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NEWS OF POLK COUNTY

ITEMS CONTRIBUTED BY RUSTLING LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Happenings of Interest in Various Neighborhoods Told in Interesting Manner.

FALLS CITY

Mrs. S. S. Cook was a Dallas visitor Friday.

Sheriff J. M. Grant paid Falls City an official visit Friday.

N. Selig made a business trip to Portland the first of the week.

W. T. Turner, of Airlie, was a business visitor in Falls City, Friday.

I. B. Lowe, of Portland, spent Sunday with his parents in Falls City.

W. T. Brown, the Pedee sawmill man, was in town the last of the week.

County Commissioner J. B. Teal transacted business in our town Friday.

Cass Gibson, of Rickreall, was a business visitor in Falls City, Saturday.

Mrs. W. F. Nichols returned Sunday from a weeks visit with her parents in Marion County.

H. F. Pye and L. B. Wonderley were in from their claims in the Siletz for supplies the last of the week.

O. E. Williams, the Dallas tailor, passed through Falls City, Saturday, on his return from a fishing trip to Siletz.

Friends of Mr. Williams, whose leg was broken in a baseball game recently, are pleased to hear that he is able to be out on crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Newsom, of Portland, are in Falls City while Mr. Newsom superintends the construction of his new power plant.

P. G. Wheeler and family and Harry Krebs and family left Thursday for a fishing trip on Salmon River. William Nelson is taking the place of Mr. Krebs with Rich & Servey.

R. L. Fuller left Saturday for his old home in Charlotte, Michigan, where he will visit till the first of September. Mrs. Fuller, who preceded him, will return when he does.

Frank Heydon came in from the Siletz, Saturday, and spent Sunday with friends in Dallas. Mr. Heydon is special fire warden for the Cobb & Mitchell interests and reports no fires in his territory.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cobb returned from Corning, California, Friday. They like the location there, but cannot stand the excessive heat, and for that reason will probably make Falls City their home again.

Van Waterhouse sustained a very painful accident Sunday. While fishing he slipped on some rocks and so strained his ankle that he will be confined to his room for a week or two. No bones were broken.

Jack Trueax has accepted the contract from the city to furnish the crushed rock for the balance of the street work. Mr. Trueax has purchased steam drills and hopes to rush the work through to an early completion.

N. Selig expects to have his new store ready for business in about thirty days. Already the store is assuming definite shape and when completed will be a very desirable addition to the Falls City business houses.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Henry Huby has gone to Wisconsin.

Miss Morgan is visiting Mrs. M. C. Wilson.

Mattie Cavitt spent Saturday with Isie Grice.

Grandma Putnam is visiting Mrs. M. C. Wilson.

Mrs. Patrick visited at the Southwick home Sunday.

Mrs. Chapman is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. R. Southwick.

Flora Grice spent Monday night with her sister, Mrs. St. Pierre.

Sammie Plummer is entertaining a little friend from Everett, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Brunk, of Eola, spent Monday evening at the Grice home.

Earl Beckett is employed as a book keeper in Stockton's dry goods store in Salem.

Ella Adams spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Adams and family.

The Brush College Sunday school gave a picnic Tuesday evening July 26 near the school house.

Happy Hammond was thrown from his wheel while riding down Glen Hill recently and lost a five dollar gold piece in his tumble.

Grandma Chapman, Mrs. M. C. Wilson, Miss Morgan and Mrs. M. K. St. Pierre spent Monday at the Grice home. Grandma Chapman is nearly 82 and Grandma Putnam is almost 74.

PERRYDALE

Omer Carson spent Sunday with his parents at this place.

Miss Bernice Boyer is assisting Mrs. Henry Keyt with her work.

Henry McKee and mother went to St. Johns, Saturday afternoon.

Harold Warren, of Portland, is visiting Fay Morrison this week.

Mrs. Henry Gilliam was a McMinnville caller Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Alf Jones and daughter, Issie, were visitors at Briedwell, Sunday.

Miss Babe Duignan was a passenger on the Saturday morning train to Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Grooms daughter-in-law, from Colorado, is here on a visit.

Mrs. Martin, of Amity, spent Tuesday at the home of her brother, Frank Morrison.

Mrs. George Werner, and Myrtle Holman, were McMinnville callers, Wednesday.

Mr. Roland and family, from near Oak Grove, have rented the Boyer property in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Conner and daughter, Esther, visited Sunday at the Mitchell home.

