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FROSTS STOP HOP PICKING

Work in Yards Near Independence and Rickreall Terminated Suddenly Last Week.

Although hoppers in the big yards along the river and in the vicinity of Rickreall was still unfinished at the close of last week, the season was brought to an end and the majority of pickers discharged, the reason for such action on the part of the growers being the damage to the hops still unpicked by the severe frosts during the latter part of the week.

A dispatch from Rickreall to the Oregonian says:

"Hop-picking in this vicinity has been brought to a sudden termination by the frost during the last few nights, and most of the pickers have returned home. Several of the growers have suffered more or less loss through discoloration of hops, caused by the low temperature."

"Most of the yards were picked over a week ago, but in several the picking was not completed as early as expected and these are the ones that have suffered."

"Rather than run the risk of mixing in a small amount of frost-bitten hops with good ones, the growers have decided to stop picking, the first pickers being laid off on Friday. The rest of the yards stopped Saturday. At noon a special train passed through for Independence to haul 1000 pickers from the Krebs yard back to Portland."

"Frost has also damaged the potato crop and has ruined most of the vegetable gardens in this vicinity."

County Clerk E. M. Smith issued license to wed to George Loftus and Maggie Hughes, Saturday.

The skating season at the Colosseum rink will open Thursday, October 1. Don't miss the opening night.

William Cadle, of Rickreall, was a business visitor in Dallas yesterday.

ENTERTAIN NEW STUDENTS

Christian Associations Give Enjoyable Receptions to Those Just Entering Dallas College.

The social season of Dallas College was begun Friday evening when receptions to the alumni and the new students of the institution were given by the two Christian Associations.

The members of the Y. W. C. A. held their reception in their association room on the third floor of the dormitory, more than 30 guests being present. The entertainment was strictly informal, its main object being to bring about a speedy acquaintance between the older students and the girls just entering college. The evening was spent in a delightful social manner, games and delicious refreshments adding greatly to the pleasure of the occasion.

The reception given by the Y. M. C. A. for the young men who are new students at college, was held in President Mook's recitation room. About 30 boys were present, and the evening was spent in playing various jolly games. The refreshments served consisted of an abundance of fine apples and peanuts, which were set out with the hospitable invitation to the guests "to dig in and help themselves."

Begin Work on Last Block.

The street improvement crew began breaking ground on the Washington street block between Main and Church streets, the last block of the nine in improvement district yesterday morning.

The soil in this block is so loose that they are able to plow it with teams instead of having to call the big steam roller into requisition to drag the "rooster" through the surface as was found necessary in the work on nearly all of the other blocks that were macadamized this year.

Matinees Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at The Vaudette.

READY FOR OPENING DAY

Preparations For Third Annual School Children's Industrial Fair Are Almost Completed.

The Woodman Hall was a scene of considerable activity all day today with the work of the final preparations for the Third Annual School Children's Industrial Fair. Exhibits were received and classified and labels issued by the score to children who desire to make entries even at this late date. The whole of tomorrow (Wednesday) forenoon will be consumed in putting on the last touches of decoration and receiving the last of the many exhibits and at 1 o'clock in the afternoon the exhibit hall will be thrown open to the public.

Thursday, the second day, will be preeminently the "big day" of the fair in point of attendance and social features. The public schools throughout Polk county will be closed and representatives from each district, (in some cases the entire number of pupils will come to Dallas and take part in the school children's big parade Thursday afternoon and the watermelon feast given by the business men of Dallas to the school children of Polk county.

Friday, the work of judging the exhibits will be finished and the award of prizes made public. More than 250 prizes are offered on the various exhibits, making the prize list for Polk county's fair one of the largest ever offered at a fair of that kind in Oregon.

The big exposition of what the Polk county school children can produce in agriculture and handicraft has aroused much interest throughout the state of Oregon, and prominent educators from many of its larger institutions will be present and assist in the programs for the three days of the of the entertainment.

Prepare For Eastern Tour.

The committee in charge of the proposed Eastern trip to be made by the Dallas basketball team during the coming season, is already making preparations for the organization of the team for preliminary practice and for the arranging of a schedule of games to be played during the tour. Edgar Craven will be unable to accompany the team, as he will be attending college in California this winter and Reed, formerly of Corvallis, will play his position. The personnel of the rest of the team will be the same as last year. Bert Teats and Alva Morton, both crack players on Dallas' team of two years ago, will also be lined up with the "all-star" aggregation which is to be sent East. The route traveled will be similar to that taken by the Alaska team last season, and an effort will be made to duplicate, as nearly as possible, the schedule of games played by the famous team of the Arctic Brotherhood.

C. L. Starr, secretary of the State Board of Normal Regents, was in Dallas yesterday to attend the funeral of the late William Grant.

