

H. D. Ledford, of Portland, was out yesterday, the guest of his mother, Mrs. G. T. Ledford.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sannan, of Haines Station, near Forest Grove, July 31, 1918, a girl.

Miss Bertha Hesse, who has spent the summer over at Newport, will return there the last of the week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fessler, July 29, 1918, a son. The little man is a grandson of Frank Fessler and wife, and of the Prangers.

J. L. Simpson's mill, below Orenco, is busy these days sawing ties for railroad shipment. His mill has been repaired in good shape and made a record run last Friday.

The Oregon Electric is distributing ties along its branch line, and track men will soon be replacing the old ones. Eight years appears to have been the average life of the tie.

Postmaster Lamkin reports war thrift sales from the money order window for July, up to the close of business on the 30th, at \$23,143.61. It has taken almost the time of one assistant to take care of this branch of the business—and they get no extra clerk for taking care of it.

Methodist Episcopal Church, Third and Washington, (The Church of the Friendly Greeting) Walton Skipworth, pastor—9:45 a. m., Sunday School; 11 a. m., sermon by Prof. James T. Matthews, of Willamette University; 7 p. m., Epworth League, which will be the only evening service; prayer meeting Thursday evening.

Samuel Michael Moon, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moon Jr., of Centerville, died at the Smith Hospital, Saturday. The funeral was held at the Danielson Parlors, Sunday, at 2 p. m., Rev. E. W. Luecke conducting the services. Interment was in the Cornelius Cemetery. The parents have the sympathy of a large circle of friends over the loss of their first born.

H. S. Jones, whose parents live at Falls City, Polk County, sustained a broken right arm, below the wrist, while working at the West Timber logging camp for the Eagle Lumber Co. He was standing on a log, when another was rolled against it, throwing him on his head and shoulders. His face was badly bruised, but there were no severe injuries aside from the fracture. He is at the Washington County Hospital, and under the care of Dr. Tucker, of the Grove.

Mrs. Fannie Foster O'Rourke, of above Mountaine, was the first mother in this county to receive notice that payments for a son's insurance will now follow. Her son was lost in the service May 3, and \$10,000 is to be paid her in monthly installments of \$67.50, the payments to continue for 240 months, or a period of twenty years, if she shall live. The amounts, with interest, will amount in the sum of \$13,500. The first payment will follow at the usual time of pension payments.

Ralph Hannan, who succeeded his father in business at Buxton, in the old railroad building days, was in the city yesterday, and spent an hour greeting friends. Ralph says that Buxton is a good business point, and that everything is stirring up his way, due to the lumber and logging industry. He brought a little gold to town—the first yellow boys seen down this way for some time. He says that one rarely sees a gold piece up his way these days, all big money being currency, but a customer brought in over \$150 of the dandelion stuff the other day. Hannan says he called in the neighboring business men to take a look at it as a reminder when a currency piece of money was rarely seen.

BURNED TO DEATH IN OVERTURNED CAR

Simon Wahl and Wife Perish in View of Two Relatives

GASTON PEOPLE IN WRECK

Ford Goes Over Embankment, Gaston-Dilley Highway, Tuesday

Simon L. Wahl and his wife, Emma A. Wahl, were burned to death Tuesday night, on the Gaston-Dilley highway, two miles above Dilley, near the Cummings place, as the result of a Ford car turning turtle and landing 25 feet below the grade, upside down. Oil lamps on the car ignited the spilled gasoline, and flames shot up 25 feet into the air, consuming Wahl and wife while a son and a sister of Mrs. Wahl stood by, powerless to aid. Neighbors arrived on the scene, attracted by the cries, but nothing could be done to save the unfortunate people. Mr. Wahl and wife, accompanied by their son, C. A. Wahl, and a sister of Mrs. Wahl, Mrs. Susan Reale, of Stockton, Cal., then visiting at the Wahl ranch, went to Forest Grove in the early evening, and Wahl had the gasoline tank filled. When they passed Dilley their lights went out, and Wahl lit the side oil lamps to tide him home. When he was crossing the hill at the Cummings place he was between two ridges of earth, recently thrown up in road work over the bank, landing 25 feet below, against a tree. Mrs. Reale and the son were on right side of the machine and they were thrown out and escaped practically uninjured. Wahl and his wife remained in the car, and when it turned over against the tree they were pinned under the body of the car, the gas tank flooded all over the car and on the ground, and the gas ignited from the oil lamps. Nothing could be done to extricate them from their peril and in a short time both were incinerated.

