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FILE PETITIONS FOR UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Public Hearing Set for Monday, March the 22nd

HOLD ELECTION ANYWAY

17 School Districts Included in Proposed District Valued at \$5,015,050.00

Petitions were filed Monday for the Hillsboro union high school district with Mrs. Emma Bryant, secretary of the district boundary board, by Thomas H. Tongue, attorney for the committee. The date set for the public hearing is Monday, March 22. County Judge E. J. Ward is chairman of the boundary board. The two other members, besides Mrs. Bryant, are Commissioners Livermore and Hiatt.

Little Opposition

Remonstrances must be filed with the secretary of the board before March 22. There is very little opposition, but there will undoubtedly be a remonstrance filed. An election will be held anyway, because the law provides that any district that already has a high school must vote to vote itself into a union high. If Hillsboro votes all must vote, according to Thomas H. Tongue. The boundary board will set the date for the election at the March meeting.

There are seven candidates for the board of directors. Of the five to be elected no more than one is permitted to reside in the same school district. The candidates are: L. W. Guild of the Midway district, W. T. Putnam of Farmington, L. J. Merrill of Hillsboro, H. E. Thompson of Heywood, N. G. Johnson of Johnson, Frank Rowell of Groner and Rex Parsons of Oreoco.

Tabulation made yesterday from the newly completed assessment rolls shows that the assessed valuation of the entire union high school district is \$5,015,050.24.

List Districts

The 17 districts making up the union district are: Laurel, No. 3; Hillsboro, 7; Leisy, 8; Jacktown, 17; Shute, 19; Fir Grove, 25; Grabel, 31; Johnson, 33; Oreoco, 38; Groner, 39; Mountainide, 50; Farmington, 58; Witch Hazel, 79; Laurel View, 80; Heywood, 89; Midway, 105, and Rosedale, 116.

Members of the committee that have circulated the petitions for the past months and have successfully plotted them until their filing yesterday are Dr. J. O. Robb, chairman, B. W. Barnes, Charles Wells, and J. H. Garrett. Dr. L. W. Hyde, removed to Astoria, was formerly a member of the committee.

Honor Dead Presidents

The Hillsboro banks will close all day tomorrow in honor of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. The birthday of Washington will also be observed by the banks and schools. School children will be excused tomorrow afternoon. Programs will be given in the schools.

Mrs. Mary Corwin Tells of Schools in Hillsboro During Pioneer Days

(Edward C. Robbins)

"Hillsboro is my birthplace as well as that of my children and grandchildren," said Mrs. Mary C. Corwin in an interview here recently. "Outside of occasional trips to the coast and to Portland my entire life has been spent in this community."

Mary C. Wehrung was born in the old Tualatin hotel September 8, 1858. For more than 50 years the hotel stood on Main street where Wehrung's store is now located. Henry Wehrung, father to Mary Wehrung, owned and operated the hotel.

"Father and mother were both pioneers," she continued. "Mother crossed in '48. I have heard her tell about their hardships many a time. Yes, in fact the trip was so hard that by grandmother died from exposure. Father crossed in '52, the year of the deadly black cholera on the plains."

Miss Wehrung was married to David Corwin April 12, 1887. The two children born to the union are Mrs. Faye Alexander and William Corwin, both residing here. The grandchildren are Catherine, deceased; Dorothy and Corwin Alexander and William and Phillip Corwin. George Alexander, ex-sheriff, is a son-in-law.

Mrs. Corwin said the first school she ever attended is a part of what is now George Bagley's home. "It was a private school," she said. "Mrs. Adams taught the school."

"I remember those old school days of the sixties just like they were yesterday. There were hewed-out logs

Local Department Answers Aloha Call

Prevent Fire from Spreading to Property of Aloha Lumber Company

The Hillsboro fire department was called out at 3 o'clock Saturday morning to answer a call from Aloha. The department prevented the fire in a frame structure, owned by Ed Miller, from spreading to the Aloha Lumber company. The Miller property and contents were completely destroyed at an estimated damage of \$1600, with some insurance.

The fire was discovered by the driver of a passing truck who gave the alarm. It looked as if the fire would spread at 2:30 and the local department was called on for assistance. Defective wiring is believed to have caused the fire.

Insurance on the one-story frame structure is said to have been taken out about two weeks previous to the fire. Miller, who is the Watkins Remedy man, was not present at the time of the fire.

