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TOLD BY THE CALENDAR

MEMORIAL DAY AND FOURTH OF JULY FALL ON SUNDAY.

Days and Dates Worth Remembering, Shown By Nineteen Fifteen Calendar.—Important Holidays.

Two legal holidays next year, Memorial day and the Fourth of July, fall on Sunday and one, Christmas, falls on Saturday, says the new 1915 calendar. In the month of January there are two holidays of importance, New Year's day on Friday, and Carnation day, McKinley's birthday on Friday, January 29. Ground hog day, always watched for by weather prophets falls on Tuesday this year and Lincoln's birthday, February 12, is on Friday, the only legal holiday of the month, Washington's birthday, falls on Monday.

St. Patrick's day, the big holiday of the year for the wearers of the green is on Wednesday this year. This month is further notable for having a full moon twice, the first on March 1 and the second on March 31. Easter is the big holiday and this falls on Sunday, April 4. One other date of interest in this month is April 6 the date when Peary discovered the north pole. Careful perusal of the new calendar, however, shows no date when Dr. Cook first made the acquaintance of the pole or even when Theodore Roosevelt first walked on the banks of the second of Doubt. Mother's day, the second Sunday in May falls on May 9. June, the month of weddings, sees no holidays of importance, this arrangement undoubtedly being made to allow as many days as possible for weddings. July contains only one holiday of importance and that is on Sunday.

There is no chance for a day off in August as there are no holidays of importance. Labor day, the only big day in September falls on Monday, September 6. The only other holiday of importance is Thursday, September 9, the Jewish New Year. October contains no holidays with the exception of Halloween which falls on Sunday next year. November has two legal holidays, election day on November 2 and Thanksgiving day, probably on November 25. Christmas the big holiday falls on Saturday and the workers will have two days to rest up from the strenuous pre-holidays rush.

MEDICS ELECT OFFICERS.

Dr. Butler of Independence to Head Tri-County Organization.

Officers were chosen for the ensuing year at the annual banquet of the Tri-County Medical association, consisting of physicians from Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties, which was held at the Marion hotel, Salem Wednesday night. Those elected were: Dr. Otis Butler of Independence, president; Dr. J. C. Evans of Salem, vice-president; Dr. W. L. Wood of Amity, second vice-president, and Dr. H. J. Clements of Salem, secretary-treasurer. The principal address of the evening was delivered by Dr. Calvin S. White, secretary of the state board of health, who took up the subject of "Earth Born Diseases," dealing with those which come from the soil. There was a good attendance at the banquet from all the three counties.

MURDERED MAN RESIDED HERE

Ralph Brown Remembered by Older Settlers at Oakdale.

It was with profound regret that the older residents of Polk county learned of the murder of Ralph Brown in Eastern Oregon last New Year's day. His childhood days were mostly spent in the Oakdale neighborhood, on his father's farm (now used as a rock quarry). Everybody who lived there then remembers the handsome, dark-eyed boy who was so thoughtful of his frail mother and who was helpful beyond his years. The old neighbors extend their heartfelt sympathies to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brown, who were well known and highly respected here.

Suffers Accident While Lifting.

George E. Colby, employed by the Oregon Power company at its generating plant, is housed with a dislocated kidney, the result of an accident by lifting. The attending physician expresses the opinion that he will be unable to resume his duties for several weeks.

Forestry Lay May Change.

Recommendations that the forestry law be changed so that most of its violators may be tried in the justice courts and also so as to give the state forester power to clear areas adjacent to standing timber covered with old

slashings and recover the cost from the owner of the land, will be made in the biennial report of State Forester Elliott. Further, he will recommend that the season during which burning permits may be issued be fixed by the governor by proclamation, and also that the opening of the hunting season be changed from August 1 to September 1.

SCHOOL OFFICERS TO ASSEMBLE

Dr. Winship of Boston Will Deliver Two Addresses Tomorrow.

Beginning tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock the school officers of Polk county will convene at the court house in annual convention, the forenoon being devoted to general discussions and the afternoon to listening to an address by Dr. A. E. Winship of Boston. Dr. Winship has spent the past week lecturing to the Parent-Teachers' associations of Portland, State Superintendent Churchill, or some other official from his department, will also be present.

