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IN MEMORY OF DEAD

PLANS COMPLETE FOR EXERCISES TOMORROW.

Principal Program Will Be At Armory At 11 o'Clock, Following Parade.

Veterans on Memorial day—tomorrow—will observe it with patriotic exercises, parades and appropriate services at the cemetery, where graves of departed ex-soldiers will be decorated. The Grand Army of the Republic, Veterans of the Spanish-American and Indian Wars and the Oregon National Guard, and other organizations and fraternities will take part.

At 8 o'clock in the morning a committee will decorate graves of ex-soldiers; a parade will take place at 10:30 from the Armory, the procession forming in the following order: The Dallas band; Company L Oregon National Guard; Grand Army of the Republic; Spanish-American Indian war and Confederate veterans; county and city officials in automobiles; faculty and students of the Academy; teachers and pupils of the public schools; citizens in conveyances and on foot.

At 11 o'clock exercises will be held there, with the following program: Music, "The Red, White and Blue," by the Dallas band; prayer by the chaplain; vocal selection; reading of Lincoln's address; music; oration; strewing flowers in memory of the unknown graves of departed heroes; salute for the dead; music, "Star Spangled Banner," Dallas band; Ten Taps, Prof. Downey.

Comrades Braden, Shriver, Smutze and Lovelace will assist in holding patriotic services at the Academy this afternoon, and Comrades Johnson, Arnold, Campbell and McDougal will visit the public schools.

Mayor Van Orsdel has issued the following proclamation, in which he requests that all business cease on Memorial day.

As our government has set aside the 30th day of May of each year as a national holiday to show respect for the living as well as the dead soldiers of the civil as well as the Spanish-American wars and those of our loved ones who have passed to the great beyond, now, therefore, as Mayor of the City of Dallas, I hereby kindly request all citizens of our City to suspend all business from the hours of 10 to 12 a. m. of said day and take part in the exercises to be held at the Armory. I also kindly request that the teachers of the public schools have their scholars in the parade, that it may create in them a patriotic spirit and love of country.

SHOW THE RIGHT SPIRIT.

Many County Seaters Will Attend Race Meet Friday.

Acting upon the suggestion of The Observer, a large delegation of representative business men is planning to attend the annual race meet in a body next Friday afternoon, when some twenty automobile loads of "good Indians" will go to the river town. Every automobile owner in this section of Polk is invited to join the crowd, visit our neighboring town and take in the festivities, which, we are assured by Secretary J. S. Cooper, Junior, will eclipse anything of the character ever before attempted in Independence.

This is as it should be. If we expect our neighbors to contribute to the success of Dallas entertainments and exhibits we must reciprocate when opportunity offers. A friendly feeling between county towns is a remarkably forceful agency toward further community development.

DELEGATES EAT BERRIES.

Visit Made to Miller Strawberry Farm Yesterday.

