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## NEWS OF COUNTY TOWNS

### LEWISVILLE.

A. A. Lindeman has secured a new horse hay rake.  
Elta Portwood is visiting at her home near this place.  
Earl White visited at the home of James Atwater, Sunday.  
Ben Wing, of Portland, is visiting his parents in Lewisville.  
The harvesting of the hay crop is in full swing in this vicinity this week.  
Arthur Bates and Walter Guyer visited over Sunday at the home of Wiley Norton.  
Henry Lewis and family returned Tuesday from a trip to Belknap Springs.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and children are visiting at the home of her father, A. Wing.

A. A. Lindeman and family spent the Fourth of July at the home of George Conn.

Saul Wing and family, of Black Rock, visited over Sunday at the home of William Hoisington.

The thermometer rose to 98 degrees in this place Tuesday, the hottest weather we have had during the present summer.

Mrs. Ethel Kemp and baby returned Tuesday from a fortnight visit at the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Kemp, in Salem.

Many of the young people of this neighborhood attended the celebration in Falls City, Saturday, and all report an excellent program.

Mrs. Fuqua had the misfortune to fall down stairs one morning this

week, breaking her arm and suffering several painful bruises.

Mrs. Thomas Williams has gone to Ashland, where she will stay for a short time with her father, who is seriously ill with the asthma.

Griffen and Everett McKinney returned to Albany, Monday, after a short visit at the home of the former. They were accompanied by Mrs. Susie McKinney.

The people living along the Monmouth rural mail route have been keeping the mail carrier busy breaking horses to the road. He has just returned Earl White's horse after a month's drive, and is now driving one for John Yater.

### INDEPENDENCE.

Miss Bertha Bohannon visited friends in Albany last week.

Clinton Moop and family have gone for a few weeks' visit in Newport.

J. M. Stark, of Eugene, was a business visitor in Independence this week.

Mrs. Lillian Eaton and children have gone to Black Rock for the summer.

Mrs. E. E. Paddock and children have returned from an extended visit in Portland.

Miss Maude Patterson has returned from North Yakima, where she taught school last winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Irvine returned to Independence, Saturday night, from their bridal trip.

Mrs. W. E. Earhart and daughter, Ruby, returned Monday from a visit with relatives in Black Rock.

Ernest Johnson visited over Sunday at the home of his mother in this city, leaving Monday for Vancouver, Washington, where he has a position in a grocery store.

Truman Baughman, son of Mrs. J. Dornis, died at his home in this city Tuesday. Funeral services were held at the Christian church Wednesday morning, by the Rev. Wigmore, of Eugene, and the remains were taken to Eugene for burial. Mr. Baughman was about 28 years of age and was well respected by all who knew him as a man of most estimable qualities. He was a graduate of the Monmouth Normal School.

### MONMOUTH.

Miss Fay Shipley, of Monmouth, has been visiting relatives in this place.

Many of the people of Ballston celebrated the Fourth of July in Sheridan.

Mrs. Dora Sears, of Hillsboro, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ottinger.

The annual basket meeting will be held at the picnic grove north of Ballston, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mayfield visited at the home of relatives in Hillsboro, Sunday and Monday.

A very successful basket social was given at the Woodmen Hall, Wednesday night, for the benefit of the Christian Church.

Professor and Mrs. J. B. Wilkerson returned to their home in Forest Grove, Sunday, after a few days' visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Woodley.

### SHOWS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

School Superintendent Seymour's Report Indicates Great Progress in Schools of Polk County.

The annual report of School Superintendent H. C. Seymour, shows a most successful and progressive year of work in all the schools of Polk county.

Of the 65 school districts in the county all were reported during the year. The average number of pupils in the county is 2518, and the per cent of attendance was 94, a very creditable figure. During the year two new school houses have been built, making a total of 67 school houses in Polk county.

The library equipments are excellent, the total number of volumes amounting to 5545, of which 701 were purchased this year.

During the year nine local institutes have been held at various places in the county, in addition to the regular County Institute held in Dallas.

