



## DEATH OF WILLIAM SECKLER.

Well-known Section Foreman Suddenly Expires.

William Seckler, for 16 years a section foreman on the Southern Pacific, and as such widely known throughout this part of Oregon, died very suddenly at the family home in this city at 2:30 Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Seckler had been ill for about two weeks with Bright's disease, but no thought of his immediate death had been entertained by the family. Mrs. Seckler left him sitting up in bed and went down stairs. Returning a few minutes later she found that death had been there before her, and Mr. Seckler was gone.

The funeral occurred from the residence at 2:30 Sunday, under the auspices of the Masons, of which deceased was a member, and Rev. M. S. Bush conducted the services. A large number of friends and neighbors were in attendance, and there was a profusion of flowers. Interment was made in Crystal Lake cemetery.

William Seckler was born in Philadelphia 50 years ago the 18th of next month. He went to Iowa when a young man, where he resided until his removal to Oregon 19 years ago. He married Miss Anna Miller in Iowa in 1877, who with two daughters, Florence and Gertrude, survive.

Deceased was an honorable citizen, and had many friends wherever he was known.

### Able and Deserving.

Fred C. Peil is a young man of family. He is struggling to take care of those dependent upon him. He is honest and able and in every way deserving the vote of every republican in Benton county and we are confident that he will receive them.

He promises it elected to do all the work of the office unassisted. He will ask no aid and



FRED C. PEIL

his clerical ability is such that he will require none. His administration of the office of sheriff of Benton county will be as economical as it was ever known to be under any of his predecessors. Here is a model young republican before the party for support for office at the coming election. Will he get the needed support? There is nothing in sight at present that give rise to any doubt on this score.

### State Grangers' Visit.

The State Grangers met in Albany last week, and Thursday a free trip was given them from that city to Corvallis. About 350 persons came over and they were royally entertained. The train was met by two battalions of OAC cadets and the college band, and escorted to the chapel where a brief program was carried out. Among the speakers were State Master B. G. Leedy, Master-Elect Buxton, an OAC graduate, Mrs. Clara H. Waldo, Hon. J. K. Weatherford and others. Mr. Weatherford, who is president of the board of regents of OAC, made the most important

address. He spoke briefly of the work done by the college for the past 21 years and pledged the efforts of the board to the erection of a proper building for the girls of the institution, one with adequate room for all and with modern conveniences, a place where the girls of the state could come and find a comfortable home under the direct supervision and parental care of the president, faculty and regents. Addressing the Grange, Mr. Weatherford expressed his satisfaction at the efforts of that body, saying that the continued prosperity of the state depended upon the success of the agriculturists, and the proper and intelligent movement of the various agricultural pursuits.

Following the address an exhibition drill was given by the class in physical culture, at the armory, after which the visitors strolled about the grounds and visited various points of interest until the departure of their train at 6:00 o'clock.

### Decoration Day Exercises.

Tomorrow the nation will once more pay homage to the veterans who have passed over, by strewing on their graves a wealth of May blossoms, in loving remembrance of services rendered. In Corvallis the day will be fittingly observed, as usual, and the order of exercises will be as follows:

At one o'clock the children will assemble at the city hall where they will be met by Prof. Holmes and the public school teachers, and also by the G. A. R. commander and his committee who will distribute the flags.

At 2 p. m. the line of march will form at the G. A. R. hall in the following order: the cadets of OAC, mayor of the city, members of the W. O. W., M. W. A., G. A. R., W. R. C., school children and citizens.

Arrived at the cemetery, the procession led by Comrade John Young, will enter, and as they march, each lady, with children of the W. R. C. to assist, will be detailed to decorate one grave each.

The crowd will then assemble at the monument for the "unknown dead," where the G. A. R.'s will hold their ritualistic ceremonies and the children will decorate.

Taps will then be sounded, the salute fired by the cadets, and the exercises of the day will be ended.

In the evening at the Presbyterian church Mayor Johnson will give a brief talk and Rev. Fesse will deliver a memorial address at 8 o'clock; William Paul will read Lincoln's address at Gettysburg; there will be declamations and other features, and excellent music under the direction of the Presbyterian choir. The public is invited.

### For Treasurer.

S. H. Horton, who is the republican candidate for county treasurer, has been a resident of Oregon for more than 30 years, 26 of these years having been lived in Benton county. For about 10 years Mr. Horton was engaged in the sawmill business in Southern Benton.

Mr. Horton is a veteran of the civil war, having served under the command of General A. J. Smith. In the battle of Nashville Mr. Horton was wounded in the hand and will bear the marks to his grave. He is an intelligent and upright man and will make a splendid treasurer for Benton county.

