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WILL MOVE SAWMILL

Polk County Lumber Company to Change Base of Operations to Benton County.

The Polk County Lumber Company, which has for several years been operating its mill near Black Rock, has decided to move its sawmill to a new site chosen for the mill is the Mary's River flat near Corvallis, and before resuming its operation in the new locality, the company will incorporate under the name of the Corvallis Lumber Company. The new mill will be of about the same capacity as the one originally operated near Black Rock.

The company holds several large tracts of timber on the Corvallis & Astoria River railroad and options on many other tracts, which will make it possible, when the new mill is established to bring in logs by rail and keep the mill fed with a steady supply of raw material as long as the available timber lasts.

Mr. McCready, manager of the Polk County Lumber Company, and one of the large stockholders in the Corvallis Lumber Company, has lately been in Benton County making the arrangements preliminary to the proposed transfer of the company's base of operations.

Dr. Mark Hayter returned Sunday afternoon from Portland, after serving on the State Board in the dental examinations. While in Portland, Dr. Hayter purchased a fine runabout which he will have brought up to Dallas next Sunday.

T. J. Hayter and Dr. T. V. B. Embree returned home Saturday from Portland, where they had attended the annual reunions of the Oregon Pioneer Association and the veterans of the Indian War, which were held there Friday, June 11.

At the reunion of the veterans of the Indian War in Portland last week, the deaths of 11 comrades since the reunion of the previous year were reported. Among them were the following Polk county men: John Dowley, Andrew Siefarth and Joshua McDaniel.

Thelma Fay Zumwalt, the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Zumwalt, died at her parents' home in Independence, Wednesday, June 9. The funeral was held at the Baptist church on the following day and the remains were buried in the Old Fellows' cemetery near Independence.

Several cement workmen were employed yesterday fixing the cement sidewalk in front of the Williams property on Main street, where the mill race crosses. The cement had expanded unequally and was in a badly damaged condition. The same trouble has been experienced in a number of the other cement sidewalks in the city, which have been recently constructed.

A party of students from Dallas College walked up to Ellendale, Thursday evening, and spent a few hours most pleasantly with a big "marshmallow toast" about a camp fire built on the bank of the LaCreele. Those in the crowd were: Misses Helen Gurney, Gladys Wilson, Ava Coad, Addie Boydston, Freda Grant; Messrs. Blair Dunkelberger, Stephen Gurney, Frank Johnson, Fred Boydston and Roland Holman.

Annual Military Ball.

The preparations of the first anniversary ball of Company H, O. N. G., which are being carried forward by the social committee of the organization, will make it one of the most elaborate affairs of its kind ever held in this city. The date for the ball is Friday night, June 18, which marks the close of the first year since the company was formed. The best orchestra that can be secured will furnish music for the occasion and one of the features of the evening will be the supper which will be served at midnight in the assembly hall of the Armory. Visitors from all of the neighboring cities are expected and a cordial welcome will be extended and every effort made to give them a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Tickets for the dance, including supper, will cost \$1.50. Members of the company will be expected to appear in the regulation blue dress uniform.

A Fine Record.

At a grange meeting at Seilo, recently, Prof. F. L. Kent, of the Oregon Agricultural College, gave some figures regarding dairy herds, with which he is making tests. One item was noteworthy, in which it was shown that a cow 24 years old belonging to A. F. Domes, of McCoy, in three months gave 3,733 pounds of milk, yielding 235 pounds of butter fat, netting \$64.76 at market prices. 31 pounds of butter per day were made.

Cupid Gets Busy.

The past six days have wellnigh established a record in the office of County Clerk E. M. Smith, in the issuance of marriage licenses. On Wednesday two licenses were issued, the contracting parties being James Letch and Elizabeth Young, and Charles Bratt and Lauretta Conn. Again, on Saturday, licenses were issued to three couples: Clara P. Davis and Linnie Mitchell, Charles H. Wiley and Agnes Maynard and Bert Osborne and Cora VanSkike. Yesterday a license was issued to W. H. Crawford and Dora E. Wells, making an average of a license a day during the six days.

