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## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

### WILL CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN JUBILEE WITH ELABORATE CEREMONIES

#### The Local Lodge Will Join in the General Observance of the Day.

All local orders of the Knights of Pythias will observe with special ceremonies the Golden Jubilee of that popular organization which occurs February the 19th. The Supreme Chancellor has ordered the day to be fittingly observed throughout the U. S., and different colored lights representing the order will be kept burning during the ceremonies that will take place. The local order in Dallas will observe the day and in the evening, ceremonies will be held in honor of the occasion.

It was on February 19th, 1864, that Justus H. Rathbone founded the first lodge of the order, his work being inspired by the ancient Greek story of the friendship of Damon and Pythias. Since that time the order spread rapidly throughout the United States until now it is one of the strongest fraternal organizations in existence.

In Portland, the Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 1, which is the principal lodge in Oregon, having experienced a remarkable increase in membership year by year since its organization. It is the premier and largest lodge in the state.

In celebration of the Golden Jubilee the lodge will hold a special meeting in Castle Hall, at Eleventh and Alder streets, at which special ritualistic services authorized by the Supreme Lodge will be held.

A feature of the ritualistic services will be the exchanging of telegraphic congratulations between the Ivanhoe Lodge and the other lodges of the state. Grand Chancellor Grant will be in Baker to attend a meeting of the lodge there and will receive the telegraphic congratulations for all the lodges, including Ivanhoe. He in turn will telegraph the greetings from all the lodges to I. R. Stinson, the grand keeper of records and seal of Oregon, who will be in attendance at a special convention at Washington, D. C.

While the jubilee is going on here it will be in progress also in the Supreme Lodge, in Washington, D. C., which is the lodge founded by Justus Rathbone. A special convention will be in progress there attended by representatives of lodges from all over the country.

## OAK DALE

### A Birthday Dinner.

Last Friday was the 74th birthday of Mrs. Malinda Kimball and she received nearly 100 postcards from her many friends in honor of the day. Her daughter, Mrs. Ida Robinson, gave for a fine birthday dinner, to which Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thompson, Mrs. Don Miller and children, Mrs. Thos. Card, Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson and children were invited. Mrs. Kimball wishes to thank her friends for their kind remembrances. J. W. Robinson found a number of wild strawberry blossoms near his place Sunday. That is certainly unusual for the 8th of February. Flowers are also in bloom in the yard at the Garwood place.

## A Surprise Party.

There was a surprise party at Joe Murphy's Monday night in honor of Mr. Murphy's birthday. There were present—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Murphy and sons, Hermon and Emerson, Fountain Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McDonald and family. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Card, Mrs. Willis Frink, Mr. and Mrs. Graham. Games were played, songs were sung, refreshments were served and a good time generally was had. Fountain and Leland Murphy are plowing. Miss Faye Henson visited over Sunday with the family of Harry Douglas at Mistletoe. John Robinson is plowing and Chas. Bird is plowing the MacGregor orchard.

Ben Thompson is building a fence. Jack Munger is helping Clarence Sellers burn stumps that have been grubbed this winter.

Loran Butler has been in Vancouver attending the Y. M. C. A. convention.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wilson of Iowa, will arrive at their place here about the first of March. They intend to make this their permanent home.

The families of Miller and O. E. Dennis spent Sunday afternoon along the creek on the Hallock place. Mr. Miller's family was greatly charmed with the scenic beauty of the La Creole. As they lately came from Kansas, they are not used to streams like this.

Austel McCarter has been clearing up the brush around the Hallock house and has greatly improved the looks of things there. He has also put up a good swinging hand bridge across the La Creole at the hop-house. He is also planting several acres of hops there.

O. E. Dennis is planting a few more acres to hops.

## OAK GROVE

S. L. White was at Steven's on business Tuesday.

Mr. Vincent and son and Mr. Schuelke are cutting and making posts on Mr. Pugh's place.

Mr. Webb Lewis was in Dallas Wednesday and saw the judge about roads.

Ethel Allen was visiting the weekend on the old home place.

Mrs. Turner of Salem is making a visit at Bennett's on the Pugh place.

The Zelicke family have returned home from the East.

The Steven's family were guests at the Pugh home Sunday and Katherine returned home and stayed overnight with them.

Roy Gilbert and wife have a new horse and buggy.

Saturday is Grange day. Everybody who wishes, may come and have a feast and hear lectures free.

