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Sauter Funeral Today
Services over the late Miss Christina Sauter who died Tuesday at her home, 1233 North Church street will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the German Baptist church. Burial will be in City View cemetery.

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Maurer on Cash Basis
Beginning August 1, my machine and repair shop will be conducted on a cash basis. Help us conserve our time by paying for work when delivered. I also take this opportunity to thank my many and valued friends for their patronage in the past, and trust that any inconvenience caused by this change will more than be offset by the knowledge that they are helping us win the war. Respectfully, John Maurer.

Irrigation
Even numbers on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Odd numbers on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Even numbers are on south and east side of street. Odd numbers are on north and west side of street.

Strang Funeral Held
The last funeral rites over the late Augustus E. Strang, a long time resident of Salem, were held yesterday morning from the family residence on East Center street. Rev. W. C. Kautner preached and impressive service. Albert Gile, John W. Todd and William McGilchrist, Jr., formed a group of singers. The full Masonic ritual of Pacific lodge, No. 555, was held at the graveside in Odd Fellows cemetery. The pallbearers were Dr. R. E. L. Steiner, Capt. Charles A. Murphy, George G. Brown, Justice George H. Burnett, Milton L. Meyers and Thomas Davis, who were life long friends of Mr. Strang.

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BEVINS—MOFFITT—In Salem, Or., at the home of A. J. Moffitt, 1267 North Commercial street, Tuesday, July 31, 1918, Miss Ella Moffitt of Dallas and Jeff D. Bevins of Jefferson.

Rev. Mrs. Josephine Hockett of the Highlands Friends church officiated at the ceremony. The couple will live at the Bevins home in Polk county.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors, who assisted so kindly through the illness and death of our wife and mother in the time of distress when we need consolation, also to the employees of the State House who volunteered their services so freely, as well as those who gave flowers as a token of love.

John R. Hensel
Esther M. Snider
Bert Mumma
Jennie Mumma

Three Branches Opened

The local navy recruiting office has just received word that it may enlist men as boiler makers, musicians and yeomen. The age limit has been raised from 35 to 40 years. These branches have been temporarily closed recently.

Barnes Goes to Presidio

Ralph Barnes, who has been taking a course of military training at St. Johns military academy, at Deltafield, Wis., writes his parents that he has just been appointed to the student officers' training school at the Presidio, San Francisco. He will start for home at once in order to have time to visit some of the famous scenic points and noted resorts in the mountain country. He expects to arrive in Salem about August 5. From the tone of his letter he has been enjoying life at St. Johns, where he has had exceptional advantages and association with instructors of the highest character. The appointment of young Barnes will make the twenty-first student to go from Willamette university to the Presidio.

Camp Equipment

Cheap tents, camp stoves, camp furniture, etc., at E. L. Stiff & Son's, 446 Court street.

Goes to San Francisco

Madam Buffe-Morrison left last evening on her regular semi-annual buying trip. She will go direct to San Francisco where she expects to buy more largely than ever of millinery of the latest approved models. The fact that she has discontinued the remodeling and rettriming department of the French Shop will enable her upon her return to Salem to devote more time to patronage and to the creation of new models. This will necessitate the carrying of a larger stock of new goods than she has carried in the past, and her patrons will have the assurance that her personal ability will be embodied in the hats they purchase at popular prices.

She expects to be absent from Salem about two weeks and will be in a position to display the new goods about August 15.

During her absence the French Shop will be in charge of Mrs. E. Buffe.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Rhoda Thompson left Wednesday for Moscow, Idaho.

Harry White left yesterday for Toledo, Or., where he will be employed for the balance of the season with a fruit company.

George Vick and Fred Bernard left yesterday on a trip to a number of points in the upper valley where they will give exhibition of tractor operation.

R. S. Wittenburg of the Wittenburg-King company, came down from Portland yesterday on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Heckad, of Eugene, were guests at the Bligh home Wednesday.

H. R. Smith came in from Silverton yesterday on a business errand.

Mrs. M. F. Ford, of Independence, is among the recent arrivals in Salem.

Mrs. R. J. Hunt, of Hoskins, was a transient visitor in Salem yesterday.

Mrs. T. P. Coleman, of Enterprise, stopped briefly in Salem Wednesday.

Justice T. A. McBride left yesterday for an outing on the upper Santiam in company with his guests, Geoffrey Baxter and Mrs. George P. Baxter of San Francisco.

Bert Tompkins, who has been visiting with relatives here, left yesterday on his return to his post in the Bremerton navy yard.