Undertaker Limber went to Forest Grove yesterday morning, and held an investigation. The bodies were at the Buxton undertaking parlors. He held no inquest, the death being witnessed.

Wahl was 63 years of age, his wife, a sister of Mrs. H. W. Scott and of the LaFolletts, of the Salem country, was aged 51 years. They lived in Scoggin Valley, just above the Tom Sam ranch. Both were born in the United States.

The son who was with them at the time of the disaster, is in the next draft, having been called here as an alternate at the time of the last big entrainment. He was in the city yesterday to see what could be done in the way of a temporary release from the service, willing to go a little farther.

Mrs. Wahl was a sister of Senator LaFollette, of Salem, and an aunt of Mr. LaFollette, of Cornelius, the peach grower. The Wahls are survived by the following children: Charles, Alex, Arthur, Hugh, Jean and Henry Wahl, of Scoggin Valley, and Mrs. Vernie Harrington, of near Gaston.

FOR SALE

Complete threshing outfit, 32-56 Aullman Taylor separator, run but 30 days, same as new; blower and feeder complete; Russell 16 H. P. compound engine; good. Will sell together or separate. One Sandwich hay baler; Birdsell clover huller; 3-roll feed mill mounted on trucks.—L. J. Holtz & Sons, Cornelius, Oregon, R. 2. 18-21

BENNETT THOMPSON, MURDERER, ESCAPES

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Redmond, who drove the machine, and L. A. Long, of the Argus) conveyed the prisoner to Salem.

The jury which convicted Thompson were Paul Beck, Dilley; G. W. Beal, Seghers; E. L. Abbott, A. J. Roy and L. J. Rushlow, Hillsboro; Henry P. Roberts, Gaston; O. C. Jackson and Allen S. Dilley, Forest Grove; Daniel Deaville, Oak Park; W. E. Pegg, Beaverton; Martin C. Larsen, Quatama, and John Loftis, of the Arende district, beyond North Plains.

Sheriff Reeves fastened the crime on Thompson thro means of a bloody shirt found near the Jennings home. This shirt was originally given to a Mrs. Effie Clark by Mrs. Roscoe Hurst; Mrs. Clark patched the shirt on the neck band and gave it to Mrs. Lyons, in East Portland, and Mrs. Lyons, in turn, gave it to Mrs. Thompson, an ex-wife of a brother of Bennett Thompson, with whom the murderer was said to have been living as man and wife. The shirt was the connecting link, tracing it as it were, from the Bennett Thompson home to the Jennings home—and this was the chief factor in the conviction.

S. B. Huston assisted Roscoe Hurst in the trial defense. E. B. Tongue, the district attorney, conducted the prosecution and the case was handled in a masterful manner on both sides.

Thompson is said to have threatened to kill Sheriff Reeves, District Attorney Tongue, and Bob Phillips, who arrested him in Portland but as this is the usual talk of a "hard-boiled" criminal no one thought anything about his assertions.

Thompson made his escape by working under water until he had sawed away two steel bars which ran from the concrete walls down to the bottom of the stream, where again was concrete. He and his fellow-escape stole a horse from a farmer and it was found near Gervais. It is supposed they crossed to Tomquin, this county, and went into hiding for the day.

Sheriff Alexander spent Tuesday and Wednesday nights in watching woods near Tomquin, with a posse of the Sherwood guard and Portland officials, but no trace of Thompson and his fugitive friend could be found. Ben Day, the store keeper below Tomquin, reported to the sheriff that he thought the two were in that section as the section foreman had seen a stranger near the station. The man ran to the brush and disappeared down the road. A stranger had bought crackers and cheese at the Day store early in the morning and it might have been Bennett's companion. It is hardly likely that Thompson would have shown himself in that territory where he is well known personally, and it is more than likely that he would keep clear away from a known section. Before breaking prison he had received a letter from the woman who was his companion prior to the murder—the woman who was formerly the wife of his brother, Jim Thompson. It is not unlikely that he will meet her somewhere before he leaves the country, as it is said she is the one woman who ever tolerated Bennett, and the one woman for whom he ever had permanent words of tenderness.

