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WOMAN IS MISSING

MRS. LULU BATDORF DISAPPEARS FROM HER HOME.

Left Willamette Last Friday and Since Then Has Not Been Heard From—Left Two Letters to Her Niece.

Mrs. Lulu Batdorf has disappeared and since last Friday nothing has been heard from her or of her. Friday noon she left her home at Willamette to do some shopping in this city. Arriving here she mailed two letters to her niece, Ida Turner. One of the letters was probably written before she left home and the other had been penned after her arrival here. She took the car for Portland and about 4 o'clock that afternoon was seen going toward the union depot by a brother of her first husband. She refused to recognize him.

Mrs. Batdorf was married to Samuel Batdorf four months ago, after her first husband, William Rae, had been dead about four months. She had two small children and was ill. Mr. Batdorf took her to his home in Willamette and cared for her tenderly. But the woman was longing for her first husband and mourned for him continually. She refused to be comforted. The anxious husband feared for her reason and firmly believes that she has done herself bodily injury. Following is a copy of the two letters received by Ida Turner:

My Darling:

Don't cry, but when you have read this your poor aunt Lue will be no more. You have looked upon her face for the last time. I know this will be a terrible shock to you all, but I could not live. Oh, I was so unhappy. Everybody hated me and you were the only one that was good to me. Everyone else looked down on me but you never did. Sam will never have to bury me. It is useless to look for my boy; my grave will be forever hidden. All search will be in vain. It will be so nice to rest from all trouble. I will never have to grieve any more. I went to meet my darling William, the only man I loved. I could not live without him. He was always calling me to come. I seen him ways. Keep that ring. Remember I said it was the last one I would ever buy. Be good to my dear little orphan children. I am better dead. I could not be happy. Ask Aunt Josie to take one of my dear little ones. I have only taken a few things I loved and they are buried with me. You can have any of my things you want, I care for nothing. I want peace, sweet peace and rest. Bid my poor father and mother good by. God forgive me, I can't help it. Something always tells me to come now. No one knows how I have suffered and cried when alone. That feeling only comes to one when they know they have to go. Tell dear Rudolf good by. I loved him. O, Ida, Ida, do pray for me. Please say poor Aunt Lue only just once. Always think kindly of me. Remember when I kissed you it was a farewell kiss. Didn't you see me tremble and the burning tears that would not fall. Tell your mama good bye. She will hate my memory. I know she hates me.

Good bye all.

LUE RAE.

I want my mother to have little Willie. Please tell her.

Dear Ida:

Tell mother to forgive me. I could not help it. She don't know why I did it, why I was so unhappy. I prayed every day to overcome it but I could not. I shall never know the grief of poor grandpa's death. We will meet above. If mother can't take my little boy, ask Hannah. Oh, she is so good and tell Dell Buckles she was a dear sweet little woman and I loved her.

I went as far as my car fare would take me. It was my last journey. Good Bye.

When Mrs. Batdorf left home she was wearing a black Eton jacket over a light blue waist. She had on a black skirt and wore low shoes. Her hat had a white crown, with a red bow and white feather, with red velvet binding around the edge of the brim. She was about 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighed 150 pounds. Her shoulders droop slightly, but she walks firmly

and is a woman of fine build. There is a mole on the left side of her face, near her mouth, and on her forehead a scar an inch long. Her hair was very short and was covered with a short, light brown wig. Mr. Batdorf says that she had less than \$10 when she left.

WILL GO TO ALASKA.

Superintendent Wisner Appointed Member of Alaska Salmon Commission.

Field Superintendent J. Nelson Wisner, of the United States Fish Commission of Fish and Fisheries, has been appointed a member of the Alaska Salmon Commission, to represent the division of fish culture. This commission will sail from Seattle on the United States Fish Commission steamer Albátross about the middle of June. The Alaska Salmon Commission will make a thorough and comprehensive investigation of the salmon fisheries in Alaska, and will take up the study of all matters pertaining to fish cultural operations in Alaska. Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of Stanford University, will be at the head of the commission, and Dr. Barton W. Evermann, a noted ichthyologist of the U. S. fish commission, will be acting executive head in the absence of Dr. Jordan.

IRISH ENTERTAINMENT.

Benefit For Eastham School Library Tomorrow Night.

