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Wife of Ohio's Executive Tries To Reform a Pardoned Convict



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As a Christmas gift Rufus Burcham, a life prisoner in the state penitentiary, received a pardon at the hands of Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio. It was granted, however, only after the man (who had been convicted of complicity in a murder in which he was afterward shown to have had no part) had promised Mrs. Harmon that he would abstain from strong drink and lead an upright life. Mrs. Harmon, who was the talented daughter of an Ohio physician, takes a keen interest in her husband's work and particularly in the applications for executive clemency that come to him. Her social life has been a busy one, both in Cincinnati and in Washington, where she and her daughters were well known and popular figures. The photograph here reproduced shows her with a favorite niece.

FORM ORCHESTRA, PLAN

Local Music Lovers To Provide Much Needed Organization Within Short Time.

After many years, Dallas is to have an orchestra, an announcement which will be received with pleasure by the music lovers of the city. For a long time efforts have been made to supply the need in that respect, but for the lack of a competent violinist they were not successful. Now, however, that objection no longer applies, and an orchestra of six pieces has been organized and has already commenced rehearsals. L. H. Thorne, a recent arrival from Oklahoma, who is an accomplished violinist and teacher, has been chosen as director.

Other members and the instruments to which they have been assigned are: Mrs. L. H. Thorne, pianist; J. C. Uglow, cello; Lydie Rice, violin; Lloyd Rice, clarinet; T. C. Stockwell, drums.

It is expected that the public will be given an opportunity to hear the new orchestra within the next couple of weeks.

Notice.

Dog licenses under the provisions of Ordinance No. 148 of the City of Dallas, Oregon, are now due and payable at the office of the Auditor and Police Judge, and unless such licenses are procured and paid for on or before February 1, 1912, a penalty of 50 cents shall be added to each of such licenses issued thereafter.

CHAS. GREGORY, Auditor and Police Judge.

TAX LEVY FIFTEEN MILLS

Amount For State Doubled This Year.

The county commissioners this afternoon fixed the tax levy of Polk county for the year 1911 at 15 mills. The apportionment among the various funds is shown herewith:

	1911	1910
State	3.9	1.9
County	4.0	3.0
Schools	2.5	2.2
High Schools	.5	.5
Roads and Highways	4.1	4.4
Total mills	15.0	12.0

Buy City Bonds.

The sale of the 1911 city street improvement bonds was completed at an adjourned meeting of the city council held Monday night. The amount bid was \$3045.37, with accrued interest from date of issue until date of delivery. W. A. Ayres was the purchaser.

To Add Cluster Lights.

The Dallas Mercantile company, in order to be up with the times and add to the illumination on Main street, has signed a contract with the Oregon Power company for the installation of a four-light electric cluster post in front of its store. A number of other cluster lamp posts are to be put in later in different parts of the business sections of the city.

Monmouth Won.

In a rough and tumble game at Monmouth last Friday night, the LaCreole academy basket ball team lost to the Monmouth High school by a score of 25 to 18. It is claimed that the small court and other unfamiliar conditions was largely responsible for the defeat.

ANOTHER LOGGER ASKS DAMAGES IN COURT

GREAT WESTERN LUMBER COMPANY OF FALLS CITY, SUED BY E. J. HUNTER FOR SUM OF \$2,000.00.

HAND INJURED BY ENGINE

Files Complaint in Department No. 1 of Circuit Court Alleging Accident Was Due to Defective Throttle on Donkey in Operation Near Black Rock Last Summer.

Two thousand dollars is the amount necessary to recompense E. J. Hunter, a logger, for injuries received while in the employ of the Great Western Lumber company, of Falls City, according to a complaint which he has filed in Department No. 1 of Circuit court for Polk county. In his allegation, he states that he was employed as a fireman and assistant to the engineer of a donkey engine in the service of the company in the vicinity of Black Rock, June 22, 1911.

Carelessness Assigned.

He further alleges that the throttle of the engine had been permitted by the defendant, "knowingly, carelessly and negligently to become worn out, leaky and defective," and that "by reason thereof steam leaked into the cylinders and the engine started of its own motion" while Hunter was making some repairs to the engine, and that as a result his hand was caught, "crushing and breaking the bones of the hand and fingers without fault on his part" and in consequence has become permanently injured.

He demands judgment against the Lumber company for the sum of \$2000 and for costs and disbursements of the suit. His attorney is C. M. Inman, of Salem.

