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## Farmer Hangs Self Saturday Due To Health

Henry J. Christensen Long  
Resident of County

## Not Found Till Sunday

Funeral Wednesday; Coroner  
Sewell Investigates  
Suicide Case

Despondency over ill health led Henry J. Christensen, 62, farmer in the Mason Hill district north of Hillsboro for 23 years, to hang himself Saturday, according to Coroner Fred J. Sewell, who investigated. Mr. Sewell said it was a plain case of suicide and there would be no inquest.

Mr. Christensen was last seen around the barn about 11 a. m. Saturday and when he did not show up later in the day, his family started a search for him and were later joined by neighbors, but his body was not found until 9:30 a. m. Sunday. His body was discovered hanging from a tree in a canyon a half mile from the house.

Funeral services were held Wednesday from the Donelson & Sewell chapel and interment was in the Lone Fir cemetery in Portland.

Mr. Christensen was born in Denmark and came to the United States 42 years ago. He is survived by the widow and the following sons: Carl J. Sewell; Victor and George, Aberdeen, Wash.

Mr. Christensen had never been ill before and the fact that he had reached a position financially where he could rest a little and then to suffer ill health, made him despondent. He had been doctoring for a month.

More than 200 neighbors were in the searching party for Mr. Christensen Sunday morning.

## Send Governor A Gift Package Of Chehalem Spuds

A gift package of Chehalem Mountain Burbank potatoes was forwarded Saturday to Governor I. M. Patterson, at Salem, by the Chehalem Mountain 4-H Burbank club of Sherwood. The Chehalem Mountain club was organized four years ago and is made up of boys and girls specializing in the production of Burbank seed potatoes. Mrs. H. P. Strickler is leader.

This year past members of this club won first prize awards on Burbank potatoes in the boys and girls classes at the following shows: Washington County fair, John Strickler; Washington County Corn and Potato show, Walter Peters; Land Products show at Portland, Walter Peters; Pacific Northwest Potato show, Spokane, John Strickler, in both the 4-H Commercial and Certified Burbank classes, and the Sherwood Potato, Onion and Corn show, John Strickler.

Chehalem Mountain is noted for its high quality of Burbank potatoes and won all first prize awards in Burbank classes at the Land Products show at Portland, and the Pacific Northwest Potato show at Spokane.

## No Tax Money Used To Buy Court Books

The circuit court law library is not supported by one cent of taxpayers' money, it was learned following the publication in last week's Argus of a letter under Editor's Mail inquiring as to the authority of the county court to buy books for the circuit judge.

The books are paid for out of funds paid in by litigants. A fee of \$1 is required on all complaints and \$50 on each answer or demurrer. Ten per cent of the fines derived from criminal proceedings in circuit court also go toward this fund.

## Sells Cows on First Advertisement

Mr. Burbank of Cornelius is sold on the pulling power of Argus classified advertising. A four-line ad, costing 40 cents, sold the cows the first day. A year ago, he said, a small ad sold five cows for him the first day.

Classified ads in the Argus bring results and the cost is small. Have you something to sell? Let the Argus sell it for you.

"Read the ads—It pays!"

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## Reiter To Be Succeeded By George McGee

New Council Makes Decision  
At Meeting Friday

## Begins Work The First Engineer Well Known Locally Because of Service to County, City

George McGee, former county surveyor, will take over the duties of city engineer and manager the first of the year and fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of C. G. Reiter, who leaves at once to accept the position of city manager of Bend. This decision was reached at a special meeting of the new city council Friday evening.

## Help Is Given Needy Families

Santa Claus visited 23 families in Hillsboro through the efforts of the associated organizations in the Community Christmas tree fund. This is the greatest number of families given a hand since the establishment of the organization several years ago.

## Minimum Salary Is Plan Of Sheriffs

The sheriffs of the state in convention in Portland last week adopted a resolution whereby the salaries of sheriffs are to be fixed according to classification of counties, the minimum salary to be \$2,400 annually.

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## Loan Association Has Big Increase During The Year

The assets of the Washington Savings & Loan association at Hillsboro have nearly doubled the past year, according to J. M. Person, general manager. Assets last January were \$124,000 and they now total \$210,000. The association now holds first mortgages on improved real estate, which is appraised at over \$500,000. Mr. Person described it as "the best and biggest year."

