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We are showing many new 1912 styles in the Ladies' White Buck Button Shoes and Colonial Pumps in Velvets, Tans and Patent Leathers. The styles

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SHOULD GET TOGETHER

Mr. Harshman Advocates Union of Polk Fruit Growers.

Editor Itemizer:—In years past, when supply and demand was the standard of value marketing of farm products was easy. Every town or city had buyers for all kinds of farm produce in an open competition market. There was no competition to fix prices—supply and demand ruled. But old things have passed away and behold all things have become new. James Fiske, Jay Gould and others years ago brought about a corner in gold, and "black Friday" was the result. This was one of the first combinations of capital to make big profits, and it was a success. From that time to the present, combination has set the price. The manufacturer fixes the prices on his goods and also sets the prices on labor. Wages being too low for comfortable living, men organized the unions to compel employers to give them a fair share of the profits of their labor; but met with only partial success because all laboring men would not go into it; while capitalists stand together as firm as the rock of ages. So it is with the fruit trust; and the commission merchants stand in with it. They are really bloodsuckers of the country. They starved the tobacco growers and drove them into a combination for self protection, and they, like the laboring men were not a unit, and the "night riders" were organized. They had to take extreme measures to force all growers into the organization so that they could cope with the trust. Now they are getting fair prices for their tobacco. It was the same with the orange and lemon growers of California until they organized their fruit exchange. There was no money made in growing these products, and the growers saw their only salvation was in getting together and staying together in an ironclad organization. Now they are making money. Is not the same condition prevailing here in old Polk county? Thousands of trees are now being set out in this county. In order to get the best results for our fruit we must get into the fruit growers' association; for they are the mainstay that keeps up prices and make our land valuable. Take a look at Wenatchee and Walla Walla valley, where they have a successful fruit growers' association. Their bearing orchards in Wenatchee valley is now selling from \$1000 to \$3000 per acre. I claim it is right for the growers to combine so as to get reasonable remuneration for capital invested and for the product of their labor. Now, Mr. Grower, come into the fruit growers' association and stay with it and you will win. It is time to wake up. Yours truly,
GEORGE O. HARSHMAN

AGAIN VICTORIOUS.

Our Company G Sustains Record as Champions.

Last Saturday night Company G team defeated Multnomah Athletic club in Portland by the score of 24 to 13. The game was fast and exciting. The score stood 12 to 6 the first half with Dallas on the long end. The work of Gates and Boydston was good, each getting three baskets. This gives the Dallas team the Northwest championship. This is the worst defeat the Multnomahs have sustained for several seasons. In the last part of the game Allen and Dent quit in disgust, as they could not do much with the ball. The line up was:
Dallas—Gates, Ballantyne, E. Shaw, Boydston, L. Shaw. Multnomah—Dent, Masters, Morris, Allen, Pem.
Field goals—Ballantyne 2, E. Shaw 2, Boydston 3, Gates 3; Masters 3, Morris 2, Pem 1; Fouls—Ballantyne 4, Multnomah 3.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the many friends who rendered us such valuable service in the hours of need, and those who by floral tributes gladdened our hearts in honoring the memory of our departed loved one. We wish also to express our appreciation to the Masonic order for the interest shown and the willingness to render aid whenever needed. Also to the Woodman lodge which has graciously befriended us at this time.—Mrs. T. A. Odum and family.

POULTRY MEETING.

Breeders Hold Enthusiastic Session Last Saturday Afternoon.

Vastly encouraged by the financial assistance rendered them by the Dallas Commercial club, the chicken fanciers turned out in good numbers to a special meeting held at the court house last Saturday afternoon. The main purpose of the meeting was to hear reports from the several committees named recently to see what could be done in the way of securing cups as gifts for the leading breeders. The committee reported good progress, one cup having been offered by C. L. Crider for the best scoring pen exhibited at the next show. The cup Mr. Crider offers is a silver one and quite costly. Others are expected to come forward in the near future with similar offers. The names of the committees are:
Single Comb Rhode Island Reds—B. I. Ferguson, G. W. Gibson, W. M. Elliott.
Anconas—C. S. Graves, G. O. Harshman, Chas. Kurre.
Barred Plymouth Rocks—W. Braden, T. D. Phillips, A. S. Wilson.
White Plymouth Rocks—H. M. Brown, Arthur Moore.
Single Comb Brown Leghorns—A. G. Rempel, J. M. Card, H. B. Viers.
Single Comb White Leghorns—F. E. Meyer, C. I. Ballard, J. S. Macomber.
White Orpingtons—G. S. Coad, A. S. Barham, Arthur Moore.
Buff Plymouth Rocks—F. W. Cooper.

