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## We Must Move! We Must Move!

BY MAY 8TH.

Our Landlord has been very generous and kind to us by informing us that we must move by the above date, whether our new building that Mr. Kirkpatrick is to erect for us is ready or not, or else pay him to the equivalent of \$250.00 to \$300.00 per month for the next 30 days after our lease is out, so we have concluded to give the people of Dallas and surrounding country an opportunity to buy all clothing at a very large reduction for the next 30 days.



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has Agency in Dallas. John K. Johnson has purchased the Corvallis Steam Laundry of O. De Haven, and has taken charge of the plant. Mr. Johnson is an old steam laundry man, having been engaged in the business for the past eight years. He has put on a wagon between Corvallis and Independence to gather up the laundry in that city, and has also established agencies in Dallas and Falls City.

Thanks, Worthy Friend.

The Polk County Observer has just celebrated its seventeenth birthday. The Observer is a progressive paper published in a progressive town.—McMinnville Reporter.

Editor Hofer, of the Salem Journal, has returned from a pleasant California trip. One of the most enjoyable scenes of the trip were the pretty girls of Santa Barbara riding man-fashion. All of them ride, wearing khaki divided skirts, a combination of bloomer and knickerbocker suits, gay colored bolero jackets and Mexican straw hats. Mrs. Hofer was with the Colonel.—Albany Herald.

Mrs. Aebi, mother of Emil Aebi, of Ballston, was buried at Amity Wednesday afternoon. The funeral was held at the Baptist church, Rev. J. H. Douglas officiating.—Amity Times.

Pastor Green of the Baptist church will preach on the "Resurrection" at 11 a. m. Sunday. In the evening at 7:30 the Juniors will have charge of the service with an excellent program.

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## ENTHUSIASTIC CONVENTION

Epworth League Delegates Dispose of Great Amount of Business at Dallas Meeting.

The eighth annual convention of the Eugene District Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church opened at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Dallas last Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. About two hundred delegates from the counties of Lane, Linn, Benton, Polk and Lincoln were in attendance. A large number of the leaguers arrived from southern points on a special motor from Independence Friday afternoon, and many more came in on the night train. Prominent ministers from all parts of the state were in attendance, and many representative citizens and business men were here as delegates.

The local chapter had made extensive arrangements for the entertainment of the delegates, and on Friday evening held a reception for visiting delegates and friends. Hon. George L. Hawkins delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the local church and chapter. Mayor J. C. Hayter welcomed the convention in behalf of the City of Dallas. Fraternal greetings from local chapters of the Young Peoples' Societies were given by representatives of the Baptist, Evangelical, Christian and Presbyterian Churches. Rev. Melville T. Wire, of Brownsville, responded in behalf of the delegates.

The convention continued in session Saturday with increased attendance and interest. The evening's programme was devoted to papers on Bible work, personal work and field problems. The afternoon programme consisted of addresses and short papers on live and vital subjects.

Mrs. Wire, of Albany, spoke with great earnestness on "Youth and Missions." Her message was loudly applauded by the delegates.

The report of district officers showed marked increase and advancement along all lines. The total membership in the Eugene district this year is 1253, an increase of 143 over last year and an average of 45 members to each society. Eugene Chapter has the largest membership, with 226 enrolled and also leads in the matter of finances, having raised \$400 during the year. Dallas ranked in per cent of giving, having raised over \$800, though having but 67 members.

The attendance of delegates this year is 25 larger than last year. A rising vote of esteem and thanks was returned to Presiding Elder Ford, who responded in an eloquent and touching manner. Officers were elected as follows:

President, Professor Sweetser, Eugene; vice-president, Miss Ida Carter, Halsey; second vice-president, Miss Ethel Gardner; third vice-president, Miss Lina Stouffer, Dallas; fourth vice-president, Miss Olive Mellow, Corvallis; secretary, Miss Thekla Dove, Eugene; treasurer, Dr. J. W. Leyman, Brownsville.

The convention drew to a close Sunday night. A notable feature of the business proceedings came when the committee on resolutions, in a report, indorsed in urgent terms the local option bill now before the citizens of Oregon. The convention by a unanimous vote pledged active support to the measure.

The Sunday morning services in all the local churches were in charge of visiting ministers. The services at the Methodist Church were in charge of Professor Sweetser, of Eugene, who spoke upon "Laboratory Methods." Special musical numbers were rendered by the choir for the occasion. At 3 p. m. a very impressive communion service was conducted by Presiding Elder Ford, assisted by visiting ministers.

At 6:15 in the evening the Dallas chapter of the Epworth League held

## Young Plants

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## regular devotional services, led by W. P. Miller.

