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HAYWARD IS MAIN GUY INSTIGATOR OF FALLS CITY ROBBERIES, SAYS HILLIGAS.

Woman Connected With Family Avers That Much-Wanted Man Is Bound for Alaska.

Hayward, wanted in connection with the wholesale robberies at Falls City, has not been apprehended and his whereabouts are unknown to the authorities who are searching for him. The wife of Hayward is a sister of Roy Hilligas, one of the men now languishing in the county jail awaiting a hearing before the grand jury, and from her statement the missing member of the party is supposed to be enroute to Alaska, but the Portland police are unable to find any record of his having shipped. It is claimed by the older Hilligas that Hayward was the prime mover in the robberies, and while he is willing to take his medicine because of his associations, he desires that full justice should be meted out to the fellow who bids fair to escape prosecution.

The wife of Roy Hilligas left on Monday for Portland, ostensibly to secure bonds for her husband's release. Yesterday Hilligas addressed a letter to her at that place as May Eyston, general delivery. The officers are inclined to the belief that the woman is not Hilligas' wife, and has returned to her former haunts in the metropolis of the state. This, however, is only suspicion. At any rate she is not the unsophisticated individual that she appears to be.

COUNCIL MEETS MONDAY.

Septic Tank Site Will Then Probably Be Settled.

The city council will convene in adjourned session Monday evening, there being deferred business to attend to. Among other things will be the report of the committee appointed to visit Salem and investigate the septic tank proposition. The aldermanic body is desirous of getting the work of construction under way as quickly as possible, and it is likely that a decision concerning a site will be arrived at at this meeting. The mayor has withdrawn his objections to the Uglow grounds, and will provide a majority of the councilmen deem this the proper location, sign a warrant for its purchase. He is, nevertheless, impressed with the Brown tract, but he realizes the importance of the proposed improvement, and will place no obstacle in the way of its early consummation. Some street matters may also be up for further consideration.

MEET TOMORROW.

Fruit Growers of Willamette Valley to Perfect Sub-Central.

The representatives of Polk county fruit growers appointed at a recent meeting held in this city, when H. C. Sampson of the North Pacific Distributors was present, will attend a general meeting of Willamette valley growers in Portland tomorrow for the purpose of organizing a sub-central branch. At this meeting one member of the board of managers for the Spokane show will be elected, and details for marketing the 1914 fruit crop will be perfected. Those appointed from Polk county are Harry Wood, H. G. Campbell, R. M. Ewing, N. L. Guy and H. C. Eakin.

WILL CONTEND FOR TROPHY.

Dallas Sharpshooters to Participate in Contest Next Sunday.

The trophy shoot of the First Battalion, Oregon National Guard, will be held on the Salem range next Sunday, and thereafter on the range of the team carrying off the honors on that occasion. The team winning three times, not necessarily in succession, will be entitled to retain the prize. Dallas, Salem, Woodburn and Corvallis comprise the battalions. The team that will represent this city in the contest next Sunday will be the ten highest in the instruction course, as follows: W. H. Ferguson, Ed. Vallier, Dave Grant, W. J. White, Herman Petre, Andrew Bennett, Albert Bennett, Lynza Dennis, Wily Gardner and Harry Thompson.

SEEKS LEGAL SEPARATION.

Westley Green Files Desertion Complaint Against Wife.

Westley Green of Ballston has instituted proceedings against his wife, Vandalia Green, nee Williams, for legal separation, the complaint having been filed in the circuit court for Polk county this week. The couple were married in Dallas on January 15, 1913, and, it is alleged, the husband was deserted on February 15 of the same year. There was no issue to the marriage. Mrs. Green is now residing in Yamhill county.

TWO SUITS IN ASSUMPTION.

The Portland Association of Credits has filed suit to recover two sums of money from J. C. Dennis, et al., claim-

ing \$26.19 and \$31.67 to be due parties represented by the association. The bills, it is said, were incurred while Mr. Dennis was in business at Falls City.

The Eiler Music company of Portland has instituted against Mrs. M. Cornelius of Monmouth to recover a balance alleged to be due on a piano sold her under contract by the plaintiff. The defendant sets up the counter claim that the instrument is not as represented.

BEING WELL PATRONIZED.

Carnival Attractions Numerous and Appeal to Amusement Seekers.

