

FRIENDS OF DAY WED

MARRIAGE OF ELDERLY COUPLE BROUGHT ABOUT BY OTHERS.

H. J. Rhodes, 75, of Polk County, and Mrs. Hattie Piper, 66, Teacher of Seattle, Are United.

A dispatch to The Oregonian from Vancouver, Washington, under date of May 10—"Never having met before yesterday, though they had carried on a correspondence arranged by mutual friends, H. J. Rhodes, 75 years old, a veteran of the Civil war, and Mrs. Hattie Piper, 66, a teacher, of Seattle, were married here today. The ceremony was performed by Judge Back of the Superior court in his chambers. Mr. Rhodes, a fruitgrower of Polk county, was living alone on his farm, and some of his friends wrote to Mrs. Piper in Seattle, suggesting the marriage. The idea was not unpleasant to her and when this was reported to Mr. Rhodes he wrote to her and later made a formal proposal.

"The couple were to have met in Portland, but when Mr. Rhodes went to see about getting the marriage license he learned of the physical examination and the red tape necessary, so decided he would come to Vancouver. He telegraphed to Mrs. Piper to get off at Vancouver, but the message miscarried and she went on to Portland. Mr. Rhodes came here yesterday to meet his prospective bride, but his quest was in vain and he returned to Portland, where she was awaiting him. They came to Vancouver this morning and got Harvey Alexander, of this city, an old friend, to act as witness, then they went to the courthouse and procured their license.

After the wedding ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes went to Portland, expecting to go at once to Mr. Rhodes' ranch in Polk county, where they will make their home."

BURN SLASHINGS IN MAY.

Closed Season Begins June 1 and Continues to October 1.

Since the closed season for slash burning begins June 1 and extends to October 1 it is greatly desired by the Polk County Fire Patrol association that all slashings in the county be burned during the month of May. Burning permits may be obtained, however, during the closed season and slashings disposed of at that time, but it is necessary to obtain a permit to burn and the conditions may be such that burning could not be done with safety to adjoining property.

Slashings turn into fire traps during the hot summer months and are a great menace to adjoining timberland. It is therefore desired to call the attention of all settlers, wood cutters and loggers to the assistance they can render the county by disposing of their slashings as early a date as possible.

The Polk County Fire Patrol association desires the co-operation of all persons who frequent the forests and by complying with this request they will also be complying with sections 10 and 11, chapter 378, Oregon Forest Fire laws, which provides for the disposal of slashings. Mr. W. V. Fuller of this city will furnish any additional information that may be desired.

FARMING IN MICHIGAN.

Fertilizer Used in Each Hill of Potatoes, Says Mr. Braden.

Mr. Braden, who has recently returned from a business trip to Michigan, says while there he interviewed many farmers and found that they are now paying particular attention to food values for stock and the rotation of crops. There is a general building of silos. One man remarked that he had constructed a small silo costing \$140, and that it paid for itself the first year. Mr. Braden says the Oregon farmer would not be content to follow the plan of his brother of the middle west, for in planting potatoes fertilizer was used in every hill. He watched this process, and wondered what would become of Polk county farmers were they obliged to apply this method in order to get a crop.

Regarding prices Mr. Braden says meats are high-priced, mutton selling at that time for forty cents per pound, while the Dallas figure was twenty-five. Flour and feed prices, he says, are practically the same as here. He saw much Oregon condensed milk on store shelves.

School Population Increases.

Oregon's school population has increased 3412 in the last year according to reports received Tuesday by Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill from the county superintendents throughout the state. The reports have just been filed with the state department of education. There are 104,967 boys and 100,834 girls, or a total of 205,801 children over four and under twenty years of age enumerated on the school rolls of Oregon. The enumeration last year totaled 202,389.

Improve General Appearances.

The residents of the Mountain View neighborhood have set a splendid example to other rural communities in Polk county. On Tuesday nearly the entire populace met and made a day of it in cleaning up the rubbish along

the road, cutting briars and in various ways increasing the neatness and therefore the appearance of the highways in that section. Men and women and children went to the work with a will and great were the results thereof. Much credit is due the Woman's Improvement club of the community, which under the direction of Mrs. Frank Rosenquest is bringing this clean-up movement. A basket dinner was held at noon for the toilers, at the old Highland church grounds and the feast was heartily enjoyed.

