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NEWS FROM NEARBY VALLEY POINTS

By Capital Journal's Special Correspondents

ALLEGED KING OF BOOZE RING IS CAPTURED

Alfred "Slim" Peterson, for long suspected as the king of the rum peddlers who have been flooding Silverton with booze, along with J. R. Patton, was arrested last evening on the Silverton road between Silverton and Salem by Prohibition Director W. S. Levens and his men, and a gallon of liquor and Peterson's car confiscated.

The two men were brought to Salem and lodged in jail here to appear before justice of the peace in this city.

Peterson, who came from the Silver Creek Falls country has been an object of suspicion for many months. Raids and searches have followed one another in an effort to pin something on him, but the quarry has proved elusive up to the arrest yesterday, when it is declared Peterson was caught red-handed with the goods on him.

According to word received from Silverton Peterson yesterday received a tip from Salem that the state officers were on his trail and for him to lay low. It is stated that Peterson jumped into his car with a friend and headed out the Salem road, which dropped him directly into the hands of the state officers, as they met him while on their way to Silverton on the mission of rounding him up if possible.

For a long time it has been whispered about Silverton and Salem both that Peterson was the bell wether of the flock among liquor peddlers in the Silverton country, and in the logging camp section of the Silver Creek country, and that if he could be apprehended one of the main sources of supply in that section would be cut off.

37 GRADUATED AT NORMAL SCHOOL

Monmouth, Or., Dec. 19.—At 10:30 o'clock Friday morning 37 students graduated from the Oregon Normal school, exercises being held in the chapel. The program consisted of two short plays—"Why the Chimera Ring," and "The Christmas Guest"—which were presented by the dramatic art class under the direction of Miss Geering.

At the close of the play, President Landers delivered the commencement address and presented the diplomas to the following students: Mary Arnold, Portland; Helen Baker, Tillamook; Mrs. Imogene Jewel Sead, Portland; Mrs. Lulu Cooksey, Portland; Leona Bhrut, Linnton; Maude Ernest, Klamath Agency; vMina Felton, St. Helens; Edith Finley, Medford; Frances Gooding, St. Paul; Mrs. Carrie Gilca, Portland; Altha Gray, Gold Hill; Mrs. Ruth Haley, Portland; Mrs. Ruth Hawkins, Hood River; Mrs. Frances Helmick Hill, Monmouth; Mrs. Lillian Huffman, Monmouth; Alba Jensen, Astoria; Mrs. Nellie Knuth, Portland; Janet Latourette, Portland; Elvora Linberg, Portland; Mrs. Bertha Mills, Portland; Mrs. Mildred Mitchell, Portland; Evelyn Mortimore, Salem; Rose A. Perry, Grants Pass; Charlotte Price, Portland; Katherine Roche, Portland; Grace Shot, Condon; Florence Snyder, Portland; Mrs. Kelly Hughes Stephenson, Bend; Elise Straus, Gold Hill; Mrs. Mattie I. Swann, Corvallis; Irving Swenson, Monmouth; Lena Tideman, Silverton; Elfrida Tubbsing, Nehalem; Barbara Tudor, Bend; Glen Turner, Dallas; Patricia Watkins, Florence; Irene Woodward, Marshfield.

BRIDGE CLUB GUESTS OF MRS. WAYNE GILL

Woodburn, Or., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Wayne B. Gill, 478 Poplar, was host to members of her bridge club Friday afternoon. Light refreshments were served. Ladies present were Mrs. F. W. Settemier, Mrs. R. H. Scott, Mrs. T. K. Sanderson, Mrs. W. C. Holmes, Mrs. Ethel Beck, Mrs. C. F. Whitman, Mrs. E. J. Hughes and Mrs. H. M. Austin.

TURKEY SHOOT SCHEDULED

Silverton, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Two turkey shoots are scheduled to take place at Silverton next week. The one is of the Silverton Gun club which holds it at the club grounds all day Sunday beginning at nine o'clock. The other is that of the American Legion which holds its turkey shoot on Monday evening. This will be an indoor turkey shoot and will be held at the new armory.

GERVAIS MASONS ELECT

Gervais, Or., Dec. 19.—Fidelity Lodge No. 54, A. F. & A. M., held its annual election of officers Thursday evening, December 10, with the following elected: W. M., Ronald E. Jones; S. W., Richard Harrison; J. W., Ray Cozel; treasurer, J. E. Cutsforth; secretary, G. L. Swartz.

CHURCH WORK PROGRESSING

West Salem, Or., Dec. 19.—Work on the new community church here is slowly progressing and will soon be far enough along to permit the use of the prayer meeting room. A stove has been installed in this room and the door leading into the basement, where the room is located, has been hung.