Some of the questions to be discussed at the morning session are as follows: The state standardization plan for the school year 1914-15. The abolishing of recesses for the higher grades. The present plan of standardization for high schools and its effect. The county unit plan of administration and taxation. Making the county treasurer custodian of the school funds. Eight months term of school for every district. Reapportionment of county school funds so that all districts will be treated equal. The part of the children in the county school fair. The adoption of free tax bills. How the Parent-Teacher associations may help school boards; and any other subjects that may be proposed.

In the evening the Principals' club of the county will hold its regular monthly meeting to which the teachers of the county have been invited because of the presence of Dr. Winship.

Has No Individual Interest.

From The Observer's report of Monday's council meeting one might misinterpret its meaning and be led to believe that Alderman Westover supported the ordinance providing for the elimination of billiard and pool halls from Main street for "individual benefit," which could not possibly be the case, he having no interest whatsoever, in the matter further than the public good. The measure in question was introduced at the instance of Alderman Westover in the belief that the removal of billiard and pool halls from this principal thoroughfare would remove with them the crowds that are wont to assemble on the sidewalks in front of these places, and which have heretofore caused some annoyance to lady pedestrians.

Who Knows Mrs. Storey?

The Observer is in receipt of a letter from Edmonton, Canada, from the American consular agent, George S. Montgomery, inquiring as to the whereabouts of Mrs. Featiska Storey, whose presence is required in Edmonton in regard to the settlement of an estate. As far as has been learned up to date, Mrs. Storey is not living in this city. The letter reads as follows:

"Can you inform me if Mrs. Featiska Storey is a resident of your city. I am very anxious to reach her on behalf of a brother of her former husband, who is interested in the settlement of the estate of Frank Storey."

New Books at Library.

Handwork in Wood, Noyes; Wood and Forest, Noyes; Problems in Furniture Making, Crshaw; Problems in Woodworking, Murray; Beloved Adventurer, Hall, gift W. A. Ayers; Monsieur Leog, Gaborian, gift Russell Vashaw.

Two new magazines, The Association Monthly and The North American Student, have been added to the periodical shelves. The Association Monthly is the official organ of the Y. W. C. A. association, and both magazines will be of special interest to students.

Counterfeit Money Afloat.

Counterfeit silver dollar pieces have made their appearance in Dallas during the week, two having come to light. These pieces may have come from Eugene, where a counterfeiting outfit was seized yesterday.

Thieves Steal Mutton.

A newly slaughtered mutton that had been hung up over night in Mr. Gohrke's slaughter house was stolen a few days ago. Not all of it was taken, but what remained was so mutilated as to be unfit for use.

CONTINUE OLD BOARD

HOSPITAL STOCKHOLDERS CON- VENE IN ANNUAL SESSION.

F. J. Coad Is Elected President, While Directors Are Same As of Yore. A Splendid Institution.

The stockholders of Dallas hospital held their annual meeting in the county court room Monday evening, there being a small attendance. The members of the old board of directors, namely, Mr. Oscar Hayter, Mr. F. J. Coad, Mrs. McCallon, Starbuck, Bollman, Staats and Cary, were re-elected for the ensuing year. F. J. Coad was elected president of the board and Dilla B. Viers secretary-treasurer.

The new hospital building was completed about October 1 last, at an approximate cost of \$9000. The equipment, which is owned by the stockholders, is worth about \$3000. The hospital has been leased, furnished, to Miss Kathryn Van Voorhees, who for the past two years has been connected with the institution and is well known. Dallas has reason to be proud of this institution, as there is no other town of its size in the state that has a hospital so thoroughly equipped and so modern in its appointments as is this one. This speaks especially well for the progressive and philanthropic spirit of the business men of this community, who by their subscriptions and personal interest, have made this institution possible. Many who donated to the enterprise made sacrifice of time and money, in a year when money was not circulating freely, but with the same spirit which characterizes all public enterprises here. The members of the board of directors have donated much time and effort in bringing this work to completion, having met on thirty-six different occasions in the past year to transact business, besides which a great amount of time was spent in collecting subscriptions and directing construction.

The Good Times club, an organization that has convened every Thursday during the past six years, met at the home of Mrs. C. L. Barnes yesterday afternoon.

DR. TOEL STARTS SUIT

PETITIONS COURT TO COMPEL HIS NAME ON REGISTER.