The Pollow and McCulland Carnival company opened up Tuesday evening with a fair sized crowd in attendance. The company is located on Mill street, east of the court house, and makes a very creditable showing, the midway having many attractions suitable to such occasions. The merry-go-round and Ferris wheel, as usual, are well patronized by joy riders the greater part of the time, and the pleasure seeking crowds surge from one attraction to another, eating "cotton" candy and chewing peanuts in regular approved carnival style. The crowds are not inclined to be selfish with their goodies and share them freely with the monkeys in the animal show, creating much amusement among onlookers and to the great enjoyment of the little human-like animals themselves. The different booths of chance have been well patronized, one prominent young matron winning a dink and going home with it under her arm.

WHOLESALE CRITICISM

DR. DUNSMORE RECEIVES MANY LETTERS FROM PROHIS.

Exception Is Taken Regarding Independence Preacher's Position on the Liquor Question.

Dr. Charles Dunsmore of Independence was in Dallas yesterday, and in conversation with a representative of The Observer said he was being severely criticized for his recent remarks concerning prohibition before the Hop Growers' association, but that this criticism was causing him no sleepless nights. The doctor, who is pastor of the Presbyterian church at Independence, holds that the manner in which the prohibition movement is being conducted cannot prove effective; that the attack against the liquor interests is along the wrong line. He expressed himself as being strongly opposed to the whiskey traffic, but was more lenient as regards beer and light wines.

Since the doctor's address at Independence he has been quoted extensively throughout the state, and has thus gained considerable prominence, which is not especially to his liking. He has received several bushels of communications, principally from those interested in prohibiting the liquor traffic in Oregon, the greater number of which are anonymous. He refers to one in particular, penned by a theological student at Eugene, in which the writer dares the preacher to what he evidently considers a farce-well. Others, naturally, commend his attitude. To all these communications Dr. Dunsmore turns a deaf ear. He believes he possesses sufficient intelligence to think and act for himself, and consequently will hew to the line of his convictions, letting the chips fall where they may. To The Observer he emphasized the fact that the whiskey traffic should be obliterated for all time, but that he could see no great harm in the manufacture and sale of the less intoxicating beverages.

Longer Terms Proposed.

For the purpose of making the terms of all county offices four years, R. P. Rasmussen of Corbett, and W. M. Davis of Portland are proposing to initiate an amendment to the constitution extending the term of county clerk, treasurer, sheriff, coroner and surveyors. The present term of these offices is two years.

Shoplifter Operating.

On Wednesday a woman unknown to the clerks there, lifted some toilet preparations at Fuller's Drug Store, dropped them into her handbag, and after fulfilling her mission unceremoniously departed. It was a small matter in point of loss, and she was allowed to get her way.

Finishes Rates Hearing.

The Railroad Commission concluded the water rates hearing late Tuesday afternoon, and departed with a goodly bunch of information regarding the tentative value of the water system. This information will be disseminated at the capital. A decision will probably be rendered within two weeks.

Recovering From Operation.

Mr. Hibbard, who underwent a surgical operation at Dallas hospital last week for intestinal obstruction, is regaining his normal condition, and will leave the institution within a few days.

Although the attendance upon the session was comparatively small, on account of a counter attraction, the enthusiasm manifested by those present made up for what was lacking numerically.

Dallas Chautauqua Season Opens on Saturday Next

The Dallas chautauqua will open next Saturday, and from present indications its opening will be under very auspicious circumstances and conditions. The sale of tickets to complete the guaranteee is still under way, it being necessary to get a few more subscriptions in order to make the event an assured financial success from the start. But, it is believed, this deficit will be amply taken care of during the ensuing week, and that the full guaranteee will be in hand on the opening date. The guarantors stake much on Dallas' past reputation for liberality in matters of education that the fund will be forthcoming.

A baggage car will arrive in this city on Friday next with the full chautauqua equipment, and with it will come three tent men and the superintendent, who will see that everything is in readiness for the opening on Saturday, which will be devoted to the pioneers who blazed the trail and made early-day developments in this most fertile valley. It is desired that there be a large attendance on this occasion, and as an inducement, and in appreciation of the Polk county pioneer's community services, the management invites every settler who has resided here thirty years and upwards to be a guest of the chautauqua on this day, free tickets being issued for the asking.

On Friday evening, known to the profession as tent night, there will be a free entertainment, when moving pictures of the Panama Expo, and stereopticon views of talent will be presented. This in itself will be decidedly entertaining and instructive, and will be introductory to the big week's program.