Mrs. J. W. Furt, who was in from Brooks on a brief visit yesterday, stated that her two sons, Ivan and Myrle, had met in Baltimore for the first time since they entered the government service more than a year ago. Ivan is with the transport Orleans, while Myrle is in transportation service in Baltimore.

Mrs. Ida L. Niles left yesterday for Frederickburg, Iowa.

Mrs. Rose Shaffer left yesterday on a trip to Seattle where she will make an extended visit.

Harley White spent Wednesday in Portland.

The following people were among the guests at the Marion Hotel yesterday: Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Rosenbals, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Terlan, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pettinger, all of Portland.

Will Taylor, of Corvallis, deputy sheriff of Benton county, was a visitor here at the bridge celebration, returning yesterday.

Miss Susie J. Bonner, of Silverton, is returning to her home today, after a two-weeks visit with her Salem friends. While here Miss Bonner attended the Chautauqua.

Roy Rice and John B. Milne have been on a fishing trip in the mountains near Belknap Springs.

OBSERVER MAN BOOSTS WRIGHT

Secretary of Service Commission Subject of Dennis' Editorial

The La Grande Observer speaks editorially as follows about Ed. Wright, secretary of the public service commission who recently has been admitted to the Oregon bar:

"It is with much pleasure that the friends of Ed. Wright, for many years county clerk of Union county, will read of his successful bar examination and note that he is now one of Oregon's attorneys."

"This result was achieved not by college education, not by a special course in any law school, but by hard work, overtime, while he was county clerk in the county. His study hours were long and many, but at no time did he ever neglect his official duties. He took a deep interest in the legal end of all work that went through his department and many of our best attorneys have often remarked that 'Ed. Wright is a mighty good lawyer although he never has been admitted to practice.'"

"Now Ed. Wright has been admitted to practice. He has passed all the requirements of the profession and become a lawyer of ability ready to take up the work in some part of the state and render the assistance to the public which an honorable lawyer can always render. His practice will be built along high ideals and honorable lines for there is nothing small in Ed. Wright's make-up. He is a son of the broad Eastern Oregon country and his vision has not been shrunken during the brief period that he has lived in Salem."

"All of Union county joins the Observer in offering congratulations and praise to the man who served this county so well for a long period of time."

WORK RESUMPTION URGED

War Labor Board Appeals to Oregon Paper Mill Men

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 26.—(Special)—After a hearing today, War Labor board declined to render final decision in the matter of difficulties in the paper mills at Oregon City, Camas and Lebanon, but telegraphed the employer's organization saying that the board is convinced that the employers are sincere in their efforts to adjust differences, and asking the employees to call off the strike and resume negotiations for an amicable settlement.

Phonographs and Cameras May Be Subject to Tax

WASHINGTON, July 30.—A 10 per cent tax on gross sales of manufacturers, producers and importers of automobiles, piano players, phonographs, sporting goods, cosmetics, patent medicines, cameras and similar articles, was tentatively agreed upon today by the house ways and means committee. The present excise tax on most of these articles ranges around 3 per cent. Motor trucks will be taxed only half the increased rate, on the ground that they are for business purposes.

HUSBAND AND WIFE

Mrs. Frank B. Wood, box 18, R. F. D. 2, Morrill, Me., writes "Foley's Kidney Pills help me so much. My husband also has received much benefit from them. He was so lame he could not stoop over and now he feels no pain." Lame back sore muscles, stiff joints, rheumatic aches and pains quickly conquered by Foley's Kidney Pills. J. C. Perry.

Auto Dealers Pay Licenses on Privately Used Machines

Only motor vehicles which dealers have for sale are entitled to be operated upon the public highways under dealers' licenses, regardless whether they are new or used cars, according to an opinion given out by Attorney General Brown in reply to an inquiry by Secretary of State Olcott. Automobiles used by dealers for private purposes must carry the regular license plates.

Will Grant No Releases

Hereafter no draft registrant in either the 1917 or 1918 registration shall be released to enlist in the navy or marine corps or be placed on the emergency fleet classification list who is physically fit for general military service, say the latest orders from the adjutant general's office. This prohibition applies even though there is a surplus of class 1 men above the number necessary to fill the July and August calls.

At the Court House

In the matter of the estate of Sarah Jane Clark, a decree was issued admitting the will of deceased to probate and appointing William H. Clark, executor. The circuit court was engaged for a portion of the day taking evidence in the divorce suit of Riches vs. Riches. A marriage license was issued from the clerk's office to Frank Chamberlin and Sarah Brewer, both of Chemawa.

