

COUNTY NEWS BRIEFS

North Howell

The rain on Monday will be of great benefit to growing crops of all kinds. A large crowd attended church at the N. H. church, about 70 from the surrounding country and some from Salem and Silverton. Melvin Beer and family of the Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sawyer and two children of Silverton, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dickman and little son Bruce were Sunday visitors at F. Beers.

Centerview-Evergreen

Everyone is rejoicing over the fine rain. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dahl and two children motored to Portland Monday morning accompanied by Mrs. Dahl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Julson, who took the train for their old home in South Dakota. They expect to be gone six months looking after property interests. Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dahl of Silverton are staying at the farm during Arthur's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Rue and family spent Sunday at the Albert Nelson home, east of town. A good many from this neighborhood went to Champeo Saturday. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Haberly, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Riches, Mr. and Miss Scribner and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Geer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Haberly have a fine new Dodge sedan. Mrs. Edson Comstock spent Thursday and Friday in Silverton where she was in attendance at the Women's Home Missionary district convention. Mrs. Severson of Silverton is a visitor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Sebo.

Fruitland

Rudolph Flegel visited in Fruitland last Sunday. He formerly attended the Fruitland school but is now living in Portland. Rev. Guy Stover preached his last sermon of the conference year last Sunday. There were 91 present. This was the largest attendance for the past year.

The contest, which was held between squads captained by Lloyd Girod and Guy Flagg, ended recently. Guy Flagg's squad was defeated. They have decided to give a winter roast Saturday night, May 8, and wish everybody to come. It will be held in Cade's pasture.

Ralph Beutler and Albert Gerig motored to Portland last Sunday. Mrs. P. R. Coulson returned from a visit with her mother who lives in Ohio. She reported a very good trip but says there is nothing like Oregon.

Rosedale

The young people of the Smith and Boje families motored to Westport Sunday morning, May 5. C. H. Kelley has installed an electric light plant in his home. Mr. and Mrs. Matt Sheridan visited at the C. H. Kelley home

last Sunday. Desmond Reins and Harry Kelley visited the Rosedale school last Friday afternoon. The play, "Looking for Mary Jane," was presented at the Rosedale school Saturday evening, May 1. A large crowd attended. The play will be presented again Saturday evening, May 8, in the Salem Heights Community hall. A social party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Bloom Saturday evening, May 1.

Brooks

The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. A. E. Harris on Thursday afternoon. The afternoon was spent embroidering and sewing on dresses after which a delicious luncheon was served by the hostesses. The first trip of carrier on R. P. D. out of Brooks was made on Saturday, May 1. Ray Cozlet was appointed temporary carrier until returns are received by those taking the examination and a permanent carrier appointed.

Mrs. Dollie Ramp, who was taken suddenly ill on Wednesday evening was taken to the Salem hospital on Friday evening and operated on for appendicitis. She is getting along as well as can be expected. Mrs. Leta Nyhart, who has been confined to the Salem hospital since her accident at Brooks, where her Overland sedan was demolished by a stage, was allowed to come home Saturday. Her condition is much improved but it is feared she will be unable to take her room as teacher again this term.

Stayton

Leona, the little four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Burmaster, has been seriously ill the past week, suffering from an attack of ptomaine poisoning. Mrs. Burmaster's mother arrived today from Klamath Falls and will assist in the care of the child. Hopes are now entertained for her recovery.

Mrs. R. D. Hoke was seriously injured in an automobile accident Sunday morning at Corvallis, and is in the Corvallis hospital with several broken ribs and other injuries. Mr. Hoke and his car son Gene Hoke were in the car also at the time of the accident, but both escaped without injury. The Hoke car, a new Ford sedan, was severely wrecked and the other car badly damaged.

At the May day festivities on the high school campus Saturday Miss Helen Fresh was crowned queen of the May. With her maids of honor, two tiny flower girls and little train bearers, she made a very pretty queen. A splendid program was given by the pupils, followed by a pretty dance executed gracefully by little Hazel Murphy. Then followed the winding of the maypole. Myor George Kelch closed the forenoon exercises with a splendid talk. The afternoon was given over to a track meet, and general athletic sports.

Mrs. E. R. Oids, teacher of violin and piano, presented her pupils in a recital Monday evening at the high school auditorium. A good audience witnessed the performance, which was spoken of in highest terms of praise. Each number on the program was well rendered, while the violin work of Delmar Gehlen and Donald Stelpka was especially noteworthy. The heavy rains of the forepart of the week have been of inestimable value to fruit, grain and vegetable gardens in this section. The farmers who come into town now are wearing a more contented look than has been the custom during the past two months of hot, dry weather.