INDEPENDENCE

Dr. Hewitt was an over Sunday visitor in Newport.

Rev. J. R. N. Bell, of Corvallis, is visiting relatives and friends here.

K. C. Eldredge and son, Nevil, were Portland visitors the first of the week.

Miss Leona Sperling went to Portland, Saturday, for a visit with relatives.

W. A. Messner, of McMinnville, was an Independence visitor the first of the week.

Miss Hollenbeck, of New York, is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. D. A. Hodge.

Miss Clara Ireland visited her sister, Miss Mary Ireland, in Salem, during the week.

D. A. Hodge was a Portland visitor the last of the week, returning home Sunday evening.

Postmaster M. Merwin and wife, have returned from two weeks' stay in their cottage at Otter Rock.

Miss Minnie Parker, of Eugene, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Susan Jones, and other relatives here.

Travis McDevitt, of Corvallis, visited his sister, Mrs. G. W. Conkey and the Misses McDevitt, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wagoner, of Portland, are visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. R. Allin.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillispie and children, of Amity, are guests of friends in this city. They formerly resided here.

Mrs. P. Burnett, of McMinnville, visited her daughters, Mrs. S. Hays, and Mrs. C. W. Irvine, here during the past week.

Work will begin on the sewer system about the first of the month. The sewer bonds were sold to the Independence National Bank.

J. M. Stark, of Eugene, passed through town Saturday, on his way home from Portland, in an automobile he had just purchased in the city.

The Leisure Hour Reading Club has elected the following officers: President, Mrs. W. R. Allin; vice president, Mrs. K. C. Eldredge; secretary, Mrs. S. E. Owens.

PEDEE

John Ritner has been helping Frank Turner repair his barn.

Pine Burbank made a business trip to Monmouth the first of the week.

Frank Gilliam and Frank Sheythe were county seat visitors Monday.

Clarence Irwin and Frankie Rowley finished spraying their hops Saturday.

Arthur Dyer, of Simpson's Camp, is laid up with a big carbuncle on his neck.

Mrs. Sarah Ritner has gone to Washington to see her mother, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Shewey, of Airlie, and her daughter from the East visited at the Pedee mill last week.

Ira Williams is carrying the mail while the regular mail carrier is taking his annual vacation.

POLK

Threshing will soon begin.

J. G. Rempel left for Portland and coast points last Monday.

Real estate agents come this way quite often with land seekers.

Louie Villwock is building a nice house in the Salt Creek neighborhood.

Gerhard Quiring is sick with dropsy. Doctor Bollman is attending him.

G. G. Rempel bought of A. C. Staats, of Airlie, ten head of registered Cotswold sheep last week.

Henry Voth, Sr., and part of his family and a few friends left for Ocean Park last Monday for a week's stay.

The Carlton Nursery agents have canvassed this neighborhood the last few days. Some new orchards will be planted next winter.

OAK GROVE

Jessie Williamson cut his hand badly on a barb wire recently.

Miss Lillian Montgomery is helping Mrs. Allen cook for the hay baler.

Mrs. Thad Stevens is expected home from the Salem Hospital this week.

Grandma Stone has been quite ill. She is still with her daughter, Mrs. Isa Fawk.

Mrs. Frank Starbuck and daughter, Ruth, of Portland, are visitors here this week.

The hay harvest is nearly over and a number of our farmers are busy with their binding.

Mrs. Texcella White and daughter, and Mrs. Frank Starbuck and daughter spent Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Edgar.

Zena--Spring Valley

Roy Barker is entertaining relatives from Portland.

Mrs. Basey, of Salem, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. Barker.

Mrs. Dave Jerman entertained relatives from Turner last week.

W. A. Looney was a Portland visitor last week, and while there purchased a new piano.

Most of the hay baling in Spring Valley is being done by the Stratton brothers with their gasoline baler.

SALT CREEK

Binding has begun in this vicinity.

Howard Cook is working for Mr. Buehler.

P. Bartholomew and J. Bowles have bought new carriages.

Otto and Fritz Rosenau are visiting their parents at Clackamas, Oregon.

W. Fudge and family, of Ballston, spent Sunday with J. Bowles and family.

EOLA

L. Beck has moved into the Hunt house in West Salem.

H. B. Brophy and M. I. Capps had their hay baled this week.

Mrs. Will Antrican was taken back to the hospital in Salem, last week.

Mr. H. B. Brophy attended the Republican State Assembly held in Portland, last week.

