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Polk County Sunday School Convention

On the dates, February 1, 2, 3, Falls City had the unusual opportunity of entertaining the annual County Sunday School Convention and from every point from the delegates and local people it was not at all ordinary.

While it was ALL good there were some features that stood out prominently in all the program.

The splendid work of Mrs. Danenhower and Chaplain Matthews of the Sixty-fifth Artillery, Fort Stephens with his stirring talk.

The Pageant, "The Stainless Flag" staged by the young people of Dallas. This number was thoroughly patriotic and all attending spoke of it in the highest terms of praise.

The people of Falls City will gladly await their time for entertaining the Convention again in four years.

Resolutions

Whereas the committee on Resolutions has been called to submit their report for the splendid co-operative spirit to make this convention of February 1, 2, 3, 1918, successful in every respect.

Be it therefore Resolved, That we extend our thanks to:

I. The people of the M. E. church for their building.

II. For, kindly co-operative spirit for the furtherance of this convention.

III. To the printer for the programs and distribution of them.

IV. We wish to extend our thanks to Chaplain Matthews for his war talks and the splendid work of Mrs. Danenhower.

V. For the untiring co-operation of our County officers.

VI. For all those who have taken part in the program, including the Honor Guard girls, Boy Scouts of Falls City and the Dallas young people, presenting the patriotic pageant.

VII. For the splendid hospitality of Falls City homes shown toward the visiting delegates.

VIII. For the big feeds given each evening in the Christian church to all delegates and friends.

Signed Committee

Miss Betty Wilson
Miss Violet Danney
Mr. Jay S. Porter
F. Charles Stephens.

OFFICERS ELECTED

County Pres. F. V. Brown
Dallas Dist. Merle Holman
Independence M. S. Pitman
Elkins Dist. E. A. Tetherow
Perrydale " Carl Morrison
West Salem " Chas. A. Park
Sec-Treas. Mrs. Merton Ellis
Dallas

Elementary Supt.

Miss Gladys Carson, Monmouth
Supt. Boys Work, Rev. MacKenzie
" Girls " Mrs. L.L. Hewitt
Home Dept. Supt. to be appointed
Educational Supt. Mrs. C.A. Parks

BLACK ROCK ITEMS

Miss Sayre has elected several monitors in the school.

Miss Hammond is giving stars to those having good music lessons

Nan Smith made a business trip to Portland on Thursday of last week and returned on Monday.

Mrs. W. C. Bullis was on the sicklist this week.

Leon Fisher made a business trip to Falls City on Monday.

Joe and Clifford Wallace were in Falls City on Monday.

Clifford Wallace and George Graves returned to their homes at Black Rock from Silverton on Saturday.

It stormed so hard on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday that the men could not work.

There is going to be a Parent-Teachers meeting here on Friday night.

A big dance will be given in the East Black Rock Saturday night.

Mr. George Gerlinger of Dallas was in our city on Tuesday.

Grandma Graves who has been visiting her son's family returned to her home on Saturday at Independence.

Fay Hughes of Falls City spent the weeks end with her parents at Black Rock.

Lora Hawk is on the sicklist.

SCHOOL NOTES

Silva Leverage, a former student of this school, has been here visiting.

Ethel Sampson started to school the new semester.

Thursday and Friday of last week were examination days. Everybody enjoyed those days very much.

Sometime last week, Miss Graham, the first grade teacher lost a small diamond from her ring, but fortune was hers, and she found it.

The boys say the sandwiches the science girls make and serve in the soup kitchen, "haven't enough goody in 'em."

At the Carnival the Honor Guard girls took in about twenty-five dollars from their side show. The fortune telling and ice cream.

The Student Body election was held Thursday morning. The officers elected are as follows:

President, Eugene Starr
Vice-Pres. Walter Bowman
Sec-Treas. Velma Goodspeed
Editor, Marguerite.

The gymnasium is now in progress, Monday and Wednesday nights are given to the girls, Tuesday and Thursday nights to the boys, and Friday and Saturday nights to the business men of the town. The hours are from 7:00 to 9:30. Ten cents taxes are charged each student of the high school for the necessary expenses.

Miss Hammond is the director of the girls and Mr. Lowe is director of the boys.

Mr. Lowe attended the Principal's Club banquet at Dallas last Saturday night. Mr. Lowe was elected president of the club for the coming year.

The commercial subjects in the school are very popular. We hope to see more and more of this work introduced each year.