H. S. Butz placed on exhibition in the window of Conrad Staffin's store Wednesday, one of the finest crates of Royal Ann cherries that has ever been brought into Dallas. The fruit looked almost as large as the average plum, and was perfect in form and color. Mr. Butz will have some of his fruit exhibited at the Salem Cherry Fair, July 16, 17 and 18, and it is thought by many that he has an excellent chance of winning several of the prizes.

U. S. Grant, director of the Dallas band announces no definite program for the Sunday afternoon concert in the city park, but says that he has just received some new music and will have it rehearsed and make such selections as the band can play most effectively.

James E. Godfrey, foreman of the state printing office, accompanied by Ed Gillingham, state librarian, was in Dallas, Wednesday, on his way to the Siletz for a few days' fishing trip.

### MAY RESIGN CHAIRMANSHIP

W. M. Cake Reported to Have Offered Position to Ralph E. Williams, of Dallas.

Plans to persuade or jostle W. M. Cake out of the chairmanship of the Republican State Central Committee and replace him with a Fulton-Taft man are working in the Fulton camp, says Wednesday's Oregonian. Mr. Cake declares that if a fight is made to oust him he will fight to retain the headship of the committee, but would not say Tuesday that he is resolved to hold that place against pacific persuasions for another chairman.

In Cake's place, the Fulton men would like to place Ralph Williams, of Polk County, the new National Committeeman for Oregon, who represented in the National convention Oregon's First Congressional District, and who took a foremost part in organizing the last state convention. He is an active Fulton adherent, an outspoken foe of Senator Bourne, Statement No. 1 and U'Renism, and a leading citizen of his home town, Dallas. He was chosen National delegate by the Fulton followers for these reasons, and the Taft followers. Williams is scheduled to visit Portland, Thursday or Friday for a conference with members of the Fulton camp. At the same time he will confer with Chairman Cake, who is understood to have offered him the management of the coming Taft campaign.

The objections to Cake in Fulton ranks are of long standing. Cake's defeat of Fulton in the primaries by means of Democratic votes is one. It may be that the cleavage between the Cake and the Fulton factions means further political division in this state, and perhaps in the coming Legislative session, where Cake will be pledged to support Chamberlain for United States Senator, and the Fulton influence will strive for election of a Republican.

All this has embittered the Fulton camp toward Cake, and now Fulton's followers want Cake to get down off the chairmanship perch and let a Republican go to the front who will fight for a Republican President and a Republican United States Senator. They go even so far as to doubt Chairman Cake's desire for Taft's success in Oregon, in view of H. M. Cake's failure as Republican nominee for Senator.

In response to which, Chairman Cake is credited with saying: "I do not see how friends of Mr. Fulton can reasonably question my loyalty to the Republican party. In the last election for United States Senator, many of them voted for Chamberlain."

The desire in Fulton ranks for Cake's retirement has been growing since early last week, when the Oregon delegates returned from the National convention. Whether it will accomplish its object depends on the attitude that Fulton men assume in seeking it. Tuesday, Chairman Cake would not say that he would refuse to yield up the chairmanship or the management of the Taft campaign under any circumstances. He declared, however, that if an attempt should be made to force him out he would resist it. He left the well-defined impression that he would be quite willing to be relieved of the management of Taft's campaign under proper circumstances. Belligerent efforts, he said, would have to be accounted for to many county central committees and state committeemen.

Succumbs to Meningitis. Augusta Ludmilla Gerlinger, the infant daughter of Mrs. Ludmilla Gerlinger, died Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, from meningitis. The funeral was held at the home yesterday afternoon, and the remains were interred beside those of the child's father, August Gerlinger, in the Odd Fellows cemetery. The bereaved mother has the sympathy of the whole community in her sad affliction.

County Rock Crusher Arrives. The new rock crusher that was recently purchased by Polk county, was received at Polk Station, Wednesday, and will be taken to the quarry near Salt Creek at once, where it will be put in operation within a few weeks and as much work will be done on the roads that have already been graded in that vicinity, as can be completed before the beginning of the rainy season.

Masonic Picnic at Amity. The annual basket picnic of Amity Lodge, Number 22, A. F. & A. M., will be held in the grove near that city Wednesday, July 15, in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of that lodge. J. E. N. Bell, grand chaplain, will deliver the occasional address. A fine program of field sports has been prepared, and a large crowd is anticipated.

