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SILETZ

The social given at the playhouse, Friday evening by the High School and Community Club was a great success. The room was brilliantly lighted with four gasoline lights. The community came out en masse. The room was beautifully decorated with evergreens brought in by the boys. The decorations were under the supervision of the teachers, the girls assisting. The tables were loaded with cake pie, sandwiches and coffee. Ice cream was also served. Some three hundred persons partook of the fine luncheon and yet a good many pies and cakes were left. Some 755 were taken in with \$40 left after expenses were paid. This money will be used to buy equipment and suits for the basket ball team. A very interesting game of basket ball was played between the High School and the town boys. The score stood 21 to 29 in favor of the town boys.

Next Friday evening the public school will give an entertainment. A very excellent program is being prepared by the teachers, Miss Clark and Mrs. E. E. Colvin will take a prominent part with the pupils from their rooms. One amusing part will be the Courtship of Santa Claus and Mother Goose. Good eats will be served but no ice cream. Everybody invited to this entertainment.

Jack Morgan the timber man came in to look after his interests here and to see what damage the big flood had done. He lost about 20 acres of land and timber that slid into the Siletz river just above the A. C. Crawford farm. The slide was so great that it turned the water out of the channel and it raised so quickly and rapidly that it soon filled the Crawford barn and drowned his fine herd of dairy cows. The Lower Siletz people suffered great loss in cattle, hogs, chickens and some of them lost their homes with all they had in them and the people were left cold and hungry with nothing except what they had on their backs. Mrs. Helem was taken to dry land from the Bert Morrison place on a drift log. She fell off the log several times and came near drowning. She finally got to land by the help of the men folks. The people of Toledo did a nice deed when they put on the drive that raised about \$250 for these flood victims which will help them out a good deal in this hour of their distress. This is a real Christian spirit which always brings its reward.

Superintendent Chalcraft started on an official visit to Grand Ronde, Portland, Coos Bay and other points in the district to be gone a week or ten days. Andy Porter, superintendent of the Market Roads construction with some state officials, L. P. Campbell, Highway Engineer, T. A. Rice resident Engineer and J. C. McCloud Division Engineer, were over during the week examining our bridges with a view to rebuilding them.

SOUTH BEACH

Mr. and Mrs. M. Benning of Iowa are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Omlid. Waldport Basket Ball Team passed through South Beach Friday on their way to play Newport, they returned home Sunday evening. Mr. Tracy Davis who is in a serious condition was taken out to Albany. His daughter from California is with him. Our school will close Friday the 16th till after the holidays. Lee Dotys are at South Beach for a few days.

GLEN

Miss Bernice Schillmeyer of Brownsville is spending this week with her sister Miss Eleanor Schillmeyer, who is teaching school here. Mrs. C. F. McDonald of Harlan, is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Brown. Jessie Davenport of Elk City was in the neighborhood the first of the week, looking after his stock. Vernon Folombee of Salado, was

over last Thursday after a load of cedar which he had purchased from John Davenport. Elmer Watkins was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Bohannon's, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Brown were county seat visitors the latter part of the week. W. R. Moore and J. R. Wheeler went to Toledo Thursday.

WINANT

Miss Eva Morris returned to her home in Newport last week. Deino Shermer and Dan Boone arrived Tuesday night from Camp Knox, Kentucky, where they were recently discharged upon the expiration of their enlistment. The boys look fine and are glad to be back—the wild ducks will suffer (?) now. William Butler returned to his home in Portland Thursday. M. G. Shermer and family returned Wednesday from an extended visit at Philomath. Mrs. Shermer is much improved in health. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Boone of Alaska came home Tuesday night to spend the holidays with their folks. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Huntsucker went to Toledo Thursday. Messrs. Rhoades, Bowers and Lewis of Beaver Creek were in our vicinity Monday.

GLEN

Clark Miller of Bear Creek spent Saturday night and Sunday with Fred Brown. Mr. W. R. Moore went to Elk City Wednesday. Richard Davenport came up from Elk City Wednesday returning Thursday. Mrs. S. J. Stewart and children spent Wednesday with Mrs. C. W. Brown. Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wheeler went to Elk City Thursday after their winter supply of provisions. Vern and Vivian Folmsee came over the hill after a load of cedar that they are getting at John Davenport's for posts. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler went over to Harlan Monday returning Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Sheats visited at Hill-top Ranch Friday. Fred Brown killed a large wildcat Thursday that had been living off of C. W. Brown's goats. Elmer Watkins has come home from working on the highway and got his phone line fixed up that the storm put down.

