oregon City hospital suffering from injuries received when he was riding a motorcycle and was struck by one of the county trucks, is slightly improved. The accident occurred last Saturday and since that time the young man has remained in an unconscious state, except the last few days when he was semi-conscious for brief intervals. He is suffering from a fracture of the skull, and an X-ray has been taken of the injury.

Mabel Masters Says Her Hubby Deserted

Mabel J. Masters filed suit for divorce against her husband Benjamin H. Masters in Circuit Court Thursday afternoon. The couple were married in Vancouver, Wash., on May 1, 1915. In the complaint the wife alleges that her husband deserted her wilfully and against her wishes and that his last known address was general delivery New York City. She asks for a decree giving her an absolute divorce.

TOBACCO STRIKE SERIOUS

MADRID, Jan. 8.—The strike in the tobacco factories of Spain continues and the government is losing half a million pesetas daily.

CENSUS TAKERS ARE NOT MEETING WITH PROPER COOPERATION

The census takers of this city have troubles of their own as well as those of other cities who are now busily engaged in getting in their data that is compulsory by law. Some of the homes where these census takers have visited had to be visited two or three times before such data can be secured.

There are a number of cases where the housewives have told the women that they are too busy with their housework to give any information. In other cases the people have refused to open the door, probably believing that the census takers are agents of some kind.

At one home where a foreign family resides the census taker asked if the father could write and one of the youngsters, proud of his father, spoke up and said: "Oh, yes, our dad can do anything."

At another home the census taker was asked by the man of the house if she had any right to call and get such information, but the man was soon convinced of the fact from another member of the household that the census taker was perfectly all right, and was performing her duties according to law.

He then gladly gave the desired information, and told the census taker the reason he had objected in the first place was that people had to be very careful in giving information, and did not know that it was the census taker.

Many an extra step has been made by the census takers since starting out owing to the fact that a large number are "too busy" or some who fall to open the door at the first call. So if the census taker hasn't been at your home, and if you have any sympathy for tired feet, answer the door at the first call and get it over with.

The census takers are Mrs. E. M. Scouton, precincts No. 4, 5, 6, 7; Mrs. J. L. Waldron, precincts No. 8, 9, 10, 11, and Mrs. Shackelford, precincts No. 1, 2, 3.

Miss Edith Smith is the census taker in Gladstone.

PUNCTURE PROOF TIRE COMPANY WILL LOCATE AT GREEN POINT

The directors of the Stuart Puncture Proof Tire and Retinner company held a meeting on Saturday night at which time it was decided to locate the business of the company in the planing mill portion of the old sawmill at Green Point.

The directors made arrangements to begin work with a crew of men on Monday morning remodeling the building to suit the needs of the company.

As soon as this work has progressed far enough to permit, the machinery, much of which has already arrived from the east will be installed and it is the hope of the company to begin turning out their finished product by February 1st.

The present location of the plant will occupy two floors, the lower will be 80x153 and the upper floor will be 24x153.

Dr. C. A. Stuart, who is the president of the company, said Saturday night that his company has more orders for his product than the factory can turn out in four months of constant running.

PIGEON IS KILLED BY THE HYDROPLANE WHILE FLYING HERE

During the flight of the first hydroplane in Oregon City Wednesday afternoon, birds of various descriptions, including pigeons and smaller birds, came from all directions and "made for" the plane.

Whether they thought it a huge bird and were ready to attack it or an enemy hydroplane was a puzzle to the interested bystanders, who were watching the flying machine.

One of the pigeons was struck by the hydroplane and falling at the feet of T. H. Smith, who recently arrived here from Calgary, Canada, who picked the pigeon from the ground, and endeavored to bring it to life, but found it had been instantly killed by the plane.

MRS. JEPSON OF MULINO DIES MONDAY AT FAMILY RESIDENCE

Mrs. Mariem C. Jepson, wife of C. Jepson, of Mulino, died at the family home Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Jepson was a native of Denmark, and came to the United States 30 years ago, having resided at Mulino for the past six years. At the time of her death her age was 54 years, 8 months and 25 days.

The deceased is survived by her widower, C. Jepson; five children, three sons and two daughters.

Funeral arrangements will not be made until word is received from one of the daughters, who resides in Arizona. The interment will be in the Zion cemetery at Canby, with Holman & Face having charge of the funeral.

Washington Woman, 73, Years Old, With Her Great-Great Grandchild



Mrs. May Elizabeth Beall is a great (ten) grandmother of fifty-seven and great grandmother at seventy-three, great grandmother of twenty-nine, a she is seen here with her only great total of ninety-six. This photograph, Great grandchild, a boy of one year, was taken on Christmas day at the Besides being a great-great grand-home in Washington, D. C., of one of mother Mrs. Beall is the mother of the great grandchildren.

MARRIAGE OF MISS SWOPE COMES AS SURPRISE TO FRIENDS

The marriage of Miss Mary Isabel Swope, of this city, one of the most popular young women, and Mr. Harry Vernon Burke, of Portland, came as a surprise to the many friends of the young couple, when the marriage was announced to some friends Thursday afternoon.