INDEPENDENCE COUPLE HONORED BY FRIENDS

Rev. and Mrs. Sanford Snyder Celebrate Fortieth Anniversary of Wedding Day.

Independence, Or., Jan. 9.—Rev. Sanford Snyder and wife, of this city, celebrated the 40th anniversary of their marriage on Monday, for on New Year's day, 1872, at Vergennes, Mich., Sanford Snyder and Miss Jane E. Kerr were married by Rev. Charles Chick.

A reception was held at their home from 2 p. m. till 4:30 p. m., and many of their relatives and friends were present to greet and congratulate this happy couple, and to wish them many more anniversaries. Among the relatives who came were Mr. and Mrs. John Allen and Rev. Robert H. Allen, all of Salem.

Rev. Mr. Snyder has been an honored member of the Oregon Methodist Episcopal conference since 1898, but he began his ministry in Michigan in 1872. He retired from active work in 1910, owing to impaired health.

Death Calls Two.

Silas Coats, for 15 years marshal of Monmouth, died at his home there Friday, January 5, after but a short illness. His wife, Mrs. Mary Coats, survived him only three days, passing away Monday. They are survived by two children, S. T. Coats and Mrs. W. O. McAdor, both of Monmouth.

Born.

Born, Thursday, January 4, to Professor and Mrs. H. H. Dunkelberger, a daughter.

Merry Quip and Joyous Jest Mark Passing Hour at First Angora Venison Festival Board

POSTAL BUSINESS GROWS

Receipts of Postoffice Larger Than Ever.

Figures compiled by Postmaster C. G. Coad at the close of the calendar year show that the commercial activity of the city and vicinity as measured by the amount of money handled by the Dallas postoffice is in a healthy condition. During the past 12 months the receipts have reached a total of \$8197, and while the increase over the previous year is not abnormally large the percentage is much greater than many other towns of a similar size.

On account of the large number of election documents sent out by political candidates during a campaign, the present year is expected to be an unusually lively one in postoffice affairs.

S. P. STARTS NEW MOTOR SERVICE

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TO ADD NEEDED ACCOMODATIONS.

General Superintendent Says Rapid Development of Valley Calls For Double Track.

Motor-car service on the Southern Pacific between Portland and Newberg will be established next Wednesday. The car will make two round trips a day and will run into the Jefferson street depot in Portland. The time card has not been completed, but it has been decided to have the car remain at Newberg all night, leaving there early in the morning, returning about noon and making the second trip to Portland late in the afternoon. The last trip from Portland to Newberg will be made late in the evening.

Franchise Asked.

As soon as the franchise is granted through First street in Newberg, the cars will operate into the business district of that city, says the Oregonian. It is probable the Newberg council will grant the franchise within the next few weeks, although the intention now is to allow the Southern Pacific but a single track, at the same time giving the Oregon Electric a single track.

D. W. Campbell, general superintendent of the Southern Pacific yesterday expressed his disappointment over the failure of the Newberg officials to grant the company the double-track franchise for which he had prayed. He pointed out that the rapid development of the entire Yamhill valley between Portland and Corvallis is such that a double track will be absolutely necessary over the entire route within the next few years.

Normal Tax Revenue.

Salem, Or., Jan. 9.—That the one-twenty-fifth of a mill appropriated annually for the Monmouth school is state revenue, the fund created is a state fund and hence an item of state expense and should be collected as any other state tax, is the gist of an opinion handed down yesterday by Attorney-General Crawford at the request of the State Board of Tax commissioners. The collection of the fund, he advises, should follow the method of collection of other state taxes and should be apportioned among the counties in the same manner.

BANQUET THURSDAY NIGHT IS

CROWNING FEATURE OF MOST SUCCESSFUL GOAT AND POULTRY SHOW.

One Hundred and Sixty Gather Around Dining Tables; Governor West and Other Oregon Boosters Pay Tribute to Angoras and to Dallas Enterprise.

With a total of 160 plates and with the big room in the Thompson block, adjoining the Gail hotel, which had been improvised as a dining room, filled to its capacity with leading citizens of Dallas and vicinity, and with Governor West in the position of honor the long heralded "Angora venison banquet" of Thursday night, proved the most popular feature of the annual exhibit of the Northwest Angora Goat association. Although the committee in the first place, started out to dispose of 100 tickets only for the banquet, demands became so insistent and came in such numbers that it was found necessary to increase the capacity of the seating arrangements to the limit of the room and even then the committee found it necessary to turn down several applications for seats that came at the eleventh hour.