ANOTHER BASKET BALL GAME

Two basket ball games have been scheduled for Friday evening, December 16th, at the Fair Building. The grammar school boys will meet the Freshman High School team in their first game of the season, and the girls of the Freshman and Sophomore High School classes will play the Grammar School girls. This is the first opportunity the boys of the Grades have had to prove their ability in a regular game, but recently the girls of the grades held the High School girls to a close score, and an interesting time is expected when the teams meet this evening. An admission charge of ten cents will be made for children and fifteen cents for adults.

MOCK-VANDERPOOL

Floyd Mock of this city and Miss Meria Lois Vanderpool of Newport were united in marriage at the home of the groom's parents in this city last Saturday, the Rev. C. R. Ellsworth officiating. Mr. Mock is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mock of this city. He is engaged in the vulcanizing and general repair business with Geo. Lickey. Miss Vanderpool is the daughter of C. E. Vanderpool of Newport. Mr. and Mrs. Mock will make their home in this city.

HON. R. A. BENSELL PASSES

Captain Royal A. Benschell was born at Cassville, Wisconsin June 4th, 1838 and died at Newport, December 9th at 5 o'clock p. m., 1921, aged 83 years and 6 months. Captain Benschell was the eldest child and received but a limited education, attending school in a log house but six months in all his life. In 1850 he began his career as a printer in the office of the Clayton County Herald, remaining on the force for three years. In 1854 he crossed the plains with his father to San Jose, California and engaged in placer mining in Amador County. In 1861 he enlisted in the Union Army as a private in Company D, Fourth California regiment and served thirty seven months. His company was sent to Oregon and stationed at Fort Yamhill and Fort Hoskins and later to Siletz, but the Indians were peaceful and he saw no active fighting. In 1865 he was appointed farmer at Siletz Indian Reservation and held that position for three years. In 1866 he quit the Indian Service and went on Depoe Slough, then called Millville, and in company with two other gentlemen, built a sawmill and the following year commenced to operate it. He carried on a successful business here for a period of three years shipping lumber to San Francisco. In 1870 he commenced building a schooner in the Yaquina Ship Yard which was completed in 1873. He followed ship carpentering for two years and in 1875 he was appointed collector of customs at Yaquina port holding the position for four years and after a lapse of a few years he was reappointed under the Harrison administration and served another four years. In 1880 he became interested in the Oregon-Pacific Railroad and for twelve years looked after the interests of that company in this section of the country running a steam boat for several years from Newport to Elk City and way points.

Capt. Benschell was a typical pioneer and was active in building roads, schools, churches and everything for the advancement of the country. In politics, Mr. Benschell was a staunch Republican and has always been active in the work of the party. He has served often on both county and state committees and is recognized as a party leader. In 1868 he was elected representative from Benton County—Lincoln County was not created then—and served one term. In 1882 he was the Republican candidate for the State Senate composed of the District of Polk and Benton counties, but was defeated by the small majority of twenty-three votes. He served as mayor of Newport for four terms and as councilman, seven terms. On account of failing health he resigned the office of mayor and calmly and philosophically awaited the coming of the end and like a child going to sleep he passed to the Great Beyond.

He was married to Mrs. Mary Sturdevant at Millville, July 4th, 1869. Captain Benschell is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Benschell, of Newport, Oregon, and two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Rich of Toledo, Oregon and Mrs. Mary Skaggs of Summit. Mr. Benschell was a member of the Episcopal Church at Newport and a superintendent of the Sunday School for a good many years. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church conducted by Rev. H. Ralph Geil, pastor. The church was crowded with friends and neighbors. The Stars and Stripes were placed upon the casket and covered with a bower of flowers. Miss Merta James sang a solo, "The Beautiful Land"—a favorite song of Mr. Benschell's. The quartet composed of T. H. Haleck, E. E. Reisinger, Walter Reisinger and Dr. Forbes, sang in a most impressive manner, another one of Mr. Benschell's favorite songs, "Some Time We'll Understand." The sermon was eloquent, impressive and appropriate. The minister said he visited Mr. Benschell a few days before he died and as he left and shook hands, he said, you will never see me again in this life, but we will meet again in

the other world. It was a stormy day and but few went to the cemetery. The W. R. C. performed their ritualistic service in the church. The Coast Artillery acted as escort and firing squad. Mr. Benschell deserved to be buried in his U. S. uniform, which was done. The interment took place in the Eureka Cemetery. The pall bearers were: M. Parkers, W. J. Armitage, W. G. Walrad, L. C. Smith, Logan Demick,—all Spanish-American War veterans. In the social circles and business interests of the city and county R. A. Benschell will be greatly missed. F. M. Carter.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Toledo Chamber of Commerce had a most pleasant evening at its club rooms last Friday evening. The evening was taken up with music and speech making, after which occurred the election of officers and the eats.