Thompson more than likely will never be taken alive, and it is possible that he will shoot to kill if surrounded by a posse. The officers are determined to get him.

Ex-sheriff Reeves, who secured a great deal of incriminating evidence against Thompson, and District Attorney Tongue, both of whom are said to have been threatened by Thompson, in case he got out, say they are not at all fearful that Thompson will show himself in this section.

Both Ben Day, of the store below Tomquin, and Mr. Mulloy, of Mulloy, say they saw Thompson in the store, and that Thompson asked Mulloy if Ed Cook, well known to Thompson, were still living in that vicinity. Reports this morning say that Thompson has doubled back, and has gone south again.

A hardware store was robbed at Salem the night the escapes got away, and the stolen horse and buggy found this side of Gervais, lends to the theory that Thompson is in the Tomquin country. But there are many who believe he is not there now. Close watch and the scouring of the section is being made.

RED CROSS

Yarn arrived for the Red Cross workers and knitters may have their appointments by calling at headquarters, Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays, in the afternoons. Please call and get your work started—Winter is coming apace.

Subscribe for the Argus, \$1.50 per year.

POTATO CROP TO BE MORE THAN SHORT

Drouth Affects Tuber Both on Plains and Hill Districts

ONLY 60 PER CENT. CROP

Vines Luxuriant in Places, but Few in Hill is Rule

Washington County, generally the banner carrier of Oregon counties in potato production, is probably not due to lose the flag this year, but it will keep at the head of the procession only because of the fact that there is a shortage of yield in the entire Willamette Valley. A survey of the crop in Washington County has been made and everywhere is the report that Mr. Tuber and his family are short, and that the shortage is variously estimated at from fifty to sixty per cent.

In the valley and bench lands where early planting is the rule the crop is very, very light, the drouth of May and June having played havoc at setting time. In many districts the vines are luxuriant, but investigation shows but few in a hill.

In the mountain districts, where planting takes place from June 10 to July 1, the vines have had but little moisture, and the yield is naturally going to be small. In some favored places where rains broke without giving precipitation to the valley the tuber will give a better yield.

Sixty per cent. crop is about the estimate, altho it may run to a three-quarter crop.

Hillsboro and Forest Grove sections are no exception, and the owners of most city gardens, who generally have a few sacks to sell, will be in the market for "spuds" next winter, or before the robins "come again."

EDITH TONGUE REAMES

Mrs. Edith Tongue Reames, wife of A. E. Reames, of Jackson County, Oregon, died at the Tongue home in the Wickersham Apartments, Portland, Saturday morning, July 27, 1918, after an illness of several months. She was the daughter of the late Congressman Tongue and wife, Mrs. E. M. Tongue. After completing the Hillsboro schools she attended the University of Oregon three years and then graduated from Pacific University in 1892. She was married to Mr. Reames, May 31, 1893, the marriage being the culmination of a romance of University of Oregon college days.

The funeral took place Monday from the home of her brother, District Attorney E. B. Tongue, at 2 in the afternoon, interment being in the family plot adjoining the Hillsboro Cemetery.

No children were born to the union. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, a prominent attorney of Southern Oregon, her mother, and the following brothers and sisters:

E. B. Tongue, District Attorney, Hillsboro; Mrs. Mary Lombard, of Lovejoy St., Portland; Miss Bertha Tongue, of Wickersham Apartments, Portland; T. H. Tongue Jr., attorney, Hillsboro; Mrs. Frank Fey, of Seattle, and Mrs. Florence Munger, of Portland.

Mrs. Reames was a member of the Hillsboro M. E. Church, and had a wide circle of friends, both in Hillsboro and Portland.

At death she was the owner of the big Fair Grounds property adjoining the city of Hillsboro on the west.

Her father, late Congressman Thos. H. Tongue, passed away Jan. 11, 1903, after serving in Congress from 1896 until death. Her mother resides in Portland, but still has property interests in this city.

COUNTY BOYS GASSED

S. A. D. Meek and wife, of North Plains, recently received a letter from Wm. Jones, in France, stating that their son, Robt. L. Meek, together with the writer, was gassed in an attack on the French front, a few days prior to June 22, and both were in the base hospital. The gas the boys encountered was poisonous and affected the eyesight so that both Marines were sightless for several days. Young Jones had regained his eyesight a day or prior to writing, but young Meek was too ill to sit up. Both boys enlisted in the Marines together, and were among the first of that branch of the service to reach the American lines in France. Jones writes that Meek will get well and have his vision. The gas was of the flaming variety.