Addresses Ministerial Association.

Professor D. M. Metzger, of Dallas College, addressed the Evangelical United Brethren Ministerial Association informally yesterday forenoon on the "Small Colleges and Christian Education." He said that he did not so much bring his own views as much of those expressed by Judge E. C. Bronaugh, in his address to the graduating class of Dallas College last week, when the latter declared that the smaller Christian colleges were the real hope of the Nation, and not the great colleges. Professor Metzger enlarged on this view and said that he believed that this fact had come to be recognized as the truth.

A large party of baseball fans from this city went over to Independence and attended the baseball game Sunday between Salem and Independence, which was won after a hard struggle by the latter team.

Mr. and Mrs. James Earnist, of Kansas, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Catharine Richter, left last week for a visit with relatives and friends near Portland, after which they will go to Seattle.

Judge Ed F. Coad and Commissioners J. B. Teal and William Riddell were out inspecting the county rock crusher near Salt Creek yesterday. The road work in that section will probably be completed this week.

SIX HOP CONTRACTS FILED

Agreements Dated in February and March at Prices Ranging from 9 1/2 to 10 Cents.

Six hop contracts were filed at the Courthouse this week, all calling for hops of the 1909 crop at prices of 9 1/2 to 10 cents, and all dated between January 28 and March 14 of the present year. The amount of hops involved in the contracts aggregated 93,000 pounds. The names of the parties to the arrangements, dates of contracts, amounts and prices called, for are as follows:

J. W. and W. J. Dawson to Catlin & Lynn, February 4, 1909, 15,000 pounds at 9 1/2 cents.

N. M. Dickey to Catlin & Lynn, February 15, 1909, 15,000 pounds at 10 cents.

L. R. Hill to A. Magnus & Sons, February 9, 1909, 25,000 pounds at 10 cents.

W. L. and C. R. Phelps to Catlin & Lynn, January 29, 1909, 8,000 pounds at 9 1/2 cents.

A. Heise and Mrs. E. R. Heise to Catlin & Lynn, February 10, 1909, 20,000 pounds at 10 cents.

M. H. and B. F. Jonesto A. Magnus & Sons, March 13, 1909, 10,000 pounds at 10 cents.

Packing Plant Opened.

The Fruit Union, which was organized in Salem last Fall and which draws the main strength of its membership from the ranks of the fruit-growers of Polk and Marion counties, opened its new packing plant in Salem, Wednesday, with a big celebration. Dr. Withycomb of the Oregon Agricultural College, who was among the speakers of the day, pronounced the organization as one of the most important steps looking to the success of the fruit industry of the state in the future, since, through the power of united action, the small and large growers alike will be able to ship their green fruit in carload quantities and to the best markets of the Far East, where they will realize handsome profits for their products, a thing that has been impossible except to a very few in the past.

H. L. Pitcock, L. Gerlinger and F. W. Leadbetter were up from Portland yesterday looking after their extensive interests in Dallas and vicinity.

Miss Margaret Putnam, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Collins, returned to Salem yesterday to attend the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Rachel Jones. Miss Putnam was accompanied home by Mrs. J. H. McCann and Mrs. W. D. Collins.

An injunction was filed yesterday against the City of Dallas by E. C. Kirkpatrick, to prevent the sale of his residence property for payment of the sewer assessment levied against it. The objection is that, while two lots were assessed, only one was connected with the sewer and that the other lot derived no benefit therefrom.

Work was commenced this morning on the grading and excavation on Church street in preparation for paving with crushed rock. The work on the three Washington street blocks is progressing excellently and will be practically completed within two weeks. A large portion of the Church street improvement work will be borne by the Southern Pacific Company, whose track runs through the entire section in which improvement is to be carried on.

