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PROMINENT LOCAL MAN DIES FRIDAY

C. W. Redmond Succumbs After Several Weeks' Illness

LIVED HERE FOR 34 YEARS

Deceased Had Served as Deputy Sheriff and Constable for Years

Charles Wesley Redmond, seventy, died at the family home here Friday after an illness of several weeks. Death was from pneumonia, which set in four days before.

Mr. Redmond was sent out from the sheriff's office about noon on November 7 to deliver some papers over near Progress. He was in an automobile accident shortly after serving the papers and it is not known whether he suffered the stroke before the accident or whether the nervous shock of the accident brought on the stroke. Mr. Olson of the Olson garage brought him to Hillsboro, and not knowing where he lived, left him at the Oregon Electric depot.

He showed some improvement for a couple of days after the stroke but took a turn for the worse and four days before he died, pneumonia set in.

Mr. Redmond was born February 24, 1856, at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Redmond. He was 16 years of age when he went to McMinnville with his brother, John, who died several years ago. After attending McMinnville college, Mr. Redmond moved to Portland, where he lived for several years before moving to Hillsboro, which had been his home for 34 years.

He was married to Miss Alice Ellett in 1888 and one child was born to this union, Marguerite, the late Mrs. Raymond Harvey.

During the early part of his life in this county he was a prominent race horse driver and trainer, driving for George V. James, Van De Lashmatt and Thomas H. Tongue, Sr., at the race track at Witch Hazel. After his racing days, Mr. Redmond spent 12 years in the livery business in this city. Mr. Redmond had been active in civic and political affairs of the county for years, and had been constable and deputy sheriff for many years.

Deceased is survived by the widow, Mrs. Alice Redmond, a sister, Miss Margaret Redmond of Portland, and a brother, Frank Redmond, of McMinnville. The following nephews and nieces also survive: Wesley, Roy and John P. Mina, McMinnville; William and Matthew, Centralia, Wash., and Dr. Earl Smith, coroner Multnomah county, and Miss Helena Smith, Portland.

Many friends of the deceased attended the funeral services in the Congregational church Sunday afternoon at 1:30. Rev. Lowell A. Young officiated. Pall bearers were J. E. Reeves, E. J. McAlear, Thomas H. Tongue, E. B. Tongue, George Alexander and Virgil Weckert. He was buried at the Portland crematorium.

Evolution of Educational System in Hillsboro Told in Interview With Burt W. Barnes, Superintendent

(Edward C. Robbins)

TWENTY years ago Hillsboro was struggling to establish a high school. Even a majority of the school board then opposed the institution. A union high school, giving equal educational opportunity between the farmer and the urban community, is the timely development of the secondary curriculum. Superintendent B. W. Barnes brings this out in his interview.

"I was born in Ohio near the large city of Cleveland," declared Burt William Barnes, when discussing his life for the Argus early in the week.

"The date," he was asked?

"Well, it was a long time ago.

"At twenty I moved to Nebraska, settling at Naponee, located about half the distance across the state on the Kansas line. For four years I was employed as a telegrapher for the B. & M. R. R. Another year was taken up in farming. Four years later I obtained a Bachelor's degree from the Lincoln Normal university at Lincoln, Nebraska. By receiving this degree I was prepared in the fields of education, commerce and business, banking and telegraphy.

"Securing my first teaching position, I taught in a rural Nebraska school at a salary of \$27 per month.

Legion May be Second Line of City Defense

Arrangements were considered by Hillsboro post of the Legion Tuesday night to provide a second line of defense in case of fire or calamity in the community. The fire department is having a man come out from Portland to lecture on first aid work soon and the firemen will be invited to meet at the Veterans' hall at that time so that the service men can get some information that would be valuable to the community. The public will also be invited.

Joint installation of the auxiliary and the Legion will be held January 11.

Plans for a minstrel show to be held in the near future have been turned over to the activities committee, Ivan Freeman, chairman.

The Legion men started a fund Tuesday night for fixing up comfortable club rooms in the building as soon as possible.

MERGER HILLSBORO BANKS IS ASSURED

National, Commercial to Join Forces; Conduct Business in National

The consolidation of the Hillsboro National Bank and the Hillsboro Commercial Bank was assured last night when the stockholders of the Commercial Bank approved the merger. The National Bank stockholders approved of the merger Wednesday night of last week.