NOW ARRANGING DETAILS.

Christians and Methodists Will Meet in Mortal Combat in Near Future.

"When Greek meets Greek, then comes the tug of war." The baseball clubs of the Christian and Methodist churches are to meet upon the greenward and there cross willows and chase the festive sphere. It will doubtless be a battle royal. Both aggregations have been carefully examined by the official examiner and found to be in prime condition for the fray. The date of the exhibition has not as yet been announced, but it is certain that it will be pulled off, the Methodists having accepted the challenge issued by those of the other denominational belief, only minor details remaining to be arranged, one of these being the hour for the contest.

The Christians have a twilight team, and as the players have practiced only during this period they do not feel inclined to bump up against daylight contestants, which charge is preferred against their would-be antagonists. The challenge called for twilight games. But this will probably be arranged to the satisfaction of both managements without difficulty and the game played on the school campus. And, if present indications do not indicate erroneously, it will be some game. It will be for blood—and each side is likely to get its share.

BAND MAY BE RE-ORGANIZED.

Competent Leader Now in Dallas With View to Taking Direction.

There is a prospect that Dallas will have a band the coming summer and that the Saturday evening concerts, so greatly enjoyed last season, will again obtain. This may be brought about if the community is willing to give it the necessary financial support. Mr. T. A. Marsh of Montana, a leader with the best of recommendations, is in Dallas with a view to re-organizing the band, and will remain here permanently if those who are interested in having a first-class band offer sufficient encouragement. According to Secretary Loughary of the Commercial club about \$75 per month will be required, and it is thought that this can be raised by popular subscription within a few days. That Dallas should have a band goes without saying, and this seems to be its opportunity. The season is already well advanced, and prompt action must be taken if the services of Mr. Marsh are to be secured.

Rains Help Hop Crop.

The opinion was expressed by a Salem hop man yesterday that the recent rains had added to the output in this state 25,000 to 30,000 bales. It is held that the uplands have profited greatly from the rains, on account of their having been in much need of moisture. In the uplands the hops had begun to appear very weak and the rains seemed to have come just in time to save the crop in those sections. The river bottoms were helped greatly but had a good start anyway. Altogether hop men are delighted with the downpour and the prospects in the state for a good crop.—Statesman.

An Error Creeps In.

In publishing the list of bills allowed by the county court at the April meeting, an error occurred which puts road district No. 21, in which Falls City is situated, in rather a bad light. A transposition of "slugs" made it appear that that district had expended \$8,964.21 during the preceding month. That was the total expenditure of all the road districts. The correct figures for district 21 are \$2,692.04.

Grange Favors Rural Credits.

Furtherance of the federal rural credit system, an active co-operation with the national bureau of markets and the national marketing commission were urged upon the members of the Oregon State Grange, by Master C. E. Spence, in his annual address at the Tillamook meeting. The report looked forward to the grange support of national equal suffrage agitation.

Scores a Big Hit.

Rev. George H. Bennett scored a great hit in his chalk talk yesterday morning before the high school. He disclosed much inside knowledge of the tender sentiments among numerous popular students, and also made some humorous hits among the teachers.

Pioneers at Sheridan.

President Frank Rogers of the Yamhill County Pioneers' association has announced that the annual meeting of the society will be held at Sheridan Wednesday, June 2. Judge Moreland of Salem, clerk of the state supreme court will deliver the main address.



ON THE AVENUE OF COMMONWEALTHS at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. Crowds passing before the beautiful New York State building, which is one of the finest of the state buildings at the huge exposition in San Francisco.

WAR HORSES WANTED

REPRESENTATIVES OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT VISIT POLK.

Comparatively Few Animals Pass Muster for Service in Strife Now Waging in Europe.

Horses that will pass inspection for war duty are not numerous in Polk county, according to a statement made by Paul Klopstock of New York, who in company with Count G. de Fontenillat, a representative of the French government, visited this county last Saturday for the purpose of purchasing horses to ship across the Atlantic. It is no longer a secret that the French government is active all over the United States in getting all the available horses for war uses it can. Klopstock was here several weeks ago but on that trip he was non-committal. Now he is working in the open and the French noblemen who are traveling with him are outspoken in their declarations that they represent their governments in this mission. Less than a carload of horses were bought in Polk county, the representatives going from here into Marion, Linn and Lane in the hope of getting several hundred animals for shipment.

