

## BANKS NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. John Schulmerich of Spokane stopped here Monday for a short visit with the home folks before leaving for Aberdeen, Wash., where they will spend a week and will then go to Vancouver, B. C., for the summer.

John Eberly has been quite ill the past week and under the doctor's care.

Miss Ethel Smith attended the miscellaneous shower given for Miss Florence Perry on Wednesday at the home of Miss Berna Wagner at Forest Grove.

Norman Engen, who recently graduated from the Vernonia high school, joined his father, Thomas Engen, here this week, where they are now employed on the building of the fine new country residence of Fred Jesse near Mountindale.

Mrs. Arthur Smith was called to Vernonia Tuesday to help care for her niece, Miss Margaret Shipley, who is very ill at her home there.

Harold Shipley of Vernonia, formerly of this city, was visiting old friends here Monday.

Fred Wilcox went to Corvallis on Monday to attend the prune growers association meeting.

Fred Wolford, who is section foreman in Timber, spent Sunday and Monday with home folks.

William Yeary and family visited in Portland over Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid Eldridge and son, John, of Hillsboro visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Kennedy on Sunday. They expect to leave soon for Nysa, where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. Frank Genzer of Burton spent Sunday and Monday at the home of her brother, Fred Wolford.

Mrs. Lela Davis and three sons, Ben, Tim and Paul, of Portland visited the Banks cemetery on Decoration day.

Otto Galloway and family and Chester Grindle of Portland spent Sunday visiting friends in Banks.

Editor Hull and family of the Beaverton Review spent Sunday in Banks, taking in the ball game and calling on friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wahl and sons of Banks, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wahl and Mrs. A. L. Real of Forest Grove, drove to Salem Sunday afternoon to visit ex-Senator A. M. LaFollette, who is quite ill at his home in that city. They also visited relatives at Wheatland and stopped at the old LaFollette homestead near that place.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wilcox and daughters, Mrs. Emma Parker and Miss Lillian Parker, returned home on Monday from a fine day's outing at the Tillamook beaches.

Mrs. William Moore, H. A. Stohler and Mrs. Joseph Schulmerich attended the recital given by the pupils of Mrs. Florence Tucker in Hillsboro last week. Mrs. H. A. Stohler played.

Frank Herb has been carrying mail on route three the past few days in the absence of Carrier Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stafford and family left Friday morning on a fishing trip on the Deschutes river and will visit relatives at Maupin.

Misses Ethel and Cornelia Smith were shopping in Portland on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kitterman are the proud parents of a daughter who arrived May 26.

Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Kines and Miss Gladys Overton motored to the metropolis Monday afternoon.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church will meet at the church on Wednesday and at the home of Mrs. Eli Grindel Thursday afternoon to stem gooseberries.

Miss Margaret Morgan, the third and fourth grade teacher, left for her home in Forest Grove Friday, where she will spend the three weeks before taking up her work in the summer session at the Oregon Normal school at Monmouth.

Mrs. William Moore was taken to the Dr. Smith hospital in Hillsboro Monday suffering from a severe attack of tonsillitis and lung congestion.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Saunders and

daughters and Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston and daughter of Salem visited at the home of their aunt and an uncle, Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith, here Sunday.

P. G. Thatcher and family of Salem visited at the C. S. Thatcher home over Sunday and Monday.

Beaverton ball team played Banks Sunday, May 29, the game ending with a score of 11 to 0 in favor of Banks.

(Too Late for Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Thatcher and family visited with relatives in Salem Sunday.

The strawberry growers of the Banks community would welcome sunshine. Continued cloudy weather will greatly damage the crop.

Mrs. Clark Gardner and Miss Clara Lalande of Hillsboro were visiting with Mrs. H. A. Stohler on Thursday.

Mrs. Frank Rink and two children are visiting at Timber this week.

H. A. Stohler of Banks and Clark Gardner of Hillsboro enjoyed a fishing trip up the Salmon river during the week-end.

Albert Yoder, principal of the public school, was a Portland visitor over the week-end.

Mrs. Fred Schulmerich and son were visiting with her mother, Mrs. VanSickle, in Portland last week, returning home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. H. A. Stohler and son, Robert, spent the week-end with Mrs. Gilbert and daughter, Franc, at their home in Portland.

Fred Wolford has gone to Timber to take charge of the section there for a short time.

Lula Beard, who attended school in Scofield this last term, is home for vacation.

Last Friday some small boys were playing with matches in the woodshed belonging to Henry Hunt, and as a natural result the building soon caught on fire. The local fire boys were very prompt in responding to the fire alarm and the fire was quickly extinguished before any great harm was done.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Kennedy and Miss Pierson motored over the Columbia River highway Sunday.

The seventh and eighth grades under the leadership of Professor Yoder presented the play, "Yimmie Yonson's Yob," at the high school auditorium Friday evening. The proceeds of \$38 will go into the fund for improving the school grounds. The large audience was highly pleased with the talent displayed by the pupils.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Moore motored to Portland Thursday of last week on business.