The new institution will begin business Monday, and will be known as the Commercial-National Bank. The assets of the two banking houses will be merged Saturday and Sunday, ready for the opening of business Monday morning in the Hillsboro National Bank building.

The new bank will have assets of over a million and a quarter dollars and will be the largest banking institution in the county.

The quarters of the Commercial Bank will be occupied some time next month by the Wilkes Abstract Company, and the local branch of the Maytag Washing Machine Company will occupy the quarters to be vacated by the abstract company.

Lighting Effects at Venetian Best

A clever Christmas tree was arranged on the stage of the Venetian theatre for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The lighting effect was without doubt the best ever seen in Hillsboro and the management is to be congratulated on the display.

The theatre was darkened completely and the lights coming on gradually and in different colors made the different colorings. When on full the lights on the tree blinked constantly. The lighting was so arranged as to fade out the tree.



The Argus wishes you a

Happy New Year

MARKET ROAD WORK IS DEVELOPING FAST

60 Miles Now Under Maintenance; Plans Call for 25 Miles New in 1927

Washington county is fast emerging from the depths in road construction to first rank among the counties of the state. For many years this county was the recipient of many jibes from the Portland press. Modern system was then an unknown quantity here.

Sixty miles of the market road system are now under maintenance and 5.8 miles of this are oiled. The entire system totals 202 miles. It was estimated at the beginning that it would take eight years for completion, but with the proper amount of co-operation from the people the system will probably be completed in six years. The progress of the market road system will be a big factor in the great development that is bound to come to the Northwest.

Road work in this county is all on a cash basis and as a consequence the county is better off financially than any other county in the state on roads. This county is one of the very, very few that has no road bonds. No other county bordering on the financial condition of Washington is doing as much work. Less money was spent for road work in the county in 1926 than in 1924 and 1925.

The market road work is all under the supervision of engineers. The supervision of the work, organizing of crews and selecting of foremen and routing of all equipment is in the hands of experts, who keep complete cost records on market road work, shops, all equipment and quarries. In addition to this, books are kept on the financial standing of all road districts.

In keeping with the age of specialization the members of the court and the market roadmaster are endeavoring to train foremen and find out the part of the work that they are best adapted to and keep them on that. This differs from the road supervisor system and is a big aid in bringing up the standard of construction in the road districts.

Before any work is done a survey is made, complete plans and specifications are made up in addition to a preliminary estimate of cost of work, based on amount of work to be done, whether grading, macadam or other incidental work. In this way it is possible to have several projects going at the same time and still not overreach the available funds. Without this method it is a hit and miss proposition without any knowledge of what your money will do beforehand. The plans and estimates are submitted to the highway commission for approval, and the work must be done in accordance with the plans. Upon

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Press is Damaged, Send Copy Early

Hard luck smiled on the Argus last Thursday morning, with the result that the big newspaper press was damaged to such an extent that it was necessary to send to the factory at Chicago for a major part. The press work, as a consequence had to be completed in Portland last week and all of it in Portland this week and possibly next.

In order to make the mails it is necessary to close the forms Wednesday night and the publishers would appreciate it very much if correspondents and others having news items would send them in a day early next week. If anything is left out it will be handled next week. The advertisers are urged to have their copy in by Tuesday night at the very latest.

Albert Tozier to Ring the Church Bell 54th Time

Albert Tozier, early Hillsboro resident, will ring out the old and ring in the new at the Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow night (New Year's Eve) for the fifty-fourth consecutive time for the New Year service.

Mr. Tozier started ringing the bell when a boy and has never missed a year since that time. He will speak from 11 till 11:30. Mr. Tozier is in charge of the Champeog Memorial building.

Watch night services will be held at the church and the Epworth League will have charge of the social meeting from 8 to 11. There will be pictures from 10 to 11. Martha Mohr will have charge of the devotional meeting from 11:30 to 12.

Two Fined; Court Activity is Light

Activity in the circuit court during the past week has been slight and there is nothing on the books until Monday. W. C. Gross was Tuesday fined \$500 and given a six-months jail term and then paroled on payment of \$600. Ivan McKnight pleaded guilty and was given \$400 and six months. He was paroled for \$250.