Remember the Rose Carnival will be held May 31st and June 1st, and the Rose show will be held June 1st instead of May 31st, as previously advertised.

Monday a gold cuff button was found on the streets in Corvallis. Owner call at this office.

## FATAL ACCIDENT.

At Benton Lumber Company's Mill—Mr. Pugsley the Victim.

While off-bearing from behind the big saw as the Benton county lumber company's mill near Philomath, Thursday, Benjamin Pugsley was so seriously injured that he died the same night.

The accident occurred about 3 p. m., the young man being caught by the belt and drawn into the pulley. The left leg was fractured a few inches above the ankle, the left thigh was broken, there was a terrible gash in the side that required twenty stitches in closing, and another gash on the back of the head that rendered the victim delirious.

A physician of Philomath and a couple of doctors from Corvallis were called, but at 9:20 the life spark went out and the young man had ceased to suffer.

Benjamin Pugsley was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Pugsley of Philomath, and was aged about 28 years. He leaves a wife and one child to mourn his untimely death.

The funeral was held at the family residence at one o'clock Saturday, Rev. Jones of Philomath conducting the services. Interment was made in the Pleasant Valley cemetery.

Deceased was a steady, industrious young man, and there is deep sympathy expressed for those bereaved.

### For Recorder.

Emery J. Newton, the republican candidate for recorder, is a Benton county boy of recognized clerical ability and an honorable young man. He is a graduate of



EMERY J. NEWTON

OAC and has followed both school teaching and farming. If elected he will prove a credit to the party voting him to the office of county recorder.

### Hawley Speaks Today.

W. C. Hawley, republican candidate for congress, will address the voters of Benton county today. The address is to be given in the court house at 2:30 this afternoon.

The gentleman is one of the most scholarly men in Oregon, a profound thinker and a fluent speaker. Come out and hear him. He will entertain and enlighten you at the same time.

### County Business Will be Second.

E. E. Wilson has always declared that his time was wholly taken up with his own business affairs. Judge Woodward will be able to devote his whole time to the affairs of the county.

If we estimate E. E. Wilson's private business as No. 1 and Benton county's as No. 2 with Mr. Wilson, how would poor old Benton fare if the lawyer chanced to have special private business at the same time that Benton had a deal? Mr. Wilson's private law practice, being No. 1 with that gentleman, would have first attention, and Benton, being No. 2, could bide her time.

Mr. Wilson hesitated about accepting the nomination for the

office of county judge on the grounds, as he said, that he would have to neglect his private law practice. But it seems Eddie was over-persuaded by the democrats who undoubtedly figured that he would be a good thing for democracy, else why did they force him to run against his own judgement?

### Political Comment.

The chatter about the necessity of a lawyer for county judge is mere twaddle, as is proved by the fact that the present judge is no lawyer, though a democrat.

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So far we have not heard any reply from democracy as to whether or not when a democrat gets into office in Benton it is supposed to be for life. Really now is there a time limit to a democratic term of office in Benton county?

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Can any man, republican or democrat, show where, when it comes to all the qualities that make a good citizen and a good official, a single democratic nominee has the least bit of advantage over a single republican nominated by the republican party of Benton county? No one dares attempt such a feat. Then why not vote your ticket straight.

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The matter of electing the entire republican ticket rests with the party in Benton. By simply going and voting your ticket straight from start to finish you will have turned the trick. Surely there should be nothing hard about that.

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Some political liar from Salem is in the metropolitan press to the effect that Dr. Withycombe will not carry Benton, his home county. If the idiot is not in the asylum, he should be. There will be lots of republican and democratic money to be found here to back Withycombe. Let any doubter show up with dough.

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T. T. Vincent, the "Abe Lincoln" of Benton, is the same as elected county clerk.

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It is strange that in the face of their claim that there are no politics in county offices that the democrats of Benton are making such an effort to hold office perpetually. Did this ever occur to you?

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Do the republicans of Benton county owe the democratic office-holders of the present age anything? If so, how long is the obligation to last? Forever? It would be a pleasing thing to say once in a life-time that Benton, a republican county, had elected republicans to office.

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Everything indicates that George W. Smith will easily win out in his candidacy for the office of county commissioner. Mr. Smith will make a fine officer.

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Party is necessary. While party exists there must be, and should be partisanship. Are you a republican or democratic partisan? Your answer depends on whether you are a republican or a democrat.

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If there were but one party yet there would be partisans. Gov. Chamberlain knows this and would have all men become democratic partisans. This is the democratic meaning and purpose of non-partisanship.

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Republicans cannot be and will not be aiders and abettors of democratic partisanship.

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Election June 4th. Remember the Rose show next Friday night at the Carnival.



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