Work has been started on the market road running northwest through Banks near the Cummings

hill. The Pebble Creek road from Summit to Vernonia has been put into good condition for auto-traffic.

S. E. Holiday is moving his family into the R. C. Coffield house on Park street this week.

Miss Ethel Smith, Mrs. Arthur Smith and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wahl attended the graduation exercises for the rural school eighth graders at the M. E. church in Forest Grove Sunday.

Mrs. A. L. Real and nephew, Henry Wahl, drove out from Forest Grove on Sunday morning and called at the A. C. Wahl home.

Miss Hazel Simon, Dennis Saunders and Milton Simon of Forest Grove were among the out-of-town guests at the play on Friday night.

Miss Eleanor Conant spent the week-end with friends in Portland.

Mrs. Ferd Schulmerich received word this week of the marriage of her brother, Lewis Vansyckle in Portland.

The cemetery has been all cleaned and looks fine after three days of hard work by a few volunteers.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Johnston of the Lexington school are visiting Mr. Johnston's parents, Prof. and Mrs. W. A. Johnston of Banks.

Mrs. Marian Moore and Mrs. Charles Shipley, delegates from the Rebekah lodge to the state convention at Astoria, returned Friday.

Wilbur Monford spent the week-end with his mother and friends.

Herman Dauchy and Dwight Sellers were in Astoria last week attending grand lodge.

The Rebekahs are planning a strawberry festival in the near future.

Thelma Marr, formerly of the Banks high, will teach the Greenville school the coming year.

George Wilson and family of Gales Creek spent Sunday with J. J. Hutchens and family.

Miss Mamie Sandy spent the week-end at her home above Mountindale.

Dr. and Mrs. Kines were Scofield callers Sunday evening.

**Banks Wins Again**—The ball team won another victory Sunday when they met the Stephen Aces of Portland on the home field. The Portlanders were handed a 7 to 0 trimming.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their words of sympathy and floral offerings in our late bereavement, the death of our mother, Mrs. Julius Christensen and Family, Mr. and Mrs. U. F. Heineck, R. Heineck and Family, Mrs. Arthur Hill and Family, Mrs. A. N. Voorhees and Family.

### Card of Thanks

We desire to express our thanks and appreciation to those who kindly assisted in the burial of our beloved brother, Eldon Bledsoe. Also for the beautiful floral offerings. Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Bledsoe and Family.

## FIRST STOREKEEPER TELLS EARLY HISTORY OF COUNTY

(Continued from Page One)

Eventually, the whole community was drained by an elaborate drainage system.

"Water from the lake left a rich, black soil which, it is said, became among the richest of soils for agricultural purposes in the country. It proved immensely valuable for raising onions." Continuing, the interviewee declared that the soil doesn't have half of the productivity today that it formerly had. To the pioneer, land abundant and cheap and was consequently wasted. The same is true of the cotton belt. Planters would wear out one piece of soil and then move the plantation and slaves westward. Rivalry for frontier land between the North and South resulted. Professor Paxson of the University of Wisconsin, great historian on the history of the American frontier, whose book on the subject won the Pulitzer prize two years ago, declares this to be a fundamental cause of the Civil War.

In such an illustration one finds real significance in failure of the pioneer mind to realize the value of scientific farming and rotation of crops. Perhaps if they had been under supervision of Theodore Roosevelt and his policy for conservation of natural resources the black, beaverdam land of the community would today be producing as much as it did when the lake was drained.

Mr. Griffith recalls owners of donation land claims in the vicinity of Beaverton. Among them were W. F. Hartforms, Amos Hall, George Hornbuckle, John Haskill, Thomas Denny, William Tucker, Tom Tucker and George W. Betts. "These gained from drainage of the lake," he said.

"Beaverton was laid out into town lots when Joseph Gaston built his railroad into the community in June, 1870. Joshua Welch gave Gaston land for right-of-way and terminals. The two of them laid out the city of Beaverton, marking off street and blocks.

"My store was the first at Beaverton. I had purchased the building in which I stored my store from G. W. Betts in 1870. Bill Wilcott bought me out two years later. While there I met and married my first wife, Sarah Emily Betts, oldest daughter of the man from whom I bought the store, was the woman I married on May 28, 1871. In passing, it is again interesting to note that we were united in wedlock by the Rev. R. B. Wilcott, prominent pastor of the community and frontier life.

"After leaving the community in 1872, I never again returned to Beaverton to live. For many years I lived in Washington.

Some years ago my brother Bill,

former deputy U. S. marshal and now store detective in Olds, Wortman and King department store in Portland, and I made efforts to reclaim our parent's donation land claim between Farmington and Scholls. But all written record of our claim had been lost. It seems that papers at one time existed, having been sworn to before an early day justice of the peace. These official records in all probability disappeared with the death of the old judge. With them went our claim on the homestead. Mother died in 1858 and her body lies buried in the vicinity of the land we purchased at St. Marys. Father went to the Salmon river mines in Idaho and has never since been heard from. Neither left clear titles to the old place of my birth in 1852. Being mere youngsters at the time of the death of our parents, neither my brother nor I made any efforts to claim our property until many years after 1860. By that time the land had fallen into the hands of other settlers.

