

# MONTAGUE RECALLS OLD DAYS

### Noted New York Newspaperman Visits Portland Where He Once Was Reporter.

## WORK IN EAST BRILLIANT

Writer Tells of Success of Wex Jones, Harry Murphy and Others Formerly With The Oregonian, Now in East.

"I feel as though I'd better slip out of here before someone hands me an assignment."

That was "Jimmy" Montague's comment in The Oregonian local room yesterday. Fifteen years ago, when Edgar B. Piper was city editor, he was taking assignments and snatching time for his first venture into feature writing, a column called "Notes and Comments."

The "Jimmy" of other days is now James J. Montague, writer of verse and current comment for the New York American and other Hearst publications, whose signature is of frequent use in the magazine, and who is held to be one of the finest political writers of the country. He has an expert's knowledge of National politics, and Presidential conventions are open secrets to him.

Just at present Mr. Montague, with Mrs. Montague and the children, is the guest of his brother, Richard W. Montague, prominent Portland attorney. He asserts that James the second, youngest of the Montagues, really brought about the visit.

"I want that boy to be an Oregonian," laughed Mr. Montague, "so I brought him home at the season of the year when he will become acquainted with real Oregon weather."

James J. Montague began his newspaper career on The Oregonian in 1896. He held a variety of posts, from "cut" to assistant city editor, wrote verse that attracted attention by its cleverness and poetical quality, and was finally lured to New York by Homer Davenport, he says, prompted the pilgrimage to Gotham.

For some years he wrote verse and column features exclusively, held down several executive jobs a little later, developed a facility for political writing and began getting the important assignments. He "broke into" politics by covering the Saratoga convention, when Roosevelt, heady with his African adventures, the G. O. P. and severed relations. This period, in the opinion of Mr. Montague, marked the beginning of the Colonel's retrogression as a political actor.

Work in New York notable. In New York politics he handled the story of the epic fight against Murphy, leader of Tammany, when the latter attempted to elevate Boss Sheehan to the Senate. The noted Barnes-Roosevelt trial, at Albany, when the Colonel was sued for \$50,000 on libel charges, was another story that "Jimmy" Montague was assigned to.

In 1912 Mr. Montague covered all the National conventions. He wrote the autobiography of Buffalo Bill, which ran in Hearst's Magazine under the signature of the famous scout and Indian fighter. He has also written Mr. Montague brings word of various Portland people who are now residents of New York. Among them is Wex Jones, formerly a reporter on The Oregonian, who is now in charge of the Evening Journal's staff of comic artists, writes feature stuff of his own, and is an enthralled breeder of blooded bull terriers.

Harry Murphy adds to laurels. Jules E. Goodman, who comes from Eastern Oregon, is now one of New York's most successful playwrights, and has scored several theatrical knockouts. In Chicago, on the Examiner, is Harry Murphy, once a cartoonist on The Oregonian. "Harry Murphy is one of the big cartoonists of America," said Mr. Montague. "His work is frequently reproduced in every way the Oregonian is generally regarded as a 'comer.'"

Just before his departure from New York Mr. Montague visited Camp Mills and looked up his old-time acquaintances among the Oregon troops, among them Major George A. White and Major Charles E. McDaniel. "The boys are in fine condition," enthused Mr. Montague. "They had a football game on while I was at the camp. In every way the Oregon troops are happy and contented. I never saw a finer, sturdier, healthier lot of men. They lack for nothing in equipment, the camp is well maintained, and the food excellent. Every man in the regiment is eagerly looking forward to service in France."

Mr. Montague's visit is in the nature of relaxation from the strenuous work of the recent New York Mayorality campaign, and will continue for several weeks. In fact, he asserts that only the necessity of holding his job could draw him back to the East.

"I am an Oregonian," affirmed "Jimmy" Montague, looking out at the rapidly falling mist. "I like it."

## ALBANY ELECTION MONDAY

Proposed Change of Length of Term of Office Is Opposed.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—To vote upon amendments to make the city charter provisions regarding the holding of elections to correspond with the new state laws regarding holding city and state elections at the same time, Albany will hold a special election Monday.

There are four proposed amendments. Three deal purely with election procedure and propose changes to make the city charter conform to the requirements of state law. The fourth, which is the only one of the amendments arousing opposition, is to change the length of terms of city officers from two to four years.

