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## CORNERSTONE LAID

Founding of New Church Building in Portland Marked By Important Ceremonies.

The laying of the corner stone of the new Evangelical church in Portland was an occasion of double interest to citizens in Dallas from the fact that the ceremony was participated in by many who have been prominent in the work in Dallas College and in the Evangelical church of Dallas, during the past few years, was celebrated Sunday. Yesterday's Oregonian contains the following outline of the ceremonies.

The meeting marked the practical bridging of the chasm between the two branches of the Evangelical churches in Portland, ministers of both divisions taking part. Rev. A. A. Winter, pastor of the United Evangelical Church, presided, assisted by Rev. Frank B. Culver, of the First English Church, Rev. J. Bowersox, Rev. M. J. Ballentyne and others. Professor C. A. Mook, president of Dallas College, delivered an appropriate address. Rev. C. C. Pelling, the first pastor and founder of the First English Church and the First United Evangelical Church, delivered a historical address. As he was pastor and founder of both churches he reviewed their history. Dr. Pelling first gave a detailed history of the founding of the First English Church up to the time the United Evangelical Church was formed by the split in the two Oregon conferences.

The exercises of the day were concluded Sunday night by a lecture in the First English Church by Professor C. A. Mook, closing a day that will undoubtedly bring the two branches of the Evangelical denomination nearer organic union.

## Dance Saturday Night.

The dancing class organized by the Social Committee of Company H, is meeting with great success, a large number of new dancers being present at its second meeting, after the close of the regular drill, Thursday night. The next dancing party to be given by the committee will be held in the Armory, Saturday night, February 27. A large crowd is expected to be in attendance and a pleasant evening is assured all who attend.

The public school of this city was closed yesterday, for the legal holiday, Washington's birthday and the most of the pupils, taking advantage of the pleasant and temperate weather, spent the greater part of their time out of doors in celebration of the holiday.

## PRELIMINARY DEBATES

Teams in Polk County High School League Will Try Out During This Week.

The preliminaries in the Polk County High School Debating League will be held this week from Wednesday to Saturday. Dallas and Rickreall have dropped out of the League, leaving the following schools represented by teams of debaters: Monmouth, Ballston, Bethel, Independence, Perrydale and Falls City.

The schedule is as follows: Wednesday, February 24, Independence vs Monmouth, at Independence; Thursday, February 25, Falls City vs Monmouth at Falls City; Friday, February 26, Bethel vs Independence, at Bethel; and Saturday, February 27, Ballston vs Perrydale, at Ballston.

The debate in Ballston falls on the same date as the Educational Rally given by the School Officers' Association and will prove an additional feature of interest. The Rally will occupy the entire day and the debate will be held in the evening after its close.

The try-outs between the four winning teams in the preliminaries will be held on March 25 and 26 and the dates for the final debate will be fixed for some time in April.

Interest is intense among the students of the schools represented in the league and the work of the young debaters promises to be exceptionally good considering that they are practically unexperienced in the art of argument and that their work in the preliminaries will be practically the first that they have ever attempted in that line.

## The Best Of Coffee.

The person who is seeking the brand of coffee which is best in every respect, will find that the famous German-American brand will fully meet the requirements. The coffee is raised on a 43,000 acre plantation in the Tumbala range of the Sierra Madras and is shipped in the hull direct to the Portland roasting house where it is hulled, roasted and sealed in practically airtight packages. In strength and delicacy of flavor it is unrivalled. Try it once and you will be won over completely by its unparalleled merits. The German-American brand of coffee can be secured at only one place in Dallas and that place is:

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J. Crowther and W. V. Fuller will leave this week for an extended stay in Inyo county, California, where both have extensive mining interests.

## WILL FINISH YEAR'S WORK

Students and Citizens in Monmouth Rally Ready To Support Of Normal School.

Following is a communication from President E. D. Ressler, of the Monmouth Normal School, to the Oregonian of yesterday's issue:

"Monmouth, Or., Feb. 21—The students of the Monmouth Normal have decided to support the school for the remainder of the year. One hundred and ten students have pledged \$1400. They agree that the Legislature has treated them most unjustly, but rather than miss the remainder of the year's schooling they feel compelled to take this course.

"The citizens of Monmouth held a mass meeting tonight and 82 subscribers pledged \$1000 in sums of from \$1 to \$50 each. The citizens had already pledged \$7000 to support the school last year and until January of this year. These amounts, with the tuition already collected, will enable the board of regents to meet the expenses for the remainder of the year. The estimated cost will be from \$3000 to \$4000. This will require members of the faculty to teach for \$75 a month. All expressed themselves as willing to make the sacrifice for the sake of the students, because they have a keener sense of state honor than the Legislature seems to possess.

"It is not known here what action the board of regents will take, but citizens, faculty and students stand ready to tender the donations to the board.

E. D. RESSLER,  
Principal Normal School."

## OREGON PIONEER DEAD

W. S. Gilliam, Formerly of Polk County, Dies At His Home In Walla Walla.

Mrs. F. M. Collins received news yesterday of the death of her brother, William Smith Gilliam, at his home in Walla Walla yesterday morning, aged about 80 years. His demise leaves her the only surviving child of General Cornelius Gilliam.