Between 350 and 400 cars of Oregon horses have been shipped to the European war zone, according to the figures of the railway companies in Portland. Since each car holds from 21 to 22 horses, the number of animals started from this state during the past two months for France and England is more than 7,000. Prices ranging from \$125 upward have been paid for the horses proposed to be used for artillery service and cavalry mounts, making more than a million dollars paid to owners of Oregon horse flesh so far this year.

GOOD ROADS ALMOST A HOBBY.

West Salem and Spring Valley Communities Active in Road Making.

Good roads days are of common occurrence in the West Salem and Spring Valley sections, according to Roadmaster Waldo Finn. The fence rows are grubbed and cleared out, maintenance of the highways in front of farms is conducted intelligently, hills are reduced and fills made, the people with very few exceptions contributing their services with a will. Mr. Finn says it really does one good to note the interest manifested in this work and the amount of good attained through the efforts of the residents of these neighborhoods. It is conservatively estimated that already this season \$2,000 worth of work has been donated to the county by these people, while other districts follow the plan of levying special taxes to aid in building their roads. The section referred to is one of the most prosperous in Polk county, which may be largely attributed to good roads.

FLAMES ATTACK UGLOW PLACE.

Water Tower Building Catches Fire From Defective Flue.

An incipient blaze at the home of Mr. Abel Uglow of Uglow avenue called out the fire department shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The fire was in the second floor of the water tower building, and is supposed to have had its origin from a defective flue. The flames were extinguished by the firemen, but they had found their way through the wall of the structure, entailing small loss, however.

Decision Affects Dallas.

Circuit Judge Galloway of Marion county has held that a city ordinance providing that dogs be kept from the streets excepting when in leash was unconstitutional. As a result canines are free to roam the streets of Salem until the supreme court passes upon the case. Judge Galloway held that the city had a right to provide that dogs be licensed, but not that they be kept off the streets in the manner defined in the ordinance.

TERSE TALES OF TOWN

LOCAL NEWS OF DALLAS AND THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

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

U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., will meet tomorrow afternoon, when definite arrangements will be made for the observance of Memorial day.

As administrator of the estate of W. H. F. Manston, deceased, Conrad Starlin has filed his final report with the county court, and June 9 has been fixed for the hearing of any objection thereto.

Although the council has recently undertaken to better the condition of board walks about town, there are still a number that require attention. The repairing of these walks without unnecessary delay may be the means of saving a damage action against the city.

The choir of the Mennonite church is practicing very diligently for the song service of the Sunday school convention to be held at Pratum the last of the month.

The Falls City baseball team will go to Salem next Sunday to try conclusions with the aggregation collected at the capital, and a good game is in prospect. The Falls City tossers have been doing considerable practice work during the past fortnight, and are in fine trim to meet Salem.

The Polk county grange has a membership of 215. The total membership in the state is in excess of 10,000.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wilson have taken up their residence at the city rock crusher, where he is to be engineer when the work starts.

On Wednesday morning Mrs. D. L. Foster received the sad intelligence that her sister, Mrs. Geo. Henricks had passed away at her home in Kremling, Colorado.

Sheriff Orr made an automobile trip to Grande Ronde on Tuesday, and found the roads—well, ask him. He was accompanied by Mrs. Orr.

Mr. Ralph Casey, son of the founder of The Helmizer, was a Dallas visitor on Tuesday, coming hither from Portland to spend the day with friends. He was entertained at dinner by J. C. Hayter.

Work on Mr. Ellis' handsome new residence is now well under way.

A concert will be given by the Perrydale concert band at the Christian church in Perrydale tomorrow night.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Clark of Monmouth were in Dallas Monday evening, the guests of Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Butler. Mrs. Clark was formerly Miss Pauline Olin, once a resident of this city.

No Through Trains.

Stub trains are being run between Portland and Kennett, Cal., no tickets are being sold south of Kennett and no trains will be sent through until further notice on account of a big slide and washout a short distance south of Kennett. Trains between San Francisco and Portland are sent by way of Ogden and the Oregon Short line.

Oddfellows To Meet.

The Oddfellows' grand lodge of the state will meet at Newport on Wednesday. A. V. R. Snyder and N. A. Beach are representatives from Friendship lodge. The Rebecca grand assembly will convene at the same place and time. Mrs. C. G. Coad and Miss May Shelton are the delegates.