Improvements in Tax Collection Planned

Cramped Quarters and Proneness of People to Wait Cause Changes

Changes will be made in the tax collection department to take care of the ever increasing business of Washington county and speed up collections, according to J. E. Reeves, sheriff and tax collector. Deputy Arthur Kroeger, in charge of the department, visited Corvallis, Salem, Eugene, Oregon City and Portland last week to inspect their departments and gain ideas for this department.

The business taken care of in the tax department is one of the largest in the state and the cramped quarters and the proneness of people to wait until the last minute to pay their taxes make necessary the changes to handle the steady stream of people.

It is hoped to get the statements made out ahead of time so that when the taxpayer comes in it will not be necessary to stop and make his receipt when the rush is on. This will minimize the chance for error.

A more strict collection of the personal tax will be made because lots of people have escaped paying. If necessary the tax officials say they will go out and levy on the property.

The groundwork for the change in the system that will be needed to handle the increasing volume of business is being laid.

"I found a number of things on the trip that will mean a saving to the county," stated Deputy Kroeger.

Peters to Speak

The Native Sons and Daughters will hold a meeting Friday evening in the Modern Woodmen hall. R. Frank Peters will give the main address and a short musical program will also be given.

ALFALFA GROWING IN ADVANCE STAGES

Large Acreages in the County Are Being Seeded

MUST CHOOSE RIGHT SOIL

Grimm Variety, Because of the Branching Tap Root, Is the Best Variety

(By O. T. McWhorter, county agent)
Alfalfa growing in Washington county is seemingly advanced from the small trial plantings to the seeding of larger acreages. An encouraging sign is that many of those who have made the trial plantings are now prepared to seed larger fields.

Gustave Krause, of Blooming, who planted five acres in 1923, states that he will plant twenty acres this year. Sherman Hyde, who made his first successful planting in 1920, will plant six acres. W. H. Lyda, of Gales Creek, will plant ten acres. Karl Schaefer, of Hillsdale, writes that he will follow last season's trial planting by seeding about ten acres more, and so it goes all over the county.

Soil Selection Important

Those who select poorly drained soils having a close clay-like subsoil may be disappointed. Alfalfa seldom succeeds in Washington county on such soils. Alfalfa is showing good results on practically all types of Washington county soils where the natural drainage is such as to give a deep drained soil.

Ground limestone at the rate of 1000 to 3000 pounds per acre assists in insuring success with alfalfa culture. There are many plantings doing well without lime.

Many failures to secure stands of alfalfa can be credited to poorly prepared seed beds. When the soil is finally ready for the alfalfa seed it should be firm with a shallow loose top covering. Alfalfa like red clover likes a firm seed bed.

Select Seed Carefully

The Grimm variety of alfalfa, because of its branching tap root, is the recommended variety. Common alfalfa has a long straight tap root and has not proven generally satisfactory.

F. W. Delsman, who planted both common and Grimm alfalfa on his Hillsboro farm several years ago, states that he would never again plant the common variety. "The common alfalfa yields me two crops and the Grimm three cuttings annually," he stated.

There is quite a wide range of prices quoted on Grimm alfalfa seed this year. The better grades range about fifty cents.

One sample of Grimm seed sent to the county agent by a Washington county farmer and quoted at thirty-six cents was found by the O. A. C. seed laboratory to contain 5130 weed seeds per pound, and the germination was only fifty-two and one-half per cent. The purchaser needs to use caution and to buy of reliable dealers. Certain Washington county dealers are bargaining for the very best grades.

Saturday Grange Program Is Good

The following program will be given Saturday, February 13, at 1:30 p. m. in the Grange hall. Song, "America;" sketch of the life of George Washington, William Schulmerich; instrumental music by Mrs. H. L. Fuller; talk on life of Lincoln by R. Frank Peters; alk by J. L. Crow on the G. A. R.; piano duet by Mrs. Pearl Burkhalter and Mrs. Hass; talk by Rev. Lowell A. Young; song by Mary Caldwell; talk on peach culture, followed by a demonstration in pruning by Charles LaFollette; reading by Len B. Fishback. An invitation is extended to the public to attend this program.

K. P.'s Help Boy Scouts

The use by the Boy Scouts of the club room of the Knights of Pythias hall was extended by a vote of the lodge Monday night. The scouts have had no regular place to meet in this year and the Knights wanted to help in promoting the work.

