

ISSUES PROCLAMATION

G. A. R. COMMANDER CALLS ATTENTION TO MEMORIAL DAY.

Soldiers Throughout Oregon Urged to Participate in Exercises on That Day.

Forty-five years ago Memorial day, as an occasion set apart for decorating the graves of the dead in wars, had its official inception with an order from General John A. Logan. Issued on May 5, 1868, this order directed that veterans observe May 30 for this reverential purpose. It has remained thus to this day, and though not an official national holiday, is observed as such in most of the states. This is the forty-fifth memorial day since that time. A month ago Confederate veterans in similar manner paid their measure of respect and affection for the dead of the armies of the lost cause. The great public though, has long ceased to differentiate between those of the one side or the other as honored veterans. Memorial day as a custom had its beginning in the southern states. In the forty-five years since General Logan's order, Memorial day has come to have even a broader significance than as a day of honor to soldier dead alone, though their place is first. In this time it is reckoned a day for decorating graves of all who have died.

The following proclamation order has been issued by S. W. Taylor, department commander of the Oregon G. A. R., to the different Posts calling attention to the observation of Memorial Day on May 30:

Another Memorial Day approaches, —the day we celebrate in memory of the heroes who have gone to answer the roll call in the Grand Army beyond, the day we celebrate by laying roses and garlands of flowers on the low green mounds of those we love. It is eminently fitting that we should commemorate their deeds and that their memories should be honored by their surviving comrades.

Fifty years ago our government was shaken to its foundation by internal foes, and we passed through the greatest war of modern times, a war that cost us nearly four hundred thousand loyal lives for the preservation and integrity of this grand government, our country, the refuge of the down trodden and oppressed of all the world. And now on this day let us pledge anew our fealty to comrades living and renew our obligation to the memory of the dead by spreading choicest flowers o'er the graves in which they lie awaiting the last reveille; let us keep alive this Memorial Day and teach the rising generation the sacredness of these observances.

On May 30 let us gather in the cemeteries, we and our families, the Spanish War Veterans, the National Guard, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Sons of Veterans, the citizens of our towns, school children and the little ones scarce out of mother's arms.

Let all the members of the G. A. R. who are physically able march in procession through the cemeteries. If there be some who totter and stumble, their clinging love and feeble support to the flag serves as a touching and penetrating lesson in patriotism to the younger. Give peace in the procession to the Women's Relief Corps and Ladies of the G. A. R. Their loyalty deserves it. Ask the Spanish War Veterans to march also. It is good on that day that the old veterans of '61 and the men of '98 still in their prime, with their faithful auxiliaries, should march together from grave to grave of departed comrades, leaving each grave fair with flags and flowers. It is right that they and all citizens should listen, drawn close together in the bonds of memory, love and patriotism, to the solemn taps reverberating over the graves of our beloved dead. It is a deserved honor to the past. It is a call of patriotism to the future.

The cemetery is the final levelling ground, and the love of country is the great common bond between us all. Let there be a community of interest on that day.

The Department Commander earnestly desires that the Memorial season may be generally observed and its great lessons more deeply impressed upon the hearts of the people than on any previous occasion.

Let us not forget or neglect that most important duty of visiting the schools on some convenient day during the week ending on May 30 such dates to be arranged by the Memorial committees and the principles and teachers of the schools.

Let every comrade, whether specially detailed for that duty or not, lay aside other engagements and repair to the public school there teaching, even by his presence, lessons of patriotism to the young people of our state, those who are so soon to assume the burdens and responsibilities of citizenship.

Let those who address the children speak briefly and simply, striving to impress upon their minds the great lessons of loyalty and good citizenship.

Every comrade detailed for this service should esteem such appointment as an honor, and consider himself disgraced by a failing to report for duty unless otherwise detained.

The hope of the future years is in the loyalty and patriotism of the children of today. Let us then not fail in our duty in these last days of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"Fear not for the flag, or for freedom, While the hearts and the homes are true, And the lengthening line of the children Cheers the shortening line of the blue."

The Sunday preceding Memorial Day, May 24, will, according to the established usage of the Grand Army of the Republic, be observed as Memorial Sabbath. All Posts in the Department are directed to attend divine service on that day, to return thanks to the Giver of all good gifts for His love and protection, and to unite in earnest prayer for His continued care and guidance for ourselves and the country of our love.