The Gartman & Robinson sawmill has rough lumber for \$10 per thousand, and slab wood, 25 cents per cord at mill. Call on or write Gartman & Robinson, Mountaineale, P. O.; Meacham's Crossing on the east fork of Dairy Creek. 21-2

Otis Marrs, of Scholls, was up to the city yesterday.

H. A. Shadden, of West Union, was a city visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shute, of Portland, was out to Hillsboro to spend Sunday.

Wm. Morgensen and T. E. Hills, of Garden Home, were city callers yesterday morning.

D. R. Wheeler, of Aloha and North Plains, just as he wills it, was in the city yesterday.

Wanted—Two or three furnished for light-house-keeping rooms. Write P. O. Box 65, Hillsboro.

Ben Dooley, of Banks, was a city caller Tuesday. His son, Marion, is with the Pershing forces in France.

A. C. Shute, W. V. Bergen, S. Jones and families have gone in to camp above Rippling Waters, on Gales Creek, for several weeks.

Mrs. H. R. Emmott and children, Cecil and Wayne, departed this morning for Rockaway for a short stay at the Ocean Crest Apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hobbs have received a cable announcing that the vessel on which their daughter, Miss Fern, sailed abroad, arrived safely in France.

Rev. G. C. Wicker, of the Nazarine Church of Portland, will speak at the Evangelical church, at 2:30, Sunday afternoon. The public is cordially invited.

Paul Bailey and Leo Goar were over from Neversett, Sunday, visiting with home folks. They report it warm business working over the burnt district.

Gov. Withycomb's son is at home again, at Salem, after being in one of the army hospitals for several weeks. He was anxious to go with the boys to France, but did not regain his health sufficient to be sent across.

The ladies of the W. R. C. recently tendered Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cotta a surprise. The newly wedded couple gave all a royal welcome. The host and hostess were presented with a silver cream ladle and flowers in profusion. Mrs. R. Crandall made the presentation. All enjoyed the evening.

Jack Wilson is representing the C. H. Webber people in the purchase of locust trees for tunnel timber, to be used in ship building operations. There are many trees of this kind in the city and country. Wilson goes to Idaho Saturday on a mission of purchase, and will also visit Walla Walla where the locust trees grow finely. Renaud will handle this territory hereafter.

Railroad men are interested in the possible chance of joining the two railway offices of Hillsboro, thus permitting one accounting force to take care of the business of both companies at a saving to operating. In many places there have been physical jointures of lines, and it may be possible that this will follow in Hillsboro, and that until after the war is over cars will operate on one track two town.

The training camp for army officers for the Reserve list opens at Eugene, Saturday. There will be 300 in attendance, and from this county the following have been accepted: Theodore R. Novak, Hillsdale; Frank Louis Purse, Tualatin, and James Muzic, of Beaverton. The school will close August 31. One of the class will be Stephen Wallace Matthieu, of Portland, a grandson of the Matthieu who helped form provisional government at Champeo in 1843.

Ivor Cecil Erwin, of this city, has joined the Marines under rather peculiar circumstances. In 1917 young Erwin registered at Iditerod, Alaska, and was examined and placed in Class I. He came down to Oregon last Fall, before the Yukon closed, and spent the Winter here with his parents, who live on Main and Fifth. Erwin could get no communication with his Alaskan board because no mail reaches there until July 10 each year, so he wireless in the latter part of June, asking for a release so he could join the Marines. It cost him \$12 to do the wireless act, and before he received a release out by mail the government forbid any releases. Alaska did not know this, however, and the little paper was on the way. It arrived the other day and the recruiting officers, knowing the application for release was made in good faith, allowed the enlistment, and he was mustered in Tuesday, and is on the way to Mare Island. When young Erwin applied at the local war board for information a month ago, he was given the once over rather sharply, and he said: "Well, Jerusalem, do you suppose I'd be showing up here before a war board if I were a slacker. I'd be putting into the interior of Alaska—no, I'm going to join the Marines if wireless will do it, and I'll join anyway, for I don't want to wait for a call through the Alaskan board."