Our Sunday school is growing steadily; there were 67 at Sunday school, and more came for church.

## PERRYDALE

Mrs. Chas. Snelling, who last week had a very severe attack of rheumatism is reported much better.

Several of our farmers are plowing in spite of the ground hog.

The program given by the C. W. B. M. was well attended and reported to be one of the best programs given here for some time, the receipts were \$17.80.

Don't forget the school rally, February 21st. Come everybody and bring your basket well filled. They are going to have a good time and will need lots to eat.

Chas. and Fred Newman have bought the Amity Grange and expect to move there soon.

G. M. Ross was a McMinnville visitor on the first of the week.

Harry Russell was a Dallas visitor Monday.

Geo. Boyer has just returned from a visit to his old home in Pennsylvania, and reports a good time, but glad to get back to Oregon.

Mrs. H. A. Lee was a Dallas visitor on Wednesday of this week.

## BOWERSVILLE

Mrs. G. E. Kliever stayed at Smithfield for a couple of days with her sick sister-in-law, Mrs. F. Friesen.

Misses Elizabeth and Lena Diehm visited with Anna Kliever last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Buehl visited at D. N. Kaegi's last Sunday.

David Rempel has been plowing for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Friesen visited at Bernard Friesen of Dallas Sunday.

Miss Maude Stennett visited with Emma Cadle for a few days this week.

Mrs. J. O. Wilson's father died suddenly Wednesday morning at Airfield. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will attend the funeral.

Mrs. Wm. Cadle has been on the sick list.

Sol Bennett is working for Henry Robins.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Rempel visited at John Niefeldt's last Wednesday.

Mr. P. A. Rilmmer butchered hogs last Tuesday.

Misses Elizabeth Rempel, Maud Stennett and Emma Cadle attended the Rickreall church last Sunday evening.

The Dallas Band will give another of its popular concerts next Wednesday evening. Read the program on another page.

## POSTAL LAWS AMENDED

### A Peculiar Condition Arises in the New Order in Regard to Weights.

"The limit of weight for miscellaneous printed matter constituting third class mail, the rate of postage on which is one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof, is four pounds. Parcels of miscellaneous printed matter weighing more than four pounds, but which are within the limit of weight and size for matter of the fourth class parcel post, come within that class and are available at the pound rates of postage prescribed for fourth class matter."

Postoffice men say that under the new ruling it will be much cheaper for a person desiring to mail a parcel containing four pounds or less of printed matter to pad out the weight to slightly more than four pounds. The postage on four pounds in the third class would be thirty-two cents. The same parcel of printed matter made to weigh four pounds and one ounce could be mailed for eight cents.

## Dallas Looks Good To Him.

Mr. J. N. Hoffman, one of Forest Grove's attorneys was in Dallas Wednesday on legal business. It has been 22 years since Mr. Hoffman visited Dallas and he was very much surprised by the appearance of the town. He remarked that he had no idea that we had such a modern up to date city. Our stores are far above the average in appearance and the well paved streets a credit to a city of twice your size he remarked. Mr. Hoffman started a canny at Forest Grove on his own hook, and it has paid him well. He says he is more than surprised that Dallas has no cannery as Forest Grove has two and both are money makers for the investor and the farmer.

## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

This department is yours and if you desire to write something that you think is of interest to the general masses, send it in. We will refrain from publishing your name if you so request, but you must sign the articles so we will know who is responsible. Address The Observer, Dallas, Oregon.

Dallas, Oregon, February 12th, Editor Observer:

I read with interest the article in the last Observer on licensed preachers. Now I want to ask if you or any one else thinks it is right for any body of Christian people to grant that authority. It seems to me that there should be some legislative act to govern preachers who marry people. For instance, if a minister who once had charge of a congregation and stops, his license should be taken from him, until he takes another charge. What justice is it to the regular minister who has a small congregation and needs every dollar to keep up with life's needs, to be derived from this source of income. It seems to me that when a minister of the gospel is not actively engaged in the service of the lord his license should cease, and he should not be entitled to receive half rate on railroads and other courtesies that are usually extended to the ministry. It looks like some people might join the ministry to better their financial condition instead of making a sacrifice for the good of mankind and the saving of souls.

Truly Yours,  
A Common Man.