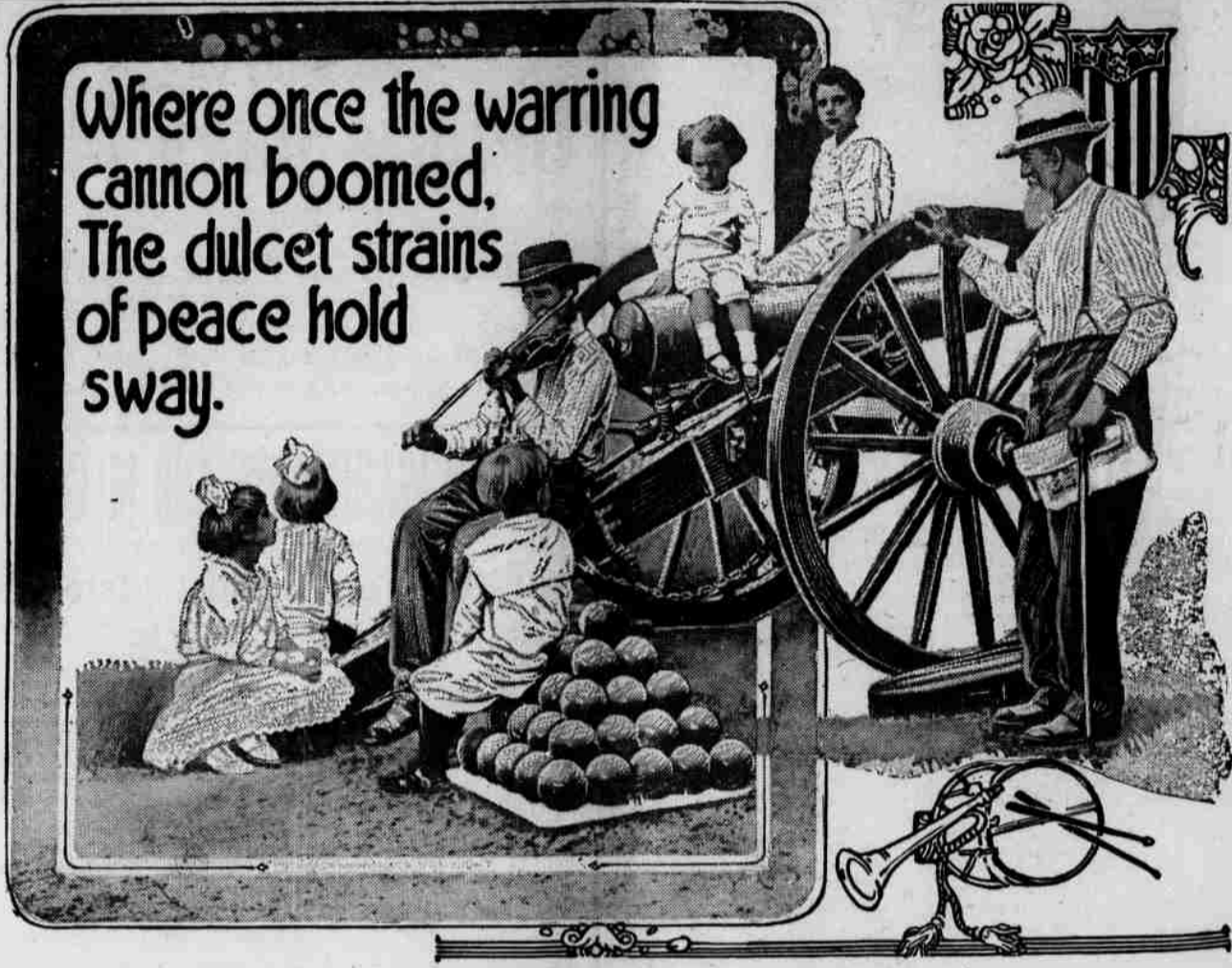
The delegates attending the conference of Christian churches enjoyed a visit to the Miller strawberry farm yesterday afternoon. Strawberries and cream were eaten, after which the delegates were taken in automobiles for a tour of the surrounding country. Returning to Dallas, a meeting was held and one of the most interesting topics of the whole list of subjects discussed was the address by H. E. Rossell, on "Our Mission in Mexico."

Delegates say the conference this year is one of the most successful ever held. They commend the hearty welcome extended them in the "Prune City of Oregon" and in the entertainment accorded them. The selection of the place for the next conference will come up today.

Baccalaureate Sermon.

The baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of the High school will be preached Sunday evening, June 7, at the High school auditorium. Rev. Bennett will be the speaker of the occasion. Special music will be furnished under the direction of Mr. Fred Zeller. There will be no other church services that evening.

Where once the warring cannon boomed,
The dulcet strains of peace hold sway.



CITY WANTS SEYMOUR

ELECTED PRINCIPAL OF KENNEDY SCHOOL THERE.

Polk County's School Superintendent Surprised Over Unsolicited Selection.

The Portland board of education paid Polk county's school superintendent a glowing tribute to his ability this week when it elected H. C. Seymour principal of one of its most important schools, the appointment being made without an application from Mr. Seymour. The selection of the Polk county educator, whose work during the past has attracted considerable attention throughout this valley, came through Superintendent Alderman of Portland, who is familiar with the qualifications of Mr. Seymour, and who is building up a magnificent educational system in the Oregon metropolis.

