



# FALLS CITY SECTION

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## FALLS CITY NEWS OF THE WEEK, BY A LIVE AND VERY COMPETENT REPORTER

**Clean Up Week Has Been Proclaimed—The Efficiency of the Public Library Is Being Enhanced—The Comings and Goings of the People of the City—The Falls City District Grows Good Flax, and the Logged Off Lands May Come in to Help Furnish Raw Materials to the Linen Mills**

### Thursday Afternoon Meeting of Good Will Club

Mrs. Jody Rhoades was hostess to the Good Will club on Thursday afternoon, April 16th. Following the transaction of business a jolly feature was a guessing contest, Mrs. Henry Griffin winning first prize.

Refreshments consisting of jello, cookies and coffee were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. W. Gottfried and Mrs. Henry Griffin.

### Mrs. C. P. Horn Entertains Ladies' Art Club

Last Tuesday afternoon Mrs. C. P. Horn was hostess to the members of the Ladies' Art club. The rooms were beautifully decorated with japonica and tulips, the same color scheme being carried out in the center piece of the table where novel refreshments of hot glazerbread, whipped cream and coffee were served.

### Public Library Has Additional Books

The Falls City public library is now open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 and on Saturday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30. The librarian has placed one hundred and eighty-two books on the shelves which are new to patrons. In addition to these books the library board has subscribed for several magazines which are now available on the reading tables. Considerable literature is being given to the library. Later on, it is planned to secure the 50 book travelling libraries from Salem, and patrons desiring certain books may ask the librarian to make a record of them so that when requests are made out specially desired books may be secured.

The new curtains at the windows, shaded lights for reading, additional tables and chairs, and a re-arrangement of the interior has added greatly to the attractiveness of our new library room. We urge all the parents of school children especially to visit the library and learn what the children are reading. They need more of certain classes of books and magazines. If we give the youngsters worth while reading they will use it. Books and magazines on wireless and other electrical subjects are much in demand.

### Park Improvements Progressing

Work on the municipal park is progressing nicely. Mr. Eldon Frink, who has a contract from the Epworth League Institute for moving the house from the McAdams property, grading, leveling and removing stumps in the park, has the house moved to its permanent site adjacent to the kitchen and dining rooms, and will proceed with the other work as rapidly as weather conditions permit. A number of large stumps were removed by blasting, and more of this work will be done later.

H. A. Johnson, agent for the Oregon Fire Relief association of McMinnville, Oregon, was over from Dallas last Thursday.

H. Mather Smith, president of the Bank of Falls City, transacted

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General Banking Business

business for the Bank of Valselt last Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. J. W. L. Kauffman has returned from Seattle, Wash., where she was called by the illness of her sister. She remained until after the death and burial of her sister. Mrs. Kaufman's many friends unite in sympathy for her in this bereavement.

Mrs. John Chappell was out from Valselt from Thursday until Monday, visiting relatives and attending to business. She reports much enthusiasm on the part of interested automobile owners over road work and repairs, stating they are going ahead with work on their end of the Valselt-Falls City road, and that the road has been travelled by at least one machine since this work was done, proving it is possible to open this road early in the spring if work is done at the proper time. The rains of the past week have hindered further work.

Mr. and Mrs. Barton Blight and Mr. and Mrs. Ebey made up a fishing party for a trip between Dallas and Black Rock one day recently.

A. P. Harlan, who recently purchased Ryan's confectionery, made a business trip to Portland last week. He will go on Wednesday to his former home in Alpine for a combined business and pleasure trip, visiting his family while away.

George Wagner and Andy Black motored to Monmouth Sunday afternoon. They were accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Wagner, who returned for her class work in the Normal school.

Mr. H. M. Smith drove to Portland Saturday afternoon, accompanied by his mother, and Miss Ardella Dunlop and Richard Horne. Mr. and Mrs. Smith entertained Miss Dunlop and Mr. Horne with a "trip through Chinatown" Saturday evening.