Following this service the final platform meeting and farewell exercises of the convention ended the eighth annual rally of the 1200 Epworthians of the Eugene district of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Professor Sweetser, the presiding officer, gave an illustrated address on the closing scenes in the life of Christ, which was greatly appreciated by the large audience. Professor Dunkelberger, of Dallas College, sang a solo. The installation of the officers who will serve during the coming year was the final feature of the convention.

The visiting delegates all expressed their deep appreciation of the hospitality extended to them by the people of Dallas and the splendid entertainment provided by the members of the local League. The convention, for numbers and enthusiasm, is the most successful in the history of the Eugene district. The convention next year will be held at Lebanon.

## Wants Motor Road.

One of the best motor line connections Salem could have would be the building by the Independence company of a line from Derry to Salem, nine miles, and further arrangements by the company owning that road to operate cars over the West Side lines of the Southern Pacific. The construction of this nine miles of road would not cost a great sum. The grades would be very slight. And a road of this kind would be one of the best motor line connections for Salem, because it would put the whole West Side country in connection with this city, including Benton, Polk, Yamhill and Washington counties. Salem could afford to make up a subsidy for the construction of such an extension.—Salem Statesman.

## Two Tickets at Falls City.

Two tickets will be in the field in the municipal election to be held in Falls City next Monday. Three councilmen are to be elected. The Citizens' candidates are W. H. Livingston, J. Chamberlain and H. S. Calkins. The candidates of the Peoples' party are William Ellis, John Cameron and John Thomas. The Peoples' candidates were chosen by the Prohibition element of the town. Both tickets were named in mass meetings.

## Indian War Veterans Meet.

The Linn county Indian war veterans convened Saturday afternoon in the courthouse and discussed affairs connected with the order. Captain Wheeler presided over the meeting, at which there were about 17 present. The resolutions passed by the Salem camp that T. A. Wood is not an Indian war veteran and is not entitled to recognition as a commander, were endorsed. It was urged that as many veterans as possible attend the state camp next June.—Albany Herald.

## Rebukes Corvallis Hoodlums.

We noted in our last issue the disgraceful attack made on the Dallas visitors to the basket ball game, and hope we shall never have to chronicle such another incident. The hoodlums who did it are well known, and their friends are apologizing for them. The patience of the people of Corvallis has reached the limit, and a Nemesis waits for them in the near future. It will probably take the shape of good and well deserved beating, and it is the wish of the community that it be well applied.—Corvallis Gazette.

## Lorin E. Ketchum Dead.

Lorin E. Ketchum, father of Dr. E. L. Ketchum, died at the family residence in Independence Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Ketchum was born in the State of New York, January 10, 1832, moved from New York to Ohio in 1837, and from there to Michigan in 1844. He left Michigan for Oregon in 1884, living in Independence during the whole of the time since. He married Miss Eliza Smith in Wisconsin in the year 1855, and of five children born to the union Dr. Ketchum, of Independence, survives.

## Beats All Records.

Sheriff J. T. Ford made a footing of tax collections Monday, and finds that the amount already paid on the 1903 roll is \$92,000. This record eclipses that of any former year, as the rolls were not turned over to the Sheriff until March 1. Three-fourths of the total amount of tax on the roll has already been paid, and collections continue heavy. The amount of delinquent tax this year promises to be smaller than ever before. Officers experience no difficulty in collecting the public revenues under the present Oregon tax law.

## New Member of Board of Regents.

Governor Chamberlain has appointed H. L. Fenton, of Dallas, as a member of the board of regents of the Monmouth State Normal school to fill a vacancy on the board caused by the death of Judge L. Flinn, of Albany.

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## A REMINISCENCE

Salem Statesman Recalls Facts Connected With First Murder in Polk County.

The recent visit of W. S. Gilliam, of Walla Walla, to the scenes of his early life in the Willamette valley recalls the prominent part he took in the development of the country in the times when it is said some people settled down in this country because they could not settle up where they came from, says the Salem Statesman.

At the time of his visit to Salem in January last, the published report of the fact alluded to his being the first sheriff of Polk county, and that, as such, he officiated at the first legal execution which ever took place in our sister bailiwick across the river. An inspection of the files of the Statesman for that date reveals the fact that the murdered man was named Serenus Hooker, and his murderer was William Everman.

Hooker owned a farm across the Rickreall, but a mile or two south of the present town of Dixie, not far from the Nesmith home, and having missed a watch which had been taken from his house did not hesitate to publicly say that Everman was the thief. The accusation coming to Everman's ears he threatened to kill Hooker for it. Not long afterward Hooker was found in his field dead, having been shot twice. Very naturally, Everman was suspected of the murder and inquiry brought the information that the day before he had started to California, or had pretended to, in company with his brother Hiram and two other men named Smith and Coe.