LARGE CLASS WILL GRADUATE

Closing Exercises of Dallas Public School Will Be Held Wednesday Evening.

The graduation exercises for the eighth grade of the Dallas Public School will be held in the Woodman Hall, Wednesday night, June 16, at 8 o'clock.

The membership of the class is 25 and the teachers of the public school take considerable pride in the fact that it is the largest class to be graduated from the eighth grade in Polk county this year. More than that it is the only class in which every one taking the examination succeeded in securing the passing grade which entitled them to the eighth grade diploma.

To defray the expenses of hall rent, decoration and other incidentals, an admission fee of 10 cents will be charged. An exceptionally large attendance is expected as the event of the graduation is one whose interest reaches nearly every home in Dallas in some way or other.

Following are the names of the young graduates: Arthur Bennett, Jessie Plessinger, Glen Brock, Jessie Howard, Alfred S. May, Roy Boydston, Lorin Butler, Frank H. Campbell, Eddie H. Stafrin, Fay Percival, Frank H. Wilson, Gladys E. Smith, Ruth Campbell, Abigail Walker, Clark VanOrdel, J. Harold Stouffer, Irene Hutchins, Frances Holmes, Carolyn Ghorke, Claudia Brown, Louise Rasmussen, Edith Griffith, Pearl Phillips, Ruth Shaw and Maurice Dalton. The program Wednesday night will be as follows:

Invocation
Piano Solo, "Cupid's Appeal"—Ruth Campbell

Essay, "Review of Roosevelt's Administration"—Alfred May

Oration, "Elements of Success"—Jessie Plessinger

Vocal Solo, "When Song is Sweet"—Claudia Brown

Oration, "A Nation's Peril"—Pearl Phillips

Reading—Herman Hawkins

Essay—"Progress of the Oregon Country"—Jessie Howard

Piano Solo—Ada Longnecker

Oration, "The Value of an Education"—Gladys Smith

Class Prophecy—Clark VanOrdel

Address to Class—Dr. C. A. Mock

Vocal Solo, "Three Green Bonnets"—Georgia Martin

Returned to Willamette Valley.

About two months ago Charles Gilbert sold his dairy farm and herd in Spring Valley, Polk county, to Mr. Looney of Estacada. Since then Mr. Gilbert has taken a trip to Alberta with the intention of buying a home. After spending two weeks traveling over the country he made up his mind that the Willamette valley was good enough for him and returned. This week he purchased through Duncan & Darby the John Craig farm at Shaw, 433 acres, for which he gave about \$23,000. It is one of the best farms in the Waldo Hills.—Salem Statesman.

Graduating Exercises.

The annual commencement exercises of the Falls City High School will be held in Wagner's Hall, Thursday and Friday evening of this week. The alumni banquet will be served in the new room of the schoolhouse. C. L. Starr, of Salem, will be present at the graduation and will deliver the address to the class. The members of the class this year are: Miss Ella Mehring, Miss Violet Pfandhoefer, Miss Eva Chapin and Mr. Glen Siefarth.

Surprise Shower.

On Friday afternoon at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hunt, in West Salem, occurred one of the most enjoyable affairs of its kind this season, the occasion being a surprise "shower" for Miss Dora Wells, a successful young teacher of Marion and Polk counties, who will shortly be married to Mr. Harvey Crawford, a prosperous farmer of Zena.—Salem Statesman.

Sawmill Destroyed By Fire.

J. C. Patterson's sawmill, five miles west of town, together with several thousand feet of lumber was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning about 5 a. m. Mr. Patterson is unable to account for the fire at that time of day as everything was left in good shape the night before, water being turned into the engine room which was their custom every evening.—Sheridan Sun.

William Barber, who recently came here from Wyoming, has purchased the McDonald place of 77 acres on Mill Creek.—Sheridan Sun.