Posts are urged to invite, not only the allied organizations, but the National Guard and all civic and fraternal associations to unite with them in this service.

The Gettysburg address of President Lincoln will be read or recited as part of the Memorial Day exercises.

DOINGS AT INDEPENDENCE.

General News Swiped From Our Neighboring Exchanges.

A petition is being circulated among property owners on C. street for paving and we understand is being signed very freely. With C. and Monmouth streets paved, this city would be one of the most attractive towns in Oregon. Since Monmouth street has been paved, property has enhanced in value considerably, and now it is difficult to purchase a lot short of \$1,000—and you'll have to have a spy glass to find one even at that price.

Secretary J. S. Cooper, Jr., of the Independence Race Meet Association, is busy sending out entry blanks for the races here the first week in June. The blanks are being sent to all the horsemen of the country. It is expected that there will be more and a better class of entries in the races this year than ever before.

Thomas Lutz, a prominent hop man, who has 10 acres planted to hops, declared that there will be a large yield this year, provided the weather is favorable from now on. Growth is very rapid.

A fracas occurred on the race track one day last week in which one of the participants came out with a broken hand, while two others received badly disfigured faces.—Enterprise.

G. A. Hurley has sold his interest in the Monitor to D. C. Boyd.

Memorial services will be held at the Methodist church at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning, May 24. Rev. Sandifur will deliver the sermon.

Independence was again visited by robbers Saturday night. This time Nelson's meat market was broken into but the haul was hardly worth the chance.—Monitor.

GRANGE CONVENES TODAY.

Four-Days' Session of State Society in Progress at Monmouth.

The forty-first session of the Oregon State Grange convened at Monmouth this morning at 10 o'clock, and will continue in session four days, closing Friday night. Today the committee on credentials will report and resolutions will be submitted, which will take up all day. This evening the State Normal school and faculty entertain the State Grange at a banquet, where there will be addresses of welcome and responses.

Tomorrow will be taken up with reports and election of officers. Thursday there will be general business, and it is expected to complete the business Friday night. Resolutions touching taxation, exemptions, doing away with the State Senate and pertaining to legislation are expected to be acted upon. Delegates are requested not to leave for their homes until Saturday morning, as there will be four full days.

BETTER MARKET DEMANDED.

Small Farmer Insists That a Change Must Come.

Mr. A. J. Shipley, who has a small ranch three miles west of Monmouth, was a Dallas visitor last Saturday. In conversation with a representative of The Observer he said: "What our country needs is a market for its products. Last year bushels of the finest strawberries rotted on my vines because of over-production for local consumption. A cannery, or a jam factory, would have a tendency to relieve the situation, thus making it possible for the small farmer to realize on his labor. Prices might not be as high under such conditions, but a sure market is the great need, and must obtain before our section can come into its own."

New Hotel Management.

The Monmouth Hotel has again changed management. L. L. Keach of Portland took charge Sunday. The hotel business has not been a profitable one here for some time past, yet the place needs a hotel and we believe that the citizens, especially those who are in business here, desire to see a good hostelry established.—Herald.

Rex Oregonius Eliminated

The Portland Rose Festival will be held June 9-13 inclusive. The only change of importance in the program has been the complete elimination of Rex Oregonius and the substitution of a Queen of Rosaria who will be the sole reigning monarch during festival week.

HONOR A NATIVE SON

JOHN W. ORR REPUBLICAN NOMINEE FOR SHERIFF.

Brief Biographical Sketch of Man Whose Slogan Is Performance of Duty.

"Cleaner politics and a strict enforcement of the law" is the platform on which John W. Orr, republican nominee for sheriff, went before the people at the primaries, his only promise then, as now, being the faithful fulfillment of his oath of office, honestly and conscientiously, without fear or favor. Such a platform as this should have the encouragement and support of every law-loving party affiliation. And those who are personally acquainted with Mr. Orr, know that when he makes a statement he means what he says. Mr. Orr made the canvass for sheriff under adverse circumstances two years ago, carrying the banner of his party when defeat was practically certain, and now when conditions are altered every republican should rally to his support and give him a rousing majority, not only as an appreciation of his fidelity, but because of his qualifications as well.