## New Filings Made.

LAKEVIEW, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—Although a week has elapsed since filings would be accepted on the 34,000 acres of land recently eliminated from the Fremont National forest, have been made so far, one being for land in the Summer Lake district and the remainder for land on Drews Creek, a few miles west of here. Most of the land is without timber and valuable for grazing purposes only.

## Albany Man Sent to Penitentiary.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—Ted Clayton, who pleaded guilty in the State Circuit Court here yesterday to charges of improper conduct, was sentenced by Judge Kelly to serve an indeterminate sentence of from one to 15 years in the State Penitentiary. Clayton was indicted by the Linn County grand jury this week on three different charges of misconduct.

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## AGED PIONEER DEAD

### Judge Gall Held Marriage Record in Southern Oregon.

## PLAINS CROSSED IN 1851

### During Last Years of His Life Veteran Delighted to Recount Many Thrilling Incidents Connected With Early Days in Oregon.

In the death of Judge C. C. Gall, who passed away at Gold Hill, Or., on November 5, 1917, Southern Oregon lost one of its oldest and most honored pioneers.


Christopher Columbus Gall was born in Washington, Franklin County, Miss., March 18, 1833, and had lived to celebrate his 84th anniversary.

He was the last surviving member of the family of Jacob and Roxanna Hart Gall, his parents, who crossed the plains with ox teams in 1851, accompanied by their three sons and one daughter. One son died while crossing the Sweetwater and was buried there. The other members of the family passed away a number of years ago.

That ventral trip across the great plains, peopled with nomadic Indians and roamed by great herds of buffalo, was always fresh in Judge Gall's memory. The crossing was arduous and the party suffered many hardships and privations. In a skirmish with Indians, which surrounded the camp, the war party was beaten off and a number of the Indians wounded.

The father, Jacob Gall, after spending the winter at Salem, moved to Jackson County, and settled on what is now known as Galls Creek, a tributary of the Rogue River.

Christopher C. Gall served in the



**Judge C. C. Gall, Pioneer of Southern Oregon and Veteran of the Rogue River Indian War, Whose Death Occurred Recently.**

Rogue River Indian war in 1853, and was held to be an unimpeachable local hero. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1859, when he resided in the town of the turbulent reds and made Southern Oregon safe for the settlers.

In 1859 he fled on a homestead in Sams Valley, where he resided until 1869, when he disposed of the farm and lived with his daughters at Ashland and Gold Hill.

Many Marriages Performed.

During his residence in Sams Valley he was elected Justice of the Peace and held that office from 1865 to 1895, when he resigned. He was known throughout Southern Oregon as Judge Gall, and had performed more marriage ceremonies than any other Justice in the southern counties. It was Judge Gall's pleasant boast that he had married many settlers in the early days, and had tied the wedding knot for their sons and daughters long years afterward.

Men now high in the legal profession pleaded their first cases before Judge Gall, as he sat as Justice of the

**Peace in the little county hamlet of Sams Valley.** Among Portland attorneys who practiced in his court in the early days of their careers are United States District Attorney Reames, Deputy District Attorney Hammer, W. A. Carter and Edward Watson.

**Large Family Survives.**

On October 9, 1881, Mr. Gall was married to Sarah Jane Pankey, daughter of James A. and Fannie Strickland Pankey, at Jacksonville. Mrs. Gall crossed the plains with her parents in 1852. Her death occurred January 5, 1891. Fourteen children were born to their union, 19 of whom are living.

The surviving children are Albert L. Gall, Phoenix, Or.; Elam R. Gall, Sams Valley, Or.; Mrs. Carl L. Smith, Pilot Rock, Or.; Isora L. Hodges, Gold Hill, Or.; Ellis E. Gall, Ashland, Or.; Mrs. Minnie A. Rowe, Vallejo, Cal.; Mrs. Anna L. Myer, Ashland, Or.; Mrs. Dora V. Collos, Sacramento, Cal.; Mrs. Ardilla Newland, Roseburg, Or.; and Mrs. Cora E. Hargrave, Perma, Mont. There are 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Judge Gall was a member of the Christian Church and his funeral services were conducted by Rev. Samuel March, of Central Point, Or., a lifelong friend of the family, and who, nearly 27 years ago, conducted the funeral rites of Mrs. Gall.

