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NEWPORT

Newport Lodge No. 89 was visited last Thursday evening by E. E. Sharon, representing the Grand Master and Grand Chief Patriac Walker making an official visit to the camp. A number of prominent Odd Fellows from the Valley were present. Past Master Judge Ryan of Salem, Past Master Tweedale of Portland and Past Master Myers of Albany were present. The Grand officers were on official visits. After the business session was closed the doors were opened and the Rebekahs were admitted and a short program was rendered. Interesting speeches were made by Judge Ryan, Grand Patriarch Walker and Grand Secretary Sharon. After which the meeting adjourned to the banquet hall where a splendid supper was served by the Rebekahs. Here the spirit of Odd Fellowship was exemplified in the fine entertainment given several of the brothers gave interesting talks and the flow of wit and humor ran for a while. The Order is increasing in interest and membership right along. The subordinate lodge has about 80 members, the camp 25 members and the Rebekahs 125 active wide awake members. This great Order is so founded upon the solid rock of Friendship, Love and Truth as to withstand all the changes and vicissitudes of life with a gradual increase in good works and membership.

It was reported Monday morning that ex-sheriff James H. Ross had passed away during the night. While it was known that the health of Mr. Ross had been failing several months, yet his death was a decided shock to his many friends in Newport. Mr. Ross came to Lincoln about twenty-two years ago and has been identified with the County growth and progress up to this time. Sickness had cut short his active life. I first saw Mr. Ross in Sheriff Landis' office twenty years ago. He was then acting as deputy for Mr. Landis. His past experience in detective work and his service on the police force for many years, and his intimate association with the Pinkertons fully qualified him to fill the office of Deputy and later as Sheriff of Lincoln County for six consecutive terms after which he voluntarily retired from office. Since then he has acted as deputy sheriff and in various ways helped to ferret out crime and bring the criminal to justice. In a rough mountainous country like Lincoln is a good place for criminals and outlaws to seek a hiding place to keep away from the courts. Mr. Ross was a natural detective and he hardly ever started after his man but what he got him. He was a good judge of human nature and he could tell a thief by his looks and actions. He was generous to a fault and he always took an interest in those in need or trouble and was ready and willing to help them. He was a good singer and had a most wonderful bass voice and many a social gathering was made more lively and happy when it was known Jim Ross would sing. He was a good story teller and many of his stories are told time and again by those who heard them. He made a good officer and always kept his office in apple pie order. The County never lost anything by Jim Ross. He never betrayed a friend and was always charitable to his enemies if he had any. He was a strong believer in individual liberty and thought a man should always follow his convictions as to right and wrong and should be free to express them. He had more political influence in the county than any other man. He had a host of friends and was one of the best known men in Oregon. But his race is run, his sun is set. He died in the bosom of his family that loved him. Mr. Ross was born in Lee County, Iowa, Sept. 17th, 1850. He came to Oregon in 1881 and to Yaquina Bay in 1895. He went to California early in the summer hoping the change of climate would benefit his health but it did not. He returned much worse than

when he went. He is a member of the Masonic and Elk Lodges under whose auspices he will be buried at 2 o'clock P. M., Thursday, in the Toledo cemetery. He is survived by his wife whose maiden name was Miss Ethel Cooper of California, five daughters and two sons viz., Mrs. Ross McElwain, Mrs. Ethel Bateman, Mrs. Grace Morris, Lodi, Cal., Verne, Molly, Jack Fred and James. The Newport leaves her docks at 10 A. M. and will go directly to Toledo for the funeral.

The Willamette Editorial Association met at Newport on 9th and were entertained and banqueted at the Odd Fellows Hall about 40 editors and their wives were present. The menu consisted of oyster cocktail, clams, crabs, clam tea which was very fine and a splendid cup of coffee. A special committee was appointed to prepare the supper and it was certainly very fine. Elmer Patrick acted as chairman and introduced the speakers. The speech of welcome was made by Hon. R. A. Bensell in his usual happy and eloquent manner. Response was made by Mr. Ingalls, editor of the Gazette-Times, Corvallis. The Newport quartette composed of E. E. Reisinger, T. H. Halleck, Elmer Patrick and G. T. Pratt, enlivened the occasion with some songs. A number of interesting speeches were made among them a very humorous and interesting speech from John M. Scott the genial and popular passenger agent of the S. P. Space will not admit of the names of all the speakers. I must mention the speech of Mrs. Weatherford which was fine and Mr. Bates' as a close running mate and Addison Bennett is no slouch when it comes to make a humorous speech. The party was shown over the city and to Agate Beach and some of the party went out over the bar on the Gazelle Captain Hofer. It was a day of pleasure. Many compliments were made of the hospitality of the citizens of Newport and the splendid attractions of the city, as a seaside resort. The party went home well pleased with their trip to Newport and their entertainment.