James Beckwith and A. L. Wiese of the Black Meerschum Pipe Co., at Farmington, were in the county seat on business Saturday.

Grange Resolution Presented to Court

Urge Prisoners be Made Self Sustaining by Working the Rock Quarries

A large delegation of Grangers, representing all the subordinate Granges in the county, presented to the county court Monday a resolution asking that prisoners be put to work. William Schulmerich was the spokesman for the Grange. This resolution was passed at the recent Pomona Grange meeting at Banks.

The prisoners are not self sustaining, declared Mr. Schulmerich in presenting the resolution. He expressed the opinion that they should be put to work in the county rock quarries, contending that such a practice would allow Judge Bagley to give heavier fines and sentences and be a factor in minimizing crime.

ENTHUSIASTIC ROAD MEETING AT GROVE

Speakers Stress the Part Good Roads Play in Development of the State

An enthusiastic Tillamook short cut meeting was held in the form of a noon luncheon at the Forest Grove chamber of commerce Monday. Approximately 125 persons were present, including large delegations from Hillsboro and Tillamook, who were guests of the Forest Grove chamber of commerce. About 50 members of the Hillsboro commercial body attended.

President George Bauman of the Forest Grove organization presided.

Mayor Cady Speaks

Mayor M. P. Cady of Hillsboro and a member of the short cut committee said that the size of the crowd was evidence of the fact that the shorter route was wanted.

President Easter of the Hillsboro chamber urged the co-operation of everyone for a greater Oregon.

Joe Dunn of Portland, president of the Oregon State Motor association, said that good roads mean development. Mr. Dunn wants to see the present state road program completed before any additional units are added.

"We are for any proposed road that offers a short cut," declared George Brandenberg, secretary of the association and editor of the Oregon Motorist. "We have no excessive tax because we are paying for our roads and saving much more in wear and tear. Anyone that advocates cuts in the automobile license fees or gasoline tax is unworthy of the support of the voters of Oregon. When a reduction is made, road development is curtailed."

William Gill of the Tualatin Valley tunnel committee said that the proposed tunnel is a necessary link in the Tillamook short cut.

The last three were introduced by L. M. Graham, chairman of the road committee of the Forest Grove chamber of commerce.

Inspect Market Roads

County Roads Are Declared in Good Shape for Oiling

The clay-bound macadam roads in Washington county are in good shape for oiling, according to E. H. Baldock, state maintenance engineer, who, with J. H. Scott, state market road engineer, Commissioners Livermore and Hiatt and County Engineer Jones, made an inspection of the roads Friday.

Engineer Baldock originated the methods incorporated in Oregon for the use of clay-bound macadam. He then worked out his experiments of oiling these roads. This experiment was tried on the Old Oregon Trail and the Mt. Hood loop.

Clay-bound macadam roads are being constructed in Coos bay country.

Remodels Malibu

The interior of the Malibu Confectionery and Pool Hall is being remodelled to give more room for the confectionery. Ivan Freeman, proprietor, plans to make his place one of the most attractive in the city.

Grand Chief Coming

Mrs. Helen Wrightman of Silverton, Grand Chief of the Pythian Sisters of Oregon will make an official visit to Phoenixia Temple No. 10 of Hillsboro this Friday night. The ritualistic work will be exemplified and a large attendance is expected.

The Royal Neighbors will hold an all day baked food sale at Greer-Powers store Saturday, February 13.

LAST WEEK'S STORM DOES SOME DAMAGE

Roof of Barn at Roy Carried Away by Force of Wind

DANCE HALL HIT BY TREE

Big Fill Across Jackson Bottom Stands up Under Heavy Pressure

The young tornado and rain storm that visited the county the last of the week did considerable damage in various sections. Trees were blown over, power and telephone wires damaged and in some cases buildings were badly damaged. Orchard trees were uprooted in some places.

Grain Exposed

The roof on the Claud Williams barn at Roy was blown off, according to Ray Dillon, MacKenzie Motor representative, who visited in that section the last of the week. The barn is 40 by 100 feet and 25,000 shingles are required to cover. The grain and feed were exposed to the rain and this means quite a loss. Mr. Dillon said that the water was a foot deep on the roads in some places.

Twenty-six fir trees were down across the road from the Gales Creek store to Vernonia. One big fir hit right in the middle the Bain Grove dance hall and it is a total wreck. The management of the pavilion will rebuild a bigger and better place at once.