John W. Orr is the son of Samuel Orr, a native of Ireland, who came to this country when a mere lad and to Rickreall, Polk county, more than forty years ago, and who is well and favorably known to the pioneer settlers of this and adjoining counties. Coming here from New Zealand, Sam Orr bought a tract of land from James Kinsey, it being a part of the latter's donation claim. It was undeveloped, and in his own language would mire a saddle mare. Here he resided until 1905, during which intervening years by ditching, tiling and intelligent cultivation, working early and late, he developed one of Polk county's best farms. It was here that John W. Orr was born and reared, as were also his brothers and sisters—Mrs. J. B. Nesmith of Portland, Robert Orr



JOHN W. ORR.

(dead), Mrs. Otis Waite of Rickreall, Mrs. E. A. Stenson of Rickreall, and G. A. Orr of Portland—and it is here, on the old home place that he still resides, an honored and respected "chip of the old block." The elder Orr, who was a warm personal friend of the distinguished Col. James Nesmith, is now a resident of Portland.

When a lad the subject of this biographical sketch attended school at Rickreall, working on the farm during his spare time, and later he attended a business college at Portland, where he equipped himself with the commercial branches, since which time he has, with the exception of a short term of bookkeeping for the Capital Lumber Company of Salem, tilled the soil. Ten years ago he was united in marriage with Miss Estella Dalton of Monmouth, to which union one offspring was born, a daughter now seven years of age. Mr. Orr is what is commonly known as an enterprising and prosperous farmer. He stands high in the councils of his fellowmen in his community, and is active and liberal in all progressive movements for the upbuilding and development of the country. In business affairs of that section he has through merit gained an enviable prominence, while socially he is a recognized leader among men. At present he is chairman of the school board of District No. 26; president of the Parent-Teachers' association, and director of the Rickreall band, which he gratuitously organized. He is something of a "joker," belonging to the Masonic and Artisan orders of Rickreall and the Moose of Dallas, in addition to which fraternal organizations he is a member of the Grange.

Mr. Orr was urged into his present candidacy by the many friends he made during the campaign of two years ago, when he was defeated by Mr. John Grant, said to be the strongest man for the place in all Polk county, and particularly insistent were the loyal supporters of his own community, which, though normally democratic, gave him a majority of close to three to one, a fact in itself very significant.

News Notes From Monmouth. J. W. Leask is busy with the construction of his new residence and expects to have the concrete walls completed this week and ready to begin on the roof.

Seats for "Trial by Jury" can be reserved at Johnston's store. All members of the Grange will be admitted free on presentation of the Grange badge.

Messrs. L. H. Treat and Ed Rogers have received a carload of lumber. They are going to build a dairy barn on Mr. Treat's farm west of Monmouth.

Herman Hirschberg was in Monmouth asking an extension of the franchise formerly granted the Independence & Monmouth Railway Co.—Herald.

"OREGON 1920" SLOGAN.

Commonwealth Conference Dated for Next Week at U. of O.

The program for the sixth annual Oregon commonwealth conference is out, and the conference is to have for its slogan "Oregon 1920." The conference dates are May 27, 28 and 29, and the sessions will be held at the University of Oregon. Fifty prominent men, representing many opinions and many occupations, are to speak. State-wide attendance is desired because the discussions are to center around the following vital Oregon issues:

Reduction of the cost of state government; reduction of the cost of county and city government; the improvement of political organization of Oregon towns; consolidation of Oregon schools; extension of farm credit facilities; unemployment legislation for Oregon; the immigration problem of the state, especially in 1915; women in Oregon politics; organization of state system of land exchange; and the revision of Oregon school law.

The papers in each discussion will be presented by experts. The conference is a state round-up of real university activities. The only end in view is the clarifying of the public opinion of the state to bring about the greatest good. To this end, the conference is a means of bringing about cooperation among organizations.

WISE CHOICE IS MADE

REPUBLICANS NAME CAPABLE MAN FOR TREASURER.

Fred Holman of Falls City Was Born and Reared in "Good Old Polk" County.