## Was a Good Winter.

Mr. Daniel Holinsworth who has resided in Dallas for the past 23 years and who has also been a subscriber to the Observer during that entire time, made this office a pleasant call Wednesday. Mr. Holinsworth is a very pleasant man to converse with and he has seen 23 winters in Polk County, but he says that the present one is a record breaker as to warmth. He is very enthusiastic in regard to the future of Oregon and says Polk County is the banner of all Oregon. The latter assertion will be seconded by hundreds.

## Lots of News Left Out.

Owing to a large amount of advertising, we are compelled to leave out a large number of very interesting news items.

## AN INSTRUCTIVE LECTURE

Luther J. Chapin of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, who is also County Agriculturist for Polk and Marion Counties, was in Dallas Wednesday night. He is organizing evening clubs in the principal towns of these counties, wherein it is his object to teach better methods of fruit raising and utilizing parts of fruits, which hitherto have been wasted. Mr. Chapin was accompanied by Professor O. H. Benson of Washington, D. C., who is traveling over the United States, delivering illustrated lectures at all the principle schools. In his address to a large audience at the Dallas High school Wednesday, he introduced a new method of farming, which he believes will be more readily accepted by the younger generation than by the old-time farmer, who in his own mind is too old to be taught anything new. The professor's lecture would leave such a farmer with the understanding that he must get in and master the new methods, or his knowledge of farming would soon be very little in comparison to that of his son. The lecture was instructive and proved interesting to all present.

## NEWSY ITEMS

### THE LATEST WORD FROM ALL SECTIONS OF OREGON

#### State House To Be Remodeled.

With the new supreme court building practically completed and accepted by the state, the next large undertaking at hand is the remodeling of the state house, for which the 1913 legislature appropriated the sum of \$50,000. This amount, it is believed, will not be a cent too much for, with the strictest economy possible, the growth of the various state departments necessitates many changes and changes cost money.

Perhaps the greatest transformation will occur on the third floor of the capital, now occupied by the supreme court, the attorney-general's office, state library and library commission, and the state banking department, besides several store rooms. Bids for the remodeling will be opened by the state board of control next week and the work of reconstruction will begin at an early date.

#### More Hops to be Planted.

It is reported that the Benedictine Fathers at Mt. Angel now have the ground in readiness and will set out 60 acres of new hops this season. The society has one of the largest farms in this part of the valley, located in the center of a large hop producing section, but this is their first venture in hop culture.—Woodburn Independent.

In Yamhill County the rock crusher and bins together with two ballast cars were wrecked by an explosion of dynamite late Sunday evening at Pike, on the Carlton & Coast Railroad. Three 14-foot holes were loaded in the face of the quarry for the purpose of loosening a supply of rock for the crusher, which is getting out ballast for the western end of the railroad. Too heavy a charge was put in and as a result the crusher was buried and the bins which were full of crushed material and the two loaded cars were badly damaged.

Klein Bros. near Silverton sold three 2 year-old Holstein steers to F. B. Decker for \$227.50, an average of a little more than \$75 per head. The three weighed 3500 pounds.

Mr. Myers, who lives near Scio, lost a valuable cow, when a vicious bear broke from his pen, ran the cow down and literally tore her entrails out.

The annual convention of the Christian Endeavor societies of Oregon will convene in Albany, Oregon, on February 20, 21, 22, 1914.

#### Don't Tell Anybody, Please.

We saw them do it, trying to dance the Tango, and they were not young and giddy either. The Observer man was out hustling for news yesterday and while passing the home of a prominent resident of Dallas, he heard the tum tum sound of the piano and saw a couple of persons near an open window going through the fascinating steps of the awful Tango. While observing the couple trying to do the dip the gentleman lost his balance and down he came ker-chug. Of course

we had to laugh and were discovered and then came the appeal, please do not tell on us, you know it is so fascinating and we want to learn so bad. We promised not to tell, but if you should see a man limping when he walks, it might be one of the dancers.

## DALLAS CHURCH NOTES

### MEETINGS HELD AND TO BE HELD

**DALLAS CHURCH DIRECTORY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Court St. Rev. Geo. H. Mitchell, Pastor.  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Jefferson St. Rev. C. C. Curtis, Pastor.  
M. E. CHURCH, Mill Street Rev. G. H. Bennett, Pastor.  
BAPTIST CHURCH, Court Street Rev. Owen Day, Pastor.  
EVANGELICAL CHURCH, Mill Street Rev. C. P. Gates, Pastor.  
CATHOLIC CHURCH, Washington St. Father W. Cronin.  
ADVENTIST CHURCH, Washington St. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, Bank Building

Copy for coming Sunday service must reach this office not later than Thursday morning.