Next Friday night the teachers of the Eastham school will give an "Irish Entertainment" in Willamette Hall. The program, which follows, will be an interesting one, and the proceeds will be used to purchase books for the library of the school. Following the program, refreshments will be served and a social time indulged in:

Piano Solo—Irish Melodies
Miss Edna Canfield.
Selection—Nordstrom Children.
Recitation—Inita Dixon.
Solo—Selected.
Mr. C. A. Miller.
Reading—"How Mickey got Kilt in the War."
Mrs. Bollinger.
Song—"Mr. Deely."
Raymond Canfield, Earle Latourette, Roy McFarland, Alice Grout.
Solo—"The Heart of a Girl."
Mr. Frank Aldridge.
"The Story of the Little Red Skin."
Louise Huntley.
Song and Drill—"The Wearin' of the Green."
Twelve Girls.
Recitation—"Biddy McGinnis at the Photographers."
Mrs. Geo. C. Brownell.
Solo—Irish Lullaby.
Miss Maisie Foster.
Selection—Francis Galloway.
Quartet—Selected.
Mrs. Ganong, Mrs. Canfield, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Miller.
Selection—Nordstrom Children.

Death of Robert Wickham.

Robert Wickham died Tuesday night at his home on Sixth and Monroe streets in this city, aged 64 years, 4 months, 25 days. The immediate cause of his death was hemorrhage and he had been a sufferer from stomach trouble for several years. He was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1839. In 1857 he went to Iowa and at the outbreak of the Civil war enlisted in Co. A, 13 Iowa Vols. He served all through the war and was in 52 battles. He was captured by the Confederates at Atlanta and was imprisoned for 280 days in Andersonville prison. He was liberated in 1865 and in the same year married Miss Sarah C. Moore. They came to Oregon in 1880 and resided here ever since. During the greater part of the time he has been employed in the woolen mills. He is survived by a wife and two sons, George W. and Alonzo, both men of families and both employed in the woolen mills. The funeral was held this afternoon from the Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was in Mountain View cemetery. The funeral was held under the auspices of Union Veterans' Union, of which the deceased was a member.

Hugh Currin, of Currinsville.

The funeral of Hugh Currin, who died Monday at Currinsville, was held at Eagle Creek yesterday. Consumption caused his death. His age was 47 years. Several years ago he married Miss Lillie Wilburn, of Eagle Creek, and she has been dead several years. The deceased was a native of Currinsville, this county, and the village was named for his father.

Samuel Mars.

Samuel Mars died yesterday at his home on Twelfth Street, aged 67 years. The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from his late residence and Rev. A. J. Montgomery, of Portland, will conduct the services.

UNDER NEW LAW

STATE SUPERINTENDENT TALKS ON SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION.

Rapid Growth of Oak Grove Demands Action—Proposition Made to Create New District Out of Concord, Harmony and Milwaukie.

J. H. Ackerman, state superintendent of public instruction, and County Superintendent J. C. Zinser addressed a meeting of the people of Milwaukie, Concord and Harmony school districts in the Milwaukie town hall last night upon the benefits to be derived from the proposed consolidation of the three districts.

At the recent session of the legislature a law was passed authorizing school districts to affect consolidation at the annual school meetings, which occur on the third Monday in June, by a majority vote. The experiment of consolidation and transportation of pupils has been tried in other places and has proved to be successful in the main.

A peculiar condition exists in the Concord district. The fast growing town of Oak Grove is situated there and the accommodations in the Concord school are insufficient. Accordingly a movement is on foot among the residents of Oak Grove to create a new district there. Plans have been made and the money is in sight for a new school house. The creation of the new district would involve cutting off a portion of the districts of Milwaukie and Harmony and would cripple the Concord district.

It was believed that matters could be better and more satisfactorily arranged by consolidation with Milwaukie. This district has three teachers but has a fine building, with accommodations for the pupils in the three districts. While there are many arguments in favor of consolidation, the people of Oak Grove are almost unanimous in their opposition to consolidation. Temporary consolidation for one year may be made and if it proves satisfactory, it may be made permanent.

State Superintendent Ackerman presented the matter in its various phases and answered a number of questions. He advised the people of the districts to consider the matter. No definite action can be taken until the annual meeting in June.

Milwaukie's fine Band was present and played a number of pleasing selections during the evening. J. W. Gracie, chairman of the Milwaukie board of directors, presided and introduced Mr. Ackerman and Superintendent Zinser.

J. Crader, of New Era.

J. Crader, aged 86 years, for 20 years a resident of New Era, died there yesterday. He was born in March, 1817.

A. A. Watts, who was sent up for 18 months in the penitentiary from this county for obtaining money under false pretences, has been pardoned. His pardon was granted on the recommendation of the prison physician, who reported that the man's mind was being seriously affected by the incarceration.

Forty-three members of the Eastern Star came up from Portland Tuesday night to meet with the local Chapter, and to greet Mrs. Allie Townsend, grand matron of the Star, who is making a tour of inspection. The grand matron delivered an address, and several musical selections were rendered.

The annual ball of the Knights and Ladies of Security will be held in Willamette Hall Friday evening, April 3. Turney's orchestra will furnish music, and there will be a prize waltz. Admission gentlemen 50 cents. Ladies free.