Silverton Woman Jailed; Hubby Also Under Arrest; Children Left Homeless

Apprehension in Silverton of Mrs. W. E. Foster on a charge of operating a still, with her husband in custody here on a similar charge since November 24, leaves two little children of the couple on the hands of the authorities. The children, a boy and girl, 6 and 8 years of age, were placed with their grandmother in West Salem last night, but she stated she is too poor to maintain them very long and their care will devolve on the officers.

Mrs. Foster, flashily dressed, reported to be wearing diamonds, when arrested, nevertheless, following her husband's arrest, had secured promise of aid from the county on representation that she was left destitute with two small children on her hands. She had received an allowance of \$20 a month from the county.

Arrest was made yesterday by Police Officer Barrett of Silverton in the woman's home, a 10-gallon copper still being discovered in operation. She had moved from the place where the family lived when her husband was arrested.

GERVAIS CLUB ENTERTAINED

Gervais, Or., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Sam H. Brown entertained the Hermosa club at her home, "The Willows," on the Pacific highway, Thursday afternoon.

The annual Christmas exchange of presents by the members was the feature of the afternoon. The luncheon table decorations were carried out in the Christmas scheme and covers were laid for club members as follows:

Mrs. G. P. Wadsworth, Mrs. M. D. Henning, Mrs. C. W. Cutsforth, Mrs. A. DeJardin, Mrs. Robert Harper, Mrs. S. Stevens, Mrs. F. T. Cutsforth, Mrs. W. B. Nutting, Mrs. J. V. Keppinger, Mrs. Rose Cannard and the hostess, Mrs. Brown. An invited guest was Miss Merle Dimick of Hubbard.

FUNERAL SERVICES OVER J. C. HAYTER

Dallas, Or., Dec. 19.—Funeral services for J. C. Hayter, Dallas businessman who died Wednesday night after being struck by an auto driven by Raymond Miller of Dallas, were held in the Methodist church Friday at 2 p. m. All business houses in the city were closed for the services and hundreds of friends jammed the church to capacity to pay their last respects to Mr. Hayter.

The Willamette Valley Lumber company mill ceased operations for five minutes at 2 p. m. as a mark of respect.

Rev. H. Charles Dunsmore of Independence, assisted by Rev. W. S. Gordon of Dallas, conducted the services. Masonic services were read by Supreme Court Justice Barnett. The local Masonic and Knights of Pythias lodges attended in a body.

DEATH AUTO DRIVER HELD FOR MANSLAUGHTER

Dallas, Or., Dec. 19.—Raymond Miller was bound over to await action of the grand jury on a charge of involuntary manslaughter by Justice of the Peace Coad, Friday, when arraigned before him. Bail was fixed at \$1000. Miller was driving the car which struck J. C. Hayter in Dallas, Friday night, inflicting fatal injuries.

HARDWARE STOCK BOUGHT

Silverton, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The Ames Hardware company of Silverton has purchased the Sapper's, Inc. hardware stock also of Silverton. The Sapper's stock was recently placed in the hands of a receiver, through the bankruptcy route. The Ames company has not given out what it intends to do with the stock. It is likely the company will move it to its present location here. Sapper's store has been closed a number of months. Ames purchased the stock for \$2500.00. Ames also has a store at Albany.

MILL CITY SHOWN IN PHOTOS

Mill City, Or., Dec. 19.—H. F. Brown, photographer, was in town today displaying a photo of the whole town of Mill City, which he photographed a short time ago. The photo measures about 4 feet long and 1 foot wide. The Hammond Lumber company's mill shows up well in the foreground and the town at the rear.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Brooks, Dec. 19.—Chas. Sturgis and C. V. Ashbush made a brief call upon Clyde Harris Thursday evening at the Salem hospital where he has been confined since his operation December 6. He has improved so rapidly that he expects to be allowed to come home in a very short time.

CHICKEN THEFT RING REVEALED AT OREGON CITY

Word received by Sheriff Bower today from Oregon City officers leads to the belief that chick on thieves who have terrorized poultry owners in all parts of the Willamette valley for months are in the toils and that the backbone of the chicken thief ring has been broken short off.

Oregon City officers reported by telephone that three men under arrest there, caught with goods in their possession, have admitted that they have been making wholesale chicken raids in Clackamas, Marion, Linn, and other valley counties, and that their operations have spread over a wide area.

Apparently from the word received the thieves in the main has been done by the same three individuals and with their arrest poultry owners who had become desperate will sleep easier.

Oregon City officers stated that the men had in their possession poultry bearing marks which indicated it was stolen from Marion county farms, and they say the men admitted that was where the poultry was secured. The authorities at Clackamas are poultry owners of this county who have lost chickens recently to come there and endeavor to identify their property, as the men claim they are unable to say just at what points they stole the chickens in question.