Prune Disease Not General

Commenting upon the disease that is attacking the prune orchards of the valley, manager W. T. Jenks, of the Willamette Valley Prune association, expresses the belief that it will not prove to be widespread. In his opinion the trouble is most prevalent in the districts where the rainfall was heaviest, being induced by the sudden flow of moisture into fruit that had been somewhat checked in development by drought. The same trouble has been noted more or less in past seasons.

Read the Classified Ads.

SONG'S HISTORY IS TOLD PUBLIC

Justice Webster Disproves Statement About Composer Being Drunk

The following bit of history with regard to the well-known song, "The Sweet Bye-and-Bye," is given by Justice Daniel Webster from his personal knowledge.

Some thirty years ago he heard a man in the south, who was conducting a song service, make the statement that this song was composed by a member of a party engaged in a drunken brawl. Being well acquainted with the composer, J. P. Webster, and slightly acquainted with S. Filmore Bennett, the author of the words, Justice Webster wrote to Mr. Bennett inquiring as to the truth of the statement, and received the following reply:

A short time ago the Chicago Daily News published an interview between one of its reporters and myself relative to the origin and history of the "Sweet Bye-and-Bye." This article has been copied by various papers in the United States. It is so full of inaccuracies that I feel compelled to take this public method of giving the history of the song, never before written by me, or any other person properly authorized so far as I know. The News article contains more inaccuracies in the same space than I ever saw before. Dates were wrong, names were wrong, a part was imaginative, and even the words of the hymn were misquoted. Many papers have published only part of the News article, altered so as to make it appear as editorial matter. In some of these currency is given to the shameful story that Mr. Webster was drunk when he wrote the music and one excerpt sent me from Massachusetts has it we were both drunk. It pains me to mention this matter, and to any reasonable person the history of the origin of the hymn as here given, should be sufficient to answer the charge. But I am thankful that I live to do justice to the memory of a man I loved, one of the noblest men that ever lived, one of the finest and purest natures I ever met. And here I put on record for this and future generations, the solemn and earnest assurance that the charge of being drunk is a false and shameful slander upon the memory of the noble dead. And, were the report true, would it not have been more generous in the public press to have thrown the mantle of charity over the dead master's memory, by remaining silent?

Again, Mr. Webster and myself are claimed to be "atheists" and "infidels" by some of the papers sent to me. While I claim that every man's religion is something sacred to his own soul, and something no other man has a right to personally question, I feel compelled to say that the hope and the longing of every immortal soul, as expressed in the "Sweet Bye-and-Bye" was not to us a "painted lie," but the firm conviction and faith of both of us, and to both, Creation would have seemed a farce, unless associated with a belief in a Supreme Being of infinite love, and an immortal existence for man beyond the grave.

In the year 1861 I became a resident of the village of Elkhorn, Wis., the home of the composer, J. P. Webster, and shortly after became associated with him in the production of sheet music (songs and other musical works). In the summer of 1867 we commenced work on "The Signet Ring," a new Sabbath school book, afterwards published by Messrs. Lyon & Healey, Chicago. The "Sweet Bye-and-Bye" was one of the songs written for that work.

Mr. Webster, like many musicians, was of an exceedingly nervous and sensitive nature, and subject to periods of depression, in which he looked upon the dark side of all things in life. I had learned his peculiarities so well that on meeting him, I could tell at a glance if he was in a "painted lie" mood, and had found one by giving him a new song or hymn to work upon. On such an occasion he came into my place of business and walking down to the stove, turned his back to me without speaking. I was at my desk writing. Presently I turned to him and said: "Webster, what's the matter now? 'It's no matter,' he replied, 'it will be all right by and by.'"

The idea of the hymn came to me like a flash of sunlight, and I replied: "The Sweet Bye and Bye! Why would not that make a good hymn?" "Maybe it would," said he indifferently.

Turning to the desk I penned the words as fast as I could write.

In the meantime two friends, N. H. Carswell and S. E. Bright, came in. I handed the hymn to Mr. Webster. As he read it his eye kindled, and his whole demeanor changed. Stepping to the desk he began writing the notes in a moment. Presently he requested Mr. Bright to hand him his violin, and he played the melody. In a few moments more he had the four parts of the chorus jotted down. I think it was not over thirty minutes from the time I took my pen to write the words before the two gentlemen before named, Mr. Webster and myself were singing the hymn in the same form in which it afterwards appeared in the "Signet Ring." While singing it, Mr. Crosby of Richmond, Ill., came in, and after listening awhile, with tears in his eyes, uttered the following prediction: "That hymn is immortal." I think it was sung in public shortly afterward, for within two weeks every child in the streets was singing it.