J. F. Schaffer and family visited at the home of A. G. Roberts, who lives north of Salem, last Sunday.

WHERE WHEAT IS KING

OBSERVER REPRESENTATIVE VISITS NORTHERN POLK COUNTY.

Finds Farmers Busy Harvesting Bumper Grain Crop—Prosperous Town of Ballston.

A representative of the Polk County Observer visited the north part of Polk County this week, spending most of the time in the Harmony neighborhood. Everywhere the Observer was found to be the favorite in the country, and the representative was a welcome visitor. The country in the vicinity of Harmony and Ballston has a record-breaking wheat crop this year, and every field was the scene of operations for a busy harvesting crew.

One of the difficulties in the way of profitable wheat raising in this part of Polk County is the distance to market and the bad roads in Winter. One of the main obstacles to making money in dairying or in any other department of farming is bad roads. However, it is gratifying to note that the old state of indifference to roads has given way to a spirit of aggressive improvement, and now a great deal is being done to assist in rendering transportation easier. More is done in this way now in one year than was formerly done in five years.

William McGee, road supervisor in the Harmony district, thinks the county should do some grading on the roads in the North part of the county. He said: "I have been road supervisor in this district most of the time for the last 16 years, and the county has not spent a cent on the road from Harmony to Ballston. They are grading roads down Salt Creek and Mill Creek valleys. Why can't we have some work done up here?"

George Thurston, who lives on the road East of Mr. McGee, said: "I know it would take a great deal of money and work to put this road in good condition. It is not certain yet that there is travel enough on it to justify all this expense, but there is no question about it being in bad shape. It is all right now, but in Winter it is almost impassable. I had to hitch three horses to an empty wagon to get over the road last Winter, and for real business purposes the road is of no use to us during the rainy season."

G. W. Clark, one of the most enterprising farmers in the Ballston neighborhood, said: "The roads are for the people, and it is the people who make the roads. When I moved on my place several years ago, I saw several men driving past get stuck in the mud, and it was a hard task to get the rigs out again. I said then that, if I could have my way the roads around my place would be made passable. I found time and went on the roads and worked persistently. Now, there is a fine gravel road all around my place. I was assisted by the county, which gave an amount of work equal to mine. The county will assist any man who is earnestly working to secure good roads."

Everywhere there seems to be an appreciation of the handicap caused by the bad roads, and as rapidly as possible this handicap will be made to disappear. The county commissioners are fully aware of the many difficulties in the way, and the Observer feels certain that they will do all that can be done to secure better conditions.

Farmers Busy and Prosperous.

An unusually enterprising, up-to-date and energetic farmer of this locality is George Thurston, living three miles West of Ballston. Mr. Thurston has been on his place of 120 acres for only two years, but he is making money and is delighted with the country. Every animal on his place shows the good care of an expert in handling stock. He is a good judge of cattle and a shrewd manager.

Mr. Thurston has two cows which are pure bred. One is a Guernsey and the other a Swiss. The Guernsey cost him $75. In speaking of the cost, he said: "That is the cheapest cow I ever bought. Of course, I had to come down with $75 to get her, but her milk tests 6, and this Swiss, which gives more milk, in reality only tests 4. The Guernsey does not eat as much as a scrub cow would, and she is easy to care for. I get almost as much profit from this one cow as I would from two poor scrubs. It does pay well to keep good cows."

Everybody in the Harmony locality knows "Grandma" Dodson and her love for flowers. Her yard is a veritable bower of the most delightful flowers, in almost every variety that could be thought of. When these flowers are in full bloom, the scene might lead one to think the yard a rural greenhouse. She has one flower that is worth going a long way to see. It is a beautiful hydrangea, with the usual five-tooth calyx. The plant was sent from Floral Park, New York.

One of the best improved farms in Polk County is owned by A. W. Fink on the rural free delivery route North of Dallas. The orchard has almost every variety of fruit—grapes, apples, peaches, pears and cherries in abundance. It is a beautiful home. Everything about the place shows the care of an industrious farmer. Mr. Fink has two large walnut trees in his yard which bear well every year. The Observer man was favored with a sample of the walnuts which shows that the quality of the yield this year will be fully up to that of former years. The profit on these two trees runs as high as $35 some years. This profit, for the amount of work, is certainly good.

Emil F. Aebi moved into the Salt Creek valley five years ago, and has done well. He has a good farm and is making money every year. He has just finished cutting his oats and has a good crop.