"What about your election to the principalship of the Kennedy school in Portland, Mr. Seymour?" inquired a representative of The Observer of Polk county's superintendent of public instruction after having read in the Portland newspapers that he had been elected to the position by the school board of that city.

"You know as much about it as I do," came the response. "I had no application in for the place, and the appointment came to me as a surprise."

"Will you accept the place?" After hesitating momentarily Mr. Seymour replied: "I can't say at this time whether I will or not; I haven't given the matter much thought, and less consideration. The school does not commence until sometime in September, and I have ample time in which to discuss the question with myself."

While the salary of the Portland principalship is not known here, it is certain that the remuneration for services rendered is greater than that of superintendent of schools for Polk county, which office pays only \$1200 per year.

OREGON, OUR OREGON.

Mercury Near Record-Breaking Mark in East.

You should rejoice and be glad to think you live in Oregon. While a wave of intense midsummer heat, accompanied by enervating humidity, settled over the Atlantic States and the Ohio and the Middle Mississippi valleys, Wednesday, bringing the temperatures near record-breaking points, ice formed in Polk county during that night, and the inhabitants thereof slept beneath heavy comforts. Torrid weather still obtains in the East, but relief is hoped for tonight.

Odd Fellows Elect Officers.

At a session of Friendship lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., last night, Dr. V. C. Staats was elected noble grand, Leo Beach vice-grand, Stacy Staats secretary, and W. H. F. Manston treasurer. These officers will be installed at the first meeting in July.

A number of Dallas Odd Fellows will go to Sheridan tomorrow night to assist the lodge of that place.

Ex-Soldiers Buried in Dallas Cemetery.

Following is a list of the departed Civil War Veterans buried in the local cemetery, upon whose graves choice flowers will be strewn tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock:

- John Wiseman.
- B. H. Reasoner.
- J. M. Conway.
- H. C. Dimick.
- William Gilliam.
- Samuel Sloan.
- William Siebring.
- Simon Tuttle.
- G. W. Reede.
- James Lowe.
- J. E. Smith.
- William Grant.
- Samuel Coad.
- Cornelius Gilliam.
- David S. Martin.
- Andrew Siefarth.
- Martin Hinsey.
- E. Kimple.
- Levi Koser.

WORK WILL BE RESUMED.

Oregon Company to Continue Explorations on Whiteaker Tract.

The Oregon Oil & Pipe company contemplates resuming its drilling operations on the Whiteaker ranch, three miles from Dallas, sometime within the ensuing two months, and will prosecute its explorations to a finish. Mr. Hort Eakin, one of the promoters, is enthusiastic over the prospect of securing oil in paying quantities. In fact he believes that oil was found in the first hole at a depth of 1400 and passed by the driller. This well was abandoned for this region at a depth of 2200 feet, and a new one started. The latter is 1200 feet deep, or within 200 feet from where the oil vein is supposed to be. Both wells, notwithstanding the fact that months have elapsed since operations ceased, are still giving off gas, which is a good indication.

The company has been somewhat hampered for want of funds, but this difficulty has been overcome and the work will go forward again soon.

Hopewell Coming Sunday.

The Dallas baseball team will stack up against Hopewell next Sunday, and the game will be called at the usual hour. When asked if Hopewell had a strong team Walter L. Touze, Jr., replied, characteristically of him, "You bet your life it has; those riveteries are sure playing some ball this season." The fans may, therefore, expect an interesting contest.

Hoff Makes Investigation.

Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff was in Dallas yesterday looking after a case here, the nature of which he declined to divulge before the facts had been presented to the attorney general and his opinion given.

Undergoes Operation.

Mrs. Millie Clark of Airie was operated on at the Dallas hospital, this forenoon, for appendicitis. Dr. Staats performing the operation.

Procession Will Move Over These Streets.

The Memorial Day parade will leave the Armory at 10:30 o'clock, and will proceed over the following route under the direction of E. L. Fenton, marshal of the day:

- Armory to High school, from High school to Court street, west on Court to Church, south on Church to Washington, east on Washington to Main, north on Main to Court, east on Court to Jefferson, north on Jefferson to Mill, west on Mill to Armory, where the exercises will be held at 11 o'clock.