Mrs. H. W. Koehler returned home Saturday from a week's visit in Portland. She was accompanied by Mr. Koehler, who made his usual week end visit to the family here.

I. C. Davis was a business visitor to Portland this week.

Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Horne drove to Eugene last Sunday, where they enjoyed a very pleasant visit with their son, C. P. Horn, Jr., a student at the U. of O.

Mrs. W. H. Porter visited relatives in Albany over the week end. While away she visited the state library in Salem, securing much valuable information for use in her work in connection with our local library. She will soon have new membership cards available, when all patrons will be required to fill out one of these cards for use in future loans of books.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Meyers and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McMurphy were Salem visitors on Sunday. They called on Ed L. Horn, who is in a hospital recovering from a recent operation on his knee cap, and found his condition much improved. He is now able to be up and move around the room with the aid of crutches.

W. P. Letterman is able to be out and walk around town, following his recent severe illness.

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Mrs. Anna B. Buell was called to Portland last week by the death of a grandchild.

Mrs. Clinton A. Case has been making some photographic studies of the Luckiamute falls and other points of interest in and around Falls City. The picture of the falls is beautiful, more than a photograph—a work of art. The subject is most attractive and has been delicately handled.

**TO THE FALLS**  
(Dedicated to Teal Creek Falls)  
From the majesty of mountain peaks,  
From far heights, thro' gleaming snow,  
Gleams and glistens your swift waters

**Falls City Meat Market**  
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ROY McDONALD, PROP.

## PROCLAMATION Issued by MAYOR OF FALLS CITY

I hereby proclaim the first week in May (4th to 9th inclusive) as clean-up week in the city of Falls City, Oregon, and respectfully urge that everyone join in the effort to clean up our city and rid it of all dirt and trash that may be either unhealthful or unsightly, and make our city one of the most beautiful places in the Northwest in which to live.

I also declare the afternoon of  
**MAY 6th, 1925,**  
a holiday for the purpose of cleaning up and beautifying the new City Park.

I sincerely hope that all will cooperate in this movement.

(Signed) **ROY McDONALD,**  
Mayor of Falls City.  
**DO YOUR PART**

**MAY 4th to 9th**

Till they reach the plains below!  
Gleaming, glistening, pausing,  
listening  
In a depth of forest way,  
You are seeming to be dreaming  
In the purple dusk of day!

Where the wind harps leave their music  
In the lone still solitudes,  
And from reveries you waken  
When enchantment fills the woods.

As a ship by strong winds shaken  
So your foaming crests break free,  
Swifter drifting, leaping, lifting,  
Ever moving to the sea!

To the call of ships that passing  
Leave a white and foam flecked train,  
You are yearning, you are turning  
To that music of the main.

Oh! That I your course might follow,  
As tempestuous, as free,  
From these wilds and mountain moorings,  
Keeping tryst with the sea.

From these haunts that seem to lure me,  
In the purple dusk of day  
For your waves and winds have spoken  
And they bid me to obey.  
—D. W. B.

Mrs. Chester Benefield returned last Thursday to her home in Manning after spending ten days as the house guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Watt.

Speaking of flax—and who could help it when we are going to be a part of the territory to feed the flax center of the United States in that not too distant future when Salem will be the center of the industry for this country

—how many people know that just as fine flax has been grown between Falls City and Dallas as in any other section of the Willamette valley? Fact!

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oment of the vines and affords ease in cultivation. The earlier grape vines can be planted in the fall and winter, the better they will be, as it will give the vines a chance to establish a root system during the winter season. Avoid planting late in the spring, as this does not give the vine a good chance to establish itself before the hot weather comes on. After the vines are set out, about the only thing necessary the first season is thorough, consistent cultivation to prevent the excessive loss of moisture from the soil.

At the beginning of the second season the general practice is to cut the vine back to two buds. The idea of it is to prevent the canes of the previous season bearing any fruit but rather devoting the energies of the plant more or less to the establishing of a root system and growing a vigorous healthy cane for the coming season. Although only one cane will be allowed to grow after this season, two are permitted the second season for the simple reason that one of them may be destroyed and this will not set the plant back a year in establishing the frame work.

