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Grand Master To Visit Dallas

Grand Master Taylor of Pendleton will be in Dallas, January 15th, and visit Friendship Lodge No. 15 I. O. O. F. of this city at their regular meeting that evening. The Lodge has appointed a committee to get up appropriate entertainment for the evening and a big time is expected. All Odd Fellows are requested to be on hand and enjoy the meeting.

Special Evangelistic Meetings at the Presbyterian Church.

A series of Evangelistic meetings will be inaugurated in the Presbyterian Church on Monday evening, January 12th, at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. A. L. Hutchison, D. D., pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church of Portland will be the Evangelist. Dr. Hutchison is a trusted and trained man, a man of power, an eloquent speaker and a fine expositor of the scriptures. Dr. Hutchison has had considerable experience in the evangelistic field, and at different times, his churches have given him leave of absence to carry on this special work. He has no fads and fancies and imitates no man. He is considered one of the strongest bible expositors on the coast, and has held meetings in Wenatchee three times with marked success. If you do not want to hear bible preaching do not come to these meetings but if that is what you want, you will surely plan to attend these services.

Satisfaction of Mortgage. The Observer has added Satisfaction of Mortgage to its stock of legal blanks. Notaries and Attorneys may now secure these in any quantity desired. Phone orders for legal blanks given prompt attention.

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Items of Interest In Country Districts Interestingly Told

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MONMOUTH

The output of butter from the creamery for 1913, was 294,412 lbs., which is a good gain, over 1912, and is as good as any plant in the Valley of its size or better. The company never fails to pay a dividend. Frank Meerdock is the general superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hember spent the holidays, visiting in Portland.

A. F. Huber and wife, and daughters, spent New Year's day with Walter Griffin's family in Dallas.

C. C. Lee went to Dallas Saturday to visit his children, returning home Sunday.

M. K. Boatman of Corvallis was in town on business Monday.

Tory Nottner of Portland passed through town Monday, being on his way to the Siletz Valley R. R., to do some surveying.

William McCaleb of Turner spent Sunday in town with his father.

Harvey Miller and son Arthur Miller of Corvallis, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Halleck, the first of the week, and report everything looking fine there.

John Smith has the gripple and has been pretty bad, but is reported some better.

Aunt Rachel Waller is improving fine.

The work on the new gym, is moving along nicely.

A. N. Poole and Le Mason, are working on the Miller cement dwelling house which will be a fine structure when completed.

The Normal opened up Monday with a full attendance and a full determination to conquer those hard problems. Long live the Normal.

RICKREALL

L. C. Koser passed away at 7:30 a. m. January 1st, after a lingering illness of seven months. The funeral services were held at the church by Rev. Gates. The G. A. R. came from Independence and were pall bearers. The family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Blain Southwick of Spring Valley and Seth Shink were in town last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cook were in Independence Saturday.

John Kasor came up from Portland being called here by the death of his father. He returned Sunday.

Mrs. J. F. Vaughn's sister and family returned to Portland Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Auer took his little daughter Annie back to the sister's school Sunday.

Mrs. John Orr was in Salem this week to have some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. Cork's daughter was down to visit them last week.

Mrs. Thos. Bureh and son John returned from Portland where they had been to spend the holidays.

Miss Alice Bureh was in Corvallis last week to visit friends.

Mrs. Adams and children came up from Wilsonville to see her parents.

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James Mismith is up from Portland calling on old friends and neighbors.

Our R. F. D. carriers could not make the rounds Monday on account of high water.

Oval Price was in Dallas last week on business.

OAK DALE

There is some very high water at this writing in this vicinity, some of the school children found it very difficult to get to school. Some were out Monday.

Chas. Huntley of Independence came down to his ranch Friday afternoon and back Sunday afternoon.

S. L. Coats and Mrs. Cummings of Salem was in the neighborhood Saturday.

Miss Wolemott is cooking dinner and supper at Hansons, during Mrs. Roy Gilbert's absence.

Reynold Richy spent Sunday at Vincent's.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens and son Allen called at Dean's Sunday afternoon.

Ida Schmuckie called at Pugh's Sunday afternoon.