Strawberries have been coming into the cannery in such quantities that the manager, R. D. Hoke, was forced to begin the work of barreling Wednesday, some ten days earlier than he had planned to begin, and almost a month earlier than the work was begun last year.

Mr. E. Sheppard of Salem, a former resident of this place, and the only remaining charter member of the Stayton grange was the honor guest at a banquet given by the grange in the grange hall on Saturday, May 1. Mr. Sheppard is 82 years of age, is still hale and hearty and is as spry and active as many men 20 years his junior.

Mrs. Queneth Mielki and two small sons left for their home in Portland last Saturday after a three weeks stay at the home of her mother, Mrs. Wm. Crabtree. Dr. C. H. Brewer and George Brewer of this city drove to Tillamook Sunday where they visited their brother, J. H. Brewer and indulged in a few hours fishing. Their wives started with them but owing to a break down in Turner, the women were forced to return home.

Mrs. Sarah Davie and her grand daughter, Miss Viva Davie went to Portland Monday for a week's visit with relatives. They accompanied Roy Brenner who is serving on the federal jury.

Vanderbilt to Pay Debts, If Newspapers Fall Flat

Youthful Publisher Declares He Will Begin at Bottom if Necessary to Protect Employees and Investors Who Place Confidence in Him

NEW YORK, May 4.—(By Associated Press.)—Even if he has to move out of his rooms at the Mayfair house, and start work at the bottom of the ladder as a reporter, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., declared today that the people who believed in him, whether employees or investors in his newspaper enterprises, will be paid.

He declined to make any statement regarding the receivership of his Los Angeles paper, and the suspension of his San Francisco paper but declared "it will take more than this to make me give up a life's work."

It was disclosed that General Cornelius Vanderbilt, father of the 28 year old publisher, at no time had made any demand for the \$1,030,000 represented by demand notes for advances by the Vanderbilt family to the publications. Young Vanderbilt, however, said recently the family had decided to withdraw its support.

"I may have to start again at the bottom, asking city editors for a job," said young Vanderbilt. "I never asked any odds because my name was Vanderbilt, and from what I know of the game I think I could get a job no matter what name I took."

"It's no disgrace to fail. At the present stage of the game I've failed. I saved a hundred thousand dollars in two years out of my syndicate work and I am ready to go to work tomorrow."

The staff of the San Francisco Herald today wired Vanderbilt offering to publish the paper without pay as long as the supply of newsprint held out. No effort has so far been made to obtain a receivership for the Vanderbilt newspapers, Inc., the Delaware holding corporation of all the Vanderbilt publications. Such a step was regarded as the natural outcome of the petition for a receivership for the Los Angeles News, largest of the string of tabloids.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—(By Associated Press.)—The Daily Illustrated Herald, Vanderbilt newspaper here, will be published tomorrow morning for the last time unless a potential purchaser can reach terms with Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., in New York.

The employees of the paper were getting out the paper on their own responsibility tonight in hopes that the deal would be consummated. Vanderbilt newspaper headquarters in Los Angeles ordered publication suspended yesterday.

Although the press association which has furnished telegraphic news to the Herald moved its operations and instruments to another newspaper building, arrangements were made today for continuation of the service for tomorrow's issue. It was decided to limit the final issue to eight pages as that is all the paper stock on hand will permit.

FORD LIBEL CASE QUIZ STARTS HERE

Salem Persons Involved in Defense Against \$1,000,000 Action

C. E. Dempster, special agent for Henry Ford, automobile manufacturer, was in Salem Wednesday interviewing prospective witnesses in a suit filed by Aaron Sapiro, nationally known cooperative association organizer, against the Dearborn Independent and Henry Ford, its owner. Mr. Sapiro is seeking to collect damages in the amount of \$1,000,000.

The suit was based on an article printed in the Dearborn Independent attacking the methods used by Mr. Sapiro in organizing cooperative associations. Depositions taken here will involve a number of persons who were parties to the organization of the old Oregon Growers' Cooperative association. The depositions will be taken by attorneys for Mr. Ford, who will arrive in Salem next week.

The suit was filed in Michigan, and witnesses from 21 states will be introduced by the defense.

The Women's Community club has a committee at work this week soliciting the women in a house to house campaign for new members. Excellent results are being obtained by this method. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hall had as their house guests from Friday until Monday, Mr. and Mrs. George Metlick and their son Jack of Portland.