Poultry owners have been so wrought up over the thievery that the poultry association started a fund out of which rewards could be paid for the apprehension and conviction of all poultry thieves.

In many cases the finest stock was taken from poultry pens and in numerous instances the people victimized by the thieves were almost penniless by wholesale raids which cleaned out the principal source of the owners income.

POTATOES HERE IN SMALL LOTS

Woodburn, Dec. 19.—Produce men are looking more and more towards Yakima, Clarke county, Washington and California for their potatoes, according to Fred Dose, commission broker of Portland, who has just returned from a business trip to California. Mr. Dose has a warehouse here and attempted to look after business matters.

Potatoes are available only in small quantities in the Willamette valley while commission men seek them in carload lots of ten cars upwards, he said. Part of this reason is due, Mr. Dose believes, to the fact that potatoes cannot be grown much under \$1 a bushel. He called attention to the time many years ago when the Mt. Angel districts produced many potatoes.

Inquiries are being received from the east relative to onions and Mr. Dose believes that all the onions will be moved by the first of February. Mr. Dose is interested in potatoes and onions, chief ly sets. He made his home in Woodburn several years ago, but disposed of his home to W. C. Miller, who has charge of the warehouse business owned by Mr. Dose.

PRINEVILLE PEOPLE VISIT IN WOODBURN

Woodburn, Dec. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lytle, of Prineville, arrived here Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Lytle's brother, E. A. Lytle, local business man. Mr. Lytle has been out of the hospital but a few months following an accident in eastern Oregon about a year ago. While driving a light truck for the state highway department, the machine buckled at a bridge on a high grade along Crooked River, hurling Mr. Lytle over the side of the road and causing him to fall 249 feet.

Mr. Lytle received injuries to his head that made it necessary to resort to the insertion of a silver plate. Though he was otherwise badly bruised, he is able to make his own way without the use of crutches or any assistance.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CLUB MEETS FRIDAY

Woodburn, Or., Dec. 19.—The woman's missionary society of the First Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. Carrie Young, Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Ernie Castle, president, presided at the meeting and gave the study for the afternoon, "Slave Life in America." An unique luncheon was served by the hostess. Other officers of the society are Mrs. Virgil Haller, treasurer, and Mrs. Nettie Simmons, treasurer.

COMPANY IS SHOWING

Silverton, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Company I, under the command of Captain Henry Hutton, is making a very creditable showing in its monthly drills. During October the company led to the 15th place on the state's record, but during the month of November the company worked up to tenth place. The past two weeks the men of the company have been working around at the armory, fitting the place up. No drill will be held the first of the new year. A big dance will be given at the armory by the company on the evening of December 26th.

FURNITURE STORE MOVES

Silverton, Or., Dec. 19.—J. L. Edison is moving his furniture store from Lewis street to the building recently occupied by the Sapper's hardware store on Main street. The hardware stock was sold in a bankruptcy sale to the S. Ames Hardware company of Silverton.

PLAN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Silverton, Dec. 19.—Girl Scouts under the leadership of Miss Thea Jensen are making plans for a Christmas party to be held at the Trinity school rooms on Tuesday evening of next week.

TO HOLD FUNERAL MRS. M. C. SMITH HERE ON MONDAY

Mrs. M. C. Smith, one of 14 children born to Lewis and Anne Jones, pioneers of 1852, passed away at her home at 532 East Sixth street, Albany, at 6:30 o'clock Thursday night. She was 74 years of age at the time of her death.

Mrs. Smith was well known in Salem. Funeral services will be held here Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The remains will be buried in the Twin Oak cemetery at Turner.

She crossed the plains with her parents, being an infant at the time the trip was made. Her people settled among the Waldo Hills near coming to Oregon. The McAlpin school in the Waldo Hills was named for her mother's people. They later moved to Jefferson. The date of her birth was March 20, 1851, at St. Joseph, Mo.

She was married to Dr. W. M. Smith, an early practitioner of medicine, who later lived at Salem and Turner. Children born to Dr. and Mrs. Smith are Dr. W. Carleton Smith of Salem, Mrs. Harold B. Looney of Jefferson and Mrs. C. B. Dinsmoor of Denver, Colo. She is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. G. W. Johnson, Mrs. H. A. Johnson and Miss Sarah Jones of Salem, Mrs. J. A. Conser of Albany and S. J. Jones of Portland. Her oldest brother, Dr. D. M. Jones, pioneer physician of Albany, died recently there.

Up until the last year Mrs. Smith had been active in civic and club life. She had been an active member of the Patrons of Husbandry, including the Pomona grange; was a past matron of the Eastern Star, active among the school directors. She was a member of the Presbyterian church at Albany.

Mrs. Dinsmoor of Denver will be here to attend her mother's funeral Monday.