State Board of Medical Examiners Made Defendants in Action Instituted in Multnomah

Contending that L. H. Hamilton, as secretary of the State Board of Medical Examiners of the state of Oregon, has denied him his legal right to have his name placed upon the register of duly licensed physicians and surgeons of Oregon, as required by section 4733 of Lord's Oregon laws, Dr. George L. Toel of this city, through his attorney, Walter L. Tooe, Jr., today filed his petition for a writ of mandamus in the circuit court of Multnomah county. The petition was presented to Circuit Judge Robert G. Morrow and the order for the issuance of an alternative writ was issued by him. The writ was immediately served upon Dr. Hamilton in Portland, and Hamilton is given two weeks within which to place Dr. Toel's name upon the register, or else show cause why he has not done so.

In 1889 the legislature of Oregon passed an act requiring the licensing of physicians and surgeons within the state. Applicants for a license were required to pass a satisfactory examination, or else present a diploma from some medical school of approved standing before a license could be issued by the board of medical examiners. From the provisions of the law were exempted those persons who had been practicing in the state prior to the passage of this law. These persons were required to register their names with the county clerk of the county in which they resided, and upon such registration were to be deemed duly licensed physicians and surgeons within the state. In 1891 the legislature passed another act covering this subject, and providing for the licensing by the board of those persons who passed a satisfactory examination or who presented a satisfactory diploma. The latter act also required those physicians who had been permitted to practice under the law of 1889 by merely registering with the county clerk to register with the

retary of the board of medical examiners within ninety days after the passage of the act.

In 1895 still another act was passed covering the whole subject matter, providing for a new medical board, and covering the matter of issuing licenses. This act provided that all duly licensed physicians under prior acts were to be taken as duly licensed physicians under this act, and that the secretary of the board should enter the names of such physicians upon the register kept by him upon their making application to him and presenting their original licenses.

Dr. Toel presented his diploma from Zurich university, a large and well known medical school of Switzerland, to the medical board in 1889, and the same was approved by the board and a state license was issued to him. As the law of 1891 did not apply to physicians in his class, Dr. Toel did not register again with the board. However, recently some question was raised as to his right to practice in the state, and in order to avoid any question of his right he applied to L. H. Hamilton as secretary of the present board to place his name upon the register under the provisions of the law of 1895. This Hamilton has refused to do, acting under the advice and direction of the medical board. His refusal to do so has resulted in the suit filed today.

A few months back Dr. Toel secured an opinion from the attorney general of this state, holding that he was entitled to have his name placed upon the register in question. Mr. Tooe, representing the doctor, is said to have offered to leave the matter in the hands of the attorney general, but Dr. Hamilton refused to accept the offer.

BUNK CARS PROVIDE HOMES.

Itinerants Occupy S. P. Territory While Passing Through Dallas.

The Southern Pacific company, having separated itself from a construction crew, has side-tracked a string of bunk cars in its Dallas yards, and these provide temporary homes for a number of wanderers who come and go at their own sweet will. A resident of that section says no depredations have been reported other than the disappearance of a few chickens from the neighborhood, but that the itinerants are constantly begging for food. The cars afford a comfortable lodging place, and while the same gang does not long remain, others take up their abode there, and with nightfall the yards present the appearance of a small city, the cars being lighted and heated.

Only one complaint has thus far been registered by persons residing in that section of the city, this coming from one who witnessed an itinerant almost nude while laundering his only undergarments.

Repudiates His Statements.

John Siereks, inmate of the state insane asylum has repudiated his recent confession that he had murdered Mrs. Daisy Wehrman and her little son in Columbia county. He declared that he had made the confession in order to save John Arthur Pender, now serving a life term for the crime, from the gallows. In view of Siereks' detailed confession, the authorities intend to conduct a thorough investigation, despite his denial of responsibility.

Polk Booklets for Exposition.

The county court on Thursday, at the request of representatives from Dallas, Independence and Falls City, appropriated \$350 for 10,000 additional copies of a booklet similar to the one being issued by the Dallas Commercial club for general distribution from the Polk county booth at the Panama exposition. The booklet gives much comprehensive information concerning Polk county, and should prove valuable in exploiting the resources of the county.

Money No Object at Springfield.

A package done up in soiled cloth and bound with two garters and a shoestring kicked about the streets of Springfield for half a day, and then lay for two days among waste papers on the Recorder's desk until it was claimed yesterday by Jules Roseau. Opening the package, he displayed \$230 in currency and certificates of deposit for \$480 more and handed the finder \$25.