Mrs. Jesse Shepherd and children of Salem spent the week end here. They were guests of Mrs. Shepherd's sister, Mrs. Chas. Gehlen while here.

Mrs. H. B. Condit and two daughters Miss Addie Condit and Mrs. Roy Hammer and Mr. Hammer of West Stayton attended the track meet here Saturday. Mrs. Mand Harlan and small daughter of Mill City were here over the week end, visiting with relatives. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown.

SALMON-FISHING LIMITS FAVORED

Independents Seek Barring of Catches by Wheels, Traps, Etc.

Independent fishermen on the upper Columbia river Wednesday filed in the state department here an initiative bill prohibiting the taking of salmon from any stream in the state of Oregon by use of fish wheels, traps, seines, trolleys or trammel nets.

The bill also provides that the mouth of the Columbia river shall be closed permanently to fishing other than by angling. The name of Erick Enquist was signed to the bill. It has been referred to the attorney general for ballot title and will go before the voters at the general election in November.

WOMEN NOMINATE FOR STATE OFFICES

Ashland and Portland Club Members Are Suggested for President

LA GRANDE, Ore., May 5.—(A.P.)—Miss Grace Chamberlain of Ashland and Mrs. G. J. Frankel of Portland were nominated today for the presidency of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, in annual convention here.

Following are the nominations for other officers of the state federation: For first vice president, Mrs. George T. Cochran of La Grande, and Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe of La Grande; for second vice president, Mrs. A. F. Meyers of Mashfield. Mrs. William Bell of Roseburg was also nominated for second vice president, but declined the nomination.

For recording secretary, Mrs. C. N. Blyden, Dallas; treasurer, Mrs. Charles E. Wells, Hillsboro; made auditor, Mrs. Ray W. Logan, Seaside, are the only nominees for their respective offices. For first director, Mrs. E. O. Blanchard, Hood River, and Mrs. Charles E. Runyon of Portland. Mrs. Arthur H. Johnson of Portland was also nominated, but withdrew her name. For second director, Mrs. Elizabeth, McNary Albert of Salem, present incumbent.

The "procession of presidents," an annual custom, featured today's session of the convention. Each president of a club marched in turn before the delegates and related briefly the achievements of her club during the past year.

EUGENE-KLAMATH SERVICE TO OPEN

PORTLAND, May 4.—(By Associated Press.)—With but one mile of track still to be laid on the Eugene-Klamath Falls line being constructed by the Southern Pacific company, officials of the system already have laid plans for the start of passenger and freight service between the two Oregon cities and points on the line.

It has been announced that the last rail will be in place by June 15, and immediately thereafter local service will be provided, when trains 91 and 92, now operating between Eugene and Oak Ridge, will be extended to Klamath Falls. The one mile still to be completed is in the heart of the Cascades, in what is known as Salt Creek canyon. Through service to the south will be commenced in 60 or 90 days after the completion of the line, company officials said.

RAINS PREVENT BLAZES FOREST FIRE DANGER IN CENTRAL OREGON LESSENED

BEND, May 5.—(By Associated Press.)—General precipitation in the central Oregon district has not only relieved the great fire hazard, but has materially benefited forest range conditions, according to E. N. Kavanagh, assistant state forester in charge of grazing, who is in Bend for a conference with local officials.

MOTHER NEAR DEATH TAKES BABES' LIVES

Bitten by Rattlesnake Kills Children to Prevent Them Starving

CASA GRANDE, Ariz., May 5.—(By Associated Press.)—A grim tale of triple death on the desert was unfolded near here today with the finding of the bodies of Mrs. E. J. Cox and her two children, aged six years and four months.

The woman killed her children, and explained in a note to keep them from starving to death on the desert and then ended her own life because she could no longer stand suffering, resulting from a rattlesnake bite.

The woman's husband found the bodies at noon today when he returned to the home-stand about 23 miles southeast of here. Mrs. Cox had shot herself through the heart, and a four-page note to her husband explained her action.

Parts of the note were written Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings. Towards the last the woman apparently weakened to such an extent that the handwriting was almost illegible.

The note disclosed that Mrs. Cox was bitten on the foot by the reptile Sunday night. She finally slit the wound with a knife after home remedies failed to alleviate her suffering. In so doing she severed an artery.