Cherry Fair Postponed. Those who are preparing exhibits for the big Cherry Fair in Salem, should remember that, owing to the lateness of the fruit in maturing, the dates have been changed from July 9, 10 and 11, to Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 16, 17 and 18.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lynch have gone to Ocean Park for a short outing.

### REFUSE TO SIGN CONTRACT

Polk and Marion Cherry Growers Will Not Bind Crops of Coming Seasons.

A lively war has been waged between the fruit growers of Polk and Marion counties and the Mutual Canning Company, of Salem, since the opening of the present cherry season, concerning the prices to be paid for the fruit, and the proposition made by the company for a three years' contract on the cherry crops raised in its territory. At the opening of the season, it appears, the canning company and the cherry growers had agreed on three cents a pound as the price for the fruit, delivered at the cannery. It developed this week, however, when several of the growers were ready to deliver their fruit, and scores of others were prepared to begin picking, that in order to secure the three cents a pound which had been offered, they would be required to sign a contract pledging their crops for the next three years. Under the terms of the contract, the price to be paid was "three cents this year, to be regulated next year and the year after by the prices of canned goods current in California or as quoted by local canneries."

The fruit growers are loath to take any action which will in any way encumber the crops of the succeeding years, while the canning company is equally determined in its decision to accept no cherries on other terms. Some time ago a number of the leading cherry growers formed a pool and proposed to sell their fruit where they could get the best price, and influential members of the pool are now advising the membership at large to go ahead with their picking, and trust to luck in reaching an amicable agreement with the canning company.

The company gives its reason for desiring a contract by claiming that the cannery must know just what fruit it can depend upon, and cannot afford to be subject to the competition of transient buyers, nor to rely on transient customers for its supply of fruit. To be protected against buyers who come into the country for only a part of the season and purchase fruit in varying quantities, the company desires to make term contracts with the growers.

The situation up to date is practically unchanged, the cherry growers of Polk and Marion counties steadfastly refusing to enter into any contract that will bind their crops for the coming two years, and the cannery company as steadfastly refusing to deal on any other terms except those offered at the beginning of the season. It is believed, however, that a settlement of the question will be arrived at some time during next week.

### HEAD CRUSHED UNDER WHEEL

J. W. Brannon Falls and Meets Frightful Death Under Moving Wagon.

John W. Brannon, a Polk county farmer living about three miles west of Salem, was thrown from his wagon and instantly killed, Monday afternoon.

The particulars of the tragic occurrence were as follows, according to the Salem Statesman:

Brannon was in the employ of M. P. Dennis of this city and had been hauling wood with one of Mr. Dennis' teams. The accident occurred when Brannon tried to descend a steep hill with a big load of wood and the brake snapped off, the shock throwing him to the ground and under the wheels. He fell outside the path of the wagon with the exception of his head which was directly in line with the wheel and which was crushed to a pulp by the wagon and the heavy load.

The wagon crowded onto the team and undoubtedly would have killed both animals had it not been for the fact that one wheel struck a tree and stopped it instantly. The horses had gained so much momentum, however, that when the wagon was stopped the force of the collision was great enough to break all four tugs and smash other parts of the harness. Once freed from the heavy load the team ambled down the hillside and a few minutes later were found mauling grass.

When the team broke loose from the wagon they were seen by Mrs. Brannon and a man who has been employed by Mr. Dennis, both of whom ran to the spot where the accident occurred. The stricken wife became almost insane with grief when she found her husband dead.

Brannon came here three months ago from Minnesota, bringing his wife and five children with him. The oldest child, a girl, is only thirteen, and the youngest three months.

The dead man left no property and no life insurance. He was about 45 years old.

The funeral was held in Salem, Tuesday, and the remains were buried in the City View cemetery.

The association of the Yamhill and Polk County Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers met in Newberg last night. B. M. Guy, of the firm of Guy Brothers & Dalton, attended from Dallas as the secretary of the association.

## MID-SUMMER SPECIAL SALE

Commencing Thursday, July 9th, on our entire stock of Ladies' and Men's Oxfords--Tan, Patent or Vici.

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