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## HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Told by Exchanges, Reporters and Gleaned From Other Reliable Sources.

### FALLS CITY UP IN ARMS

**RESENT PORTLAND'S FIGHT ON VALLEY LUMBER RATES TO CALIFORNIA POINTS.**

Interstate Commerce Commission Memorialized—Delegates Elected to Attend Meeting at Portland.

Pursuant to call of Ira C. Mehrling, president of the Falls City Business Men's League, the citizens of Falls City met in mass meeting, at Toller's Hall Monday night to discuss the differential of lumber rates to California points between Portland and the Willamet Valley. An article in the Oregonian, written by Spaulding, giving a clear outline of the situation was read. The Portland lumber men are making a strenuous fight against the Valley rate as it gives the Valley mills an equal break with Portland, a thing that has never happened before, and enables the Valley mills to compete in the market with Portland.

N. Selig offered a resolution commending the Southern Pacific Railway Company in giving this differential rate as just and equitable in every particular, which was unanimously adopted.

A committee composed of D. L. Wood, W. F. Nichols and N. Selig was appointed to draft resolutions to be presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission setting forth reasons why such rate should be continued. W. F. Nichols and Ira C. Mehrling were elected to attend the meeting of the Interstate Commerce Commission and present the resolutions and urge the continuance of the rate.

The citizens of Falls City are alive to the importance of this question. The shutting down of the mills in the Valley is, in a measure, due to their inability to compete with Portland mills. Portland has had the advantage, having a water rate to California ports and the same rate to inland towns south and a monopoly in the eastern and northern points.

The maintaining of these rates depends the future prosperity of not only Falls City, but all of the lumber towns of the Valley. Are we willing that Portland should dictate to the State of Oregon and particularly to the Willamette Valley.

### POLK COUNTY REPRESENTED

University of Oregon, Eugene, Nov. 4th.—Polk county has sixteen students enrolled in the State University this year. They are: Lucien P. Arant and Ercel Hedrick, of Monmouth; Joseph Bell, Willard Hays and Delilah McDaniel, of Rickreall; Elmer Boyer, of McCoy; Frank Campbell, Estley Farlay, Hazel Knight, Leone Williams, Frank Wilson and Laird Woods, of Dallas. Dorothy Childs, Gladys Childs, and Genevieve Gillspin, of Independence and Elmer Barnhart of Falls City.

### GO TO SCHOOL DAY

Last year Polk County inaugurated the unique scheme of having a "GO TO SCHOOL DAY" in which all of the parents in each district were urged to attend school on this particular day. The regular class work was carried out on this day and no special programs were prepared for their entertainment. The result of this was that 1708 parents visited the schools of the county on that day.

This year, Friday, Nov. 12th has been designated as "GO TO SCHOOL DAY" and we are again asking that every parent in the county, who can possibly reach school on this day, do so, even if for a few moments only. At least long enough to show your children that you are interested in their work, and stay longer if possible.

The report of this "GO TO SCHOOL DAY" will be published in all of the papers the following week.

The teachers of the county are striving for 2500 on this day.

H. C. SEYMOUR,

County School Superintendent.

### KNOWS GOOD BREAD

Portland, Ore., Oct. 26, 1915. Miss Luella Ward, Falls City High School, Falls City, Oregon.

My dear Young Lady:

Mr. H. B. Miller, Director of School of Commerce, University of Oregon; D. C. Freeman, Industrial Commissioner of the Hill lines in Oregon; and myself, than whom there are no better judges in this part of the country, wish to go on record as being of the unanimous opinion, that the loaf of bread which you so kindly tendered to our tender mercies last Thursday noon, has never been equalled by any other similar loaf before or since.

You may not know what a tremendous compliment that is, but when you realize that Mr. Miller is one of the most dyspeptic men in Oregon, and that Freeman was never allowed by his physician to eat hot bread, I alone being the only healthy one on the bunch; when I tell you all this and then say that we three men ate every morsel of your bread for our noonday luncheon and quarreled with each other as to who should have the heel, you will realize indeed what a successful teacher is your Miss Shields.

Even with all of her good teaching, you must have had a splendid mother's training to back you. I am very glad indeed that your school directors are such farsighted men that they go to our best institutions of learning for their teachers. O. A. C. and Reed College are recognized all over the country for their high standard.

Long may you live and prosper.

Yours sincerely

O. M. Plummer.

## CONVERT CHINESE TO AID SUFFRAGE

Woman Uses Native Flag in New York Campaign.

### BANNER WARMLY GREETED.

Goes From House to House Telling Alien Inhabitants of Equality For Men and Women—One Chinese Voter Declares He Would Like Wife to Be an American Citizen.