The mass meeting of the citizens held at the banquet room of the Odd Fellows Hall was well attended. Captain Jacobson a member of the Port Commission acted as chairman and C. S. Davis as secretary. The object of the meeting was to get an expression from the people as to whether we should go on and expend the peoples part of the money—\$418,000—to make the harbor improvement and not wait for the government to take the lead of the work. Mr. Jones led in urging the work to be taken up as soon as possible and gave his reasons for doing so. M. M. Davis tried to show that the expenditure of the peoples money should be carefully guarded. But a lot of hoodlums kept up such an interruption that he could scarcely talk. I have been in a good many rough meetings but this was the worst I ever saw. A person would expect better things from an educated people. The Indians of Siletz are far ahead of these would be gentlemen in conduct and behavior. When the issuing of bonds was voted in by the people it was put up to them that the Government would take charge of the work but now the Government is engaged in a great war and it is not known when she can do her part of the work. So it is a risky piece of business to go on and expend the peoples money not knowing when the Government can do her share of the work but notwithstanding this showing it was voted to go on with the work. It is not known what the port commission will do—the matter is in their hands.

WEST YAQUINA

Mr. and Mrs. John Hanlon came in from Beaver Creek, Sunday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Sydney Nicholson and children who have been visit-

ing at the George Ryan home on South Beaver. John Bartow and family have moved from their place on Kings Slough to Yaquina where they will make their home during the winter months. Lloyd Commons was in from Beaver Creek Sunday. John Damborg was called home from Toledo Friday by the illness of his wife. Chester Willis is now a member of the S. P. Bridge Crew. School commenced Tuesday with Miss Violet King of Oysterville as teacher. Miss Pearl Gates passed thru here Sunday enroute to her home at Corvallis after a weeks visit at the L. M. Commons' ranch at Ona. Miss Myrtle Willis returned Saturday evening from Newport where she has been employed for some time. R. A. Miller made a business trip to Toledo Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Pio of Salem spent the week end with the latter's sister, Mrs. Wm. Willis, of this place. The biggest salmon caught up to date this season was taken in Tuesday night by R. A. and D. C. Miller. It was a Chinook and weighed forty-nine pounds. Mrs. Harriet Hill and daughter, Mrs. John Coover returned Thursday by way of West Yaquina to their home at Ona after a short visit to Toledo. Miss Stella Willis is staying with Mrs. Ira Branch during Mr. Branch's absence. Mrs. Harrison and daughter of Portland who were house guests last week of Mrs. Henry Bartow have taken a cottage at Newport and will spend some time there before returning to Portland. John Backus is home again from a business trip to Portland. Henry Bartow came down from Toledo and spent the week end with his family here.

LITTLE ELK

Well the long looked for rain came at last and we sure needed it.

Farmers are busy getting wood for the winter and getting ready to do their fall plowing. Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Johnson went to Portland last week where they have work for the winter. Mr. Johnson bought the Brethrens place. He has built a nice house and raised a fine crop of potatoes this summer. He intends coming back next spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Gum and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace of Portland were visiting E. L. Gum here during this week. It was their first trip here and they said they were pleased with Lincoln County.

Our school started on an eight months voyage with Miss Elsie Andrews of Toledo at the helm.

Mr. Lemon, Brown Wakefield, W. J. Cline and S. T. Loudon were repairing the school house last Saturday forenoon and in the afternoon Sam and Wheeler washed the windows and scrubbed the floor and dusted the seats. They said if the Old Dutch Cleanser and Bon Ami had held out they would have done a better job but under the circumstances they did well. If there is anyone wanting house cleaning done it would pay them to send for Sam and Wheeler, they are functionaries at the business.

HARLAN

Clarence Davis is hauling supplies from Blodgett.

Miss Irene Elder of Toledo is teaching in the Racks Dist.

School closed in the Mountain Side Dist. on Aug. 31st. A picnic was held the last day of school. Miss Martin the teacher furnished ice and the pupils assisted in making ice cream and an enjoyable day was spent.