The matter of a central hatchery was thoroughly discussed, it being thought advisable by some to as much as possible do away with the individual incubators, and give it to a central concern, each raiser furnishing the eggs and hiring someone to run it. Mr. T. D. Phillips volunteered to conduct it under such an arrangement, but no definite action was taken. A number of new members were admitted, they being: A. W. Teats, O. D. Byers, Della Viers, C. D. Pritchard, R. W. Craven, L. S. Robbins, J. W. Robinson, J. M. Card, E. I. Ferguson, Wes. Elliott, A. W. Teats, George Harshman, T. D. Phillips, F. F. Friesen, W. W. Rowell.

TRIAL BY JURY.

Proves a Great Success at Hall for Two Nights.

The two comic operas, "Trial by Jury" and "Rose of Auvergne" were put on at the Woodman hall last Thursday and Saturday nights to large and pleased audiences, by Mr. M. E. Robinson, the well known director of such affairs, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church, who for their trouble secured for their treasury some \$30. Mr. Robinson will now go to Chicago, where he will perfect himself during the summer in new amusements for the public. In the Rose of Auvergne, Mrs. H. W. Dale, of Harrisburg, took the character of Fleurette, which she carried through with her usual grace and perfection. E. W. Miles as Alphonse and Will Snyder as Pierre could hardly be beaten by professionals, and their songs were greatly appreciated.

Trial by Jury was the opera demanding the most applause, and was comic in the extreme. J. E. Miller presided as judge, and was austere enough for any tribunal. Miss Laura Poling made out a good case as the fair plaintiff, assisted by her renowned counsel, F. W. Zeller. The defendant, Fred O'Neil, put up a good defense, and was very clever, and L. P. Gilmore as usher, and Earl Day as foreman of the jury carried their parts well. The jury men, bridesmaids and spectators all evinced talent for the parts assigned them, to the satisfaction of their hearers and with credit to themselves. A special orchestra furnished good music for the occasion. After the play Saturday night a banquet was tendered the performers by the Ladies Aid and the evening gloriously ended after the exertions of the prior ten days and nights.

PURELY POLITICAL.

Linn Nesmith has Something to Say of the Democratic Outlook.

Friend Fiske:—I am writing you regarding Hon. Mark Holmes of Rickreall, Polk county, who is a candidate to be a delegate to the democratic National convention at Baltimore, Maryland, June 25, 1912, to assist in selecting the next president of this commonwealth. I have circulated Holmes' petitions in this county and I must add that I have met with great success, and as far as this county is concerned I believe he will receive a nice majority. I don't know how or where we could find a man to assist in this great question of vital importance to the democratic party other than Mark Holmes, and I am certain that Lane county will do the right thing by him. The democratic prospects in this county are looking exceptionally bright from an early point of view of the game, and I think there will be representatives from the democratic folds in at least three county offices, as well as taking into consideration the fact that some of the men who desire to go to the lower house of the next Oregon legislature were in Ralph Williams' assembly two years prior. Dr. Harry Lane's headquarters have not been opened up in this county as yet, but from the sentiment I would judge that he will receive favorable consideration at the hands of the democrats on the 19th of April. With compliments of the season and trusting that Holmes will be one of the ten to go to the convention, I beg to remain
Respectfully,
LINN W. NESMITH.

OUR BRAG SCHOOL LIST.

No. 81 Carries off Many Honors—Great Interest in Fair.

The patrons of district 81 have noted much improvement in their school over preceding years. This district has become one of the "Standard Schools" of Polk county and has come up to a standard that each county may take notice. Both Superintendent H. L. Mack and H. C. Seymour are impressed with the good work done by the pupils and the loyal support given by the patrons of the district.

The building has been remodeled, new side walks placed on the grounds and the yard cleaned up in good condition. The school room is quite attractive and is in all probability, the cleanest room in either county. The directors have placed a new stove in the building this year in addition to other articles such as window shades, curtains, recitation seats and maps. The school was presented with a large wall map of the United States that measures five by seven feet. Several pictures have been added to the room and among them is one from our worthy executive, Oswald West.

The pupils take an interest in their garden plants and it is hoped that in the near future this may be made one of the main features. In the spelling contest of Polk county they won the following places: 8th grade, first place Nov. 29; 5th grade first, 7th and 8th grades second place Jan. 5; 5th, 7th and 8th grades, first place February 9th. They have received four certificates of honor for attendance and have made no tardies throughout the year.

PIONEER DEAD.

Ben Windsor Passes Away at His Spring Valley Home.

Benjamin Windsor, a pioneer of Spring Valley, aged 80 years, died at his home Sunday and the body was taken to Salem Monday for burial. Deceased was born in England in 1832 and came to America in 1852, and after three years spent in Illinois was attracted by the lure of gold to California. He came to this county in 1859. By industry and thrift he accumulated much land, holding at one time 1800 acres. He is survived by a son and two daughters. He attracted considerable attention during the last state fair as being one of the pioneers who had attended every Oregon State fair since its inception. A few days ago he suffered an attack of pneumonia when he went into a storm to herd some sheep.

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