

FOUND DEAD AT HIS HOME

Eccentric Old Gentleman Passes Away Alone

Venzel Treniek, commonly known as "Jack Yenik," a native of Austria, who resided alone in a little home in the Cooper & Randall addition to Cottage Grove, was found dead in his bed last Friday morning. A neighbor, Mrs. Labsch, not having observed "Yenik," about for a few days, called at his cabin and rapped heavily upon the door. Receiving no response, she called her son, Gus, who after discovering the old man dead in his bed, notified City Marshal Green Pitcher. After examining the premises, Mr. Pitcher and the neighbors concluded that the old gentleman had died from natural causes and had been dead for several days.

The county coroner was notified according to the findings of the city marshal and concluded that an inquest was not necessary.

Treniek was a rather eccentric old fellow and had resided in this and Douglas counties for 25 years. He took out naturalization papers at Roseburg in 1890. He owned the small house and lot where he resided, except that there is a delinquent tax claim against it, he absolutely refusing to pay taxes on the ground that it was unjust tribute, and he is said to have lost a homestead in Lorane valley on this account. Oliver Veatch has been appointed appraiser of the property and the burial expenses will be charged up to the estate. A paper written in the Austrian language, supposed to be a will was found, and sent to the county court for translation and filing. No money was found about the place, but there was ample food supply. The remains will be interred in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

For the next 15 days only we will give the big Weekly Oregonian and the Leader both one year for only \$1.75.

GOOD PROGRESS ON NEW SAW MILL

The prediction of the officials of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company that the new sawmill at Springfield will be completed and in operation by the first of April this year seems in a fair way to be fulfilled. Progress on the construction of the big plant is satisfactory, considering the bad weather conditions during the past two or three weeks. The big main building is all up and the concrete for the foundations of the docks and smaller buildings are being poured.

The main building shows that the mill will be much larger than the old one which was destroyed by fire two years ago last July, and the other parts will loom up in proportion, says the Guard.

The building is now practically ready for the installation of the machinery, but none of it has yet arrived. However, a shipment is expected very soon.

A score or more of men is at work on the mill site, and a larger force will probably be engaged as soon as the weather is such that all kinds of outside work can be done.

The people of Springfield are very optimistic over the prospects of a big pay roll when the mill is completed and placed in operation. Some of them think that the closing of the saloons has had a bad effect upon the growth of the city, but a majority of them do not believe that this is any handicap at all.

Logging Camps Soon Busy.

It is expected that the majority of the logging camps in the Lower Columbia River district will start up next Monday after the close-down for the holidays.

The Pacific Logging Company, which still has several rafts on hand, probably will not resume operations before next month.

Moved Into New Shop.

Spriggs Brothers, the blacksmiths, moved into their new corrugated iron shop and garage building on the corner of 6th & Washington streets last week. The new building is 50x68 feet and fitted with electric lights for night work and other conveniences.

Read the Leader and get the news while it is fresh.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE COUNTY JUDGE

Biographical Sketch of Col. W. G. D. Mercer, of Eugene, Soldier, Writer and Orator of Renown.

Col. W. G. D. Mercer, the subject of this sketch, was born at Greencastle, Ind., Oct. 30, 1846 and is now 67 years of age, and well preserved for one of his years. He was educated for the ministry at Greencastle, Ind., enlisted in the Union army and went to the Civil war before reaching the age at which he could enter the ministry. On returning from the Civil war the Colonel of his regiment, Gen. John W. Noble of St. Louis, entered public life at Washington, D. C. and afterward became President Harrison's Secretary of the Interior. Through the influence of Gen. Noble and his wife and other friends, Col. Mercer secured a position in the Government Secret Service where he remained many years. He wore his Grand Army button and voted the Republican ticket all through both of the Cleveland

administrations. He is not only a gifted writer and public speaker, but is also an accomplished vote getter. Probably no man in Lane County stands closer to the plain people and the toilers than does Col. Mercer. He is a constant contributor to the newspapers and his writings abound with sympathetic references to the people living in the retirement of private life. A little, well written leaflet by Col. Mercer entitled "When God Made the Oregon Apple," has made him famous among the Oregon and Washington fruit growers. His memorial prose poem on the death of Mrs. A. B. Turner is a literary gem. His "Oregon Apple" has been translated into all the languages of Europe and has been sent broadcast to every quarter of civilization. On each annual "Apple Day" the great railroad and steamship companies cause his



Col. W. G. D. MERCER

administrations. Of the 51 members of his force he was the only republican member retained throughout the second Cleveland administration.