"The Sweet Bye-and-Bye" was published in the "Signet Ring" in 1868. The publishers of the book, Messrs. Lyon & Healey, Chicago, heralded its advent by distributing a very large number of circulars, upon which selections from the work were printed; among them the "Sweet Bye-and-Bye." These circulars first brought the hymn to the notice of the public,

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and created the principal demand for the book. Sometime toward the close of the year 1868, I think, the hymn was first published in sheet music form, first by Lyon & Healey. Its publication passed from their hands to O. Ditson & Co., Boston. It is now published in numerous collections of vocal music in America, and as a newspaper account says, its is translated into various foreign languages, and "sung in every land under the sun."

—S. Filmore Bennett, Richmond, Ill.

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An ounce of merozolized wax, obtainable at any drug store, applied nightly like cold cream, and washed off mornings, will gradually improve even the worst complexion. There is nothing better for the removal of tan, freckles or blotches.

Ben C. Day suggests Conference Be Ordered

Ben C. Day, attorney for the Southern Pacific company has written a letter to the public service commission suggesting that a meeting of representatives of the railroad, the commission and of Lane county be held to arrange details for the construction of an overhead crossing where the road intersects with the Pacific highway at Divide, in Lane county. The railroad company opposed construction of the crossing, but, acting upon representations of the service commission, the director general's office recently has ordered the company to build the crossing.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER WRITES

When the kidneys are not working properly, backache, stiff joints, rheumatic pains and suffering result. George McLain, Turtle Lake, N. D., writes: "I am a locomotive engineer. I had a bad pain in my back and my bladder action was very irregular. I took Foley's Kidney Pills and was relieved in a couple of days." J. C. Perry.

Ten Men to Train for Army Mechanical Work

Ten men are to be sent by the local draft board on August 15 for training in mechanical lines at the Benson Polytechnic school, according to an order received yesterday. Volunteers will be accepted up to August 6 after which time a sufficient number of men will be drafted from the 1917 registrants. Those in the 1918 class may volunteer, but not drawn.

Two men, James Hillman Murphy of Salem, and A. E. Bradshaw of Portland, have already placed their names among those willing to go. A grammar school education or its equivalent or an aptitude for mechanical work are required. Instruction at the school will be given for auto mechanics, blacksmiths, carpenters, electricians, machinists, plumbers and sheet metal workers. Only white men qualified for general military service will be accepted.

CAUGHT COLD AT PALM BEACH

Southern climate is no protection against summer colds. Helen R. Saunders, 626 2nd avenue, W., Palm Beach, Florida, writes: "My severe cold on the chest was relieved by Foley's Honey and Compound." This fine old family remedy can be depended upon to relieve summer colds, hay fever, asthma and croup.

J. C. Perry

A Ford is without honor except in its own garage.

INTERVENTION BROUGHT NEAR

Japs Securing Information to Organizing Siberian Military Force

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Negotiations between the entente powers Japan and the United States regarding the extension of aid to Czechoslovaks in Siberia and to situate have advanced another step. Information sought by Japan on conditions of American proposal now been furnished. This places whole subject again before the Japanese foreign office, which must determine whether the proposal is sufficiently concrete to warrant action.

From unofficial sources news that in anticipation of a factory conclusion Japan and the entente allies are perfecting arrangements for the organization of a military force may be necessary. Because of their proximity to Siberia, Japan and China will form the larger portion of these forces.

To preserve the national character of the operations, Great Britain and France are preparing contingents. Both of them will draw upon nearby colonies, the French have already started five companies from Tonquin to the north, and the British will probably send troops from India and Hong Kong.

WHEAT MAKES 30 BUSHELS

Fall Sowing Reaches Figure—Spring Grain About Ten Bushels

Threshermen are now at work all parts of the valley, working the first cutting of fall grain. Too early as yet to venture an estimate as to the average yield, but generally conceded that the grain will be very light. One threshed threshers thinks the majority of the acreage will run in the neighborhood of ten bushels. Most the fall grain, however, will be from twenty-five to thirty bushels to the acre. He asserts that the grain will be about up to the level in spite of the drought. The grain seem to be well developed, and the heads are very light. As labor, the local has no trouble in finishing all the hands needed. Wage rate is \$3.00 a day, at 40 cents an hour.

Wealthy Ward Leaves to Join Armies of Italy

Zineppi Boitani, son of a well known and influential Italian count, some time has been an inmate of the State Hospital for the Insane. Tonight, accompanied by a doctor, he will leave for Italy where he will enter the Italian army. He has pronounced cured of his affliction.

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