Fred J. Holman, the republican nominee for county treasurer is a native north of Independence, was in Preston Holman, a pioneer who came here from Missouri in 1848, and whose death occurred in 1892. The subject of this sketch first saw the light of day on a farm six miles south-west of Monmouth on April 18, 1878. He attended the Elkins district school, and later the State Normal, leaving the latter institution of learning in his junior year. In 1905 he was united in marriage to Miss Beulah Van Loan of Minneapolis, Minnesota, the first acquaintance having been formed at Independence, where Miss Van Loan was visiting friends. To this union one child, a daughter, was born seven years ago.

For the past several years Mr. Holman has made Black Rock his home. He was assistant postmaster at that place under M. L. Thompson, and also under H. W. Hall, receiving the appointment as postmaster three years ago last December, which responsible position he resigned a short time ago. Mr. Holman was also bookkeeper at Falls City for Walter L. Tooez and later when Mr. Selig succeeded to the business he became manager of the store. In all his dealings with the public he has been courteous and obliging, making friends with those whom he came in business as well as social contact, and it was largely through this instrumentality, coupled with his fitness for the office he seeks, that the nomination was given him at the primaries last Friday. While always taking a lively interest in matters political, Mr. Holman has never before sought a public office within the gift of the people. As a republican he has supported that ticket in every election since he gained the right of franchise by age, and believes that the Grand Old party and the principles for which it stands are good enough for him first, last and all the time.

In his campaign for the nomination Mr. Holman made no pledges and if elected will assume the duties of the office unincumbered by political obligations. His slogan in public life, as in his past private career, will be a full day's work for a full day's pay. He is well qualified to perform the various duties devolving upon him as treasurer of Polk county, and The Observer predicts his election by a majority that will reflect the confidence imposed on him by the people. The affairs of the office under his business-like management will, according to his own statement, be economically and efficiently conducted.

HARRY H. BELT. The republican nominee for circuit judge for Polk, Yamhill and Tillamook counties, Mr. Harry H. Belt, was born in Salem, November 24, 1883, and consequently is approaching the age of thirty-one. He comes from a pioneer family of Oregon. His boyhood days were spent in Dallas, where he attended school, afterwards graduating from the State Normal. Having fitted himself for educational work, he taught school three years and was then elected county superintendent of Yamhill county, without opposition, at the age of twenty-four years. During a portion of this time Mr. Belt had been reading law with a view to becoming a disciple of Blackstone, and he resigned the superintendency in order to devote his entire attention to study and practice. His early legal training was under the immediate direction of his uncle, that well-known jurist, Judge George H. Burnett, now a member of the Supreme court. From October 1911 to March 1914 Mr. Belt was associated with Mr. Oscar Hayter of this city in the practice of law, and is now a member of the law firm of Brown, Sibley & Belt.

Notwithstanding the fact that his father is a dyed-in-the-wood demo-

crat, Harry H. Belt has supported and voted only the republican ticket, and is a firm adherent to the policies of that party, though not a politician in the true meaning of the term. He has a host of warm personal friends throughout the district. The large majority he received over his opponents in the nominating primary—about 1300—is evidence not only of Mr. Belt's popularity but of confidence in his ability as a lawyer and his competency as a jurist. While young in years he is old in experience. Robert S. Bean began his career on the bench at 28; George H. Williams at 27, and Lawrence T. Harris at 32.

That Harry H. Belt, whom the republicans have named for circuit judge of this judicial district, will in the years to come be recognized as one of the foremost legal lights of this commonwealth is a prediction made by many of his professional friends and acquaintances. And this in itself is a recommendation that is significant; one that should appeal to the voter at the November election.

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come.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that Eisuke

Fukuda, administrator of the estate

of N. Fukuda, deceased, has filed his

final account as such administrator in

the County Court of the State of

Oregon, for Polk County, and that

Wednesday, the 27th day of May,

1914, at the hour of ten o'clock in the

forenoon of said day, at the Court

Room of said County Court in the

Court House in the City of Dallas,

Oregon, has been appointed by said

Court as the time and place for the

hearing of objections to the said final

account and the settlement thereof.

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Eisuke Fukuda, Administrator

aforesaid.

Oscar Hayter, Attorney.

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