The Falls City High School now has a standard high school library properly equipped and catalogued. How many of the other high schools of the county can say it?

Beginning with the present semester students of non-standard high schools will have to take examination before being given credit for work done.

We are enrolling Industrial Club members in the school this week. Only those boys and girls are joining who are willing to complete the project started.

Edwin Horn, Chas. Haven and Jack Crocker have been given efficiency buttons and enrolled in the Rainbow Division for having sold \$50 worth of thrift stamps. These boys are Scouts.

Junior Student Body News

Dorothy Guthridge has been absent from school nearly a week on account of sickness.

Our program has been entirely changed (on account of second semester in high school).

Miss Johnson went to Portland Friday night and returned Monday noon.

The grades in school are going to have a special program every Friday.

Florence McDonald and Elsie Jones were absent this week.
Ruth Haven, editor.

F. K. Hubbard has received notice from the Department of the Interior of his appointment as Licensing Agent for Explosives. Anyone wanting to use explosives must secure a permit.

See Bohle for International Tailoring Co's. clothing. Have them made to measure.

Watch for a blue mark on your paper. It means that you are behind with your subscription and are expected to pay up.

Wanted—To exchange Salem and Portland property for Falls City property. Phone 77.

L. G. Bulgin of Salem, representing the Northwest Produce Company will address the fruit growers of this section at the City Hall, Tuesday, Feb. 12. The object of the meeting is to sign up for all the fruit in this vicinity. This company has leased Pugh's Loganberry Juice plant with option of buying and expect to handle all the fruit grown in this vicinity. Everyone interested is urged to come out.

HAVING A GREAT ANCESTOR.

It Would Be All Right if So Many Outsiders Didn't Butt In.

In the American Magazine Sid says: "A man tackled me for a job the other day. After enumerating his various accomplishments he wound up with a final claim that was intended to impress me with his importance once and for all. He said that he was a direct descendant of Bishop Ump-te-ump, the most learned man of his time in England. I asked what time that was, and he said that it was about 400 years ago. I told him that, allowing twenty-five years for each generation, he must be the sixteenth descendant. 'No; not the sixteenth,' he said, 'but the fifteenth.' 'All right,' I said, 'call it the fifteenth. Now, let's take a sheet of paper and see what your credentials really are. Let's see. You had one father and one mother, two grandfathers and two grandmothers, four great-grandfathers and four great-grandmothers, eight great-great-grandfathers and eight great-great-grandmothers, and so on.' 'Carrying the multiplication back to the fifteenth preceding generation, I showed that at the time the bishop lived my friend, the applicant, had exactly 32,768 ancestors. In other words, the bishop was only one of the 32,768 human beings who were his forbears at that time. 'You have mentioned the bishop. But what about the other 32,767?' I asked. 'It seems to me that I ought to hear something about them if I am to judge you by the good blood which you say is in you. The bishop was all right. You are lucky to have as much of him in you as you have. But the bishop's stock has been considerably watered. I don't believe he would recognize you. What about the rest?' 'That is the trouble with this heredity game—if you carry it back very far. Old Mother Nature is a wonderful leveler. She won't let geniuses or boneheads breed in a straight line. To the weak she frequently gives a child of incredible talent—to keep the neighbors from getting abusive. To the brilliant and favored of the earth she often presents a choice piece of ivory in the shape of a dull son. Apparently the idea is to carry the race forward together and not to play favorites. 'Another feature of the scheme is that it keeps us all interested. Surprises abound on all sides. There is no telling where the next giant is coming from.'"

Humanity.

The two essential instincts of humanity are love of order and love of kindness. By the love of order the moral energy is to deal with the earth and dress it and keep it and to deal with all rebellious or dissolute forces. By the love of kindness the moral energy is to deal rightly with all surrounding life. So shall every passion have full strength and yet be absolutely under control.—Ruskin.

MISER, THE TRADE RAT.

One of This Queer Tribe Once Uncovered a Rich Gold Mine.

Miser the trade rat is also called pack rat, wood rat and bushy tailed rat. He is one of the smartest and by far the most interesting of all the rat family.

He is rather a fine looking fellow. He is of large size, has big eyes, big ears, and in many parts of the country where he lives his tail is covered with long hair. It is because of this that he often is called the bushy tailed rat.