The parole of Jim Smith was revoked. Orders were given in the following cases: Oscar Raines vs. Edith Raines; Helen E. Richey vs. Joseph Richey; J. B. Adams vs. C. E. Freed and Hillsboro Commercial bank vs. Carl A. Carlson and Don A. Cole. C. L. Wilson was ordered released. A divorce was granted Margaret Freerksen from Alfred Freerksen.

SUPPORT FOR LOCAL INDUSTRIES URGED

Annual Meeting of Chamber of Commerce Will be Held on January 6th

"Always give a reasonable margin to a local institution," declared Charles E. Wells, in discussing home industries before the forum luncheon of the chamber of commerce at the Grange hall Monday noon.

"If they can be assured of local support it gives them a good background for going out into the nearby communities for additional business," continued Mr. Wells. "Hillsboro business is entitled to a little the best of it. The local business man is entitled to my business at a margin of from 10 to 15 per cent higher."

Mr. Wells pointed out that if Hillsboro is to be a city within its own right, rather than just a suburban community, it should have greater development and everybody would profit as a result. Nearness to Portland has its advantages as well as its disadvantages.

"Anyone who has community interests here is cheating himself when he buys elsewhere," Mr. Wells said. He expressed the opinion that it was somewhat incongruous for a business man to go into outlying communities to bring about better relations between the town and the rural districts, and still maintain a charge account at one or all of the Portland department stores. He illustrated this by saying that a man playing solitaire gets little satisfaction out of cheating himself.

"Nothing succeeds like success, and as these business firms succeed they can better serve the community," stated the speaker. "The future of Hillsboro is largely what we make it. There are industries here of which we can be proud. The bakeries and laundry are not getting the support they ought to have. We are too ready to find little excuses for changing to Portland institutions."

A person is harming his own business when he gets things in the city, if the opinion of Mrs. Wells, who said that she had found in her own experience that she could do as well or better in Hillsboro in her purchases.

W. G. Hare said that "We did not practice what we preach," and cited examples of the support given Hillsboro manufactured bread and milk. He thought it queer that some retail business institutions will plead for home buying and then buy goods in Portland that can be purchased here.

Henry Kuratli expressed the opinion that everyone should demand home products.

L. J. Merrill, chairman of the home industries committee, acted as luncheon chairman. He said that the program of the committee was to

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Hillsboro Again Visited by Robbers on Sunday

The Waffle House on Main street, owned by Mrs. Evelyn Hall, was rifled Sunday night and about \$30 in cooking utensils, dishes, silverware, groceries and two waffle irons were taken. Everything was scattered around as if they were looking for money. They entered the restaurant through a window in the hall, which led into Mrs. Hall's place, back of the real estate office.

The Harry Morgan home, 1232 Jackson street, was entered the same night but so far no losses have been discovered. The Morgans believe that the robbers were in the house when they returned home and that they scared them away.

The home of Mrs. Claus Reese, Sixth and Walnut, was also entered Sunday night and a watch, a couple of brooches, a few rings and \$15 were taken. The robbery occurred between 7:30 and 10 o'clock while Mrs. Reese was visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Steinke.

The McCready Lumber company was visited for the second time within a week and this time the safe-crackers did their job at the Beaverton yard. They blew up the safe and took about \$70. The safe at Forest Grove was blown the week before.

LIGHT READJUSTMENT, CITY PLANS

Council to Pass on Bond Issue at Regular Meeting Next Tuesday Night

The matter of readjustment of street lights was left to the city manager to arrange with the P. E. P. company to make the change at a special meeting of the council on Tuesday. This will make a more even distribution of the street lights throughout the city.

The city attorney was authorized to prepare a bond ordinance to be passed on next Tuesday in which will be issued \$40,000 of general obligation bonds which will consist of the following items:

\$15,000 to retire street assessments on city property; \$2,500 interest on street improvement assessments; \$6,500 to buy the Shipley property adjoining the city hall; \$13,500 to refund park bonds, and \$2,500 to pay off park fund warrants.

Of this amount, the item of \$6,500 for the Shipley property is the only increased debt. The assessments on the city property have to be met and the issuance of bonds will permit the city to create a sinking fund to take care of the bonds. The park bonds carry 6 per cent interest as do the improvement assessments bonds, so on the proposed issue a saving of at least \$250 per year on interest alone can be made. This bond issue will put the city on a better financial basis, for with the creation of a sinking fund, all obligations will be protected.