S. L. White and Dell Hollenstainer are doing some improvements inside the Grange Hall this week. Saturday is our Grange day.

Bevri Richy is to take the eighth grade examination this month in our school.

Webb Lewis had a sick horse Sunday, which detained him and son from Sunday school.

Zena—Spring Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Will N. Crawford spent New Year's at Unionvale with Mrs. Bessie Smith.

Miss Marie Groves has returned from McMinnville, where she spent a pleasant Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Wayne Henry is ill with bronchial pneumonia.

Mrs. Ethel Tilden of Zena and Mr. Tompkinson of Gaston, were married a shot time ago at Gaston, and spent the holidays here with her mother.

Mrs. Coyle and Mrs. Frank Crawford are quite ill with the gripple.

Mrs. John Phillips has been the guest of her son, Charles Davison in Portland during the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Harvey Crawford returned Sunday evening from a pleasant vacation spent at the Dallas, Lexington and Heppner stopping in Portland on their return trip to spend a day with Miss Zoulek.

Mrs. Lynn A. Purvine and Mrs. Wayne D. Henry were hostesses on New Year's eve at a pleasant watch party given at the Purvine home.

SMITHFIELD

We've had a rain which lasted 3 days. Creeks and ditches were all overflowed.

Mr. Glazman is making great improvements on his little farm here, having set out prune trees and the house is being rushed into completion.

The roads are very bad in a few places. The supervisor ought to use the road drag.

The R. F. Delivery was one and a half hour late Monday on account of the bad weather.

John Diehm sold 4 pigs to J. F. Kliever.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Arnold from Silverton, (a teacher here several years ago) was visiting neighbors here during the holidays.

Professor and Mrs. Earney Hanson, the future teachers were visiting their parents at Yamhill, during the holidays.

Mrs. S. T. Smith is on the sick list and Miss Anna Warkentine is doing her housework.

Mr. P. Neufeldt is the proud owner of a nice organ which was purchased in Dallas recently.

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Neufeldt were Dallas shoppers Saturday.

Katherine Peters commenced school Monday.

J. K. Neufeldt is remodeling the interior of his house.

AIRLIE

B. A. French's brother of Twins Falls, Idaho, is visiting his here.

Mrs. Tom Williams of Independence visited her son Hue Williams and family this week.

Harry Williams went to Portland to consult a specialist. He has not been well all fall.

The holiday trade has been good. W. S. Aleom of Corvallis was a caller here this week.

Walter Norton went to Independence Wednesday.

Mrs. A. R. Lewis and son Albert visited her sister.

Mrs. F. B. Lacey has returned from Sacramento, California, where she has been visiting her mother for six weeks.

Mrs. A. R. Lewis and son, visited her sister at Parker.

Dick Crowley and wife of Independence visited her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Goodman.

J. Johnson of Salem visited his son, C. V. Johnson here several days.

Our school reopened the fifth, only three of four absent, that were caused by high water.

The Simpson Logging Company are running their logs. It is reported a twenty foot rise in the river.

The new railroad has shut down work for a while. F. B. Lacey, their secretary went to Falls City until they commence work in the spring.

Hurrah! for Governor West, enforce the law, no matter who it hits. Billie McAdams has returned since the holidays for a while.

Our rural mail carriers reports his road nearly impassable in places.

Eld. Muna of Salem preached in the school house Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Aunt Martha Simpson is making her home with Mrs. Sophia Hastings at Monmouth this winter.

The frogs are singing their lullaby like spring had come. They may yet have a looking glass to look through before spring comes.