All organizations are requested to be at the Armory promptly, that the start may be made at 10:30 o'clock sharp. This will be necessary in order to open the exercises at the Armory at the time designated.

WON'T BE CLOSED ALL DAY.

Business Houses Will Shut Doors During Exercises.

Complying with the proclamation issued by Mayor Van Orsdel, the stores will close tomorrow from 10 o'clock in the morning until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, out of respect to the departed ex-soldiers, thus permitting employer and employe to attend the Memorial day exercises, which take place between these hours.

The banking houses and all public offices will remain closed throughout the day, while the postoffice will be open only during the usual holiday hours.

Consumption Claims Victim.

Mr. N. L. Rogers, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Townes, of Cooper Hollow, died Tuesday night of consumption after a prolonged illness. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers had lived in Portland for the past five years, until a fortnight since, when they returned to the parental roof, hoping to better Mr. Rogers' health. While the young man's death was sudden, it was not unexpected. The funeral services will be held today at the family residence, and burial will be in the Odd Fellows' cemetery in this city. Deceased was twenty-nine years of age, and was a former resident of Dallas, where he was employed as engineer in the sawmill. He leaves a widow, three sisters and two brothers.

Mr. Calkins Is Busy.

C. S. Calkins, road supervisor from Airie, was in Dallas yesterday conferring with Judge Teal and Roadmaster Finn. Mr. Calkins is doing considerable work in his district this season. He has graded a mile of highway on the Airie, Lewisville and Dallas road, putting it in shape for gravel. He has also graded two miles in the Lehman neighborhood, which will be left temporarily as a dirt road. Next week Mr. Calkins will work on the A. Frank Laughary road, north of the Little Luckiamute and improve toward Monmouth.

TEACHERS ARE HIRED

DALLAS BOARD MAKES SELECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR.

Large Number of Schools Close in Rural Districts During Past Few Days.

Following is a list of teachers employed by the board of education for the Dallas public schools for the next school year: Superintendent, W. I. Ford; H. H. Dunkleberger, Rose M. Sheridan, Maude A. McDonald, Pearl Horner, H. M. Mabrey, high school; Miss Ruth Nunn, Mrs. F. H. Morrison, Cora Rossiter, Mrs. Edith Plank, Alta Savage, Edna Morrison, Alice Grant, Nola Coad, Mrs. Chloe Wood, Mrs. Emma Jost, Mrs. Bonnie Smith for the grades.

The following schools have recently closed: Zena standard school, Miss Marie Groves, teacher, May 22; Bethel standard school, W. A. Johnson, Phoebe Wyatt, Ava Shields, Daphne Richards, teachers, May 22; Perrydale standard school, G. W. Montgomery, Miss Nellie Keyt and Miss Mary Wyatt, teachers, May 22; Cochran standard school, Miss Roberta Ballard, teacher, May 22; Anna M. Denny teacher, May 22; Elkins standard school, Miss Gwendolyn Dickens, teacher, May 22; Antioch standard school, Mrs. E. R. Palmer, teacher, May 22; West Salem standard school, Miss Bessie Lightfoot, Miss Etta White, Miss Orpha Bell, teachers, May 22; Popeoan standard school, Miss Emma Walker, teacher, May 22; Harmony school, Frank Hutchins, teacher, May 22; North Dallas standard school, Miss Veva Burns, Miss Buelah Baldersee, teachers, May 22; Saver standard school, Miss Alice Lenke, teacher, May 22; Oakhurst standard school, Mrs. Jessie Moyer, teacher, May 22; Mountain View standard school, Miss Catherine Stewart, teacher, May 22.

The following school has recently been standardized: Oakpoint on May 22. The teacher is Miss Anna M. Denny, and the board is Edward Rex, Gus Sperling, Mr. Smith, and H. R. Wolf.

Snow Falls at Simpson's.

Snow fell at Simpson's logging camp, twenty-two miles southwest of Dallas on Wednesday, forcing the crew to discontinue work temporarily. Mr. Al Snyder got this report at Airie while there on Thursday. The camp in question is in the Coast range of mountains.

Native of Polk Dies at Spokane.