When any property is sold, the amount called for will be placed in the sinking fund as will any receipts from the auditorium be placed to the credit of the park bonds.

Abstract Company to Bank Quarters

The Wilkes Abstract and Title company will move into the quarters occupied by the Hillsboro Commercial bank in the corner of the Commercial building at Second and Main streets some time in January. This follows on the heels of the proposed consolidation of the Hillsboro National and Hillsboro Commercial banks, as announced in last week's Argus. Official announcement of the merger of the two banking houses is expected momentarily and is being held up for work from the comptroller at Washington, D. C.

The new quarters will allow for the expansion of the abstract company, one of the thriving business institutions of the city. M. H. Stevenson and E. L. Johnson purchased the abstract company from the Wilkes brothers in 1919. The offices of the company were then located in the building now occupied by Kuratli & Wisner on Second street.

Face Booze Charges

Week-end arrests and the charges are as follows: George Kessler, Thursday, booze; Jack H. Qustrum, Friday, booze; Art Japel, Saturday, driving while intoxicated, and P. Danich, Saturday, drunk.

HILLSBORO HAVING SHARE OF GROWTH

Building Permits Show an Increase Over Last Year

CANNERY PACK GREATER

Power and Gas Companies in Expansion; Expect Cash Sales of Property

Hillsboro, the hub of Washington county, is having its share of the tremendous amount of development that is occurring in the Pacific Northwest. Building has taken a big jump and the various industries of the city show a healthy growth.

The total value of building permits issued this year is \$155,600 as compared with \$130,612 for 1925. Eighty-two permits were issued this year as compared with 34 the year before, which was not complete because it was not compulsory to obtain permits in 1925. The total value of building permits issued in 1925 as compared with those of 1926 seem large considering the number issued, but in 1925 one permit was for \$50,000 for the Venetian theatre.

Thirty-five residences were erected this year, as against 20 in 1925, at a value of \$102,133. The value of residence construction in 1925 was \$46,680.

Estimates of assessed valuation for 1926 are placed at \$1,540,859.56 to \$1,470,329.56 in 1925.

The estimates of value of real estate transfers for 1926 is \$163,170 not including farm transfers valued at \$438,085. The 1925 transfers, not including the farm transfers valued at \$302,430, are valued at \$136,400.

The Ray-Maling, Inc., cannery is showing a remarkable growth and their sales this year will exceed \$1,500,000. The company was incorporated in 1920 and the sales that year amounted to \$50,352.37 and have shown a tremendous growth every year since then. The buildings and land cost of this big institution amount to \$120,000 and the machinery and equipment is \$180,000.

The executives and office force maintained permanently consists of ten persons, which of course is increased during the packing season. The factory and warehouses for eight months of the year have a payroll numbering from 200 to 817 men, women, girls and boys. During the other four months a permanent force of superintendents, mechanics and warehousemen are employed. The salaries and payroll for 1926 will exceed \$300,000. In 1925 the pack was 303,147 cases against 515,000 cases in 1926. The cost of the raw product exceeds \$690,000.

The cannery expansion this year includes a two-story concrete warehouse building, size 90 feet by 193.6 feet, at a cost of approximately \$40,000. Later in the season they constructed a frame building 100 by 160 feet at a cost in excess of \$6,000. This building will be used as a storage warehouse. New equipment and machinery installed this year is of the approximate value of \$60,000.

The Portland Electric Power company's expansion for this year is approximately \$93,000. The principal items of expenditure are as follows:

They replaced the burned down sub-station at Beaverton with an up-to-date station that materially increased the power here giving much better service, at a cost of \$40,000. Reedville, Hillsboro and Forest Grove each received equipment to increase the power, the combined cost being \$20,000.

Line extensions received \$33,000. The most of this expenditure was for rural districts and at the close of this year there are in excess of 25 per cent of the Washington county farms electrified.

The power company has a tentative survey for the purpose of increasing the water supply. This would probably be completed next year, the estimated cost to be \$44,000.

That Hillsboro is showing a very evident and substantial growth is shown by the fact that the Portland Gas & Coke Company has just established a branch store in the city at the corner of Third and Main streets. The opening of this store was celebrated on the first of this month when the public was invited to visit the new store, which was brilliantly lighted for the occasion. The new gas street lights, which have just been installed outside the

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