Mr. Gates accompanied by Mr. Kyler of Corvallis while returning to Philomath from a trip to Mr. Gates Big Elk ranch had the misfortune to break his automobile while on the Big Elk (Cont. on Page Four)

JAMES H. ROSS, DIED MONDAY

James H. Ross died at his home in this city early Monday morning after a lingering illness of several weeks. Mr. Ross was well known throughout the state having served in the capacity of a peace officer the greater portion of his life. He was an honored and worthy member of the Masonic and Elk lodges, the former of which had charge of the burial services yesterday. Mr. Ross was of a happy, jovial disposition, had a fine voice and was an excellent singer. He had a happy faculty of making long and lasting friendships. He liked a good story, and was a splendid entertainer himself. Mr. Ross has been a resident of Toledo the past 22 years, during which time he has always been behind every movement for the upbuilding or betterment of Toledo and Lincoln county. He was a painstaking and conscientious official, and spent the best portion of his life in the service of Lincoln county. His death is not only a loss to the immediate relatives and friends but to the entire county.

James H. Ross was born in Lee county, Iowa, September 17, 1850, and would have been 67 years of age on the 17th of this month. His parents moved to California at an early day, where his boyhood was spent. As a young man he served in the capacity of deputy sheriff of Humboldt county, during the early mining period. On the 24th of February 1886 he was united in marriage with Miss Ethel Cooper, soon after which they moved to Salem, Oregon, where Mr. Ross served four years on the police force and four years as city marshal. During the Chicago World's Fair in 1893, he represented the Oregon Commission in secret service work, being a member of the picked detective squad known as the Columbian Guard. After the Fair Mr. Ross traveled extensively through the Southern States and Mexico. In 1895 Mr. and Mrs. Ross and family located at Toledo, where Mr. Ross served for two years as deputy sheriff. In 1898 he was elected sheriff and served six consecutive terms, retiring from office in 1910, without having been defeated. After his retirement from office he fitted, and opened up the first "movie" show in this section, which business he managed until the time of his death.

Mr. Ross leaves to mourn his loss, the wife, three sons and five daughters, the children being: Fred, of Lodi, California; Mrs. Ethel R. Bateman and Mrs. Edith McElwain, both of this city; Mrs. Grace Morris, of Lodi, Calif.; Jack of Bend, Or.; and Verne, Mollie and Jimmie, who reside with their parents. Funeral services were held yesterday at the courthouse, the remains lying in state from 10 until 2 and were then laid at rest in the Toledo cemetery.

H. H. PRATT DIES SUDDENLY

The good people of Toledo were again shocked Tuesday morning by the sudden death of H. H. Pratt, the jeweler. He was in his shop Monday apparently as well as ever and Tuesday morning it was reported that he had died. In the night Dr. Burgess was awakened by Mr. Pratt, who had come to him, suffering with intense pains in his abdomen. The doctor worked on him until the next morning, when he passed away about 8:30 o'clock, death being caused by acute bowel trouble. H. H. Pratt was born at Mooers, Clinton county, New York, June 30th, 1849, being 68 years old at the time of his death. At an early age he took up the jeweler's trade, and when called by death had worked at the bench for 44 years. In 1881 he moved to Fremont, Nebraska, and in 1887 was united in marriage with Miss Jane Hill. During his residence at Fremont he had charge of the watches of several of the large

railroads centering in that city, and enjoyed a good business. About two years ago he moved to Toledo, hoping the change would be beneficial to his health. Deceased leaves to mourn his loss, the wife and one child, Mrs. Marsha Doll, of Nebraska, a brother, E. W. S. Pratt, of Corvallis, and two sisters who reside in the East.

Funeral services were held Wednesday by the Rev. F. O. Jones, of Newport, at the Bateman undertaking parlors, and interment was had in the Toledo cemetery.

BEAL GAITHER



SAD ACCIDENT SATURDAY AT THE LOCAL SAWMILL

The death of Beal Gaither, as the result of an accident at the Bade Lumber Co.'s mill, just before noon Saturday, cast a pall of gloom over the entire city, and the sorrowing relatives have the sympathy of all in their sad bereavement.

Beal was employed on the log deck, just back of the main saws, and it was his duty to assist in putting the logs on the carriage. They had a big log on the carriage and had pulled another log into the mill, each of which were six feet or more in diameter. After squaring the log on the carriage it is necessary to turn it so as to saw the other side, and it was while this was being done that the accident happened. Blocks are placed to keep the log from rolling away from the carriage, while the operation of turning same is being performed, but in this instance the log did not stop when it came to the blocks, but rolled right over them and caught Beal between it and the other log. He at once lost consciousness, and remained in a state of coma, until his death.