Wood Contract Awarded.

S. McCarter was awarded the contract for furnishing the city with sixty cords of fir wood for the rock crusher, the price being \$2.24 per cord, twenty-six cents lower than was paid last year.

Child Has Narrow Escape.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dodge of Rickreall was badly burned the other day, when a play-

mate touched a lighted match to the bungalow of an empty gasoline barrel. The child's clothing took fire. She ran to her home, only a short distance, where the mother extinguished the flames. The little one was badly burned about the face and arms.

WILL CANCEL MANY NAMES.

Constitutional Amendment to Registration Law Makes Much Work.

Many registrations have been canceled or will be erased from the election poll books in Polk county as a result of the constitutional amendment passed at the last general election providing that only full fledged citizens may vote. This means that many foreigners who had not yet become citizens, had registered and were eligible to vote at the last election, before the constitutional amendment was adopted. At that time they were allowed to register and vote if they had taken out their first citizenship papers.

The names are to be canceled on the registration books and notice to that effect is to be sent them by the county clerk's office. It is possible that a number of these foreign voters had final citizenship papers but had registered on their first papers. Their names will be replaced on the poll books upon proof being given that they have their final papers. Some have obtained final citizenship papers since the last election.

ELOCUTIONIST TO ENTERTAIN.

Mrs. Mellinger of Mexico Scheduled to Appear at Christian Church.

On the evening of Tuesday, May 13, Mrs. W. L. Mellinger of Monterrey, Mexico, a reader of exceptional ability, will appear at the Christian church in an entertainment now being arranged by a committee of that congregation. As an elocutionist, Mrs. Mellinger will come to Dallas with flattering recommendations from both press and pulpit.

Following is the program: Je Suis Pret, Misses Pearl Smith and Ada Campbell; the Legend of the Organ Builder, and The One-Legged Goose, Mrs. W. L. Mellinger; The Owl's Courtship, Miss Alice Grant; The Uncle, Ben Bolt and Jennie, Mrs. W. L. Mellinger; Little Damsel, Miss Edwin; Sister and I, The Volunteer Organist and Her Folks and His'en, Mrs. W. L. Mellinger; The Old Kentucky Home, ladies' quartet; How Salvation Won, a pantomime, Rock of Ages and Coming Through the Rye, Mrs. W. L. Mellinger; Mother Machree, Miss Georgia Curtis.

MAP WORKERS AT WORK.

Surveys of Willamette Valley Area Under Direction of Engineer Lewis.

Under the close of the season, parties working under the direction of State Engineer Lewis will have completed all but three of the quadrangles included in the topographic survey of the Willamette valley area extending from Eugene to Scappoose. Engineer Lewis announced yesterday that work was now under way in this section. He said that only the McCoy, Mt. Angel and Aumsville quadrangle sheets would be uncompleted in the valley when the season closes.

The work is being carried on by the state engineer in co-operation with the United States geological survey, the government appropriating an equal amount for the purpose with the state. Mr. Lewis said that Charles Hartman, Jr., this week completed the organization of a double plane table party and has established a camp at Liberty. From this point he will operate in making a topographic map of the Salem quadrangle, and also a part of the Dallas area.—Statesman.

BUYS PARTNER'S HALF INTEREST.

Ralph Morrison Becomes Sole Owner of Dallas Iron Works.

A change in the business circles of the city occurred Wednesday, when R. Y. Morrison purchased from Henry Edger his half interest in the Dallas Iron works, one of the most prominent business institutions in the city. Mr. Morrison and Mr. Edger have conducted the business for the past several years and have built up an excellent patronage. The Dallas Iron works has gained a reputation for turning out the highest grade of work and with several important changes that will be made by Mr. Morrison the efficiency of the plant will be greatly increased.

Death of Mr. Moreland.

J. T. Moreland of Monmouth passed away at his home on Wednesday. The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon. He was an aged and highly respected member of that community.

Exporting Tulips.

Exporting tulips into California is becoming quite an industry in a small way in this section, and two young ladies in Polk county are erecting hot-houses and later will erect greenhouses for growing such as well as other plants.—Salem Messenger.

Humane Day.