County Agent Cooter, who had just returned from a trip to the Lower Siletz, gave an interesting talk regarding the conditions as existing in this section, he having a number of pictures of flood scenes. According to Mr. Cooter the people of this section are optimistic and are busy planning for the future.

The new directors elected for the ensuing year are: W. C. Burcroff, J. B. Booth, J. W. Dunn, A. M. Gilderleeve, S. E. Newkirk, W. Beck, P. Frederick, and G. B. McCluskey. The directors will elect the president, secretary, etc. among themselves.

GOOD EATS

For sale in the Akin Building, Saturday afternoon, December 17th. A large line of aluminumware to select from at Colvin's.

MORE HELP FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS

Following is a list of names of those giving money for the flood sufferers on the Siletz. Some of these were published last week under the heading of "Unknown," and some have come in since.

- Mrs. R. A. Andersen \$0.30
- R. A. Andersen .50
- Carl Erickson .25
- Ted McElwain 10.00
- Guy Roberts 15.00
- E. A. Harvey, Newport 1.00

AT THE "MOVIES"

Tonight—Drama—
"THE BLOOD BARRIER"
and Eighth Episode of Serial—
"THE AVENGING ARROW"
30c. and 5c.
Saturday and Sunday—Drama—
"DAWN"
which has been advertised here before, but not shown.
Also Comedy—
"PRINCE PISTACHIO!"
35c. and 15c.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 17th, 1921

Come to the Akin Building—buy a 50 cent package and have an opportunity to hold the lucky number which will draw a beautiful handmade quilt for you.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mrs. Flora Cox of 1040 E. 5th St. Albany announces the engagement of her daughter, Alma Eva Rowens to Walter Albert Staples. Mr. Staples is a son of A. J. Staples of Ashby, Nebraska. Miss Rowin is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bowden of Upper Beaver. The wedding will be an event of the early summer.

NOTICE

Members of the Civic Improvement Club are requested to be present at a regular meeting to be held December 21st, Wednesday, at 2:30 p. m. at the Chamber of Commerce Rooms. By Order of Committee.

TOLEDO, VS. NEWPORT

The Toledo basket ball team will go to Newport tomorrow evening for a game with the Newport team. The boys have chartered a boat, the Seafaring, and will take along all who wish to go. Fare \$1. for the round trip. The boat will remain until after the dance. See George Andrews for reservations. Boat leaves Toledo at four o'clock.

BE A WINNER

A parcel and bake sale will be held by the Neighbors of Woodcraft in the Akin Building, Saturday afternoon. Each parcel will be well worth its price—50 cents—and will also contain a number on a beautiful hand made quilt—Wouldn't you like to hold the lucky number?—come try to get it.

JOINT INSTALLATION

Lincoln Lodge No. 124, A. F. & A. M., and Pacific Chapter No. 79, O. E. S. will install their officers for the ensuing year the evening of December 27th. Jas. J. Gaither will install for the Masons, and Mr. R. H. Howell will install for the Order of Eastern Star. Visiting Masons and members of the Eastern Star are cordially invited to attend.

AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET DECEMBER 21

Alden Abbey Post No. 54 American Legion will hold a meeting Wednesday evening, December 21st. Come see the Clean Up Squad and remain until evening and attend the meeting.

WALDPOR CAPTURES BOTH GAMES SATURDAY

The Waldport High School basket ball teams captured both the girls and the boys basket ball games played here last Saturday evening. Both games were marked by exceptionally clean playing on both sides, and the best of feeling existed between the opposing teams.

The girls played the first game, and the Waldport girls had the best of it right from the start. They did not play any harder than the Toledo girls, but luck was with them and they also played excellent team work. The Waldport lineup was: Martha Keady and Sarah Atwood forwards; Neva Walker and Mary Pank centers; Mildred Hallmark and Corinne Starr, guards. Miss Keady threw six baskets, and Miss Atwood four, the latter also converting five fouls.