This rat is a born collector and trader. Anything he can carry off is a prize. Very frequently he tries to make amends by replacing with something else the object carried away. For instance, he will empty a bag of seeds and fill it with pebbles or bits of sticks. He appears to be very fond of things that shine or are white and will collect shells, bones, pebbles, bits of tin, buckles, pistol cartridges, spoons, forks and knives.

In the western part of the United States, where gold and other ores are mined, a valuable gold mine was discovered through Miser's contribution to a miner. Miser made many visits to the prospector's cabin, taking scraps of food and whatever he fancied. He brought back fragments of quartz, and when these were assayed they were found to be heavy with gold. Miser was tracked to his nest and near it was found the gold bearing vein from which the samples had been taken.

He is a most industrious fellow. In a single night he will carry away from a camp he may visit a large part of the food left unprotected, leaving in its place an equal quantity of seeds, stones, pine cones or other things which he can easily find. Altogether he is an amusing though often troublesome neighbor. His little junk shop is usually worth investigating.—Thornton W. Burgess in People's Home Journal.

World's First Money.

Money is mentioned as a medium of exchange in Genesis, chapter xxiii, and is supposed to refer to a time as far back as 1800 B. C.

The coinage of money is ascribed to the Lydians, a people of Asia Minor. It is, of course, quite impossible to fix any definite date for the first coinage. Long before any one thought to coin money it was made out of any durable substance that came to hand, such as leather, iron, tin, bronze and even the hard bark of the trees and stones of the fields.

The Hollander, so late as the middle of the sixteenth century, made money of pasteboard. In fact, pretty nearly everything in the shape of lasting material has at one time or another been used as the medium of trade known as money.

Rough Going.

A youth who had accomplished considerable glory in football, but little in his studies, was dropped from one preparatory school and immediately invited to another. He had been there about a week when he was approached by a member of the faculty.

"Well," said the professor, "how do you find it here?"

"Pretty fair," answered the boy.

"That's good. Find it smooth going, eh?"

The youth meditated a moment. "Well, I shouldn't like to say that exactly," he replied. "The field's sort of rough yet in places, sir."

Old Laws of Scotland.

On the old statute book of Scotland is still an act passed in 1825 ordering that "na man play football," because it is "esteemed to be unprofitable sport for the common gude of the realm and defense thereof." There is also a statute against alien immigration, passed in 1426, and authorizing "all his majesty's subjects" to "take, apprehend, imprison and execute to death the said Egyptians (gypsies), either men or women."

Joy Wrecking Youth.

The schoolmaster was trying to make conversation with the new pupil to put him at his ease and asked him what was his favorite poem.

"Excelsior," was the response.

"I recite it every time we have company."

"Does your father ask you to do it?"

"Yes, sir," said the boy. "He says he thinks it keeps us from having much company."—Exchange.

BARGAINS NOW TO BE HAD AT SELIG'S

Ladies' Patent Button Dress Shoes former price \$4 to \$5, now \$2.98 and \$3.15
Ladies Dress Hats \$3.40 to \$5, now \$2.15
Gingham Dust Caps 10c.
1 Lot Ladies' 35c Hose 22c
Ladies' Fancy Dust Caps 19c
Ladies' Corset Covers 19c
Lawn White Tea Aprons 25c
Children's Mitts 19c
3 Bars Toilet Soap in Boxes 15c

Many other Bargains now to be had at

SELIG'S, Cash Price Store,
"Meeting and Beating Competition".

Things You Want

It isn't any trouble at all to think of the things you want. It's how to get them that causes most of the worry.

There's the comfortable home, money for old age, means to educate your children, that vacation trip and a thousand and one other things that come crowding up the minute you think of the things you want. A little saving account at our bank is the best start you can make. It will grow. The funds are safe. Some day some of the things you want will be yours if you work, save and bank with us.

BANK OF FALLS CITY.

COMING "The Terror"

AT THE GEM
5-REEL FEATURE COMEDY
SATURDAY NIGHT

THE LAST SHOW UNTIL NEW BUILDING IS COMPLETED

Flag Raising At the Post Office
Tuesday, Feb., 12, 1:15 P. M.

Invocation, Rev. Stephens
Patriotic Speeches
America
Presentation of Public Service Flag.
W. H. Beard
Flag Day Songs by 1st to 5th Grades
Speech, Capt. Davis of Salem
Captain, Oh, My Captain, by Student
Flag Raising Ceremony
Star Spangled Banner, Miss Dingman