Mr. Griffith still considers the Tualatin valley his home. He manages to visit here at least once a year. In the Sunday Journal for May 8, last, he is found to have been victim of another newspaper man. That very able journalist and well known interviewer of pioneers, Fred Lockley, quoted him among other pioneers attending the Champeog gathering.

The writer desires to take this opportunity to mention briefly about the commonly alleged failure of newspaper men and historians to reach the truth. As careful as any researcher may be, he is apt to slip up some times. Perhaps there is considerable skepticism in the mind of the reader regarding truth of points in these two interviews with Mr. Griffith. Great care was taken to check a majority of the points with histories, other pioneers, and even with Dr. R. C. Clark, professor of U. S. and Oregon history at the University of Oregon. They have been found to be true. According to the common practice of historians, this means that the reliability of the story as a whole can therefore be accepted.

Careful checks made recently by the School of Journalism of the University of Oregon under Dean Eric W. Allen revealed that the average news story of the most highly technical nature is ninety per cent accurate.

There was one point left out in Mr. Griffith's interview because of failure of sources to check. Mr. Griffith claimed his father was at the Champeog meeting when Joe

Meek led the divide saving the far as can be ascertained records of Oregon country for the Union. So the meet do not bring this out.

## FOREST VIEW CEMETERY

Forest Grove, Oregon

Permanent up-keep of lots; full time sexton; well watered; prices reasonable.

Office: 18 First Avenue No., Forest Grove

PHONE 2033



Low fares EAST

commencing MAY 22d and good all summer

ROUND TRIPS

St. Paul, \$76.45

Chicago, \$91.15

New York, \$152.55

Other points in proportion

### Choice of Fine Trains Yours!

NORTH COAST LTD., 9:30 a. m. from Portland via S. P. & S., N. P., C. B. & Q., and ORIENTAL LTD., out at 8:00 p. m. via S. P. & S., G. N., C. B. & Q., both following the famous Columbia River scenic water level route through the Cascades, and with coordinated service east of Chicago.

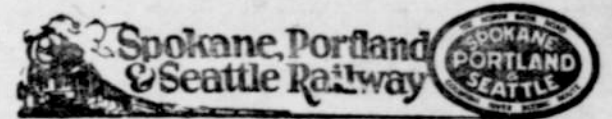
Let Us Help You Plan Your Trip

L. F. Knowlton, Trav. Psgr. Agt.

L. SHERMAN, Agent

Phone 1701-Y

Low Round Trip Fares to Portland for Rose Festival, June 13-18th



# THRIFT GROCERS

Quality Always—And Thrift Prices Are Generally Conceded to be Lower.

Come in and Make Your Saving

SPECIAL ITEMS FOR SATURDAY AND MONDAY, JUNE 4 AND 6

## Thrift Coffee

1 lb. 43c 3 lbs. \$1.25

Maxwell House, Hills or M. J. B. 49c

## Milk

Oregon, 6 tall cans } 57c  
Carnation, 6 tall cans }  
Bordens, 6 tall cans }

Clorox or Mrs. Stewart's Blueing, 2 bottles } 29c

Luxury Mayonnaise or Sandwich Spread, 8-oz. jar } 2 for 45c

California Lima Beans— 5 lbs. ....	39c	Delicia Sandwich Spread— 2 cans .....	25c
Snowdrift— 4-lb. pail .....	91c	Portola Sardines—Large oval tins; 3 cans .....	37c
Tree Tea—Black or green; 1/2-lb. pkg. ....	37c	Gold Fan Crab Meat—1/2's; can .....	35c
Crown Flour— 49-lb. bag .....	\$2.09	Clipper Nut Margerine— 3 lbs. ....	67c
Calumet Baking Powder— 1-lb. tin .....	28c	Warrenton Clams—1/2's, flat tin; 3 cans .....	55c
Wesson Oil— 1/2 gal. ....	95c	Slim Jim Pretzel Sticks— 2 pkgs. ....	17c
P. & G. Soap— 10 bars .....	33c	Shredded Wheat— 2 pkgs. ....	17c
Buffalo Matches— 6 boxes .....	17c	Broom—49c number; special .....	39c

Thrift Grocery—With Frank's Market Next to Hillsboro Commercial Building

## Special Sale Ladies' Sport Coats with Plain Collars



Sale Price \$16.75

Dress and Sport Coats That Were Made to Sell up to

\$32.50

Every coat a remarkable value at this extraordinary price. We suggest buying as this sale permits truly wonder savings.

MILLER'S Good Goods



Like a New Car

Bring your car to us if you are particular about the way it looks. We have just installed the latest equipment for washing automobiles and are ready to give you particular service.

Service Garage

Goodyear Tires and Service Third Street Phone 501 Hillsboro