New York.—Miss Lavinia Dock of the Henry street nurses' settlement has undertaken to convert Chinatown to suffrage with Chinese flags. The psychology of the flag is an interesting study. It is hard at times to pierce the apathy, the stolidity of the alien inhabitants of a great city like New York and to arouse among them an interest in a cause not primarily and originally their own. But there is one universal, never failing method—and that is to display the flags of those foreign lands whence they came. So Miss Dock unfurls a beautiful white silk Chinese banner bearing the votes for women message on both sides. A kindly missionary man and a cultured Chinese doctor helped make the banner, which is attached to its standard by gay ribbons of old rose, light blue



Photo by American Press Association.

MISS LAVINIA DOCK.

and bright yellow, these with black and white being the colors of the new Chinese flag.

Flag in hand, the suffragists go out into the highways and byways with their message of equal political rights and responsibilities for men and women. "First class," said a smiling faced, prosperous looking Chinaman in well cut American clothes as he greeted the suffrage banner. "First class, I believe in that," he repeated, and other Chinamen smilingly nodded assent.

As the banner moves on pleased nods and bows greet its progress. Into a dark doorway and up the stairs marches Miss Dock, holding her suffrage banner before her. "Our nurses come here often to look after the children," she explains.

Through a crowded kitchen and into a room in the front of the house she marched. "May we come in?" asked Miss Dock. A guttural sound signified assent. A young woman with a much embroidered and solemn faced baby looking like an infant mandarin sat at one end of a table between the windows. At the other window sat an older woman sewing. Both women wore native costumes. Neither could speak English. The younger woman went out of the room and soon returned, bringing her sister, a girl of fifteen, who goes to high school. She listened to Miss Dock a moment and then a smile broke out all over her face. Yes, indeed, she knew about the suffrage campaign, and she believed in votes for women. Then she turned and spoke rapidly to her mother and sister-in-law. Immediately their faces changed, the gloominess vanished and they beamed upon the callers. They, too, believed in votes for women; yes, indeed, and so did their husbands.

Out on the street again and up into another house marched the Chinese banner, with its message of equality for

men and women. Here was a Chinese woman of high degree. Hellish to all the traditions of old China, nevertheless she has her face set toward the promise of the years to come, and she believes in equal suffrage. To be sure, as Miss Dock explains, there are not so very many registered voters in Chinatown, but even though they be but few they are going to receive the message. They are interested in it too. One full blooded Chinese voter born in this country expressed the new ideal for women as he sees it: "I would like my wife to be a citizen."

### Bee Sting Got In Her Tonsil.

Kingman, Ind.—Mrs. Edward Reath was the victim of an unusual accident when she was stung by a bee which she swallowed when eating grapes. The insect in its eagerness to suck out the pulp of the grapes had crawled inside the skin and was not discovered by Mrs. Reath until it objected to being made a Jonah and inserted its stinger in one of the tonsils in her throat. The tonsil swelled badly, and the services of a physician were required to remove the stinger.

### OVERSIGHT SAVES HIS MONEY.

Grocer Forgets to Take Cash Home, and Thieves Are Foiled.

Marion, Ind.—When Jack Lines of Lines & Grosse, grocers, went home after closing the store he forgot to take with him the cash receipts for the day, about \$400.

Just after he retired some one knocked and shouted that his barn was burning. While Lines was away thieves searched his house from top to bottom. They made away with all the change in Lines' clothing, and it is the belief of the police the barn was first set on fire by persons who knew Lines was in the habit of taking the money from the store to his home each Saturday night.

### Separated Fifty-six Years.

Toledo, O.—After a separation of fifty-six years Mrs. Helen McCullough, a widow, of this city, has located her brother, J. D. Bingham, at Kalamazoo, Mich., and has gone there to see him.

### BETTER DEFENSE OPPOSED

Single Tax Association Make Protest to President Wilson.

Resolutions opposing the proposed bill in Congress for heavy appropriations for military purposes were adopted at the regular meeting of the Single Tax Association at the Library Saturday night. The resolution declared that such appropriations were "dangerous to the welfare of the country" and would "compel an increase in taxation with an added burden upon the poor."

A copy of the resolutions will be sent to Senator Chamberlain and one to President Wilson.

Frank E. Coulter spoke against the proposed appropriation. He characterized it as a move to strengthen the "military aristocracy."

### Takes Unto Himself a Helpmeet

Tiring of single-blessedness, Claud Ellison, of the Falls City Electric Light company hied himself to Portland and took unto himself a wife.

The young lady who succumbed to his winning ways was Miss Emily M. Austin. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents in Portland, Oregon, Friday night, October 29; Rev. Henry Marcotte, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church officiated.

Mrs. Ellison formerly lived at Dallas where she has many friends. They will make their home in this city.