The wedding, which has been kept a secret since September 15, when the young couple were united in marriage at Kalaka, Wash., was announced for the first time Thursday in the office of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company, where the bride is an assistant bookkeeper, and is one of the most popular employees of the office.

The bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Swope, of Molalla, were advised of the marriage shortly after the wedding took place.

The bride, who is a most attractive blonde, has been employed in the office of the paper company for the past three years, and was rapidly promoted to her present position.

She will continue her position with the paper company for the present, but will make her home in Portland, taking up her residence in that city Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Burke are occupying apartments near Hawthorne Avenue.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Swope, Mr. Swope being a well known resident of that section of the county. During the war she was one of the most active workers with the patriotic organizations, and is an accomplished young woman, who has a host of friends in this city and in Portland, having made her home in the latter city before coming to Oregon City a number of years ago.

Mr. Burke, who served with the Third Oregon in France, and was a machine gunner, had been to the front in some of the greatest battles during the world war. He is connected with the Portland Seed company.

WILLIAM J. TERRILL SUCCUMBS TO SHORT ILLNESS WEDNESDAY

William Joseph Terrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Terrill, died at the family home near Division street Wednesday night, after a brief illness of diphtheria.

FORMER REPORTER HERE RETURNS AND TELLS AMUSING INCIDENTS

William Soules, a well known newspaper man of Portland, and who represented a Portland publication in this city a number of years ago, was in Oregon City on business Thursday. Mr. Soules is now connected with the Portland Journal, and while here visited among his old time friends.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Soules, former pioneers of this city, the family residing in one of the finest homes in Oregon City in their day. This was what is known as the Abernethy home, erected on a site at the mouth of Abernethy Creek, and where William Soules was born, and he has the honor of being the first white child born in that place.

While in Oregon City Mr. Soules related a number of interesting reminiscences that occurred while he was taking up his newspaper work in Oregon City. Among these was at the time he came here to fill the vacancy caused by the illness of a reporter on a Portland paper, who had charge of the Oregon City department. Mr. Soules covering the territory in this city as well as in Vancouver, keeping him "going some" to cover both cities for the same paper in the evening edition.

A resident had been critically ill for several weeks, and the young man, whose position Soules was to take, had secured data covering the man's life, and in order not to have a local paper "scoop" him on the story when the man passed away, had held these valuable notes and was ready to send to the Portland paper the account of the death.

It was but a few days after the arrival of Soules in this city, when Holman's "dead" wagon appeared on the street. Soules and the reporter whose place he was to take, hastened after it, until it turned into one of the side streets and stopped near the place where the sick man resided. They were convinced that the man had died, so they "shot" in their story of the man's death, and after the Portland paper had come off the press and was distributed through this city, they found the sick man had not died, but a man in the adjoining house had committed suicide.

The reporters missed the suicide and had a man die when he was still alive, and remained alive for four days after, when the story had to be reprinted. Since that time, when securing a story, Soules has thoroughly investigated for himself and found out the facts before sending in his story.

Mr. Soules has been in the newspaper game for many years and finds it most fascinating.

C. T. PARKER SELLS INTEREST TO J. W. MOFFAT

Charles T. Parker, secretary and general manager of the Oregon City Engineering and Construction company has sold his interests in the company to J. W. Moffat, the president of the company, according to information made public here Tuesday.

This company put in the water works for this city and for West Linn across the river from here and has engaged in general construction work in this state principally for years.

It is the intention of Mr. Parker to complete some detail work upon which he is now engaged with the Western Diatomite company at Terrebonne. This work will take about two months to complete after which time he will return to this city and continue in the engineering and construction business.

Mr. Moffat will also continue his business as the Oregon City Engineering and Construction company.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT ON WEST LINN IS VERY SUGGESTIVE

The result of the recent fire survey of West Linn has been made known by the office of the State Fire Marshal at Salem. The report of the investigators shows the typographical condition of the city.

The report concludes with a number of pertinent recommendations looking toward the elimination of the fire hazard as far as possible.

Among these should be mentioned an ordinance requiring that all electrical wiring installations both new and repair work be inspected and required to conform to the National Board of Underwriters requirements.

Second, an ordinance requiring all gasoline to be kept in small quantities of less than five gallons in air tight metal cans and amounts over five gallons to be buried at least four feet underground.

Third, an ordinance requiring that any accumulation of inflammable rubbish in and around buildings be kept in metal cans with metal covers.

Fourth, an ordinance requiring that all chimneys be constructed of brick from the ground up.

Fifth, an ordinance requiring all chimneys be cleaned at least once a year by a chimney sweep authorized by the town authorities.

It is further recommended that the charter of the city be amended so that the chief of police shall be appointed instead of elected by the people as is now the case. Also that he fire chief be paid a salary sufficient to permit him to make at least a semi annual inspection of all businesses and public buildings within the town limits.

It is also recommended that the school board for the safety of the pupils install in the high school now being constructed approved sprinkler equipment.

MEDICAL SOCIETY HOLDS MEETING AND GIVES SCHEDULE OF FEES

A meeting of the Clackamas County Medical Society was held on Wednesday evening in the Commercial Club parlors of this city, when the election of officers took place. These are as follows: President, Dr. M. C. Strickland; secretary, Dr. C. H. Meisner; treasurer, Dr. O. A. Welch.