Smith Gilliam was born in Missouri in 1829 and crossed the plains to Oregon with his parents in 1844, settling with his father near Dallas, on what is known as the Levens place.

In the late forties he spent a short time in the gold mines of California afterward returning to Oregon where he was married to Miss Ethel Taylor. He served for about four years as sheriff of Polk county and was a representative in the legislature during the latter years of the territorial government in Oregon.

In 1859 he moved to Washington, settling near Walla Walla, where he went extensively into the farm and fruit raising business with great success. In Washington he also served as the first sheriff of Walla Walla county and in 1882 he was one of the representatives in the Washington legislature. During the latter years of his life, he retired from active business and moved into Walla Walla, where he resided until his death.

He is survived by his wife and five children: Mrs. Ellen J. Day and Miss Mary Gilliam, of Walla Walla; Lane Gilliam, a mining engineer, of Mexico; Judge Mitchell Gilliam and Marcus Gilliam, of Walla Walla. His other son, Benjamin, was killed only a little more than a year ago, by robbers, whom he was attempting to prevent from holding up a bank in which he was employed.

Funeral services over the remains of Smith Gilliam will be held tomorrow and the funeral will take place in Walla Walla.

## Where Taxes May Be Paid.

Sheriff J. M. Grant announces that for the convenience of taxpayers living at a distance from the county seat, lists of the county taxes for Polk county are at the following places, where those who desire to save themselves the trouble of a trip to Dallas may call and pay the amount of their taxes: Falls City Bank, Simpson Brothers, at Airlie; Polk County Bank, in Monmouth; Independence National Bank; and Ladd & Bush's Bank, in Salem.

## School Meeting Successful.

The school meeting in the Spring Valley school house Saturday was quite successful, the school districts of the entire Zena section being exceptionally well represented and many visitors from neighboring sections being present. J. E. Zinner, of Spring Valley, presided over the assembly and the interest in the discussions that were brought up from time to time was general and enthusiastic.

## Skating Wednesday Night.

Frank Kerslake, proprietor of the Colosseum skating rink, will devote Wednesday evening at the rink to skating in couples only, this being the first entertainment of that nature that has been given during the present season. The admission for each couple will be 25 cents, which will include skates for both persons.

County Clerk E. M. Smith issued license to wed to Thomas Dicky and Dora Guttery, Saturday.

## IN THE SOCIAL REALM

Many Pleasant Entertainments Mark The Closing Days of The Past Week.

A farewell reception was given at the home of Mayor and Mrs. A. B. Muir, Thursday night, in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Ramsey and family, who are leaving for Los Angeles, California, where they will make their home in future.

A male quartette consisting of Mr. Ramsey and son, Ray, Willis Simon and Rev. N. S. Reeves, gave a number of selections and Mrs. C. G. Coad favored the company with a beautiful vocal solo. Rev. Reeves made a brief and appropriate address of farewell, to which Mr. Ramsey replied in a similar vein, and M. M. Ellis, after a short speech, presented him with a beautiful umbrella, a gift in token of the esteem in which his many friends had held him and his family during their stay among us. After the close of the general social side of the evening's entertainment, a delicious luncheon was served.

Those present were: Mayor and Mrs. A. B. Muir, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Pillar, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Simon, Rev. and Mrs. N. S. Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cosper, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. VanOrsdel, Professor and Mrs. D. M. Metzger, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Aldrich, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Staffin, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Dungan, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, F. S. Ramsey and family, Mrs. L. B. Martin, Mrs. H. M. Lawrence, Mrs. J. C. Gaynor, Mrs. C. G. Coad, Mrs. J. H. Cornwall, Mrs. Boston, Misses Jennie Wiseman, Georgia Martin, and Mr. Harry Gaynor.

Mrs. J. G. Van Orsdel entertained the young women of Dallas College at her home Friday night, to meet Miss Lucy Hopkins, Coast Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. The rooms were decorated in an appropriate fashion for the celebration of Washington's birthday, that anniversary being close at hand, and in the various games and amusements indulged in, the same idea was embodied. A most delicious supper was served in the dining room after the close of the entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson were given an elaborate surprise party at their home in Polk county near Salem last week, by a number of their neighbors. The house was tastefully decorated and over the two long tables hung emblems of St. Valentine, cupid, hearts, etc. The older people spent the evening with cards and telling stories and the younger folk played games. All ended with a three course supper and the evening passed away quickly and pleasantly. About 50 guests were present.

Mrs. Tracy Staats entertained the young women of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet, of Dallas College, at her home Saturday with an afternoon tea in compliment to Miss Lucy Hopkins, Coast Secretary of the association. Those present were Mrs. Tracy Staats, Misses Lucy Hopkins, Winnie Kelly, Helen Gurney, Harriet Hubbard, Emma Ridgeway, Pauline VanOrsdel, Fredia Launer, Mable Jenkins, and Jennie Bowersox.