PREMIUM LIST FOR COUNTY FAIR

H. T. Buxton in Charge of the Agricultural Exhibit

TWO DAYS OF PROFIT

A. E. Wescott Will Handle the Livestock Section

The premium list for the 1918 Washington County Fair to be held at Forest Grove, September 19 and 20, was printed and will be ready for distribution by the last of the week. Prizes are as liberal as ever and much care has been exercised by leaders of the different departments to make the fair not only educational and entertaining to the people of this county, but of direct value and aid to the national government in the crisis of war through which we are passing. For instance, a Food Administration department has been added under the direction of County Food Administrator, Chas. F. Wells, in which will be shown those accomplishments of the people, both locally and nationally, which have fed the allies and kept our own people supplied without the necessity of food cards and other trappings of aristocratic and semi-aristocratic governments.

Working in harmony with this idea, Mrs. Hattie Vail, of Manning, manager of the woman's department, has arranged all the premium list awards in cookery to favor the saving of wheat and sugar and all home made candies exhibited must be largely without sugar.

Fancy work exhibits are discouraged and prizes are offered for Red Cross work and other wartime necessities, rather than for the time-killing accomplishments of other days.

The fair will be educational and practical, while the plans for the entertainment features will be in harmony with the spirit of the times.

Tickets have been placed on sale in several localities already, and within the next few days may be had in practically every part of the county. Guarantee family tickets, admitting holder and family to the grounds at all times during the fair are being sold for \$1.00. The purchaser of this ticket becomes also a promoter of the fair in that the sale of 2000 of these tickets in advance of the opening of the fair comprises the plan for financing the exhibition.

The list of managers for the various departments includes some of the foremost men and women in their respective lines in Washington County, many of them of state and even national prominence. Livestock will be managed by A. E. Wescott, president of the fair and one of the foremost and most progressive dairymen in the county. Agriculture is in the hands of H. T. Buxton, and this alone assures a premier exhibit. Horticulture will be presided over by M. McDonald, of Orenco, and Oregon has no better nor more widely respected authority on commercial fruits than he. The success of the exhibit of fruits, nuts, berries and grapes was fully assured when Mr. McDonald consented to take charge of it and his plans already give promise of that characteristic energy with which he does things. A more detailed announcement of the original and remarkable plan which he is preparing for this exhibit will be made in the near future.

Plans are under way to secure a number of attractions of more than ordinary value and each week announcements of the progress of the fair will be made.

R. H. Jonas, Manager.

NEW MILITIA CO.

A new militia company was organized at Banks Tuesday night, with Henry J. Allee, Captain; Albert W. Mills, first lieutenant, and J. P. Peerenboom, second lieutenant.

The boys were out in full force and as it stands today it is the largest militia company in this county.

PUBLIC SALE

By order of the Court of Washington County, Oregon, I will, on SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH, at 10 o'clock of said day, at the Chas. A. Miller ranch, four miles northwest of North Plains, sell the following personal property: Light wagon, buggy, spring-tooth harrow, spiketooth harrow, crosscut saw, sledge and wedges, two goats, barrels, lumber, carpenter tools, forks, and numerous small articles.

Mrs. Chas. A. Miller, Administratrix of Estate of Chas. A. Miller, Deceased.

For Sale—A good kitchen range, in good shape.—Mrs. J. F. Mathews, 1305 Edison Street, Hillsboro. Phone 458. 21-3

Page Gardner, of above Mountaineale, was in town yesterday. He recently returned from a fishing trip over to the Netarts and reports a fine catch, everything considering.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hale were out the first of the week, guests of the Hales, at Oak Park. Mr. Hale is still connected with an Illinois University, in one of the big law classes.

Louis Ennes, of East Hillsboro, has so far recovered that he is able to walk around and see his friends. He has been ill since early last Spring, and his friends are glad to see him out again.

Miss Lonise Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Williams, returned this week from a four weeks' visit with relatives at Grants Pass. She was accompanied home by Miss Edna Trimble.

For Sale—Horse, good driver, will work anywhere; make a good mail route animal. No use for him. Write to J. A. Hobbs, Hillsboro, Route 4, on Baseline road, near James station, 2 miles west of the county seat. 21-3

When Warden Murphy, of the state penitentiary, was here last Fall, investigating the Riggin boy story of the Willamina killing, he was warned to watch out for Bennett Thompson, or he would lose him. He was told that Thompson would be a model prisoner until he had a chance, when he would make his escape, even if it should cost a human life or two.

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