At the beginning of the third season, the stronger and better cane is selected and cut at the height desired, which will be determined by the pruning system, which will be followed in the planting. All other canes or growths are removed, leaving the single cane to form the main stalk of the plant.

Heavy Pruning Best  
After the vines become mature, the annual pruning is a very drastic, heavy cutting, as over 90 percent of the previous season's wood is removed each pruning season. The best fruit and the finest bunches are grown on the vines that are heavily pruned. More bunches might be produced on vines if more wood could be left, but the quality would be decidedly inferior, and it is doubtful if the total production would be any heavier.

The pruning of grapes is not at all difficult if care is taken in the selection of the wood to be left and the number of buds left. The bearing of the plant the coming season will be determined by the number of buds left on the vine. If the vine is weak, fewer buds can be left so that more strength will go into producing vigorous wood for the coming season. On the other hand an overly-vigorous vine should have more fruit buds left, thus tending to cut down on the cane growth, devoting more of the energy to the production of fruit. Probably with the grapes, more than other fruit, it is a question of the individual development and vigor of the vines when determining how much wood should be pruned away.

In selecting the number of buds or the number of buds to be left, it is generally considered that the first two buds on the cane are more or less apt to be sterile. They will not be entirely so, but the buds farther out will bear a large number of fruit clusters to the bud than the first two. Omit those in the counting of the buds on each cane. If, for instance, you are leaving six to eight fruit buds to the cane, it will mean the total number will be eight to ten.

As the tendency of the vine is to extend the growth each year, bearing only the one year on each year's growth, if let grow naturally the bearing wood would soon be a long ways from the main stalk. From the older wood each year there will be found coming up, young, vigorous canes. These are usually sterile, but are used in renewing canes, bringing the fruiting wood back. At the time of pruning these are cut to one or two buds, forming renewal spurs. The coming season, these spurs will produce good, vigorous fruiting wood, which can be used the following season for the development of the fruiting wood close to the main stalk.

The Training Systems  
Grapes have usually been trained to the four armed Kniffen system. This Kniffen system is more commonly used on American grapes than any other system of training grapes. The trellis is nothing but a two-wire berry trellis. In this the cane or main shoot is tied to the upper wire. Running from the cane each way on each wire will be left one cane

or arm. The total number of buds desired to leave for the individual vine is distributed evenly over the four arms.

Aside from the four armed Kniffen system, we find the Munson system giving excellent success. This is a three-wire system in which the lower wire is placed 3 1/2 to 4 feet from the ground with the two upper wires one foot higher, and at the outer edge of an 18 inch cross piece. The main stalk is trained to the lower wire, and then two to four canes are trained along this lower wire. As the buds break and the new shoots develop, they will be upright for a short time, but gradually droop over, and in this way lay over the two upper wires. This system of training is more expensive to establish in the first place, but is more easily handled during picking.

The bunches all hang free and are not entwined by the growing canes or the tendrils of the vines. Also, it allows more circulation of air, tending to reduce the susceptibility to disease.

General Care, Harvesting  
The general care of the grape vine is the same as for any other fruit tree. Thorough, consistent cultivation is advisable for the best results. However, it is noticeable at times to what degree the grape vines can be neglected and still bear a certain amount of fruit.

From observation during the past few seasons it would seem that a few remarks about the harvesting of grapes would not come amiss. Grapes do not develop their full quality of flavor when they first change color. With a grape like Campbells Early, the quality is not developed for some time after it turns dark. If picked in the green stage, they do not have a pleasant flavor and will certainly not appeal to the customer. If left until fully developed, the quality is sure to be excellent and the grapes will keep better than when picked green.

In picking the grapes, use clipper or knives to cut off the bunches. Handle the bunches as little as possible in order to leave the bloom on the berries. If picking during the heat of the day, better success will be had in avoiding the shelling of the berries from the bunches. The stalks of the bunches will be more or less wilted at that time while the grapes will be dry in the bunch. Grapes picked moist will soon develop decay.