Weakened by loss of blood, the woman was unable to crank the automobile to go for aid. She fired a rifle several times, but this failed to attract the attention of neighbors, the closest seven miles away. Frenzied by her suffering and believing herself to be dying, the note said, she finally shot the two children and then planned to take her life with the same weapon.

Cox had been working on a range a score of miles away and the woman said in her note that she feared the children would starve to death before Cox returned.

MOUNTAIN VIEW TERM IS CLOSED

Parent-Teachers' Association Celebrates With Entertainment

The school term of the Mountain View district in Polk county was closed Friday evening with an entertainment offered by the Parent-Teachers' association of that district. A large number attended the gathering.

Esther Dissanbaugh sang several selections, accompanied on the piano by Miss Ritchie, and by her brother, Ezra Dissanbaugh, playing a violin. Selections by R. Stebbins played on a home-made violin of the cigar-box variety, were greatly enjoyed. Mr. Davis, high school instructor of Salem, spoke on education.

SILVERTON LEGION OPENS NEW DRIVE

1925 Membership Figures Set at 230, Large Increase Is Sought

SILVERTON, May 4.—The Silvertown Post of the American Legion began its campaign for increased membership today. All members who have not paid their 1926 dues are being urged to do so, and in this connection every Legion member being furnished with a list of those ex-service men who have not yet renewed their memberships. The 1925 membership totaled 200, and the present drive is expected to show an increase over last year.

TROUT PLANTING BEING CARRIED ON

Shipment Is Received From Roaring River Hatchery Near Scio

Theft Charged—A charge of stealing an automobile has been placed against Geo. Neiberger of San Francisco and Wilfred R. Johnson of Sacramento, who were arrested early Wednesday morning by Officer Putnam. The two, it is charged, stole a Ford coupe registered to J. M. Bonner of Springfield. Warnings came in from Eugene and Springfield Tuesday night to be on the lookout for the car. The two men are being held in the city jail pending their hearing.

Men Released to Sheriff—George Neiberger of San Francisco and Wilfred Johnson of Sacramento, who were arrested early Wednesday morning by Officer Putnam and charged with stealing an auto from Springfield, were released later Wednesday to the sheriff of Eugene.

Stewart Is Ill—Jim Stewart, field investigator for the state land board, is ill, it was learned Wednesday. He is staying at his home in Corvallis. Mr. Stewart is a member of the local chamber of commerce and a popular guest at local service club luncheons.

Daughter Is Born—Word has been received of the birth of a little daughter on April 23 to M. and Mrs. A. C. Hescocok, (Arvilla Conn) of Tacoma, Wash. The child has been named Arvilla Annlee. Mrs. Hescocok formerly lived in Salem for a number of years.

Divorce Is Obtained—Theodore C. Peterson was given a divorce from Anna B. Peterson Wednesday in the circuit court here. The defendant defaulted the case. They were married in 1923. Desertion in February, 1925, was charged by the plaintiff.

Trophy Displayed—In the Hauser Brothers show window reposes now a trophy won by the Salem Rod and Gun club. The local club placed first in the tri-city meet with Eugene and Corvallis. Six shoots, two in each city, comprised the contest.

AMERICAN OUT OF JAIL CHARGES OF INSULTING MUS-SOLINI PROVE FALSE

ROME, May 4.—(By Associated Press.)—John Adams Abbott of Boston, who had been held in jail here for the last week on a charge of insulting Premier Mussolini, was released today by order of an investigating magistrate. Abbott immediately returned to his hotel and after removing a week's growth of beard, spent the remainder of the day at the American consulate discussing the situation with his uncle, Samuel Abbott, former director of the American Academy here. The magistrate ordered Abbott's release.

WOMEN SUPPORT DRY CANDIDATES

Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs Declare Wets Get No Aid

LA GRANDE, Ore., May 4.—(By Associated Press.)—The Oregon Federation of Women's clubs in annual convention here today went on record to support only candidates who favor prohibition and law enforcement. The adoption of resolutions, an address by Dr. E. C. Holland, president of Washington State college featured today's session of the convention.

The delegates adopted resolutions favoring a state tuberculosis hospital in eastern Oregon, urging promotion of a state campaign for protection of native plants, approving the state highway commission for acquiring parks, endorsing the proposed fine arts building at the University of Oregon reaffirming a stand for kindergarten extension and supporting the Spanish-American war veterans' project to establish a bronze statue on the Pacific coast. The chief speaker at tonight's session was President A. H. Upham of the University of Idaho, who delivered an address on "personal convictions out of Europe."