### Methodist Church Notes.

The special meetings closed on Wednesday night with a full house and impressive service. A score or more have confessed Christ and the membership of the church has derived much inspiration from the splendid work in song and sermon and bible readings. Dr. Lewtas has found many friends in Dallas and will always find a cordial welcome. The pastor, Rev. G. H. Bennett, will speak Sunday morning on the theme, "Bruising the Serpent." The subject of the evening sermon will be "The Problem of Everlasting Punishment." The public is invited to all the services of the church.

### Young People's Rally.

A rally of the Young People's societies of the city will be conducted on the coming Sunday, February 15th, by Mr. H. H. Rottman, Field Secretary for the Northwest, Christian Endeavor.

Mr. Rottman will speak in the Evangelical Church in the morning, and at 8.30 p. m., he will address the Union Young People's Society, in the Presbyterian Church. At 7.30 p. m. in the same building he will give a stereopticon lecture which promises to be very interesting. Mr. Rottman is an able and interesting speaker and should be heard by all. These meetings are open to all, and all are urged to come.

### Baptist Church.

Corner Church and Court Streets. Rev. Owen Day, Pastor. Sunday school at 9.45 a. m., Miss Flora Miller, Superintendent. Morning service at 11 a. m., sermon by the pastor. R. Y. P. U. service at 6.30 p. m. Evening service at 7.30 p. m. Subject, "A Tough Proposition," led by the pastor. Everyone welcome.

### Christian Science.

Services held in New City Bank building Sunday at 11 a. m. Subject of lesson-sermon, "Soul." Sunday school at 10 a. m. Reading room, same address. The public is cordially invited.

### Presbyterian Church.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning service at 11 a. m. Sermon, "A Man's Choices." Christian Endeavor 8.30 p. m. Evening service 7.30 p. m.

### Court Notes.

Judge Percy Kelly of Salem relieved Judge Holmes a day this week on account of having a relative interest in the case that was on docket, to be tried that day, so did not want to sit as a trial judge.

Nearly all the jury men went home Wednesday evening on account of no court Thursday, being a legal holiday, as it was Lincoln's birthday.

C. L. Hawley has returned to serve on the jury after spending Thursday with his family at McCoy.

Juror L. E. Bradford, Spring Valley, went home to spend the holiday with his family. Mr. Bradford has raised horses for about 20 years and is a fancier of fine stock.

L. Griec, one of the jurors, whose home is two miles west of Salem, spent the holiday with his family. Mr. Griec is a successful raiser of apples, pears, peaches, cherries and strawberries.

Do you believe in Hood? Today is Friday and the thirteenth.

### How the Apostles Died.

John Conway of Montavilla, has prepared the following and vouches for its historical accuracy:

From history and tradition we learn that all the apostles, excepting John, died unnatural and cruel deaths, as follows:

Peter was crucified in Rome, with his head down, on a cross similar to that used in the execution of Jesus.

Andrew was bound to a cross and left to die from exhaustion.

James the great was beheaded by order of Herod, at Jerusalem.

James the Less was thrown from a high pinnacle, then stoned, and finally killed with a fuller's club.

Philip was bound and hanged against a pillar.

Bartholomew was flayed to death by command of a barbarous king.

Matthew was killed with a halbert.

Thomas was shot by a shower of arrows while at prayer, and afterwards run through the body with a lance.

Simon was crucified after the manner of Jesus.

Mark was dragged through the streets of Alexandria until he expired.

John Paul died a natural death.

Paul was beheaded by command of Nero.

Judas hanged himself and "fell and his bowels gushed out."

### Dallas Looses.

The McMinnville Telephone Register says:

Last Thursday evening in a slow and one-sided game, company A of McMinnville defeated company L of Dallas 34 to 13. The game was a walk-away from the start, the score standing 22 to 7 at the end of the first period. Corpron was the point maker for McMinnville. He threw eight field baskets and three fouts out of ten attempts. Foster threw two field baskets and White two. Syron and Farley each made a field basket for Dallas, and Barham made three. Barham guarded White. Farley also threw three foul baskets out of six attempts. The game was slow, but clean, owing to the impartiality of referee Finseth of Dallas, who put a quietus on roughness at the outset by prompt penalties. M. E. Pettit was umpire.

