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PLEASANT SURPRISE PARTY

Delightful Social 'Affair in Compliment to Mrs Lydia A. D'Lashmunt.

A delightful surprise party was given Mrs. Lydia A. D'Lashmunt last Thursday afternoon, on the occasion of her seventy-ninth birthday. The party was planned by Mrs. H. B. Cosper, Mrs. A. B. Muir and Mrs. B. H. Pillar, and the guests met at Mrs. Cosper's home before going in a body to the home of the one in whose honor the surprise had been prepared. It proved to be a complete surprise, and Mrs. D'Lashmunt's delight at being remembered by her many friends was unbounded. Mrs. D. J. Becker gave several excellent readings during the afternoon and delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. D'Lashmunt was the recipient of many beautiful pieces of chinaware from her relatives and friends, a complete set of fine plates being presented by the members of the Ladies Aid Society. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Ellis, Rev. and Mrs. D. J. Becker, Mrs. Theo. Farington, Mrs. W. W. Percival, Mrs. W. G. Campbell, Mrs. H. B. Cosper, Mrs. Elbert Parrish, Mrs. Mary Graham, Mrs. A. B. Muir, Mrs. F. R. Rich, Mrs. Dr. Mark Hayter, Mrs. B. H. Pillar, Mrs. E. L. D'Lashmunt, Mrs. J. M. Grant, Mrs. J. C. Gaynor, Mrs. W. H. Boals, Mrs. H. M. Lawrence, Mrs. A. A. Lawrence, Mrs. H. D. McDonald, Mrs. Jennie Smith, Mrs. J. G. VanOrdel, Mrs. Willis Simonton, Mrs. U. S. Loughary, Mrs. C. G. Coad, Mrs. Hardy Holman, Misses May Shelton, Myrtle Hastings, Pearl Percival and Ruth Campbell.

NEW BOOKS FOR LIBRARY

Proceeds of Entertainment Will Be Used in Purchasing Late Publications.

Mrs. Sylvia McGuire's lecture-recital, "Echoes from the Southland," given at the Colosseum Bunk, Friday evening for the benefit of the Dallas Free Library, was an entertainment of exceptional merit. In a series of short sketches, some humorous, some pathetic, all rendered in a most artistic manner, Mrs. McGuire painted for her audience a picture of the life and customs of the "Old South" as it was before the war, and outlined the salient characteristics of the southern "darker" as only a child of the south can do it. To make the program even more complete, Miss Beulah Cadwell, of Portland, sang such songs as "Dixie" and "Old Kentucky Home," all rich with the romance of the Old South and breathing the spirit of the days "before the war." Mrs. G. P. McGregor, of this city, played her accompaniments. From a financial point of view, the entertainment was even more successful than had been expected, between \$25 and \$30 being cleared. The hall in which the recital was held, the printing, the moving of the piano, and other minor details of preparation, were kindly donated by friends of the library, and the expenses were consequently very slight. The proceeds of the entertainment will be used to purchase new books for the library and to replenish the supply of magazines on the reading table. Through the enthusiastic work of those having charge of its management, and the zealous support of its many patrons, the Dallas Library is rapidly becoming one of the largest and best equipped, considering the size of the city, that may be found in Oregon.

ENJOYABLE LODGE EVENT

Valley Counties Well Represented at Knights of Pythias Convention in Independence.

Over one hundred visitors were entertained by Homer Lodge, No. 45, at the District Convention of Knights of Pythias in Independence last Saturday night. Visitors were present from four counties—Polk, Marion, Benton and Yamhill—and there was a goodly representation from Albany and Portland. The lodge program was given in Homer Lodge's beautiful new castle hall in the K. of P. building on Main street. Two teams, Salem and Hubbard, took part in the degree work contest. The Salem team won and will have the honor of representing the district at the Grand Lodge contest in Portland. After the close of the exercises, the Knights were invited to supper in the Mason's banquet hall. An elaborate spread had been prepared, and an enjoyable hour was spent in partaking of the feast of good things. H. Hirschberg presided as toastmaster, and witty and entertaining talks were given by many of the visitors. Excellent music was furnished by the Independence orchestra. The members of Homer Lodge proved themselves ideal hosts, and their splendid entertainment will long be remembered with pleasure by the many visitors who were present.



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Will Organize Track Team.