Mrs. F. R. Smith, of this city, and Miss Leola Glass and Miss Genevieve Johnson, of Newberg, were passengers to Corvallis this morning, where they will attend the graduation exercises at the Oregon Agricultural College.

Men Wanted.

To work in lumber yards. Willamette Valley Lumber Company.

WOULD INCREASE PENSIONS

Indian War Veterans Will Ask Congress and State Legislature For Desired Recognition.

Dr. T. V. B. Embree, of this city, was appointed at the Indian War Veterans' reunion last week, one of the members on a committee to take steps for securing certain legislative recognition.

Through their organization, the Indian War Veterans during the coming year will undertake two things. They will ask Congress to increase their pensions from \$9 to \$16 a month, placing them on the same rating as the veterans of the Civil War. Under that arrangement, veterans of the Indian wars on attaining the age of 75 years will be entitled to a pension of \$30 monthly. Under the present grading, the maximum pension paid the Indian War Veterans is \$8.

The organization will also seek to arouse public sentiment sufficiently, particularly in this state, to induce the State Legislature to provide a sufficient appropriation to complete payment of the claims of the Indian fighters for their services, including a per diem for the use of their horses during the hostilities when they rendered the state valuable service from 1850 to 1890.

Educators Will Meet.

President E. D. Resler, of the Monmouth Normal School, is to have charge of the direction of the music at the general sessions of the annual convention of the State Teachers' Association in Albany, beginning June 22. Miss Ruby Shearer and Professor A. L. Briggs, both of Monmouth, will have important parts in the primary and intermediate departments. Among those who will take part in the program are the following prominent educators, formerly of this county: Professor A. M. Sanders, superintendent of the Albany Schools; Professor William Parker, principal of the Vernon school in Portland; Professor E. E. Coad, school superintendent of Hood River county, and Professor R. F. Robinson, superintendent of schools in Multnomah county.

Commencement Week at Monmouth.

The commencement exercises of the Monmouth Normal School began Sunday morning with the class sermon, delivered by the Rev. Henry L. Nave. Monday was devoted to field sports, the closing assembly of students, the president's breakfast to the seniors and the joint programme of the literary societies. The program for today includes the tennis tournament, faculty reception and class day exercises and the commencement concert this evening. The graduation of the class will occur Wednesday, and the address to the class will be given by Dr. J. R. Wetherbee, of Portland. The business meeting of the alumni is expected to be full of interest, and plans will be laid for the continuation of the association during the next year as it is now expected the school will be closed.

Knights of Pythias Picnic.

Everything possible is being done to make the Knights of Pythias picnic in Falls City, Saturday, a success. The Hubbard Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias will give special drills and marches. This company consists of 25 men. They are drilled and officered and subject to entry into the United States Army without further drill and examination. This feature alone will be of great interest. The Chemawa Indian Band will furnish the music. There will be a ball game between Chemawa and Dallas teams, addresses by State Superintendent Ackerman, and Hon. W. L. Toose and a big basket dinner.

Motorcycle Thief Pleads Guilty.

In the Circuit Court in Portland last week Peter Brozat was sentenced by Judge Bronaugh to serve an indeterminate period in the penitentiary, not less than one year nor more than ten years. Brozat pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing a motorcycle from J. W. Esley at Lents. He was apprehended at Sacramento, California, with the motorcycle in his possession, and was brought back to answer the indictment.

Large Crowd at Picnic.

A number of people went out from Dallas, Saturday, and attended the picnic at Shady Lane. The entertainment was a complete success in every respect, the attendance being larger than ever before. After a fine morning program, the afternoon was devoted to races and other sports. Falls City defeated the Airline baseball team in a good game by a score of 10 to 8. The Dallas band furnished music for the occasion.

The Sheridan Land Company has sold for F. M. Nagle a 45 acre tract two miles south of town to L. A. Warner of British Columbia. Mr. Warner will make of it a fruit ranch and will set out 12 acres to fruit trees at once.—Sheridan Sun.

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