The decorations of the dining room the arrangements of the tables and, in fact, the complete program for the spread was managed by Mrs. Ella J. Metzger and to say that her efforts were successful would simply be stating the unanimous opinion of those so fortunate as to have places at the festal board.

"Oregon Venison" Popular.

Of course the "piece de resistance" was "Angora venison" still there was plenty of other selections on the menu. But the venison was appetizingly prepared and everybody voted it delicious.

Not the least important feature of the evening were the toasts responded to by Governor Oswald West, E. H. Lively, of the Union Stockyards company, Portland; Dr. Withycombe, of the Oregon Agricultural college, Corvallis; C. C. Chapman, secretary of the Oregon Development League, Portland; H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent for the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon; C. G. Guinn, president of the Northwest Angora Goat Association; Mayor J. R. Craven, of Dallas; and President A. B. Muir, of the Dallas Commercial Club. Rev. Edgar W. Miles acted as toastmaster and filled the duties of this exacting position with credit to himself and the enjoyment of the diners. His witty remarks regarding the different speakers causing much merriment, especially when he introduced Secretary Chapman as one of Governor West's "honor men."

Governor West's Address.

Declaring that Oregon was in need of "more people and more goats" and making a general plea for the "back to the farm" movement, Governor West, the first speaker of the evening, was attentively listened to and liberally applauded. He said:

More Goats and People.

"What this good old state needs the most, and they are about the only thing that she does need, are a lot more goats and a lot more people. What we have are of the right kind, but we need a great many more of the same kind. We need the goats to brush our millions of acres of wild but fertile and at present unprofitable lands, and we need people of the right kind to clear and cultivate these lands after the goats have done their part. One of these days we are going to see our wish in this respect gratified and I will tell you why."

"Germany with an area of about 207,000 square miles is supporting a

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GOAT AND POULTRY SHOW MARKS RECORD

C. B. GUINN, OF OAKLAND, ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NORTHWEST ANGORA GOAT ASSOCIATION.

RIDDELLS SWEEP PRIZES

Official List of Prize Winners in Goat, Sheep and Poultry Departments Published For First Time—Fleece of Blooded Kid Found to be Entirely Free From "Kemp."

Riddell & Sons' Winnings.

William Riddell & Sons, of Monmouth, captured more prizes than any other exhibitor. They won on Angoras, five firsts, eight seconds, four thirds and five specials, a total of 22.

In registered Cotswold sheep they won one first and one second, and in registered Lincolns two firsts and two seconds, making a grand total of 28 prizes on 30 entries.

The big goat and poultry show came to an end Friday night. During its three days' existence it was visited by people from California, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Canada, and was considered one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever held. Superintendent W. A. Ayres is entitled to great credit for the manner in which he managed the show, for it was due to his executive ability, irresistible energy and unflinching exactness that order was brought out of chaos.

The annual meeting and election of the Northwest Angora Goat association was held Thursday evening, when the following officers were named for the coming year: President, C. B. Guinn, of Oakland, Oregon; vice president, J. R. Springer, Holly, Oregon; secretary-treasurer, Alva McDonald, Portland. Members of the board of directors elected were: James Riddell, Monmouth; T. W. Brunk, Eola; J. I. Chapman, Wilbur, Oregon.

Remarkable Fleece.

Considerable attention was attracted by an Angora kid exhibited by U. S. Grant, the fleece of which was pronounced by Judge T. W. Brunk to be the finest that he had ever seen, and "absolutely free from 'kemp'". "Kemp" is the straight coarse hairs that will not take dye, and are the outcroppings of the original stock from which the blooded Angoras have been bred up. The fleece scored 100, according to the Multnomah Mill standard, and won the special prize for best fleece.

The official list of awards in the goat, sheep and poultry departments are given in full herewith:

Goat Exhibits.

Herewith is given a list of the exhibitors of goats and sheep and the number of animals they entered:

Guthrie Brothers, Dallas	25
U. S. Grant, Dallas	13
A. Mayhoe, Dallas	1
G. W. McBoe & Sons, Dallas	6
Wm. Riddell & Sons, Monmouth	24
C. B. Guinn, Oakland	5
Total	74

Albert Teal, Falls City, milch goats	6
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Cotswold Sheep.

E. C. Graves, Sheridan	2
C. Lawrence, Monmouth	5
Wm. Riddell & Sons, Monmouth	2
W. D. Gilliam, Dallas	9
Total	18

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