Slight damage was done to power and telephone lines by trees falling over them and in some places the poles were blown over.

The front of the big frame building next to the Argus had a number of people guessing as to whether it would win out in the fight with the elements. It was weaving back and forth considerably.

The heavy rains have filled the low lands and Dairy creek and Tualatin river are running over their banks.

The big fill across Jackson Bottom is standing the heavy rains and pressure of the overflow in good shape. A crew of men is at work keeping it in good shape.

"Adam and Eva," a Comedy, Next Week

High School Seniors Present Annual Play Wednesday and Thursday

"Adam and Eva," a bright and amusing play of genuine fun, will be given at the Venetian on next Wednesday and Thursday, February 17 and 18, by the senior class of the high school. The play is produced by special arrangement with Samuel Franch of New York.

The story of a wealthy man, his extravagant, selfish family, clinging dependent upon him and apparently regarding him as bothersome except when he poises pen above check book. These relatives even arrange with his physician to have him go away on a long trip, so that they may run up bills more freely. In comes the father's young business manager, who tells his employer how he would love a home.

The exasperated father tells him they will change places and puts him in command of the household, himself lighting out for the upper reaches of the Amazon.

The young man soon finds himself confronted by the same hurricane of flippancy and terrific bills for lingerie. As a desperate remedy he deludes the family into thinking that father's big rubber business is ruined. In divers and humorous manners they meet the emergency. Of course, it does them all good and brings out the best in them.

"Adam and Eva" enjoyed a year's run in New York, and was a big success on the road and in motion pictures.

The high school cast is as follows: James King, a rich man—Walter Freeman Corinthia, his parlor maid—Phyllis Phelps Clinton de Witt, his son-in-law—Howard Wall Julie de Witt, his eldest daughter—Marguerite Davis Eva King, his younger daughter—Margaret Barr Aunt Abby Rucker, his sister-in-law—Eva McCormick Dr. Jack Delamater, his neighbor—Raymond Haas Horace Pilgrim, his uncle—Daryl Crosby Adam Smith, his business manager—Thomas Caldwell Lord Andrew Gordon, his would-be son-in-law—Edward Olsen The scenes are laid in Mr. King's home and on the King farm.

17 True Bills Are Returned by Jury

Auto Wreck Driver Is Indicted on Two Counts by Grand Jury Last Week

The Washington county grand jury Saturday returned 17 true bills and four not true bills. As usual the great majority of the indictments were for violation of the prohibition laws.

L. O. Juvrud, who was the driver of the car that struck the L. V. Hullit car resulting in the injury of three persons about two weeks ago, was indicted on two counts. He is charged with operating a car at a greater speed than 30 miles per hour and with overtaking and attempting to pass another vehicle when the view ahead was not clear for 100 yards.

Robert Carlson, who has figured prominent in court affairs for some time but has always been acquitted, was indicted on a charge of perjury.

H. E. Campbell has the count of carrying a concealed weapon against him. Arthur Ellison and Steve Ochs face larceny charges.

The liquor indictments are: Frank Berggren, liquor and driving while intoxicated; George W. Douglas, driving while intoxicated; Ivan McKnight, driving while intoxicated; Dayton Mays, liquor; John A. O'Dell, liquor; Marie Schmidt, liquor.

Officers Named by Growers on Friday

Better Year in Prospect Better Fruit and Berry Growers' Members

George Woodworth was re-elected president of the Washington County Fruit and Berry Growers Co-operative association at the annual meeting in the chamber of commerce rooms last Friday afternoon. The others were re-named and they are: Charles LaFollette of Cornelius, as vice-president; G. C. Chase of Hillsboro, secretary, and H. N. Shears, Witch Hazel, treasurer. The two directors are Sam Webb and William Crabtree.

The growers are very optimistic about conditions and are expecting higher prices for their products this year than last.

They were banqueted Friday night by the Busy Bee club of the Hillsboro Grange. A social meeting was enjoyed later.

Great enthusiasm was displayed on the part of the members over the satisfactory results obtained in the handling of their 1925 crop of berries through their co-operative sales agency. By this means the association was able to obtain almost double for their fruit over the prices of several previous years, and the prospects are bright for even better prices this year. They will sell their crop this year through the same agency, which has proved very satisfactory.