FALLS CITY

Mrs. Tryphena Lowe late of Falls City, well known and held in very high esteem by all, died on the evening of January 1st, 1914. Mrs. Lowe was born in Hillsdale County, Michigan, June 22, 1884. The family moved to Montcalm County, Michigan when the subject of this sketch was six months of age. Here she grew to womanhood and was married in 1886 to J. H. Lowe. In 1900 they came to Falls City where they have lived ever since. Mrs. Lowe was mother of four children, two boys, Harry and Ira, and two girls, Mrs. Stella Lowe and Mrs. Vina Miller. Mrs. Lowe had been ill for many years, yet through all her sufferings she maintained a cheerful disposition and an abiding faith in the Lord. Mrs. Lowe was a faithful wife, a loving mother and a kind neighbor. The funeral was held Sunday, January 4th, at the home, Rev. Marey of the Methodist Church, of which church she was a member since childhood, officiating. Interment was made in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

The New Year's Dance at Wagner's Hall was well attended. Music was furnished by the Moose orchestra.

tra of Dallas. Supper was served

at the Falls City Hotel at midnight. W. A. Bancroft has purchased the shooting gallery and has placed Glen Ferguson in charge.

A New Year's social was given by the Epworth League in connection with a watch night service, in the League Room. An impromptu program was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served by the young men.

Repairs on the Sowers building have been completed and it is rumored that a general merchandise stock will be installed.

Clarence Aikman is very ill at his home in Falls City.

Walter Williams was in the city Tuesday attending the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Falls City.

The Falls City Lumber Co.'s logging Shay broke down last Sunday and will require about two weeks for repairs. During this time they have secured the services of the Great Western locomotive from Black Rock. They have purchased a new one which will arrive soon.

The Foot Bridge has been condemned by the local council and a new bridge will likely be built soon.

Gordon Sammons had the misfortune to fall in the mill pond last Monday and was nearly drowned.

H. S. Calkins, a well known resident of this city died at his home Monday morning, January 5, 1914. He had been ill for some time. He is survived by his wife and three children, Park C. of this city, Mrs. H. C. Courter of Portland, and Mrs. F. A. Lucas of Junction City. At this time the funeral arrangements have not been announced.

The revival meetings at the M. E. Church are well attended and quite a number have gone forward.

W. E. Potter has traded his farm near Falls City for Eastern Oregon property, and will move in a short time.

About fifteen members of the Endeavor Society were entertained by Miss Isabel Snider at her home last Friday evening. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

W. E. Russel has moved to Wilbur, Oregon.

Roy McMurrey after a brief illness, is again able to resume his duties at the Oregon.

Another drinking fountain has been placed near the corner of Mahr's store.

After a prolonged illness, Mrs. Quick has been taken to the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Sampson have gone to the Siletz because of the illness of Jim Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Vick and daughter Hollis of Salem visited relatives in this city Sunday.

Mr. Benton of Newberg has traded property there for the L. S. Frink property here. He will move here the first of March.

C. T. West was a business visitor in Salem Saturday.

The last train from Salem last Sunday was unable to get into the city on account of the damage done by the high water at the bridge east of town.

Mrs. Perkins of Carleton has been in the city this week the guest of her daughters, Mrs. Wright and Miss Lillian Perkins.

Vernon Harrington returned to Newberg Friday after spending his Christmas vacation with relatives here.

BOWERSVILLE

Mr. David Peters left last Wednesday night for California, where he will visit for some time.

Miss Elizabeth Peters and niece, Fenece Peters, returned from California last Wednesday. They think there's no place like Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Beuhl visited with Dr. Kaegi's last week.

Mr. George Kliever's water system will soon be in working order.

Mr. Clam Swensen has been on a business trip to Sheridan.

Mr. Henry Remple of this place left Saturday for Corvallis, where he will take a short course in the Oregon Agricultural College.

S. S. Edgers butchered hogs last Tuesday.

A trained nurse visited at the Fir Villa School last Wednesday.

BALLSTON

Lilly Agge is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Professor T. J. Newhill was up from Portland visiting his mother last week.

W. H. Sears spent the latter part of the week in Hillsboro, where he went for medical treatment.

O. E. Frocht was a Portland visitor the last of the week.

Norman Barnett and Warren Gould gave a shooting match Thursday, clearing 13 cents and ten cartridges apiece.

Professor R. E. Silvis returned Sunday from Greensburg, Penn., where he was called some time ago by the illness of his father.

W. H. Morris brought his daughter Julian home from Portland Sunday night.

The Woodman Circle will have a joint installation of officers Saturday night.

Leona Agge returned Saturday from a several days' visit with friends in Benton County.