W. S. Koontz recently moved from Ballston to the old Armitage place, where he will live for the next year.

A. Sampson, who has the contract for grading the county roads North of Dallas, is getting along nicely with the work. He moved the crusher to the North pit this week. The grading is being well done, and when it is completed the roads will certainly be in good condition.

John Swint stopped his grading work long enough to assist his father in taking care of the oats crop. The harvest will be over by the last of this week.

One of the finest looking wheat fields in Northern Polk is that of Thomas Rand.

Ernest Brown, the obliging rural mail carrier on Route 1 from Sheridan, has most of his route in Polk County. He says the postoffice inspectors frequently complain about the roads he has to travel. He is hoping for more improvements in the near future.

Nate Conner and George Ball, two land owners West of Ballston, have no cause to complain about their wheat and oats crops this year. They will finish cutting an excellent crop this week.

A Day in Ballston.

At Ballston, as in other parts of the country, the representative was gratified to find the Observer the favorite for news among the people.

Ballston is a beautiful town of 200 people. It is surrounded by rich, well-kept farms, and just at this time the people are as busy as bees taking care of a bumper wheat crop. The fertility of the soil in this locality is unusual. Orchards and fields everywhere bear evidence of valuable land.

Ballston has a good class of people, industrious and pleasant to meet. The beautiful homes and general air of energy and enterprise which one notices in the place all bear witness to the character of the residents.

One of the men who has helped to make Ballston a good, live town is George W. Haynes, who conducts a hardware store and sells light hardware, farm implements, building supplies, furniture, paints and oils, and other articles, including a jewelry department. Mr. Haynes has won the friendship and confidence of his neighbors by his pleasant manner and square dealing with everybody. His stock is as large as the trade will justify, and his customers find it as economical to buy of him as if his store were located in a much larger place.

The main general merchandise store of Ballston is owned by J. Welch & Son, who located here about six months ago. Mr. Welch was asked how he liked Ballston. "Very much," he said; "I am more than well pleased with this place, and I will admit that I have been surprised at the good trade with which the people of this community have favored us. We certainly have been well treated here, and we appreciate it very much. Our trade has been growing ever since we came to Ballston."

This firm carries a large stock of general merchandise, including dry-goods, groceries, clothing, shoes, in fact everything for which there is a demand in a town of this size. The flattering record of prosperity made by this store is a compliment to the managers, who have given their customers as much for the money as could be obtained elsewhere. Their large patronage is conclusive evidence that they have done this.

The Methodist Church building in Ballston, while not a strictly modern building, is the home of a large congregation, who are favored each week with an inspiring sermon by the Reverend Pougle, of McMinnville.

William Fudge, the popular blacksmith, is a credit to his town. His place is fully equipped with every modern appliance for blacksmithing and wagon-making.

Nothing so quickly impresses one with a town as the hotel. In this respect, Ballston has one which takes care of a hungry public in a very creditable manner. It is the Hotel Woodley, a well-managed eating place.

Ballston has an excellent train service, there being eight trains daily—four East and four West. The business of the company is efficiently cared for Mrs. E. A. Royal, the local agent.

In freight business, Ballston far excels many larger places, outdoing them especially in the value of shipments. The principal exports are wool, hay, fruit and grain. A large hay shed is one of the advantages of the town; also, a large elevator, with a recleaner, operated by O. E. Focht, who also has charge of the warehouse.

Ballston is making preparations for installing a system of electric lights. The poles have been set and the work of stringing the wires is going forward. Nearly all the dwelling houses have been wired already.

F. B. Gould, the popular section foreman of Ballston, holds the record for long service. He has been 26 years in the employ of the Southern Pacific, without a stop or layoff, except for two months last year, when he took a well-earned vacation and visited relatives in the East.

A. M. Tillery is the carpenter and house-mover of Ballston. He is fully equipped for moving houses and contract work. He also does well digging and cement work.

While Ballston is located in the middle of a rare grain district, the hop industry is by no means overlooked. There are about 500 acres of hops in the immediate neighborhood of the town, all looking fine and promising a splendid yield, so that when the season comes for picking, people will be as busy caring for the hops as they now are harvesting the wheat.

This is the story of Ballston and the country tributary to it. It is not boom talk, but just as it appeared to a newspaper man who visited the place. The town is certain to grow. Few towns have as many advantages to attract those seeking homes.

Latter Day Saints Arrive.