The members of the association say that berry growing in Washington county is highly profitable to the grower as conducted by the association.

The association has not been making an aggressive campaign for new members and all new members coming in have done so of their own free will. All berry growers are eligible and welcome to membership and those wishing to join should communicate with some officer of the association.

Norbeck-Kruse to Meet February 19

Good Card Arranged by Manager Hoffman for Next Legion Smoker

"Moose" Norbeck of Portland, one of the best light heavyweight wrestlers in the state, will meet "Bob" Kruse, the Tigard boy who has proved so popular with local fans, in the second American Legion smoker at the Shute park auditorium Friday night, February 19. They will wrestle two hours, best two out of three, or decision at the end of the time.

Harper of Gales City and Dixon of Reedville will meet in the half-hour preliminary. The preliminary bout should be fast and worth while for any wrestling fan.

Kruse threw Thornton, the light heavyweight champion of Canada, with an aeroplane spin in the best and fastest wrestling events ever seen in this section at the first smoker.

Mike Yokel, who lost the light heavyweight belt to Billy Meeske in Portland a short time ago, will furnish the opposition for Kruse here February 26.

BANQUET TO START BUDGET CAMPAIGN

President of the State Chamber will be Speaker

TWO TEAMS WORK CITY

May Assign Membership on Basis of Contribution to the Budget Fund

The campaign to raise the budget for chamber of commerce activities will start next Thursday night at a banquet in the Washington hotel. Irving Vining, president of the state chamber of commerce, will be the speaker and members of the Forest Grove chamber of commerce will be guests of the local chamber. A musical program will also be arranged for the banquet and President R. Easter will preside.

Officers Head Teams

Teams headed by President Easter and Vice-President Rube Weil will start out the morning after the banquet and will continue at work until the quota is reached. The teams will be composed of three captains to head sub-committees of four each. The personnel will be announced in next week's Argus and at the banquet.

The directors are working for the year and it will be announced at the meeting next Thursday night. Anyone having ideas should tell them to Secretary Phillips.

Chamber membership is \$12 a year and the most of the business firms now subscribe to the budget fund to carry on the activities of the chamber. The average yearly subscription is \$60 a year and is paid either monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or yearly.

The board of directors has arranged for assigned memberships in case of firms subscribing large amounts. The provision passed by the board is as follows: Any individual, firm, association or corporation desiring to subscribe in addition to the prescribed annual membership dues, or for more than one membership, may be permitted to do so, provided, however, that additional memberships will not be assigned in proportion to the annual membership dues, but in accordance with the following table: \$300 per year, 6; \$200, 5; \$100, 4; \$50, 3; 200, 2; and 100, 1.

Pioneer Resident Dies at Cornelius

Joshua W. Marsh, Who Crossed Plains in 1852, Passed Away Today

Joshua W. Marsh, 85, respected Washington county pioneer, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bertha Wiedewitsch, at Cornelius at 9 o'clock this morning after an extended illness.

He was a native of Branch county, Michigan, and was born October 6, 1840, the son of John and Rebecca (Leverich) Marsh. The Marsh family crossed the plains to Washington county in 1852 and took up a donation land claim.

The stirring events of a trip by wagon through a strange country made a deep impression on the mind of the boy of 12 and furnished material for many reminiscences. He helped his father clear the land and when he became of age proved up on 120 acres. His place was north of Cornelius. He also engaged in contracting and logging.

Mr. Marsh was married in Washington county October 5, 1868, to Miss Angenette Deletts, whose parents were pioneers of this state. She passed away in 1910.

He was the father of Mrs. Bertha Wiedewitsch of Cornelius, Mrs. Annie Cummins of north of Cornelius and Mrs. Minnie Cummins of South Tualatin. Nineteen grandchildren also survive.

His life has been one of activity and enterprise and as he has ever been mindful of the interests and welfare of others, he has many friends to survive him.

Lilly Is Head of District

National Farm Loan Associations Meet at Vancouver

D. G. Lilly of near Forest Grove was elected president of the National Farm Loan associations of Northwestern Oregon and Southwestern Washington at a district conference in Vancouver, Washington, Saturday with officials of the Federal Land bank of Spokane. The meeting next year will be held in Hillsboro.

Delegates from the Washington County National Farm Loan association to the district conference were D. G. Lilly of Forest Grove, Martin Larson of Beaverton and A. R. England of Hillsboro.

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