The Mother's Club, of Parklase, will meet next Friday afternoon in the assembly room of the schoolhouse and will be addressed by Mrs. W. A. White, of this city.

Beatie & Beatie, dentists, Weinhard building, rooms 16, 17 and 18.

SOCIALISTS HOLD A MEETING.

Address Made and Three Members Taken in the Local Organization.

NEEDY, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—The socialists held a public meeting in No. 91 school house last Saturday night. Frank Mathews and Frank Kraxberger, of Macksburg, addressed the audience in behalf of Socialism. The audience, which was quite large, listened with close attention to all that was said. After the speaking three or four new members joined the local.

Charlie Spagle has left for Eastern Oregon in search of work for the coming summer. The young folks of this neighborhood tendered him a farewell party one evening during the week.

AL Thomson has moved his store goods temporarily into his father's former residence. Cause of removal, too high rent. He intends building this summer. We wish him his due share of business as AL is a courteous and fairminded young man.

The Spring term of school opened a week ago last Monday.

Miss Pearl Garrett, who has taught school in the Evergreen district during the winter, is engaged to teach the Spring term in the White district.

Ed Miller is improving his beautiful home by building an additional picket fence along the public road.

Miss May Price is visiting friends in Portland for a few weeks.

The fraternal organizations of this community are increasing their membership from time to time, and are in a prosperous condition. Association and cooperation are the only just and enduring principles of human society.

Mr. Ritter and family visited their son Chester, of Macksburg, Sunday.

Crystal Council, Order of Pendo, will give a dance in Woodman Hall next Monday night. A short program will be given and a basket social. Gentlemen purchasing baskets will be entitled to dance and other gentlemen will be charged 25 cents. The entertainment is free.

R. L. Holman, leading undertaker, Oregon City, Or. County coroner.

COMMITTEE ELECTS

EIGHT DEMOCRATS NAMED TO GO TO CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

County Central Committee Acts Upon Advice of State Committee and Decides Not to Hold Primaries and County Convention.

The Democratic County Central Committee met Tuesday afternoon. Twenty-three out of 28 members were present. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to hold neither primaries or convention. The meeting of the state central committee was not held until March 18 and the chairman of the county committee did not receive official notice of its action until March 21. In view of the short time that will elapse before the congressional convention is held, the state committee recommended that no primaries be held but that the county committee elect delegates to the congressional convention. The suggestion of the state committee was finally acted upon, only two or three members of the committee favoring primaries. The following delegates to the congressional convention, which meets at Albany April 11, were elected: James P. Lovett, W. C. Ganong, C. N. Wait, J. K. Gribble, W. H. Vaughn, L. H. Kirchem, E. Mass, T. L. Turner.

Republican Primaries Next Saturday.

Quiet to a marked degree prevails over the forthcoming primaries and county convention. Next Saturday is the date of the primaries. There will be no fight except in one or two precincts. In Damascus there is an effort being made to send an anti-Brownell delegation to the county convention and it may be successful. But there is no doubt that Mr. Brownell will have plenty of votes to spare and will have the naming of the 17 delegates to the congressional convention, which meets in Eugene Thursday, April 9. There will be 153 delegates in the county convention, which will be held Saturday, April 4, in this city.

EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS.

Southern Pacific Will Enlarge Its Depot and Grounds.

The Southern Pacific Company will make extensive improvements to its depot and grounds in Oregon City this summer. The depot building has, for many years, been inadequate to the business of the city, and its warehouse has been cramped for space. Its waiting-room has been far too small for the traffic, and its offices have needed expanding for a long time.

The new improvements comprehend the extension of the present building northward some 30 feet, so as to be flush with the Seventh street sidewalk. The warehouse is also to be extended on the south and was to occupy all the room available.

A steel water-tank holding 65,000 gallons is to take place of the present old wooden one, which holds about 40,000. The old tank has seen many years' service, and although partially renewed from time to time, its staves are struck with decay and its hoops are covered with rust.

Company A Smoker.

Company A, Third Reg., O. N. G., gave a smoker last Monday night in the Armory. A number of Spanish war veterans were present, besides other guests of the Company. Captain J. U. Campbell made a short speech and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed. Speeches were also made by A. S. Dresser, Mr. Kertson and Lieut. Burns.

Major Charles E. McDonell, of Portland, will inspect the Company next Monday night.

Fireman's Banquet.

The Oregon City firemen are preparing for a grand banquet, to be given in Woodman Hall next Tuesday evening. All the companies in the city have combined and the event promises to be an occasion of much enjoyment.

"An Evening in Ireland" at Willamette Hall, Friday, March 27. Refreshments served. Lots of fun. Proceeds for the Eastham School library. Everybody invited.

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