Beal M. Gaither was born at Siletz, Lincoln county, Oregon, July 28th, 1897, died September 8th, 1917, aged 20 years. He was the eldest son of Postmaster and Mrs. James J. Gaither. Beal had lived in Toledo a greater portion of his life and had won the honor and respect of all. He was a graduate of the T. H. S., class of 1916. Last year he was a Freshman at the Oregon Agricultural College and would have attended that institution again this Fall had he lived.

Interment was had at the Toledo Cemetery Monday, the Rev. Father Forget of Independence, performing the last sad rites. The floral offerings were many and very beautiful.

CALL FOR COUNTY WARRANTS

Notice is hereby given that all warrants drawn on the General Fund of Lincoln County, Oregon, endorsed prior to and including March the 8th, 1916, are hereby called and the interest thereon stopped this day. Also all warrants drawn on the Current Expense fund of said county, endorsed to and including July 6th, 1917, and warrants Nos. 18005, 18006, 18008, 18007, 18009, 18010, 18011, 18012, 18013, 18014 and 18214, drawn on said fund and endorsed July 7th, 1917, are hereby called and the interest thereon stopped this day.

Dated at Toledo, Oregon, this 7th day of September, 1917. Ira Wade, County Treasurer.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS JUST FOR THE TAKING

Harry E. White who is here representing the Baker Fruit Preserving Co., informs us that there are \$25,000 worth of Evergreen blackberries going to waste in this country, and that he will be disappointed if \$10,000 worth of them are not saved this year. He is here ready to purchase all that can be picked, but is afraid that the lack of organization of the picking force, and lack of a sufficient number of pickers, will allow more than half the berries to go unpicked. Mr. White is offering three cents per pound for the berries delivered at Toledo, and he furnished crates and boxes free. The Company is putting in a plant at the Port Dock building for the handling of these berries. A crew will be kept busy at this building, sorting and cleaning the berries. As soon as cleaned they will be packed in barrels and iced, thusly: first a layer of berries then a layer of chipped ice then more berries and more ice until the barrels are full. The heads will then be put in the barrels, the hoops drawn up tight, and in this manner they will be shipped to Portland and placed in cold storage, until the rush at the canneries is over when they will be made into jam.

Mr. White says that this is the greatest berry country in the world and is very optimistic about the future of Lincoln county. He says that if they are successful in getting the berries this year, that they will be here with their plant next year ready to take blackberries, logan berries, huckleberries, string beans, in fact anything suitable for canning purposes.

Mr. White will have agents stationed at Eddyville, Chitwood, Pioneer, Elk City, Oysterville, Yaquina and Siletz, to handle the berries picked at these places. These berries will all be brought to Toledo to be cleaned and iced ready for shipment to Portland.

Mr. White is trying to make arrangements to get more pickers from Corvallis and Albany, and expects to ship five tons of berries per day to Portland.

ELK CITY SAWMILL CHANGES OWNERSHIP

Hawkins Bros. of Siletz have just recently concluded a deal for the purchase of the Elk City sawmill, and are now operating same. These gentlemen also have a lease on the Siletz mill, and will operate it from time to time, always keeping a good stock of lumber on hand for the Siletz trade. The Elk City mill being on the railroad and tide-water will give them better means of handling their output.

FAIR INFORMATION

We want every man, woman and child in Lincoln County to help rustle an exhibit for the State Fair at Salem, Sept. 24-29. Fish, fruits, vegetables, grains and grasses, canned goods, flowers, school work and natural products of the county and last but not least dairy products will all help make Lincoln county a winner.

Freight shipments must be sent Thursday Sept. 20th, and others such as express or parcel post can be sent as late as Sat. the 23d. All charges free shippers. Address all goods to C. H. Wakefield, State Fair Grounds, Oregon, care of A. H. Lea.

Apples by box must be in standard Oregon boxes; by the plate, must be ten specimens of each variety. Pears, Peaches and quinces same as apples. Pinnas and prunes two plates of ten specimens each plate, plate will be furnished free. Threshed grain 1 peck each variety; onions and potatoes 1 peck; carrots, beets, turnips and such vegetables, 6 of each variety; corn 12 ears of each variety; cabbage, kale and cauliflower, 6 of each variety. All goods will be returned to owner if desired. Please state if you wish goods returned.