Chief interest of the delegates is gradually centering on the election of officers to be held Thursday. The two women most often mentioned as presidential possibilities of Ashland and Mrs. G. L. Frankel of Portland. Miss Chamberlain stated today she had decided to withdraw from possible candidacy, but her friends intimated she will reconsider her decision.

CONTINUE PASS TRAFFIC HEAVY SNOWS FAIL TO HALT CARS OVER CASCADES

EUGENE, Ore., May 4.—(A.P.)—Heavy snows in McKenzie Pass today failed to impede auto and stage traffic officials of the Oregon stages Inc., announced here tonight upon the return of the Eugene-Bend stage bus from the eastern city. D. J. Johnson, driver, stated that the big snow drift at the west side of the summit was practically gone.

General News Briefs

Road Bid Awarded—Grading and surfacing of 1.63 miles of road on the Wheeler-section of the Roosevelt Coast highway in Tillamook county, Tuesday was awarded to Lair & Co. of Kelso, Wash., on their bid of \$47,500. Bids for the project were received at a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland April 29. There were 12 bids received for this work.

Fares Reduced—Fares on the Howard & Grimes stages between Klamath Falls and Ashland have been reduced from \$5 to \$2.20, according to an order issued by the public service commission Tuesday. The new rate is 5 cents per mile. The fares were investigated by the public service commission on its own motion.

One License Issued—One marriage license was issued here in the county clerk's office Tuesday. It was applied for by Virgil C. Wallick of Baker and Thelma Ragsdale of Salem.

Divorce Is Granted—Eliza Albright was granted a divorce here Tuesday from W. D. Albright on grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. They were married in Nebraska in March, 1884. The complaint charges that Mrs. Albright was caused great grief and humiliation by actions of her husband in lavishing money and his attention on other women. The decree was signed by Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan.

Case Goes by Default—The action brought by H. R. Burns against C. M. Burns was defaulted in the circuit court here Tuesday when Judge L. H. McMahan signed an order after neither the defendant nor his attorneys appeared.

Coffee Is Released—L. Leland Coffee was ordered released from custody Tuesday after being questioned concerning an assault and battery case in which Alfred Rose was the victim. County officials declare they know the name of Rose's assailant and are conducting a search for him. Rose was attacked and severely beaten over the head with the butt of a revolver.

New Quarters Occupied—The two women prisoners of the county have been transferred to the new quarters in the basement of the county jail here, bringing the total number of inmates to 24. This is the first time in the history of the county that suitable cells have been obtainable for women prisoners. Heretofore they have been confined in the city jail.

Applies for Divorce—R. H. Vincent has filed suit for a divorce from Juanita Vincent in the circuit court on grounds of desertion. They were married in Vancouver, Wash., in January, 1923. Desertion in May, 1925, is charged.

Veterinarians Meet—Officers of the veterinarians' association of the Willamette valley met here Wednesday in the county court rooms to outline further activities of the organization. No definite action was taken. Those present were Drs. Moorehouse and Lange of Salem, Henry Hahn and Elms of Woodburn, A. W. Simmons of Silverton and Cornick of Stayton.

Thielsen Honored—Fred Thielsen, retiring president of the Salem Rotary club, was presented by R. O. Snelling with the customary past president's button at the Rotary club luncheon held Wednesday noon.

Return to Salem—Dr. M. C. Findley, prominent local physician, is expected to return to Salem today after a few days' trip to Foley Springs. He was accompanied on his trip by Dr. Carl G. Doney, president of Willamette university.

School Closed—Howell school has dismissed classes for the year, according to word received in this city by Mrs. Mary Fulkerson, county school superintendent. Mrs. Fulkerson states that this is the first school in Marion county to close this year.

Collision Reported—Frank Barnes, while driving his car into the intersection of Carter and Winter streets, collided with a car driven by Mr. Schubert. Both men are residents of Salem. No damage was reported.

Cow Hurt—Sam Anglen of Jefferson reported that one of his cows was hurt when G. Meekle of Hallsdale ran into his herd as he was driving it along the Pacific highway.

Escapes Hospital—James Kane was picked up by Sergeant Cutler early Wednesday morning at High and Union streets and admitted having escaped from the Cottage farm. He was later released to authorities from the state hospital for the insane.

Commitment Right Asked—Members of the state board of control will ask the next legislature to pass a bill making it possible to commit to the Oregon state hospitals insane patients returned here from other states without the formality of commitment proceedings in the county courts. The Proposed law would apply to only Marion and Umatilla counties in which Oregon's state hospitals are located.