Mr. Seymour to Talk Fair.

A county fair conference, in which persons interested in promoting these exhibits will participate, has been announced for February 2 at Corvallis. H. C. Seymour of Polk county will give a "Fair Talk" at the afternoon session.

FAIR RATES ARE FIXED

ROUND TRIPS BY RAIL TO SAN FRANCISCO AND SAN DIEGO.

Special Terms of \$26.75 and \$46.50 Respectively From Portland Announced for Conventions.

Special low railroad rates to the two California expositions during 1915 will prevail, starting the middle of next month. Advances were received by local passenger officials of the Southern Pacific company yesterday from John M. Scott, general passenger agent. It is expected as a matter of course that corresponding reductions on account of the two expositions will be made from all points in the Pacific northwest.

A fare of \$35 for the round trip, good for 90 days from date of sale, with stopovers allowed at all points en route in both directions, is offered from Portland to the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco, and tickets bearing the same limit from points in Western Oregon will be sold at the following fares: Woodburn, \$35; Salem, \$35; Dallas, \$35; Albany, \$35; Corvallis, \$35.25; Eugene, \$33; Roseburg, \$29; Grants Pass, \$23.75; Medford, \$22.50; Ashland, \$21.50.

Tickets bearing a 30-day limit will be sold from Portland for \$30 and from points in Western Oregon as follows: Woodburn, \$30; Salem, \$30; Dallas, \$30; Albany, \$30; Corvallis, \$30.25; Eugene, \$27.25; Roseburg, \$24.75; Grants Pass, \$20.50; Medford, \$19; Ashland, \$18.50.

For the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco to cover special occasions, such as large conventions, the following basis of rates will be made: From Portland, \$26.75; Woodburn, \$26.75; Salem, \$26.75; Dallas, \$26.75; Albany, \$26.75; Corvallis, \$26.75; Eugene, \$25; Roseburg, \$22; Grants Pass, \$18.25; Medford, \$17; Ashland, \$16.50.

For the Panama-California exposition at San Diego, tickets will be on sale daily, February 15 to November 30, inclusive, final return limit 40 days from date of sale, but in no case later than December 31, 1915, at the following rates: From Portland, \$52.25; Woodburn, \$52.25; Salem, \$52.25; Dallas, \$52.25; Albany, \$51.25; Corvallis, \$51.25; Eugene, \$49.25; Roseburg, \$46; Grants Pass, \$41.50; Medford, \$40; Ashland, \$39.50.

On account of special occasions at the Panama-California exposition, San Diego, because of large conventions and other gatherings, special round trip fares will be named as follows: From Portland, \$46.50; Woodburn, \$46.50; Salem, \$46.50; Dallas, \$46.50; Albany, \$45.50; Medford, \$35.75; Ashland, \$35.

These tickets will have a three-day going limit with final return limit 21 days from date of sale, and will provide for stopover at any points on return trip.

VIOLATE TRAFFIC RULES.

Vehicles Colliding on Court Street Should Serve as Lesson.

Yesterday afternoon, at the corner of Court and Main streets, an accident happened, which, while not serious, will serve to show the danger of not observing the traffic laws. John Diehm of Salt Creek, driving a single horse, was coming down the left side of Court street while Wayne Greenwood in a runabout belonging to Lou Gohrke was on the right-hand side, traveling toward Court. As the two vehicles approached each other, Mr. Diehm saw the necessity of diverting his course and turned south. Greenwood turned east, but on account of the short distance in which they had to turn, and the slippery condition of the pavements it was impossible to avoid a collision. They had, however, turned enough to avoid coming together head on. The car struck the horse, knocking it down and skidding a few pieces of hide from its shoulder. The shaft of the buggy struck the radiator cap, knocking it loose and also damaging one lamp. No injuries were received by either of the men.

Entertains Camp Fire Girls.

Miss Lucile Hamilton entertained the Camp Fire girls at her home Monday evening. The regular business meeting was held and election of officers for the coming year. Games and music furnished entertainment for the evening. A dainty luncheon was served by the hostess.

Circuit Court Costs.

The cost of circuit court to Polk county for the nine months ending September 30 was \$4,051.13. This does not include Judge Holmes' salary, which is paid by the state of Oregon.