Dr. Frank Gunsaulus, the world's greatest lecturer, is to lecture on our program, as is Ng Poon Chew, the renowned Chinese scholar and journalist. This man has been touring America, and everywhere is creating a profound impression by his wit, his logic, oratory—and, occasionally, satire. He has been termed "The Mark Twain of China," and deserves the title. He speaks perfect English. Dr. Seasholes, S. Platt Jones, Frederick R. Wedge, the man who at one time was one of the best known welter-weight prize fighters in America, and will be among those who have places as lecturers on the program. There will also be a special morning lecture, another feature that many chautauquas do not have.

The prospects are bright for a great joy week, and it is none too early to begin to write your friends to arrange for a visit in Dallas during the week of our chautauqua, June 27.

COME ON, YE PIONEERS H. H. BELT IS PENALIZED

COMMITTEE IS NAMED TO RECEIVE TRAIL BLAZERS.

Commercial Club Also Appoints Six Boosters to Arrange for Editorial Meeting in July.

The Commercial club has appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Lee Fenton, A. B. Muir and Mrs. Metzger, to receive the pioneers on Saturday of next week, which day has been set aside for the entertainment of the pioneers of Polk county at the chautauqua. It is the purpose of the committee to have the Dallas band play on the street at 1 o'clock of that day, and then proceed to the chautauqua grounds. It is expected that some five hundred free tickets will be issued to those citizens who have resided in Polk county thirty years and upwards.

In addition to making the above arrangements, the club's session Wednesday evening was devoted largely to the encouragement of local industries, several talks along this line being made by members. The Observer was paid a pretty compliment for the part it is playing in the development of the resources of Dallas and Polk county through the presentation of their advantages in its columns. Because of the increasing demand for Dallas newspapers by contemplating settlers in the Middle West, the club deemed it advisable to buy space in The Observer that these inquirers may receive every-day information concerning this locality.

For the Willamette Valley Press association meeting in Dallas in July, a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements, and it was also decided that the club should give those members of the press attending the meeting a banquet during their stay here. The committee consists of Messrs. Cates, Fiske, Allgood, Miles, Craven and Soehren.

The oiling of the Salem road from Brunk's corner to West Salem was discussed and it was determined that Salem should take the initiative in this work, as it receives equal benefit with the towns of Polk county.

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again carry off first honors at the School Industrial Fair to be held in Dallas this fall, and with that object in view is working diligently. Prof. Dykstra says the pupils are thoroughly aroused over the importance of having exhibits of the highest order, and under experienced coaching expect to make a much better showing than last season.

Evening Star Eclipses.

Even the most diligent investigators of astronomical subjects have failed to witness an eclipse of the evening star, that discovery remaining to our distinguished citizen, Judge Teal. On Wednesday evening as the judge stood peering interestedly through the huge telescope on the carnival grounds the unexpected happened, and for the instant the chief executive of Polk county was thrown from his feet, as it were, as the orb disappeared from his view. Diverting his gaze from the peep-hole Judge Teal speeding regained his equilibrium, for there within a few feet of his very eyes was the brilliantly shining dome of one Walter Tooze, whose hat covered the business end of the telescope.

Road Oiling Continues.

The highway from Dallas to Monmouth, via Bowersville, is being oiled today, and when completed will give a dustless loop from Dallas to Independence. Thos. Brunk and Eph. Young started out yesterday with a petition to raise money for oiling the road from Brunk's corner to Salem, and this work will be prosecuted forthwith.

THE MEDAL CONTEST

MR. DUNKLEBERGER CARRIES OFF THE HONOR.

First Declamatory Event Under Auspices of Woman's Temperance Society Monday Night.

The first of a series of Matrons' Silver Medal contests was held in the Christian church last Monday evening, at the Methodist church. Mrs. Seymour of Falls City was chairman of the meeting and the devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Curtis, and consisted of a prayer and a selection by a male quartet. The program given was as follows: Reading, "A Short Story," Mrs. Remple; reading, "Little Saint Martha," Mrs. Frank Brown; reading, "The Defense of Alamo," Mrs. Paul; solo, Florence Barham; reading, "A Tribute to the Stars and Stripes," Mrs. Boyd; reading, "A Martyred Mother," Mrs. Dunkleberger; reading, "A College Oil Can," Mrs. Simonton.