The Student Athletic Association, of Dallas College, has decided to organize a track team this season instead of engaging in baseball as they have done for the past three years. The last track team of the College was organized in 1904 and '05, and had a most successful season. The track team was favored this year because it is believed that it will give more of the students a chance to compete in athletic work than would a baseball squad and also because the chance for all-round development is better. Tracy Savery has been elected manager of the team. Much good material is found among the college men this year, and it is probable that an excellent aggregation of track and field athletes will be developed.

Second Team Suffers Defeat.

The second team of Dallas College was defeated in a game of basketball Saturday evening, by the "Redwings," the second team of the Multnomah Athletic Club, the score standing 22 to 17 at the end of the last half. This is the first defeat sustained by the second team this season. The game stood 9 to 9 at the end of the first half, and until the last five minutes of the second half the result was doubtful. A hot preliminary between the "Bucks" and "Pigeons," two junior teams of Dallas College, resulted in a victory for the former, the score being 27 to 7.

The heavy purchases of small fruits among the farmers and fruitgrowers of Dallas and vicinity still continue, and during the past two weeks J. B. Nunn has disposed of 53,000 plants. Of these 34,000 were strawberries, 9,000 raspberries, 5,000 gooseberries, 2,500 loganberries, and 2,500 blackberries. Fruit growers of this neighborhood are making active preparations to meet the demands for fruit which will undoubtedly result from the rapid growth of the canning and packing industry in the Willamette Valley.

Sheriff J. M. Grant says that the taxes collected up to date amount to approximately \$91,000. He is unable at present to give the exact sum, since a large portion of the taxes have been collected by the banks in different parts of Polk county, and a full report cannot be secured until next week. Of the sum named above, \$60,000 has been collected at the sheriff's office in Dallas. After Monday, April 6, property on which no taxes have been paid will become delinquent.

The Senate has passed Senator Bourne's bill authorizing the sale at public auction or sealed bids of lands on the Siletz reservation reserved under the act of Congress August 15, 1894. The proceeds of the sale are to be devoted to the support of the Siletz Indians. An appropriation of \$3000 is provided for carrying the act into effect.

The students of Dallas College have organized a camera club for the purpose of making a thorough and scientific study of the photographic art. Dr. C. A. Mook, president of the college, is a skillful amateur photographer, and will act as a director and instructor in the club. Seven large draught horses which have been used for heavy hauling in the logging camps on the Luckiamute, were sold at bankrupt sale in Dallas this week. A number of them were purchased by the truckmen of this city. Oscar Smith, of Bridgeport, has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Youkum.

BELL RINGERS COMING

Dunbar Company Will Fill Engagement in Dallas, Saturday, April 11.

The Dunbar Bell Ringers will fill the last date of the Lyceum entertainment course in Dallas, April 11. The course, which has been put on under the auspices of Dallas College, has been very successful and has been one of the important features of this winter's entertainment season in Dallas. Each entertainment was well attended and greatly appreciated, and it is said by those who have witnessed their entertainment, that the Dunbar Bell Ringers are by far the strongest company sent out by the Lyceum Bureau this year.

In addition to their truly remarkable musical work with the bells, they are trained vocalists, and their quartette singing is an important feature in the entertainments. Their bells range in sizes from tiny handbells weighing but a few ounces, for the higher notes in the register, to the huge sixteen pounders that serve as basses.

W. H. McDaniel underwent an operation Saturday afternoon for a mastoid abscess from which he had been suffering for several months. The operation was performed by Dr. W. B. Holden, a specialist surgeon of Portland, and Dr. A. B. Starbuck of this city, and was quite successful. Mr. McDaniel is resting easily, and will probably be entirely recovered in a comparatively short time.

B. F. Whiteaker was in Dallas yesterday, and says that the work of drilling for oil on his farm near Dallas will be commenced this week. The new well will be located within about 30 rods of the one which was partially drilled a few years ago. The new location was selected by an expert from the East, who guarantees the presence of oil in paying quantities.

The members of the graduating class of '08 from Dallas College have prevailed upon the faculty to allow them to dispense with the customary commencement day orations, and to secure a speaker to deliver an address to the class instead. This plan was decided upon so that the students might devote more time to the preparation of their annual "Class Day" program.

County School Superintendent H. C. Seymour has had pamphlets containing the compulsory education laws in full printed, and is sending them to all school patrons. Polk County is the only county in Oregon that has taken steps to make it possible for the people to become familiar with those important laws.