Thomas M. Davis, an elder of the Latter Day Saints church, with headquarters in Salt Lake City, will preach in the Woodman hall Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Elder Davis is working with a company of eight other elders, all representing the same denomination. The others of the company will be in Dallas over Sunday. This church has over 200 members in Portland and has 2300 traveling missionaries in various parts of the United States.

Company H, Attention!

All members of Company H, Oregon National Guard are hereby notified that the Armory will be open every evening next week, except Monday, and they are requested to call and secure their equipment for Camp at American Lake.

L. A. BOLLMAN,
Captain.

7-29-1t.

Legal blanks for sale at this office.

HOP ESTIMATE LOWERED

YIELD IN OREGON MAY NOT EXCEED 90,000 BALES.

Thorough Cultivation and Clean Picking, However, Will Insure Crop of Excellent Quality.

While the quality of the coming hop crop promises to be one of the best ever harvested in this state, the indications now are that the yield will be materially short of the estimates of a month or two ago. Up to a few weeks ago the general expectation was for an output of 100,000 bales, or slightly better, but since then weather conditions have been such as to necessitate a revision of the estimates. Some members of the local trade now regard 90,000 bales as the limit for the Oregon hop crop this year.

"The long dry spell and the high temperature part of the time have had the effect of withering and burning the arms of the vines in a pretty general way," said a dealer, "cutting down the yield in all probability at least 10,000 bales. Before the dry period set in, the prospects for a full crop could not have been better. Now the prospect is distinctly less favorable.

"As regards vermin, the conditions of the yards of the state generally is splendid, and this year it cannot be said that the growers have neglected their fields. Cultivation has been thorough. The quality of the crop therefore promises to be all that could be desired, one of the best we have ever grown, and that it will be carefully picked goes without question. The growers this year can see more money in their hop crops than for some years past."

Dealers say the gathering of the crop this season will probably begin a week or 10 days earlier than usual, weather conditions to date having been such as to hasten the maturity of the product to some extent. Full-grown hops of the late varieties have already been shown to the local trade. It is expected that picking in the valley will start the last week in August or the first week in September.

There is next to nothing doing now so far as trade is concerned, and some dealers regard the market as a shade easier than for the past two weeks, with 10 to 12 cents the limit for the 1909 growths. The easier tone of the market is attributed to the fact that the brewers, in the face of a coming crop of fine quality, show no general disposition to take hold of 1909s.

Within the past week up to 13 cents has been offered for contracts, but so far as could be learned they did not result in business, the growers being satisfied that their crops were worth a better figure.—Salem Statesman.

NEWPORT BY THE SEA

Weather is Delightful at Oregon's Popular Summer Resort.

NEWPORT, Or., July 27—Mr. and Mrs. Al Herren, of Salem, spent two weeks at Newport, enjoying the balmy breezes from the Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Emmitt, of Falls City, are here and are having a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Boothby, of McMinnville, and formerly of Monmouth, are here for their health.

W. E. Smith, assistant cashier of the Polk County Bank, is enjoying a vacation here.

Frank S. Groshong is at Newport for the Summer.

The weather here is fine. Not too cold, but pleasant. I would advise all who can to come to Newport for a season. Will say to those having teams, that the roads are good, and it is pleasant traveling.

Newport at last has a good water system and a plentiful supply of water. The mains supply every part of the town and Nye Creek.

Glenn Butler, of Dallas, is in town.

Five hundred passengers came in on the excursion Sunday. Two hundred came Monday, and 150 on Tuesday.

Newport is growing rapidly. Some 50 houses are under way now, and the building will be continued.

Three automobiles came in from Portland, Tuesday. Ten autos have been here since we came over.

PLACES LARGE ORDER

Portland Man Buys $2800 Worth of Nursery Stock from Brooks & Sons.

Bert Brooks, a member of the Lafayette nursery firm of Brooks & Sons, was a business visitor in Dallas, Wednesday. While here, Mr. Brooks informed the Observer that his firm had just received one of the largest orders ever given to an Oregon concern for nursery stock. The total amount of the order is $2800. The purchaser of the stock is a Portland man who is preparing to plant 200 acres to apples, with gooseberries between the rows.

Of a tract of 100 acres purchased by the Brooks firm near Lafayette a few years ago, 50 acres have been planted to nursery stock. The remaining 50 acres will be set out in cherries and apples next year, giving the firm a fine orchard of its own.