WAS PIONEER OF 1844

William Grant, an Old and Respected Citizen, Passes Away at His Home in Dallas.

William Grant, one of Dallas' old and respected citizens, died Sunday morning at 3 o'clock, aged 67 years. Mr. Grant had been suffering for a long time from a form of paralysis that gradually crept over his entire body and finally resulting in death.

Mr. Grant was a son of Mr. and Mrs. David Grant, of Jackson county, Missouri. He was born in that state July 10, 1841, and crossed the plains to Oregon with his parents in 1844, when he was barely three years old. Coming to this state at so early an age he was one of the witnesses of its entire growth, from an unsurveyed wilderness to a government territory, from a territory to one of the foremost states of the United States and his name is identified with much of the earlier history of Oregon.

His first education was acquired under William Snyder, one of the pioneer teachers of Oregon and the founder of one of the first schools ever established in Polk county. Later he completed his education in the old La-Croole Academy, of which his father was a trustee and one of the most enthusiastic supporters.

During the years of 1861 and 1862, Mr. Grant tried his fortunes in the mines of Florence, Idaho. Returning to Oregon the latter part of the second year, he married Beatrice Aurelia Robertson, the daughter of William Robertson, who had come to Oregon in 1852.

In 1846 he was appointed deputy county clerk of Polk county, but soon resigned in order to enlist in the ranks of the Oregon volunteers for service against the Indians. He remained in the service until 1866, during which time he was elevated to the rank of lieutenant.

After leaving the military service he kept a hotel in Dallas for a short time and then moved to Linn county, where he resided for about ten years working as a carpenter and building contractor. About 1877, he returned to Dallas where he continued his trade until about ten years ago when he retired from active work.

Mr. Grant was a member of the G. A. R., being a past commander of the Dallas Post. Fraternally he belonged to the Order of Odd Fellows. He was a member of the Christian church, under the auspices of which his funeral was held yesterday afternoon. The remains were interred in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Mr. Grant is survived by his wife and five children: U. S. Grant, a prominent breeder of Angora goats in Polk county; Glen O., who is one of the leading carpenters and contractors of this city; N. M., who is living on the old home farm near Dallas; Beldon H., a traveling salesman, of Portland; and Viola Estelle (Mrs. C. H. Lane, Jr.), of Dallas.

Preeminently a man of action, Mr. Grant's whole life in Dallas has been potent for the progress and upbuilding of the city and in his death, we lose a man to whose influence many of the present valuable institutions of this city can be directly traced. As the hearse bearing his mortal remains passed through the streets of the city yesterday on its way to the final resting place, those who knew of his unceasing labors for the welfare of the commonwealth, were constrained to lift their hats in salute, as they would for the passing bier of some staunch soldier, who, having fought a "good fight" and "finished his course," had at length laid by his sword and shield to enjoy a period of slumber, the rightful respite from the hardships of life's combat.

Miss Edna Hall Entertains.

The students of the graduating class of '09 gave a pleasant party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hall, Saturday evening, in compliment to Edgar Craven, one of the members of the class, who has gone to California for the winter. The evening was pleasantly spent with various games and music and dainty refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Vera Cosper, Winnie Kelly, Alice Grant, Etta Phillips and Edna Hall, Messrs. Elmer Strayer, Verne Launer, Victor Ballantyne and Benjamin Phillips. The members of the class of '09 are Vera Cosper, Vera Burns, Winnie Kelly, Alice Grant, Etta Phillips, Edna Hall and Edgar Craven.

New Books For Library.

Six new volumes containing a series of stories of mystery, adventure and detective tales from the best literature of the world on those subjects, have been received at the Dallas Free Library. These tales deal with Oriental Magic; stories from the French-Italian, German-Russian, American, English-Irish, and English-Scottish literature. The new books will not be subject to the rental fee but will be placed in general circulation.

The fire department was called out Sunday night by an alarm from the third fire ward, but the fire proved to be nothing more serious than a burning fire in the residence of J. Crowther.

GREAT MUSICAL EVENT

Best Local and Portland Talent Will Be Heard at the Library Entertainment.

Great things are expected of the monster library benefit entertainment planned for Friday evening, of this week at the Woodman Hall. A fine New England dinner will be served in the big Armory and dining room from 5:30 to 8 p. m. Fully 200 people will be seated at once, and all will be carefully served by a bevy of Dallas' popular young ladies. It is needless to comment on the excellent fare which will be served, for the ladies of Dallas are famous for their fine cooking. Practically the same menu as that of last year will be served, and an abundance of everything is promised.

Boston baked beans and brown bread, boiled ham, roast beef, corn beef, salads, pickles, doughnuts, apple, mince and pumpkin pies, cakes of all kinds, tea and coffee make up the tempting repast. Fifty cents will be charged for adults and twenty-five cents for children.

