

TERSE TALES OF TOWN

LOCAL NEWS OF DALLAS AND THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

Personal Paragraphs Pertaining to People and Their Movements, Gleaned by Observer.

Miss Gladys Robey, who is teaching in Polk County this winter, and who has been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robey, went to Albany yesterday on a brief visit to Miss Zona Haight—Corvallis Gazette.

Mrs. James Nesmith of Portland and Miss Thelma Wait of Rickreall were guests of Mrs. John Orr on Tuesday.

C. H. Lane, the Portland tailor made famous by "Lane's Thirty," was a recent guest of his son, C. H., Jr. Mr. Lane has property interests near Dallas.

Mrs. Chas Mann is spending the holidays with her parents in Southern Oregon.

Hon C. L. Hawley of McCoy was in town on Wednesday.

Mr. J. Bagley and daughter of Monmouth were in Dallas yesterday.

Mr. Chas Viek of Falls City transacted business here on Wednesday.

Messrs. C. V. Johnson, Loren Cooper, W. E. Williams, Geo. Conn and F. L. Tubandt of Airlie were Dallas visitors on Wednesday.

Mrs. Dean Collins of Portland is visiting in the home of Judge J. L. Collins, while her husband accompanies the Rosarians to San Francisco.

Mrs. M. E. Cumming and daughter Freda of Corvallis, have returned home after spending the holidays with her brother, W. A. Griffin and family.

From January 1 to September 30 last Polk county disbursed \$3,410 in payment of widows' pensions.

W. Wynn Johnson of the Sidney orchards, will arrive in Dallas about January 7 to again take up his residence on his property here.

Billy Williams, the drummer evangelist who recently held a series of meetings at Ballston, is now conducting a revival at Silverton.

U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., will meet at the Armory tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. J. Hannum of Airlie was in town on Tuesday, when he marketed a load of hogs, receiving \$8.50 per hundred for them.

J. E. White of the New Scott spent the first of the week in Portland. The 1915 hunting, fishing and combination licenses may now be had.

County Commissioner-elect C. W. Beckett has been in Dallas a portion of the week, and on Wednesday attended the meeting of taxpayers to discuss the budget.

Miss Myrtle Withrow of Airlie is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Ramsdell.

Mr. C. G. Graves of Ballston has been in Dallas a portion of the week. The Falls City News has just finished a 200-page booklet containing the charter and ordinances of that city, as codified by Attorney Tooez.

The Japanese of Medford contributed \$29 to the Belgians.

Mrs. A. L. Martin entertained a party of friends at cards last night.

Walter Ballantyne went to Dayton this morning to spend New Year with his sister, Mrs. Louis Hadley. He will return home tomorrow.

Mr. Wm. Reed and wife of Corvallis were visiting Wednesday and Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Ramsdell.

TEACHES WITHOUT BOOKS.

Eugene Instructress' Geometry Students Have New System.

Text books have been discarded by Miss Frances P. Young of the Eugene high school in the teaching of plane geometry. "I want to make my pupils think," said Miss Young. "I found that they were simply memorizing the propositions out of the book, so I took the books away and looked them up."

Now the 60 students who take plane geometry at the high school are given a problem with instructions to work it out. In one case a student returned a solution which was absolutely original as far as any of the mathematic teachers of the high school knew. This solution appeared to be perfectly correct and as good as the accepted book proposition. Geometry without books is a new thing according to George W. Hug, principal of the school. He has never heard of Miss Young's system being used in any other place.—Register.

Relief Ship Due January 18.

The Cranley, destined to carry Oregon's contribution of food to the starving Belgians, will reach Portland for loading sometime between January 18 and 22, and all foodstuffs must be in the metropolis several days prior to this time.

The Cranley will be distinctively the Oregon ship in the work of relief. She will load a full cargo, sailing probably for Rotterdam with the

provisions collected throughout the state. The steamer Washington will load at Seattle with contributions of the people of Washington for Belgian relief. Both steamers are chartered by the Rockefeller foundation, which is backing up the efforts of the relief work for Belgium which is being carried on throughout the United States.

CANNERY REPORT IS MADE.

Variety of Fruit Shown to Have Been Handled at New Plant.

For its first year of operation the cannery of the Newberg Co-Operative Cannery association, with between 300 and 400 members, has given satisfaction. Strawberries were the first fruit handled and between 5000 and 6000 crates were treated. Other fruits included: Loganberries 120 tons, blackcaps almost 40 tons, pears 35 tons, cherries 30 tons, apples 34 tons, several tons each of greengages, silver plums, petite plums, Columbia and champion plums, beans 7 tons, squash 50,000 cans. The company owns a building that cost, with the three acres of land, about \$25,000.

SOCIETY

Verd Hill Becomes Benedict.

On Monday afternoon, at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Helmick of Albany, the Hon. Verd Hill of Independence and Miss Frances Helmick were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Judge McKnight performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Hill will be at home in Independence after April 1. They will take a short trip to Oregon and Washington points, after which they will make a two-months' tour through California and the Hawaiian Islands, visiting the fair and other places of interest.

Miss Helmick has been a successful teacher in the schools of Albany for a number of years and has a wide circle of friends. Mr. Hill is at present representative of Polk county in the state legislature, and is one of this balliwick's most substantial and prosperous citizens.

Entertain in Honor of Guest.