### Girls' Club Entertain.

One of the most enjoyable events of the season took place at the library last Monday evening, when the Girls' Club entertained a number of Dallas young men at a Valentine party. The rooms were beautifully decorated with large red hearts. After spending part of the evening playing games, a fine program was rendered by some of the young folks. The program is as follows: Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Mabel Myers Vocal Solo.....Mr. Norval Gates Piano Solo.....Miss Edith Catherwood Mrs. Leslie Rice and Miss Ada Longnecker acted as accompanists in the most brilliant manner.

After the program a fine two course lunch was served. Those that helped to serve are as follows:

Mr. Arthur Serr, Miss Ruth and Julia Dunn, Miss Ava Coad, Miss Ada Longnecker, Miss Edith Catherwood, Miss Spang.

After lunch the young folks departed for home, all reporting an evening of much enjoyment.

### Tomorrow is St. Valentine's Day.

Valentine was a saint and martyr of the third century, whose day is kept on February 14th. He is said to have cured the blind daughter of a certain Asterius who had been charged by the Emperor Claudius to win him back to paganism, but who was thus converted to christianity. Valentine was accordingly imprisoned, tortured, and finally beheaded. It is impossible to trace any connection between his story and the celebration afterwards connected with the day. It has been suggested that it might be a survival with a Christian sanction of the ancient Roman festival of the Lupercalia, celebrated in the month of February at which it was customary to put the names of young women into a box, from which they were drawn by the men as chance directed.

Miss Bertha Serr returned to Dallas Wednesday evening, after spending several days visiting her friends in Portland. She reports a jolly time, and is benefited by her rest as she was very tired, because of her hard work and responsibility during her mother's recent illness.

## THE GRANGERS START SOMETHING

### YAMHILL COUNTY GRANGES SAYS STATE NEEDS A NEW TAX LAW

#### They go on Record for a Maximum One, The Committee Reports.

The Grangers of Yamhill County at a recent meeting decided that a new tax law was needed and a committee was appointed and have drafted the following as a starter. As the State Grange will soon meet, no doubt there will be some fireworks set off on this subject. The law proposed by the committee is as follows: **MAXIMUM TAX LAW** Be it enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

Section 1. The yearly state tax levy on all real and personal property for all purposes, shall not exceed four mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation, in the state of Oregon.

Section 2. The legislature shall have power to appropriate out of the funds raised by the state tax, for the maintenance of the various state institutions, and for such other lawful purposes as it may deem best.

Section 3. Any legislator voting to make an appropriation in excess of the amount hereby raised shall be guilty of malfeasance and be dismissed from office, on proof of the same before any circuit court.

Section 4. Any governor signing a bill that calls for an appropriation in excess of the amount raised by the said four mill levy, shall be guilty of malfeasance and be dismissed from office on proof of the same before the supreme court of the state of Oregon.

Section 5. If any board of directors, commissioners, executive or administrative officers of any kind who shall have the disbursement of public funds of the state, or of any county, city or school district, shall use funds in excess of the amount appropriated for their respective uses and specific purposes, and shall create a deficiency thereby, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be dismissed from office on proof of the same before any court having competent jurisdiction.

Section 6. The taxes for each year shall be due and payable in three equal installments, on the first days of March, July and November. All taxes due more than eight months shall become delinquent and the sheriff shall proceed to collect the same as by law provided for the collection of taxes, but the expense of collection shall in no case exceed ten per cent. of the amount to be collected.

Section 7. The legal voters of counties and cities shall have power by a referendum vote to fix the maximum tax levy to be paid by the taxpayers of their respective counties and cities, but in no case shall the tax levy for county purposes exceed seven mills on the dollar and ten mills on the dollar for city purposes.

Section 8. County and city officials who make appropriations in excess of the sums raised by the respective levies mentioned shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be dismissed from office in any court having competent jurisdiction on proof of same.

Section 9. The state tax commission is hereby abolished.

Section 10. The courts of the state of Oregon shall not have the power to declare this law unconstitutional or inoperative in any manner.

Section 11. The legislature of the state of Oregon shall not have the power to alter, amend or repeal this law.

Section 12. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Any further information regarding the proposed tax law may be had by addressing the Grange, McMinnville, Oregon.

### Women's Club Meeting.

The civic improvement department of the Women's Club will meet at the home of Mrs. J. G. Van Orsdel on Tuesday afternoon, February 17th, at 2.30. All members are urged to be present.