At 8:30 o'clock, a splendid concert will be given upstairs under the direction of Mr. Ghormley, local representative of the Wiley B. Allen Company. Two concert pianos will be used on the stage from this music house.

Miss Delta Watson, who has twice before charmed Dallas audiences with her singing, has generously consented to come up from Portland to help the library again. She will sing three times during the evening. Mrs. Gilbert MacGregor will be her accompanist. Other numbers on the program will be supplied by Mr. Ghormley, William Caldwell, Herbert Sears, Alphonse Boyd and Roscoe Ballantyne and will consist of vocal solos, readings and instrumental solos on both violin and piano.

Tickets for the concert will be sold only at the door and will cost 25 cents. Everyone should attend and enjoy the musical treat, besides helping the library. There will not be another chance to show your appreciation of this good institution again for many months.

CARRY OFF HIGH HONORS

Polk County Livestock Wins Many Awards at Pacific National Show in Portland.

Two of the representative stock-raisers of Polk county carried off high honors on their exhibits in the first annual Pacific National Livestock Show held in Portland last week.

These two exhibitors were E. P. Wier, of Airilo, a breeder of fine Hereford cattle, and Riddell & Son, of Monmouth, whose reputation as breeders of thoroughbred Angora goats extends throughout the United States and whose stock have probably taken more prizes at fairs and livestock shows, not only in Oregon but in other states, during the past eight or ten years, than those of any other goat breeder.

Mr. Wier's cattle took prizes in four classes, and the goats entered by Riddell & Son, took prizes in seven classes out of eight, scoring a total of 13 out of a possible 20 awards. The list of the prizes carried away by these two exhibitors, taken from the catalogue of prizes published in the Oregonian of Sunday morning's issue, is as follows:

E. P. Wier, Airilo, Oregon—Hereford, Junior yearling—3d on "Hubert Boy," number 271651. Cow, three years old and over—3d on "Daisy Dean," 3d on "Topsy Queen." Best four animals to get one sire, either sex, any age—second prize. Best two animals, produce of one cow, either sex, any age—second prize.

Riddell & Sons, Monmouth, Oregon—Angora Goats. Buck kid, first and third prizes; doe two years old and over—first on Number 73; second on Number 195. One year old and under two—first on Number 551; second on Number 819; third on Number, 611. Kids—first on Number 671; second on Number 670; third on Number 898. Best flock—first prize. Best four kids, get of one buck—first prize. Best three bucks, nine does, any age—first prize.

Public School Opens.

The Dallas public school was opened for all pupils excepting those in the primary grades yesterday morning. The new schoolroom which is to be occupied by the primary classes could not be finished for the opening of school, and consequently it was found necessary to postpone the opening of school work in that department. A number of children appeared for enrollment in the primary grades yesterday morning but had to be turned away. The enrollment in the other grades yesterday was scarcely so heavy as had been expected since a number of the children are still busied in the fall work in the prune orchard, but an enormous increase in the enrollment is anticipated at the beginning of next week.

Skaters attention! The Colosseum rink will open Thursday evening. Don't fail to be present.

Ed Bricker went to Portland this morning for an indefinite stay.

NEW GOODS

New Arrivals in

SHOES

DRESS GOODS

UNDERWEAR

BLANKETS

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AT COST

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F. S. RAMSEY, Prop.

Electricity for Lighting

Is only expensive to people who are wasteful and careless. To you, who are naturally careful, it does not come high.

It is economical because it can be quickly turned off when not needed. With gas or kerosene there is the temptation to let light burn when not needed to save bother of lighting and adjusting. In some homes the electric light bills amount to only one or two dollars per month. You can probably get some kind of artificial light for less money than electric light, but does it save you anything when it limits opportunities for work and recreation—ruins your eyesight—smokes your walls—mars decorations and increases household work. You could probably save a dollar tomorrow by going without your meals but it wouldn't be economy. It is not so much what you save, but how you save that counts.

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Dallas, Oregon

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At Woodman Hall

After the dinner a fine concert will be given, commencing at 8:30 o'clock for which the best musical talent of Dallas and Portland has been secured. Come and help the Library by patronizing this event

THIRD ANNUAL INDUSTRIAL FAIR

of the School Children
of Polk County

Held at the Woodman Hall in Dallas on
Wednesday==Thursday==Friday

September 30 and October 1 and 2

More prizes offered than ever before. Larger exhibits entered, and mammoth crowds assured.

Parade of Polk County School Children Thursday afternoon, followed by Watermelon Feast in Woodman Hall

Special trains from Independence, Falls City and other points.

Everyone should attend and help make the Fair a complete success.

Music furnished by Dallas band.