Sunday, May 23, will be Humane day throughout the United States, and special programs are being arranged by several Willamette valley towns to appropriately observe the occasion.

JERSEY SALE A SUCCESS

POLK COUNTY BREEDERS DISPOSE OF MANY PURE BREDS.

Two Hundred Dollars Average Price Paid for Females at Independence This Week.

The first sale of the Polk County Jersey Breeders' association opened at Independence Wednesday morning, and during the course of the sale 135 head of A. J. C. C. Jerseys were sold at auction. The attendance was even larger than was anticipated by the management, several hundred persons from adjoining states being present. Congressman McArthur opened the sale with a speech and introduced Governor Withycombe, who had ridden over from Salem on his mare, "Loretta." The governor urged the dairymen to get good cows and build up their herds and in his address gave many fine points of instruction. "Pat" McArthur was one of the heavy bidders. He got some seven or eight head for his ranch at Rickreall.

In charge of the sale was D. C. Perry of Columbus, Ohio, assisted by J. W. Hughes of Forest Grove, C. D. Minton of Portland and E. A. Rhoten of Salem were ring workers. The sale managers were Frank Loughary, F. E. Lynn and C. G. Hewitt. The stock offered for sale was the property of the following prominent Jersey breeders of Polk and adjacent counties: C. P. Hembree, Monmouth; C. G. Hewitt, Monmouth; F. E. Lynn, Perrydale; Harry Hill, Independence; James Short, Monmouth; Frank Loughary, Monmouth; C. R. Newman, Amity; N. C. Anderson, Buena Vista; F. Loy, Independence; J. E. Stump & Sons, Monmouth; C. L. Hull, Ballston; Ross H. Nelson, Independence; W. H. Allen, Independence; W. O. Morrow, Independence; Ed. Cary, Carlton, and J. W. Finn of McCoy.

A total of 118 head was sold the first day, the females averaging in price about \$200. All the cattle sold, including young bulls, ranged in average about \$150. Ed. Cary's St. Mawes Waitz Roaire, a cow, topped the list, bringing \$500, the purchaser being H. H. Curtis, of Pullman, Wash; Mr. Cary's Rosaire Ethel brought \$395 and his Gerties Fern Princess brought \$380. F. E. Lynn's Jennie Wren was second on the list at \$400.

Rueben Boles, C. A. Parks, Joseph Albert, E. A. Rhoten, Carle Abrams, L. J. Chapin, D. S. Rabb bought quite a few head, among them being five of the Bonanza stock farm, of high blood lines and among the choicest offered at the big sale. They were chosen from the herds of G. G. Hewitt of Monmouth, C. R. Newman of Amity and W. O. Morrow of Independence.

GERMANY GETS EXPECTED NOTE

Protection of Neutral Rights Insisted On By the President.

The United States government yesterday cabled Ambassador Gerard for presentation to the German government a note calling attention "to the grave situation which has resulted" from violation of American rights on the high seas, culminating in the sinking of the Lusitania with a loss of more than one hundred American lives.

The communication expresses the confident expectation of the United States, "that the Imperial German government will disavow the acts of which the government of the United States complains, that they will make reparation so far as reparation is possible for injuries which are without measure and that they will take immediate steps to prevent the recurrence of anything so obviously subversive of the principles of warfare for which the Imperial German government in the past so wisely and so firmly contended."

In its conclusion the note states that "the Imperial German government will not expect the government of the United States to omit any word or any act necessary to the performance of its sacred duty of maintaining the rights of the United States and its citizens and of safeguarding their free exercise and enjoyment."

High School Notes.

The freshmen class of Dallas high school gave a splendid program yesterday morning in assembly. The following was the program: A chalk talk by Rev. George Bennett; instrumental solo, Hazel Bursell; class paper, Etho Balderes.

Final examinations in English history occur this afternoon. The students are preparing for their exams, which occur the first week in June.

Miss Sheridan took the Domestic Science class to the Dallas Meat company's plant, where a demonstration was given in cutting and selecting meats.

A novel scheme which originated among the students of the senior class, was in the exchanging of personal cards, enabling them to remember their class mates of 1915.

Ed. Dunn has traded his ranch near Ellendale for the George Hawkins apple orchard near Rickreall. The deal was made the first of the week.

The Free Methodist conference, held in Portland, appointed H. A. Walter to the Falls City charge for the coming year.