CHRISTMAS FUND FOR SILVERTON

Silverton, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The Christmas cheer fund is growing at Silverton although there are as yet a number of organizations which have given no support to that that of beautiful sentiment. The fund will be used to give a Christmas to those who would not otherwise be able to enjoy it. The committee in charge is composed of Mrs. Frank Morley, Mrs. LeRoy Lemmon, Clifford Rue and Alf O. Nelson.

Donations up to date are: American Legion, \$25; Trinity church, \$25; Klan, \$15; St. John's church, \$13.85; Methodist Episcopal church, \$5; Seventh Day Adventist church, \$5; Mizpah Circle, \$5; Lutheran Brotherhood, \$5; Royal Neighbors, \$5; Eagles, \$5; Knights of Pythias, \$5; Sons of Norway, \$5; Boy Scouts, \$5; Parent-Teacher association, \$5; Modern Woodman of America, \$5; Congregational church, \$2.87; Woman's club, \$2.25.

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The ordinance places the burden of proof as to whether persons patronizing these places are minors or not, and requires the posting of a \$500 bond.

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MRS. EMMA J. BRIGHT DEAD

West Salem, Or., Dec. 19.—Many West Salem people attended the funeral Wednesday of Mrs. Emma J. Bright of Salem, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Wood, here Monday. Mrs. Bright was the wife of William Bright and had a large circle of friends here.

Chipmunk Farm Planned To Aid In Reforestration

Silverton, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—That chipmunks will be a profitable means of reforestation, is the belief of C. A. Benson, the well-known pheasant man at Silverton. With this idea in view Mr. Benson is beginning an experiment in the commercial raising of chipmunks. The eastern states have long been stripped of their forests and are casting about for some convenient and cheap manner in which logged off lands may be reforested. The chipmunk is noted for its ability to scatter seeds and this is the thesis on which Mr. Benson is beginning his experiment.

The first part of the experiment will be devoted to finding out whether or not this little animal can be profitably raised in captivity. The chipmunks are easily tamed and Mr. Benson believes that a demand for them as pets will also arise.

When hopes first went out of style in the Willamette Valley Mr. Benson, who was a hop grower, began casting about for some other means of making an interesting living. He decided to experiment with the raising of pheasants on a commercial basis and made such a success of this that he is known as the "Pheasant Man," not only in Oregon but in Canada and eastern states as well. Silverton people believe that if Mr. Benson believes that chipmunks can be raised profitably, they can.

DEATH SUMMONS VALLEY PIONEER

Woodburn, Or., Dec. 19.—Edmund M. Engle, past 86 years of age, died in a Salem hospital shortly after 1 o'clock Friday afternoon following a major operation. Funeral arrangements will probably be completed today upon the arrival of a sister, Mrs. W. A. Johnson of Sheridan, Ariz. Engle, city marshal, is a nephew of Mr. Engle's wife died about 12 years ago. There were no children.

Mr. Engle crossed the plains with his parents with an ox team in the early days, settling on the present property on the highway near Woodburn, where he made his home during his lifetime.

POLK COUNTY SCHOOLS MEET

Dallas, Or., Dec. 19.—A convention of Polk county school officers has been scheduled for today at the court house by Josiah Wills, county school superintendent. The convention will be for chairman of the various school boards in the county or someone appointed by them to represent their district.

RURAL ROUTE IS EXTENDED

Independence, Or., Dec. 19.—Announcement is made here that effective January 1 rural mail route No. 2, south of Independence, will be extended 8.8 miles, eliminating the star route between Irena (Veta and 1 1/2) and giving Buena Vista earlier service.

Under the new routing the route will extend as far south as the S. E. Irvine ranch on the Albany road.

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BIRTHDAY CLUB ELECTS DYER AS NEW PRESIDENT

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January, Gus Cole; February, Robert Brownlee; March, Mrs. Arnold Smith; April, Roy V. Bates; May, W. Dyer; June, T. D. Frick; July, Ellis Cannoy; August, J. Armstrong; September, Gus Cole; October, Clayton Bloom; November, George Hackert.

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Those taking part and the specialty numbers of the entertainment were the Home Economic club, "Mrs. Oakley's Telephone"; Mildred Sautberg, reading, "A Yankee in Love"; the Strut and Pre club with John Steelhammer, "Kingling Justice"; Fernie Tweedie and Wilma Morrison, piano duo, "Dance of the Demons"; girls glee club skit, "International Review"; Helen Allen, reading, "A Matrimonial Storm"; skit, "A Romance of Piff-Paff Land," by the faculty; Cecil and Floyd Massey, an oration; Alfred Matheson, violin solo, "Largo," and an opera tragedy, "The Miller's Lovely Daughter," by the Girl Reserves.

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