The object of the society is to regulate the fees, those having recently been raised and are as follows: visits in the city during the day time, \$3 for the first visit; \$2.50 for subsequent visits. For night visits, \$5 from 9 P. M. to 7 A. M. A rate has also been fixed for country calls at \$1 per mile. For obstetric cases, \$25; with complications, will be an extra charge. Office visits will be from \$1.50 to \$3; telephone prescriptions or advice in prescription, \$1.

The object of the organization is to have all physicians of the county to become members of the society and to also affiliate with the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

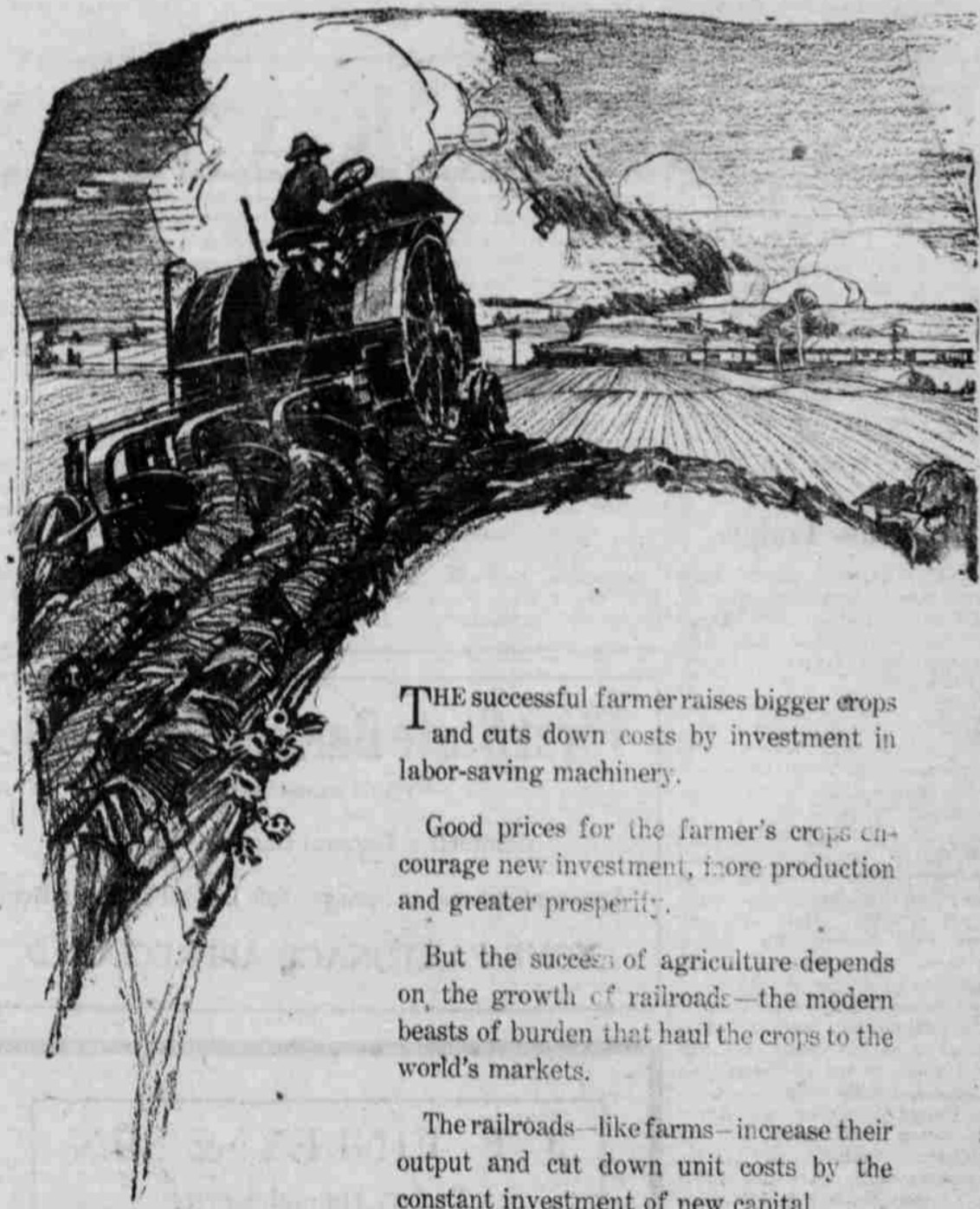
The society will hold regular meetings hereafter, when topics of interest to the medical profession will be discussed.

Tuesday's Frost Is Beautiful Sight

A most beautiful sight was presented to the people residing at Mount Pleasant and in the vicinity of Canby and New Era Tuesday when shrubbery and trees were laden with a silver coating. The heavy fog of the previous night had caused the trees to become covered with the heavy frost.

For about an hour the sun shone at Mount Pleasant and a number of excellent photographs were secured of the sight that is seldom seen.

Fairlyland could not be more attractive to the eye. Passengers on the Southern Pacific train passing through Canby and New Era commented on the beautiful sight.



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