Mrs. W. A. Griffin and Mrs. Nellie Hubbard entertained a few friends at the home of the former on Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. M. E. Cumming and daughter, Freda of Corvallis, who have been visiting her brother, W. A. Griffin. The ladies brought their fancy work and spent a very pleasant and enjoyable afternoon. A delicious luncheon was served. Those present were: Mrs. M. E. Cumming, Miss Freda Cumming, Mrs. Nellie Hubbard, Mrs. Jennie Siefert, Mrs. John Lynn, Mrs. Geo. Scott, Miss Hattie Teats, Mrs. W. D. Collins, Mrs. Addie Lawner, Mrs. W. A. Griffin, Miss Marie Griffin.

Married.

Wednesday afternoon the wedding bells rang merrily once again in Dallas when Rev. Geo. H. Bennett pronounced the words which united William H. Krebe of Salem and Ralphine Peoples in holy wedlock. The ceremony took place at the Methodist parsonage. The happy couple left that evening for Portland.

A Watch Party.

There was a watch party at the home of Mr. W. P. Miller last night when the classes of Mrs. Bennett and Mr. Miller joined in bidding welcome to the new year.

GOAT HAIRS

The Moose lodge entertained a goodly number of visiting members of that order last night, those present being from Salem and Independence. The Dallas band played on the street prior to the gathering at the Woodmen hall, where the meeting was held. There was special work, followed by a social session and refreshments.

The district convention of the Knights of Pythias will be held in Dallas on January 18. The district is comprised of Polk and Marion counties.

BONUS FOR PAYMENT.

Two Installments and Rebate New Plan in Tax Legislation.

People of Oregon will pay one-half their taxes April 5 and the remaining half October 20, they will be penalized 1 per cent a month for delinquencies and be allowed a discount of 3 per cent on advance payments if recommendations adopted Monday night by the Multnomah legislative delegation are enacted into law by the legislature. An additional penalty of 5 per cent is provided for delinquencies beyond the second-payment period and the discontinuance of the publication of delinquent tax lists in the newspapers is proposed.

THE CHURCHES.

The ministers of Dallas had planned to hold services last night, but owing to a misunderstanding no announcement of it was made.

On Sunday evening, January 10, Rev. Fred Neal, who has just returned to Dallas from the mission field of German East Africa, will speak in the Presbyterian church. Mr. Neal has a very interesting story to tell of his work, and of the customs and habits of the people among whom he works, and some very interesting curios to show. Mr. George N. Taylor, field secretary for the Anti-Saloon league, will speak in the Presbyterian church on Sunday morning in the interests of the Anti-Saloon league of America. In the evening he will speak at the Christian church.

Subject of morning sermon at the Christian church Sunday, "The Past or the Future? We Can Not Contemplate the Present." It is the desire of the pastor that all members of his congregation make a special effort to be present to hear this subject discussed. Begin the year right.

At the M. E. church Sunday next, Dr. P. A. Baker, state superintendent of the anti-saloon league, will occupy the pulpit in the morning at eleven o'clock. He will speak of the facts and fancies of the liquor situation in Oregon, and will present many interesting views of the present and future struggle in this state. The pastor will speak in the evening at 7:30. Sunday school meets promptly at 9:45 a. m., Wm. P. Miller, superintendent. Epworth League meets at 6:30, Ed. Dunn, president.

An interesting service was held at the Presbyterian church on Sunday morning, when four ministers, including the pastor, took part in the service. The occasion was the regular quarterly communion of the congregation. Rev. Mr. Bicknell of Turner, father of Mr. Dodge Bicknell of Dallas, preached a very interesting sermon. Rev. Joseph Cornwall of this city and Rev. Fred Neal, who has just returned to this country from the mission field of Africa, took part in the service also. Five new members were added to the roll of membership.

Rev. C. P. Gates will leave Monday afternoon for Dayton, where he will assist Rev. V. A. Ballantyne in holding evangelistic meetings for a week.

Will Reopen Next Monday.

The Normal will reopen next Monday and those who remained in Monmouth during the vacation period will be more than pleased to welcome the faculty and students on their return.

Members of the faculty who spent the most of their vacation out of town are the following: Mr. and Mrs. Evenden at Berkeley; Miss Parrott at the State association at Eugene and at her home at Roseburg; Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore at Salem and Mr. Gilmore spent some days at the State association; Miss Holman at Los Angeles; Miss Kennon at Baker; Miss Taylor at Tacoma; Miss Cohoon at Roseburg; and President Ackerman at the State association.—Herald.

Maximilian Haley Buried.

Maximilian Haley, aged 77, who died in Portland Sunday morning, was buried Tuesday in the Knights of Pythias cemetery, south of Monmouth. For 51 years he had lived in and near Monmouth. Patrick R. Haley crossed the plains to Oregon in 1853, while his son was 16 years old. Max Haley is survived by five children, A. J. Haley, Monmouth; A. C. Haley, Portland; E. M. Haley, Falls City; T. F. Haley, Portland; Mrs. S. J. Donaldson, Pocatello, Idaho.

Party at "Bell Haven."

Misses Laura Bell, Lyda Bell and Orrie Steinberg delightfully entertained forty of their friends Wednesday evening at the Bell home, Monmouth. The guests began to arrive about 8 o'clock and soon the house was filled with gay laughter and conversation. Music by the Misses Gentle, Kessi, Johnson and Bell was enjoyed by all and several encores were given.—Herald.

Firemen to Banquet.

The Dallas fire department will hold its annual banquet at the New Scott hotel next Tuesday evening following a meeting of the companies at headquarters. On account of this affair Company L. O. N. G., will postpone regular drill.

Delinquent Taxes.

Insurance Commissioner Ferguson has announced that the delinquent county taxes in the state on September 30, not including Multnomah, Coos and Curry, totaled \$1,874,735.70, of which aggregate Polk's delinquency is \$33,048.93.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement Jones of Monmouth visited relatives here the first of the week.

BULLETIN

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