Mrs. Sackie Van Gross of Portland, was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sears, the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nelson of Portland have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Jacobson.

Cassie Sears and sister, Mrs. Vessie Smith have returned to Tacoma, after spending the holidays here.

AN INVENTION LOST

By DOROTHEA HALE

Ned Forsythe was the son of an inventor who had not the business capacity to reap the profit on his inventions. Perhaps it would be nearer the mark to say that the elder Forsythe had not the capital to put the novelties he produced on the market. At any rate, he died, leaving his widow and her only child, Ned, in poverty, as they had always been.

But Ned understood that just before his death his father had invented an explosive that would prove far more valuable than any that had yet been produced, being especially available in gunnery. He had offered his invention to the government, had given an exhibition of its working and had received an order for a large supply, to be followed by other orders at a price that would make him rich. Furthermore, a company with an established plant capable of manufacturing the stuff had the contract to produce the goods. Nothing remained but to pass over the recipe for the explosive when the inventor fell on the floor of his laboratory and died without speaking a word.

After his father's death Ned hunted high and low for the formula. He first went through the laboratory, searching every nook and cranny, examining every scrap of paper, but without success. Then he looked through the house in which the family lived, a little frame dwelling on the outskirts of a city, with no better success. There was no other place to look, and Ned and his mother, from a prospect of stepping from poverty into affluence, found themselves worse off than they had ever been before.

But Ned did not give the matter up. He had heard his father tell his mother that he was puzzled how to keep his secret till he had made all his contracts and must give it to the manufacturer.

Forsythe knew that should he be suddenly taken away his wife and child would be cut off from the benefits of his invention. He had once parted with the secret of an invention and thereby made another person rich without reaping any benefit himself. He had then vowed that he would never part with another such secret until the last moment. He told his wife shortly before his death that he had decided to put the recipe for the manufacture of his explosive into cipher. But as to what he was to do with the cipher or the key he said nothing.

A month passed after the inventor's death when Mrs. Forsythe received a letter addressed to her in the well known hand of her late husband. On the envelope was written "Via San Francisco, Hongkong, Aden, Naples, New York." The letter bore the postmarks of these cities and had evidently been around the world. The recipient tore off the envelope, and there, on the paper inclosed, was written a jumble of words. Below was written:

Before you receive this I shall have told you where the key is to be found.

The poor woman had received another disappointment. Her husband had, under fear of losing his secret, deprived his wife of that which he desired her to possess. What was there in these incoherent words of any value without the key? The letter, however, had a different effect upon her son. He vowed that he would decipher the recipe if he spent his whole life in doing so.

Several months passed, and it seemed that the receipt of the letter had been for worse instead of better. Ned made no headway in deciphering the word puzzle. Having his father's fear of giving away the secret, he would not intrust any one else with it and spent so much of his time on it that he was useless at anything else. He and his mother were near the point of starvation when a brother of the late inventor was summoned and asked for the whereabouts to purchase something to eat.

He was told about the invention and the cipher recipe. Having asked to see the latter, it was shown to him. As soon as he looked at it his eyes lighted with interest.

"Your father," he said to Ned, "was during the war for the Union a member of the staff of a general officer. This you know as well as I, but you may not know what your father told me—that when telegrams were sent by his commander it was his duty to put them into cipher and when they were received to decipher them. He kept some of these dispatches for awhile after the war and showed them to me and the principle on which they were built. I think he has used that principle in this case. The recipe has, I believe, been written in a certain number of columns, down one, up another, proceeding till every column is filled. Here are check words having no meaning, thrown in doubtless to make the matter more complicated."

Sitting down, Ned's uncle wrote out a message in columns and gave Ned the plan. What had been a jumble of words became a perfectly coherent message. Ned grasped the idea, and the two went to work to decipher the recipe.

They failed at the time, but Ned worked on and at last produced an intelligible reading. The matter was again taken up with the manufacturer, the recipe produced, and Ned and his mother are now rich.

Spelling Good Paper. "Poetry should be written on one side of the paper, shouldn't it?" asked the budding bard.

"That depends on the poetry," replied the editor wearily. "Lots of it shouldn't be written on either side."—Philadelphia Record.

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