Col. Mercer is one of the most widely known orators and writers in Oregon. He has attended the last three sessions of the Oregon legislature and four years ago he received the thanks of the state legislative assembly for his very scholarly oration on the life and character of Abraham Lincoln.

That Col. Mercer is immensely popular among the people of Oregon is evidenced by the fact that he has been made an honorary member of the W. O. W., of the Lane County Pioneer Association, and the Lane County German association. These honorary memberships have come to him because of his writings and public addresses in the interest and in behalf of these associa-

"Oregon Apple" to be printed on their Menu cards and tens of thousands of them are sold as mailing cards to be mailed by passengers en route.

Before coming to Oregon Col. Mercer was in great demand as a temperance orator having delivered 51 addresses in seven weeks in one campaign. In the matter of good roads he is a great enthusiast.

Col. Mercer has, at the urgent request of his numerous friends, consented to become a candidate for County Judge of Lane county on the republican ticket subject to the choice of the people at the spring primary election. He is a good clean man, familiar with county affairs, and thoroughly acquainted with the county's needs and requirements. a

Harry Kinter who has been receiving treatment at a Portland hospital, will return home in a short time.

The editor of the Jefferson Review has installed a new fire-proof safe. Probably going to put his paste pot in it.

CRESWELL CELEBRATES SUCCESS OF CANNERY

Creswell, Or., Jan. 10.—Eighty members of the Creswell Fruit and Vegetable-Growers' Associations, and members of their families joined today in a general celebration over the completion of the first year of the co-operative cannery, with its showing of \$44,000 distributed during its first year. At the conclusion of the banquet at noon, served by the Ladies' Improvement Society for the members of the cannery company and of the Creswell Grange, the proposition to increase the capital stock met ready response. A total of \$1600 was subscribed, of which seven shares were taken by the graduating class of the Creswell High School in lieu of the customary class pins and rings.

Reports of the cannery meeting showed that the farmers received 25 per cent more for their product than ever before, and in addition cleaned up the products of their orchards and berry patches, a condition that never before existed. Marketing was conducted in conjunction with the Eugene cannery which divided the expense account materially.

Ten carloads of apples and five of canned products were shipped by the cannery. Strawberries averaged \$80 per ton to the grower and raspberries \$90.

Mayor George L. Gilfry delivered an address of welcome. Others speakers were: Ebert Bede, of Cottage Grove; D. C. Freeman, of the Oregon Electric Company; Mrs. C. H. Sedgwick; H. A. Hinshaw, of the Southern Pacific; Mark Woodruff, of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern; C. J. Hurd, of Irving; M. J. Duryea, of Eugene; R. H. Parsons, president of the cannery association. L. P. Harrington introduced the speakers. The railroads promised co-operation again next year.

Chris Myhre Is Lane Sealer.

Chris Myhre, manager of the Co-operative Creamery of Junction City and president of the Oregon Butter and Cheesemakers' Association, was selected by the Lane County Court to be official sealer of weights and measures for Lane County.

The first unit of the new Grants Pass railroad is graded to Wilderville, ten miles.

WILL FIGHT DOUBLE TAX

Autoists Object to Paying Both Tax and License

Local automobile owners are planning to join with the owners of motor vehicles of Jackson county, in opposing enforcement of the license tax at present levied on automobiles and other propelled vehicles of the state. Pending the threatened action to determine the validity of the measure many local people have failed to secure their license for the year 1914.—Roseburg News.

Road Supervisors.

The county court has named the following road supervisors for South Lane county: I. H. Veatch, Row River; Edwin Tuller, London; A. J. Young, Wildwood; Scott Jackson, Lorane; W. B. Hawley, Lorane; Geo. C. Schneider, Lorane; Emmet Sharp, Latham; Curtis Veatch, Silk Creek.

Fractured Leg While Coasting.

Dale Weeden, the little seven-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Weeden while coasting on the frosty hillside near the Weeden farm home Sunday morning collided with a stump resulting in the fracture of one of his legs just above the ankle. A doctor was summoned to attend the fracture and left his little patient resting easy.

Chapel Car at Divide.

Father Kane of Portland, will arrive here some time this week to take charge of the Chapel Car which is now stationed at Divide and in which services will open next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Father Kane is said to be an able and interesting speaker. All are welcome to the services.

A petition was circulated last week for presentation to the city council asking that all billiard halls, cigar stores, bowling alleys and confectioneries be closed on Sunday in this city.

January Clean Up SALE

Everything in the store on sale, everything reduced, nothing excepted. We want to clean up our stock as thoroughly as possible before the arrival of Spring Goods.

On many articles you will find the prices cut to half the former price, other goods at cost.

SALE STARTS JAN. 14,
9 A. M.

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MARY BARTELS, Prop.

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