## Former Local Boy Praised By Press For Real Bravery

G. Russell Morgan, Coquille attorney and former Hillsboro boy, played an important part in the capture of bank bandits in the Coos county town last week. Mr. Morgan and his mother, Mrs. Henrietta Morgan, arrived here Saturday to spend Christmas at the Alfred Morgan home. Mrs. Morgan will remain for the holidays.

The Coquille Valley Sentinel says that prompt action on the part of Morgan and others prevented robbery, and resulted in the death of one bandit and capture of the other. It was the shots of Morgan, who was near the scene of the robbery, that started the bandits into a pocket in the hills where they were quickly surrounded. The bandits abandoned their car in the driveway to the Morgan home when they took to the hills. A shot by A. N. Gould ended the career of the bandit Marion Rube, murderer and escaped bank robber.

The Coquille paper editorially says that among others Mr. Morgan stands out prominently in frustrating the robbery by opening fire as the thugs reached their car, and then ran a block and so confused the fleeing men, with his shotgun discharges that they drove a block beyond the city hall where they had intended to turn south, and were thus forced into a cul-de-sac at the eastern edge of the town. Mr. Morgan and a deputy sheriff walked up to the younger bandit and arrested him, not knowing that his pal lay dead in the road above and that the younger was the only one left.

## Rate Cut Announced By The Gas Company

A reduction in rate schedules has been announced by the Portland Gas & Coke company. The cut will reduce the company's revenues about \$60,000 a year and will benefit customers who use large quantities of gas. Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Cornelius, Oreoc and Beaverton are affected by the rate decrease.

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## Capital Required

The growing of daffodils requires capital of \$3,000.00 to \$6,000.00 or more per acre to operate. The cost of growing daffodils and the technical knowledge required makes this venture a highly specialized one but it is believed that the industry is only in its infancy in this county because of the high quality of bulbs produced.

## Uut Culture Increasing

There are approximately 1,400 acres of English walnuts in the county, and 150 acres of filberts. The walnut growers are planting on the rich hill land of the county, while the filbert growers are using both hill and valley soil. John

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## Budget Given O. K. At Meet Of Taxpayers

Assistant Agent And Leader  
For Clubs Approved

## Health Nurse Attacked

Fireworks Enliven Annual Session  
at Court House; New  
Building Viewed

The county budget for 1929 was approved in every detail as presented to the taxpayers at the annual meeting Saturday morning by the budget committee, which includes Thomas Connell, of Hillsboro, chairman, J. E. Morback of Sherwood, J. A. Thornburgh of Forest Grove, and Judge E. J. Ward and Commissioners F. W. Livermore and J. M. Hiatt.

There were plenty of fireworks throughout the meeting, it starting off with a contest for presiding officer. When Judge E. J. Ward asked Mr. Morback to take the chair, Ben-ton Bowman was nominated from the floor. Mr. Morback was nominated and won the position in a standing vote.

## Objections Frequent

James Jackson of near Oreoc had the floor frequently on objections on various items throughout the session. He was on his feet so many times that some thought it was chronic; and some good natured stories were passed back and forth as criticisms. Mr. Jackson at the start of the meeting called attention to the decrease of more than \$800,000 in the assessed valuation which would bring about an increase in the millage.

Objection was first voiced to the increase of \$20 per month for a deputy county school superintendent, and it was followed by a motion to cut it down to the 1928 salary. N. A. Frost, superintendent-elect, pointed out that an experienced assistant such as he had selected was well worth the increase. The vote gave a slight majority for the increase. Dan Burkhalter asked if it were true that the school superintendent was receiving a salary from two different sources, for teaching at the Thatcher school and as superintendent. A man in the audience explained that she was taking the place of a teacher that was ill.

## Objects to Talk

When the county health nurse item was read by Clerk E. C. Luce, Ervin Burkhalter moved that it be stricken from the budget. H. P. Strickler, prominent farmer in the Sherwood district, arose to the defense of the nurse and said that if she did as much to help other districts as in his district that she was surely doing good work. When C. H. Nosler, local superintendent of schools, attempted to explain the comprehensive health program in Coos county, Mr. Jackson objected on the ground that he was not a taxpayer. Mrs. George Richmond, health nurse, told in detail of the

## Mrs. Daniel Baker Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Daniel Baker, 83, an early resident of the county, died Monday at her home between Forest Grove and Cornelius. Funeral services were held from the chapel of the Forest Grove Undertaking company Wednesday with Dr. O. H. Holmes officiating. Interment was in the Forest View cemetery.

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