Many paid tribute to the beloved pioneer by beautiful floral offerings and their attendance at the funeral interment was in the family plot at the Sams Valley Cemetery.

**POTATO MEN ORGANIZE**

FAITHFUL ADHERENCE TO GOVERNMENT RULES IS OBJECT.

Resolutions Adopted Advocating Appointment of Government Inspectors to Pass on Grades.

Oregon potato dealers have organized for the purpose of uniformly organizing the new Government grading and classification regulations and at the same time protecting their own interests, so far as possible, in the market and shipping uncertainties now existing.

About 20 dealers yesterday met in conference with Assistant Federal Food Administrator Newell and Professor Hurl, of the Oregon Agricultural College. After discussion of the Government's newly issued regulations the buyers and brokers present formed the Oregon Potato Dealers' Association. It is to be incorporated and is state-wide in scope. Efforts will be put forth to enroll as members the potato dealers of all parts of Oregon.

Officers of the association were elected as follows: W. J. Swank, president; William G. Hurl, vice-president; R. L. Phillippi, secretary; George Davenport, treasurer.

The association adopted resolutions advocating the appointment of two or more Government inspectors to pass upon potato shipments originating in the state, agreeing to abide by the food administration rules, and approving only the sale of potatoes grading No. 1 or No. 2, according to Government standards.

**MEETING PLACE CHANGED**

Conference of Sunnyside Friends Church to Be Held in Piedmont.

On account of the building operations in progress at the Sunnyside Friends Church, the Friends will change the place of holding their quarterly meeting next Saturday and Sunday, December 8 and 9, to the Piedmont Friends' Church, corner of Northwick and Jessup streets.

Friday afternoon will be given over to a meeting on ministry and oversight. Friday evening's session will be under the auspices of the Sunday department, at which time this subject will receive special attention. Saturday will be occupied with devotional services, both forenoon and afternoon, with lunch served in the basement at noon.

The regular business session will be held Saturday night. Sunday morning regular services will be held in the respective churches. In the afternoon a union meeting will be held, at which time the temperance department will give a programme.

**Russian Native to Enlist.**

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—When H. E. Gollub, of this city, applied for citizenship in the State Circuit Court here about three years ago and said he was willing to fight for this country he meant what he said, for he has disposed of his business in this city to enlist for service. He is a native of Russia.

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**MOTHER ACCUSES COURT**

JUDGE TAZWELL'S ACTION IN SON'S CASE ATTACKED.

Mrs. Ida Huffman Appeals to Circuit Court to Review Action of Juvenile Judge, Declared to Be Secret.

That Juvenile Judge Tazwell and Will F. Spencer, Juvenile Court deputy, are attempting to "railroad" her 15-year-old son, George, to the State Reform School by alleged intimidating and "browbeating" tactics on the part of Spencer is charged by Mrs. Ida Huffman in a petition for a writ of review and writ of mandamus filed yesterday in the Circuit Court and directed against Judge Tazwell and Deputy Spencer.

The mother of the youth asks that the Juvenile Court officials be compelled to produce all records and proceedings held against her son in the Circuit Court, in order that a complete review may be had. The petition alleges that John Ditchburn and Paul Dormitzer, attorneys for the petitioner, have been denied access to any and all records which have been held against her son.

The mother of the youth sets forth that her son was found guilty of six separate charges at a "star-chamber" session, to which attorneys were denied admittance. What these charges are she says, she has no knowledge.

These proceedings against her son, she alleges, have been "secret, arbitrary and unlawful," and charges the Juvenile Court officials with "deliberately contriving to make a criminal of the child."

The case will come up for hearing in the Circuit Court early this week.

**Albany Has Only One Prisoner.**

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—Francis Ward, who is serving a term in the Linn County jail for bootlegging, is now in solitary confinement. He is the only inmate of the county jail here.

**Gold Hill School Budget \$8595.**

GOLD HILL, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—The budget for conducting the Gold Hill schools for the coming year has been fixed at \$8595, of which \$4639.73 is to be raised by special taxation. Last year the special levy amounted to 12 mills, but with the increase of taxable property taken into the Gold Hill district by recent extension of the boundary lines of the district, this year the levy will not be more than 6 mills.

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