A party consisting of Hen Owens, J. N. Burch and James Foster immediately started south in search of the missing men and G. W. Baskett went to the mouth of the Columbia river to watch outgoing vessels. The murder occurred on Friday, February 12, 1852, and the pursuing party overtook the fugitives on Deer creek, in the Umpqua country near where Roseburg now is, and they were arrested at the house of a man named Walker, on the Monday following. The report brought to Dallas and the preliminary trial was had before Justice of the Peace Lovelady on March 14, who bound them over to be tried in a higher court.

In the meantime, as the Statesman of February 24, 1852, says, "they were lodged in jail, if the upper story of the courthouse may be called a jail."

Judge O. C. Pratt presided at the trial and the accused men were defended by David Logan. R. P. Boise was prosecuting attorney and he was assisted by Matthew P. Deady. Wm. Everman was sentenced to be hung, his brother Hiram pleaded guilty as an accomplice and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary, while Smith pleaded not guilty, but the jury disagreed in his case—eleven for conviction and one for acquittal. They both applied for a change of venue which was granted—to Yamhill county—but before the trial Smith jumped from the second story of the court house and escaped, but was recaptured within a few days in Yamhill county. At his second trial he was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hung, but was afterward pardoned by Governor Gaines.

Before his execution Everman made a full confession, detailing how he went by Hooker's field where he was plowing with two yoke of oxen. As he approached the fence at one side of the field, Everman secreted himself in an old "hog house," and as Hooker was turning his team around Everman

shot him from his hiding place. He fell to the ground, after which Everman climbed the fence and shot him again, Hooker begging and promising never to tell who shot if he would only permit him to live. In the confession he made before the execution Everman said he told his brother he was going to kill Hooker, for he would rather do so and run the chances of getting away and never being suspected than to have the report reach his people in Missouri that he had been accused of stealing a watch.

Before his death Everman took his guards to the place where the watch was secreted on the banks of the Rickreall. He said he was 25 years of age, of good parentage and was the victim of "bad company."

The growth of newspaper enterprise during the half century is well illustrated by the fact that though this execution was an important event in the life of the new territory, and was but twelve miles from Salem, no account of it appeared in the Statesman until two weeks after its occurrence. The regular weekly edition of the Statesman was issued on Tuesday, the 12th of May, 1852, the day of the execution, but on the 26th a report was printed on the editorial page, furnished as was explained, by Col. Jo. Meek, who had happened to be in Dallas and had come over to Salem.

## WAYNE W. WILLIAMS

Pioneer Resident of Polk County Dies at His Home in The Dalles After Long Illness.

Wayne W. Williams died from the effects of typhoid fever at his home in The Dalles, Oregon, at 12 o'clock, Sunday, March 27. News of his death was received by relatives in this city early in the afternoon. The sad tidings caused little surprise, as it was known that Mr. Williams condition had been critical for several weeks and little hope was entertained for his recovery.

Mr. Williams was born in Missouri, March 1, 1845, and in his infancy the same year was brought across the plains by his parents, who settled on the Luckiamute river in Polk county, near where the village of Airlie was afterwards built. Here he grew up to manhood. He lived in Independence for a number of years, serving as City Marshal for the greater portion of the time, and about six years ago went east of the mountains, making his home at Walla Walla and for the past four years at The Dalles.

He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James C. Williams, prominent pioneers of Polk county. He left a wife and two children, Mrs. Alice Poling, wife of Rev. D. V. Poling, and Edward Williams, both of The Dalles. His wife was Miss Virginia Tartor, a sister of the Tartor brothers of Polk county. Five brothers and three sisters survive him. They are: J. J. Williams, of Dallas; Johns Williams, of Portland; Wesley Williams, of Airlie; T. B. and W. E. Williams, of Airlie; Mrs. Melissa Fuller, of Arizona; Mrs. Isaac Staats, of Airlie, and Mrs. Mary Dunn, of Walla Walla.

Wayne was a man of generous impulses, warm-hearted and jovial, and had many friends throughout the state who will be grieved to hear of his death.

## Announces His Candidacy.

Mart Scrafford, of Luckiamute precinct, was a Dallas visitor, Monday. He requests the OBSERVER to announce that he is a candidate for the nomination for Sheriff, subject to the will of the Republican county convention. He says he does not desire the nomination unless it can be conscientiously given to him by acclamation, and, when it comes to naming a candidate for Sheriff, if the delegates do not consider him to be the man for the place, he requests that his name be not considered. Mr. Scrafford says it is his sole desire to see a good ticket nominated and elected.

## Suver Warehouse Burned.

The grain warehouse at Suver was totally destroyed by fire Monday night. About 10,000 bushels of wheat belonging to the Portland Flouring Mills was burned, and \$5000 worth of grain, mostly oats, belonging to W. A. Gordon & Company was also destroyed. The origin of the fire is not known. The building belonged to Ed McLane, and had a capacity of 60,000 bushels.

County Treasurer E. V. Dalton has issued a call for all Polk County warrants indorsed prior to July 4, 1903.

## Played Out.

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