Mr. Brooks says his firm will make a liberal donation to the premium lists of the Oregon and Spokane apple shows.

Notice to Contractors.

The Board of Directors of School District No. 17, Polk County, Oregon, will on Monday, August 8, 1910, at 1 o'clock P. M., at the schoolhouse in said district, let to the lowest and best bidder the contract for the erection of a three-room, frame school house.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the County School Superintendent, Dallas, Oregon, or at the residence of the Chairman of the Board. A certified check of 5 per cent must accompany each bid. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Address T. J. Graves, Chairman of the Board, McCoy, Oregon.

7-29-3t.

Crider's

Hens will be cheaper. We will pay this week

14c cash per lb. for old hens and 17c for Springs.

We want about 10 tons of GOOD BALED HAY

SPECIALS 25c

4 pkgs. Egg-O-See Mush.....25c
3 bars Fine Toilet Soap and set of Teaspoons for.....25c
10 doz. Men's Work Gloves, special price per pair.....25c
Durkee's Spice, regular 10c cans.. 5c
7 bars Wool Soap.....25c
3 pkgs. Violet P. C. Flour.....25c
10 x 12, 8-oz. Duck Tent for sale; used just once.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING

Woman's Missionary Society Holds Annual Convention at Quinaby Park.

The seventh annual convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the United Evangelical church met at Quinaby Park camp ground on Wednesday, July 20.

The session was opened by the president, Mrs. Myra Miller-Stauffer, and Mrs. Oliver Beers, of Salem delivered the words of welcome to the delegates who were assembled. The address of welcome was responded to by Mrs. C. L. Heckart, of Corvallis.

The convention listened with great pleasure to greeting from various parts of the country, after which the annual address was delivered by the president. The statistics, as shown in this address, show a decided increase of interest in foreign missionary work. This is especially shown in the organizations of The Student Volunteer and The Layman's Missionary Movement, which has resulted in the sending out of many new missionaries.

The reports of the various committees of the W. M. S. show a very encouraging increase of membership, as well as of interest over the preceding year.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. Myra Miller-Stauffer, R. F. D. No. 2, Cornelius, Oregon.

Vice-president—Mrs. Jennie Urbino, Eugene, Oregon.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Nellie I. Winter, Dallas, Oregon.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Bertha A. Brickley, Independence, Oregon.

Treasurer—Mrs. Ada Elliott, Corvallis, Oregon.

Superintendent Young People's Missionary Societies—Mrs. Bessie Young-Leitch, Portland, Oregon.

Superintendent of Mission Bands—Mrs. Mary Miller-Fisher, Mapleton, Oregon.

Branch librarian—Mrs. Lena Ramp, Brooks, Oregon.

Mission Study Secretary—Miss N. Casebere, Salem, Oregon.

Magazine Secretary—Mrs. Laura Dunkelberger, Dallas, Oregon.

Missionary medal oratorical contest Secretary—Mrs. Bertha A. Brickley, Independence, Oregon.

BODY FOUND IN SACK

People of Newport Stirred by Mysterious Discovery.

Tuesday morning the remains of a woman were discovered on the beach on the water front at low tide, close to Williams' wharf at Newport. The body had been cut up, put in a gunnysack and thrown into the bay, and had evidently been in the water for several months, as no flesh adhered to the bones. The hair, which was long and brown in color, had become detached from the skull. There is not the slightest clue to the identity of the dead woman. The jaws contained a perfect set of teeth, and this may aid in ascertaining her identity. The sack containing the body had become partly covered with shifting sands, and the uncovered part had become decayed and torn, leaving the skull exposed, which led to the discovery.

Coroner F. M. Carter summoned a jury, which determined that the body was that of a woman between 18 and 24 years old. The hands and feet were missing, and the only things found with the remains were a small piece of a silk waist and a little circular looking-glass with an advertisement of Carson's gloves on it.

It is possible that it may be connected with the mysterious disappearance of a young woman about five or six years ago. It was supposed she had drowned herself in the bay, but she may have been murdered.

Dr. Calvin S. White found that the skull had been badly fractured from a blow just behind the right ear. He gave it as his opinion that it had been a clear case of murder, and the corpse that of a white woman about 20 or 25 years of age, which corresponds with the age of the woman who disappeared here.

Should any circumstances arise to connect the case with the disappearance of the young woman, who was Miss Noyes, and lived at Blodgett Valley, sensational developments may follow. Miss Noyes's relatives have gone to Newport to try to identify the body.

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