## Series Meetings.

The meetings at the Adventist Church continue during this week. Subjects as follows: Tuesday, February 23, "Repentance;" Wednesday "Religious Liberty;" Thursday, "The Two Covenants;" Friday, "An Important Prophecy." Elder J. M. Cole will remain during the week and assist Mr. Pettit, of this city.

A large flock of crossbills, those beautifully colored birds that are seen here only a few weeks during the winter months of the year, appeared in Dallas last week, swarming in the maple trees as actively as parrots and snipping off the few seeds that still remained on the limbs in spite of the storms and winds. The appearance of the crossbills is generally reputed to herald the approach of Spring weather, so the presence of the transient feathered visitors will no doubt be regarded with pleasure by all.

Sunday morning gave a glimpse of real Spring weather and many persons who took advantage of the sunshiny to take a trip into the hills returned with beautiful specimens of pussy willows. It had seemed up to that time that Winter was still with us and Spring a doubtfully long distance in the future, but the testimony of the pussy willows and the swollen buds on the alder and maple trees, is that it has been stealing the march on us and is now right at our doors.

Professor Hunt's dog and monkey circus which appeared at the Star Theater last night, the first night of his engagement with Whiteside Brothers, managers of the theater, attracted a crowd that overflowed the house at each performance and the act, which is really quite excellent met with an enthusiastic reception from the audiences. Professor Hunt will close his engagement here tonight.

## ENCOUNTER HARD GAMES

Basketball Contests Of The Past Few Days All Close And Strongly Played.

The basketball game played in Salem, Saturday night between Dallas College and Willamette University, resulted in a tie, the score being 29 to 29. It was impossible to play the tie off, since the umpire had called the game before it was discovered that the score was even. Dallas outclassed its opponents in team work, but until the last half of the game, labored under the disadvantage of bad luck in goal throwing. Every player on the Dallas team contributed to the score the points being distributed as follows: Ridgeway, forward, four baskets; W. Ballantyne, forward, three baskets; and three on fouls; Streyer, center, two baskets; Boydston, guard, one basket and one on fouls; L. Ballantyne, guard, two baskets; one point awarded to Dallas.

While the Dallas College team has been playing a series of games in the home state and has been making a fine showing, the Oregonians have been matched against some of the most powerful basketball aggregations in Colorado and Utah.

Friday night in Greeley, Colorado, they won after a hard fought game, by the close score of 35 to 31 and last night they were matched against the team in Provo, Utah, which has always defeated all traveling teams that have gone up against it, by overwhelming scores.

In the game against the Oregonians, however, they found themselves matched against the toughest and most skillful team they had ever encountered and the ensuing game proved to be a veritable battle royal with the chances of victory throughout the entire period of play practically equal.

At the close of the second half the score stood tied on 23 and it became necessary for additional play to be called to decide the contest. In the ensuing struggle Provo finally gained the deciding field goal, making the final score 28 to 24, both teams having gained an additional foul point.

The Oregonians, in view of the fact that the team in Provo had heretofore been wellnigh invincible on its own court and had defeated all traveling teams against which it had been matched, by enormous scores, had practically conceded last night's game from the start. The closeness of the score is therefore quite unexpected and the result of the game, a virtual victory for the five from Oregon.

When they leave Utah the team will make a long jump to Los Angeles, California, and from that time will play almost nightly, enroute from that city to Dallas once more. W. E. Critchlow, their advance man, is expected to reach Dallas some time during the present week.

## Fruit Growers' Meeting.

Nearly 100 stockholders were present at a meeting of the Salem Fruit Growers' Union, held in the Board of Trade rooms in that city Saturday at 10 a. m. C. J. Kurtz occupied the chair. E. C. Armstrong acted as secretary. It was announced that over 200 shares of the stock had been sold, with further soliciting committees to hear from and articles were read and adopted. A ballot was taken for directors in which seven names were voted upon with the following results: C. L. McNary, A. Vercler, W. J. Ball, C. J. Kurtz, C. O. Constable, E. C. Armstrong and C. A. Park. A large number of the prominent fruit growers of Eastern Polk county are represented among the stockholders and directors of the organization.

## Oregon Building Ready.

If the present rate of progress be maintained, and there is no intention that it shall be otherwise, the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition can be opened, complete in every detail, by May 1, one month in advance of the day fixed by the directors. Oregon was first to complete a state building and California made a close second. Both buildings are remarkable for their beauty, the Commissioners from both states having been lavish in their expenditures for architectural elegance. So well along with its work is Oregon, in fact, that its exhibit is already being installed and a full fledged cold storage plant in the basement is keeping fresh, tons upon tons of Oregon fruits which are to be made part of the sister state's show.

Hop contracts are reported to be far in excess of the contracts for a similar period for last year, and advices received by growers and dealers here from every hop center in Oregon, indicate a wonderful revival of the hop industry. The prevailing price in contracts is 10 cents, and thousands of pounds are being contracted for by all the dealers. Reports from Oregon City indicate a condition even more favorable to hopgrowers than that found in the Salem country.

Marshal T. A. Odum began work yesterday with a crew of men and a team and scraper removing the accumulation of mud from the surface of the streets that have been lately macadamized.

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