C. E. SCHUSTER.  
Corvallis, Oregon, April 21, 1925.  
(Mr. Schuster is associate professor of pomology of the Oregon Agricultural college, and his is high authority in his field.—Ed)

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The Swedish race in Finland, dating back several centuries, numbering about 350,000, while the total Swedish stock in the United States, including immigrants and their children, was 1,457,382 in 1920.

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## COMMERCIAL SEED GROWING OFFERS MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFIT

**Falls City Section Holds Favorable Conditions for Commercial Seed Growing Along Many Lines, With OAC Ready to Lend a Helping Hand—Certified Seed Command Fancy Prices**

Oregon farmers have taken commendable activity in building up great herds of pure bred cattle, hogs, sheep and goats. There are perhaps more record-breaking pure bred animals in the Willamette valley than in any other equal area in the United States.

Strange as it may seem, the men who have been so earnestly engaged in promoting the pure bred stock for their farms have given so small attention to the production of pure bred seed for their crops. This fact, when thoughtfully considered, opens the way for a campaign of education along two important lines: the growing of pure bred certified seed and the education of the farmers to a realization of the value of using that kind of seed.

Visit any seed store in the valley and you will find seed offered for sale is mostly from California or Minnesota, or at least from some point outside of Oregon. A certain firm in Salem is this spring of 1925 putting out certified seed potatoes where it furnishes the seed to be paid for in the harvest and agrees to purchase the crop at a good figure. Their seed is brought from outside of Oregon.

Falls City territory is admirably adapted to growing a high class seed. If it produces a berry or a prune, a bean or a carrot of superior quality, why not develop a Falls City seed producing section of superior quality.

Seed men are always looking for new territory from which to procure high grade seed. Certain sections of Idaho and Montana are almost entirely given over to growing seed. With the Oregon Agricultural college within one hour's drive of Falls City, the seed grower has at his command the information and assistance needed to enter the business at a profit.

Seed growing requires special process in planting and cultivation, sorting and selecting, but it is a profitable business. The ground that will grow a dime's worth of turnips will produce a dollar's worth of seed. The ground that will produce 100 sacks of potatoes selling in the market for \$1 a sack will produce from certified seed 150 sacks worth two or three dollars a sack.

If Falls City produces a superior quality of strawberries it will also produce a superior quality of plant for sale, if the correct methods are used. One firm in Salem sold three car loads of strawberry plants recently. Falls City could sell as much and probably of a better grade. Clean soil is an essential to seed growing. Planting of certified seed from reliable sources is another. Onions, for example, must measure up to the required standard to be used for growing seed. Methods of harvesting must be learned, as well as methods of cultivation.

Beans and peas are grown here in superior quality. Is it not reasonable to suppose that the same high quality of seed might be produced? The profits obtained

in farming depend very largely on producing something that will bring an extra price on the market, or will be condensed into some very concentrated form, as butter and cheese, or canned fruits, berries and vegetables. Seed production is along this line. Figure from the prices you pay for seed in the market what profit there must be for the grower. A ten cent package of turnip seed, or lettuce or cabbage, or parsnip, represents often less than the product of a single plant.

Seed merchants desire seeds produced on just such lands and under just such conditions as exist about Falls City. It would first be necessary to advise with the OAC regarding the methods and the place to secure the right kind of seed. It might be necessary to experiment a year or so to get a product which would attract attention of seed buyers. But once the business is established it will be among the most profitable of all the lines of agriculture followed in the Falls City section.

Its development would be a most powerful inducement to others to locate here in so favorable a place. The big question with every one in contemplating a change of location is to learn in what way the change will be profitable. If Falls City can show the home seeker a future based upon a demonstrated present that makes a stronger appeal to his desire for bettering his condition it has secured the key to rapid development.

Good land for less money per acre about Falls City.

**Eternal Feminine**  
Milder: "Do you girls intend to go fishing all alone?"  
Patricia: "No; we are taking Clarence along to put the worms on the hooks for us."  
—Rudie L.

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