Mrs. Elmer La Cornu, nee Belle Crystal, who was a native of Polk county, died at Spokane last week from the effects of ptomaine poisoning. She will be remembered only by older inhabitants, having left Dallas many years ago.

Library Closed Tomorrow.

"The Call of the Carpenter" by White, and "Quick Action," by Chambers, are two new books just added to the public library. The library will be closed all day tomorrow—Memorial day.

MASONS DEDICATE HALL

IMPORTANT EVENT IN HISTORY OF LOCAL LODGE.

Impressive Ceremonies Conducted by Hon. George H. Bennett—The Program.

Commemorating its sixtieth anniversary, Jennings Lodge, No. 9, Free and Accepted Masons of this city dedicated its beautiful new home with an appropriate program Friday evening. The attendance of Masons and their families was large, every seat in the spacious hall being filled before the exercises began. Many members of the fraternity came from the neighboring towns of Independence, Monmouth, Falls City and Riekreal. Salem was especially well represented, several large automobiles having brought the visitors from the Capital city early in the evening. The dedicatory ceremonial was conducted by Past Grand Master George H. Burnett, proxy for Grand Master Spencer, who was unable to be present. The acting Grand Master was assisted by Past Grand Master Lot L. Pearce and officers and members of Jennings Lodge No. 9. The impressive ceremonies were new to a majority of the guests and were greatly enjoyed by all. Musical numbers of more than usual merit were contributed by local talent. A quartet consisting of the Reverend Edgar W. Miles, John E. Miller, Willis Simonton and Fred Zeller sang "Hail, Universal Lord" and the beautiful anthem, "When Solomon With Wondrous Skill." John Uglov delighted the audience with his cello solo, Dvarok's "Humoresque." A vocal duet, "Beautiful Moonlight," by Misses Lucile Hamilton and Louise Miles, was one of the greatly appreciated numbers of the program. A scholarly address on the principles and teachings of Free Masonry was delivered by Past Grand Master Burnett. The speaker held the rapt attention of the audience for thirty minutes by his entertaining and instructive talk.

At the close of the program, an informal reception was held by the officers and members of Jennings Lodge, assisted by the members of Naomi Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. The large banquet hall directly underneath the lodge room had been transformed into a bower of roses, and from a dainty floral booth refreshments were served by daughters of Masons. The members of the reception committee were: W. R. Ellis, Master of Jennings Lodge; Dr. Mark Hayter, Excellent High Priest of Ainsworth Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Mrs. Clarice E. Soehren, Worthy Matron of Naomi Chapter, Order of Eastern Star; Mrs. Alice E. Lynn and Mrs. Margaret V. Hayter, Past Grand Worthy Matrons, Order of Eastern Star; Ed. Bidde and Oscar Hayter, Past Grand High Priests, Royal Arch Masons of Oregon.

Jennings Lodge, No. 9, received its charter from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, on the 15th day of June, 1854. For the last forty years the lodge has occupied its present building on Main street. Last summer it was decided to add a third story to the building, and this work was completed late in the year at a cost of \$8000. The entire third story of the building is now devoted to lodge purposes, the old hall on the second floor having been transformed into a banquet room. With its modern arrangement and elaborate furnishings, Jennings Lodge has a home of which its officers and members are justifiably proud.

PASSING OF MRS. NEWBILL.

Death Results From Blood Poisoning After Childbirth.

Mrs. Ray Newbill died at her home in the Buell neighborhood on Tuesday afternoon, the cause being blood poisoning following childbirth. Deceased was about twenty years of age, and was well and favorably known to many in Dallas, where she had relatives and friends. Mrs. Newbill was a daughter of Mrs. Samuel Rowell of this county. The funeral services were held yesterday. She leaves a husband and a son ten days old.

Court Makes Inspection.

Judge Teal, Commissioners Petre and Wells, and Roadmaster Finn, made a trip of inspection into the Grande Ronde country on Tuesday, going thither to look after roads and bridges.

Date Draws Near.

The new workmen's compensation law for Oregon becomes effective July 1, but June 15 is the last day on which notice of rejection may be filed with the state industrial commission.

Water Rate Case Again.

The railroad commission has given notice that it will be here on June 15 to give a further hearing in the water rates controversy between the city and Gates.