Carl De Armond of Buxer was in Corvallis the first of the week. He brought in a fine six year-old horse, weighing 1700 pounds, for which he received \$225 from a Seattle buyer. About a year ago Mr. De Armond disposed of a young team to a buyer from the Seaside for \$600.—Corvallis Gazette.

Earl Wiscover is slowly recovering from a severe attack of lagrippe at his home in McMinnville. He will not resume his work in the barber shop in Dallas for some time, as he has found it necessary to engage in some out-of-doors occupation in order to fully regain his health.

Successful School Meeting.

The School Meeting held at Harmony, Saturday, was well attended and was a success in every way. Professor L. R. Traver, of Monmouth, spoke on "Conditions in Our Schools That Should Be Improved." J. E. Duntun, of Ballston, had the subject of "School Attendance," and Superintendent H. C. Seymour gave a short address on the "School Children's Industrial Fair." An excellent program was rendered by the children of the Harmony Public School, and the people who were present all took an active part in the general discussions. Those from Dallas who attended the meeting were Superintendent and Mrs. H. C. Seymour, Miss Sadie Myer and Professor R. R. Hill of the Dallas Public School.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Campbell and Mrs. C. H. Morris drove to Zena, Saturday, and attended the funeral of their cousin, Eugene Wait, who died in Salem, Thursday, after a long illness of consumption. He was a son of George Wait, one of the pioneers of Oregon residing near Zena, and his mother was a sister of Mrs. Polly Stearns, of this city. He was 27 years of age at the time of his death.

The Spring vacation week for Dallas College begins tomorrow. The annual meeting of the trustees of the college is in session today, and the annual conference of the Evangelical church will begin Thursday and continue until Sunday evening. The conference of the missionary society will be held tomorrow, Bishop Hartler presiding.

The State Normal School Board has authorized Monmouth and Ashland to hold Summer Normals for six weeks, under direction of the presidents of the respective schools. President Resler, of Monmouth, was given six weeks leave of absence to visit the New York Normal School and the best institutions in several of the Eastern states. Miss Hazel Hollister is visiting relatives and friends in Portland.

SEARS WINS HIS SUIT

Judge Galloway Decrees That F. I. Dunbar Must Return \$103,926 to State.

Judgment was rendered against former secretary of state, Frank I. Dunbar, Friday morning, in the action brought against him by the state to recover fees alleged to have been illegally collected by him during his eight years' term of office. In his trial Dunbar was shown to have collected more than \$100,000. The fact that Dunbar burned his private account books, which showed the amounts he collected in fees, was brought against the defendant in his trial.

The importance of the suit grows out of the fact that a verdict against the defendant means that large sums will have to be paid back into the state treasury by Dunbar and other state officials, if the supreme court upholds Galloway, as the constitution clearly forbids taking fees in excess of the stated salary fixed for each state official.

The petition for the organization of a company of militia in Dallas has been drawn up and sent to Adjutant-General Finzer, and will be considered at the meeting of the military board which will be held in Salem next month. A large list of names of those who would be willing to join the company has been secured, and those who have headed the movement for organization are confident that the petition will be granted.

The sale of seats for the game of basketball scheduled to be played against Snohomish on Wednesday, April 8, will be opened Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

OFF FOR SNOHOMISH

Dallas Team Will Play First Game for Coast Championship, Thursday.

The Dallas College basketball team, the champions of Oregon, left this afternoon for Snohomish, Washington, where the first game for the Pacific Coast championship will be played against the strong aggregation which represents the latter city.

Although the home team has suffered bad luck in the past month from illness among its members, it is generally believed that the chances for victory stand about equally balanced between the two aggregations. Several of the enthusiastic basketball "fans" of Dallas will accompany the home team on its northern trip.

The second game of the series will be played in Dallas, Wednesday, April 8. A third game if necessary will be played on a neutral floor, probably in Portland. Wednesday's game will be the last and hardest game to be played on the local floor during the present season.

Loren Webster died at the home of his uncle, John Webster, of this city, Saturday, his death being caused by heart trouble. The young man had suffered from that disease from his birth and his death, although sudden, was not unexpected. He was a little over 18 years of age, and was born in Woodland, Yolo County, California. At the age of five years he moved with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Webster, to a farm near Independence. He was in Dallas for a short visit at the home of his uncle, when the fatal attack occurred. The funeral was held yesterday morning and the body was buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery near this city.

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