The Toledo lineup started as follows: Retba Carson and Oneatta Van Cleve forwards; Addie Graham and Nellie Peterson centers; Ruth Chesley and Alvina Anderson guards. During the game Carrie Wade went in as forward, Retba Carson was changed to center and Nellie Peterson to guard. Ruth Chesley and Alvina Anderson alternating as the other guard. Oneatta Van Cleve threw six baskets and converted two fouls and Carrie Wade converted three fouls.

Officials: Parsons of Waldport referee, Service of Toledo umpire. Final Score: Waldport 25; Toledo 17.

The Waldport boys started off like champions, making a score of 22 in the first half to Toledo's 5. Toledo got to going better in the second period and at the end of the game the score stood Waldport 30; Toledo 21. The Waldport lineup was: Chas. Diven and Paul Yocum forwards; Francis Earnest center; Maurice Hallmark and Dexter Pendleton guards. Diven got credit for three baskets, Earnest three baskets and converted eight fouls, Hallmark three baskets and Pendleton two.

The Toledo lineup was: Clarence Graham and Curtis Chambers, forwards; Clair Altree, center; Raymond Anderson and James Chambers, guards. Clarence Graham threw one basket, Curtis Chambers seven and converted one foul, and Clair Altree threw two baskets. Officials: Durbin of Waldport, referee; Service of Toledo umpire.

PACIFIC SPRUCE CO. TO START OPERATIONS

Officials of the Pacific Spruce Co. arrived in Toledo Tuesday evening to start the ball rolling in their lumber operations in this county. Those in the party were C. E. Johnson, president of the company, of San Francisco; F. W. Stevens, general manager; F. S. Scritsmier, of the board of directors; W. S. Kuhn and F. E. Chamberlin, all of Portland.

These gentlemen arranged for a meeting to be held with the Toledo Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening. At this meeting president Johnson and general manager Stevens outlined the plans of the company, explaining that it was their intention to come to Toledo the first of the year with a large force of men and resume the work of completing the mill which the government had but 70 per cent complete when the war ended.

Mill to Operate June 1st

It is expected to have the mill completed and in full operation by the first of June, 1922. Mr. Johnson stated that the mill would operate full capacity night and day, with a box factory and planing mill in connection. The product will be shipped both by rail and water, the company intending to have a line of steamers operating from this port. As the capacity of the mill is 750,000 feet daily, the shipping of this vast quantity of lumber will be no small undertaking in itself.

Mr. Stevens stated that the mill would be operated on the open shop basis, which struck a responsive chord in his audience, and that preference would be given married men. In the box factory there will be work for women and boys as well as men.

More Houses Needed

These gentlemen pointed out the need of more houses in Toledo to provide homes for their workmen, there even being a shortage of houses under present conditions. They asked that the citizens of Toledo organize a Building and Loan Association, with a capital stock of \$25,000 for the purpose of building houses to sell and rent. They agreed, in the event such an association was formed, to purchase \$10,000 worth of stock in same. The citizens took up the matter enthusiastically and agreed to put up the other \$15,000 needed to carry the matter thru. A committee of five was appointed to take the necessary steps to carry the matter thru. These appointed on the committee were: C. E. Hawkins, Ira Wade, A. T. Peterson, P. Frederick and W. S. Kuhn.

Means Much to Toledo

It is hard to realize just how much the starting of this industry means to Lincoln County. Toledo and Waldport will be the principal beneficiaries as the logging industry will be carried on near the latter place and the sawmill operations here, although the starting of this industry will aid the entire country. The population of Toledo will more than double during the coming year. The mill will give employment to 300 men, and if most of these have families, say only four to the family, that means 1200 people, which added to the 800 now here, makes a respectable little city of 2000 inhabitants.

Wants Club Building

The company has arranged with the American Legion to take over the Club House, which will be at once fitted up for officers quarters. In return for same they will give the Legion lumber for a new building and a money consideration besides, the Legion also retaining the electric fixtures, fireplaces, etc.

CHRISTMAS EVENING PROGRAM

On Friday evening Dec. 23rd there will be a Christmas program and basket social at the Upper Farm School house for the benefit of the school. The program will consist of songs, recitations, quotations, concert recitations, basket social etc. Christmas time. Ladies are requested to bring baskets.

HOME SWEET HOME by F. Parks