While the judges were making their decision, Francis Simonton gave a reading, which was followed by another selection by the male quartet. Mrs. Dunkleberger was awarded the silver medal by Supt. Seymour. The second of these contests will be held in July.

BRIDGE CONTRACT AWARDED.

Steel Structure Over Yamhill River to Cost About \$9,000.

On Saturday last the county commissioners awarded a contract to the Portland Bridge & Iron company for the erection of a steel bridge across the Yamhill river, three quarters of a mile south of Willamina. There will be two spans of 150 feet each, and the structure, including concrete piers and approaches, will cost approximately \$9,000. The bridge must be completed on or before September 1.

Independence School Officers.

The result of the school election at Independence was very satisfactory to those interested in the educational institutions of that district, Mr. Elmer E. Paddock being elected director for three years, and Mrs. B. F. Swope clerk of the board. The other members are Mrs. Mary C. Fletcher and Mr. M. W. Mix, who is chairman this year.

Temperance Lecture Tonight.

There will be a temperance lecture under the auspices of the Dallas Prohibition club on the courthouse lawn this evening. The speaker, Rev. F. G. Bettes, is making a 1500-mile trip in Oregon, talking Oregon dry to the people.

Dallas Gets a Place.

Cashier Vassall of the Dallas City Bank was elected a member of the directory of the State Bankers' association at a meeting held in Medford this week.

Impersonator to Entertain.

On Tuesday evening next, Linnie Garrett Carl, a dramatic impersonator and humorous impersonator, will give a free entertainment at the Methodist church.

Show Loses Alligator.

One of the alligators in the animal show at the carnival died on Wednesday night, and while its demise is a matter for regret by the management its loss does not cripple the exhibit.

BONDS LEGALLY VOTED

NO IRREGULARITY IN PRESENTING CHARTER AMENDMENT.

Attorney General Holds That Adoption of Sewage Disposal System Measure By People Is Valid.

The legality of that amendment to the city charter which authorized the issuing of bonds in the sum of \$7500 for the construction of a septic tank having been questioned because of the omission of the specified sum in the ballot title, Recorder Gregory presented the entire matter to Attorney General Crawford for an opinion, and that authority holds the proceedings valid. This opinion coincides with that of City Attorney Coad, and also that of Judge Gregory, both having previously held that the manner of procedure had been regular in all respects, and that there was no requirement to name the sum to be voted for in the ballot title. The attorney general's opinion is as follows:

June 16, 1914—Mr. Chas. Gregory, Dallas, Oregon, Dear Sir: I am in receipt of yours of the 13th instant, enclosing resolution, sample ballot, and the pamphlet distributed among the voters, with the request that I give you my opinion as to the legality of a recent special election held for the purpose of voting bonds to raise money to construct a sewage disposal system in your city.

You state that objection has been made to the issuance of bonds by the city council in accordance with the favorable vote therefor, given at the special election, on the ground that the amount was not mentioned in the ballot title.

I am unable to find any provision in your charter requiring the amount to be so specified in the ballot title and, therefore, I do not think this would be such an error as would invalidate the election. The provisions relating to such elections, sections 51, 52 and 53 of your charter, were apparently observed, and I do not think the failure to indicate in the ballot title the amount to be raised by the bond issue would render same invalid.

FRED HOOPER PASSES.

Victim of Automobile Accident Dies From Blood Poisoning.

Fred Hooper of Independence, who was seriously hurt in an automobile accident while returning home from Corvallis, died at a Salem hospital on Monday at an early hour, and the funeral was held in his home town on Tuesday. Mr. Hooper suffered a compound fracture of a leg in the accident, subsequently blood poisoning, from the effects of which he died.

Deceased was highly respected in the community where he had resided since early childhood. His widow has the sympathy of a large circle of warm friends and acquaintances. Mr. Hooper was aged 35 years.

TEAM PLUNGES OVER BANK.

And Owner W. W. Rowell Suffers a Broken Rib.

Mr. W. W. Rowell, a farmer near Rickreall, was quite seriously injured Tuesday afternoon, when the team he was driving plunged over the embankment at the Rickreall Bridge, the former sustaining a broken rib and many bruises. The team became frightened and unmanageable while nearing the bridge approach, and with a sudden turn the animals plunged over the bank, taking wagon, its load, and occupant with them.

Mr. Rowell came to Polk county at Portland about six months ago, settling near Rickreall. He is aged 55 years.

GOOD GAME IN PROSPECT.